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## The President of Your Alma Mater Reports

The war has brought its changes to the Campus on the Hill. The faculty has been reduced and the student body is much smaller. The girls greatly outnumber the boys, and one after the other of the few boys who do come leave for armed service.

But it will not always be thus! The day will most surely come when once again the dormitory rooms are over-crowded and the dining hall is filled, while classes are once more normal in size. For that day we plan and make constant preparations. We expect many of the men who now wear our nation's uniforms to return to Dana; we expect many a young lady to turn to college when high school is completed. We look for that day to come. We know it is coming.

The most significant evidence of our plans for the future is the fact that a new Administration Building will be built on the Campus on the Hill. The sum of \$150,000, from the Jubilee Fund of our Church, has been ear-marked for a new Ad building. As evidence of this plan, a firm of architects has been engaged—

**Ingemann and Bergstedt of St. Paul, Minnesota, architects to such colleges as Gustavus Adolphus, Augsburg, Concordia, University of Minnesota, Macalester.** This firm has been instructed to make a comprehensive study of the entire campus.

It is to design the new administration building and to plan for future developments on the campus. Just when the new Ad building can be erected is not known, of course, due to war-time restrictions on building materials. It will be built, however, as soon as it is possible and advisable.

It will be good news to alumni to know that the building committee, which the 1944 convention directed, organized and instructed to proceed with building plans, is recommending that "Old Main"—with its memories without number—will not be replaced at present by the new building. Instead, a new site will be selected.

In a more immediate way, preparations are being made on the Campus on the Hill for the day when our veterans return and the enrollment is back to normal. Dana College has been designated an approved college for veterans under the "G.I. Bill of Rights." This means that veterans can come to Dana and receive every benefit available to them under the educational section of the "G.I. Bill of Rights." The curriculum is being revised to meet the needs of students after the war—veterans as well as "civilian" students. The faculty will be enlarged as the student enrollment increases. The first step in this program will be taken at once. For the past two years the science department faculty has been limited to one man. Now another member will be added—in physics and mathematics—for the 1945-46 school year. As soon as the need arises for further additions to the faculty, new members will be added. It is planned to add a Spanish department when normal enrollment is reached.

The library has this school year received many volumes as gifts. Extensive

additions to the biology laboratories will be made for next year. Visual education equipment has been ordered and will be put in use beginning next fall.

The problem of Dana's North Central accreditation is often raised. We were informed the other day that an institution seeking accreditation at this time must have a present enrollment of not less than seventy per cent of its pre-war figure. Since we do not have that percentage yet, we must wait with our application for the survey by the North Central Committee. We had begun to work on the preparation for this survey, but this must now be tabled. Every effort will be made, however, to obtain North Central accreditation as soon as possible. In the meantime, and in this connection, may we refer you to our recent article in the March 19th issue of "The Ansgar Lutheran" on the subject of accreditation. Copies of this article are available to those who do not receive "The Ansgar Lutheran."

The Alumni Association's scholarship project deserves special mention. This year only five of the ten available scholarships were granted. It appears for early applications for the 1945-46 scholarships, however, that all ten will be allowed. Dana College thanks you heartily for encouraging prospective students to come to Dana through these scholarships. We are happy to know that the project is being continued and that contributions are being received for the fund. The alumni of any college are always a strong supporting element. You are doing well! We salute you!

R. E. Morton.

#### REMEMBER THE LIBRARY

Recent additions to the library include a twenty-one volume set of the *Dictionary of American Biography*, purchased by the administration, a twelve-volume set of *History of American Life* (from 1492 to 1928) donated by the History Club, *Pencil Broad-sides* by Kautzky given by

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the faculty women, and James O'Neill's book, *Elements of Speech*, given by L. Siersbeck.

Other gifts include a large number of books belonging to the late Louis Mickelsen of Racine and given to the library by Frank Hengeveld, class of '41, and the sum of twenty-five dollars given by the Chicago Dana Club.

At present we have 12,407 books in our college and seminary library. This is not as many as what could be used, especially if we hope some day to be accredited in the North Central Association. Aren't there other Dana Clubs or individuals who would like to remember the library with funds? Your name or your club's name will be printed on a book plate and pasted in each book donated or purchased.

#### COUNT THE YEARS—

We believe that alumni readers will be interested in a suggestion that was made the other day. The question was raised as to which family or families had the longest record of attendance at Dana. So add up the number of years spent at Dana by each member of your family—father, mother, sisters, brothers, daughters, sons, and “in-laws”—and send your results to the editor. Please include names, years attended, and present whereabouts of each.

Incidentally, all contributions for the July issue should be sent (after May 25) to the editor, Luella K. Nielsen, Box 305, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

#### ON THE HILL—

Traditional “Lilac Time” will be held May 4, 5, and 6. Friday night a picnic will be held at Skull's Gully, Saturday night will be high-lighted by a banquet and garden party, and on Sunday night the choir will give its home concert.

