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Come home to see campus construction --

300 Guests Expected at Homecoming

On the northeast slope of College Hill the walls of the quarter-million-dollar administration-library building are beginning to rise above the level of the soil. Masonry work began the first part of the month and the piles of brick on the campus are slowly taking form as walls of Dana's new tower-crowned building. So that former students may see this beginning of a new era of building on the campus, plans are being made to house the largest group of Homecomers in Dana history. A total of 300 guests is expected.

Dr. Silas Andersen, eminent Minneapolis surgeon and son of the founder of Dana, will be the guest speaker at the Saturday night buffet dinner for which it is estimated 600 will gather. The theme of the 7 o'clock event, which will be held in the gymnasium, will be "Your labor is for future hours."

The Friday evening program will be followed by a pep rally. Saturday afternoon the parade of floats will lead students and guests through the streets of Blair to the Dana-McCook football game, scheduled for 2:30 o'clock. A special meeting of the Alumni Association will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Sunday morning's Homecoming worship service will be held in the auditorium. A musical program Sunday afternoon will close the weekend of festivities.

In order to encourage older alumni to return this year, arrangements are being made for accommodations in alumni homes in Blair, at the Clifton Hotel, and at auto camps. There will be the usual dormitory accommodations for younger alumni. In completing the reservation form on page 8, indicate what type of accommodation you desire.

"P. V." to be Director of Drive for Funds

Known as "P.V." to a host of alumni from his twelve years as Dana's genial registrar and business manager, Mr. Paul V. Hansen will be back working for the cause of a greater Dana as he heads the drive to raise the \$190,000 combined Church Extension and Dana Building Fund voted at this summer's synodical convention. Of this sum, \$105,000 has been designated for the completion of the quarter-million-dollar administration-library building on the campus.

Mr. Hansen, an associate in the real estate and insurance firm of Guyer and Hansen, will spend three months away from his business beginning October 15 in or-

der to devote full time to the drive.

A graduate of Dana's two year business course in 1922, he has had wide experience in salesmanship. Following his resignation as registrar in 1945, he was a Public Auditor in Omaha for a year. In 1946 he and his associate purchased the N. T. Lund Real Estate and Insurance Company.

Plans are being formulated for the drive and for publicity. Alumni on the mailing list will receive information as the drive begins and progresses.

This is the year of opportunity for our college. Our generous support now will prove that we have accepted the challenge to go forward.

Last minute news: Ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone of the new building will be held Sunday afternoon of Homecoming.

Eight New Members Added to Staff Make It Largest in Dana History

Eight new members make this year's Dana faculty and staff the largest in the history of the school.

Professor of Classical Languages is Dr. Edward F. Hills, who holds the degree of Doctor of Theology from Harvard University—the oldest and one of the most difficult to secure of that university's degrees. He also possesses degrees of Master of Theology from Columbia Seminary, Bachelor of Theology from Westminster Seminary, and Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Hills comes to Blair from Oak Park, Illinois.

Extensive study in Europe marks the extension of Dana's new Professor of Modern Languages, Dr. Anna M. Schnelle. Her study has included work at the University of Paris, London's Royal College, and three and one-half years at the University of California, where she received her B.A. and M.A. degrees. In 1938 she received a Ph.D. degree at the University of Berlin. Since that time she has taught at Oregon State, the Lewis Institute, and for the past year at Defiance College, in Defiance, Ohio.

Miss Viola Thiel, who will be an assistant professor in the English Department, has her B.A. degree from Hamline University and her M.A. from the University of Minnesota. During the past year she was a teaching assistant at Minnesota, where she has also taught in the extension division.

Most recent addition to the teaching staff is Mr. Kenneth E. Hansen, Professor of Physics and Mathematics. Mr. Hansen received his undergraduate education at Kearney State Teachers' College and has done graduate study at Colorado State College of Education at Greeley. An electrical engineering course at Grove City

College in Pennsylvania was followed by research in electronics at Columbia University Laboratories and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During four years with the Navy as an aviation electronics technician, he saw overseas duty in Africa and Europe and was an instructor at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Corpus Christi.

