



# The Dana REVIEW

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## Busy Alumna



You think you're busy . . .

How would you like to trade jobs with Dana alumna, Elva (Jensen) Castello D'53? She is Justice of the Peace, Municipal Judge, teaches five classes of

high school math in Moorcroft, Wyo., in addition to caring for her husband and four small children.

In a recent letter to the Editor, Mrs. Castello related that in August of 1963 she was appointed to her judicial positions by members of the City Council to fill out an unexpired term. She stated, "the members of the Council all happened to know me well because I had played bridge with them and I guess they must have felt that anyone so outspoken at the bridge table wouldn't hesitate to act as a judge either!"

At the next election, she was elected to the positions and was re-elected last November.

Mrs. Castello has performed one marriage but most of her work is involved with traffic violations and civil cases.

She stated, "It is interesting work, but I guess the reason I stayed involved was because I'm a booster of this small community (our population is slightly over 800).

"My husband and I came to Moorcroft in the first place because we were living in Los Angeles and although we liked it for ourselves, we were distressed at the lives our children were having living in an apartment building in such a large city. Here in Moorcroft, we are surrounded by open space, to put it bluntly. The children are free to hop on their bicycles and ride for miles in any direction.

## Homecoming Oct. 13-14-15

Homecoming 1967 is scheduled for October 13-14-15.

The general theme for the festive week end will be "Tivoli II." (In 1965, the theme was "Homecoming in Tivoli." The Tivoli idea met with much success at that time and preliminary plans indicate that this year's Homecoming will be even better.)

The campus is to be changed into a miniature version of the famed Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen. Danish food, entertainment and special attractions will be featured.

Plans for the week end are not complete at this point. The Public Relations Office hopes to announce soon that major personalities will attend.

During the week end there will be a double salute—a salute to Nebraska on the Centennial and a salute from Nebraska to Copenhagen on its 800th anniversary.

"Moorcroft is a community of ranchers and oil people. We are surrounded by acres and acres of cows, sheep, horses and oil wells.

"We enjoy being able to know everyone. And it is possible to do something for the betterment of the community and have it show immediate results. In a word, we like it here."

Mrs. Castello holds offices in a local social sorority and the Crook County Young Republicans. She has also been a Heart Fund worker and active in the PTA throat culture program for the detection and prevention of rheumatic fever in the Moorcroft schools.

Her husband, Richard, has a B.A. degree in speech from Fresno State College in California and an M.A. degree from U.C.L.A.

Mrs. Castello's father, Walter F. Jensen, attended Dana from 1925 to 1927. He now lives in Casper, Wyo. Her grandfather was the Rev. Jens K. Jensen.

One of the features will be the 10th anniversary of the Dana Folk Dancers.

Special reunion coffees are planned for classes having their 5th, 10th, 25th and 35th reunions. These are the classes of '62, '57, '42 and '32. All who graduated or expected to graduate with any of the above classes are cordially invited to attend the special coffees. More details will be made available at a later date.

The Alumni Homecoming Luncheon will be held on campus this year. The catered luncheon will be more informal than in the past. Alumni who plan to attend the luncheon and the football game will be able to do so without having to change into casual dress. Incidentally, stadium seating will be available by Homecoming.

Make plans now to attend.

## Young Danes Visit Campus

Dana College was the host to fifty handicapped young people from Denmark during their stay in Nebraska, July 18 through July 20.

The young Danes, aged 17 through 21, were touring the United States for three weeks under the code name DIADEM-RETURN. Their visit was sponsored jointly by the Danish government and the President's Committee for the Handicapped.

Their visit to Dana and Omaha was the only stop made between Chicago and Albuquerque, N. M.

The original DIADEM group was made up of fifty handicapped American youngsters—one from each state—who visited Denmark for three weeks in 1965.

# Alumnus "Digs" in Jordan

The Rev. Dr. Lloyd Neve D'45 made two significant accomplishments during the past year. He completed requirements for his PhD in Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary and participated in an excavation in Jordan at the site of the Old Testament city of Ai.

Rev. and Mrs. Neve have been serving as missionaries in Japan since 1948. Rev. Neve is a professor of Old Testament at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tokyo.

Dr. Neve wrote a letter to many of his friends in May describing his experiences at Ai. The entire letter is extremely interesting, but due to space limitations only portions of the letter can be reprinted here.