The choir will make a four-day tour, singing in Sioux City, Iowa, and in Laurel, Lindsay, Columbus, and Fremont Bluffs, Nebraska.

Pastor J. M. Girtz of Albert Lea, Minnesota, presented to the *Hermes* staff the document which was responsible for the

beginning of *Hermes* in its present form. It was a petition from the student body presented to the administration in 1919 by Rev. Girtz and Elizabeth Jacobsen (now Mrs. Chris Zander of Omaha), who were then students. The papers have gone around the world with Rev. Girtz twice and have spent twelve years in the Orient. They are now on display in the college library.

A three-act-play, “The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come,” will be presented by the Dramatics Club on May 11.

Faintly reminiscent of *The Sower* of 1942, a freshman anthology entitled *The Reaper* will again be published this year in the form of a mimeographed booklet.

#### NAMES AND NEWS

Charlotte Olsen A/S, '41-'43, has recently entered the WAVES. She is attending the Naval Training School at Bronx, N. Y., and is also a member of the Singing Platoon at Hunter College.

Recuperating in a hospital in England is Private Ray Hansen, '42-'43, who was wounded in action in Germany. He was moved to England by plane.

**Pfc. Arthur Welch, '42-'43, reports that he is at present in a hospital in the Philippines, recuperating from concussion. Two Jap shells exploded a few feet from him while he was in action on one of the fronts in the Philippines. In his latest report he mentions that he is suffering from headaches and deafness in one ear.**

Second Lieutenant Reuben Iversen, '40-'41, was recently stationed on the Marianas Islands in the Pacific. He is a copilot on a B-29 and has made four missions over Japan.

The Public Relations Office of the Pacific Air Transport Command has announced the promotion of Victor E. Lauritsen, '38-'39, to First Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. Lt. Lauritsen received his training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and the Priorities and Traffic School at Hamilton Field, California.

**Lt. Elmer F. Hansen, '37-'38, has completed his training at Roswell, New**

Mexico, and is now awaiting further shipping orders.

Gladys Lyng, '42-'44, recently a student at St. Olaf, left for service with the SPARS on March 8 and is now at Manhattan Beach, New York.

Capt. Leonard Nielsen, '38-'41, has left for overseas service. He was a ferry pilot stationed in Detroit for some time.

**Chosen as one of thirty WAVES to be a Special Guard of Honor at one of former President Roosevelt's birthday balls was Lyla Guyer SP (Q) 1c, '41, who is stationed at Washington, D. C.**

Pfc. Ralph E. Hendricksen is now stationed at Camp Sibert, Alabama. While he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, he had the pleasure of visiting Pacific Lutheran College and renewing his acquaintance with Prof. and Mrs. Gunnar J. Malmin.

Robert Berthelsen, class of '42, was recently commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He's with the Timberwolf Division fighting in Germany.

**Helen E. Pedersen, '38-'39, has been appointed to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps and reported for duty at Camp Carson, Colorado. Following her training period Lt. Pedersen was assigned to a unit now experiencing a critical shortage of nurses at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. She has two brothers also in service. Both of them are medical students in Omaha. Paul, '39-'42, is in the army, and Arthur, '41-'42, is in the navy.**

Pastor Gilbert Jensen (Trinity, class of '43) has resigned his pastorate at Kenmare, North Dakota, in order to accept an appointment as chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

Chaplain Irving Tange (Trinity '39) has been honored with the Silver Star Medal for bravery in action on New Guinea, June 16, 1944.

Our Savior's Church of Audubon, Iowa, has engaged Mrs. Othilia Hauge, '42, to become parish worker. She will take over her duties in June. At present she is teaching at Holliday, North Dakota.

**E. Ruth Andersen (class of '44), is now teaching English in the Mission High School at Oaks, Oklahoma. She is sponsoring publication of the high school's**

**first annual. Nellie Mortensen ('40-'41) is also teaching at Oaks.**

Chaplain Clarence E. Jensen, '38, is back in the United States after seventeen months of service in the European theater of war.

A/S Robert Plugge ( ) is now stationed in Texas. Mrs. Plugge, the former Ellenora Jensen, '41-'42, is teaching a rural school near Kennard. Bob's parents are taking care of little Roger.

Lt. Buck Sorensen, '40, of the Marine Corps visited friends at Dana recently. He has been overseas for two years and took part in the battle of Guam.

**Ewald Sorensen, '42-'43, who is somewhere in Germany, writes that he plans to attend school in either France or England during demobilization. Bob Jensen, '41-'42, and Glenn Neve, '42-'43, are also in Germany.**

Petty Officer and Mrs. Harold Qualsett, '39, now stationed in Des Moines, are the parents of a baby boy born recently.

