Celebrating the lag's 75th anniversary were 83 Americans participating in the five-day stevne in Sigdal, Eggedal and Krødsherad, Norway, June 25-29, and an additional 22 registrants in Decorah July 10-12 at the 7-Lag meeting.

Lag membership brought many benefits: reduced fares, the SAGA and additional mailings, and specific information for the Norwegian Host Committee. An optional fjord tour and stevne lodging in homes tripled the original number interested. (Registrants are listed elsewhere in this issue)

At Decorah 40 people from all seven bygdelags arrived July 10 to attend the genealogy workshops. Sigdal Lag's birthday party was Saturday afternoon. By then 27 participants were noted. Incumbent officers were re-elected at the business meeting in Norway.

Håvard Nymoen, ordfører of Sigdal Kommune and Gudbrand Halmrast, Sr., ordfører of Krødsherad Kommune, two of approximately 450 such municipalities in Norway, welcomed us. Gift exchanges were held at elegant dinners Thursday and Friday.

Hospitality was warm and gracious from the opening luncheon to the farewell coffee party following the June 29 service at Holmen church where three infants were brought for baptism. Parents and sponsors, dressed in bunads, stood in the center aisle, awaiting their time at the font with Sokneprest Njål Gjennestad. Don Berglund played a flute solo, Eunice Helgeson read the lesson, and the Rev. David Rokke brought greetings from ALC Bishop David Preus. Altar flowers that morning were given by Sigdal Lag in memory of all who grew to faith in these communities. Bouquets were delivered afterward to Sigdalsheimen and Kryllingheimen.

Living with host families, members' re-unions with known and 'new' relatives was an occasion in itself. Others felt the scenery was more magnificent than their memory of it. Names of family, historic and modern industrial places became known along with churches and chapels. Several visited birthplaces of two early lag presidents. Norefjell Lag, Oslo, offered friendship.

Entertainment and special music mixed with special ethnic foods, craft and bunad demonstrations at Sigdal Museum and Villa Fridheim along with steam railroad transportation to Krøderen Station, visits to Eggedal and Olberg churches, a worship service at Vatnøs Stave Church, the skillful maneuvering of large buses at Ringnes farm and at Hagan, home of the artist Christian Skredsvig, overlooking beautiful Eggedal valley.

With outstretched arms, eight experienced the trunk breadth of Den Gamle Mester, an oak tree of national status since 1914. Memories include 8-string fiddles, dancers, singers, and accordions, logging competitions and many hunger for special foods. Live chickens and a goat were auctioned. Many displayed and sold wood, textile or porcelain collectibles and books.

A few spoke more Norwegian than anticipated; some had more relatives than anyone had counted; everyone spoke of a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Ja, alle hadde det hyggelig i Norge!
Activities at the 1986 Sigdalslag stevne were scheduled five days, June 25-29, by hosts to the lag, Sigdal Kommune and Krødsherad Kommune, Buskerud Fylke, Norway. Eighty-three Americans participated in this reunion of family and friends in Sigdal, Eggedal and Krødsherad, celebrating 75 years since its founding June 24, 1911 at Fergus Falls, MN.

The annual business meeting at Eggedal Borgstue was called to order by President Marilyn Somdahl at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 1986 with 46 registrant signatures. Others were excused to take more time visiting Eggedal Church on a very warm, sunny day.

Minutes of the 1985 Moorhead stevne were read by Secretary/Treasurer Elaine Schulstad and approved. The treasurer's report was read and placed on file for audit. A special account, Sigdal Gift Fund, received member donations which enabled the lag to present engraved Nambe trays to each kommune. Narv Somdahl constructed large cases for transporting the gifts and the banner.

The president reported purchasing gifts for mayors and other dignitaries: Statue of Liberty proof coins, US presidents on stamps, and an Indian Kokchina doll. Sigdal gifts would be exchanged at dinner following this meeting and Krødsherad gifts would be exchanged the next night at Hotel Sole, Noresund. Host families will receive American flags (7x10 inches) Saturday.

American talent participants will be the Navarre-Jones-Nystrom family in a skit; dance/song by Heather, Eric and Nicholas Hendrickson, and a flute solo by Don Berglund with Milda Ruud, accompanist.

National Council of Bygdelags met May 3 in St. Paul. Annual dues of $5 will be supplemented by each lag contributing another $25 to offset printing costs of the newsletter sent to officers of all lags.

