

Dana College and Trinity Seminary

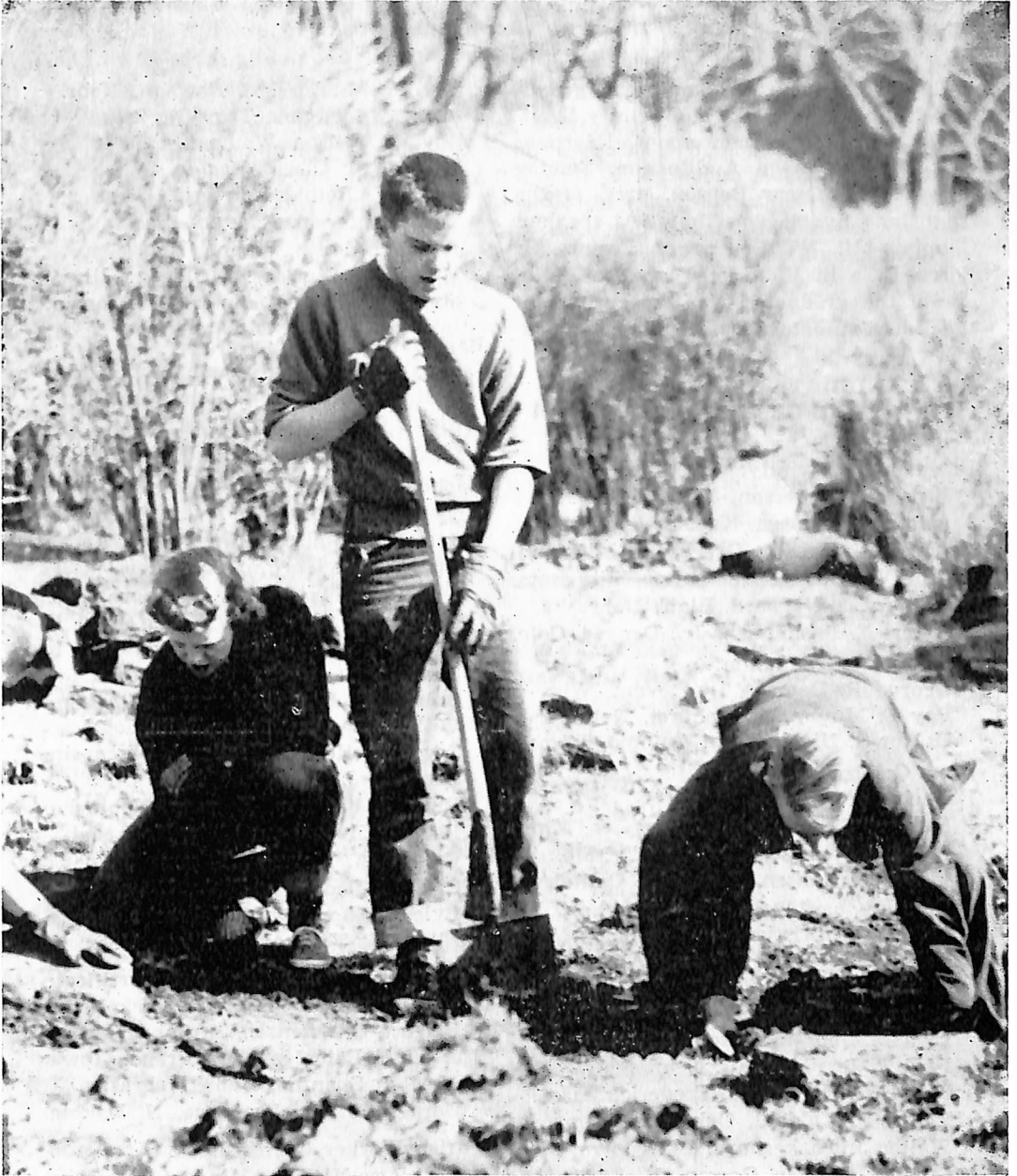
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# The ALUMNI

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CLEAN-UP DAY ON CAMPUS

# Seniors

## LAUNCH THEIR BARKS

MARGARET CHRISTIANSEN

The largest class in history was graduated from Dana College and Trinity Seminary at the Commencement Exercises held in the College Auditorium, Sunday May 24. Dr. Oscar Benson, pres. of the Augustana Synod, was the guest speaker. Chaplain H. W. Reinke of Foster Air Force Base in Victoria, Texas, father of one of the graduates, was the speaker at the Baccalaureate Service, Sunday morning.

### CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

#### Trinity Seminary—

##### Bachelor of Divinity:

Virgil R. Anderson, Hamlin, Iowa.  
Allison A. Hansen, Kansas City, Kansas.  
Robert N. Hansen, Greenville, Michigan.  
John W. Nielsen, Albert Lea, Minnesota.  
Gerhard J. Nygaard, Blair, Nebraska.  
Albert E. Rasmussen, Jr., Denver, Colo.

##### Diploma of Graduation:

George R. Demant, Sturtevant, Wis.  
Roy F. Mumm, Staplehurst, Nebraska.  
Holger S. Nielsen, San Antonio, Texas.

#### Dana College—

##### Bachelor of Arts:

Herbert C. Anderson, Albert Lea, Minn.  
Richard Andersen, Kansas City, Mo.  
Lloyd C. Bansen, Ferndale, California.  
Dale L. Christensen, Underwood, Ia.  
Margaret Christiansen, Dearborn, Mich.  
Bent J. Damkar, Calgary, Alberta.  
Linwood Fredricksen, Westbrook, Maine.  
Robert A. Hemmingson, Racine, Wis.  
Elva M. Jensen, Upton, Wyoming.  
Paul T. Jersild, Blair, Nebraska.  
Floyd W. Jorgensen, Frederic, Wis.  
Philip E. Kaldahl, Oaks, Oklahoma.  
Walter J. Kirkegaard, Blairstown, Mo.  
Lyle W. Kohler, Gowen, Mich.

Marilyn M. Korshoj, Herman, Nebr.  
Ruth M. Mengers, Troy, N. Y.  
Boyd C. Nelson, Wauwatosa, Wis.  
Donald A. Olsen, Racine, Wis.  
Fred W. Reinke, Victoria, Texas.  
Vern Simonsen, Redvers, Sask.  
J. Roger Smith, Wahoo, Nebraska.  
Marilyn J. Steffensen, Chicago, Ill.  
Mark Thomsen, Denmark, Wisconsin.

#### Bachelor of Science—

Gerald B. Borglum, Penn Yan, N. Y.  
Wilbur A. Layman, Blair, Nebraska.  
Floyd C. Petersen, Wiota, Iowa.  
Alice A. Schultz, Flaxton, N. Dakota.

#### Bachelor of Science in Business

##### Administration—

James A. Nielsen, Albert Lea, Minn.

#### Bachelor of Science in Education—

Olaf R. Ahlquist, West Scarboro, Maine.  
Charles E. Anderson, Ceresco, Nebr.  
Vaughn D. Christensen, Minden, Nebr.  
Suzanne Farnum, Council Bluffs, Iowa.  
Shirley A. Hansen, Aurora, Nebraska.  
Willard Hansen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.  
Joyce M. Hayek, Hartland, Wisconsin.  
Leonard J. Jackson, Tekamah, Nebr.  
Ruth C. Jackson, Herman, Nebraska.  
Paul H. Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska.  
Francis A. Morrow, Tekamah, Nebr.  
Carl M. Pedersen, Blair, Nebr.  
Lyle L. Skov, Blair, Nebraska.  
Ellen W. Therkelsen, Blair, Nebr.

#### Two-Year Teacher Education Certificate—

Mary Ann Bain, Blair, Nebraska.  
Bernice Christensen, Harlan, Iowa.  
Joyce F. Petersen, West Branch, Iowa.  
Marilyn Spanton, Blair, Nebraska.  
Cora E. Steen, Kenmare, N. Dakota.

#### Parish Worker Certificate:

Kathleen Nielsen, Minden, Nebraska.

