



# The Dana REVIEW

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## 167 AWARDED DEGREES AT COMMENCEMENT; BLAIR MAYOR AND FIRST GRAD ARE HONORED



President Mezoff (left) congratulates Blair Mayor Alfred Sick and Mrs. Sick.

One hundred sixty-seven seniors were awarded degrees by Dana President E. R. Mezoff during the annual Commencement ceremony held on campus, Sunday, May 21. This was Mezoff's first Commencement as President of Dana College.

Special awards were presented to the newly elected Mayor of Blair, Mr. Alfred O. Sick, and to the first four-year graduate of Dana College, Mrs. Esther Bonnesen Burns of Neola, Iowa.

Mayor Sick received the 1972 College-Community Service Award in recognition of forty-six years of service to the community and support of college projects. Mayor Sick is the eighth resident of Blair to be so honored by the College.

Mrs. Burns received a Golden Anniversary Award on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of her graduation from Dana and in recognition of the unique position she holds as the first degree-graduate of the College. Immediately following the presentation by President Mezoff, Mrs. Burns responded



President Mezoff (left) with first Dana graduate, Esther Burns and Mr. Burns.

ed with some recollections from her days at Dana in the 20's. She concluded by urging the members of the 1972 graduating class to remember Dana with their financial support.

Immediately following the Commencement program, graduates, guests and faculty members were entertained at the traditional "kaffebord" in the Campus Center.

### Campus News Notes

The Central District convention of The American Lutheran Church was held on campus during the week of May 22. Other conferences scheduled for the summer include "Anytown Nebraska" from June 11-17; Lutheran Youth Encounter School from August 1-4; United Methodist Retreat from August 4-6; National Indian Lutheran Board from August 10-14; and the Central District Committees from August 21-23.

The regular six-week summer session will be held on campus from June 6 to July 14 with a three-week post session scheduled for July 17 to August 4.

Miss Kathy Christensen, a Dana senior from Mendota, Illinois, was named Queen of the 1972 May Festival Weekend.

Dr. Gary Dean of the Dana Business Administration Department, has been selected as the American Banking As-

sociation's Summer Faculty Fellowship participant. Dr. Dean will spend approximately two months in the Controller's area of the Omaha National Bank.

Dr. Donald Lehmer of the Dana Anthropology Department has been awarded a grant from the Phillips Fund of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia. The Society, the oldest learned society in the United States, granted funds to support a research project on the study of population movements from 1700 to 1865 in the Missouri Valley and North Dakota areas. According to Dr. Lehmer, the main thrust of his investigation will be to determine what happened to people in periods of cultural stress.

### Six Seniors Given 1972 Campus Service Awards

Six members of the class of 1972 were singled out for special honors at the Recognition Dinner held on campus prior to Commencement.

President E. R. Mezoff presented Campus Service Awards to the seniors in recognition of their outstanding contributions to campus life.

The recipients were: Miss Carol Jean King of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Robert Kobler of Lombard, Illinois; Mr. Lee Norgaard of Irvington, Nebraska; Mr. Wilson Sabiya of Adamawa, Nigeria; Mr. Barry Scheske of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, and Mr. Gene Wulf of Millard, Nebraska.

Five outstanding alumni were given Distinguished Alumnus Awards at the first annual Recognition Dinner held on campus during Commencement weekend. The dinner was the concluding event of Alumni Day at Dana. A crowd of approximately 250 alumni, seniors, parents and members of the Dana staff attended.

Present to receive their plaques from Alumni Association President Dr. C. N. (Bud) Robinson were: Dr. Stanley Bach of Omaha; Dr. Edward A. Hansen of Willmar, Minnesota; Dr. Theo. I. Jensen of Minneapolis; Dr. C. C. Madsen of Blair and Dr. R. E. Morton of Lodi, California.

## FIVE ALUMS RECOGNIZED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



Dr. and Mrs. Theo. I. Jensen (left) and Robinson.



Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hansen (left) and President Mezoff.



Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Bach (left) and Robinson.



Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Madsen (left) with Robinson and President Mezoff.



Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Morton (left) with Robinson and President Mezoff.

## On Destiny's Deep Sea

### 1968

ROGER EITZMANN and family live in Sidney, Iowa 51652. Roger is a Physical Education teacher and head coach for football, wrestling and baseball.

MR. AND MRS. LAWAYNE (BARBARA HOLSING) FEIT are living at 4910 Cresthaven Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516. Barbara is a substitute teacher for the Lincoln Public Schools and Lawayne is in law school at the University of Nebraska.

LARRY K. FOX is Zone Manager for Investors Diversified Services, Inc., and lives at 1939 College Street, Apt. 118, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

GAIL FRAZIER is corporation pilot for Northern Natural Gas Co. The Fraziers and two sons live at 211 Park Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501.

DAVID KJELDGAARD is Life, Health and Mutual Funds Representative for the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company. The Kjeldgaards are living at 2715 North 56th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104.

REVEREND AND MRS. DAVID (ELLEN THOMSEN '69) SOLEVAD live in Nezperce, Idaho 83543. David is pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Nezperce and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Craigmont, Idaho.

TWILARAE WILLMOTT STENDER teaches in the District 66 Schools. She lives at 9626 Ohern Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska 68127.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER (JOAN HENDRIKSEN) WILLMERT are living at 4460 A Gaffey Heights, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121. Walter is in the service.

### 1966

MR. AND MRS. DENNIS (DIANNE SEIM) BARKER are living at 806 6th Street, Fairbury, Nebraska 68352. Dennis is teaching physical education for grades 1 to 6 and is the high school wrestling and cross-country coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy (MARY EISENHAEUER) Bretthorst reside at 403 Hermosa, Roswell, New Mexico 88202, where Mary is a second grade teacher in the Roswell school system.

JEROME R. LARSON has been appointed Financial Analysis Officer in the finance-accounting division of First Bank System, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MR. AND MRS. LEON (ALICE PETERSEN '68) NEVE live at 4470 Redman Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68111. Leon is teaching in the Council Bluffs schools.

KAYE M. PETERSEN is living in Europe. Her address is Box 3279, APO New York 09057.

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT (JULIE SPILKER '68) ZWINK and their two children are living at 19601 82nd Place W., No. 2, Edmonds, Washington 98020. Bob has now opened his own dental office.

### 1965

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST (MARILYN ANDERSEN '65) ABARIOTES and their two children live at 222 Jackson Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Ernest is a teacher in the Tri-Center Community Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. (JANET HANSEN) Anderson live at 4905 47th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140. Janet teaches third and fourth grades in the Racine Unified Schools.

LT. COMMANDER AND MRS. GARY BIESECKER and their two children live at 5401 Greenbrook Drive, Portsmouth,

Virginia 23703. Gary is serving his residency in the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. (KAREN GALLUP) Clark and family live at 411 N. Second Avenue, Logan, Iowa 51546. Gary works for the First National Bank in Logan, Iowa.

DR. AND MRS. DONALD P. DREYER and son live at 1528 Drake Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501. Don is a partner with two veterinarians in this area.

JEAN EISENHAUER is a Librarian at the University of Wisconsin Law Library. She lives at 501 S. Midvale, Madison, Wisconsin 53711.

### 1965

DENNIS EITMANN is the Coordinator for Adult and Continuing Education at Iowa Western Community College. The Eitmanns live at 201 Parkview Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501.

MR. AND MRS. JIM (EULA SHEER) FLUCKEY and their two sons live in Gretna, Nebraska. Jim is the Guidance Counselor at the Gretna Public Schools.

Rev. and Mrs. David (CHRISTINA MOOSMANN) Ferguson live at 45 Atkins Avenue, Lynn, Massachusetts 01904. Christina is the nursing supervisor in the intensive care units of Salem Hospital, Salem, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark (CLAUDETTE BAKKEN) Gilbert live at 1331 S. Maple, Sioux City, Iowa 51106. Claudette is a Special Education teacher for the Educational Service Unit I.