Filling the position of Dean of Men is Mr. Arthur C. Ranheim, who will also be an assistant professor in the Department of Education. He received his B.A. degree from St. Olaf College and his M.A. in the field of education from the University of Minnesota. He has served as principal and superintendent of schools in Minnesota.

Mrs. Mary Lundsberg of Los Angeles, California, is the new Dean of Women. A native of Chicago, Mrs. Lundsberg has had wide experience in personnel work and camp organization in the Midwest. While in California, she held a position in the Los Angeles Greater Church Federation office. Many people may know her from her work in the national Women's Missionary Society.

Also new on the Dana staff is Norman Bansen, director of the newly created Department of Public Relations and executive secretary of the Alumni Association. He earned his B.A. at Dana last June, and has attended summer sessions at the University of California and the University of Minnesota.

Mrs. C. Arthur Christiansen completes the 1947-48 staff as college nurse. Before her marriage Mrs. Christiansen was Miss Gwen Lindholm of Audubon, Iowa. She attended Dana in 1942-43 and received her nurses' training at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. Mr. Christiansen is a student at Dana.

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Science Departments Receive \$10,000 Gift of Electronic Equipment

Nearly ten thousand dollars worth of electronic equipment was added to the science departments of Dana College recently, with no cost to the college itself except payment of the freight bill from Kansas City. This equipment, most of which was received in the original sealed containers, was secured from the Federal Works Agency. The majority of the items have never been used and are in the best of condition.

With some alterations and additions, the equipment will prove valuable for laboratory use. In the chemistry department work has already been started on a D. C. generator for use in separating cations in electrolytic solutions. This generator will be constructed by using several of the newly acquired items, combining them to create a source of direct current over which the operator will have very accurate control.

The principal items in the shipment include a transmitter-receiver combination with mobile gasoline-driven 110 volt AC generator, six ultra-high frequency portable transmitter-receiver combinations, tube-tester and voltmeter, volt-ohm-milliammeters, radio-frequency signal generator, dynamotors, head phones, telephone switchboard and handsets. Also a part of the consignment were hundreds of vacuum and gaseous tubes, ranging from large transmitting types to small "acorn" and "peanut" types, cathode-ray tubes, condensers, resistors, and accurately ground quartz crystals used for accurate control of frequency output.

Three other schools in this territory received similar equipment. They were Creighton University, Omaha University, and Morningside College in Sioux City. A carload shipment was divided among the four institutions.

Building to Continue Through Winter Months

All exterior footings and foundations are complete on the new administration-library building now being erected on College Hill by the Korshoj Construction Company, it was reported the first of the month by Del Chapin, construction superintendent. Load-bearing brick partitions have been started.

Work on the floor-forming for the reinforced concrete joists and beams of the second floor began the week of October 6th.

Although it is anticipated that only the second floor will be in place by cold weather, work will continue on the entire building throughout the winter months. Men and equipment will remain on the site working either inside or outside as the weather permits.

Record Enrollment of 292 Despite Crowding

The 292 students enrolled for the first semester set an all-time record, topping last year's record of 275 students enrolled at this time.

Veteran registration has decreased this year to 97 from last year's 114. Students last year came from twenty states, Canada, and the Philippine Republic. This fact remains the same, with the addition of two students from Denmark. The enrollment from distant states is, as always, impressive. 11 students are from Maine, 7 from California, 6 each from Montana and New York, and 3 from the province of Alberta.

The fact that students ignore crowded conditions and are returning for upperclass work in ever increasing numbers is a tribute to the type of training Dana offers.

News from Dana Clubs

DENVER. "Dana Today" was the theme of a talk by Dr. Harold Sorensen at the September 23 meeting of the Denver Dana Club. The entire congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church was invited. The showing of recent movies of the campus completed the evening.

The secretary, Virginia Jensen, reports definite progress in the club's project of furnishing an office in the new administration-library building.

CHICAGO. A 5:30 fellowship supper, a Dana film, and a talk by the executive secretary of the Alumni Association will be featured when the Chicago Dana Club meets for a Dana Night on Sunday, October 19th at Golgotha Lutheran Church.

An annual project of this club has been a contribution to the Dana College Library.