Nominations were opened for election of officers. All incumbent officers were re-elected without opposition for 1-year terms: Marilyn Somdahl, president; Orville Ruud, Don Guttormson and Lee Rokke, vice presidents; and Elaine Schulstad, secretary-treasurer. Don Berglund, who serves as an honorary advisory board member, shared in the applause the entire board received. Serving from 1977-1982, Don received a verbal tribute as the only living past president.

Eunice Kalloch was asked to share her observations, since her father was among those soliciting gift funds that Norwegian-Americans gave to home districts in Norway during the 1914 Centennial Year. (Sigdal used its share toward Sigdalsheimen, the first home for old people; Eggedal invested in its hydroelectric power station; Krødsherad used it for social services for those in need.) She told of attending several lag meetings with her father, Sen. F. T. Grønvold, Rugby, N.D. He was also a member of the delegation selected to represent the United States government when the Lincoln monument was presented to Norway in 1915.

In 1916 Sigdalslag was presented a reciprocal gift from Norway, a beautifully rosemaled banner with a motto reminiscent of the Norwegian constitution: "UNITY GIVES STRENGTH". Restored last year, the 70-year banner was hung for viewing in the main dining room where a fresh salmon dinner and program was to begin at 5 p.m.

Members gave the president a standing ovation for her work coordinating arrangements with the Norwegian Host Committee. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
De bar pa en drøm

KRØDSDHERAD: «Den største gleda ein kan ha, er å gjera andre glad». Denne inskripsjonen preget en rose-malt trebolle som var Sigdalslagets gave til Villa Fridheim.

Gaven ble overrakt under Amerika-besøket fredag. Ingvald Granum, formannen i Stiftelsen Villa Fridheim, ønsket at teksten skulle stå sentralt blant stevndeltakerne ved avslutningen av norsk-amerikanernes dag i Krødsherd.


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We owe many thanks and appreciation to a lot of people for making the Sigdalslag what it is today! Countless hours are put into planning, mailing, phoneing, meeting, doing, etc. Here is a list of just a few and of course there are always those quiet ones who do but don't always let it be known.

Marilyn Somdahl, our President and busy beaver (can't name all she does.)
Don Guttormson, advance communication with Morgan Olson for the Decorah Stevne our Norwegian newspaper reader and SAGA helper.
Lee Rokke, purchasing Norway gifts with discounts, genealogy and badges.
Milda & Orville Ruud, hosting the May 3 dinner for the Norway tour group and Milda's musical talents.
Irene Navarre, Purchase of Norway gift for Andreas Mørch.
Narv Somdahl, Constructing the gift/banner chests and lugging them, for ordering Statue of Liberty coins last December for gifts, serving as banker and being ever ready cameraman.
Morgan Olson and his committee, planning the 7-Lag meetings.
Elvera Bisbee, the rosemaling.
The Ansten family and Grace Olson, Decorah registrations.
Elaine Schulstad, keeping records and SAGA communications.
The Hendridson family, taking part in the Villa Friedheim program.
Donald Berglund, beautiful flute solo at Holmen Church.

Paul D. Larson and his mother, Gladys, Osage, IA listen to the conversation of Morgan Olson, Mpls., who co-ordinated the 5-Lag in 1984, 6-Lag in '85 and 7-Lag in '86. Photo taken at Don Berglunds, 1984 Northfield, MN.
Sigdal Kommune presented a large wooden plate rosemaled by Hans Wold, bearing the Sigdal rose motif. Inscribed & dated.

Krødsherad Kommune’s gift to the lag, a leather album, features the blue and gold coat-of-arms on the cover. Inscribed & dated.

Stein Rolfsrud presented an aspen chair, a product of his expertise with a chainsaw, and Liv Halstenrud presented a Bygdedag bowl.

PRESENTS TO MEMBERS

*Audio cassette, song texts & photo -- Norefjell Lag, Oslo.
*Oak breadboard, dated & made at Granli Trevare
*Kongsberg 5-kroner coin, a gift from Sigurd Aasen
*Krødsherad Kommune’s medal, ribbon & date
*Colored candles and napkins made at Tyri A/S
*Newspaper clipping reprints -- All received by members.

American flags from Sigdalslaget were remembrances to host families. Engraved trays were lag gifts to each kommune. Andreas Mørch, noted genealogist, was given a Kochina Indian doll and other dignitaries received keepsakes.

GIFT FUND OPEN TIL NOV 1

Sigdal Gift Fund solicited member donors to make the gift exchange possible. Thanks, members, for your generosity! Gifts ranged from $5-25 each and names were included with the gift cards to the kommunes.