Recently married at the Kountz Memorial Church in Omaha were Leone Watson, '36-'37, of Decatur, Nebraska, and Frederick E. Robinson, A.M.M. S 2/c, U.S. Navy. Mrs. Robinson taught school after leaving Dana and for the past two years has been attending the University of Nebraska.

**Chester Jensen, '40-'41, has been discharged from the army and is attending St. Olaf under the provisions of the G.I. Bill of Rights. At present he's on tour with the choir.**

Another recent bride was Ellen Danielsen, , who on February 25 married Maurice Rendall, Chief Petty Officer in the Coast Guard. Ellen attended Dana for two years and later received the Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf. She has taught in Montana and Minnesota. At present she's teaching in the junior high school at Albert Lea. After his leave the groom returned to his station at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**Chaplain Adolph S. Petersen, , is now with the U.S. air force in China. He writes that he recently had the privilege of baptizing a Chinese medical officer and his tiny baby.**

Ensign Marshall Compton, '41-'42, and

his wife, the former Betty Young, '42-'43, have been moved from Beaufort, North Carolina, to Hutchinson, Kansas, where he will receive training for the flying of Liberators.

Marian Petersen, class of '36, has been promoted from the rank of Ensign to the rank of Lieutenant (j.g.) in the WAVES. She was transferred from Hunter's College, New York, to Astoria, Oregon.

The Ralph Blairs of McKinney, Texas, are the parents of a baby boy born in January. Mrs. Blair was formerly Elizabeth Christensen, '36-'38. Her husband is a U.S. army doctor.

Alvin Rueter, a graduate of 1942, is a senior at Capitol University Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. On Sundays he preaches at a state institution for the feeble minded. His wife, the former Beulah Nielsen, '40-'41, has a position as secretary for the Columbus Association for the Blind.

George Glarborg, '42-'43, a brother of Earl, '38-'39, has been reported missing in action in France. Arnold Lund, of Denver, Colorado, has also been reported missing.

Since July, 1944, Alton Neve, Aer. M. 2/c (class of '43), has been stationed on Canton Island, 2000 miles south of Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Neve (the former Helen Rebecca Anderson, '43) is teaching in the high school at Lake Mills, Iowa. Some of the interesting items he has sent home are coral, cowrie shells, hand-carved outrigger canoe models, sleeping mats, baskets, a pair of cat's eyes, and a grass skirt.

Lt. Ted Repsholdt, '40-'42, now in Paris, writes that during the past five months he has been to London, Paris, Dijon, Marseilles, Besancon, Vittil, back to London, and now in Paris again. During that time he met Sgt. Sidney Jorgensen, '42-'43, and Lt. Harold (Clint) Hughes, who graduated from Dana in 1941. While in London Ted was jarred out of bed one morning by a V-2. He writes: "I hope to come back to study at the University of Wisconsin. Or if the old gang would go back to Dana for their final year, I would be tempted to join them there."

Three Dana graduates have been teaching in the Blair High School the past

year—Paul Neve, '41, in the music department; Paul Petersen, '41, in the science and athletics department; and Luella Nielsen, '42, in the English department. Another high school faculty member, also in the English department, is Marian Nelson, who attended Dana in 1932-33 and received her degree from the University of Nebraska.

David Simonsen, who graduated from Dana in 1938, received his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska last summer and is now working for the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. His work is the development of a better film base for movie or cine-film. He writes that in his department there are ten Ph.D.'s and numerous technical workers from college graduates to high school students.

Marshall Jensen, '26-'27, of Kennard, and Merrill J. Reeh, '25-'26, of Blair, are now full colonels in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Stationed at an air base in India, Norman C. Bansen, '40-'42, was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in the Army Administrative Corps. He is Civilian Personnel Director in charge of native Indian workers.

Word has been received that Chaplain Einer Romer has arrived in France. He is with an army hospital unit. His daughter Alice, a student at Dana in 1943-44, is working in the office of the superintendent of schools, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Rev. Emery Petersen (Trinity '43) and Mrs. Petersen (Carol Oleson, '35-'36) of Rolfe, Iowa, are the parents of a baby daughter, Naomi Joanne, born February 10.

Two former Dana students, Cpl. Ewald Sorensen and Lt. Grace Klingberg, '42-'43, were pleasantly surprised when they met somewhere in Germany recently.

Now in charge of the medical laboratory of the Kimberly-Clark Paper Mills located in Neenah-Kenosha, Wisconsin, is Dr. Gordon Petersen, '26-'27. Dr. Irvin Tilden, '28-'29, who specialized in medical preparatory while at Dana, has been in Honolulu for the past eight years and is established as a pathologist in a clinic there.

