

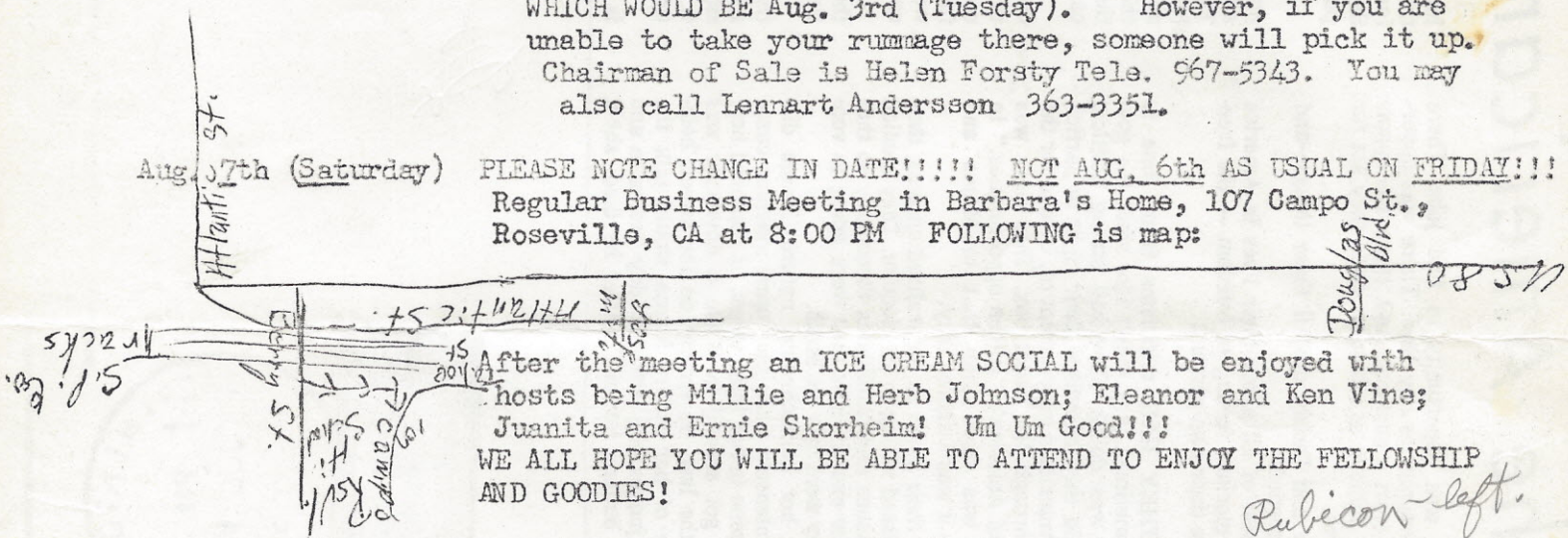
Dear Members:

Here it is 8:30 PM, Thursday, July 22, 1976 already!!!! In a funny sort of way, I missed typing the July "Monitor". Hope each of you are enjoying this wonderful summer too!

AUGUST

Aug. 4th (Wednesday) Rummage Sale to be held at 614 12th Street, Sacramento, CA.
NOTE: address in book reads 612 12th St. SHOULD BE 614 12th St.
PLEASE TAKE YOUR CLEAN RUMMAGE IN THE NIGHT BEFORE THE SALE
WHICH WOULD BE Aug. 3rd (Tuesday). However, if you are unable to take your rummage there, someone will pick it up.
Chairman of Sale is Helen Forsty Tele. 967-5343. You may also call Lennart Andersson 363-3351.

Aug. 7th (Saturday) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!!!! NOT AUG. 6th AS USUAL ON FRIDAY!!!
Regular Business Meeting in Barbara's Home, 107 Campo St., Roseville, CA at 8:00 PM FOLLOWING is map:



After the meeting an ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be enjoyed with hosts being Millie and Herb Johnson; Eleanor and Ken Vine; Juanita and Ernie Skorheim! Um Um Good!!!
WE ALL HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AND GOODIES!

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Aug. 14th (Saturday) CRAY FISH PARTY held at the Hallens, 2701 Clover Lane, Sacramento, CA (Tele: 483-2259). Please bring tables and chairs, or T.V. tray and chair. Also, bring your own table service. Please call the Hallens, Anderssons 363-3351, Badgley's 383-7655 for further information. Believe there will be a telephone committee, but we do hope you all plan to attend!

6 PM
12 open face sand.

SEPTEMBER: 3rd - Regular Business Meeting - Pot Luck 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Meeting with nomination of Officers. Followed by Bingo and Refreshments.

12th - Sill Frukost at the Smiths, 6400 Indian Springs Rd., Loomis (Map Later)

26th - Golden Gate Dist. Golf Tournament, Stockton DETAILS LATER!

NOW HEAR THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!

SEPTEMBER: 7th (Tuesday) Bowling Birdcage across from Sunrise Mall
6:30PM to 9PM We need a few more couples to sign up NOW! Please call Lennart Andersson! 363-3351 Several years ago Monitor had Bowling teams and we really had a good time so lets get this fun thing going again!

OCTOBER: 1st - Regular Bus. Meet. - Election of Officer. Refreshment follow.
5th - Monitor Lodge Members are invited to Scandia Lodge in Yuba City!
10th - BUS TRIP to SOUTH SHORE, Lake Tahoe --- FUN FUN FOOD AND FORTUNE!
16th - Smörgåsbord and Dance (a real nice evening) and this event will be a Fund Raising Event.

