



# Messiah Oratorio Sung By Chorus

MANY STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATE

Handel's "Messiah" was presented Sunday evening December 13, in the Dana College Auditorium, under the direction of Gunnar J. Malmin, professor of Music at the College. The large chorus was accompanied by Mrs. G. J. Malmin at the pipe organ.

The oratorio was rendered by a group of one hundred and twenty-five singers who represented the various local church choirs and Dana College. Several other singers in the community also participated. The Messiah is especially adaptable for a large group of well-trained singers.

The effect was one of power and majesty. As the oratorio continued everyone was deeply impressed by the well-balanced rendition of this masterful composition. Yet the greatest appeal lay in the music striking the depths of human experience.

The outstanding chorus was the well known "Hallelujah". This in a special way has the spirit of the Christmas message. This difficult selection was sung with precision and with a predominant note of joy.

The solos were very ably rendered by Mrs. Gladys Moore Berger of Blair, soprano, and the following Dana College students: Miss Voila Hansen of Blair, and Miss Edith Sorensen of Kenosha, Wisconsin, contraltos; Mr. Ellstad Smith of Westbrook, Maine, and Mr. Robert Jamison of Seymour, Iowa, tenors; and Mr. Emil Pedersen of Racine, Wisconsin, bass.

## "Sin", "Man" Topics Of Luther League

A special program was arranged for Wednesday evening, December 2, at the Luther League meeting.

Aleine Miller led in community singing. Each hymn was introduced with a short explanation concerning the particular type and qualities, both musical and poetical.

A short talk was given by Holm Jensen upon the following subject: "The World, The Church, and The Youth." The speaker in presenting the subject emphasized the relationship between the world and the church. This is in many instances questionable. The church is too eager to compromise with the world at its own expense.

Since in the youth lies the future of the church, it necessarily follows that it has an important task in their training. "Give us the youth" is the cry of the political leaders in Italy and Russia. The church should not permit itself to be surpassed in enlisting the youth under its banner. On the other hand the youth needs to be reminded of its responsibility to the church. Without the enthusiastic support of the young men and women the church will not have a normal growth and influence.

What is the nature of man? This was the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Luther League on Wednesday December 9.

A fitting passage from the Scriptures was read after which George (Continued on page 2)

## New Laboratories Near Completion

The physical science laboratory located on the fourth floor of the administration building is gradually nearing completion. When the science students return from the Christmas vacation they will resume work in the new apartments.

The work of remodeling which has been done chiefly by students, has progressed very rapidly under the able leadership of Mr. Arvid Petersen, who has been superintending the work. The project has taken approximately two months.

The new laboratories offer many attractions, chief of which are more working room and better lighting effect. An electrical lighting system of switches will replace the present system.

According to Professor Thomson, the laboratory will be fully equipped and will meet all the demands of the science students. Not only is it satisfactory in this sense, but it is also pleasing to the eye; it is undoubtedly the most attractive part of the administration building.

This is considered a major step in the Dana program. For several years the need for improvement in this department has been felt.

## Alpha "Sigs" Hold Informal Party

The Alpha Sigma Phi Forensic Society enjoyed an informal party on Saturday evening, December 5, in the Girls' Reception Room.

Each member of the group was required to perform a four-minute stunt during the course of the evening. Some outstanding contributions were: Dr. Popcke's rendition of "At Dawning"—appropriately dedicated to the president of the bachelors' club, a talk on "The New Humanism" by Harold Larsen, and talks by various students about their favorite poet.

Refreshments were served at the close of the party.

## Radio Program Given Over Station WOW

A half hour program consisting of a sketch, entitled "A Day at Dana," was presented over radio station WOW at Omaha on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

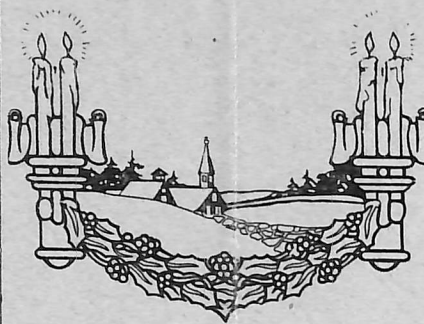
Alvin Carlson took the part of Mr. Johnson, the visitor from Sioux City, Iowa. President Erland Nelson showed the visitor around in the Administration Building where he and Mr. Johnson visited a rehearsal of the Dana A Cappella Choir under the direction of Professor G. J. Malmin; a business administration class of Professor Bartley's; and the chapel exercise conducted by Dr. C. X. Hansen.

