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sprinkler field and loaned each of them a stake of \$50,000. He then made them partners in his Viking Corporation for the operation of their business. The result was some 25 distribution centers throughout the country.

World War I found the management expert back on the scene of his early immigrant years — the Quad City area, where he served as a dollar-a-year production manager for the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps at the Rock Island, IL Arsenal. Here he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel, and thus obtained the title he was to be known by thereafter.

In civic affairs Col. Tyden was a benefactor to individuals as well as institutions in town, state and nation. He aided young men to go to college, he donated land for a park for the city of Hastings, he was one of the founders of the Barry County Hospital, MI, and he was the first supporter and long-time Board member of the American Swedish Historical Foundation of Philadelphia. In 1945 he served as its president. He conceived the idea and gave to the Museum of the Foundation its popular Pioneer Room. Naturally the achievements of such a man were widely recognized, even by King Gustaf V of Sweden, who in 1940 conferred on the Colonel the knighthood of the Order of Vasa.

The Tyden Corporation, using Emil Tyden's methods and inventions, continues to prosper in its multiple activities. Col. Tyden built for his own time, but also for a longer future.

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Author's note: This article is based on facts gleaned from more detailed treatments by Walter G. Nord in 1964 *Yearbook* of the American Swedish Historical Foundation as well as Nancy Wait's article in *The Will to Succeed. Stories of Swedish Pioneers* (New York and Stockholm, 1948). It has also been checked by Florence Tyden Groos.

## Bishop Hill Bible Inscription

Tell G. Dahllöf of Stockholm, Sweden, recently located the following Bishop Hill, IL related item in a badly worn Holy Bible, printed in Stockholm 1888. On the inside of the flyleaf is the following inscription:

“Ida M. Nordstrom was born in Bishop Hill March 26, 1866. Thomas S. Paddock and Ida M. Nordstrom were married in Reno, NV March 15, 1892. Mabel Lillian Paddock was born in Battle Mountain, NV Dec. 27, 1892. Fenton M. McElrath and Mabel [sic!] Lillian Paddock were married in Mankato, MN Jan. 1 [year illegible].”

Ida M. Nordstrom may possibly be the daughter of Hans Nordstrom, who arrived in Bishop Hill in 1846. He married Margta Molin in 1849 and had with her five sons and two daughters.