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Improve the College Library

Alumni have called our attention to the library at Dana. We deeply appreciate the life-giving interest they are showing, for that means that our college will continue to live and serve.

We know that the Dana library is small. It is not our wish, however, that it shall always remain small. We recognize the truth that a limited library means that the development of the students using it will be limited, for books are still the best source for learning the wisdom of the past and of the present.

During past years Dana, through the library committee, has given increasing attention to building up a library worthy of the name. Making use of all contributions and funds available, the committee has sought to acquire books of high and lasting value. Acquisitions of the past few years are evidence that much progress has been made. Students who have been away for several years will be pleasantly surprised at the extent of this progress. But, while Dana has a sound basis of worthwhile books in its library, we know that many more books will be needed to make that library what we should like it to be and what we know it should be. The number of good books that can be added through the use of the

funds regularly allotted to the library—even with synodical help—is comparatively small—too small to make the library what it should be in a few years, especially in view of the effort to secure North Central accreditation in the near future.

Since the Alumni Association has committed itself to the raising of a scholarship fund, it is impossible at this time for the organization as such to sponsor another project. There may be members of the Association, however, who would welcome an opportunity to give a sum of money for the purchase of books. Alumni have served well, individually and through local Dana clubs, in contributing to the growth of our library. They can serve Dana in no better way than by making it possible for her to serve more effectively those students who come to her halls.

One's mind goes on to the thought—what great things could be done in a short time if our alumni would make a unified drive to enlarge the library. It would be an excellent thing if, when our new building rises with its larger and better stacks and facilities, we could also add substantially to the number of books—the real library. The new building is going to be a reality soon. We need those books to fill those shelves.

It should be done, and it can be done. There could be no better way of showing one's appreciation of Dana. What do you say, fellow alumni?

Should you, as an alumnus or former student of Dana, care to make such a gift, either as a lump sum or in smaller amounts as an annual gift over a period of years, you may send your contributions of the college librarian or registrar, and you may feel assured that you are helping your alma mater materially in its effort to do its work better.

Dana College Library Committee.

BACK TO CIVILIAN LIFE

On October 21, almost half the population of Blair turned out to welcome home **T/Sgt. Gifford Dixon**, ex '41, who had been a prisoner of the Japanese for about forty-four months. "Junior" and his parents recently left for Florida by plane, on a vacation provided by the government to all former war prisoners.

Philip Larsen, ex '48, Blair, has been discharged from the Army Air Corps. He is resuming his studies at Dana this semester.

Bob Christensen, ex '43, Racine, Wisconsin, has been discharged and has gone into business with his father.

Now attending Iowa State College at Ames is **Kenneth Tabbersen**, ex '43, of Hutchinson, Minnesota. "Tabby" is planning to go into veterinary surgery.

On October 21 **Reuben Iversen**, ex '43, was discharged from the Army Air Corps. He plans to farm near Shelby, Iowa.

A recent visitor on the Dana campus was **Walter Rasmussen**, ex '38, who was put on the inactive duty list on Dec. 13. He has been with the Navy on landing craft tanks in the Pacific area. Mr. Rasmussen has returned to his teaching position in the mission high school at Oaks, Oklahoma.

Raymond Andersen, ex '41, of Brush, Colorado, who was with the Air Corps in India, will attend the University of Wisconsin next semester.

Since his discharge **Robert Plugge**, ex '44, has been working in Kennard. His wife, formerly **Ellenora Jensen**, ex '45, is teaching in a rural school near Kennard. They have one young son.

A number of chaplains have been discharged recently, and some have accepted calls. **Rev. Elmer Andersen** will go to Milltown, Wisconsin, and **Rev. Verner**

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Carlsen, '36, to Kenmare, North Dakota. **Rev. Paul Rasmussen**, ex '30, has returned to Our Savior's in Chicago. **Pastors William Larsen**, '33, and **Lauritz Pedersen**, ex '28, have returned from overseas and will be discharged soon.

Sidney Jorgensen, ex '45, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin, and **Emerald (Bud) Hansen**, ex '47, Hampton, Nebraska, will be among those who will return to Dana next semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Welch are now living in Arcata, California. **Arthur**, ex '44, a returned veteran, has work in Eureka. **Mrs. Welch**, formerly **Marie Nielsen**, ex '44, is teaching the third grade in Samoa.

Alton Neve, '43, received his discharge from the Navy late in December. He has joined his wife, the former **Helen Rebecca Anderson**, '43, of Albert Lea, Minnesota, who is teaching in the high school at Lake Mills, Iowa. **Becky** had a stroke of bad luck, however; she underwent an emergency appendectomy shortly after **Alton's** return.

