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Golden Anniversary Choir Festival, 'New Campus' Await Homecomers

Fifty years ago an event took place at Dana that was to leave an indelible mark on both the college and generations of its students.

Under the direction of Miss Agnes Nielsen—now Mrs. Silas Andersen of Minneapolis—an organization called the Dana College Choral Union was formed.

It later was to become the Dana College Choir, an institution respected in music and church circles across the nation and as traditionally a Dana hallmark as Old Main.

Mass Reunion

Now the choir is 50 years old.

Its golden anniversary birthday party will be at Homecoming October 11-13.

Special events including a mass reunion to sing four traditional choir selections have been scheduled for the week end.

Former choir directors will return to the campus to be honored for their work and choirs of different periods will hold separate reunions.

Members Invited

Special invitations have been sent to all former choir members. It is hoped there will be a wide representation from as many choir years as possible.

The present choir will form the nucleus for groups performing selections under different directors at the Saturday night observance.

Reminiscences and pic-

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MEMORABLE MUSIC

This scene from one of the 1950-51 choir concerts shows one of the highlights in Dana musical annals. Guest soloist was Lauritz Melchior, one of the world's all-time great operatic performers. Mr. Melchior's Dana appearance was the first of his concert season that year.

Choir Jubilee Honors 'Hail Dana' Composers

The men who created "Hail Dana" will be honored Homecoming guests.

In 1926, a campus competition was held for the purpose of choosing an official college song.

Magnus Christensen composed the winning lines, which were to be sung to the tune of "America the Beautiful."

However, Professor Waldo B. Nielsen, then choir

director, wrote original music for the song.

Words and music were wedded to produce "Hail Dana," which has been the official college song ever since.

Mr. Christensen, who is with the U.S. Postoffice in Denver, will be present for the choir anniversary celebration.

Along with Mr. Nielsen, he will receive a Distinguished Service Award.

Homecoming, headlined by the golden anniversary choir reunion and scheduled for the maximum alumni enjoyment, will be October 11-13 this year.

It will be staged on a Dana campus which seems to change overnight as the college's development dreams take form.

A special look at the "new Dana" will be afforded alumni and other guests at the close of Homecoming festivities. A campus open house, with all buildings open for inspection, is set for 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Busy Days

For many visitors, it will be the first chance to inspect such glittering new assets as the Borup Coliseum and the Charles A. Dana Hall of Science.

The week end will be jammed with events from the beginning of registration at 3 p.m. Friday to the close of the open house on Sunday.

Alumni Lunch

The traditional crowning of the Homecoming queen and a program of special entertainment will be held Friday night at the Coliseum.

Saturday's events include an alumni business meeting—over lunch at First Lutheran Church—and three informal alumni coffee-and-conversation periods.

The Homecoming football

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UNDER MR. NIELSEN

Dana's choir in 1928-29 was under one of the composers of "Hail the direction of Waldo B. Nielsen, Dana," a Homecoming guest.

1914-64: Story of a Choir

To Mrs. Silas Andersen of Minneapolis goes the honor of the founding of the Dana College Choir.

It was she who founded the school's first formal choral organization in 1914.

In succeeding years the work of the Choral Union was continued and short concert tours were made among the congregations of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Blair area.

Directors during this period were Miss Carrie Sina-mark, now Mrs. Hans Jersild, and Miss Helen Ander-

sen, now Mrs. Sam Olsen.

It was under the leadership of Professor Waldo B. Nielsen in 1924-30 that the organization expanded into its present form and became known as the Dana College A Capella Choir.

The first tour by the choir was made in 1925 through Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota.

The first Denmark tour was in 1929.

Professor Gunnar J. Malmin followed the work of Professor Nielsen and continued the pattern set for the choir.

Concert tours were made every spring and the second Denmark tour was undertaken in the summer of 1935. As in 1929, the choir presented concerts throughout Denmark and appeared at the Fourth of July celebration at Rebuild Hills.

During the late 1930's and early '40's choir work was continued by Elwood Kraft, John Link and Miss Mildred Brannon.

Then, in 1943, Paul Neve, a Dana graduate and former choir member, was named director. He has held the post since.

Final Vote On Alumni Constitution

The Alumni Association finally will get to vote on its proposed new constitution at the annual Homecoming meeting next month.

