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Homecoming Highlights



James R. Hansen Road Dedicated



ABOVE—Indian Ray Weckmuller and Viking Roger Olson look on as Dana's "founding fathers" try to select a name for the new school in the Homecoming Viking Revue program. The "founding fathers" are Norman Bansen, Alan Laaker, Paul Strand and Wayne Wise.

LEFT—Librarian Ron Johnson and President Madsen during the cornerstone laying ceremony for the new library.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS—The Dana Vikings won the Homecoming game by defeating Yankton College 10-7.

—A record turnout for the Alumni Luncheon.

—Class reunions for the classes of '43, '58, '63.

—The oldest returning alumnus was Wm. J. Houmark, class of 1912.

Mrs. James R. Hansen (Ella Erlandsen) and children Pam and Paul were on Campus for the Homecoming dedication ceremonies which officially opened the new campus entrance named in tribute to their husband and father.

A large boulder was placed at the top of the hill where the new road connects with the campus drive. The plaque on the boulder reads: "James R. Hansen, 1927-1968. This street is named in tribute to James R. Hansen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Dana Alumnus, Student Body President and Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents from 1957 to 1968.

"Donors for building this road are Mr. and Mrs. Jens Peter Nielsen, Chicago. Autumn 1968."



Recent Grads are Teaching in Alaska

Jerry and Sandy Johnson Voll graduated from Dana last Spring. Prior to graduation they decided to teach for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska. They were assigned to the village of Mekoryuk. Jerry is originally from Racine, Wis. and Sandy from Creighton, Neb. The following is taken from a letter they sent relating their experience in the far north.

We left Seattle at midnight June 22 for Fairbanks where we attended the Alaskan Rural School Project at the University of Alaska. As we flew north it became lighter and we didn't realize we wouldn't see darkness again for over a month! On the three hour flight we met 13 other couples who were also going to attend the Rural School Project. They came from all over the United States and were going to all parts of Alaska.

We arrived in Fairbanks at 2 a.m.—Alaskan Daylight Savings Time—and it was broad daylight. Down the road from the airport they were finishing the Midnight Sun baseball game which began at midnight. We were met at the airport and taken to the University where we lived in a girls dormitory, an experience in itself.

While attending the Rural School Project we were in school from 8 to 5 every day. We had courses in Alaskan Anthropology, methods of teaching and a special course in teaching English as a second language. We also had many guest speakers from Alaska, experienced bush teachers, and consultants from all over the United States in every field of education. The Project was sponsored by the Ford Foundation and it provided many extra opportunities to get to know more about Alaska and its native people. We spent our free time gold-panning, sight-seeing and just visiting.

The project was attended by both State and Bureau teachers—about 50 of us in all. We studied at the University for the first four weeks then we were sent to our assigned villages to see our schools and get acquainted for a week. Then we went back to the University for three weeks to finish our eight week course.

After completing the course it was

good to get settled once again. We are now in Mekoryuk for the year. Mekoryuk is the only village on Nunivak Island off the south western coast of the Alaskan mainland. It seems quite strange to realize that we are closer to Siberia than to home. We are on the same latitude as Oslo, Helsinki and Leningrad and on a globe appear to be farther west than the Hawaiian Islands!

Mekoryuk is a village of 325 people. The entire population is Eskimo except for the Bureau teachers. The people have their own language, but most of them also speak English.

The school was new in 1966. We were quite surprised at the size and facilities. There is an office complex with clinic, guest room, office and supply room, a large multi-purpose room with a stage, a kitchen, and four good-sized classrooms. There is also a full sized wooden basketball court outside which Jerry loves.

There are three very nice apartments for the teachers. We are very happy with ours. We have a large living room which is nice and adequately furnished. For example, it is carpeted and has a couch with matching chair, book case, coffee table, end tables, lamps, and three other chairs. Our kitchen is also large and all our dishes, cooking ware, etc. is furnished.

We have large windows in the kitchen and living room which overlook the beach and bay. The apartment has a utility room with washer and dryer, and a large pantry in which we stacked our years supply of food! Then we have a bath and two bedrooms furnished and carpeted. So we can hardly say we are roughing it.

Our principal teacher, his wife and four children are from Utah. They have been in Alaska two years at Quinghak. He teaches 4th and 5th grades and his wife has the beginners. He's a great principal to work under, believes in individualized instruction and believes schools should be non-graded. So we are learning a lot from him.