Lyla Guyer, ex '44, of Blair, Nebraska, has received her discharge from the WAVES and plans to enroll at Nebraska Wesleyan for the second semester.

After his discharge next month, **Ethan Svendsen**, '41, plans to attend the University of Minnesota and work towards his Master's Degree.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Although many of our former students are returning to school and other civilian pursuits, we still receive news of alumni in far away places.

With the Army in Korea is **Gerald Hatt**, ex '47, of Dannebrog, Nebraska. **Norman Jensen**, also ex '47, of Cordova, Nebraska, recently re-enlisted in the Army and expects to go overseas soon.

Captain Leonard Nielsen, ex '42, Farmington, Minnesota, is with the Army of Occupation in Germany. **Mrs. Nielsen**

(**Alice Traum**, ex '40) is now teaching in Avoca, Iowa.

Lt. Irene Jensen, '41, Audubon, Iowa, a dietician in the Army Nurse Corps, is stationed at Kure, Japan, very near Hiroshima. She writes that she was flown to the hospital, which is located at the foot of a large mountain on an island, in a C-46 in time for Thanksgiving. **Irene** was a member of the 1935 choir which toured Denmark.

Another alumna who is with the Army Nurse Corps in Japan is **Dorothy Otto**, ex '42, Albert Lea, Minnesota. Her sister, **Bernadean**, ex '38, is serving as parish worker in an American Lutheran Church in Canton, Ohio.

The parents of **Lt. Helen Pedersen**, ex '42, Blair, have received word that she is on her way back to the United States from Mindoro where she has been stationed. **Helen's** brother **Paul**, ex '42, completed his medical course in Omaha and is now interning in Chicago.

It's now **Captain Norman C. Bansen**, ex '43, in Bengal. **Norman** received his promotion shortly before Christmas. He's been doing considerable traveling in India—visiting **Pastor Eie** and **Dr. Pedersen** at our mission in Assam, taking a brief look at Mount Everest in the Himalayas, and flying down to Rangoon, Burma. He hopes to return to the States sometime this spring.

First Lt. Bob Hogzett, '42, is stationed in San Antonio, Texas, in charge of returning prisoners of war.

S 2/c Jens P. Madsen, ex '48, who is in the Navy, is now stationed in the Philippines.

Dr. Marie Simonsen, Blair, Nebraska, is now a Navy doctor, stationed in Philadelphia. She's engaged in the rehabilitation of returned veterans, specializing in psychiatric work.

T/5 Howard Jensen, ex '45, has received the United States European Theater of Operations Athletic Award for the Seine Section Football Champions. He is with the Engineer Combat Battalion

in Engheim, France. He spent several days at Arosa, a famous ski resort in the Swiss Alps, and writes that he likes Switzerland better than England, Belgium, Germany or France. Howard entered military service in 1943 and expects to be discharged sometime in May.

Marshall Compton, ex '45, Blair, recently received a discharge from the Navy. He has accepted a position with the Rivett Lumber Company at Elgin, Nebraska. Mrs. Compton is the former Bette Young, ex '46.



Lt. Ted Repsholdt, ex '43, writes from Berlin on official Nazi stationery—once used at the Reichs-Chancellory: "Travelling as I have been doing has given me the opportunity to see how deeply and how permanently a Fascist philosophy can pervert a national life and culture.

"My greatest single experience was attending a German trade union meeting in Berlin. There I saw the very elemental beginning of democracy at work. The two organizers were originally a part of the Thaelmann Brigade which fought against Franco. They were captured, escaped into France, and arrested by the Germans in 1942. After three years in Dachau, we finally were able to liberate them. They returned to Berlin to begin again their trade union which was smashed in 1933.

"Those men are the real heroes in Germany today. Despite all they have

gone through for a democratic ideal, they are the first to accept national guilt—saying, 'We didn't do enough.' Already they have formed a strong organization, using a ballot system of election, have pledged themselves to certain reforms of industry."

Word has been received that Pfc. **Vernon Robeson**, Blair, ex '41, is on his way home from France where he has been attending school. His wife is the former Mildred Peck, also of Blair, ex '42.

ENGAGEMENTS AND MARRIAGES

Announcement has been made of the engagement of **Audrey Jorgensen**, ex '47, to **Cpl. Albert Rasmussen**, ex '45. Audrey is teaching in Geneva, Minnesota, and Al is stationed at Fitzsimmons Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

Agnes Mary Mackeprang, ex '44, was married on August 19 to Robert Sass of Bennington, Nebraska. They are living in Benson, Nebraska.