A two-thirds majority is needed for approval.

The association asked for the revision two years ago. But a clause in the present constitution states that the association cannot vote on an amendment unless it has been presented at the previous annual meeting.

Name Change

That meant the revision had to be presented at last October's meeting so that it could be brought to a vote this year.

The new constitution would change this, allowing adoption of amendments that have been published at least a month in advance of the annual meeting.

The revision would change the name to "Alumni Association of Dana College," dropping the words "and Trinity Seminary." Membership requirements would be the same: "Any person who has been a student, faculty or staff member of Dana College or Trinity Seminary . . ."

Mail Vote

One important amendment would allow mail balloting in elections, a procedure that the association has been using without constitutional authority.

Portions of the constitution subject to occasional changes have been placed in a by-laws section. Included are rules covering contributions, publications and meetings.

The association approved the revision unofficially at Homecoming last year, voting that it be "accepted as presented for adoption at the next meeting."

October Review Going to Press

Next month's issue of the Dana Review is already in the works.

It is tentatively scheduled to appear at Homecoming.

News items and announcements for the October edition should be sent to the college public relations office as soon as possible.

And don't forget to submit items for the next Destiny's Deep Sea listing.

Remember Reservations Needed for Homecoming

Special reservation forms have been mailed for Dana's 1963 Homecoming October 11-13.

College officials stressed that blanks should be returned by October 5 so Homecoming plans can be completed.

Alumni are urged to return checks with their registrations to cover the week-end cost. Charges are

listed and explained on the registration form.

There is a place on the form for the alumni business luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at First Lutheran Church.

Reservations for the lunch must be made in advance. Cost is \$1.25 each.

The amount of the 1964 Alumni Appeal and other business will be discussed.

On Destiny's Deep Sea

New Jobs, Promotions

1962

FRED LAMBLEY will coach basketball, track and cross-country this year at Galva, Ia.

JIM OLSEN has joined the art department at Waldorf College, Forest City, Ia.

1961

M. LOWELL (BUZZ) MADSEN is employed at the home office of Mutual and United of Omaha.

BYRON PETERSON has become the first "detached" worker of the Malone Community Center, Lincoln, Neb. His work is made possible by a Lincoln Foundation grant.

PFC LELAND E. WIGES has been assigned as an X-ray technician in the Army Medical Service detachment at the Army's Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii. Before entering the service in July, 1962, he taught at Walnut, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. LUTHER KLOTH (DORIS SIERSBECK) have moved to 24 William Street, Portland, Me. Luther is employed by the United Fund and works as a physical ther-

apist at both the home for cerebral palsy children and the Maine Medical Center. Doris teaches in the Portland public schools.

FREDERICK MURRELL is head football and basketball coach at Akron, Ia. The Murrells and their three daughters, Cindy, Susan and Connie, live at 530 Iowa Street in Akron. WALTER LUDWIGSEN was ordained July 7 in Milwaukee and has accepted a call of the Board of World Missions of the American Lutheran Church to serve in San Jose, Costa Rica, at the Spanish Language Institute.

1958

ARNOLD FOSS is accountant at the C. L. Mooney Plumbing and Heating Company, Bettendorf, Ia. The Fosses and their daughter, Kirstin Anne, live at 3144 Third Place, Davenport, Ia.

1957

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nichols (MARILYN WARD) live at 713 West Lincoln, Oshkosh, Wis. Mr. Nichols teaches history at Wisconsin State College in Oshkosh.

1956

JON PETERSEN has accepted a call to Martin Luther Church, Milwaukee. For the past three years he has served a church at Castle Rock, Wash.

1955

RICHARD G. KAPFER (54-55) has been assigned as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hanover, N.H.

ALVIN J. HANSEN teaches correctional and rapid reading to high school students in the Keokuk, Ia., system. He also is writing manuals for classes at the University

of Iowa on correctional and rapid reading and is working on his doctorate.

1953

WILBUR A. LAYMAN has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry at South Dakota State College, Brookings, S.D. He has been teaching at Dana.

Engagements

BILL BRACKER (62) and MARCELLA RIDLEN (63). Marcella will teach at Bellevue, Neb.

