

Americans To Seek Proof Of Norse Landing

Thirty-two members of the Massachusetts Archeological Society, working under the direction of Mr. Benjamin L. Smith, recently began excavations in the Follins Pond area of Cape Cod in an effort to determine whether this was the Vinland where Leif Erikson, nicknamed the Luoky, beached his Viking craft when he discovered America 500 years before Columbus.

The site was selected by Frederick J. Pohl of Brooklyn, N. Y., (Continued on Page 8)

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Seattle Planning Centennial Tribute To Scandinavians

Greater Seattle, Park Dept. To Back Scandinavian Music Fest

Seattle Summer Symphony In Special Concert
Date Is Set For July 27 at Volunteer Park

Seattle will pay an official tribute to its largest 'nationality' element, the Scandinavians, this summer. Plans call for a gala outdoor Scandinavian Music Festival to be staged at Volunteer Park. The date is tentatively set for Sunday, July 27, at 3:30 p.m. The event will precede Seattle's Sea-fair Centennial observance.

With backing assured by the Seattle Park Department and Greater Seattle, Inc., cooperation from representatives and groups of the Scandinavian population for one of the most unique and gratifying events in its long Seattle history will not be lacking.

The Seattle Summer Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Gustave Stern, is scheduled to perform the instrumental end of the concert. Plans also call for the participation of Nordic choruses and drill teams in the city as well as Scandinavian folkdancers and soloists, plus Scandinavian notables and city and state officials. Topping off the affair would be a grand finale for the combined choruses and orchestra.

The ambitious undertaking is largely masterminded, as it was conceived, by a non-Scandinavian Seattleite, Richard Trudeau, now head of the CARE office in Seattle. Familiar with Scandinavian culture and traditions through a sojourn in Denmark as American vice-consul at Copenhagen, Trudeau succeeded in convincing a group of representative Scandinavians and the city park department and Greater Seattle, Inc., of the fruitful possibilities of the project last week. (See more complete story on Trudeau and his project under Scandinavian-Americana on Page 5).

The Scandinavian committee Trudeau called together for initial

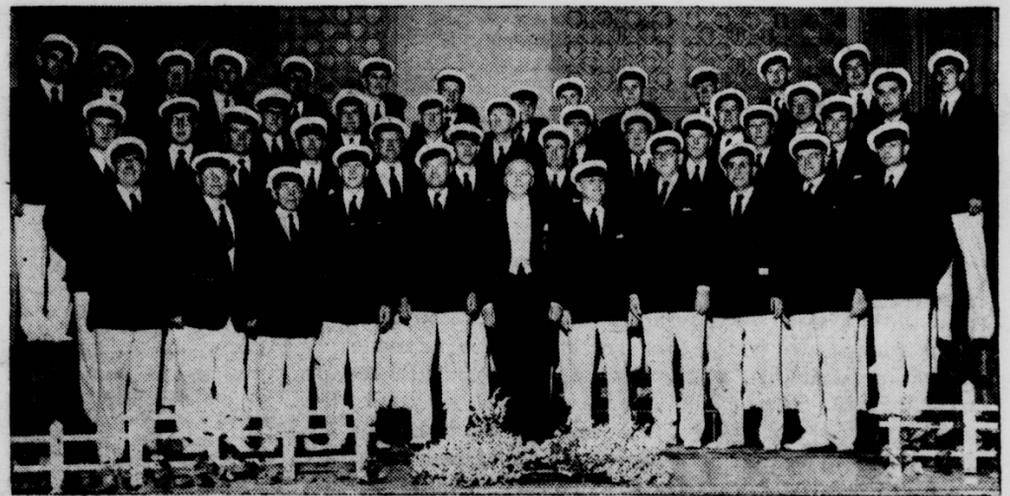
discussions includes Consul C. A. Stang (Norway), Consul Ivar Lundequist (Sweden), The Rev. Kjaer (Denmark), John Sundsten (Finland), Mrs. Jacobina Johnson (Iceland), and Gordon Ekvall Tracie (Folk Dancers). The Scandinavian press was represented by Thorsten Nyman.

The group, lunching at The Town and Country Club, met Paul Brown, head of the Seattle Park Department, and Conductor Gustave Stern, who were favorable toward the idea as outlined by Trudeau, who has been making the necessary contacts.

Members of the Scandinavian committee will appoint a sub-committee representing the Nordic countries to have charge of selecting musical numbers for the program. This group will be headed by John Sundsten, who will also play an important part in the execution of the program. Trudeau will be master of ceremonies at the event.

The Seattle Park Department will extend the invitation to Scandinavian choral groups to participate in the program.

Swedish Mid-Summer Festival June 21-22 Choruses, Dancers, Soloists In Program At Vasa Park



The Svea Male Chorus is pictured above with the director, C. H. Sutherland.

Swedish Women's Chorus Concert Set For June 10

The Swedish Women's Chorus, of Seattle, under the able direction of Mr. Carl Zeed, will give its first concert June 10th at 8 p.m. at Seattle Pacific College, in McKinley Auditorium.

