

# Sigdalslag Saga.

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## L A G E L E C T S N E W V . P .

Don Guttormson was elected Sigdalslaget 2nd Vice President & Bygdelag Delegate at the Six-Lag Stevne in June. Other incumbents were re-elected and the lag was well represented at the evaluation/planning sessions held September 21 at Alexandria, MN.

Announcement was made of the decision to hold one stevne in 1986, with Norway as the preferred location. It will be held June 26-29, 1986 in Sigdal-Eggedal and Krødsherad.

Highlights of the June lag meeting in Moorhead included:

- \* 69 registered with five visitors from Norway
- \* a display of 22 pieces of rosemaling from Sigdal-Eggedal
- \* "Sigdal", a videotape gift from that kommune, presented by John Jellum on behalf of Ordfører Håvard Nymoen along with a letter of good wishes.

Muriel Hoff brought the report of the travel committee with an estimate of costs and options based upon the survey response published in February's SAGA. At this writing 42 are definitely planning to attend the STEVNE IN NORWAY! Names of another dozen have been sent to the Norwegian Host Committee as hopeful of going.

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STEP 1 for the STEVNE IN NORWAY is returning the ancestral information below. It is the basis for lodging during stevne days with near or distant relatives and friends. MAIL TO Marilyn Søndahl, 10129 Goodrich Circle, Bloomington, MN 55437

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First & last names of those (DP) definitely planning to go /area code + phone no.  
(H) hopeful  
zip

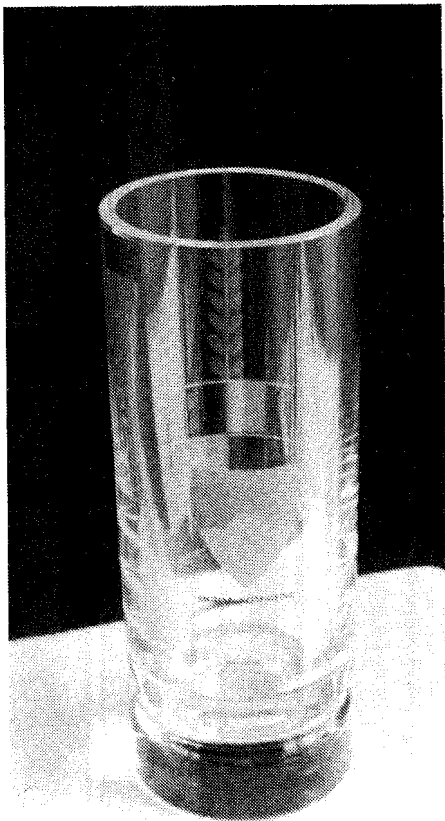
address

Do you speak or understand some Norwegian? NAMES of places/ farms in Norway in my family

Are they in (S) Sigdal, (E) Eggedal, (K) Krødsherad?

Names/addresses of persons you correspond with living in S-E-K:

\*\*How many people are \_\_\_\_\_ definitely planning this trip from YOUR household?  
\_\_\_\_\_ hopeful; have to resolve health/other problems



Thanks to Bill Larson, Fergus Fall, MN  
for donating a collectible--stevne badges  
enscribed SIGDALSLAGET - Decorah, Iowa -  
June 15-16-17, 1931!

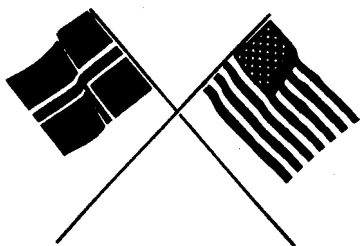
This Randsfjord crystal vase with  
etched tree design displays the new  
coat-of-arms of Sigdal Kommune. It  
was a gift received late last year.



Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the following who have passed away:

Selina Bjerneby, Edinburg, ND  
Elmer Finrud, Milwaukee, WI  
Edroy Gunhus, Edinburg, ND  
Martin Thompson, Stewartville, MN

They will be missed but will be remembered as part of our common heritage and history.



RESTORED VILLA FRIDHEIM

OPENS WITH NISSEN EXHIBIT



## *Villa Fridheim*

Accounts from several Norwegian newspapers announce the autumn opening of the "eventyr museum" in the restored building that some believed worth saving because of its unique architecture.