JUDY TURNER (61-62) and David W. McReynolds. A December wedding is planned.

EULIN EBSEN (54-55) and Bette Lou Blankenbaker. They plan a late fall wedding.

Weddings

1963

NORMA GARRELTS (62-63) and Layne Andersen, June 16. Mr. Andersen is with the Busboom and Rauh Construction Company, La Junta, Colo.

KENNETH MUEHL and RUTH MEYER, May 24 at Johnson, Neb. Both are in Hawaii for Peace Corps training. After two months there they will go to the Philippine Islands for two years of teaching.

ROGER LIPPINCOTT and NORMA JORDAN (61-62), June 8 at Blair, were they now live at 2351 College Drive.

CAROLE GROTRAIN (60-63) and PETER NELSON (60-62), June 15. They live at 1425 Thirtieth Street, Des Moines, Ia.

BONNIE NELSON (60-63) and KENNETH JENSEN (62), June 1 at Atlantic, Ia. They live at 1850 Walnut Street, St. Paul, Minn., where Ken attends Luther Seminary and does chemistry research work at the University of Minnesota.

GLORIA PEDERSEN (60-63) and LONNIE HAYNE (62), June 22 at Oshkosh, Wis. Lonnie is working on his master's degree at the University of Nebraska and Gloria is teaching in the Eagle, Neb., public schools.

1962

CATHERINE JOHNSON (61-62) and Brian Wright, June 2 at Albion, Neb. They live at Albion, where Mr. Wright works at Sullivan Motors.

CAROL ANN SCHMIDT (61-62) and Gary Kahler, May 26 at Blair.

1961

RANDALL ANDERSEN (59-61) and Kayleen Kleider, June 9 at Omaha. They live at La Crosse, Wis.

ARDEN ANDERSEN (60-61) and Laurel Fox, June, at Fremont, Neb.

JOANN LARSEN and Wesley Otto, July 6. They live at Route 2, Greenleaf, Wis. JoAnn teaches physical education at Franklin Junior High School, Green Bay, Wis.

Births

Sons

Todd Philip, born July 28 to Mr. and Mrs. PHIL LARSEN (58-61) (SANDY JENSEN 59-61).

Daughters

Heide Kaye, born July 3 to Mr. and Mrs. GARY WELDON (62), Missouri Valley, Ia.

Ann Renee, born March 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rasmussen (MARILYN WOLSMANN 57), Herman, Neb. They also have a son, Kevin, five, and another daughter, Jill, two.

Kirsta May, born May 15 to Pastor and Mrs. WILLIAM LAWSON (56) (TONI NELSON 53-55), Woodruff, Wis. The Lawsons have two other children, Scott Jay, six, and Joleen Kay, four.

Summer Meetings Held on Campus

Three major conferences were held at Dana during the summer.

The Central District Luther League Training School brought more than three hundred young people to the campus for a week-long session.

The District Instructors Institute and the Central District Committees each held three-day sessions for more than one hundred delegates late in August.

Same Paper, New Printer

Dana's alumni publication, the Review—formerly called the Alumnus and before that the Alumni Quarterly—has a new home.

Until the present edition, the Review and its predecessors were printed in Blair at the Lutheran Publishing House, later the Augsburg Publishing House.

With the announcement of the closing of the old "Pub House" came a search for a new printer.

The search was short, and ended in Omaha at the Nebraska Farmer Company.

The 104-year-old firm operates plants in both Lincoln and Omaha, with headquarters in Lincoln.

In addition to its own magazines—the Nebraska Farmer and the Colorado Rancher and Farmer—the company publishes about 50 other magazines, varying in circulation from five hundred to 275 thousand copies.

The Review has a circulation in its extended coverage months of 22 thousand. Limited monthly editions go to four thousand.

This edition of the Review is set mostly in 10-point Excelsior Light text type. You will notice that the body type is slightly larger than that of the old Review, for the sake of readability and appearance.

Most of the headlines are in Tempo Bold type and its variations, chosen for simplicity and readability.

The page size and column arrangement remain the same, at least for now. Although the content of the Review will remain pretty much the same, some improvements in makeup are contemplated.

Gym Show

The internationally known Danish Gym Team will present a special exhibition at Dana November 25.



ALL ABOARD!