Reverend and Mrs. Milbern (KATHRYN OLSEN) Goetz live at 1900 E. Cedar Street, Olathe, Kansas 66061. Kathy is a Social Worker for the Lutheran Social Service and works at finding homes for hard-to-place children.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug (CARLA THORESON) Gries live at 1015 West Jackson, Millard, Nebraska 68137. Carla will receive the Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in May.

MR. AND MRS. RON (GLORIA HANSEN '64) HALVORSON and their three children live in Waterford, Wisconsin 53185. Ron is a teacher in the Waterford Graded Schools.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. (LINDA L. BERGE) HELMS and son live at 828 B Riverlawn Avenue, Chula Vista, California 92011. James is an Electronics Technician Chief in the U.S. Navy.

RONALD HOUGH is Project Manager for Vacanti & Randazzo Properties. The Houghs and their two children live at 5725 Camden, Omaha, Nebraska 68104.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY (JANET PETERSEN '63) JORGENSEN and two sons live at 1128 Nebraska Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Jerry is a contractor and part-time MFA insurance agent.

MR. AND MRS. RON MATTISON live at 5863 Dafried Drive, #1, Rockford, Illinois 61107. Ron is melting supervisor for the Mattison Machine Works—Foundry Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard (SUSANNE HENGVELD) Miller and daughter Zoe live at 1450 Antares Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401. Susanne is Assistant Curator of Paleontology at the Idaho State University Museum. She is also a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology.

RICHARD P. MOOSMAN is teaching Drama and English in the Aurora Public Schools and lives at 3301 S. Cherry, Denver, Colorado 80222.

MR. AND MRS. PHILIP M. (ELAINE PETERSEN) MILLER and two children live at 412 Hill, Harlan, Iowa 51537. Phil is a partner in the Miller Brothers Construction Company.

REV. CLAYTON C. NIETFELD is pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Dodge City, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert (CLARICE WAGNER) Rule and three children live at 1007 Iowa Street, Dunlap, Iowa 51529. Clarice is kindergarten teacher in the Dow City Community School.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (JANET KRUGMAN) Stamer and two children live at 308 N. Pine Street, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701. Janet serves as a substitute teacher in the Norfolk schools.

DONALD C. SUTTON is Supervisor of Special Education for Educational Service Unit No. 9. He lives at 123 E. Sixth Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.

GLENN N. WACHTER is Department Manager for Sears, Roebuck & Co. The Wachers live at 1348 Ames Avenue, Apt. 201, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris (SHARON BRACKER) Wagman and two children live on Route 4, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501. Sharon is a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. (J. JANE JENSEN) Warman live at 3003 Van Ness Street, N.W., #S-703, Washington, D. C. 20008. Jane and Joseph are both employed by the Harry Diamond Laboratories, Department of the Army.

### 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Ron (CAROL WESTERMANN) Dickmeyer and their three children live at 5423 S. 106th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68127.

G. B. DUNNING is Counseling Psychologist for the Counseling Center at the University of Nebraska. The Dunnings live at 1703 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503.

MRS. RAMONA McDONALD teaches sixth grade in the Sergeant Bluff (Iowa) public schools.

MR. AND MRS. GARY (LYNNE RASMUSSEN) RAMSAY and their two children live at 1117 S. 36th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68105. Gary is Tenant Service Counselor for the Housing Authority of the City of Omaha.

### 1963

CAPT. KENT C. BORCHERS, 5508 Chatford Sq., Columbus, Ohio 43227. Kent is Procurement Officer for the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. (JUDY JOHNSON) Harder live on Route 2, Albion, Nebraska 68620. Judy is a housewife, substitute teacher and junior choir director.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE (AUDREY HEMINGWAY) LARSEN and their two daughters live in Ellendale, Minnesota 56026. Eugene is farming and Audrey is a substitute teacher in the Owatonna and Ellendale schools.