"Nissen in Norwegian Folklore" was the theme for exhibits at Stiftelsen Villa Fridheim where restoration is nearing completion. Next June Sigdalslaget members will visit this revitalized old summer estate during the lag's 75th anniversary reunion since its founding in 1911 at Fergus Falls.

Initial plans for restoration began in 1981. That fall the owner reasoned that if Krødsherad kommune could not make use of this gigantic house, it would be burned. Ingvald Granum, ordfører at that time, spoke for restoration; he became the steering committee chairman for saving this unusual, rare style of building from oblivion. It could become a center for community activity and find use as a museum.

An impromptu visit by Knut Berg, director of the National Gallery, enroute home from a Vestland vacation with his wife this summer brought this exclamation: "I am completely overwhelmed what the Krylling have accomplished in such a short time." (Bygdeposten, 8/10/85)

It is a classic example of local initiative and creation of jobs for a good purpose. Between 6-12 labored year round to make the 'noble, old wooden house' something more than a ghost house or a crow's castle. The many-gabled roof was repaired first and paint in the original ochre color shows off the exterior. Rooms facing the front of the building on both first and second floor now bear no evidence of prevalent water damage in walls and floors. Attention to service areas continues.

Close cooperation with Norway's curator of antiques has underscored the philosophy that old cultural monuments such as Villa Fridheim should not be tampered with in renovation. Authenticity and character must be preserved. Svend Haug, the lumber businessman who died before construction was complete (1892), still impressed public thought of the local-boy-makes-good success story carried through the years by this house.

Changing exhibits and museum programs will make this an attraction for the whole eastern region in Norway. Åsmund Oftedal, formerly a director in Norsk Kulturråd, conceived the idea for the "eventyr" (fairytale) museum. Its location on Bjørøya (Bear Island) adds to its charm.

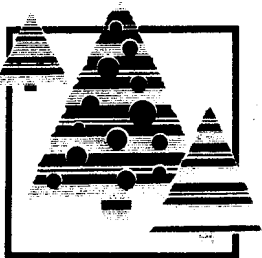
Villa Fridheim is expected to share regional billing with the Blue Cobalt Mine restoration at Modum, and will be included in the 1986 STEVNE IN NORWAY.

"Friends of Villa Fridheim" directed by chairwoman Kristin Lindberg will exhibit art, handwork, crafts and historical clothing. Helga Ødegård heads a group collecting pictures, letters, and papers from emigrants--especially those who settled in America.

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Membership in Sigdal Lag for 1986 includes the SAGA. Families or singles sharing the same address join or renew at the same rate--\$6.00 per year. Indicate if your check (payable to Sigdal Lag) is a gift if it is to be sent to another name and address, please!

Or you may give it to yourself. Send to Elaine Schulstad, 16 Madison Avenue SW, Wadena, MN 56482.





TORGRIM & INGER REDALEN in Numedal dress pause enroute to the Toten Kor & Dance Concert Saturday evening at Moorhead. They live in Kongsberg, Norway.

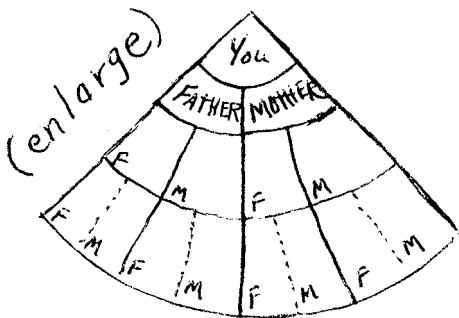


KARI & OLE HOLLERUD, Eggedal, Norway, took in the Friday afternoon opening session at the Six-Lag Stevne in June. Kari wears the Sigdal-Eggedal bunad.

Upon the suggestion of Torgrim Redalen, members whose ancestors came to America from KRØDSHERAD are encouraged to send old pictures and letters (good photocopies or original) relating to that person as well as succeeding generations.

Such items are being collected by Villa Fridheim, the 'eventyr' museum which lies on the island, Bjørøya. Please identify persons in the pictures, letters, or other material on a separate sheet of paper. It would be most helpful to list YOUR name, parents' names, grandparents' and great-grandparents' names. Dates are useful, too. Prior to November 15, send them to M. Somdahl, 10129 Goodrich Circle, Bloomington, MN 55437. After that date, please send directly to

STIFTELSEN VILLA FRIDHEIM  
Helga Odegård  
3515 Krøderen  
Norway





John Jellum, Eggedal, shows off two of the 22 handpainted pieces done in Sigdal-Eggedal which were a part of a special sales display. He also delivered Mayor Nymoen's letter. John was a guest at Juvets and Eastvolds in Mayville, ND.