Here's a picture that should bring back memories for choir members. Of all the thousands of miles traveled by Dana singers, most have been by bus. This delegation is from the 1940-41 choir.

With Alumni In the ALC

Ernest A. Larsen was ordained June 2 and is serving Emmaus and St. John's Lutheran Churches in Westby, Mont.

Dr. Theodore I. Jensen has returned to Wartburg Seminary from graduate study in New York. His address is 1475 North Grandview Avenue, Wartburg.

Pastor Walter Kirkegaard has moved to McCook, Neb., to start a new mission congregation. His address is 205 Seminole Drive.

Pastor James W. Olsen's new address in Reno, Nev., is 2085 West Seventh Street.

Navy Chaplain John T. Beck has been transferred to the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pastor Lyle W. Kohler has returned to the mission field. His address is S.U.M. Numan via Jos Nigeria, West Africa.

Pastor Donald Walgren is now serving St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aurora, Ia.

Dr., Mrs. Madsen Helsinki Travelers

President and Mrs. Madsen returned August 11 from the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Helsinki. Dr. Madsen was an official delegate of the American Lutheran Church.

One of Dr. Madsen's most difficult tasks was to preach a full sermon through an interpreter while in Helsinki.

The Madsens also spent a short vacation period in Denmark.

Chapel Project Adds Study Space

One of the major campus improvements completed during the summer was the remodeling of the third-floor Pioneer Memorial chapel into additional library reading room space.

The old chapel has been painted and carpeted, new lighting installed and new chairs and tables have been ordered.

The room will accommodate overflow from the main library downstairs. A special curriculum library section also will be added.

Mass Choir In 4 Songs

The program for the choir golden anniversary celebration during Homecoming will include the singing of four familiar selections by the largest all-Dana choral group ever assembled.

All former choir members present, plus the 1963-64 choir, will join in "Beautiful Savior," "Hail Dana," "Den Store Hvide Flok" and "The Choral Benediction."

In addition, there will be performances by three reunion choirs representing different periods in Dana's choral history.

A choir made up of members from 1938 through 1963 will sing "Peace" and "Cry Out and Shout" under the direction of Paul E. Neve.

A 1930-37 group will present "Arise All Things" and "I Saw Him in Childhood," directed by Gunnar J. Malmin.

"O Bread of Life from Heaven" and "Deep River" will be performed by a 1923-30 group.

Selections for a choir covering the years 1914 through 1923 have not yet been announced.

Copies of this music are available to former choir members by writing to the college public relations office.

Former directors will be called upon to recall incidents from their years at Dana.

In addition, each will receive a Distinguished Service Award from President Madsen.

Auto Mishap Kills Jack T. Mogensen

Jack T. Mogensen, who attended Dana in 1952-53, was killed when his car hit a bridge abutment near Hermosa, S.D.

He was a construction engineer with the Army Engineers resident office at Rapid City, S.D.

Dana Gets Pub House Property

Dana will acquire a large, modern building in downtown Blair as the result of a publishing consolidation move by the American Lutheran Church's Augsburg Publishing Company in Minneapolis.

The parent organization closed its Blair branch—the former Lutheran Publishing House of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church—on September 1.

Dr. Randolph Haugen, Augsburg president, announced that the building will be given to Dana with the stipulation that it not be used for printing. Equipment and supplies will be moved to Minneapolis.

The college has announced no plans for the building. The Board of Regents is expected to reach a decision on its use at the regular November meeting.

The L-shaped structure housed a book store, offices, storage space and a large printing, binding and addressing plant.

The publishing house served the printing needs of the college for many years. College materials now are being printed in Omaha. At this writing plans had not been announced for the publication of Hermes, student weekly newspaper.

New publication arrangements for the Review are detailed elsewhere in this edition.

Football

Home

- Sept. 21 Midland
- Sept. 28 Sioux Falls
- Oct. 12 Northwestern
- Nov. 2 Wesleyan

Away

- Oct. 5 Yankton
- Oct. 19 Westmar
- Oct. 26 Concordia



HARDY TRAVELERS

Was it a chicken coop?

Farmer Was Practical Yolker

The Navy had its day of wooden ships and iron men. Dana had its days of wooden buses and adventurous singers.

There is a legend behind the old bus shown in the accompanying picture.