Soloist for the evening will be the gifted baritone, Mr. Tani Bjornson.

The Chorus of about 40 members is comparatively new, having practiced diligently every Tuesday evening for only a little over one year.

Mrs. Lobberegt will be accompanist.

The program will be primarily Swedish. The Chorus will sing one American song, "America, the Beautiful" in which the poetry of Katharine Lee Bates is set to music by Samuel A. Ward and arranged for three-part chorus by (Continued on Page 8)

With 16,000 persons expected to attend, the 31st annual Swedish Mid-summer Festival will be held at Vasa Park, Lake Sammamish, on June 21 and 22.

Eight Pacific Northwest Vasa lodges will be hosts at the celebration, which will draw guests from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

These are Frihet, Klippan and Vasa Hope Lodges of Seattle, Trofast, Everett; Liljan, Monroe; Ankaret, Enumclaw-Buckley; Excelsior; Renton, and Skogs Blomman, Preston.

In Seattle and King County alone there are approximately 40,000 native and first generation Swedish-Americans.

The program scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 22, will begin with a grand march of folk dancers and others clad in folk costumes for the ceremonious raising of the May Pole. After community singing of "Du gamle du fria" there will be a word of welcome by Alfred Hjort, Midsummer Greetings by Consul Ivar Lundequist, singing by the Svea Male Chorus, directed by C. H. Sutherland, Swedish Women's Chorus directed by Carl Zeed, and the young soloist Karin Lundequist. Musical selections will be given by accordianists Greta Logan and Charles Cannon. A featured event will be folk dancing by Nordiska Folk (Continued on Page 8)

Sons and Daughters of Norway Have Conventions In Everett

16,000 West Coast Members to Be Represented At Two Big Conclaves Slated for June 11-14

EVERETT, Wash.—The eyes of 14,000 members of 61 Pacific Coast lodges in District No. 2 of Sons of Norway, and 2,000 members of all lodges of the Daughters of Norway in this Pacific Northwest will be focused upon Everett, Washington, during the days, June 11th to the 14th inclusively.

The Convention Executive Committee, under the chairmanship of Alfred Tunem, and the various sub-committees, have worked out plans and a program to tie in with the agenda and with the entertainment for the delegates, members, friends, and visitors in attendance.

Officers of the Supreme Lodge will be here to ballast the agenda in the usual manner. It is hoped that Supreme Lodge President E. B. Hauke, and Secretary K. R. Anderson, both from Minneapolis, will be in attendance. The Supreme Lodge will definitely be represented by Tom Birk of Aberdeen, Wash. Andrew J. Haug,

one of the General Directors of the Supreme Lodge, of course, will be here. It is expected that the entire staff of the District Lodge officers will also be present, under the leadership of President Alfred K. Ostness of Spokane.

Present at the Grand Lodge Convention of the Daughters of Norway will be the Grand Lodge President, Esther B. Anderson, from Oakland; Secretary, Gunvor Bjerkeseth, from Seattle; Treasurer, Jennie Larson, from Everett; Vice-President, Irene Vognild, from Silvana; Judge, Kasparia Gorud, from Seattle; and Chaplain, Jennie Ohlinder, from Aberdeen. (Continued on Page 8)



ESTHER B. ANDERSON
Grand Lodge President of the Daughters of Norway

K. Einar Carlson Critically Injured In Fall Last Week

K. Einar Carlson, 58, publisher of The Scandinavian American and The Swedish Post in Seattle, was critically injured Thursday, May 29, when he stumbled and fell over a low railing on a platform near an elevated walk and dropped about 30 feet to Post Street below. He fell from a point only a few feet away from the entrance of one of his two printing plants, Publications Press, 90 University St., near First Ave. Post Street is at the rear of the building.

Injuries determined so far include serious leg, arm and nose fractures as well as a head injury.

Mr. Carlson was immediately rushed by ambulance to Harborview Hospital where he was x-rayed and given emergency treatment. Later he was taken to Swedish Hospital, where he was under the care of Dr. Arvid Silverberg and three specialists, who operated on him Friday morning. At this writing Mr. Carlson had not yet fully regained consciousness from the operation, but was showing signs of improvement.

Carlson was making one of his regular business calls at Publications Press and was awaiting the return of some employees who were out for lunch, when the accident occurred. He was conscious for some time and was able to talk about the accident prior to the operation. He said he had

stumbled on the platform outside the printing plant, fallen against the railing and over it and had vainly sought to grasp the railing before he toppled over.

One of the first to come to the scene of the accident was his nephew, Ralph Swanson, who happened to be driving by in a car.

Judging by telephone calls to the family, the hospital and this office the accident caused much concern in wide circles. Mr. Carlson, owner of Consolidated Press, where a number of papers are printed, is one of the foremost figures in the Scandinavian community and is now president of the Sweden House Booster Club. If the sympathy and good wishes of his friends can affect the outcome, Mr. Carlson will recuperate from his serious injuries.