Since additional monies have come in, the lag will send an updated list to Norway even though the need was met. Checks $5 or more, payable to Sigdal Gift Fund should be received by the treasurer by Nov. 1. Donors names will appear later in theSaga.

Above: Ragna Hagen, president of Norefjell Lag, Oslo, seems pleased with NL spokesman, Andreas Askerud’s speech. He also arranged a Storting (parliament) visit and met with members at Bygdøy for Midsummer’s Eve, June 23.
EIKER HISTORY AVAILABLE ON LOAN

DANIEL LIE, 3300 Hokksund, Norway, entrusted Sigdal Lag with a hardcover history, EIKER, and a 1985 centennial year booklet about Upper Eiker Kommune. Both are available for loan (you’ll pay postage) from librarian Lee Rokke.

Those interested in genealogy and membership in Ringerike-Modum-Eiker Lag may write Marilyn Sorenson, 4468 Arden View Court, Arden Hills, MN 55112.

BJØRKA, PEDERSON BIRTHPLACES
SEEN IN KRØDSHERAD AND SIGDAL

Members hiked up to Bjørka, home of two early lag leaders looking across the Krøderfjord to Ringnes. Greeting us were four generations:
HANS, 94, ANNA (left), GUDRUN, ANDERS, HILDA & Øystein.
Hans is a brother of Tom Bjørka and a cousin of Theodore Bjørka, Sigdal Lag president from 1935-1968.

Below: Bratalia, owned & operated by ARNE and KAREN MARIE SVARSTAD who pose with Arne’s father, ANDERS, at an impromptu visit. Though not related, Svarstads have welcomed many from the Anders B. Pedersen family over the years. Pedersen was the lag’s 1st president.
Marilyn Somdahl, Sam & Leva Haugland, Lee Rokke, and Telford Ansten. Sharing Norway snapshots was fun for Alice & Fred Mensing, Paul D. Larson, David Rokke, Kay Schmidt and Narv Somdahl, 'lag photographer'.

VIPs at the Hotel Sole, Noresund, are (left to right) Ingvald Granum, Director of Villa Fridheim Steering Committee; Don Bergland, former lag president; Marilyn Somdahl, current lag president; and Gudbrand Halmrast, Sr., Ordfører, Krødsherad Kommune.

One of Sigdal Museum's buildings appears in the background as Bygdedag visitors hold American flags. At left, Ingrid Engerud, Eiker Historielag President, Hokksund; Vera and Ulf Reffhaug, host committee liaison to US, Drammen; Marilyn Somdahl, Sigdalslaget; and Håvard Nymoen, Ordfører, Sigdal Kommune.
On to Lillehammer! Some of the 31 ready to travel are (L-front to back): Ole Foss, Patti Law Baker & Ruth Law, Adele Gill & Eunice Kallock, Clara Larsen. (R-back to front): Kay Schmidt, Ruth Kjome & Lorain Bergan, Wanda Fingalson.

Expert Winge bus driver, Olve, and Gordon Randgaard, Glendale, AZ, get the luggage situated for the Winge Fjord Tour early June 17, 1986. Looking on are Gordon's wife, Mary, and Lorain Bergan, Wendell, MN.

Enjoying dinner are Harry & Irene Navarre, Albuquerque, NM. Irene & Evelyn Jones's mother, Lina Enger O'Connor was the daughter of Elling Enger, whose father, Peder, was raised in Eggedal.
Dear members,

Many thanks for your appreciative letters since that marvelous time we spent together with our cordial Norwegian host families! Your cooperation and enthusiasm made it especially enjoyable.

Hopefully, you are closer to friends and relatives there than ever before. Over 100 of my Sigdal - Krødsherad relatives drove to Villa Fridheim Friday evening or Sunday evening, so I collected signatures. That collection thrilled my mother, too.

I hope you have similar experiences and pictures to share. Thanks for writing.

Sincerely, 

Marilyn Somdahl

All Sigdal officers met at Willmar, MN., Saturday, October 4, 1986, with the coordinating committee and other Lag officers to review the 1986 Stevne and plan for the 1987 site. At this time, plans for the '87 Lag are incomplete.

June 25-27 (If Possible)

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Anders B. Pedersen was one of nine children born to Peder and Berthe Kristophersdatter Ericksen at Braatelien gård, Sigdal.

Growing up in a large family with slender means, the children early learned to work. But the parents were interested in helping their children learn from books as well as from experience. Although circumstances limited Anders Pedersen's "formal" schooling to the community sessions taught in the homes, he had a life-long interest in education and was a self-taught man. He liked to write: letters, poems, newspaper articles, memoirs. His most important piece of writing was a novel, MOR HANSEN.

