

"Ready by September" is promise as

New Building Rises on College Hill

It is a privilege to observe the construction, step by step, of the first new building erected on the Dana campus since 1929. A daily tour of inspection of the construction zone has become almost a rite for many of us.

As I stand before this structure, beautiful even in its partly completed state, I say again and again, "Will we actually have a building such as this on the Dana campus?" The answer is "yes" and the promised month of completion is September.

It is a practical building but also one that is architecturally pleasant with its unity of design and yet interesting because of the many variations of the basic design. The administration section has distinctive features that set it apart from the library and classroom sections.

Staircases are still gaunt flights of concrete masses, but it is easy to imagine what they will look like when the wrought iron banisters with their modern design are added to them.

The library reading room is the most impressive part of the structure with its twelve tall windows facing north and the

five great exposed beams of the ceiling. As we step to the edge of this room another striking sight presents itself. The yawning pit of the stack room could seem a part of a bombed-out building were it not for the new masonry. Floors in this four-story-deep gap will not be added until the steel book cases are on hand. As these are installed by Remington-Rand the floor slabs will be added, each one supported by the lower stack section.

Outside the library reading room in the long hallway are two spaces in the wall where trophy cases, gift of the Class of '47, will be placed.

On a campus of many splendid views the views from the third and fourth floors of the new building are breathtaking. Far to the north the bluffs of Iowa drop into the horizon. To the east now the green, black, and brown patterns of Missouri Valley farms roll on to the blue tree line of the river. To the southeast the trees and homes of Blair rise gently to the brown and deep green of the southern hills. Railroad to the east and highway to the north and south seem to say, "This is the heart of America."

The new building rises to take its place among the familiar buildings of College Hill. The library entrance is on the left. The administration entrance on the right.



Four Years with the Association



When I was elected president of the Alumni Association four years ago, I had not given much thought to its problems and possibilities. I knew there was an Association, that it had an annual meeting at Convention time of our synod, that these meetings were poorly attended, and that between sessions little seemed to happen.

The growth of membership and activities during the past four years has not been spectacular, but there have been some evidences of progress. Mr. Lee Daggett, project director until last year, has compiled a large list of addresses of alumni, and Mrs. Homer Larsen, nee Eunice Carlsen, continued the work until this year. A scholarship fund was set up which has furnished help to students, each with \$50.00. The **Alumni**, a quarterly, was planned and edited by Miss Luella Nielsen, and in 1946 the first calendar, a beautiful piece of work done by Mrs. J. P. Nielsen, was printed depicting life on the Dana campus. These all were steps forward.

Nevertheless, it soon became apparent that the future of the Association would continue to be uncertain and the poten-

tial strength of the alumni could not be utilized unless the Association could have more adequate direction. The officers, elected as they are from all parts of the U.S.A., could not effectively administer the affairs of the Association, nor can they give sufficient time and thought to thorough planning. Steps were taken through the Board of Trustees of Dana College and Trinity Seminary to urge the creation of an office of Public Relations and to include the office of a part-time Executive Secretary for the Alumni Association. This plan was adopted, and in the fall of 1947 the Association engaged Mr. Norman Bansen as its Executive Secretary. It is with genuine pleasure that your president has seen this goal realized. And the manner in which Mr. Bansen has entered upon this task of keeping former students of Dana and Trinity informed and arousing their interest and support of their Alma Mater has been a source of personal satisfaction.

At the annual meeting of the Association at Fresno, California, this June 16, I will complete my tenure of office as your president. I should like to make a few suggestions.

I recommend that the Association elect an alumnus from the laity as its president since there is a great need of interesting alumni from the other professions and vocations.

It is quite obvious that unless the graduates of our institutions of learning are convinced of the future of their Alma Mater, neither will others become enthusiastic for its success. It is our hope that the office of Executive Secretary will be able to foster a lively support for our school.

During college days the point is constantly emphasized that after graduation students must carry into their communities and churches the Christian spirit of service. One evidence of this ideal realized is the continued interest and support of their Alma Mater. The success or failure of a school is its alumni.

Alvin M. Petersen.

From the Chapters . . .

Blair Organizes Dana Club

A group of interested former students met to organize and elect officers of the Washington County Chapter of the Alumni Association on April 2 in the Dana gymnasium. Mrs. L. G. Faltys (Elizabeth Hopewell) was elected president. Other officers are Ralph Hendricksen, vice-president and Mrs. Etlar Olsen (Helen Ninegar), secretary-treasurer.

At a later meeting definite plans will be made for future activities. One of the aims mentioned was that of bringing about an even closer relationship between the city of Blair and the college.