At the close of the sketch the visitor and President Nelson were on their way to visit the Men's Dormitory.

The conversation, ringing of class bells, the actual singing of fourteen of the members of the A Cappella Choir, the lecture by Professor Bartley on business administration, and the short chapel exercise conducted by Dr. C. X. Hansen aided in making the sketch realistic.

The program was concluded by humming the strains of the College song.

Dana will again be on the air December 23 at 4 o'clock over the same station, WOW Omaha.



## Prof. C. Stub Relates Life Experience

(Special.) Being lost on the prairies of Canada on a December night is one of Professor Stub's most thrilling experiences. Professor Stub relates the following incident in answer to the question as to what he considered one of the most exciting events in his life.

In December, 1909, a large party of Danish people headed by Mr. Jens Rasmussen was on its way to the place where Standard, Alberta, Canada, now is situated. They reached the nearest village, which was about twenty miles from their destination in the evening, but being very desirous of making a beginning in the new country they decided to continue their journey that same evening. They hoped to make so many miles the first day that they would be able to view their land early the next morning.

Therefore, although it was a bitterly cold evening, the party bravely set out. They travelled in two large spring wagons drawn by horses. As far as they could see stretched only the snow-covered prairies; there were few trees or landmarks of any kind, and the few houses they passed were miles apart.

### Lose Trail

The drivers, who were supposedly acquainted with the country, were following a trail, since there were no roads then in that district. They began to wonder, as time went on, if they were on the right trail. There might indeed be grounds for doubt, for the drifted snow had obscured the path, and no wagons had passed recently enough to leave traces. The drivers became more and more dubious, and their anxiety spread to the passengers. To add to their discomfort—a spring wagon is not a luxurious vehicle, and they had to sit on their hands to keep them warm—they were disconcerted by the weird aspect of the prairie. The broad snow-covered plains were a novelty to the people from the States, the changing of the faint star light reflected on the snow was vaguely disquieting, and the plaintive howling of more or less distant wolves increased their anguish of mind.

### Decide to Turn Back

It was clear that something must be done at once, or the party might be forced to spend the night travelling aimlessly over the prairie. If the wind came up, their own tracks might be obliterated, and they might freeze to death before finding shelter. After a hurried consultation it was decided to turn back to the last house which had been passed. The drivers turned their weary horses and followed their freshly made ruts the long seven or eight miles to the nearest possible habitation.

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## Forensic Society Advances Protests

On Friday, December 11, the meeting of the colleges in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensic Association, was held in Central City, Nebraska. Dr. Popcke, and several Dana debaters, attended this meeting for the purpose of voting on the new proposed amendment wherein a tournament is to be held once a year superseding the dual debates that we have had in the past.

The debaters of Dana College are definitely opposed to this proposed amendment.

The objections the Dana debaters have to such a practice are as follows:

It would afford each college-member home debates only once a decade. This would certainly result in a loss of interest in debate, for students would have no opportunity to hear the debaters of their college.

It would benefit the debater much less and make his task an unpleasant one. Every debater realizes that to debate several times in two consecutive days is a tax on his endurance. In addition, such debating would allow for only the minimum amount of improvement from the time of the first contest to that of the last, for a debater would have little time to correct his mistakes. The two-man team method restricts debate to the expert few, thereby failing to accomplish the purpose for which debates are held—that is, the training of each student who wishes education in public speaking.

The only advantage of the proposed system is that it would be less expensive. Surely, it is to be realized that the expenses of the debate trips are small in comparison with others, such as athletic expenses. No student activity yields a bigger return for the money spent. In consideration of these facts, it is only fair to give debate the latitude necessary for its proper practice.