CLUBS, NEWS, ADDRESSES

The task of building up a larger mailing list of alumni is underway. This will enable us to determine the distribution and concentration of alumni in different sections of the United States and Canada as a basis for planning the organization of new Dana Clubs. By the end of this school year we hope to have at least ten active clubs and more being organized.

I would welcome letters from alumni with suggestions for meetings, alumni projects, and—for the sake of the bulletin—news about former students. If you know any former students who are not receiving the Alumni Bulletin, please send us their names and complete addresses.

—Norman C. Bansen.

LYCEUM SERIES, 1947-48

Sept. 26, 1947	Dr. Henry Goddard Leach
Oct. 28, 1947	Viennese Trio
Nov. 12, 1947	Seumas MacManus
Dec. 14, 1947	"The Messiah"
Jan. 27, 1948	Herman Berg
Feb. 18, 1948	Mozart Trio
Mar. 8, 1948	Chicago Little Philharmonic Orchestra
Apr. 8, 1948	Tom and Ruth Blanchard
May 2, 1948	Music Festival

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE, 1947

Home

Oct. 3	*Fairbury Junior College
Oct. 16	Doane College "B" Team
Oct. 25	*McCook Junior College
(Homecoming Game, 2:30 P.M.)	
Nov. 6	Omaha University "B" Team
Nov. 14	*Nebraska Central College

Away

Sept. 26	Tarkio College
Oct. 10	*Norfolk Junior College
Oct. 31	*Concordia Teachers' College
* Conference Games	

All home games will be played at
BLAIR HIGH FIELD

Kickoff at 8 P.M., except Homecoming Game

These schedules are printed here for the information of alumni who live within driving distance of Dana. We will be happy to see you at these events during the year.

Iowa U. Prof. Offers Sower Awards For Best Poetry, Prose Selections



Dana's good friend Joseph Langland on a Homecoming hike to the summit of College Hill last October.

Former Dana English Professor, Joseph T. Langland, now Assistant to the Writer's Workshop program at the University of Iowa, still feels an interest in the welfare of Dana. He has shown this interest in a constructive way by offering twenty-five dollars for the best poem published annually in **The Sower** and twenty-five dollars for the best short story or creative essay in the same publication, beginning with the present academic school year.

In a recent letter to President Morton, Mr. Langland writes: "The Sower Poetry Award and the Sower Prose Award are intended to serve several purposes: encourage good creative writing; attract students, especially those of high creative intelligence, to Dana; bolster **The Sower** in its publication infancy, with the additional hope that it will become a semi-annual publication appearing at the end of each semester; and give Dana College an additional concrete opportunity to honor its creative thinkers.

"Unofficially, I am thinking of these prizes as beginnings. I feel that eventu-

ally there should be a fifty dollar award in poetry, in short story, and in essay, that there should be a similar yearly award for the student who annually shows the most promise in art, and certainly another for accomplishment and promise in the field of music, either in composition or vocal or instrumental performance. . . . Possibly some other interested alumni are in a position to offer these in art and music. I think it is wise to attach value in a total cultural and material sense to creative achievements in these fields."

The Sower, Dana's literary publication, made its initial appearance in 1942 under the direction of Professor Langland, who was head of the college English Department at that time. Lois Carlsen, now Mrs. Harold Sorensen, edited the first **Sower**. During the war years the project was abandoned, but it re-appeared last year under the editorship of a staff composed of Alice Romer, Patricia Quist, Fred Bregelman, and John Nielsen. Miss Louise Woeppel and Miss Nellie Falk were advisors for the 1947 publication.

Minor Improvements Not Neglected

A new parking lot along the gymnasium road was added to the campus this summer. This lot and all roads were gravelled. A new roof has been put on the gymnasium and a culvert in front of that building has made possible the filling in of the deep ditch there. Soil from the new building site has been filled in on the tennis courts in preparation for pouring cement for the new courts.

The kitchen and dining hall received a share of improvements. New drapes, venetian blinds, and table cloths decorate the dining hall. In the kitchen a dish-washing machine, an automatic toaster and a new set of silverware have been added.