Reynold Tange, ex '44, and **Ruth Svendsen**, ex '43, were married November 17 in Hutchinson, Minnesota. They are making their home in Blair, and Reynold is resuming his studies at Dana.

The engagement of Ensign **Johanne Jessen**, ex '44, now stationed at Balboa Park Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, to Gerald Olsen, Culbertson, Montana, was announced recently. Gerald, who is a brother of **Rev. Einer Olsen**, has received a discharge after nearly four years of service in the Navy and is now attending Montana State College to receive his B.Sc. degree in horticulture.

Rev. and Mrs. V. R. Staby of Kimballton, Iowa, have announced the engagement of their daughter, **Mildred**, to Warren Nelson of Westbrook, Maine. An April wedding is planned. Mr. Nelson served in the South Pacific for thirty-five months. Mildred, ex '46, has been working at the Publishing House in Blair. They will live in Westbrook.

CRADLE ROLL

There will be no man shortage on the Dana campus in about eighteen or twenty years—if the birth statistics of the past few months are any indication. New sons outnumber new daughters two to one.

On September 30, a son, Ethan Andrew, was born to **Chaplain and Mrs. Edwin (Red) Svendsen**. Chaplain Svendsen is now stationed in Virginia.

Rev. and Mrs. Hans O. Carlsen of Swan River, Manitoba, Canada, are the parents of a son, Edwin Franklin, born in October; and **Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Hansen** (formerly **D. Florence Hansen**, ex '45) of Underwood, Iowa, have a son, Donald Eugene, born November 24. **Chaplain and Mrs. Gilbert A. Jensen's** son, Jonathan Eugene, was born December 5.

Also parents of a baby boy are **Professor and Mrs. Elmer Rasmussen** of Blair. His name is Richard Victor and he's now two months old. Mrs. Rasmussen was formerly **Myrtle Lee**, who completed a two-year teachers training course at Dana in 1938. Prof. Rasmussen, who is now head of the education department at Dana, was a member of the class of '39. He received his M.A. degree at Columbia University, N. Y. The Rasmussens have two other children, Phyllis and David.

Parents of a daughter are **Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Rueter**, Monterey Park, California. She was born Jan. 7 and has been named Judith Elaine. Alvin, who received his B.A. at Dana in 1942, attended the seminary to Capital University in Ohio and was recently ordained to the ministry of the A.L.C. Mrs. Rueter was **Beulah Nielsen**, Ringsted, Iowa, ex '44, before her marriage.

Pfc. and Mrs. Donald Jensen (**Genevieve Skau**, ex '42), Blair, Nebraska, are also the parents of a daughter, Betty Marie, born September 20. Pfc. Jensen is with the army of occupation in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larsen (**Elsie Bondo**) of Toronto, Canada, are the parents of a third child, Margaret Irene, born in August. Their oldest is a son, Richard;

and they have another daughter, Anne Elizabeth.

Another August arrival was that of Lloyd Victor, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Uppie) Olsen**, Racine, Wisconsin. Mr. Olsen graduated from Dana in 1934, and Mrs. Olsen (**Ruth Vig**) attended in 1935 and 1936. They have two older children, Roger and Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. **Ivan Johansen** of Cheyenne, Wyoming, are the parents of three boys, Ivan, Charles and Mark. Mrs. Johansen was formerly **Agnes Petersen**.

RANDOM NOTES

Lily Nielsen, ex '47, who came to Dana from Fortuna, California, is now at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, where she is preparing herself for social work.

In attendance at the Luther League convention at Dana in February will be **Helen Margaret Jacobsen**, ex '41, who has returned to the United States from her mission post in Numan, Nigeria, West Africa.

A visitor to the campus in November was **Lucy Anne Poucher**, ex '43, of Tekamah, Nebraska. She's working for an optometrist in Fredonia, New York.

Joanne Jensen, ex '44, of Blair, Nebraska, is working in the Mead Ordinance Plant, where she has held a position since she left Dana in May, 1942.

On Sunday, November 25, **Milton Petersen**, '43, was ordained in Falmouth, Maine; he took over his charge in West Branch, Iowa, in December.

Clarice Sommers, ex '45, is teaching in the junior high school in South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Among the Homecoming guests was **Eleanor Jensen**, ex '44, of Chicago, Illinois. Eleanor is working for the U. S. Treasury Department in Chicago.