## Mac Phail Professor Gives Violin Concert

Miss Beata Hanson of the MacPhail School of Music in Minneapolis, Minnesota, rendered a violin recital on Tuesday evening, December 1, at 8:00 in the College Auditorium.

A large audience gathered to enjoy Miss Hanson's performance which consisted of the following selections:

### PART I

1. Sonata ..... Grieg  
Allegro molto ed appassionata  
Allegretto espressivo alla Romanza  
Allegro animato
2. Sonata VI ..... Bach  
Gavotte and Rondo

This number was played without piano accompaniment, the violin itself supplied the harmonies by means of double stops and broken chords.

### PART II

1. Symphonie Espagnole ..... Lalo  
Allegro non troppo
2. Tambourin Chinois ..... Kreisler
3. Spanish Dance. Granados-Kreisler
4. Souvenir Poetique ..... Sibich
5. Habaners ..... Ravel

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## Bible Lectures Held At College

REV. MATTHIESEN  
IS SPEAKER

Rev. K. M. Matthiesen of Harlan, Iowa, conducted a series of mission meetings during the days of December 11—14 inclusive.

It has become a custom or tradition of Dana College and Trinity Seminary to have a series of mission meetings each year. The purpose of these meetings is, to arouse a greater interest for the Kingdom of God in the heart of the students. The danger of becoming engrossed in one's various pursuits at the expense of one's religious life is always present everywhere, and perhaps, not least among students. Where is the person who does not need to be reminded of the command of Christ: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God!"

This was just the very thing which Rev. Matthiesen emphasized in his sermons delivered at the college chapel during these days. Rev. Matthiesen had chosen a very appropriate and appealing subject for his sermons, namely, "How to become fit for the task of tomorrow." That is just the question which has prompted students to come to Dana. In his opening sermon, the speaker pointed out the very first requisite in the quest of becoming fit for the task of tomorrow, namely, the experience of the presence of God. Through such an experience one becomes fit to fight, what the (Continued on page 3)

## Laesekreds Reads "Prisoners Friend"

"Fangernes Ven" by Ingeborg Marie Sick was discussed at the meeting of the Nordisk Laesekreds held Saturday evening, December 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hansen.

This book is a translation based on Evy Fogelberg's biography of Mathilda Wrede. The author presents her experience in story form. "Jeg har i Dag et Eventyr at fortælle. Det er uset hernet fra ranke sorte Naaletraer, fra jomfrusmækre hvidstammede Birke i Landet med de grønne Søers tusinde blanke Øjne. Og det er Kærlighed." The story of the life of Mathilda Wrede reads like a fairy tale.

The book was introduced by Christian Bertelsen. Not so much the literary qualities of this work as the personality whose life it portrayed was emphasized.

Mathilda Wrede a woman of noble birth, sacrificed herself and all her possessions for the sake of those people who have been very unfortunate in life. In 1884 at the age of twenty she began her rescue work in the prisons of Finland. Through the grace of God she was in a marvelous way instrumental in reclaiming many of those prisoners with whom she came in contact during her many years of service. She was also instrumental in the instruction of a more human treatment of prisoners. She brought into the dark and dismal cells the love of the Savior. Mathilda Wrede has rightly been called the star of the prisons.

This pleasant evening closed with delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Stub.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Since this is the final issue of the Hermes preceding the Holidays, the staff extends its wishes for a happy Yuletide to all the readers and friends of the Hermes.

The Prince of Peace who was born that beautiful Christmas night, is needed now as never before, and He it is who can bring joy in this season. It is disquieting but true that the original Christmas spirit is cherished in the hearts of a very small percentage of the people of the world. In a certain sense joy and happiness is experienced, but the source of this emotion cannot be traced to the Stranger who came to earth to live with man two thousand years ago. Even this joy seems to be commercialized and artificial. The underlying interest is buying and giving of presents. This in itself may be a good thing, but when the Christmas season is past, nothing remains which can support man in his struggle through life.