"... Muriel and the children lived in Jerusalem during my month on the site at Ai, but they made several trips out to the mound, and followed the progress of the excavation quite closely.

"The excavation was organized primarily by Jo Callaway, Professor of Old Testament at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. . . . There must, of course, be permission granted by the Jordan government.

"Financing for the dig came largely from grants made by educational institutions in the U.S.A. The 22 members of the staff also participated, as I did, on their own request. We paid a flat fee of \$500 for the two months or one-half the amount for one month.

"Three of the staff were students, and with the exception of Billie Hanks, a Texas Southern Baptist rancher, the rest were teachers of religion or theology in college or seminary. Positively identified were Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Seventh Day Adventists, and a large number of Southern Baptists. We had to fight for our lives to keep from being thrown in bodily when we went to see the Jordan River! But we had our day at the site of the Byzantine church which our Ai expedition was also excavating. The baptistry was big enough to sit in, and was actually constructed for this purpose, but even completely filled the water would not have come higher than one's hips. Billie Hanks wanted to move that 5th century church back to Texas but he

said he would have to rebuild the baptistry!

"The staff lived in two houses which had been rented for this purpose in the village of Deir Dibwan. The mound of Ai is just outside this village, a steep 1,000 yard climb. There are about 500 houses and about 6,000 people in Deir Dibwan, a completely Mohammedan settlement.

"On an occasional morning, the mist (Hosea 13:3) would be blown in from the sea, to be immediately dispersed by the rising sun. This mist and the nightly dew is the only source of moisture for the figs and grapes which are harvested by fall.

"In regard to the excavation itself, only two periods of occupation, Early Bronze, 2900-2500 B.C., and Iron I, 1200-1000 B.C. (Israelite period of the judges) were found at Ai.

"During the period of the Old Kingdom of Egypt, from 2900-2500 B.C., there existed a city on the top of the mound which covered about 27 acres. At the very top there was either a palace or a sanctuary or both, well fortified with a wall several feet thick which had evidently been violently destroyed about 2500 B.C.

"It was constructed of rocks cut in the shape of mud bricks, with a roof supported by pillars which must have been nearly two feet in diameter. The line of foundation stones on which these pillars stood had been neatly shaped by a metal stone saw in the same way that the 2,000,000 stones in the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Cairo had been cut. Remember that the pyramids date from the same period. Because of these and other similarities, Jo Callaway believes that Ai was a city dominated by Egypt, a sort of a garrison city which was Egypt's attempt at control of the central highlands in Palestine.

"The mound lies in a strategic position. To the south about 10 miles was visible (to us) the towers of Jerusalem, Gibeon of Saul, Jeremiah's native place of Antioch; looking down to the Jordan valley east we could see the Jordan River which empties into the northern tip of the Dead Sea, the Mount of Temptation which stood between us and Jericho in the hot Jordan valley, the mountains of Moab and Mt. Nebo

on the opposite side of the light blue of the Dead Sea; looking north we saw only three or four miles away across the valley, Rimmon and Ophra (Gideon's home), and to the west, only the hills which separated us from the lowlands leading down to the Mediterranean.

"To return to the Bronze Age period at Ai, this city of 27 acres was surrounded by a massive series of walls, one of which is the thickest fortification wall ever discovered in Palestine, some 30 meters thick. Some of these portions of the city, the building at the top of the mound, and sections of the walls, had been uncovered in the two earlier campaigns in 1935 and 1964. Our task in 1966 was to continue the tracing of the walls in the unexcavated areas (most of the mound) and to trace further the remains of the Israelite village.

"This Israelite village represented the second period of occupation found on this mound. It seems to have lain unoccupied in all other OT and pre-OT periods. The Israelite village was very small, hardly more than two acres. Although my particular responsibility was a 5x5 meter square in the Bronze Age site, I nevertheless spent some time every day observing the excavation of the Iron Age village which excavation site was less than 100 yards away from our own site.

"In the square for which I had responsibility, the dirt was removed by the Arabs hired for this purpose. Of course, it is removed very cautiously one layer at a time and the responsibility of finding these layers and carefully uncovering any artifacts, foundations, walls, floors, or other remains is primarily that of the site supervisor, namely, myself. Very few artifacts were found on the Ai site, probably indicating that the occupants moved away from the site peacefully rather than in hasty flight. Any number of potsherds were available to us, however, and we carried away quite a quantity.