# News About

## HOME COMING - 1953

DONOVAN OLSEN

Centered around the theme "Past—Present—Together," Dana's annual Homecoming is to be held October 16-18. With much reshuffling of activities, the events this fall are planned predominately from the alumni aspect. This is an outgrowth of an attempt of the present Homecoming Committee to bring back on campus more alumni than have attended previous Homecomings.

The reshuffling of activities during the three-day period includes moving of the game from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon, and the crowning of the queen Friday evening immediately following a Freshman talent show rather than at half-time of the game. This will enable the queen to rule over the whole affair. Other plans include having a bonfire, pep rally, and snake dance on Friday evening following the crowning of the queen. After this all alumni will be guests of the college at the "Kaffebord," in the gymnasium.

Meetings of the Alumni Association take place on Saturday morning followed by the noon luncheon. Beginning at 2 o'clock, the parade will wind from the campus down through Blair to the gridiron. There a short pep rally is slated before the players take the field to meet the opposing team from Iowa. The number of floats appearing in the parade is still indefinite. However, the committee is hoping to present among others a float featuring past homecoming queens. The Blair High band will again head the parade, and it is hoped that other bands might be added.

Speaker for the banquet, which is scheduled Saturday evening, has not yet been chosen. Due to the inability of the Alumni Association to secure their choice for speaker, the committee is presently contacting possible speakers from former Dana students and others.

Also plans are in the making for an alumni talent parade, exclusively presented by former students. The committee feels that this new twist to the annual affair will establish added interest among alumni as talent from past years will again take to the stage.

### Friday, October 16:

- 7:00 p.m.—Freshman talent show
- 8:30 p.m.—Crowning of the queen
- 9:00 p.m.—Bonfire, pep rally, and snake dance  
Kaffebord immediately following

### Saturday, October 17:

- 10:00 a.m.—Alumni Association Meeting
- 12:M—Alumni Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m.—Parade and pep rally
- 3:00 p.m.—Homecoming game—Dana vs. Iowa Central
- 7:00 p.m.—Homecoming banquet  
Alumni talent parade (immediately following banquet)

### Sunday, October 18:

- 11:00 a.m.—Morning worship service



# On College Hill

## **FIVE FACULTY MEMBERS TO LEAVE: \$277,800 BUDGET ADOPTED.....**

The Dana College Board of Trustees wound up a three-day session on the campus by adopting a budget of \$277,800 for the 1953-54 school year. The Board will ask for an appropriation of \$75,000 from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church at its convention in June in Atlantic, Iowa. This is the same amount as provided by the church for the current year. The Board of Trustees also authorized the addition of two faculty members to the staff for next year, one in speech and debate and one in physics.

Dr. R. E. Morton, president, announced a number of changes in faculty personnel for 1953-54. Two men will retire at the end of this year, Mr. H. Skov Nielsen, part-time instructor in Danish since 1939, and Mr. Antonio da Cruz, professor of Modern Languages since January, 1948. Mr. Richard Videbeck will join the University of Nebraska staff in the Sociology department next September. Miss Viola Thiel does not plan to return to her post in the English department. Mr. Arthur Ranheim was granted a sabbatical leave of absence to pursue additional graduate work in education at the University of Nebraska during the 1953-54 year. The position of Dean of Men will also be vacant after commencement, when Mr. John Nielsen, present dean, graduates.

## **HERMES RATES "ALL-AMERICAN" FOR FIRST SEMESTER.....**

For the first time in the publishing history of the **Hermes** the Associated Collegiate Press has awarded the paper an All-American honor rating for the first semester of this school year. This is the highest rating given and is termed as

superior. The **Hermes** was one of four papers in the under 500 student body class to receive this rating.

The A.C.P. is an organization which studies and rates college newspapers across the nation. Ratings given are All-American, first, second, third and fourth class. Basis for a rating includes a survey of all areas of journalistic ability, news coverage, make-up, features, editorial policy, copy reading, writing quality, etc. In most cases the **Hermes** rated excellent or better.