A ladies quartet singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "Alma Mater" and Charles Hansen playing MacDowell's Theme from Piano Concerto in D Minor opened the program. Former college professor, N. T. Lund, reassumed that role as he appeared on the stage conducting a class of not over-bright post-graduate students. Those who assumed student roles in the skit were Mrs. Reynold Tange (Ruth Svendsen), Luella Nielsen, Mrs. Lydia (Nielsen) Hofstrom, Dolores Jensen, H. Lyle Guyer, and Philip A. Magnussen.

An opportunity to see the new recreation center was afforded the group. Students had invited the alumni to enjoy a brief open house in the transformed gymnasium basement. Following this, refreshments were served and those desiring to remain were invited to join students for the candlelight vesper service in the Old Main Chapel at 10:30.

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Dana Quartet at Denver Meeting

The February 22 program of the Denver Dana Club was presented by the Dana College Mixed Quartet. The program, held at Bethany Lutheran Church, was presented in two sections. The first part of the evening the group met in the church where the quartet sang a program of sacred music and Norman Bansen spoke of the Dana of today. Later a fellowship dinner was served in the church basement, followed by colored slides of campus life and informal singing by the quartet.

Members of the quartet are Ardis Gramps, Denver; Florence M. Hansen, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Arthur Sorensen, Des Moines, Ia.; and Harold Jersild, Chicago. Their accompanist is Marlyn Neve, Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Following the meeting a collection amounting to more than \$75 was placed in the Denver Dana Club's fund for furnishing an office in the new Administration-Library Building.

Just One Minute

of your time is all that is necessary in order to write a check for your annual dues and contribution to the Alumni Association. You have received a letter from Ruth Johnsen, our treasurer, and know that the money is needed to continue the Association projects. The bill for the last issue of THE ALUMNI QUARTERLY, not including postage, was \$125.75. Multiply this by four, add the scholarships presented, the Association's share of the Public Relations-Executive Secretary salary, and the usual incidentals, and you can see there is a definite need.

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HILLTOP HEADLINES

Recreation Center Open

Volunteer student labor, student body assessments, contributions from Luther Leagues, and assistance from the administration have made the recreation center in the gymnasium basement a reality. The center was opened on March 6. Part of the room has been arranged as a lounge with divans, chairs, a radio-phonograph, and reading materials, while the remaining space has been equipped with game tables, ping pong tables, and a shuffleboard court. The expenditure amounted to \$4,000, a sum that would have been multiplied but for the hours of student labor through a one year period.

Portuguese Educator on Faculty

Mr. Antonio da Cruz, recently arrived from Portugal, is now head of the Department of Modern Languages at Dana. His background includes teaching experience in high schools and colleges on three continents. He taught for twelve years in India, returned to his native Portugal to teach there, and last year came to the United States on a temporary visa and taught in New Jersey. He returned to Portugal and upon his re-entry into the United States this winter accepted a professorship at Dana. His wife and three children will join him as soon as possible. During World War II he served as head of the Press Office of the British Embassy in Lisbon. He received his education at Sernache College and Coimbra University.

Nebraska's Governor Visits Dana

Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska took time from a busy schedule to speak at Dana on March 11. He thought something should be done to outlaw Communism in the United States but was not specific as to just how this should be done.

While visiting the new recreation center in the gymnasium basement the Cornhusker governor suggested that other schools utilize their space as Dana is doing.

Mozart Trio Entertains

The lyceum program for February was presented by the Mozart Trio. Dutch tenor Hendrik de Boer sang at Dana several years ago and said, "It feels like home to be singing at Dana among people who have heard me before." Other members of the trio were Agnes Blafka, pianist, and Claire Wellman, violinist.

Days of Old Dana Return

Beards were carefully trimmed and combed, bustles were arranged, old-style bonnets set in place, and students were set for another celebration of "Days of Old Dana," sponsored by the senior class on March 13. The stage was an old-fashioned living room into which master of ceremonies Richard Videbeck ushered the students who presented the program.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND DANA'S LARGEST HOMECOMING
AND THE DEDICATION OF THE
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NEWS OF THE QUARTER FROM COLLEGE HILL

English Poet Translates for Choir

R. P. Keigwin of England, known for his poetry and his translation of Danish verse and drama, has translated two selections from Danish hymnody especially for the Dana Choir.

Writing from his home in The Old Forge, near Colchester, he mentions that he has long been interested in Dana and adds, "I always have promised myself, if I came to the United States, to do my utmost to visit Dana."

Paul Neve, director of the choir, has arranged the musical setting for one of the selections, "The Church Bell," Grundtvig's beloved hymn.

Blanchards Present Program

Tom and Ruth Blanchard, Dana's neighbors from Scottston Terrace, a few hills to the south, presented the April lyceum program. Mrs. Blanchard has taught at Dana. Both have appeared in numerous network shows. The Blanchards delighted their audience with their musical talent and several unforgettable impersonations.

