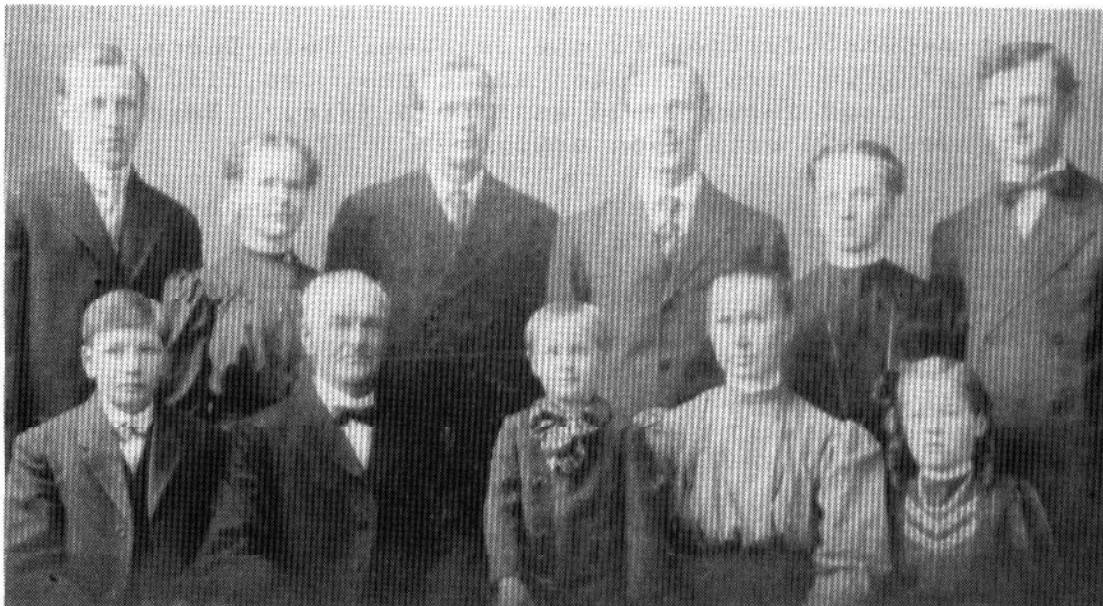


place in late December (before Christianity). These celebrations took place just after the old Vikings were certain that the sun had begun its long journey back north from winter solstice.

However, in later times, Christmas was considered "holy" days and only after the first three days of Christmas was it considered fitting and proper to go "Julebukking". Editor - EPR-

GETTING STARTED IN AMERICA



The immigrants came to America for many reasons. But after the decision was made they all faced the same concerns. Most had little or no money and most had family responsibilities. A familiar pattern developed that was used successfully by many "newcomers" during the years of immigration. The story of Dorthea (Gilbertson) Hilden and her family is a good example. Hans Hilden died in Hadeland at age 54 leaving his widow Dorthea with sons Henry Hans, Gilbert, and Andrew along with ten months old Anne. Less than four years later, Dorthea and her family were headed for Fillmore County, Minnesota where her brother, John Gilbertson had settled nine years before. As they left the ship a young neighbor Lars Stensrud carried four and one half year old Anne. As he set her down in the new country he said, "Someday I'm going to marry this little girl."

Dorthea and her family stayed in the eastern Minnesota county for three years. The hard working family accumulated some possessions and learned how to function in their new surroundings. They moved on to the more western Chippewa County by covered wagon in 1869. It is believed that they had friends there. Dorthea, being a widow, was able to file claim to 160 acres of homestead land as did her oldest son, Henry Hans. Two years later, Gilbert was of age and filed in the same area. Later,

Andrew bought 320 acres from the railroad at \$7 per acre. So, the family was firmly established in America. And, remember Lars Stensrud? Well, Lars also had land in the same township as the Hildens and on December 12, 1878 Lars married Anne Hilden as he had promised twelve years before. And at the same time, brother Gilbert Hilden married sister Kari (Olson) Stensrud. Kari and Gilbert had 12 children. Lars and Anne had nine children, pictured above. (Double cousins Julian Stensrud of Montevideo and Gerhard Hilden of Milan, MN survive). In 1905 Uncle Lars provided a place for immigrant Chris Sorum to work before he struck out for places west. The cycle continues - now for the Asians and Hispanics. The above information was taken from writings of Bennett Sandberg.

HUSKER DU PART III BIOGRAPHIES

Biographies of some of the people who have been officers and workers in the lag are included as the information was made available. Others equally deserving, regrettably, have been omitted.



HANS ASCHIM & Trekspiel
Vice President 1956-57

Hans T. Aschim was born November 7, 1886 in Norway and was educated in Norwegian schools. After moving from Norway, he lived in Sioux Falls, SD. After his marriage to Martha Marie Nelson in Sioux Falls November 25, 1908, the couple moved to Glenwood Township. Nine children were born to this union; Albert, Anna, Henry, Thelma, Palma, Harold, Lucille, Carl, and Agnes.

Hans was a well known retired farmer, but perhaps best known and remembered for the enjoyment he brought with his accordion. He played at dances and all kinds of gatherings and was a familiar figure to all Nordic Fest visitors whom he delighted with his concerts of the old songs. Hans was known as "Mr. Accordion" in Decorah. He died May 14, 1976 at the age of 89.