During the past year many people have lost all hope in mankind and in life itself due chiefly to the continued economic depression period. Any happiness is fleeting which is based primarily upon a materialistic philosophy. Is there any hope for those who have been directly affected by the present situation? There is a great number of individuals wandering aimlessly from place to place throughout our country. Even to these the Christmas happiness can come into their hearts. We who are more fortunate have both the responsibility and privilege to infuse the true spirit of Christmas into their lives. In doing this we ourselves will experience a more complete joy.

ETIQUETTE

It seems to be customary for a certain connotation to become attached to a word and thus to limit it to a narrow interpretation. Its true import is lost and when set forth it is rejected. To attach a certain relationship to a word is altogether proper but never to the extent that it becomes only the shell or husk of its deeper and truer meaning.

The word etiquette is one whose connotation has been limited to the mere shell and whose true significance is lost under the prevailing notion that it applies only to the outward confirmation of certain set modes of behavior. The husk is noticed but the kernel is forgotten.

In the popular mind etiquette is associated with petty rules and regulations in matters of conduct and behavior. Etiquette goes deeper than mere conformity to established rules and conventions; it is broader than any code of manners alone could be.

Etiquette is something that has developed through and with human associations. It is the result of the work of the countless generations that have gone on before. Each contributed in some measure to the present day etiquette which has been moulded to meet modern requirements.

When man first began to mingle with his fellows he found it necessary to restrain his own selfish impulses and to consider the rights of others. This is the basic foundation of etiquette. It is this regard for the rights of others that makes up our accepted code in social life.

Etiquette, therefore, in its deeper and truer meaning is not mere conformity to a certain code but the restraining of one's selfish impulses and respecting the rights of others in an effort to make the world a better place to live in, to make the routine life more pleasant and comfortable and to make himself and others happier.

A. R. J.



"But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall ONE come forth unto me that is to be Ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."

"O little town of Bethlehem... the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight," and so once more yearning hearts from the ends of the earth, with their "hopes and fears" are looking towards that little town as the Star shall point the way to new joys and deeper peace.

It was in the hush of an ancient night, surrounded by the stillness of the Bethlehem hills and with the silent stars overhead, that the first simple folk found their way to the humble place of HIS birth. "How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given!"

The more than 1900 years since that "silent night" have brought us all into a situation where there is anything but silence. The hustle and the bustle, the hurry and the scurry, the strain and the worry, with the daily press bristling with "suggestions for Christmas," their "shop early," and all the agony of deciding "what to get," have put us into a state of mind where the "silent night," like Another long ago, finds "no room."

In all our "preparations for Christmas," scarcely a moment can be spared to prepare the mind for a silent hour in which to commune with God and our own souls, in the stillness of the hills of Bethlehem.

Might we not THIS Christmas make Whittier's prayer our own:

"Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace."

If the spirit of this prayer fills us and is our true INNER preparation for Christmas we shall return from the "little town of Bethlehem" with a new ray of the "everlasting Light" shining within our hearts and with something like the following song of praise on our lips:

"O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be."

Then as we once more take up our daily tasks and live our lives among men, the following shall become our highest aim:

"His lamps are we,  
To shine where He shall say,  
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,  
Not for the light of day,  
But for the dark places of the earth,  
Where shame and wrong and crime  
Have birth;  
Or for the twilight murky gray,  
Where wandering sheep have gone astray;  
Or where the light of faith grows dim,  
And souls are groping after Him;  
And as sometimes a flame we find,  
Clear shining through the night—  
So bright we do not see the lamp,  
But only see the light,  
So we may shine—His light the flame,  
That men may glorify His name."

This is my prayer and wish for you all!  
J. P. N.

CHAPEL THOUGHTS

Can we be true, are we true, do we want to be true to the Kingdom of God?

It is a question how far one should accommodate himself to prevalent conditions in order to convey a spiritual message.

Broken health is not the same as a broken heart.

"Prepare to meet thy God!"

Very few people realize that "the fruit of their faith is more precious than gold"—they keep their gold.

Do you know that "all things are possible for him who believes?"