After his confirmation, Anders Pedersen was given training as a tailor and worked at this craft until entering the military service. After completing his time in the army, he returned to Sigdal and expanded his work as tailor. But prospects for a young man in Norway in the 1860's were not bright and like many others, Pedersen decided to go to America, setting out on his journey in May, 1870. His immediate destination was the Spring Valley - Ellsworth area of Wisconsin where two of his sisters and their families had settled.

He found life hard during his first months in the new land. He tried various occupations, but eventually returned to his trade, tailoring. He settled in St. Paul and worked in one of the fine tailoring establishments of that city for a number of years.

Jøran Vatnås, also of Sigdal and to whom he was betrothed before leaving Norway, came to America and they were married in 1873.

In 1879 Mr. Pedersen decided to leave St. Paul for the frontier country. Two or three Sigdal friends were already settled in the area which is today called Rothsay; the railroad was scheduled to reach that location in 1879. The first occupation of Mr. Pedersen in the new community was as storekeeper, but he eventually turned to his major interest, farming.

He was active in community affairs and in continuing contacts with Norway. He visited Norway in 1895. He was the first president of Sigdalslag, an organization which was started largely through his efforts.

Five children were born to the Pedersens, but only two daughters lived to adulthood: Seline and Alice, who became, respectively, Mrs. J. C. Serkland and Mrs. C. W. Rand. Three children were born in each family.

Two of the grandsons have done major work of high value for Anders Pedersen's native land, the land that remained dear to him even as he became a community leader in his adopted country. Chester Serkland served as Royal Norwegian Consul for North Dakota from 1961-1980. Sidney Anders Rand was the United States Ambassador to Norway, 1980-1981. Both were knighted by Olav V, King of Norway, with the Knight of St. Olav, First Class designation.

- Alice Serkland, 5/86
OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY to the families of the following:

Ruth Guttormson, mother of Don Guttormson, born 7 August 1912 near Spring Grove, MN., died 5 July 1986 at Spring Grove, MN. Ruth's father, Andreas Halvorson Kodalen, emigrated as a boy with his family from the Kodalen farm in Vestbygda in Eggedal. His parents, in turn, were Halvor Svensen Kodalen and Ingeborg Trulsdatter TEige.

Many thanks to Don Guttormson for the memorial to Sigdalslaget in memory of his mother, Ruth.

Clifford Solum, son of Knut and Esther Solum, born 26 May 1917, died at Fargo, ND, 30 May 1986, with burial at Richwood Lutheran Church cemetery near Detroit Lakes, MN. Clifford's maternal grandfather, Jacob Leegard was born in Eggedal and emigrated as a child with his parents, Peder Knutson Leeard and Astrid Jacobsdatter Aasenie in 1858.

Anton Leegard, born 14 May 1897 at Emmons, MN died 23 September 1986 at Detroit Lakes, MN with burial at Richwood Lutheran Church. Anton was the youngest son of Jacob and Ingeborg Leegard who are also buried at Richwood Lutheran.

Hilda (Mrs. Emil) Holland, born 26 October 1912, died 1 October 1986, burial at Detroit Lakes, MN. Hilda is the daughter of Caroline and Henry Olson and greatgranddaughter of Knut and Maria Pikop who emigrated from Sigdal in 1852.

WANTED: Good used microfilm reader--contact our librarian, Lee Rokke.

SOMETHING NEW: Date on address label is paid membership date. If the date is 1986, this will be your last newsletter. The $6.00 membership is for the calendar year and includes the SAGA, next edition spring of 1987. Please get those renewals in; they make nice holiday gifts!

This is your newsletter--please send any corrections, criticisms, suggestions, obituaries, news to me--Elaine SChulstad, 16 Madison Ave. SW, Wadena, MN 56482. Thank you!
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Planning for the 1987 stevne of the 7-Lag consortium began at a meeting held October 4 at Willmar, Minnesota. Most executive board members from Sigdal Lag attended.

Thanks to Stanley Gronseth, Dexter, MN for information from his grandfather's Norwegian Bible. His father, Albert Gorgen Gronseth, was eighth in a family of 10--Gilbert, Seri, Andrew, Anne, Ameilie, Karin, Karl, Albert, Martha and Minnie. Both grandparents are from Sigdal: Kittel Gulbrandson Gronseth who married Jorand Anderson Gislegaard.