The other couple are from Detroit, Michigan. She and I share a large room and have 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. Then Jerry and her husband

are doing team teaching with the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Jerry also has set up a physical education program for the whole school. Each room has PE twice a week for a half hour period.

It is a teachers dream as far as student-teacher ratio. I have fifteen 2nd and 3rd graders and Jerry and Lee have 30 children between the two of them. The children are adorable and they seem so eager to learn.

Before too long a Boy Scout Troop and 4-H clubs are going to be organized. We also plan to have game nights, show movies, and have activities for the village at school as there is not much recreation for the people.

The island is a Wildlife Refuge. There are around 14,000 head of reindeer and 800 musk oxen on the island, all are wild. It's not quite the quiet, isolated place we thought it would be. The mail plane comes twice a week and we are happy to see it!

About two months ago we were visited by a National Geographic staff photographer who was here taking pictures—National Geographic is doing its whole May 1969 issue on Alaska.

Alaska is a young and exciting place to be and so far we think it is great! I hope we have given you an idea what our life and surroundings are like.

It seems quite strange not be back at Dana this fall. We both miss it and all the friends we made while there.

In case you would like to write to us our address is Jerry and Sandy Voll, Nunivak Island, Mekoryuk, Alaska 99630.

Simon Elected Ill. Lt. Governor

Dana alumnus, Paul Simon, has been elected lieutenant-governor of Illinois. He has served in the Illinois Senate for a number of years.

While at Dana, Simon was president of the Dana student body. In 1966 he returned to the campus to deliver the commencement address at which time he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

On Destiny's Deep Sea

New Jobs and Promotions

1966

First Lt. EVERETT PETERSEN is serving in the Army in Vietnam. He has been stationed there since July 1968. Ev's address is First Lt. Everett Petersen 05345794, Co. D., 2/502 Infantry, 105 Airborne Div., APO San Francisco 96383.

1965

RON HOUGH is the manager of a new Firestone store in Omaha. Ron, Eileen and their daughter Jennifer live at 6011 Birch, Omaha, Neb.

1958

HARRY LANDBO has been named assistant director of Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois. He received his Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from the School of Public Health and Ad-

ministrative Medicine, Columbia University, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Landbo live at 911 Cherry Hill Drive, Mt. Prospect, Ill.

1956

Dr. CARL C. NIELSEN is teaching at Wichita State University College of Business Administration. Prior to this he taught at the University of Nebraska. He and his wife, BONNY (CHRISTENSEN), have four children and are living in Wichita, Kans.

1948

FLORENCE HANSEN has been named director of the Social Services Department at University of Nebraska Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska. She had been assistant director of the department for the last year.

Daughters

1966

April Jil was born to Lawson and HELEN (HASS) Lunde on October 7, 1968. Their address is 135 Dover Drive, Apt. 9, Des Plaines, Ill.

1964

JoEllen Lee was born to Dr. and Mrs. TOM LANGE on September 22, 1968. Their address is 400 Bellevue Avenue, Apt. 212, Newport, R. I. 02840.

1963

Christine Elizabeth was born to GARY and ELLEN (LARSEN) HANSON on September 2, 1968. They have another daughter, Deborah. Their address is 2442 McKenzie, Bellingham, Wash. 98225.

1961

Christine Naomi was born to Rev. and Mrs. DAVID ROSSBACH on May 11, 1968. They have another daughter, Kathryn Heidi. David is pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Humboldt, Nebraska. Their address is Route 1, Box 78, Humboldt, Neb. 68376.



Eleven Homecoming Queens from previous years added to the excitement for 1968 Queen Ellen Thomsen from Racine, Wis. The Queens are listed left to right as they appear in the photo above. The year following each name indicates the year she reigned as Homecoming Queen. Mrs. William Bennett (Joyce Petersen), Marion, Iowa, 1951; Mrs. Howard Petersen (Ruth Solevad), Freedom, California, 1947 (first Homecoming Queen); Mrs. Richard Nelson (Sharon Mardesen), Omaha, Nebraska, 1959; Miss Sonja Jacobsen, Storm Lake, Iowa, 1960; Mrs. Everitt Petersen (Terry Johnson), Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1961; Miss Paige Yowell, Dana Student from Herman, Nebraska, 1967; Miss Ellen Thomsen, Dana Student, 1968; Mrs. B. B. Andersen (Ceva Hansen), Topeka, Kansas, 1962; Mrs. Arden Dorn (Roxanne Marquette), Kennard, Nebraska, 1963; Mrs. Roger Klopp (Mary Jacobsen), LeMars, Iowa, 1953; Mrs. James Jorgensen (Linda Money), Washington, Iowa, 1964; Mrs. Kenneth Quirk (Connie Anderson), Sloan, Iowa, 1966.

