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Larsdotter, Ohleson

Pell Katarina Larsdotter (b. 2 July 1871 in Järna [Dala.]) immigrated to the home of her *moster* (maternal aunt) Ål Carin Samuelsdotter/Nelson in Valparaiso, NE, on 30 March 1888. She left the port of Göteborg on 6 April 1888 with a ticket for Valparaiso, NE, and travelled alone.

Katarina remained in Nebraska until 1895 during which time she married another Swedish immigrant, Andrew Lawrence Ohleson and produced a son with the same name.

In 1895, the Ohlesons moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Katarina and Andrew lived out the remainder of their lives.

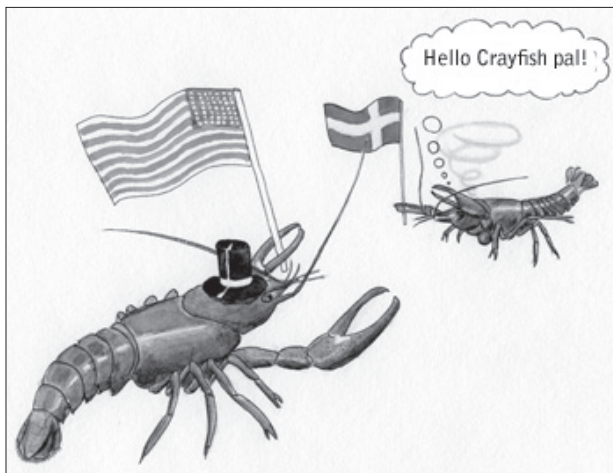
In the attached photo, Katarina is the pretty girl on the right in the second row (see arrow). It, more than likely, was taken during Katarina's early years in Nebraska. I would like to know who the other five women are. At least some are probably others of my family who immigrated to the Midwest.

All information most welcome!

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The Crayfish time is here!

In late August many Swedes put on funny hats, tie funny bibs around their necks, and often sit in the garden with lighted moon-shaped paper lanterns tied on strings above the table.

What are they doing? They are enjoying a crayfish party (*Krästkiva*) where crayfish, cooked in beer and dill and lots of salt, are eaten cold, together with a glass of beer or aquavit, or even milk, accompanied by a tasty Västerbotten cheese and toast. Special drinking songs are sung, some say that for every claw you must down a little aquavit and sing a song. The eating of crayfish must be done exactly right, following the rules, or others will call you “not a true crayfish lover,” which is a hard thing for a Swede to hear.