MR. AND MRS. JANUS Z. THOMSEN and son Scott live at 4908 N. 56th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104. Jan is employed by the Omaha Police Department

as Communications Operator for the 911 emergency number.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE (NANCY JACOBSEN '64) TESELLE and two sons live at 522 S. 15th, Tekamah, Nebraska 68601. Eugene teaches in the Tekamah-Herman Community Schools.

MR. AND MRS. KEITH WIEGERT and two daughters live in Cambridge, Nebraska. Keith teaches in the Cambridge Public Schools. They are also part owners of the Medicine Creek Lodge Resort near Cambridge.

### 1962

CAROLYN ECKLEY is working on her doctorate at the University of North Dakota. She also teaches one section of Humanities and works part-time at a Grand Forks bookstore. Her address is 1300 1/2 N. 7th Street, East Grand Forks, Minnesota 56721.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn (NANCY CHRISTENSEN) Honert and daughter live at 812 Belmont Ave., Racine, Wisconsin 53405. Nancy is a part-time dental assistant.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. (FRAN ROBINS) MARTIN and their three children live on Route 1, Box 209AA, Erie, Colorado 80516. Bob is a salesman for Armour Pharmaceutical and Fran is a first grade teacher in Adams County District 12.

MR. AND MRS. DON S. (JOYCE VASBY '57) JORGENSEN and their three children live at 609 Park Street, Ripon, Wisconsin 54971. Don is Executive Vice-President of R-Line Foods, Inc.

REV. AND MRS. STANLEY R. (RUTH HENNINGSEN '63) LARSEN and their three children live in McClusky, North Dakota. Stanley is pastor of McClusky Lutheran parish.

EUGENE D. MENNINGA lives in Sterling, Nebraska 68443, and works for the Johnson County office of USDA-ASCS.

GERALD A. SINCLAIR is an Elementary Principal in the Millard, Nebraska, schools. The Sinclairs and their three children live at 1007 Washington Circle, Millard, Nebraska 68137.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD L. RASCHKE and their three children live at 4265 Old Lexington Road, Athens, Georgia 30601. Ron is an Aquatic Biologist for the Environmental Protection Agency.

### 1958

INGVERT APPEL is Principal of the Scranton (Iowa) schools.

JAMES H. BOEHM is an Inventory Specialist at Sharpe Army Depot, Lathrop, California. The Boehms live at 472 Lode Street, Manteca, California 95336.

DAVID C. HESS is a Mathematics teacher in the Wauwatosa West High School. The Hesses and daughter Deborah live at W. 150 N. 6987 Country Lane, Menominee Falls, Wisconsin 53051.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM (NANCY NIELSEN) SAINT and their three children live at 3306 S. 89th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124. Bill is the computer programmer for the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

### 1957

VERNON M. FLESNER is Director of Pastoral Care for St. Luke's Hospital, 2900 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred (CAROLYN PETERSEN) Gilbert and son Kyle live at 1545 Santa Monica, San Jose, California 95118. Carolyn is a teacher in the Santa Clara Unified School District.

MR. AND MRS. DALE (DOROTHY STRAUBE) JOHNSON and their three children live on Route 1, Wahoo, Nebraska 68066. Dale is farming and Dorothy is a substitute teacher in the Mead Public Schools.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER L. (MARILYN WARD) NICHOLS and their four children live at 6661 Camino Abbey, Tucson, Arizona 85718. Roger is a History Professor at the University of Arizona.

DR. LARRIE E. STONE is Professor of Biology at Dana College. The Stones and their three children live at 964 N. 25th, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

### 1956

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE L. (ILA MAE HANSEN) CHRISTENSEN and their three children live at 1621 Taylor, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126. Wayne is a Biology teacher in the Iowa Falls Community Schools.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. CLEMON and their two children live at 3714 Forest Lawn Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68112. Jim is chief editorial writer for the Omaha World-Herald.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH L. (MARY ANN ANDERSON) FEHL and their three children live at 110 North Illinois Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53405. Ken is Divisional Controller for the Louis Allis Co. of Milwaukee.