Heather From Denmark Arrives

Through the courtesy of the University Botanical Gardens and the forester of Buderupholm, a shipment of heather plants and seed from the Rebild Hills of Denmark was received for planting at Dana. The Independence Day of the United States is celebrated annually at the Rebild Hills National Park.

The plants arrived and were planted on April 19, nine years to the day since King Frederick IX and his queen visited the campus as crown prince and crown princess.

Students Form Political Clubs

Young Republicans and Young Democrats on the Dana campus have organized clubs that have become the means for interesting other students in taking an active part in government. Young Republicans had delegates at the State Republican Convention in March.

Minnesota Senator Speaks

Senator Ed Thye of Minnesota visited the campus on April 9. Following an 11 o'clock address, the Gopher state senator discussed several national issues at an informal gathering of college students.

Life in Our Town Relived

Under the direction of DCDC president, Niels Carlsen, a talented cast presented Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer-prize-winning play, "Our Town" on April 30. An unusual play in that it is presented on a stage without scenery, the cast was able to bring the audience the message of the author through sheer dramatic ability and expert pantomime.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Alumni Association of Dana College and Trinity Seminary will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 1948, at the Fresno High School Auditorium, Fresno, Calif., in connection with the annual convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. All graduates and former students who are able to do so are urged to be present at this important meeting. The proposed revision of the constitution will be presented and plans will be made for an alumni project.

Alvin M. Petersen
President.



Enthusiastic and happy in spite of tour difficulties, the Dana College Choir takes time out for a photograph at Beresford, S. Dak., on the last day of an adventure-filled tour. At Kenmare, N. Dak., a blizzard left the choir snowbound for a full day; some of the choristers were evacuated from country homes by sled the following day. En route to Culbertson, Mont., the choir was blocked by snow-drifted highways. This made it necessary to cancel four concerts scheduled in Canada. Finally, after several emergency concerts, the choir returned to its schedule at Sidney, Mont. Accompanying the bus was Dana's new station wagon. That was stuck in the mud once! This all happened in April.

At Huron College alumnus Carl Hjortsvang and alumnus Paul Neve united their choirs for a final group in the combined concert by the two college choirs.

Viking Basketball in Review

by Don Poh

Beginning with a victory over the Danes from Grand View College and a hair-raising 45-44 loss to Midland, almost twice the size of Dana, the Viking basketball quintet laid a solid chunk of pavement on the road to a successful season. The two games were non-conference tilts, and the defeat at the hands of Midland was best described by the much-used phrase, a 'moral win.'

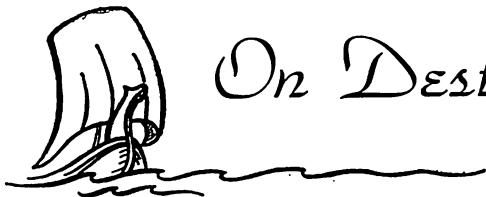
After hearing of Midland boys debating whether they should beat Dana by 70 or 80 points, our representatives fought bitterly for every point and left their arch-enemy with a scare that should not be forgotten for some time.

It was soon discovered that almost all of the '47-'48 Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Association teams were far above their usual average. The Vikings, in spite of their spirit and good coaching, dropped a handful of close games and ended the

season with a won-5 lost-16 total record. That record, however, cannot be taken as a true picture of Dana's team.

The whole result of the conference season was uncanny right to the championship playoffs between Norfolk and McCook J. C. The Vikings succumbed at Norfolk by only an eyelash, and the margin was only slightly greater when the two squads met here. Dana was thoroughly trounced twice by undefeated McCook. The final games of the year saw Norfolk pound McCook for a typical O. Henry surprise finish and the conference title.

Several key players left school at the semester this year, robbing the Vikings of much of their original power. But the years of slim picking for the Red and White squad seem about over as over 30 men reported at the start of the season



On Destiny's Deep Sea

In a recent letter from Rev. and Mrs. **Laurits (Ellen Bondo, 25-27) Pedersen**, '29, we find the invitation, "When former fellow students visit the Black Hills, stop in and see us." Rev. Pedersen has been chaplain for the Veterans Hospital at Fort Meade, South Dakota, for the past two years.

Dr. S. Milton Thomsen, former head of the Dana chemistry department, is now engaged in television research for the RCA Laboratory in Princeton, New Jersey. He is working out details of exact shadings and color combinations.

Luther B. Keay (39-41), now a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, visited the Dana Campus in March while visiting his home at Logan, Iowa. He was at the University of Iowa last year doing graduate work. Another Luther Seminary student, formerly of Trinity, **Russell Wilson** (46-47), visited the campus in April. Russ is making plans for work in Japan as a missionary.

Completing his seminary training at Augustana, Rock Island, Illinois, this spring, **Maynard O. Hansen** (39-41) will begin his ministry at Bark River, Michigan, in June.

