

THE WISDOM OF WARD ADRIAN LEAR [3858] FROM BALDWIN, WI.

*taken down by Theo Somsen [227]
in August 1999 in Baldwin.*

Ward Lear (1920-) is of English descent and he is married to Marilyn Joan Olson-Berkseth (1935-). He is a member of a group of men (partly still with Dutch names like Van der Meer, Hop and Van Someren) that frequents the local *Kinkers Corner* in Baldwin in the Mainstreet every morning. There they not only have coffees but they also discuss all the world's problems.

Therefore it is not just in jest that the Kinkers Corner is called the *Corner of Knowledge*.

I-r: Theo Somsen en Ward Adrian Lear

From his mouth I heard the following wise sayings:

- This place (Baldwin) is not the end of the world, but you can see it from here.
- If a man opens the door of a car for a woman it means that the car is rent or the woman.
- If it rains about seven, it will be quit about eleven.

And when I quoted: 'Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise', he immediately responded: 'But dull'.

One question of mine is still occupying the minds in the *Corner of Knowledge*: Why do all mills turn left? Once I hope to get an answer from them and until then I wish them lots of wisdom! ☺

ON THIS DAY

by John Howard Somsen [2353]

Now there is no excuse for forgetting a birthday, death or wedding anniversary of anyone in the Somsen family.

A new feature appears at the bottom of our main web page -

"On This Day".

*See next page print of the website
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By clicking on a month, a calendar for the month appears containing those events by day. If you wish, you can print out the month's events.

Please note that since we have over 5000 names in our family database, the pages are VERY large, so they may take a while to load, especially over a dial-up connection.

On my 56K dial-up connection, each month takes two or more minutes to load and the index takes 15 minutes.

Clicking on the index will load a page with every name in alphabetical order. This is as big as all of the month pages together, so be prepared to have a cup of coffee (or two) while you wait.

Clicking on any name in the calendar also loads this index. The advantage to this is that you can see the parents and spouse of the individual, if needed, as an aid in identifying them.

Also, in the index, you may click on any other name, such as the parents, to go to their information.

One other important note. The numbers appearing next to the names in the index are NOT the 'P numbers', they are the numbers in my database which I was unable to suppress.

I hope that you are enjoying the new look of our family pages on our own site.

Just in case you haven't heard yet, they are located at:

<http://www.somsen.org>

Some of the original information is a bit dated as it dates to the original pages. My project for this year is to try to update them as much as possible.

Another project is an automated family picture album on CD which will be made available through the Foundation later this year, so if you haven't yet sent me pictures, please do so.

This album will not be available on the Web as its current size already exceeds the entire size of the web site which contains hundreds of pages. ☺