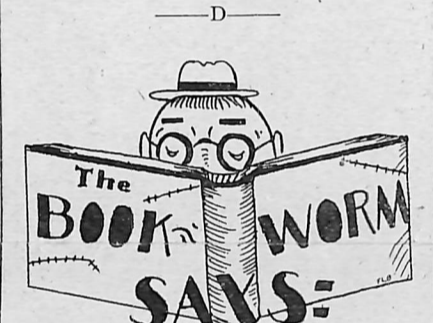
"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Do you enjoy that liberty?

We can soon get enough of religion.

Our aim should always be: How to attain higher spiritual levels.

And now, even the "almighty dollar," in which so many people seem to trust, fails—Why not put our trust in God? There is no record that He ever has failed.

A Christian is a person who can rejoice, even in adversities.



EUGENE O'NEILL, a contemporary American dramatist, has written many successful dramas in the past few years. O'Neill was born in New York in 1888. He has traveled extensively and thus gathered material for his plays. He is the first American dramatist who is seriously considered by the world at large.

His latest drama is entitled "Mourning Becomes Electra." It is a trilogy—three plays combined together as one. The play is modelled after the old Greek tragedies with the theme of crime and the retribution which inevitably follows.

The play dramatizes the story of the Mannon family, a wealthy and respected family in a small New England town. The play takes place immediately following the Civil War.

David Mannon had married an Indian girl and as a result was disowned by his family. He then sank lower and lower into sin and finally killed himself. From that day the Mannon family seemed to be haunted by evil spirits. Each member of the family did some wrong and was punished. The family trait for evil was inherited by the succeeding generation. Finally only one member of the family, Lavinia Mannon, was left. She realized that retribution must follow her also for her crimes, so she renounced the world and decided to lock herself up in the Mannon home.

The play ends with Lavinia saying, "I've got to punish myself! Living alone here with the dead is a worse act of justice than death or prison."

The play is a fine study of human nature. Each character is portrayed in a lifelike manner, and the reader feels the emotions which the characters experience.

CHRISTMAS

By Ida Johnson

Cold days and gray days with threatening clouds,  
From which the snowflakes like fluttering wings  
Fall to the earth, and its bosom enshrouds,  
Touching with glory e'en commonplace things.  
Dark days, yet bright days, o'erflowing with cheer.  
Gray days, yet glad days, for Christmas is here.  
Christmas! The happiest time of the year!

Sad days and dark days of harrowing grief,  
From which brave spirits like broken-stemmed flowers  
Turn in despair, yet in humble belief  
Praying that sunshine may follow the showers.  
Sad days, yet glad days, for comfort is near.  
Dark days, yet bright days, for Christmas is here.  
Christmas! The happiest time of the year!

Glad days and blest days of heavenly peace,  
To which our souls, tossed on life's stormy waves,  
Turn in the toil and the strife for release,  
Turn to the Pilot who pities and saves.  
Great days and glad days, for rescue is near.  
Blest days and bright days, for Christmas is here.  
Christmas! The happiest time of the year!

Great days and glad days of glorious news,  
Of which the church bells with jubilant voice  
Ring out in triumph to Gentiles and Jews,  
Saying, "The Savior is born! O, rejoice!"  
Great days and blest days; Messiah is here!  
Glad days and bright days, for Christmas is here.  
Christmas! The happiest time of the year!

"SIN", "MAN" TOPIC OF LUTHER LEAGUE

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Robertson introduced the subject. Quotations from the Bible were shown to be clear. The difficulty, however, lies in the fact that so many students refuse to accept this analysis as ultimate. The behavioristic psychologists are endeavoring to undermine the moral concepts by making sin simply a matter of a negative and incomplete personality. Intrinsicly the moral standards do not change, but their interpretations often vary.

The standards of a Christian youth must always remain the immutable standards of God as expressed in the Bible.

PROF. F. STUB RELATES LIFE EXPERIENCES

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One can easily imagine the relief of the travellers when they reached the little farm house and were given shelter. The farmer gave them food and hot coffee and allowed them to sleep there over night. The house was built of boards with spaces between the boards of as much as an inch and one-half some places; but since the wind was not blowing, the travelers did not suffer from cold. The next day they resumed their journey and arrived at their destination without further mishap.

# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 16—Open  
 Jan. 22—Wahoo at Wahoo  
 Jan. 23—Red Oak at Red Oak  
 Jan. 29—Concordia at Blair  
 Jan. 30—Red Oak at Blair  
 Feb. 5—Hebron at Blair  
 Feb. 6—Open  
 Feb. 12—Wahoo at Blair  
 Feb. 13—Central City at Central City  
 Feb. 19—Dana at Concordia  
 Feb. 26—Grand Island at Blair  
 Feb. 27—Grand Island at Blair  
 Mar. 5—Hebron at Hebron

Basketball practice began officially at Dana College November 30. There were fifteen promising candidates who responded to Coach "Tex" Jones' call for cagemen. There will perhaps be a few more out after the Christmas holidays. Those who are out now are: Milton Petersen, Albert "Red" Pedersen, James Carlsen, Louis Christiansen, Loren Boulier, Albert Petersen, Alvin Hofgaard, Milo Johansen, "Toby" Cryberg, Edw. Andersen, Clarence "Clown" Vig, Aage Aagaard, L. Madsen, Verner Carlsen, and Corliss Rasmussen.

Coach Jones has been putting the boys through some strenuous practice in fundamentals and preliminary drill work during the past two weeks. They went through their first real scrimmage a few days ago; and several of the boys gave a good account of themselves. No definite first squad has been picked yet, and will very likely not be picked until shortly before the first game, which will be on January 15.

Merton Jensen, who was taken sick during the early part of the football season, and underwent a very delicate operation at Rochester, Minnesota, has fully recovered, and is planning on coming back to college at the opening of the sec-

ond semester. Merton also plans on going out for basketball as soon as he returns to college.

The intra-mural volley ball tournament is well organized and under way. There are seven teams entered in the tournament, namely: The Six Aces, The Seminary All Stars, The Sigma Deltas, The Faculty, The Freshmen, The Question Marks, and The Winter Student.

Friday evening, December 4, was a real volley ball evening at Dana. Every team in the tournament played at least one game, and some played two games the same evening. Two courts were used, so two games could be played at the same time.

The first game was played by The Six Aces vs. The Seminary All Stars, which resulted in a 2-0 victory for The Six Aces.

The second game was between The Faculty and The Sigma Deltas, in which the Sigma Deltas defeated the Faculty by a score of 2-0.

The third game was played by The Six Aces and The Question Marks. The Six Aces were again the victors by a 2-0 count.

The Freshmen and The Winter Students fought valiently in the last official game of the evening. The Winter Students finally defeated The Freshmen by a score of 2-1.

Saturday afternoon, December 5, The Question Marks defeated The Freshmen 2-0; and The Seminary All Stars defeated The Sigma Deltas by the score of 2-0.

The present standing is as follows:

|                        | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|------------------------|-----|------|------|
| The Six Aces           | 2   | 0    | 100  |
| The Seminary All Stars | 1   | 1    | 50   |
| The Sigma Deltas       | 1   | 1    | 50   |
| The Question Marks     | 1   | 1    | 50   |
| The Winter Students    | 1   | 1    | 50   |
| The Faculty            | 0   | 1    | 0    |
| The Freshmen           | 0   | 2    | 0    |

## CAMPUS DOINGS

Professor and Mrs. Gunnar Malmin spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the Malmin home in St. Paul, Minnesota. Miss Beatta Hanson, Professor of Violin at Mac Phail School of Music in Minneapolis, accompanied them back to Dana.

Miss Beatta Hanson entertained the dormitory girls in the reception room with a short violin concert on Thursday evening, December 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fynboe and family were week-end guests at the home of President Erland Nelson. Mr. Fynboe is a former Dana professor.

Bertha Anderson who underwent an appendicitis operation at the Immanuel Hospital in Omaha on Monday, December 1, returned to Dana last Sunday, December 6. She is recovering very nicely and expects to attend classes soon.

Mrs. Larson, Marie and Stanley Larson, and Jimmie Hanson from Racine, Wisconsin, spent Thanksgiving with William Larson and friends. Marie attended Dana in 30-31.