Earl J. Laursen, '38, is teaching in the West Milwaukee High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Another educator, **Lewis Patrick**, '38, Superintendent of Schools at Dawson, Nebraska, is co-author of an article in the May issue of the **Nebraska Educational Journal** entitled "Letting the Public Know." It tells how a small school can best carry on a program to "sell education to the citizen."

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Taylor (**Erma Nielsen**, '36), formerly of Ord, Nebraska, have moved to Blair and established a bakery there.

Orville J. Denny, (37-38, 45-46) writes that he and **Leslie Whitney**, (37-38) graduated from the College of Mortuary Science in St. Louis, Missouri, in June 1947. Leslie is now serving his apprenticeship in Denver for a Colorado Embalmers' License, and Orville is serving his in Kearney, Nebraska, at a funeral home owned by a former Blair man, Vance Nielsen, son of Dr. Morris Nielsen.

Capt. Adolph N. Vammen, (36-39) has completed a year as head of the obstetrics department at the 98th General Hospital, Munich, Germany, and is studying surgery at the University of Vienna before returning to the United States some time in May.

Another Dana parish worker is **Bernadean Otto** (34-36) working at Martin Luther Church in Canton, Ohio.

The list of officers of Highland Park Lutheran Church in Des Moines makes interesting reading for a Dana alumnus, because most of these officers have been Dana students. Church president **John Gebuhr** (32-34) is with the Brown Engineering Company; Secretary **Boas Weismann** (24-26) is manager of the J and R Store. Treasurer **Edward Sorensen** (40-41) is employed by the Western Soda Fountain Company, and Trustee **Dr. Arnold Nielsen**, '42, is on the staff of Broadlawns Hospital. Pastor **Ervin Bondo** graduated from Dana in 1933 and from Trinity in 1936.

"It would be well if such Kingdom loyalty could be inculcated in all Danaites sent out into the world," writes Pastor Bondo.

May they in faith and hope and love
Praise Him who dwells above.

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Engagements and Weddings

"In the spring a young man's fancy
Lightly turns to thoughts of love."

That's what Tennyson writes, but the marriages that have been reported to us have been anything but spring ones.

First we have the date September 7, 1947. That's the day **Mary Helen Langley** of Brayton, Iowa, became the bride of **Don Hookstra**. Mary Helen was a student at Dana in 1936-37.

Some time in November **Marjorie Couch** and **Earl Fries** (34-37) were married in Council Bluffs, Iowa, by Rev. S. Siersbeck. They now live in Des Moines where Earl is employed.

Washington's birthday was the date of the wedding of **Elna Jensen**, '39, and **Edward Steen**, both of Audubon, Iowa.

Marjorie Hansen (42-43) was married to **Walter L. Doede** at Hampton, Nebr., on March 28. They will make their home at White Salmon, Wash., where Walter is an accountant.

Dagmar Olsen (29-30) who is now engaged in secretarial and accounting work for the Tyson-Long Company of Blair and Herman, will be a June bride. She will marry **Kermit Goll** on June 7.

Births

"Another throng rise up to sing our song."

Babies are still arriving at the homes of Dana alumni, and we sincerely hope that this rising generation will grow up to be Danians just as loyal as their parents.

In Racine, Wisconsin, we have **Julianne Louise**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. (**Edith Petrusson**, 30-32) **O. V. Magnussen**, '39, born September 12, 1947.

One of the early 1948 arrivals was **James Neil**, born to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Rasmussen** (34-36) on February 26. Mr. Rasmussen is an instructor in the high school at Austin, Minnesota.

April showers undoubtedly heralded the coming of **Monica Anne** on April 6. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. **Gilbert A. Jensen**, '43. Rev. Jensen has been pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Ferndale, California, since September 1946.

California is the home state of another baby girl, **Ellen Marie**, born March 26 to Rev. and Mrs. **Allan D. Hansen**, '44, of Lynwood.

The population of the Dana Vets Housing Units was increased by one with the arrival of **Donald Evan Hanson** on March 31. His proud parents are **William (Bill)** and **Doris (Petersen 42-43, 44-45) Hanson**.

Twin to Donald Evan as to birth date is **Charles Otto Eastlund III** who also arrived on the last day of March. Father and Mother, **Charles** (46-47) and **Audrey (Hvolboll, 40-41, 46-47) Eastlund**, are operating a grocery store in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Richard and **Donnabeth** ("Toddy" Peterson, 42-43) **Videbeck** are the equally proud parents of a son, **Mark Christian**, born April 7 at the Blair Hospital.

And another possible future president is **Gerald Eugene McNichols**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Jack McNichols (Helen Pederesen, 38-39)**, born in Omaha on a very important date in history, February 12.

Out in Ogden, Utah, a baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alfred Hart (Gwendolyn Hopkins, 40-41)** in April. The Harts have two other children, both boys.