Mildred and Gustav Rued, Fargo, ND, share a moment in front of the Sigdal banner. And at least one reader correctly identified the symbol of the Norwegian monarchy as the LION! Thank you for reading carefully the article about the banner in the May issue.





This picture shows the bunad of Kari Nilsdatter Stoverhaugen worn by her great granddaughter, Kay Mensing. Kay is the daughter of Alice & Fred Mensing, Minneapolis. The shaped bodice opening is used in the present-day bunad, too, but the floral apron is of fine wool and represents a very old style which was also shown in the painting and drawings of the famous artist, Theodore Kittlesen.

Delores Thompson Beck of Hatton, North Dakota has published a delightful book. "The Thompson Family Heritage Book" is particularly notable for the number and quality of its pictures. There are several pages of nothing but pictures, so that is like looking at the family album.

There are also several pages of general background on Norway, Wisconsin, Iowa, and North Dakota, that give a wider scope to the family history. Poetry scattered through the volume give an indication of the family philosophy.

Delores has donated a copy of the book to the Sigdalslag so that you will all have a chance to enjoy it at the stevne. We thank her for the gift, and congratulate her on her achievement.



74th SIGDALSLAG, JUNE 28-29, 1985  
69 REGISTRATIONS  
CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

Anston, Telford	Decorah, IA
Bakken, Marion	Velva, ND
Beck, Delores	Hatton, ND
Bergan, Lorain	Wendell, MN
Berglund, Don & Olga	Northfield, MN
Boe, Myrtle & Orville	Willmar, MN
Borud, Grace	Hibbing, MN
Burris, Gloria	Vancouver, WA
Christianson, Alvina	Wheaton, MN
DeMotte, Shirley	Lewistown, IL
Eastvold, Dolores	Mayville, ND
Erickson, Edna	Minneapolis, MN
Evenson, Evelyn	Rochester, MN
Evje, Myrtle	Minneapolis, MN
Goettelman, Rosella	Decorah, IA
Gronseth, Alice	Edinburg, TX
Guttormson, Don	Minneapolis, MN
Haugland, Sam & Leva	Spring Grove, MN
Hoff, Murial	White Bear Lake, MN
Hollerud, Kari & Ole	Eggedal, Norway
Jellum, John	Eggedal, Norway
Jones, Jennifer	Monticello, MN
Juvet, Knut (95 years young, Past. Treas.)	Mayville, ND
Larson, Irene	Wendell, MN
Marquardt, Phyllis	Bloomington, MN
Matson, Marion & John	Comfrey, MN
Meade, Carol	Minneapolis, MN
Mobraaten, Marlyn	Elbow Lake, MN
Navarre, Irene & Harry	Albuquerque, NM
Ness, Orlin	Lakota, ND
Niedenthal, Morris	Chicago, IL
Oksendahl, Fredrikke & Art	Rugby, ND
Olson, Ivonne	Kindred, ND
Olson, Lester & Inez	Duluth, MN
Olson, Lornie & Lorraine	Roseau, MN
Owen, Marj	Mound, MN
Paasch, Bernice	Red Wing, MN
Paasch, Norma & William	Moorhead, MN
Rokke, Lee & David	Bloomington, MN
Rued, Gustav & Mildred	Fargo, ND
Ruud, O'Dell	Golden Valley, MN
Ruud, Orville	Bloomington, MN
Schulstad, Elaine	Wadena, MN
Skugrud, Hjordis & Erling	Rothsay, MN
Solum, Herbert & Anna	Spring Grove, MN
Solum, Julie	St. Paul, MN
Somdahl, David	Fargo, ND
Somdahl, Marilyn & Narvel	Bloomington, MN
Stone, Ruth Juvet	Corvallis, OR
Sund, Gladys & Russell	Minneapolis, MN
Tiedeman, Richard (and guests)	Minneapolis, MN
Redalen, Inger & Torgrim	Kongsberg, Norway

# LAG ANNOUNCES

## 1986 NORWAY TRIP

Here is the news you've been waiting to hear! Detailed information will be sent in the mail next month when a brochure is ready. We are fortunate to give you 1986 prices this soon.