According to old-timers, the choir—then consider-

ably smaller than it is today—sallied forth in this rickety vehicle for a concert appearance.

On the way home, it broke down. Choir members found their own way back to Dana.

Next day, when a rescue party was dispatched to

bring back the bus, it had disappeared.

It was found after some searching in a farmer's yard.

He had set it up as a chicken coop.

Well, that's what the legend says.



FIRST CLASS

It was a far cry from the creaky buses and uncertain Midwestern roads of the '30's when the Dana Choir took off for Copenhagen on the 1960-61 Denmark tour. The group is shown here in a pose before boarding a Lufthansa transatlantic plane.

Classes Offered By Night School

First semester evening school courses at Dana began September 10.

Twelve courses are taught in art, economics, education, English, math, religion and social science.

Golden Anniversary Show Open to All

Homecoming planners stressed that the golden anniversary program for the choir and its former members and directors is open to the public and all alumni.

The program will be at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, October 12, in Borup Coliseum.

Coffee hours are scheduled in campus locations after the program.

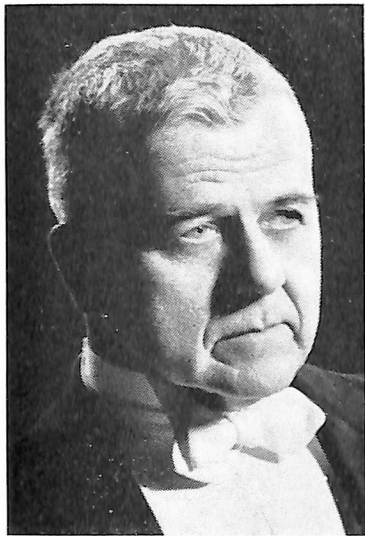
A Gallery of Choir Directors

Here are the directors who have guided the destiny of

the Dana choir since its formation. Photos of conduc-

tors John Link, Elwood Kraft, Olaf Lund and Mil-

dred Brannon were not available.



Gunnar J. Malmin



Waldo B. Nielsen



Mrs. Hans Jersild



Mrs. Sam Olsen



Paul E. Neve



Mrs. Silas Andersen

Vikings Seen As Conference Contenders; 33 Don Uniforms

Dana and Midland have been tabbed by Omaha World-Herald sports writer Paul LeBar as top contenders in the seven-team Tri-State Conference.

He named Concordia as the favorite.

Thirty-three Danians checked out gear for opening practices, according to Coaches Paul Peterson and Kieth Skogman. Several more were expected to report later.

Nineteen returning lettermen will bolster conference hopes. Most of the new players are freshmen.

College observers said a lack of depth probably would be the main problem.

Dana Performers Appear In Omaha

The Dana Folk Dancers will appear on the All Nations Festival of Dance program in connection with the Omaha Golden Jubilee of Retailing October 4.

The group will present a 15-minute program of traditional Danish folk dances.

The first game of the season was scheduled with Tarkio on September 14 as this issue of the Review was being printed. Results will be included in next month's edition.

The advantage was expected to go to Tarkio, with a head start of an extra

week of practice and a game with Peru State.

Tri-State competition was to open September 21 with Midland at Dana.

Alumnus Claimed By Heart Attack

Word has been received of the death of an alumnus who headed the language department at the University of Texas.

He was Bernhardt J. C. Christensen, who died of a heart attack June 17 at his home in New Braunfels, Tex.

Mr. Christensen attended Dana in 1920-22.

Omaha TV Series Features College

Dana was featured in a recent college program broadcast by television station KETV in Omaha.

The program included a discussion by Norman C. Bansen of the English Department and a performance by the Dana Folk Dancers.



MAGNUS CHRISTENSEN
"Hail Dana"

Holling Contract Awarded

Another step in Dana's development program has moved off the drawing board and into the builder's hands. Soon it will begin to take form in concrete, mortar and glass.

It is Holling Hall, the first new residence hall for men to be built in the long-range expansion program.

President Madsen announced that the Board of Regents has awarded a construction contract to the Korshoj Construction Company of Blair.

Dana Builder

The firm has built many of the buildings on campus and has been active in the development program, with the contracts for the last five additions.