Mrs. C. E. Jones of Minot, North Dakota was a guest of Miss Wind December 4-6. Mrs. Jones is a child welfare worker, and for many years she has been active in work with crippled children.

Gladys Wayne and Peter Sorensen with Si Johnson and family, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ned Curtiss at Fremont, Nebraska, on Sunday, November 30.

Dorothy Jensen, Chet Reimer, and Kenneth Jensen were the guests of Miss Miriam Rosenblatt on Sunday, November 30.

## CHRISTIANSEN'S Pastry Shop

The Home of Danish Pastries

The big box of dried fruit, a Thanksgiving gift from the Immanuel Church of Easton, California, was much appreciated by the Dana dormitory students.

A lovely donation of curtains and towels for the sickroom was received from Mrs. N. M. Jensen of Edwardsville, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Andersen and daughter, Hilda, were visitors of Bertha Anderson on Monday, December 7.

Folmer James was taken to his home in Elk Horn, Iowa, to recover from his illness.

Rev. and Mrs. K. M. Matthiesen from Harlan, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mortenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fabricius from Waupaca, Wisconsin, visited the Waupaca students on Monday, December 7.

An appropriate Christmas program will be given Thursday evening, December 17, in the Girls' Reception Room.

Rev. J. P. Nielsen, president of the seminary, will read the Christmas story as related in one of the gospels. The remainder of the program will consist of a vocal solo by Viola Hansen, a reading by Madeline Nielsen, and a talk by Theodore Jensen. The entire group will enjoy the singing of our most beautiful Christmas songs.

Refreshments and a social hour will follow the program.

## MAC PHAIL PROFESSOR GIVES VIOLIN CONCERT

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 Miss Beata Hanson favored the girls with a short violin recital on Tuesday evening, December 3, in the Girls' Reception Room. The girls appreciated this opportunity of hearing Miss Hanson.

## BIBLE LECTURE HELD AT COLLEGE

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 speaker called, the greatest strife, which is not fought on the battle field, but in the human heart, "For the cravings of the lower nature are opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit is opposed to the lower nature."

As a fitting conclusion to his sermons Rev. Matthiesen spoke on the text: Without me ye can do nothing. This series of meetings presented another golden opportunity to every student, but it also left another responsibility to each student.

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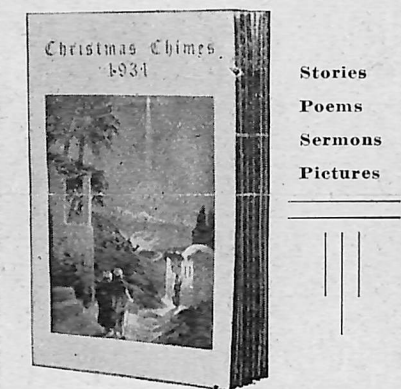
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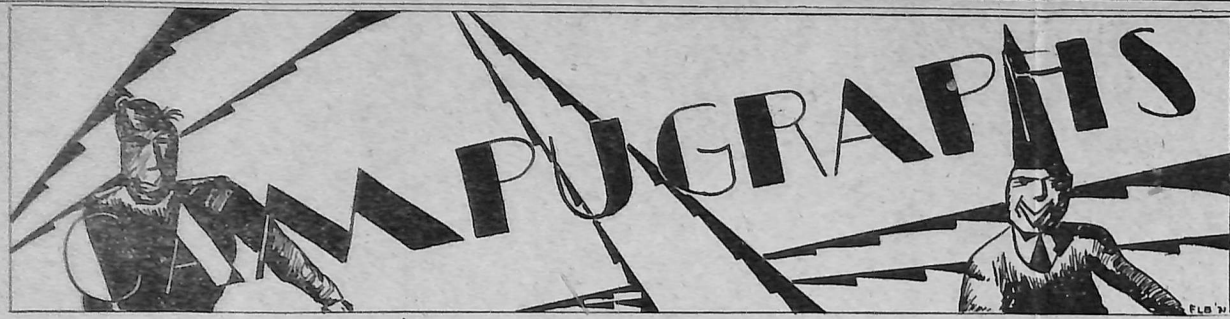
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Four heads got together and planned an attack. Slowly they opened the transom and threw a volley of paper at their rivals. The battle continued, but neither side won a decisive victory. The shut-ins then planned to remain absolutely silent. This proved useless, however, because those who stood outside the door took advantage of the opportunity and crept quietly away.