Meeting late in September, the executive board adopted the following plan in response to your survey suggestions, notes, and stevne comments at Moorhead.

The agency with whom we plan this trip is specializing in group travel, but will help with individual needs.

June 22 departure from Minneapolis non-stop to Gardermoen/Oslo via NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES wide-bodied 747 will mean a comfortable ride. You may stay at least one week--or two or more. You decide the return date when you make your reservation.

Now the excitement: Sigdalslaget members have an opportunity to get a \$849 ticket at a saving of \$100 per ticket by payment in full before February 1. This means your ticket will come to \$749 (rd trip, and a Copenhagen return is at the same price!)

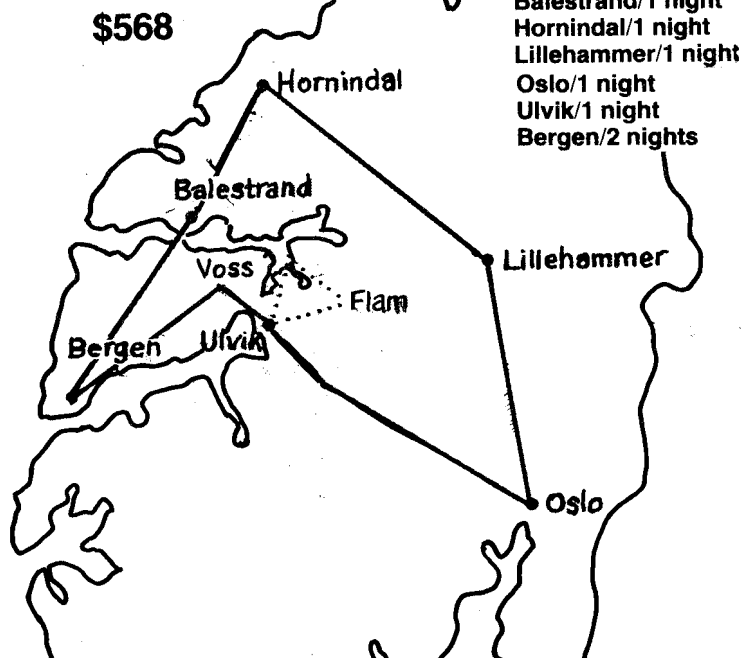
Discuss your plans with family/friends you will visit and those with whom you will travel. When the brochure comes to you, YOU WILL WANT TO SEND \$100 per seat to RESERVE SPACE BY DECEMBER 14. Non-stop returns are available to Minneapolis SUN/WED. Returns MON/FRI make a stop in New York. Airport check-in at Gardermoen is 2 hours prior. Car rental prices will be mailed with brochure.

SUN June 22 Depart Minneapolis or Home City  
 MON June 23 Arrive early a.m. Gardermoen. Bus to Hotel Stefan, Oslo. Afternoon naps, if desired, before evening celebration & bonfires at Bygdøy!  
 TUE June 24 City tour of Oslo. Hotel Stefan (B)  
 WED June 25 Charter bus to site of STEVNE and our Sigdal/Krødsheer hosts (B)  
 TH-FRI-SAT, June 26, 27, 28 SUPER STEVNE--our 75th anniversary celebrated with kin  
 SUN June 29 CHURCH/ Tour extensions for either 8 days or 4 days begin.  
 Tour participants leave for Ulvik. Hotel Brakanes (D)  
 MON June 30 Beautiful, breathtaking sights enroute to Hardangerfjord, Sognefjord, Stalheim Road, Voss, Flam, Myrdal. Tonight Bergen's Hotel Orion (B/D)  
 TUE July 1 Bergen city tour (B)  
 WED July 2 Bergen to Oslo rail trip (outstanding) ends 4th day tour (B)  
 --OR--Bergen to Balestrand for continuing tour. Kvikne's Hotel (B/D)  
 TH July 3 Balestrand to Hornindal via Jostedal's Glacier. Raftevold Hotel (B/D)  
 FRI July 4 Geiranger-Lom stave church-open air museum. Lillehammer Hotel (B/D)  
 SAT July 5 Lillehammer to Oslo via Hamar. Heritage Museum or shopping. Continental (B )  
 SUN July 6 Bus to Gardermoen for non-stop return to Mpls OR independant travel (B)