MR. AND MRS. BOB (JOAN PETERSEN '69) KROGH and their two children live at 1103 S. 13th Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Bob is agent for the State Farm Insurance Companies.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER (BETTY PETERSEN) KRUSE and their three children live in Peterson, Iowa 51047. Roger is farming.

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD (BARBARA WHITESIDE) LAURSEN and their three children live at 409 Mesa, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. Harold is pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Barbara is attending Lincoln University and doing some substitute teaching in the elementary schools.

REV. DONALD V. WAHLGREN is pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Cushing, Iowa.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. (BEVERLY KRUTY) WILLIAMS and their three children live at 870 S. Barnett, Anaheim, California 92805. John is a Mechanical Engineering Supervisor for Danalabs, Inc.

### 1955

MR. AND MRS. PAUL (EILEEN PEDERSEN) CASH and two children live on Route 1, Ames, Nebraska 68621. Paul works for Hormel and Eileen is first grade teacher at St. Patrick's Elementary School.

MR. AND MRS. ROD KNUDSEN and their three children live at 107 5th Street, Humboldt, Iowa 50548. Rod has his own real estate business.

MR. AND MRS. DEAN (ELLEN MADSEN '54) RASMUSSEN and their three children live at 2220 Northhill Drive, Selma, California 93662. Dean and Ellen are both teachers in the Selma public schools.

MR. AND MRS. ERLING (DOROTHY WILLMERT '58) SCHULTZ and their two children live at 11677 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68154. Erling is a Science teacher in District 66 and Dorothy is a French teacher at Burke High School, Omaha.

### 1954

REV. NORMAN L. FREUND is pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The Freunds and their three children live at 523 Custer Street, Brush, Colorado.

ELMER P. PETERSEN is Assistant Professor of Art at Wittenberg University. The Petersens and their two children live at 717 N. Fountain Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45505.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert (BONNIE MERICA) Williamson and their three children live at 12004 N. 117th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68142. Bonnie is a cook at Northwest High School in Omaha.

### 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (MARY SPECK) Heinrichs and daughter Cheryl live in Bruning, Nebraska 68322. Arnold is farming and Mary is a substitute teacher in the Bruning schools.

NEIL W. CHRISTENSEN is Director of Industrial Relations and Personnel for the Certron Corp. His address is 444 Seward Road, Corona Del Mar, California 92625.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank (MARGARET CHRISTIANSEN) Madsen and their two children live at 2431 Vuelta Grande, Long Beach, California 90815. Margaret is a Special Education teacher in the Long Beach Unified School District.

MR. AND MRS. GARY F. (MARION NIELSEN) HANSEN and their four children live at 619 Whiting Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. Gary is an Associate Professor of Physical Education at the University of Iowa.

JAMES D. IVERSEN is Professor of Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University. He is presently serving as an accreditation visitor to other engineering schools for engineers' counsel for professional development. The Iversens and their two children live at 4523 Westrend Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM PETERSON and their five children are living at 433 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530. William is acting officer in charge of the Lewiston (Maine) Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin (NANCY BROWN) Reissig and their two children live at 1400 Carlyle, Beatrice, Nebraska 8310. Marlin is director of the Blue Valley Mental Health Clinic.

### 1952

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. (ERNA PETERSEN '50) BERTHELSEN and their four sons live at 1666 S. Broadway, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007. Robert is Assistant Principal in the Southwest Junior High School in District 241.

MR. AND MRS. GERALD (ANGELA SORENSEN) BORGLUM and their three children live on Route 1, Box 344 AS, Elkhart, Indiana 46514. Gerald is a Biochemist for Miles Laboratory.

MR. AND MRS. GENE (ARLENE HOUTWED) HANSEN and their three children live on Route 2, Aurora, Nebraska 68818. Gene is a farmer and livestock feeder.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT A. (OPAL BOLLESON '48) HANSEN and their seven children live at 1100 W. 45th, Austin, Texas 78756. Bob is Superintendent of the Texas School for the Blind.