Jim Nielsen, senior from Albert Lea, Minnesota, was the editor for 1952-53.

## **STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTS FIRST FEMALE PREXY.....**

Ann Harms, junior from Logan, Iowa, was elected president of the Student Association for 1953-54 at a recent campus election. She is the first woman to hold the position in the history of the United Student Association. Norman Freund, junior from Westby, Montana, was elected vice president. Other officers elected were Kenneth Ostergaard, junior from Coulter, Iowa, treasurer; **Danian** editor is Arvin Quist, junior from Blair; **Hermes** editor is Donovan Olsen, Kenmare, N.D., sophomore; Kathy Nielsen, Minden, Nebraska, sophomore, was elected **Sower** editor.

A new constitution was approved at the polls, which gave the president the right to appoint a cabinet with the approval of the student council. The student council set-up was revised to allow for better representation.

## **CHANDLER-NULAND REIGN AT 1953 MAYFEST.....**

LaVerne Chandler, sophomore from Ferndale, California, and Dave Nuland, junior

from Bellevue, Nebraska, resigned at the annual spring formal May 2. In an atmosphere reminiscent of Jerome Kern's "Show Boat," the king and queen were officially crowned by the retiring royalty, Bob Coffee, Blair, Nebraska, and Joan Nelson, Racine, Wisconsin.

Mary Ann Bain, sophomore from Blair, Marilyn Korshoj, senior from Herman, Nebraska, were attendants to the queen. Jack Allen, junior from Greenville, Michigan, and Jim Nelson, sophomore from Racine, Wisconsin, were candidates for king also.

#### **SOWER HONORS ANNOUNCED BY 1953 STAFF.....**

Sower awards have been announced by Ann Harms, editor of the literary anthology. Elva Jensen, senior from Upton, Wyoming, received her third consecutive Langland Award, and the Hal Evans Cole Award for literary criticism. Charles Kaldahl, junior from Oaks, Oklahoma, was awarded the Langland Award for prose, and Marion Christensen, junior from Omaha, Nebraska, gained the Cole Award for art.

The anthology was expanded this year to include literary criticisms, essays, reviews of plays, and art work.

#### **ART STUDENTS GAIN RECOGNITION AT WESLEYAN.....**

Dana College artists carried away fourteen first and second places, plus one of two purchase awards given at the April All Church College art exhibition held at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln. Out of six institutions represented, Dana received the majority of the awards given.

#### **FINE ARTS RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 12 & 13**

Prof. F. William Thomsen, head of the art department, has announced a fine arts retreat to be held at Lake Okoboji September 12 and 13. Dana and Trinity students plus members of the Alumni Association are invited to participate in this event.

The retreat will feature forums in literature, the visual arts, and music conducted by members of the Dana faculty. With the growing interest in the arts apparent throughout the nation, it is likewise noticeable on Dana's campus. This student-suggested "experiment" will have as its aim the attempt to correlate the arts, and to foster a stronger foundation in knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the three branches.

The approximate cost will be \$10. Students will share duties in the kitchen and the total expenses. Reservations for the Faculty cottage at the Bible Camp have been made.

Alumni interested in this proposed retreat should address correspondence to Rev. F. William Thomsen, Moorhead, Iowa.

#### **DANIANS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP OF CAMPUS.....**

Classes were cancelled for one day as Dana students busied themselves raking leaves, putting in new walks, and giving the campus that "well-scrubbed" look. The campus was divided into sections and captains were appointed to delegate equipment and work assignments. All but a few of the students participated and enjoyed a picnic in the evening after the work had been completed. The event was sponsored by the Student Council.

#### **SENIOR CLASS PRESENTS GIFT TO ITS ALMA MATER.....**

The Class of 1953 presented Dana College with a new brick entrance marker at Commencement. The marker is located on the northeast corner of the lawn of Old Main. Designed by Dick Andersen, Kansas City, Missouri, senior, and Floyd Petersen, Wiota, Iowa, senior, the marker was built of light brick with two flower beds on either side of an eight foot shaft. Dana College is clearly distinguishable in large metal letters fastened to the front of the shaft.

