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Individual Questionnaire for

Biographical Record of Ministers

of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (in America) and its parent synods:
The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association
in America and The Danish Ev. Luth. Church in North America.

(Compiled for the Synodical Historical Archives)

Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

Full name:

Born when: 1877 where:

Baptized when and where:

Confirmed when and where: by whom:

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: located where:

Date of ordination: where:

If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod:

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: Aug 1, 1963 where: Blair

Buried where HK

Marriage: (1) to whom date and

Wife's birthdate and place:

Her parents: locat

If wife is dead, give date

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her)

IN MEMORY OF
REV. JORGEN PETER NIELSEN
December 18, 1877
Denmark

July 31, 1963
Blair, Nebr.

SERVICES AT
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Saturday, August 3, 1963--2:00 P.M.

OFFICIATING
Rev. George Pallesen

MUSIC BY
John 14:1-5 read
Mr. Roger Stricklett 99 act
Mr. Paul Neve Rev. 77-17

Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind
Rock Of Ages
Soloist
Organist

PALLBEARERS
MINISTERS
H. C. Jorgensen
Laurits Petersen
Alvin Petersen

Eric Christensen
F. W. Thomsen
Oscar Johnson

CONCLUDING SERVICE
Blair Cemetery

3 grandchildren

Dana Homecom

Oct 23 1961

Coronation Ceremonies Friday Eve.

Six Bands to Take Part in Program Saturday Afternoon

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Rev. Nielsen Referred To By Dana Students As "J.P."

The proper name is the Rev. J. P. Nielsen or Dr. J. P. Nielsen, but when former Dana College students return to the campus for Homecoming Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and they meet him on the campus, the majority of them will extend their hand and say, "Hello, J. P."

And J. P. doesn't mind, he looks upon the greeting as a compliment.

Dr. Nielsen was born in Denmark, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nielsen. His father was a carpenter. When J. P. was 18-months old his parents moved to the United States. They located on a farm 12 miles northeast of Council Bluffs, Ia.

He attended rural schools and high school at Elk Horn, Ia., before attending Dana College in the fall of 1897.

There was only one building on the campus at that time, Old Main. Even that building wasn't completed as the south wing was not added until 1905.

There were between 20 and 25 students at the college, which was known as a Preparatory School. After completing this course he entered Trinity Seminary, graduating in 1904.

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The Board of Directors of Good Shepherd Lutheran Old People's Home of Blair, Nebraska, announces the retirement on June 1st of Dr. J.P. Nielsen, superintendent of the Home since March 1, 1949. During Dr. Nielsen's tenure of office, the new \$130,000.00 building was erected, in which project he was a prime mover. Failing health made it necessary for Dr. Nielsen to give up his duties. No successor has been named.

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The Continental Buffet Dinner will be served between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the College Dining Room. A new feature being introduced this year is the performance by Marshall Izen at 8:15 p.m. in the Auditorium. Mr. Izen is a noted Piano-Humorist somewhat like Victor Borge. He will present a light-hearted program satirizing music and especially opera.

On Sunday morning a Festival Worship Service will be held at First Lutheran Church with Dr. Edward Hansen, President of the Southwestern Minnesota District of The American Lutheran Church, as guest speaker.

In the afternoon a special Forward Dana Rally will be held in the Auditorium, beginning at 2:00 p.m. As a part of this program, the cornerstone will be laid at the new Borup Physical Education Building. Dr. William Larsen of Minneapolis, together with several members of the Dana Board of Regents will be on hand for this event.

The 1961 week-end officially comes to a close on Sunday evening with the reunions of the various Dana Choirs that have toured Europe. Members of these groups will meet for an informal evening in the Lounge of Mickelsen Hall.

Because the traditional Homecoming parade through downtown Blair has been discontinued in favor of campus displays, people in the Blair area are urged to visit the campus during the week-end to view the campus decorations. All week-end events are open to the public and tickets

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Dr. J. P. Nielsen slutter en lang Dags Tjeneste. Fra Good Shepherd Alderdomshjem i Blair meddeles, at dets Bestyrer, Dr. J. P. Nielsen, har indgivet sin Resignation og agter at fratræde til 1. Juni d.A. Han har tjent som saadan siden 1. Marts 1949, da han valgte dertil efter den første Bestyrer, Mr. K. F. Johansens Død. Mrs. Johansen fortsatte som Hjemmets Husmoder og er der fremdeles. Dr. Nielsen var Sjælen i Arbejdet med at faa den nye Hovedbygning opført og det smukke Anlæg udlagt, og han har tjent Anstalten utrættelig baa- de som Administrator og Chaplain i de svundne 7 Aar. Nu er hans Helbred og Syn ikke længere stærk nok dertil, og med 78 Aar bag sig er det vist ogsaa Tid at spænde fra. Faa har tjent, og faar Anledning til at tjene, vor Kirke saa længe og saa værdigt som Pastor Jør-

gen P. Nielsen. Født i Sørbylille paa Sjælland kom han som aarsgammelt Barn med sine Forældre, Peter Nielsens, til Pottawattamie County, Iowa, i 1879, hvor han opvoksede paa deres Farm og fik sin kristelige Opdragelse i deres troende Hjem og i St. Pauli Menighed vest for Neola. Hans aandelige Vækkelse eller Overbevisning tillægger han den nidkære Pastor Laurits Mathiasen, hvis eneste Konfirmand han var i 1892, og det ledte ham ind paa Tanken om at blive Præst og Missionær. Han var en Vinter paa Elk Horn Højskole, saa syv Aar paa Skolen i Blair og eet Aar paa Mt. Airy Seminarium i Philadelphia. Her betjente han vor St. Johannes Mgh. og fik Kald til at være dens Præst, hvorpaa han blev ordineret d. 18. Juni 1905 som eneste Kandidat under Aarsmødet i Cedar Falls, Ia. Han virkede i Philadelphia et Par Aar, blev saa Forstander for Brorson Højskole ved Kenmare, N. D., indtil han fik Kald fra Samfundet til at blive Pastor Winthers Medarbejder i vor Japanmission, hvortil han og hans første Hustru udrejste i Dec. 1909. Her udførte de et dygtigt Arbejde, og Nielsen blev senere Forstander for det fælleslutherske Seminar i Japan en Aarrække, indtil han i 1929 modtog Kald fra vor Kirke til Bestyrerposten for Trinitatis Seminarium i Blair. Som saadan tjente han indtil 1946, da hans Syn svækkedes og han bad om Afsked for at tage Aldershvile, som altsaa ikke helt realiseredes. Han hvi- ler bedst ved sit Arbejde og Gud har velsignet det i