Two of the soloists in "the Messiah" presented in the college auditorium on December 16 were former Dana students,

Gladys Moore Berger, soprano (who also taught voice at Dana for several years), and her cousin, **Ruth Moore Blanchard**, contralto.

Another visitor on the campus was **Margaret Jensen**, ex '48, of Spencer, Iowa. Margaret is working in the Lutheran Welfare office in Spencer.

A recent graduate from nurses' training at the Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska, was **Vera Mae Johansen**, ex '45.

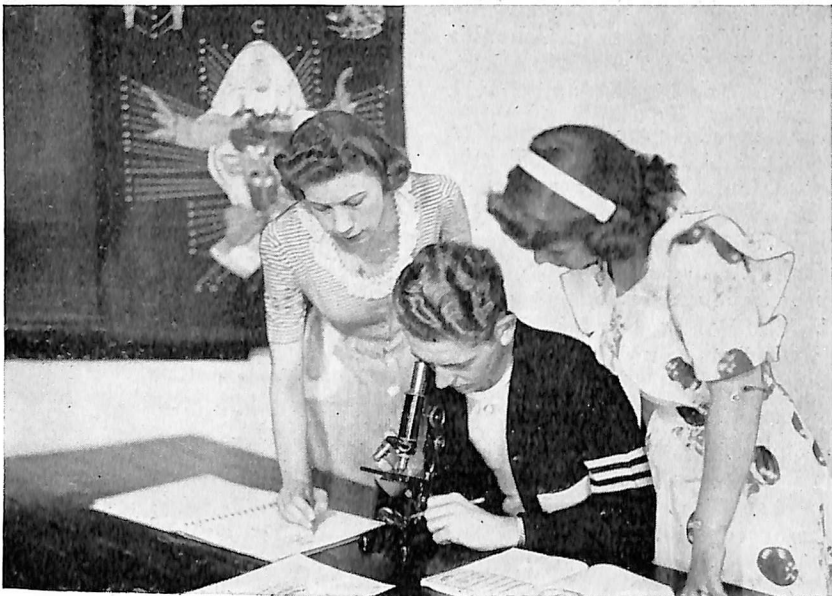
Oscar Johnson has resumed his seminary work at Mt. Airy in Philadelphia. He took over Rev. Ervin Bondo's work in the National Lutheran Council chapel in Willow Run, Michigan, last summer.

Ed Feer, ex '43, of Blair, Nebraska, has been placed on inactive duty with the air force reserve after having served many months at Clovis, New Mexico, as a plane commander of B-29 crews. He's now at Baker's Field, California, and has a position in the publicity division of the Chamber of Commerce.

SCIENCE COURSES EXPAND

With the special emphasis that is being placed upon the zoological sciences at Dana College, that department promises to become one of the outstanding departments of its kind in Nebraska colleges. Among the new courses added in the scientific field are embryology, histology, parasitology, and bacteriology—all of which are offered as five credit-hour courses.

Under the direction of Professor H. A. Ludwig, laboratory work will predominate in the science courses as a large stock of equipment has been secured for such work. New microscopes and equipment for making slides have been added, and a complete slide library will be made by students studying histology. In keeping with new educational methods, a projector and slides have been purchased for this department.



DANA ENROLLMENT RAISED ABOUT THIRTY PERCENT

Registrar F. H. Larsen reports that the enrollment at the college was raised thirty percent at the beginning of the second semester. Most of the thirty new students are men returning from the armed forces or girls who have been employed in industries affected by the war.

A number of these second semester students were in attendance at Dana before they entered the service. They are Allen Hansen, junior, from Elk Horn, Iowa; Ernest Hansen, senior, Portland, Maine; Norman Hansen, freshman, Fresno, California; Sidney Jorgensen, freshman, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin; Paul Larsen, junior, Chicago, Illinois; Philip Larsen, freshman, Blair, Nebraska; Raymond Paulson, junior, Blair, Nebraska; Ewald Sorensen, sophomore, Racine, Wisconsin; and Reynold Tange, sophomore, Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Among the students attending Dana for the first time, there are several who are brothers of Dana alumni: John Beck, freshman, Fremont, Nebraska, is a brother of Marc, ex '45; Harold Johnson, freshman, Afton, is a brother of Oscar, class of '44; and Merle Nielsen, freshman, Laurel, Nebraska, claims Lydia and Lela, class of '43, as sisters.

