

# A Remembrance of Copenhagen, Sisters Unite for Christmas

By FRAN MATER

There'll be a Danish atmosphere around the Erik Bergshagen household on North Adams during the holidays with a houseguest from Copenhagen.

Mrs. Bergshagen's sister, Mrs. Johanne Jacobson, 55, of Copenhagen, about four weeks ago and plans to stay here for six months. Making her first trip here and by way of the ship for a visit in England where she saw the active volcano, H. K. A. told her how the water is heated by the

volcano and that often the presenters would do their washing in the warm bath. Water, however, flows to the suppers are so hot that they are often used as oven for baking bread.

MRS. Jacobson, through the suggestion of her sister, said she had a wonderful flight although they were cramped for two days on the plane. Labrador, when the plane broke down, followed by a cow.

Mrs. Jacobson does not speak English and her conversations have to be translated, however, she does understand it well.

Already she has enjoyed her visit and is looking forward to our holiday season. They celebrate much in the same manner as we do, except for the observance of Christmas on the 24th. "It's a big day for all Danmarks and their families," she stated. Times from all over Denmark are held and no family celebration is complete without going to church. Dinner is usually

served around 6:30 p.m., then the tree and presents.

A CHRISTMAS holiday in Sweden without Glogg is almost unthinkable, it having been a custom for generations, commented Mrs. Jacobson. It is always an event when the parapsalmalia for blending Glogg, in the traditional manner is assembled: a copper kettle, a wire grill, a long handled ladle and some sugar to taste—

However traditional Mrs. Jacobson thinks her sister has a simplified recipe which is equally as tasty and less work.

MRS. Bergshagen uses one bottle of port wine, one stick of cinnamon, six cloves, a few cardemon seeds and some sugar to taste—two or three tablespoons.

These ingredients are mixed together, covered and let simmer about ten minutes, then add one fourth cup brandy. Now it is ready for serving and to each punch cup a few almonds and raisins are added. The beverage can be made a month in advance and bottled, and only requires reheating when serving.

MRS. BERGSHAGEN and Mrs. Jacobson spend many hours sitting up the fireplace and talking of old times and of their Danish events, having coffee and Danish pastry. Friends often drop in for an afternoon visit and they too are served the delicious food.

One that requires little fussing and can be "shipped" up the night before is simply a Danish coffee cake. This will take four cups of flour, one cup of lard or butter, three



MEMORIES OF DENMARK recalled as Mrs. Erik Bergshagen (left) and her sister, Mrs. Johanne Jacobson, chat by the fire.

egg yolks, one yeast cake, one-half cup of water, three-quarters cup milk and three tablespoons sugar. Mix as for piecrust, then mix oil liquids together including the yeast which has been dissolved in one-half cup of water. This makes a thin dough which is put in the "box" overnight or until stiff.

THE DOUGH is then rolled out as for thick pie crust in eight inch side strips and filled with Remonche. The filling consists of nuts chopped very fine, almost like a aceté, and mixed with equal amounts of butter and sugar and the three egg whites. Mrs. Bergshagen uses one-half cup of each, but butter, sugar and nuts. Filling is then spread through the middle of the dough with the sides and hole folded toward the middle, leaving the center open. After this is done, for two hours, bake in a 300 degree oven for 30 minutes. The pastry is now ready for serving unless you prefer a thin frosting, possibly a powdered sugar frosting.



FRESH out of the oven comes Danish coffee cake prepared by Mrs. Bergshagen for entertaining her sister.

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