"What did I actually find in the square I supervised? Essentially, only two things from the Early Bronze period represented there. One was a wall which was probably part of a house wall extending from the square being excavated next to mine. The other, which really gave me the thrill of finding something, was a small circular pit about a foot deep, four feet in diameter, lined on bottom and sides with flat stones about an inch thick. It was

a pit in which they kneaded with their feet the red clay used for mud bricks and for pottery. Small amounts of the ochred clay still remained on and between the stones. The pit was filled with two small piles of donkey bones, probably left from a meal eaten by this Palestinian family 4,500 years ago.

"What was found in the Israelite village? Among other things, cobblestone paving, jars, one standing stone perhaps of religious significance (Gen. 35:14), one clay vessel shaped like a duck, some beads and other small artifacts. It wasn't a very preposing village to begin with and most of their possessions must have been carried away by the Israelites when they abandoned the site about the time of David's reign in Hebron."

If you wish to write to the Neves, their address is 10-24 One Chome, Kyanancho, Musashino Shi, Tokyo, Japan.

## Weismann Honored

(This article is reprinted from the May 16, 1967, Central District Heartbeat supplement in *The Lutheran Standard*.)

The district's Higher Education Committee honored Mr. Boas Weismann, Dana College's Director of Church Relations and Development, by presenting to him its 1967 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education (at the district convention in Kansas City, April 27).

Mr. Weismann was cited not only for his excellent work for Dana but also for service to the church as a member of the ALC's Church Council and as a promoter of the Investment Loan Fund.

## Delegates for World Council

Dr. Erwin Goldenstein, member of the Dana Board of Regents and professor at the University of Nebraska, is one of 14 delegates who were recently elected to represent the American Lutheran Church at next year's assembly of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden.

The Rev. Dr. William Larsen, Dana alumnus and ALC vice president, was also named to attend the assembly.

All delegates were elected by the ALC's Church Council in Minneapolis.

# On Destiny's Deep Sea

## New Jobs and Promotions

1967

MARLOW G. REMMERS was accountant for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. until April 1. On April 3, he left for six months training at Fort Bliss, Texas. His address is: Pvt. Marlow Remmers, NG27720043, B-1-2, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916.

STEVEN P. LARSEN has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He is being assigned for training as an aerospace munitions officer.



Larsen



Bondo

1964

MARK H. BONDO has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

1964

OWEN J. VASBY works for the IBM Corporation. His address is 721 Coller, Apartment 3, Longmont, Colo. 80501.

1/LT. ROGER A. BECK is in Viet Nam as the navigator of a B-57 Canberra, a jet bomber. His address is 8th Tac. Bomb Sq., APO San Francisco, Cal. 96274.

Mr. and Mrs. LYNN BARNES have joined the Atlantic, Ia., teaching staff for next year. LYNN will be in the junior high department, teaching science and working with the athletic department. JOAN K. (RATHE '63) will teach in the elementary schools.

1963

ROBERT C. ERICKSON is now Counselor of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the State of Illinois. He, his wife (CECILIA STICE) and

two daughters live at 731 Francine, Kankakee, Ill.

DEAN HENRICKSEN has been promoted from assistant cashier to assistant vice president of the National Bank of Neligh. He joined the bank in July of 1963.

1962

DONALD A. HARRINGTON recently received a Study Fellowship for International Development for use as a grad student at the University of Oregon in Asian Studies. This fellowship is for the 1967-68 school year. He is presently in grad school at U. of O.

1961

ERWIN LEE HOREIS has been appointed personnel officer at the Omaha National Bank. Mr. Horeis joined the bank a year ago as the bank's job analyst. Mr. Horeis, his wife and two-year-old daughter reside at 6559 No. 34th St. in Omaha.

REV. PETER LEE SWAN is pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Hubbles Corner, Sunman, Indiana. Rev. Swan, his wife, BARBARA J. (ANNIS '60-'61) and two sons now live 2½ miles east of Sunman.

1956

GUNNAR A. NYHOLM is to be the superintendent for the 1967-68 school year at Pilger (Neb.) High School.

1954

ELMER PETERSEN is planning to take a break from teaching. He plans to attempt to get some depth in sculpture, art and art history which he feels would be useful for later teaching. This summer he will be at a two-day conference at Expo '67 at which he will meet nationally and internationally known painters and architects who have been involved in some of the design for Expo '67.