Other second semester registrants are Ivan R. Andersen, freshman, Kennard, Nebraska; Fred Abrell, freshman, Harlan, Iowa; Leona Christensen, freshman, Blair, Nebraska; Ruth Crantz, freshman, Holdrege, Nebraska; Bettye Duncan, freshman, Buffalo, Wyoming; Jack Goldammer, junior, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin; Curtis Johnson, freshman, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Geraldine Johnson, freshman, Ringsted, Iowa; Patricia McCord, freshman, Blair, Nebraska; Archie Madsen, sophomore, Hampton, Nebraska; Nellie Nielsen, sophomore, Oak Park, Illinois; Rosemary Petersen, special, Blair, Nebraska; Jo Ann Rasmussen, freshman, Atlantic, Iowa; Marian Schou, freshman, Fremont, Nebraska; Nedra Siert, freshman, Blair, Nebraska; Rhoda Sorensen, freshman, Racine, Nebraska; and DeWayne Wert, freshman, Hampton, Nebraska.

NEW SNACK BAR PROVES POPULAR SPOT AT DANA

"Dana was never like this in our day," observed Allen (Elk Horn) Hansen, ex '43, to Paul (Pars) Larsen, ex '45, as they seated themselves at the counter of the new college canteen, located on the ground floor of the south wing of the administration building, in what was once known as the town boys' room.

Former town boys returning to their haunts would scarcely recognize the room as being the same place. It has been completely renovated with the help of counters, shelves, stools, tables, chairs, and bright linoleum. Gay oil paintings of ships, clowns, balloons, and animals decorate the walls. These free-hand drawings, five by three feet in size, were made by members of the art class.

Central attention of course is the Snack Bar for serving coffee, pastries, ice cream, candy, soft drinks and other tasty snacks intended to tide the always hungry college youth over until meal time. All lunches and confections are sold at standard prices. Profits will go to pay off the investment in equipment. After that is taken care of, profits will be used for further improvements and for recreational facilities for the students.

The canteen is under the management of Allison Hansen, pre-seminarian from Kansas City. He is assisted by six waitresses who work in shifts during the day and evening.

Another innovation in the line of student refreshment is a coca cola dispenser located in the lower hall of the ad building.

THE BUILDING PROGRAM AT DANA COLLEGE

A recent issue of the college bulletin featured the building program at Dana College. Not much can be added to this report at this time. It is expected, however, that when the next issue of "The Alumni" appears, we will be able to give you some definite announcements

regarding the building program. The building committee meets at Dana early in February to receive from the architects preliminary drawings and sketches of the building. This much can be said at this time, that the new building—to be built, we think, north of the pavement which leads to the campus—will house, first, the administrative offices for both the college and the seminary. Next, adequate and fireproof facilities for the libraries will be provided. Stack space will be sufficient to accommodate 30,000 volumes. A spacious reading and reference room will seat 100 students at a time. In addition, at least seven class rooms will be provided in the new building, besides a number of faculty offices. A book store and the college post office will be housed on the ground floor.

As stated in a previous issue of "The Alumni", the building committee will recommend that "Old Main" be retained for the present. It will be used for class rooms, faculty offices and such additional space as may be needed by organizations like the "Hermes" and "Danian".

A number of interested alumni have inquired of us how they might help in a special way to equip the new building. Several alumni have contributed gifts to be used in equipping various offices in the new building. This is a splendid idea, it seems to us, and we pass it along. There might be other alumni who will want to provide something "special" in the new building. Why not begin a fund at the college office to which you may make contributions at any time, which will be used to equip one or another office or classroom? For full particulars, write to the undersigned.

R. E. Morton.

UP-TO-DATE LIBRARY NEWS

We have, to date, 9460 books in the college library and 3163 in the seminary library, making a total of 12,623 books that are accessible to the college students.

Our only contribution this year so far, is the gift of Miss Caroline Johnson's library, given to us by her relatives. It consists of approximately 300 books. Many of these have not yet been cataloged so are not added to the library, but soon will be.

We have very much appreciated the contributions made to our library each year, by the Dana Clubs of Chicago and of Minneapolis, as well as the several individuals who have given us gifts. We hope you will keep up the good work.

Dana College Librarian.

FROM THE EDITOR—

You will notice that we have tried to center this issue of **The Alumni** around the college library. Please notice also that although the new library in the proposed administration building will provide space for approximately 30,000 volumes, we still possess only about one third of that number. Shall we do something about it? Not only can we make gifts as individuals, but perhaps we can be instrumental in persuading church organizations of which we are members to contribute to the cause.

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