UNDER NOREFJELL, in its second year publishing historical data about Sigdal, Eggedal and Krødsherad, is available (in Norwegian) by subscription. Its latest cover is a color reproduction of "Aften Pa Krøderen", painted in 1851 by Tidemand & Gude. Collection of updated American emigrant information continues. Its last article is devoted to Anders B. Pedersen, founder of Sigdal Lag. Price for two issues annually: 90 Kroner + exchange fee to Havard Støvern, editor, 3350 Prestfoss. (Or $14 to E. Schulstad, treasurer before Nov. 1)

Dr. Sidney A. Rand, former US ambassador to Norway and president emeritus of St. Olaf College, has accepted a position as acting president of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, which has 1,800 students.

Having graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN and Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Rand has served as parish pastor, professor of religion, and president of Waldorf College, Forest City, IA prior to directing the affairs of St. Olaf from 1963-1980. He is the distinguished grandson of Sigdalslaget's first president, Anders B. Pedersen. (Photo: courtesy Aug 86 SAINT OLAF)

Olberg Hagen, Jr. participated in timed logsawing competition at Sigdal's Bygdedag June 28. "Ole" is a grandson of Carl O. Hagen, who served as lag president from 1928-1935. His wife Marie, Eric and Lisa also attended. They live in South Lyons, MI.

Paul D. Larson, Osage, IA has given a 1932 Sigdalslag Yearbook to the Lag Library as a gift. The book was one of two copies once owned by Carl Hagen's daughter at Decorah, and it is one the lag did not own previously. Many thanks for your generosity!

Lorain Bergan, Wendell, MN, brought back a very dear gift--his father's Norwegian Bible--which Pastor Njal Gjennestad accepted for Sigdal parish at the June 29 farewell coffee. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Hazel Foss, Elbow Lake, MN.
PARTICIPANTS IN NORWAY STEVNE REPRESENT 10 DIFFERENT STATES

Distribution (left) includes two persons, AZ; five, CA; six, IA; four, MI; 54, MN; one, MT; two, ND; four, NM; one, NV and two, WA.

DECORAH REGISTRANTS JULY 10-12

Malene Cash, Santa Ana, CA; Gladys Varon, Camarillo, CA; Telford Ansten, Rosella Goettelman & Hazel Skaim, Decorah; Archie Rugland & Carol Rugland, Northwood, IA; Paul D. Larson, Osage, IA; Shirley De Motte, Lewistown, IL; David & Lee Rokke, Narv & Marilyn Sondahl, Bloomington, MN; Sidney A. Rand, Fred & Alice Mensing, Lyle A. Jolson and Carol Meade, (O’Dell & Mildred Ruud, Sangerfest), Minneapolis, MN; Kathryn Schmidt, Rochester, MN; Don Guttormson, Sam & Leva Haugland, Helen Holm, Melia Nelson & Nancy Nelson, Spring Grove, MN.

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1987 M-E-M-B-E-R-S-H-I-P TIME

SAGA newsletters will contain pictures and information about the 75th anniversary experiences in Norway. The SAGA and membership card can be yours for just $6.00 (per address) annually, Jan-Dec, 1987. Singles or families with minor children at home pay one rate.

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_Renewal ___New member' ___Gift from_
Pastor David Rome, executive secretary of the ALC board of trustees, delivered and read the following letter during worship services at Holmen Church, Sigdal, Sunday, June 29, (which commemorates St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles)

The ALC letter translation:

To Sigdal congregation.

Dear friends in Christ. We send our greetings from your brothers and sisters in the American Lutheran Church. As you now remember Sigdal’s sons and daughters who emigrated to America and celebrate the 75th anniversary of Sigdal Lag which has strengthened the bonds between our countries, we would like to acknowledge with thankfulness the many emigrants that were a part of the American Lutheran Church (from Sigdal, Eggedal & Krødsherad). From these, many became ministers. Among those listed and known to be pastors are:

OLE GLESNE, NILS HANSEN LIND, OLAF TURMO, OLAF LIND JENSEN, JACOB RUGLAND, AMBASSADOR SIDNEY A. RAND, DAVID ROKE, DELANO LIND, ARLYN ANFINRUD, ARTHUR C. LARSON and URLIN E. NESS.

We thank you for the gifts these people have given in service to our church and we thank a hundredfold for an active, devoted laity.

May our Lord bless and strengthen the church among you. And together we must faithfully confess our faith in Jesus’ name until the end of the world.

With sincere greetings in Christ,

(signed) David W. Preus, Presiding Bishop

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