



Whitcomb

Feeding 100 Hogs Is Pretty Big Job, Say Danish Lads of 1st Farm Task

"Feeding 100 head of hogs is a pretty big job."

That's one of the first impressions an Iowa farm made on Kai and Frank when they arrived from Skibby and Frank Smed, 24 year old twin, Danish, last week Monday.

After two years of arduous study necessary to clear all the papers for immigration, Kai and Frank left Denmark by boat, and arrived in New York harbor on December 8. They remained for three days, and then, with a neighborhood acquaintance, took the train again to Spencer and came to the farm their uncle Kai Smed, tenant. It is located three miles south and two miles west of Lake Park.

"We didn't stay here much in Chicago to see all we wanted to," said Frank, "but I can tell you one thing about it. It's a dirty city."

Frank, the more outspoken of the two, carried the conversation along in excellent English for a young man exposed to America only a few days. He listened to all other much favorable impressions of the country.

He liked the train service and its speed, and the large size of Iowa farms made a considerable impression. The twins have not been here long enough to have many clearest ideas about the country, a point they both agreed upon.

They could and did not about their own country, and their general background of education.

Kai and Frank lived in Skibby, a town pronounced Skibby, located in Jylland (known to Americans as Jutland), that part of Denmark which is attached to the mainland of Europe, and is the largest Danish land area. The town is approximately 200 miles south of Copenhagen, the capital, which is one of several Danish islands. The area around Skibby is considered the most beautiful in all Denmark.

Educational procedure through high school, which the

boys explained at length, is quite different from our public school training. Both boys went through our equivalent of grade school and two years of public high school. These the studiously ends.

Required for study in Danish high schools are both English and German languages. This requirement is fairly common throughout Europe, and is one reason why Americans are able to get along so well when traveling. Available, but not required, are two more languages, French and Swedish.

Good Swedish and Norwegian as well—made Kai explained that similarities in the Scandinavian languages enabled Swedes, Norwegians, and Danes to understand each other, although the languages were not entirely alike.

After the two year high school level has been passed, Danish students are required to decide whether they wish to continue formal education or study for a trade.

Frank wanted to join the post-office and Kai wanted to be a bookkeeper. Both went to school for a seven week specialized course, and then went to corresponding positions in respective fields. Their schooling did not stop there, however.

Two Year Work Training

For a two year period, while they worked a regular eight hour day at their chosen jobs, they studied at night, and took tests at regular intervals. When the two years was up, they traveled to Copenhagen to take advanced study and final examinations. Having satisfactorily passed the exams, both were awarded diplomas, stating that they had completed their apprenticeship in the jobs they had chosen.

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in winter. Asked what time he arose for his job in Iowa, Kai replied, "Oh, two or three days later, sure, right?"

It's such boys, at a A. A. H. type meeting.

The twins are eager and will get to justify their interest in learning farmwork, learned in America brought about by an invitation they were extended while on one of Denmark's farms.

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Kai L Smed

From: <smed13@juno.com>
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cant open my methodist family tree and Marsha would like the statistic of the boys in order, and wonder about the one without an initial on , which must be Egon, she also sent me a clipping from Lake Park news paper from when we were interviewed , but by trying to make the file small from here ,it gets so you can't read it, so here it is and will take a while to download=----Frank



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in winter. Asked what time he arose for his job at home, Kai replied, "At two or three o'clock before eight."

His work began at 8 A. M. every morning.

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BOUND FOR KOREA—Pfc. Kai L. Smed left for Seattle, Wash., after spending 11 days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peters and his twin brother, Frank, 325 25th S.W. He has been in service since Dec. 3, 1951. He was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., and will leave soon for Korea.

Kai Enlistment



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STRAWS

By A. A. Showing Which Way the Wind Blows

California Picnic

What better picnic than the annual picnic of the Mason City Citizens? The picnic, which was held at a grilling from the grounds of the city stadium, was a most successful one. It was held on the lawn of the stadium, and the weather was just what was needed for the occasion.

Confidential Report

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Mason City Calendar

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Here In Mason City

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Junior College Frosh Enroll Next Week

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Mrs. Baker, 58, Succumbs in Hospital

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Chief Investigates Complaint Against Police Officer

Chief Investigates Complaint Against Police Officer: The chief of police is investigating a complaint against a police officer. The complaint involves a traffic stop.

County Girl Wins Fire Safety Prize

County Girl Wins Fire Safety Prize: A young girl from the county has won a fire safety prize. She participated in a fire safety contest.

NEWS OF RECORD

Death Notices

Death Notices: Notice of the death of [Name], [Age], [Address].

New Car Sales

New Car Sales: New cars for sale at [Address].

Fire Calls

Fire Calls: Reports of fires in various parts of the city.

Births Reported

Births Reported: Births reported in the city.

Clear Lake Court

Clear Lake Court: Proceedings of the Clear Lake Court.

Police Court

Police Court: Proceedings of the Police Court.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage Licenses: Issued to [Name] and [Name].

Ready Transfers

Ready Transfers: Available for transfer.

Beer	POP	CIGARETTES	LOW PRICES EVERY DAY
FRESH MEATS AND FRESH VEGETABLES			
FRYING CHICKENS ALL SIZES			
39c			
CHOICE BEEF ROASTS	39c lb.	CHOICE ROUND STEAKS	69c
MEATS	39c	POTATO CHIPS	49c
HEADQUARTERS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES		GRADE A EGGS	39c
		COLD BEER	ALL BEERS

THE BANKS of Mason City WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY, SEPT. 3

IN ORDER TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY

Mason City Clearing House

THE STRIDE RITE SHOE dresses up the old school tie

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Citizenship

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Things about
people and places

Mr. and Mrs. Kai Smed and children, Scott and Sheila, 950 14th SE, and Mr. Smed's twin brother, Frank, 931 14th SE, will leave Tuesday for Denmark where they will visit the Smeds' parents and other relatives. This will be the first visit home in Kai since his marriage. The Frank Smed family went to Denmark last year, so just Mr. Smed is making the trip this time. They are traveling by air and expect to return June 26.

Norman Duggan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Duggan, 307 6th SE, has been awarded a \$100 scholarship at Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn., where he is a junior. The scholarship was given by the Mankato Board of Realtors for use during his senior year. He is a graduate of Mason City High School and Junior College.

Dennis Thomas, a junior speech major at St. Joseph Col-

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lege, Rensselaer, Ind., appeared in the role of Creon in Sophocles "Oedipus Rex," presented by the student Columbian Players this weekend. He is the son of Marie Thomas, 103 S. Virginia.

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BALE OF COTTON

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First Denmark Trip



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