MRS. JAMES (ELLA ERLANDSEN) HANSEN and children, Pamela and Paul, live at 1423 Catherine, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. Ella is Director of Volunteer Services at Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert P. (NANCY OHLSOHN) Gumm and their two children live at 5020 Kinzie Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53406. Wilbert is manager of Radio Station WRJN.

MR. AND MRS. CARROLL L. PETERSEN and their three children live at 930 Rundell, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. Carroll is Production Superintendent for Moore Business Forms, Inc.

### 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (JEANETTE CHRISTENSEN) Nixon and their two children are living at 8420 Gonzaga Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90045.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan (HELEN JORGENSEN) Zelinger and their six children live at 731 Crab Tree Lane, Racine, Wisconsin 53406. Helen is an Occupational Therapist for the Lincoln Lutheran Home.

### 1950

MR. AND MRS. ARLO K. (MARGARET BLOEBAUM '48) ANDERSEN and their four children live at 13768 Briggs Circle, Omaha, Nebraska 68144. Arlo is Director of Employee Relations at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital.

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD L. (ANN LAGE '47) ANDERSEN and their four children live in Ringstad, Iowa 50578. Harold is pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE L. DAVID and their four children live at 5906 Hutson Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64151. Clarence is a Meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW C. "BUTCH" HANSEN and their three children live in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska 68023. Butch is Superintendent of the Fort Calhoun Community Schools.

MR. AND MRS. HERB (ALVINA LARSEN) HJORTSVANG and their two children live at 2722 S. 41st Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68105. Herb is Elementary Principal at Father Flanagan's Boys Town.

MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD W. JENSEN and daughter Mary live at 213 Camellia Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903. Arnold is Senior Research Chemist for E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Textile Fibers Department.

MR. AND MRS. EZRA (ESTHER L. ERICKSEN) LARSEN and their three children live at 3450 Emerson Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80303.

MR. AND MRS. KNUD G. LARSEN and their five children live on Route 1, Cook, Nebraska 68329. Knud is secondary Principal in the Johnson-Brock School System.

MR. AND MRS. ALLAN (MARILYN NEVE '49) NYEGAARD and their two sons live at 585 Taney, Eugene, Oregon 97402. Allan is Vice-Principal of Shasta Junior High, Bethel School District No. 52.

MR. AND MRS. EARL M. PACE and their two children live at 4740 S. 79th Avenue, Ralston, Nebraska 68127. Earl is Assistant Superintendent of the Ralston School District.

MR. AND MRS. BUD ROBINSON and their five children live at 1152 South Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Bud is Director of Staff Development for the Westside Community Schools, Omaha, Nebraska.

REV. AND MRS. MELVIN SUHR and their two children live on Route 3, Red Oak, Iowa. Melvin is pastor of Fremont Lutheran Church.

#### 1949

REV. AND MRS. J. E. (BEATA MAGNUSSON '41) ANDERSON live at St. James, Minnesota 56081. Joseph is pastor of First Lutheran Church.

#### 1948

HOWARD C. HANSEN is a tour and steamship operator and serves as vice-president of Westours, Inc. The Hansens and their three children live at 9138 186th Place, S.W., Edmond, Washington 98020.

REV. AND MRS. PAUL (JOYCE NELSON) JOHNSON and five children live at 6591 Rennrick Circle, Huntington Beach, California 92647. Paul is teaching at California Lutheran Bible School.

MR. AND MRS. DON (ELEANOR NIELSEN) SCHOU and their seven children live on Route 2, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007. Don is a Drainage Engineer.

#### 1947

WENDELL ALTON is a Contractor in Pisgah, Iowa 51564.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE FLYNN and six children live at 1138 Adams Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Gene is a partner with his brothers in a dairy farm. He is presently serving as First Vice President of the National Dairy Council Board of Directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark (MILDRED GUYER) Hill and their six children live at 107 Cherokee Avenue, Essex Junction, Vermont 05452. Mildred is a Research Associate for the Special Education Program at the University of Vermont. She conducts experiments for the purpose of accelerating the learning of children with defects in reading or arithmetic.

