

# LANDINGS LAGET CLOSE INTERESTING CONCLAVE IN CITY FRIDAY NIGHT

**Music and Story Contests Feature Program—Dakota Man Named President.**

## **HALLING LAG IN SESSION**

**Business Meeting Opened Convention This Morning—Many Delegates Expected.**

Between 200 and 300 visitors attended the Landings laget, which held its annual convention in the city last week, Thursday and Friday. Representatives from North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota were in attendance, and they all asserted that it was one of the finest conventions they had ever held.

The program for the two days consisted mainly of talks and lectures, but was featured by a contest on Thursday evening and a supper of Norwegian delicacies on Friday evening.

In the contest, which consisted of competition in violin and accordion playing, singing and story telling, prizes being offered. Albert Moe, Audubon, was the winner of the violin playing contest while the second prize went to Peder O. Aure. In the accordion contest, the prize went to Raymond Nelson. In singing Olaf Hanson, Brooten, carried off the first prize and Melvin Lien, Driscoll, N. D. the second prize. Ole Goplen, Audubon, proved to be the best story teller, while H. A. M. Steen, Northfield, came out second best.

A prize was also given to Melvin Viken, a youngster from Grand Forks, N. D., for singing two songs, and also to Orville Grendahl, another youngster from Detroit Lakes, for giving two humorous readings.

### **Gives Lecture**

The convention opened on Thursday afternoon with a concert by the Detroit Lakes city band, followed by an address of welcome by Mayor A. C. Knudson. On Friday afternoon, E. E. Kaldahl gave a talk on his trip to Norway and European countries last year, which proved highly interesting to those assembled.

The election of officers resulted in the naming of Melvin Lien, Driscoll, N. D., president; and H. A. M. Steen, Northfield, vice president. C. M. Peterson was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the organization. The 1932 convention will be held at Starbuck, Minn.

The group was highly complimentary to the city for the hearty welcome and the fine hospitality they received here, and passed resolutions to that effect. The resolution was as follows:

"The Landings Laget, in meeting assembled, wishes hereby to extend their heartiest thanks to the city of Detroit Lakes for the courtesy, hospitality and hearty welcome extended to our people, to Mayor A. C. Knudson for his greeting of welcome, the city commission and all others who helped make our stay in your beautiful city a pleasant one. We also wish to thank the committee on arrangements, Mr. G. A. Sveen, Mr. Ole Goplen and Mr. A. H. Froyland, all of Audubon, for the splendidly arranged program for our meeting.

"We also wish to thank the Detroit Lakes band for the splendid concert given us, Miss Adeline Halvorson for her singing and music, E. E. Kaldahl for his lecture on his trip to Europe in 1930, Prof. C. C. Sween of Mayville, N. D., Halvor Langslet, Attorney Sletvold and Mr. C. J. Laine of Detroit Lakes, Rev. Knudsvig and Albert Moe of Audubon for the parts they took in our program.

"Last, but not least, do we wish to thank the ladies' aid of the Lutheran church for the splendid banquet supper prepared for us.

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"Unanimously adopted by Landings Laget, Detroit Lakes, Minn., June 19, 1931. Melvin Lien, C. H. Rud, resolutions committee."

### **Halling Lag Here Today**

The Hallingdal laget is opening its annual session in the city today. The convention opened this morning with a business meeting, presided over by A. E. Tufte, York N. D., who is president of the organization.

During the afternoon, there will be additional business sessions and some talks, while the evening meeting will feature a lecture by Bjergulf Bjornaraa, Trail, Minn., and some national music. The Friday morning session will be devoted mainly to business, while various kinds of entertainment will be on the program for the afternoon. Congressman Burtness of North Dakota will give the main talk in the evening on his recent trip to Iceland and Norway. The convention will close on Saturday with election of officers, followed by story telling, singing, and entertainment.

Due to the large number expected, the committee has asked that those who have additional rooms at their homes, list them with the committee. The members of this group are H. Langslet, A. C. Knudson, I. K. Grimsgaard and Andrew Sagadalen.

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