Elva Jensen's

## TWO AWARD-WINNING POEMS

### Autumn Scene

Thin jagged curls of brown and gold,  
Of red and fiery orange and frozen green  
Are crunching to colorless dust beneath my feet  
As I go down the cold, grey walk.  
The wind blows past my ears and makes them ache  
With his shrill whistle;  
But my hands are warm in my pockets  
And I kick at the rustling leaves,  
Laughing.

### Spring Day

The sidewalk is smooth and shining.  
Dull sodden sky shows  
Above the red bricks rising  
Gaunt and gaudy against the gray.  
Rain drips from one green bud  
Growing  
On a lean black skeleton tree.



# HELP WANTED!

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If You Can't Help Your Alumni Association  
Don't Read the Rest of This Page

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The Alumni Association budget adopted for 1953 was \$2,450.00.

From January 1 to June 1, we have received only \$172. That's why your help is urgently wanted now.

Send your dues (\$2 per member) and any additional contribution to:

Mr. Lee Daggett  
Treas., Alumni Assoc.  
510 W. Washington  
Blair, Nebraska



# Senior Prexy

## LOOKS TO THE ALUMNI

MARK THOMSEN

On Monday, May 18th, the Class of 1953 was the guest of the Alumni Association and the Dana College Foundation. As one of the seniors, I can say that it was an enjoyable experience, and in behalf of the class I would like to thank all the members of both organizations for a wonderful evening.

As alumni, I believe we can say that Dana has something to offer each student who walks on the campus. There is a Christian atmosphere, a fellowship, that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. I, for one, have come to know the meaning of the true Dana spirit. It is not only the cheering that accompanies an athletic contest, or the exhilaration which some seem to possess when singing the school song. It is far deeper than this, for it lies in the perspective of life which is taken by the student and faculty of a Christian college.

If we have known this wonderful spirit, I believe we should be interested in having others share the same experience. This should be one of the main objectives of the Alumni Association. This, I know, is already an objective, but there is always need of improvement in the means and the methods used.

If a change in means is to be advocated, it must be preceded by a larger budget, and the Association has only one source of income, that from its members. There follows only one reasonable implication, that we as members must more actively support our Association by financial backing.

In addition each alumnus can strengthen the Association by supporting the interest of the College in his own community. Here we find the ideal situation in which we have an executive committee backed by members both financially and with interest shown through letters and words of suggestions. Through this cooperation, the Alumni Association can become a powerful organization for the advancement of a greater Dana.

The Alumni Association at one time had a scholarship plan, which was withdrawn shortly after the end of the Second World War. I believe a new program could go far in increasing the enrollment, but it would take the cooperation of every alumnus in order to make it a success. Such a program should at least be tentatively reinstated.

In conclusion, we must remember that no organization can remain static; it either grows or deteriorates. If we believe that at Dana there is something worth experiencing, let us support the College with our talents and means through the Alumni Association.

# Vikings

## SPORT-LITE

**BILL LAWSON**

As the end of the school year is at hand it is time to look back over the spring sports at Dana. Coach "Pete" had predicted some fighting teams and that is just what Dana had.

Looking back at the track season the 1953 team proved to be the best in some years. Although the team lacked sufficient depth for a winning season, the boys gave it all they had and Dana had a team of which to be proud. Led by Marion Hudson, freshmen sensation from Omaha, the cindermen scored enough points to put them near the top in all their meets. After the sports writers had predicted Concordia to take the conference track meet by a wide margin, the thinclads from Dana went all out to prove them wrong. They did just that too. Even though they were beaten out by a narrow margin for team honors, we did break conference records in the high jump, broad jump, javelin, and the 880 and mile relays. Hudson threw the javelin 192' 3", the farthest any Nebraska college athlete has ever thrown it.

Strengthened by the excellent pitching of two freshmen, Fritz Youra and Johnny Williams, the Dana nine proved strong opposition for many a team. The hitting was led by "Smiley" Jackson who found the range after several games and bolstered the team with tremendous hitting. Even though the team had a 3-6 record for the year, many games were lost by 1 or 2 runs, and we did have a much better team than it appears on paper.