'Hail Dana' Reminds Guest of Cornell's School Song

"Your 'Hail Dana' has all the thrill of 'Far Beyond Cayuga's Waters,'" said Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, distinguished visitor to the Dana campus in September. Dr. Leach, former editor of **Forum** and **Century** magazines and president emeritus of the American-Scandinavian Foundation wears the gold ring of Upsala, signifying the only honorary degree awarded to a foreigner on the occasion of that university's 350th anniversary in 1945. He lectured at Dana on the social and economic aspects of Scandinavian civilization.

The kindly scholar's sparkling sense of humor, his penetrating knowledge in many fields, and his wide contacts and experience appealed to the students who heard him lecture and met him informally on the campus. He spoke of casual visits

with the crowned heads of northern Europe and of personal acquaintance with the great names of America, yet his warm humanity made one feel that he was truly a man who could "walk with kings—nor lose the common touch."

As he left the Omaha airport to continue his lecture series at the University of Kansas City he characterized Dana as being "the stronghold of all that is finest in the Danish-American tradition." Dr. Leach liked the "clear-eyed, clean-cut vitality" of the student group, the zest that is a part of singing here, and the "unsentimental patriotism" with which the Dana song is sung. He said it is one of the finest school songs he has heard and that it captures the very spirit of Dana.

Several Faculty Members Go East For Summer Graduate Study

Others Attend Mid-Western Universities

Most of the regular members of the Dana College faculty devoted their summer vacations to graduate study or specialized independent research.

Farthest away from the Dana hill during these summer months was Rev. Vernon L. Strempek, of the department of sociology, who enrolled for graduate work in pastoral psychology at Boston University School of Theology.

Also at work in the East, this time in New York, were Miss Marie Tucker, studying biology at Cornell University, and Miss Louise Woepfel, studying music education at the Eastman School of Music.

Miss Nellie Falk, head of the English department, attended the first summer session of the University of Minnesota for conferences and observation of the latest trends in the teaching of literature.

Two faculty members did their graduate work at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Frank Hengeveld pursued a course of

special study in chemistry there, and Coach Paul Peterson did work in physical education and administration.

Prof. M. J. Widman of the Music department was at DePaul University in Chicago engaged in graduate work at the school of music.

Nor were the Trinity Seminary professors idle. Dean T. I. Jensen attended Maywood Seminary in Chicago for graduate work in systematic theology while Dr. C. B. Larsen was engaged in special research on the subject of apocalypics at Princeton University Theological Seminary. Rev. Paul C. Nyholm spent several weeks of research in the library of the Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Although remaining in Blair, Rev. C. C. Madsen continued advanced study in psychology of religion under the direction of the faculty of Kansas City's Central Theological Seminary.

ALUMNI NOTES

Ethar Svendsen, '41, who received the M.A. degree at the July 24 commencement at the University of Minnesota, is teaching in his specialty of industrial arts at Indiana State at Terre Haute.

Summer session at Minnesota proved to be almost a Dana reunion. **Miss Nellie Falk** of the English department was there; so were **Ejna Bondo**, '42, former Dana nurse; **Virginia Madsen**, ex '40, **Kermit Hansen**, ex '42, and **Norman Bansen**, '47.

Major and Mrs. (nee **Alice Traum**) **Leonard Nielsen** returned in August from an extended residence in Europe, where Leonard served with the Air Corps.

Ed Feer, ex '41, sales manager of the Baker, Adams Motor Company of Bakersfield, California, has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of that western city.

Howard Mickelsen, '41, spent the summer at Colorado State College of Education and in training with reserve officers at the ATC Base, Topeka, Kansas. He is back at Colorado State this fall to complete work on the master's degree in educational administration.

Norman Johnson, ex '40, is attending Wartburg College at Waverly, Iowa. Mrs. Johnson, formerly **Mildred Hansen** of Moorhead, Iowa, and a student in '42-'43, is working in the office of Lutheran Mutual Insurance at Waverly.

After working in the office of Lutheran Charities in Detroit since June, **Dolores Jensen**, ex '47, will return to Blair to resume work at the Lutheran Publishing House.

Mapleton, Iowa, is the new home of the **Viggo Carlsen** Family. Mr. Carlsen is now music instructor in the public schools there.

Ethan Hansen, ex '46, of Dannebrog is leaving for Washington, D.C., for Civil Service training in male nursing.