MR. AND MRS. GENE (BETTY KORSHOJ '44) MEGRUE and family live at 2423 Fontanelle Blvd., Blair, Nebraska 68008. Gene is bookkeeper for the Korshoj Construction Company and Betty is a bookkeeper for Washington County Bank.

#### 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Bjarne B. (MARGARET JENSEN) Rasmussen and their four children live at 315 W. 2nd, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126. Bjarne is employed by Pitman-Moore Division of Johnson & Johnson Co. Margaret is a substitute teacher for the Elmhurst schools.

#### 1937

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR W. NORGAARD live at 3176 Hawthorn, San Diego, California 92104. Arthur is a Counselor for the Sweetwater Union High School.

#### 1932

REV. RAY E. MORTENSEN is Associate Pastor of the Long Beach First United Methodist Church and lives at 1640 La Loma Road, Pasadena, California 91105.

#### 1931

REV. AND MRS. MARINUS (ANNA BLADT '19) HAGEDORN live in Story City, Iowa. Reverend Hagedorn is Chaplain at Bethany Manor.

#### 1930

MILTON H. ANDERSEN is teaching mathematics at Place Junior High School in the Denver Public Schools. This is a very new school in the Denver system and has

been of interest to educators from all parts of the United States. The Andersens live at 1170 S. Gaylord, Denver, Colorado 80210.

#### 1929

MRS. WESLEY (OLGA E. SIMONSEN) ANDERSEN is living at 408 Circle G, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.

MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE NIELSEN live at 1005 N Street, Aurora, Nebraska 68818. Orville is an abstractor and real estate broker.

REV. SIGURD D. PETERSEN is now retired and he and his wife are living at 707 N. Hazel, Glenwood, Iowa 51532.

MRS. DWIGHT (FRANCES BROSS) SPRECHER lives at 1904 Washington Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. She has retired from teaching in the Blair City Schools.

### ENGAGEMENTS

#### 1971

HAZEL HARVEY and Lowell D. Hartje. ANN McCORMICK and Steven J. Patterson. A May 27 wedding is planned.

SUSAN SCHWEER and Raymond J. Edelman. A June 30 wedding is planned.

#### 1970

ELLEN TILLEY and JAMES G. ANDERSEN, no date has been set for the wedding. Ellen is working for International Reservations Corporation in Omaha and James is attending Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas.

### WEDDINGS

#### 1971

JULIE BERG and GREGORY PETERS were married December 30, 1971. They are living in Porcupine, South Dakota, where Julie is teaching on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

### DEATHS

CHRISTIAN HAUGE, died October 26, 1971. He was the husband of Mrs. Othilia Hauge, former Dean of Women at Dana. Mrs. Hauge is living at 7372 Kolkaer, Denmark.

#### 1949

REVEREND PAUL C. JOHNSON has joined the faculty of the California Lutheran Bible School in Los Angeles. The Johnsons are living at 6591 Rennrick Circle, Huntington Beach, California.



Greg Schou, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schou of Albert Lea, Minnesota, was named valedictorian of the class of 1972. As such, he continues a tradition begun at Dana thirty years ago when his aunt, Miss Luella Nielson of the Dana English Department, graduated from Dana as valedictorian of her class. Miss Nielsen was the first of seven children of her generation to attend Dana and Greg is the first of seven children of his generation to attend Dana.

Greg and Miss Nielsen are pictured being congratulated by President Mezoff.

## Grad Who Received Degree 50 Years Ago at 'Preacher Factory' Is Dana Honoree

The following article by Nancy Ellis is reprinted from the May 21 edition of the Omaha World-Herald.

In 1917, when Esther Marie Bonnesen received her teaching certificate after two years at Dana College in Blair, Neb., she wanted to continue her studies at the Chicago Art Institute.

"But my mother said that Chicago was a wicked town," recalls the former Miss Bonnesen, now Mrs. Donald Burns of Neola, Ia.