Coached by Russ Eckert, the Dana tennis team was also dominated by inexperienced freshmen. Like the other sports, they too were willing to learn but inexperience proved to be too much for them to overcome and they finished the season without a victory. With the three lettermen returning next year better things are looked for, and we should have quite a successful tennis season.

With the season finished in all the sports the annual All Sports Banquet was held on May 15. Coach Eddie Hickey of St. Louis University was the guest speaker and awards were presented to the most valuable players in the different sports.

Vaughn Christensen, senior from Minden, Nebraska, received the award in football. Francis Morrow, senior from Tekamah, Nebraska, was honored with the award in basketball, while "Smiley" Jackson, senior from Herman, Nebraska, was most valuable in baseball, and Marion Hudson received the award in track.

The Honor Athlete Award for 1953 went to "Franny" Morrow who has been outstanding both in basketball and baseball in his four years at Dana.

In summing up the whole year into a few sentences I can say that freshmen dominated all the sports, accounting for the fact that Dana did not bring home many championships, because many times "experience" was lacking. With most of these freshmen returning again next year, Coaches "Pete" and Skogman are looking forward to a much better year and are also looking for championships in the different sports.

## LETTER WINNERS

### Football

Olaf Ahlquist  
Charles Andersen  
Bill Bennett  
Neil Christensen  
Vaughn Christensen, 4  
Lynn Farrens  
Marvin Gress  
Gaylen Hafar

Gary Hansen  
Marion Hudson  
Douglas Johnson  
Paul Jorgensen  
Phil Jorgensen  
Don Kruse  
Jim Kruse, 2  
Eldon Larsen  
John Lodl

Lloyd McCombs  
Neil Moore, 3  
Vordyn Nelson  
Dave Nuland, 3  
Jon Schulke  
Dick Sorensen  
Jim Thomsen  
Mark Thomsen, 4  
Lee Weismann

### Basketball

Charles Anderson  
Ingvert Appel  
Vaughn Christensen  
Stan Cole

Marion Hudson  
Douglas Johnson  
Dwayne Madsen  
Fran Morrow, 3

Vordyn Nelson, 2  
Jim Thomsen  
Fritz Youra

### Track

Olaf Ahlquist, 4  
Jack Allen, 3  
Marion Hudson

Douglas Johnson  
Eldon Larsen  
Wilbur Layman, 4  
Harold Laursen

Neil Moore, 3  
Dick Nielsen  
Dave Nuland  
Arvin Quist

### Baseball

Ingvert Appel, 2  
Bill Bennett  
Vaughn Christensen, 4  
Lynn Farrens, 2

Gaylen Hafar, 3  
Leonard Jackson, 3  
Bud Kruse  
John Lodl  
Fritz Youra

Dwayne Madsen  
Lloyd McCombs  
Fran Morrow, 4  
John Williams

### Tennis

Dick Jensen

Bill Lawson

Jim Thomsen

### WAA Awards

Dixie Allen  
Marilyn Andersen  
Patricia Baker  
LaVerne Chandler  
Helen Christiansen  
Roma Geisler  
Bonny Hansen  
Corole Henningsen

Margie Hooks  
Mary Jacobsen  
Dorothy Landbo  
Carol Larsen  
Arlene Miller  
Barbara Peterson  
Betty Placek  
Edna Skobo  
Dorothy Vorthmann

Nancy Brown, 2  
Bernice Christensen, 2  
Clarice Fredrickson, 2  
Marion Nielsen, 2  
Cora Steen, 2  
Dagmar Steffensen, 2  
Mocky Eriksen, 3  
Joan Nelson, 3  
Margaret Christiansen, 4

# On Destiny's Deep Sea

**Harry Sorensen**, D52, and **Shirley Hansen**, D53, were engaged on April 11. Harry is attending Trinity Seminary. No date has been set for the wedding.