1950

ROGER J. HANSON is doing research work in nuclear physics at the University of Aarhus, Denmark. His wife, MARILYN (JUUL '45-'47) and their children are with him.

## Gifts of Note

**\$25,000**—From Mr. and Mrs. Ingvard Skobo of Blair for the purchase of library books and materials. One-fifth of the gift was earmarked for the purchase of Scandinavian literature in the original and English translations.

The gift was received shortly before Mr. Skobo's death July 3.

During his lifetime, Mr. Skobo and his wife were actively interested in their church and the church's mission in Christian Higher Education. Their faith in this work of the church has been demonstrated not only by gifts but also by sending all four of their daughters to Dana.

The daughters are: Mrs. Ray Weckmuller (Mary) of Blair; Mrs. Gerald Faye (Edith) and Mrs. Glen Jackson (May), both of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Mrs. Rees McFarland (Edna) of Grosse Point Farms, Mich.

**\$700**—From Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Steenhoven (Norma Lund) and son, Tom, of Newark, Ohio.

The gift was given in memory of Mrs. Van Steenhoven's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Lund.

N. T. Lund taught history at Dana from 1905 to 1915 and served on the Board of Trustees from 1933 to 1945. During these years, he actively demonstrated his wide range of scholarship and his unswerving dedication to Dana's mission of Christian Higher Education.

The memorial gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lund's daughter and her family will be used to purchase books and microfilm for the Dana Library.

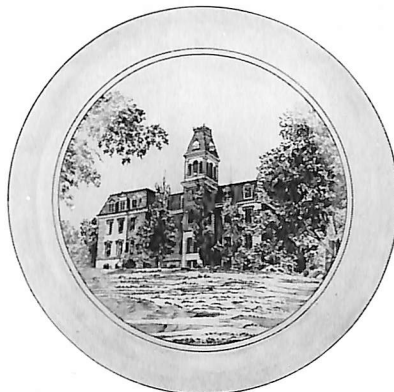
Gifts such as these, and many which are smaller, help insure Dana's ability to continue to provide high quality Christian Higher Education.

### Daughters

1965

Jennifer Lynn born May 4 to Mr. and Mrs. RONALD HOUGH. Their address is 6011 Birch Street, Omaha, Neb.

## Dana College and Bing & Grondahl present:



Actual size  
8" in diameter

### THE DANA PLATE

Because the name of Dana College has always been closely associated with the finest traditions of Denmark, arrangements have been completed with Bing & Grondahl of Copenhagen to produce a special Dana plate. Patterned after the famous Christmas Plate, the Dana Plate is executed in traditional blue and white featuring an etching of Old Main. In order to make the Dana Plate a true collector's item, it is being produced in a limited quantity of five hundred.

This exclusive item is scheduled for delivery on November 1, 1967 and orders are now being accepted at a cost of \$20.00 each plus \$1.00 for postage, handling and insurance. (Nebraska residents add 2½% sales tax or 50¢ per plate.)

Address all orders and inquiries to Public Relations Office,  
Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008

1962

Karen Lois born February 7, 1967 to Clifford and LOIS (HENNINGSEN) Rode. She has one sister, Denise Marie. Their address is Box 474A, Mexico, New York 13114.

### Sons

1963

Jeffrey Dean born June 12 to Mr. and Mrs. KEN ANDERSON. They live at 2338 Lincoln in Blair.

1962

Paul Jonathan born May 18, 1967, was adopted on June 30 by REV. KENNETH A. and BONNIE (NELSON D'65) JENSEN. They reside at 129 South Mill Street, Barron, Wisconsin.

## Chicago Club

The Chicago Dana Club held a banquet on June 11 at the Dania Society. Mr. Byron Langenfeld, Dana alumnus and Board member of Racine, Wisconsin, was the guest speaker.

At the banquet, new officers were elected. They are: Robert Steffensen, president; Frank Hansen, vice president; Edna Hansen, secretary; George Landbo, treasurer; and Advisory Board members, Alice Johnson, M. P. Madsen and Steven Sit.

The Chicago Club has been very active in the current Alumni Appeal for funds to purchase library books. Members of the Club have contributed \$898 for books since the Spring of 1966.

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