Doris Johnson, ex '46, and **Earl Nelson**, ex '47, were married at Moorhead, Iowa,

on August 24. They are living in Milwaukee where Earl is attending State Teachers' College.

August 17 was the wedding date for **Lorraine Sandburg**, ex '46, and **Archie Madsen**; they were married in Council Bluffs. Archie is still attending Dana and Lorraine is teaching third grade in the Blair Public Schools.

Also beginning their first year in the Blair schools are **Eunice Carlsen Larsen**, ex '45, who is teaching junior high school social science and **Thorkild Kastrup**, '47, who is teaching high school mathematics.

Former student body president **Jim Stone**, '47, is teaching history in the Stanton High School.

Teaching English in the same Nebraska High school is **John Nielsen**, '47, who, together with **Franklin Highby**, '48, spent an adventurous and fortunate thirteen days vagabonding through the central Atlantic states in August. Equipped with tents and a zest for travel, the two reported such varied experiences as dinner in a gracious southern mansion and a night sleeping by the breakers on an Atlantic beach.

NOTICE TO FORMER "D" MEMBERS

Through contributions from members and former members of the D Club, a total of \$175 has been paid for the memorial time clock in the gymnasium. A balance of \$125 remains to be paid before January 1. This clock, which has been in use since last winter, is a memorial to D men who gave their lives in World War II. Contributions to the project are still welcomed.

Lawrence C. Nelsen
President, D Club

Another summer adventurer was **Arne Voetmann**, '36, president of the Chicago Dana Club. With his wife and eight year old daughter he spent two weeks in July cruising in the Polaris in the Green Bay area of Lake Michigan. While holing up at Washington Island the family was spotted by Rev. Leo Andersen, '39, who was surveying the island domain in his outboard.

Bill Pearson, ex '47, and Wayne Christensen, student at Dana, flew to Alaska at the end of the last school year. They spent the summer working for the U. S. Army in Air Corps Supply and returned again to the United States by way of Canada, following the Alcan Highway for 2000 miles. Even from the air, they reported, it seemed to be in poor condition in many sections.

Elizabeth J. Hansen, '47, is teaching in the high school at Oswego, Oregon. **Margorie Hansen**, ex '43, her sister, is a nurse at the Veterans Hospital in Portland, Oregon.

Dorothy Paulsen, ex '47, and **Shirley Holman**, ex '47, are employed at the Mutual Insurance Company in Omaha.

Jeanette Christensen, ex '47, has a position in the County Treasurer's Office at Minden, Nebraska.

Rev. Lloyd Neve visited the campus enroute to Columbia University, where he has enrolled for graduate study before going to Japan as a missionary. Lloyd, national LSA president the past year, brought a report from the Ashram at

Asilomar, California, to the local chapter.

Rev. and Mrs. **Donald Hansen** have moved into the new parsonage at Pasadena, California. Don began work in this parish after his ordination this summer.

Hughie Hughes, '47, is teaching in the high school at Decatur, Nebraska. He is also coach of the athletic teams there.

The parish worker at St. John's Lutheran Church, Beatrice, Nebraska, is **Ordell Olson**, first graduate of the parish worker's course at Dana.

Agnes Shultze, ex '44, who has been employed in the accounting department of Lutheran Hospital, Fort Dodge, Iowa, visited the campus on her return from a trip to Buffalo, Wyoming, where she visited **Viola Harboe**, ex '45.

Marilyn Guyer, '47, and **Abbie Ann Vaughn**, ex '47, are enrolled in the Laboratory Technicians' School at Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gene Megrue, '47, who majored in commerce, has a position at the Missouri Valley Credit Company in Blair.

The new assistant bookkeeper and cashier at the Goodrich Dairy in Omaha is **Ruby Fredericksen**, ex '46, of Walnut, Iowa.

Thanks to John Nielsen for editing the August issue of **The Alumni**, while the editors were covering miles at opposite ends of the continent. Luella saw New England and French Canada; Norman was travelling through Mexico and the Southwest.

REQUEST FOR RESERVATIONS

Mail to Karen Hansen, Housing Chairman, Dana College, Blair, Nebr., before October 21.

Check one or both Banquet Lodging

Indicate type of lodging
(Dormitory, home, hotel, or auto camp.)

Name

Address