- 5 Table d'hote dinners in your hotel
- Norwegian smorgasbord breakfast daily
- Cruise on Hardangerfjord, Sognefjord and Geirangerfjord
- Professional Tour Director throughout
- Visit to Maihaugen open-air folk museum
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours of Oslo and Bergen
- "Norway in a Nutshell" scenic mountain train ride and breathtaking fjord cruise
- All ground transportation by private motorcoach
- Hotel and restaurant gratuities and taxes
- Portorage for one suitcase per person
- Passage Tours Vacation Kit

### Escorted

- First Class hotels
- Balestrand/1 night
- Hornindal/1 night
- Lillehammer/1 night
- Oslo/1 night
- Ulvik/1 night
- Bergen/2 nights





Sincere thanks to all who joined in the stevne at Concordia College. Much planning and hard work make demands on our board of officers and our thanks for their diligence. Also to all who helped set things up, registration, coffee, taking down and being willing and ready when called on.

Best wishes to Don Guttormson, our new officer; he will have something for us in the next issue. It was a pleasure to meet past treasurer, Knut Juvet, and we thank him for the 1949 books. Watch for more about him in the next issue also.

Thanks to John Jellum for the special display and bringing the new video cassettes and greetings from Norway. Also to Kari and Ole Hollerud and Inger and Torgrim Redalen and their hosts and hostesses.

Thanks to Bill Larson for our treasured 1931 badge. Anyone finding similar mementoes and willing to part with them, we will gladly add them to our collection.



### REMINDERS



Those planning on the Norway trip and did not previously sign up, please send in the information on page one now. We must get these names to Norway so they can obtain host families.

Also everyone, be sure to have an up to date passport. It usually takes several weeks to get them. Contact your courthouse or perhaps some travel agencies or postoffice for your application. You will need your passport number on your reservation.

Special thanks here to the travel committee--they had a big job!

It is suggested that photos and family histories, small tools, etc. which our pioneers used are good gifts to take back to Norwegian museums. The Norwegians want to know about the families that left their homeland and how they settled in the "new land".

1986 memberships must be paid to qualify for the trip to Norway. Check the new membership list in this issue.

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Jolson, Lyle A.	1770 Fremont Ave. S.	Minneapolis	MN	55403
Jones, Jennifer	R.2	Monticello	MN	55362
Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Richard	8020 Jefferson NE	Minneapolis	MN	55432
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Larson, Irene	R. 1 Box 43	Wendell	MN	56590
Matson, Marion & John (Rev.)	Box 26	Comfrey	MN	56019
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Mensing, Alice & Fred	4416 44th Ave. S.	Minneapolis	MN	55406
Mobraaten, Marlyn	R. 3	Elbow Lake	MN	56531
Navarre, Irene & Harry	932 Summit Drive NE	Albuquerque	NM	87106
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Ness, Rev. Orlin	.	Lakota	ND	58344
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Olson, Inez & Lester	4724 W. 6th St.	Duluth	MN	55807
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Olson, Lorraine & Lornie	R. 1 Box 7	Roseau	MN	56751
Owen, Marj	5400 Three Points Blvd. #325	Mound	MN	55364
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Skaim, Hazel	709 Mechanic St.	Decorah	IA	52101
Solum, Anna & Herbert		Spring Grove	MN	55974
Solum, Julie	410 Van Dyke #120	St. Paul	MN	55119
Solum, Sigurd J.		Woodville	WI	54028
Somdahl, David	2411 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ave. S. #204	Fargo	ND	58103
Somdahl, Marilyn & Narvel	10129 Goodrich Circle	Bloomington	MN	55437
Stone, Ruth Juvet	995 NW Highland Terrace	Corvallis	OR	97330
Stovern, O. B. & Hildier	712 SW 9th St.	Willmar	MN	56201
Sund, Gladys & Russell	3812 17th Ave. S.	Minneapolis	MN	55407
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Varon, Gladys	3566 E. Barce St.	Camarillo	CA	93010
Waller, Glen		Bottineau	ND	58318
Westover, Marilyn	105 N. 12th St.	Clear Lake	IA	50428
Williams, Mrs. Adelaide	2565 Lake Ave.	White Bear Lake	MN	55110



# SAGA

We put out three SAGAs per year and this will be your last unless your \$6.00 membership is paid for 1986 by the next edition. Please check if your name is on the 1986 membership list sheet included in this issue.