THIS AND THAT: All new Lodges need our support. Feather River Nordic Lodge meets the first Friday of each month at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1472 Oliver St., Oroville Their Secty. is Mrs. Evelyn Keller.

Luella Johnson has taken over the duties of Secretary of Sveaborg Lodge.
Mrs. Vi Blom has assumed the duties of Secretary of Gold Nugget Lodge as
Mr. I. V. Johnson has moved.

The Gramophone Record Shop at 2632 Marconi Ave., Sacramento (Across from Town and Country Village) MUST SELL EVERYTHING BY JULY 31, 1976 "Liquidation Sale" due to high rent and competition of large record outlets. Perhaps some of you are interested in purchasing some good records. Might add though, Jim doesn't have any more Swedish records because I bought them all! Sorry!

Would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU, Helen Forsty, for all the help you give me in so many ways. Your conscientious efforts are really appreciated. THANKS HELEN!

My cousin in Seattle forwarded the following article by June Almquist to me a few weeks ago which all my family thoroughly enjoyed and I'd like to share it with all of you: O V E R

HOPE TO SEE YOU REAL SOON, please visit me at my home on Sat. Aug. 7th!!!!

In truth and unity,
Your Secretary Barbara Erickson Lutz

Mama and Daddy and the American Dream

Mama would have enjoyed being here today to celebrate this particular Fourth of July. She always considered the Fourth an extra special holiday, a time for festivities and also thanksgiving — thanksgiving that she lived in the United States of America.

The Stars and Stripes flew at our house on the Fourth of July. And during my childhood years when cars had radiator caps, five little flags fluttered from ours as we drove up into the mountains from our farm in Selah to picnic with a group of friends. That picnic, often at Indian Flats by the American River on Naches Pass, was a tradition for many years.

All we kids had firecrackers along. Our parents didn't seem to consider them any danger. In fact Daddy, along with some of the other fathers, was shooting them off, too. And, back home in the evening, there'd be the fireworks.

MAMA WAS a patriot — a true-blue (and red and white) patriot. And so was Daddy. It's just that you were more aware of her feelings because she stated them more often. "We have what we have today because we came to America," was one of her favorite sayings.

Mama and Daddy were immigrants from Sweden, she from the North, he from the South. She came in 1902 and he in 1903. They met and married in St. Paul, where so many Swedes first settled. They moved west to Washington in 1909.

They came to this country for the same reason: America was the land of golden opportunity.



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ty. This is what they were told in letters by friends and relatives who had emigrated before them. And there was a flood of letters in those days from the new settlers to folks back home.

(And people were coming from other countries, too, of course. They came by the millions from the mid-1880s to 1930, when new immigration laws, plus the economic depression, halted the influx. In that period more than 1 million Swedes — one-fourth of the population — emigrated to America.)

MAMA AND DADDY also had reasons for leaving Sweden when they did, for that country was having poor times. But it never entered their heads to consider any country other than America. They had the American Dream, for they believed what they read in the letters. So they came. And they found it to be true and never wavered once in that belief in the 60 years plus they lived here. "America IS the land of golden opportunity," Mama said many times.

There was opportunity to find jobs. There was opportunity to buy land. There was opportunity to start a business. And, there was opportunity to achieve at whatever pace they set for themselves.

Mama and Daddy did all these things—and they succeeded.

And best of all about their lives in America was the glorious feeling of freedom — the freedom to be their own persons.

OH, THEY HAD criticisms from time to time. Sometimes they didn't like what the government was doing. They had strong political beliefs. So they exercised their right to participate in America's government of, by and for the people through the ballot box. That right was another of America's "golden opportunities." In fact, it was more than that to Mama and Daddy — it was a sacred duty.

In all their years as naturalized citizens, they never missed voting in an election. They studied all the issues and candidates thoroughly so that they knew exactly how they were going to vote when they went into the booth.

(With her unmechanical nature, Mama disliked it intensely when the voting machine came on the scene in her later years. It confused her. But she got around it. While it obviously was against the law, by turning on the sweet, helpless side of her nature Mama would talk the election judges into letting Daddy "come in and pull the buttons for me." After he died, she'd

have one of the judges help her. Everyone at the polling place knew how Mama was voting for she would announce her choices out loud. She didn't mind a whit; she was firm — and public — in her convictions.)

WHILE Mama and Daddy would admit, if pressed, that perhaps America wasn't perfect in all things, they believed completely that it was THE best nation in the world. So they had absolutely no truck with those who talked about this country. They really meant it when they said, "If they don't like it here in America, then they should get out. Let them see if they can find a better place. They won't."

Mama and Daddy's attitude is typical, I think, of most naturalized citizens. They treasured America. And they also felt they owed this country something in return, which they paid in full measure by working hard (Oh, how they worked!) and by being the best citizens they could.

This is not to say they had lost their love for their native country. Not at all. They had strong ties to Sweden all through their lives.

Mama and Daddy had no trouble justifying this feeling for two nations. While Mama was the more vocal about her beliefs, Daddy, on occasion, could be the more eloquent. He expressed it beautifully — and perfectly, I think — one time when he was explaining his double love.

He said: "Sweden is my mother and America is my bride."

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