"My father insisted that I teach at a country school in Kimballton, Ia., where he had first taught about 22 years before."

She earned \$30 a month, plus a dollar extra for cleaning the schoolhouse."

After two years, she returned to Dana to receive, in May of 1922, the first baccalaureate degree ever awarded by the College.

Today, in honor of the 50th anniversary of her graduation, Mrs. Burns will receive a golden anniversary award from Dana President Dr. E. R. Mezoff.

When Mrs. Burns was a student at Dana, it was known locally as "the preacher factory."

Although it began as a training school for men in the ministry, Dana became a coeducational institution in 1899.

Until Mrs. Burns was awarded the first four-year degree, the emphasis had been on academy (high school) and junior college work.

The 1922 Dana catalogue lists the cost of a full academic year at \$126 for tuition, room and fees. Board was an additional \$3.75 a week.

"But you know," says Mrs. Burns, "I think it was harder then to get the money than it is to get the thousands needed for a year of college today."

### Master's Degree

In 1927, she went to Creighton University to obtain a master's degree. "It had just been two or three years since



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they let women into the university, so we were really few in numbers."

Mrs. Burns, now the grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of one, is a member of Phi Beta Gamma, women's graduate society at Creighton.

Her husband, a machinist for many years with Kelly Ryan Equipment Co. in Blair and with American Roads in Omaha, also farmed near Neola until his retirement.

The Burnses were married in 1928 and Mrs. Burns continued teaching for awhile "but there were plenty of teachers then and not so many children so married women were 'out' as teachers."

Six children later, during World War II, Mrs. Burns went to work as a welder at Kelly Ryan.

"When the men received a half-cent raise in wages, we women (there were three of us) got together and 'raised the roof.' Eventually we got the same raise, too."

In 1945, she went back to teaching.

"I didn't notice as much change in the children then as I have in the last 10 years," she says.

"Children used to know what discipline was, and what it was for. And parents used to care about their children. Now it seems they just want to keep them out from underfoot."

### 'Fair and Square'

But, she adds, "Children haven't really changed at heart. If they're treated fair and square, they're good."

Mrs. Burns says her motto as a teacher was to be as "fair and square" as possible. "I didn't always make it, but I certainly tried my best."

Her best must have been enough, because she still receives numerous letters from former students.

Mrs. Burns, now 73, retired last June as principal of St. Joseph's School in Neola.

Other schools at which she taught or was principal during her long career were in Elk Horn, Pacific Junction, Minden and Harlan, Ia., and in Fremont and Fort Calhoun, Neb.

She received three National Science Foundation scholarships, and did graduate work at the University of Colorado, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago Institute, University of Nebraska and University of Nebraska at Omaha.

## Japanese Taido Champ in Farewell Performance

Mitsunobu Uchida, Japanese Taido champion, was featured in a performance of this ancient art of Japanese self-defense on the campus in late May.

A native of Omaha's sister-city, Shizuoka, Mits came to Dana three semesters ago and has been a student and part-time teacher in the Physical Education Department since then. He holds the unique distinction of being the only qualified Taido instructor in the United States and Dana has been the only college in the country to offer instruction in it.



President Mezoff (left) presents plaque of appreciation to Taido champ Mits Uchida.

Taido is an advanced form of Karate emphasizing three dimensional movements with speed, balance and timing being three of its most important elements. Mits began studying Taido seven years ago in Japan and in 1969 was named national champion.

The Dana Taido exhibition in late May was the first of its kind to be presented in the United States. Students who have been studying with Mits for the past year also participated.

During the course of the evening, Dana President E. R. Mezoff present-

ed Mits with a plaque in appreciation for his work at Dana. He in turn presented a Japanese flag to the Dana students and they responded with an American flag for him. Mits will continue his studies next fall at Texas Lutheran College.

## Membership Report

To date, seventy-three individuals have responded to the Invitation to Membership folder mailed in February. The breakdown includes:

The Century Club  
56 Members

The President's Society  
6 Members

The Tower Circle  
11 Members



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