the group in advance and making each group responsible for a meal.

The program was essentially the same as in other years. Singing, dancing for the children, lecture and discussion period, crafts, a special interest hour, more singing, skits and more dancing. Each day was punctuated by coffee breaks and meals.

A variety of crafts, designed to appeal to all, ages and interests was available. These ranged from the building of a dulcimer, through woodcarving and basket weaving, to a cribbage tournament. Singing was from Favorites from A World of Song and from song sheets. The skits were impromptu plays provided by dividing the campers into groups with two groups performing each of the three evenings. Some skits were good, some were "corny," but all were funny -which was, after all, the purpose.

As might be expected, the weakest area of the Camp was the discussion period. Some were good, while of others the less said the better. Obviously, the planning committee would not be in a position to know in advance what they were getting. Then, too, what appeals to one may not appeal to another. But the whole matter is one that deserves careful attention.

On the last evening of the Camp a local band was brought in for the dancing. This follows a practice of some years standing. It does, however, to some extent, destroy the homogeneity of the Camp and it is questionable if it adds anything.

If memory serves me correctly, this was the nineteenth year of the Camp. Over the years it has grown, taxing the physical facilities and challenging the ingenuity of the planners. But, the West Denmark people have again shown that when the cause is good they have the physical and mental resources, and the will to meet it.

Folk Meeting

The folk meeting at Danebod begins this year with supper on August 21 and concludes with dinner on Sunday, August 25.

At the opening meeting Herbert Chilstrom, former bishop of the ELCA, speaks on the theme, “For Everything There is a Season.” His wife, Corinne Chilstrom, speaks Thursday on the topic, “Called by the Spirit to Grace-full Aging.” Richard Gilliland, president of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, speaks on “Community Building and America’s Community Colleges” on Thursday also, as well as Howard Mohr of Cottonwood, MN, speaking about “How to Talk Minnesotan.”

Sybil Duus Needham of Tucson speaks Friday, telling about Chris Madsen, “The Trigger Marshal.” Also on Friday Joe Hansen of Sioux Falls will tell about experiences in Denmark when he lived there.

Paul B. Pedersen of the University of Alabama at Birmingham will speak both Friday and Saturday. His topic is “Developing Multicultural Awareness.” Saturday evening will feature Richard Siemers, a story teller and writer living in Tyler, whose topic is “Try to Remember — but not Everything!”

The 8 A.M. Danish service on Sunday will be in charge of Ronald Jespersen of Des Moines. The sermon will be in English as it was last year. Morning devotions will be led by Carl Lunder, Hans Jorgensen, and Clayton Nielsen. Story times will feature Sybil Duus Needham and Virgil Christensen. Agnete Buhl will be at the piano for our twice-a-day songfests, and Margaret Madsen will lead the folkdancing in the Gym Hall after the evening coffee.

The fee is $120, which includes the entire program as well as meals and lodging at the Folk School.

An excerpt from a letter to the editor:

I’ve had lots of reading time because I have been laid up by a near fatal auto accident. My wife and I are coming along nicely, but I am not yet able to walk, and my right arm was badly damaged. Yet, while one would not ask or wish for such circumstances, I can attest that it has been an extraordinary learning experience for me. The good will of so many people, the daily contact with others in similar circumstances, being able to observe the body’s seeming relentless desire to heal, the opportunity to experience life anew after realizing that it was nearly taken away — all of this, and more, is most vivid to me right now. And we are most grateful to be among the visibly living.

Sincerely,
Walter Capps

Ed. note: Indications are that Capps will be campaigning again by late August.

Ulysses G.B. Pierce

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life.

Edwin Markham