We suggest a membership gift for birthday and Christmas--maybe you have been wondering what a nice personal gift for that certain someone could be!

Please make your check payable to "SIGDALSLAG" and send to:  
Elaine Schulstad, 16 Madison Ave. SW., Wadena, MN 56482

Thank you!

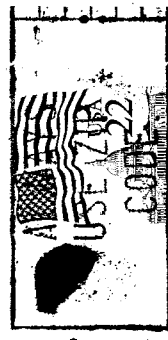
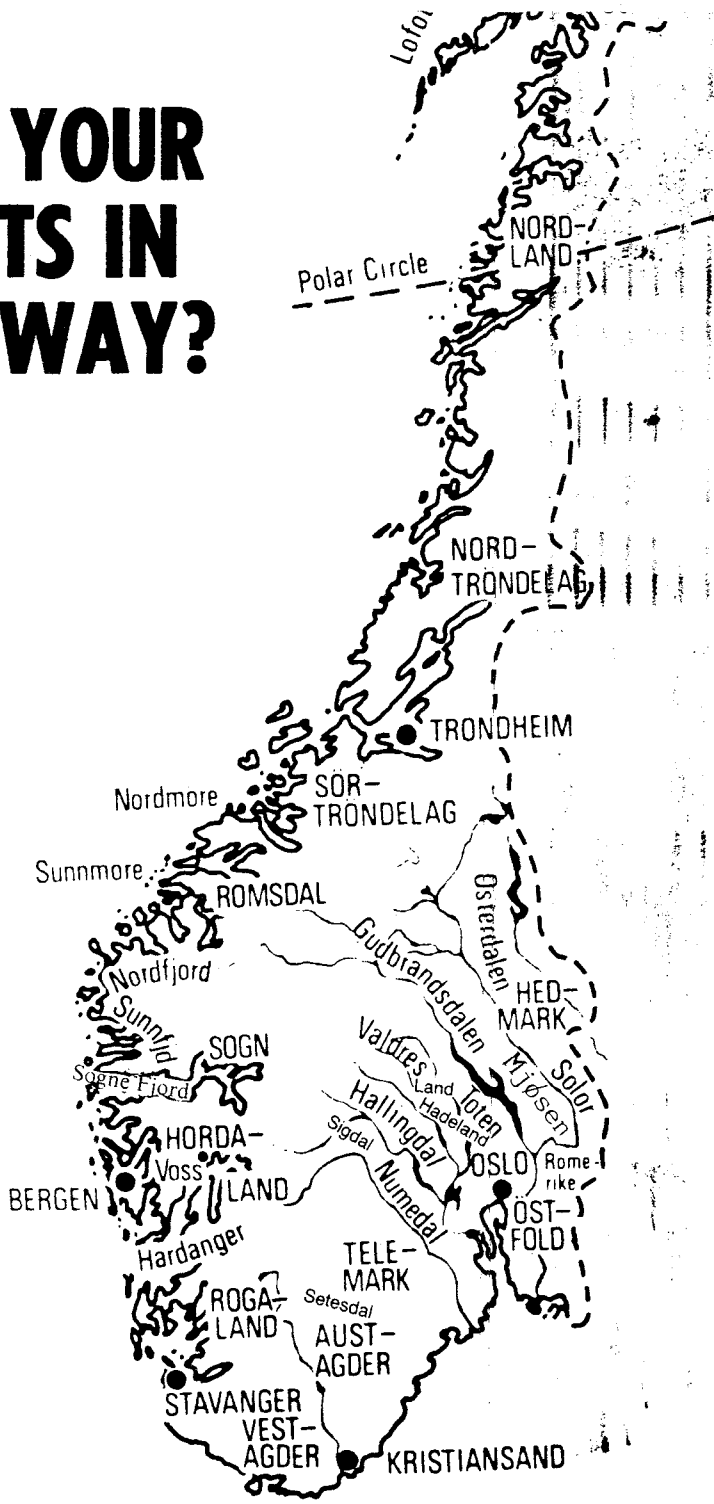
Your membership card will be enclosed in the next SAGA to save postage.

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# ARE YOUR ROOTS IN NORWAY?



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