Korshoj submitted the low bid out of six bids received from construction firms in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. The final figure accepted by the Regents, including four alternates, was \$430,915.

Construction will begin immediately, with completion scheduled for September 1, 1964.

Fifth Project

Holling Hall is the fifth major building project at Dana since 1959.

It will be erected in the area of the old Christiansen house south and west of the present dining hall. It will house 154 men.

Construction was made possible by a special gift of 200 thousand dollars from Marie and Emanuel Holling, brother and sister from Millard, Neb.

Paint Job

Painting of interior and outside trim on Pioneer Memorial was included in a summer improvement program.



THE MIDDLE YEARS

By 1935 the choir was firmly established as a Dana institution. The conductor, shown here with choir

members of that era, was Gunnar J. Malmin. He led one of the Denmark tours.



IN LATER YEARS

A familiar figure, Paul E. Neve, is shown directing the 1946-47 a ca-

pella choir in a concert appearance. He has led the choir since 1943.

Homecoming Cost Less On One Ticket

Total cost of the Homecoming week end will be \$7.50 a person.

This includes the football game, alumni luncheon,

buffet dinner, coronation, registration, choir anniversary concert, coffee hours and other events.

A limited supply of indi-

vidual tickets will be available for each event but alumni are urged to buy the entire week end ticket at a saving.

Coronation Act Booked

Pianist-humorist Stan Freeman will present a concert following Homecoming coronation ceremonies at 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Freeman's performances have been mainly in night clubs and concert halls. He has played 16 engagements at the Blue Angel in New York.

His gift for satire is backed by a solid musical



STAN FREEMAN
Satirist

background. He has played serious music with the National Symphony of Washington, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Cincinnati Symphony and the New York Philharmonic.

On the popular-music side, Mr. Freeman has played with conductors including Andre Kostelanetz and Percy Faith.

Anniversary Program Set

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tures of early choirs, as well as details of the week-end anniversary celebration and a brief history of the choir, are presented elsewhere in this edition of the Review.

Also listed are numbers which each reunion group will perform at the special concert at Borup Coliseum after the Saturday buffet dinner.

Homecoming 1963

Friday, October 11

- 3:00- 7:00 p.m. **Alumni Coffee Hour, Registration**
Mickelsen Hall Lounge
- 8:00 p.m. **Coronation, Special Entertainment**
Borup Coliseum
- 10:00 p.m. **Judging of Homecoming Displays, Kaffebord for All Students and Guests**—College Dining Room

Saturday, October 12

- 9:00 a.m.-Noon **Alumni Coffee Hour, Registration**
Mickelsen Hall Lounge
- 11:30 a.m. **Alumni Luncheon**
First Lutheran Church
- 1:30 p.m. **Parade of Royalty and Bands**
Viking Field
- 2:00 p.m. **Dana vs. Northwestern**
Viking Field
- 4:00 p.m. **Alumni Coffee Hour**
Canteen
- 5:00- 8:00 p.m. **Continental Buffet Dinner**
College Dining Room
- 8:15 p.m. **Special Choir Anniversary Program**
Recognition of Honored Classes
Borup Coliseum
- 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. **Formal Homecoming Dance**
Borup Activities Area
- 10:00 p.m. **Informal Alumni Reunion**
Alumni Memorial Auditorium
Canteen
Mickelsen Hall Lounge

Sunday, October 13

- 11:00 a.m. **Homecoming Festival Worship Service**—First Lutheran Church
- 1:00- 4:00 p.m. **Campus Open House**

Mailing Snag May Delay Choir Member Invitations

Late word from the college public relations office was that a number of former choir members have not yet received their invitations to the Homecoming choir reunion.

Because of an incomplete mailing list, some invitations may be delayed or not sent at all, it was explained.

College officials said all former choir members should consider themselves invited whether they receive formal notice or not.

More detailed information and copies of the music which will be performed are available by writing to the college.

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Homecoming Has Variety

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foe will be Northwestern College of Orange City, Ia.

Dr. Hans Jersild, former president of the old United Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been invited to speak at the special Home-



DR. HANS JERSILD
Sunday speaker

coming service Sunday morning at First Lutheran Church.

The Homecoming theme, chosen once more from the words of "Hail Dana," is "Our Song To Thee We Sing."

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