**Paul Jersild**, and **Marilyn Steffensen**, both 1953 graduates of Dana, were engaged on April 30. Marilyn is going into Parish Work, and Paul will enter the seminary after doing graduate work.

**Ray Thomsen**, 38-39, has a new address. It is: American Embassy, Karachi, Pakistan, F.A. Main Room, Dept. of State, Washington, D. C.

**Esther V. Hertz**, 45-47, was married to **Arnold G. Lundgren** on November 12, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Omaha, by Rev. M. G. Christensen. Their address is Rorick Apartments, 113, 604 So. 22nd St., Omaha, Nebr. Mr. Lundgren is attending Omaha University.

Two new addresses of Dana servicemen are: Sgt **Edwin C. Andersen**, Hq. 17th Dist. O. S. I., Kirtland AFB, New Mexico; and Pvt. **Rodney Knudsen**, US 55216735, Btry, A - 26th A.A.A. A. W. Bn. (Sp), APO 24 c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

**Arlo K. Andersen**, D50, whose address is 459 Park Avenue, Council Bluffs, Ia., is an accountant at the Standard Oil Company in Omaha.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bicak (**Janet Srb**, 48-50) are the parents of a son, Thomas Knute, born Dec. 29, 1952. The Bicaks are living in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Mr. Bicak is a student at the U. of Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. **James Jorgensen**, 47-49, 51, (**Phyllis Johansen**, 49-50), live at 3917 8th Street, Des Moines, Ia. Jim works for International Harvester.

Dr. and Mrs. **Elmer M. Rasmussen**, D39 (**Myrtle Lee**, 36-39), are the parents of a son, Gary Paul who was born on December 23.

Names and addresses of former Dana men who have entered the service are: Pfc. **James C. Paulsen**, 315 Thorman Place, San Antonio, Texas; Pvt. **Carroll Petersen**, US 55311620, Co. A, 147th Inf. Regt., 37th Inf. Div., Camp Polk, La.; **Harold Sorensen**, US 55327801, Co. F, 145th Inf. Regt., 37th Inf. Div., Camp Polk, La.; Pvt. **John Mehr**, US 55326242, Class 23A, Finance School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison 49, Ind. (John was recently married); and **LeMoyne R. Nelson**, O. C. S. A., Sect. D-4, US Naval School Officer Candidate, Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I.

Rev. & Mrs. **Homer Larsen**, have moved from 1004 Locust Street, Atlantic, Ia. to 904 Bluff St., Cedar Falls, Ia. where Rev. Larsen has taken over a new parish.

Mr. & Mrs. Einer Jorgensen, Jr. (**Jean Nelson**, 49-50), are the parents of a boy, Paul Einer born March 9.

December 22, 1952, was the day **Ellen E. Gebuhr** (38-39) became Mrs. Charles R. Osborn. They live at 314 Mecosta Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

# Who Is Oldest Alumni?

Washington Island, Wisconsin  
April 17, 1953

Dear Mr. Daggett,

Enclosed please find \$2 for the Alumni. I am retired and on pension, as you might know, but at present serving the church here until they will be able to get their new pastor, Roy Mumm, who expects to be ordained in June. As I get a minister's salary now, I can afford to pay my dues. I think I am the oldest of the Alumni, as I was in the first class graduating 1898 from Dana, when it had become a college of the U. E. L. C. You know we were united in 1896. The first year, 1896-97, the seminary students were at Elk Horn, Iowa. The following year this class was moved to Blair and we were four graduating from that class of 1898, namely, Dr. Winther, now in Japan again; Carl Olsen (deceased); N. P. Sorensen and myself.

I am 80 now, and will soon be 81, but am well and happy to be here and serve this church in the vacancy. I am interested in reading in the Alumni Quarterly, "On Destiny's Deep Sea," but they are of a younger generation. Sincere greetings.

Yours truly,

C. Krogh

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## Dues \$2.00

To Mr. Lee Daggett, Sec'y-Treas.

Alumni Association

Dana College

Blair, Nebraska

Name ..... 52-53 Contribution

Address ..... \$.....\$.....

**Total Enclosed**

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include their maiden name**

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