S & H Sponsored Lecture Series

A lecture series, "Challenge of the East", was recently held on the Dana campus.

Speakers for the two day event included: Mr. John Hlavacek, KMTV news analyst, Omaha; Dr. Harold Stern, acting director of the Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Alan Watts, noted philosopher and author; and Madame Lydia Na Ranong, expert on Eastern economy and politics.

The "Challenge of the East" series provided the college community and residents of the area with a more adequate understanding of the East and the role that it plays in the world in which we live.

The series was made possible by a \$2,000 grant from the S&H Lecture-ship Program sponsored by the Sperry & Hutchinson Foundation.

This was the first time in history that Dana has received this grant. It is also interesting to note that Dana was the only college in this area to be awarded the S&H grant this year.

Eva Marie was born to RON and BODIL (STROM) JOHNSON on November 12, 1968. They have another daughter, Lisa, age three. Ron is the Librarian at Dana College and Bodil is an instructor at Dana. Their address is 1069 North Twenty-fifth, Blair, Neb.

Sons

1967

Jon Christopher was born to DONALD E. and BARBARA (HAGEBAK) HANSON on October 23, 1968. Don is in the Army stationed at Fort Lewis Washington until mid-December. His address is Pvt. Hanson RA68063662, D. Co. 2nd Bn. 2nd Bde. USATCI, Fort Lewis, Wa. 98433, 2nd Plt.

1966

Scott Michael was born to Mr. and Mrs. JERRY LARSON on March

25, 1968. Their address is 6720 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55423.

1963

Robert James was born to Dr. STANLEY and BETTY (JOSLIN) ERLANDSEN on May 20, 1968. Their address is 3523 Northeast Forty-fifth Street, Seattle, Wash. 98105.

Michael Tex was born to TOM and SALLY (LEWIS) FRANK on September 18, 1968. Their address is 4743 South Eighty-third Street, Apt. s4, Ralston, Neb. 6812s.

1961

Eric Carsten was born to LUTHER and DORIS (SIERSBECK) KLOTH on August 16, 1968. Luther is teaching Physical Therapy at Marquette School of Medicine. Their address is 6134 West Wells, Milwaukee, Wis. 53213.

The Rev. Hans Marius Hansen, 94, died in Castro Valley, Calif., Aug. 11, 1968. Pastor Hansen attended Dana College, 1897-1901, and Trinity Seminary, 1901-1904.

Prior to becoming president of the Pacific District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, he served parishes in Cordova, Verona, and Omaha, Neb., and Sleepy Eye, Evan, and Morgan, Minn. He also ministered to parishes in Easton, Oakland, Hayward, Del Ray and Reedley, Calif.

His family, friends and Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley, California have established a loan fund at Dana in his memory. The loan funds will be available to Dana students who plan to enter the ministry.

C. X. Hansen Memorial Scholarship

A loyal alumnus of Dana, who asks to remain anonymous, recently sent a generous gift with the stipulation that a part of the contribution be designated as a permanent Scholarship Fund in tribute to Dr. C. X. Hansen.

\$2,500.00 of the contribution has been designated for this Scholarship Fund with the stipulation by the donor that it be matched by gifts from other grateful alumni and friends of Dr. C. X. Hansen to create a permanent memorial scholarship of \$5,000.00.



Dr. C. X. Hansen

We are confident that many of our *Dana Review* readers will want to participate in this most worthy venture. We know of no one in Dana's history who could as truly be called "Mr. Dana College" as our beloved "Dr. C. X." As a student he sat in the first classes held in Old Main in 1886. Countless Dana alumni remember him with love and affection from the eighty-eight semesters he gave as a teacher at Dana, teaching ably and devotedly in nearly every major department of the college. Amid days of turbulence and crisis he was called upon at three different times to serve as acting president or president. On each occasion, after the crisis had been

resolved, he quietly returned to his teaching. A simple memorial stone on the campus, placed by grateful students reads:

To Remember

DR. C. X. HANSEN

1869-1941

Student - Professor - Friend

By Student Body of 1941-42

We are grateful that this fitting memorial is being established, and we hope many of Dana's alumni and friends will want to share in establishing this worthy tribute to Dana's esteemed Dr. C. X. Hansen.

C. C. Madsen

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