When the sound of the retreating footsteps reached the ears of the girls locked securely within the four walls, their hearts sank to the lowest depths. What if they were not released for supper? Starvation stared them in the face unless they could find a means of softening the hearts of their tormentors.

What to do? The time went slowly by, and still no help came. The supper bell sounded! The key was softly turned in the lock. Freedom at last! The four girls wearily made their way down stairs, swearing revenge on all those who took part in their captivity.

So beware all of you guilty ones. Revenge will strike some day! You are being carefully watched, so guard your footsteps.

—D—  
"Hey, Bill, what time is it?"  
"How'd you know my name was Bill?"  
"Oh, I just guessed it."  
"Well, guess the time, then!"

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Peggy and Ruby have a new hobby of reading people's characters. It's more fun to be analyzed, although it makes you feel sort of cheap for a while after they're finished.

Bertha came back Sunday and we were all so happy to see her again that all of us nearly cried. Even "Yehosaphat" has had a broader smile than usual since Sunday.

Say, ma, I guess I won't have to send my laundry home after this because all of us will want to patronize the new laundry that Marvin is boosting. I think it will be quite a bit cheaper than sending it home anyway.

There have been more meetings of the "Racine Gang" about going home for Christmas! I don't know why they have so many arguments and change their minds so many times, but I guess it's just so they can have more meetings.

There are more cats around here! I don't know who they all belong to, but I think that the Malmins' claim a few of them. There's one in almost every class. The other day C. X. even found one in his brief case. I only hope that they catch all the mice because I just can't sleep when there are a lot of mice around.

What do you want me to give you for Christmas, ma? Be sure to write and tell me.

With love,  
Karen.

**FEATURE**

While down town the other day, I was talking to a grocer and he told of the great sale of lemons he was having that day. Never before had he sold so many lemons. And practically all of the sales were to Dana students. So it was likewise the case with the other grocery stores. Never in the history of Blair had so many lemons been sold to Dana students in one day.

Being curious to find the reason for this, I decided to go up to the college and see if I could find the cause for what seemed to be a new fad. I no more than got inside the door, when some one cut a lemon open. But I think I got about half the benefit of that one in my eye. Everywhere on all sides students were sucking on lemons. I didn't know the reason nor could I seem to find it out. Finally I approached one of the boys and asked him about it. "Why, haven't you heard?" he said. "There's choir try-outs today."

So that explained it. I might have known it for everywhere students were gathered around pianos practicing their choir music. Perhaps that would be a good way for the director to feel sure that his students will learn their music.

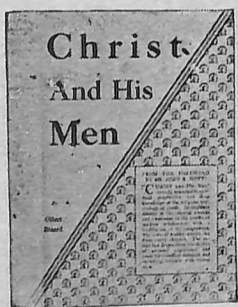
—D—  
"Hey you, gimme a light."  
"G'wan. What do you think I am—a firefly?"

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**HUMOR**

At least unemployed apples should have no worms working in them.

\* \* \*  
"What makes you eat your ice cream first and your soup last?"  
"My stomach's up-set, so I eat my food backwards."

\* \* \*  
She: "Doctor, vaccinate me some place where it won't show."  
Doctor: "Open your mouth."  
She: "No, not there, Doctor, I'm an opera singer."

\* \* \*  
Policeman: "Don't you know that you should always give half the road to a woman driver?"  
Motorist: "I always do, when I find out which half of the road SHE wants."

\* \* \*  
Two men who had travelled were comparing ideas about foreign cities.  
"London," said one, "is certainly the foggiest place in the world."  
"Oh, no, it's not," said the other. "I've been in a place much foggier than London."  
"Where was that?" asked his interested friend.  
"I don't know where it was," replied the second man, "it was so foggy."

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