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Luther League Members Hear Spirited Debate

FOUR DANA STUDENTS ARGUE COMPULSORY RELIGION; NO DECISION

Resolved: that the religious education and worship at Dana College should be compulsory. This was the subject of a lively debate at the last Luther League meeting. The chairman of the debate was Carl Wildrick, Paul Neve and Clarence Paulsen supported the affirmative and Bob Hemphill and Leonard Anderson upheld the negative.

The affirmative argued that when one enters a college he expects rules and regulations drawn by the administration and that religious education and worship are treated as such. One is "required" to take certain courses, including religious courses. Good habits make a successful life and compulsory chapel worship forms a good habit. There is a need of instruction in religion. It is true that a person cannot be forced to believe, but he can be brought into contact with faith and so be influenced. Since Dana College is a church institution, religion should be taught to all of its students.

The negative side then had its turn. Imposing religion on human beings tends to repulse them. Scripture shows in Jeremiah 27:13 and other places that man is invited, not forced. The purpose of religious instruction and the reason for worship is lost if one is forced to attend chapel and take a religious course. People cannot be compelled to believe. It is inconsistent to say that we have a free will and yet **must** attend a religious course. The advantages of a non-compulsory system include this that the material offered would be better so as to draw the students; and, consequently, the students would receive more benefit.

In the rebuttal of the arguments of the affirmative side, some of Christ's methods were pointed out. Also it was shown that, although religion was compared with the regular class work, it is a non-credit course as far as transferring credits to most other colleges is concerned. The affirmative contended that if requirements are against human nature, something should be done about the other required subjects. Perhaps compulsion is against one's nature, but what of the many things we have to do which we do not like to do.

Jeanette Carlsen read Scripture and led in prayer and a girls' trio, Ferrol Adams, Lois Lynge, and Phyllis Fabricius, sang. The meeting was ended with the hymn: "Beneath the cross of Jesus," and prayer.

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"Most human beings are fundamentally lazy." Dr. Harold A. Edgerton, professor in the department of psychology at Ohio State University gave this statement as the reason why most people did not "do something" about shortcomings they themselves realized they possessed.

Fynboes Hosts to Nordic Circle

The Nordic Reading Circle met Friday evening, Dec. 3, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Fynboe. The meeting opened with the singing of the well known Danish song, "Ja vi elsker dette Landet." A short business meeting was held before the discussion of Ibsens' "The Pillars of Society," was started.

Many of the leading characters were studied. The leading character, Council Burnick, was given considerable discussion. There seemed to be a difference of pinion as to the reason for his confession of guilt. The majority maintained that the reason was his complete change of character. Others maintained the reason to be the result of a nervous breakdown. Burnick was, however, not willing to give up his power and position in the community.

Burnick was first aroused to thinking by a young woman named Lona Hessel. She had made a trip to the United States and discussion here was centered on whether this trip stimulated her enough to make her tell Burnick his faults or whether she would have done so without this adventure.

In this play it seems that Ibsen is attacking the sham or dishonesty of these so called "pillars" of society.

The meeting was closed with the Danish song, "Fred hviler over Land og By." A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess afterwards.

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League to Give Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be held this year on Decembers sixteenth. It will begin at about 7:30 in the evening and will take place in the girl's reception room. A program will be presented under the leadership of the Luther League. "Christmas refreshments" will be served towards the end of the evening. All students and the faculty members with their families are invited.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It is the sincere wish of Dana College that the Christmas which is approaching may be one of the happiest Christmases in the experience of its students and their parents and friends.

In extending this greeting the college desires for all that the message which was sent to the shepherds on the far distant hills of Judea may come to ring in their hearts and minds in such a way that they appropriate it and the gift that is divine may be received as such. May the peace and good will proclaimed by the angels on that night come into the hearts and minds of all. This is the wish of Dana College to you.

Library Adds Sociology Set

Seniors of the 1937-38 class and members of last year's graduating class have recently presented the Dana College library with an eight volume encyclopedic set of books. The imposing work is an unabridged edition and extremely new, having been released to the public November 23. It contains topics pertaining extensively to any phase of the social sciences, and makes a most valuable addition to the library.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14—Omaha B., here.
Dec. 16—Christmas Party.
Dec. 17—Vacation begins.
Jan. 4—Classes begin.
Jan. 10—Next Hermes.

Professor Brown Shows Movies

Professor Brown gave us a treat on December sixth when he asked us all to assemble in the chapel at 6:30 p.m. for a free sound picture. The program was planned for the economics class by Mr. Brown but was of interest to us all. There were two reels. The first was entitled: Silks and Rayons." It showed us, with explanations in sound, the origin of both silk and rayon and some of the stages of manufacturing the raw product into cloth. Different methods of treating the cloth such as weighting, for the various purposes were shown as well as the different characteristics and qualities resulting from the treatment. Methods of testing cloth before buying were shown, the purpose of the program being to instruct in wise buying.

The second reel was based on the poems of Edgar Guest, the "poet of the common people." Several of them were given, with effective scenes. Mr. Guest himself appeared on the screen and gave us his version of what it takes to make a home. "When Father Shakes the Stove" was of special interest to those who had lived in the country and experienced some of the life pictured. The pictures and sound effects were clear and were enjoyed by the entire audience.

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Nyholm Leads League Meeting

The well known statue of Christ by the the world famous Danish sculptor, Thorvaldsen, was the topic discussed by Rev. Paul Nyholm at the joint meeting of the Luther Leagues of Dana and of Blair Lutheran Church, held Sunday evening, December fifth. Rev. Nyholm emphasized the pleading invitation of Christ, "Come!" as represented so wonderfully in the outstretched arms of Thorvaldsen's masterpiece. Although many fail to respond, Christ's arms are always reaching out. Mrs. Nyholm sang a most appropriate solo, "I Thank Thee, Lord," with deep feeling.

History Club Offers Version of Dickens' Play

MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAM WELL RECEIVED BY AUDIENCE

The History club of Dana gave an interesting program at the colledge auditorium when they presented "A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens on the stage as the chief part of the program. The evening's entertainment began with a softly played selection, "At Evening," by Rhoda Krogh at the organ. Following this she played "Marche Champetre," a more lively melody. Then President Marvin Nygaard gave an address. He expressed appreciation to all who had aided in making the program possible. He presented the fact that knowledge of current history was necessary for really living fully and stated that "the present is the fruit of the past and the germ of the future." He ended with a welcome to the guests.

Following this came "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" and "Still wie die Nacht" by a violin trio, Arthur Tingley, Ferrol Adams, and Doris Lang accompanied by Rhoda Krogh at the organ. They played the beautiful melodies well. Then Alice Traum gave a humorous reading, "Blue Forget-me-nots." A vocal trio, Helen Margaret Jacobsen, Phyllis Fabricius, and Geraldine Nielsen accompanied by Phoda Krogh at the piano, sang some of the old familiar Christmas songs, concluding with "Silent Night."

Lastly came the drama, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, in four scenes. Edward Hansen played the part of the main character, Ebenezer Scrooge, to perfection. Paul Neve was the timid office boy. Fred, Scrooge's nephew was played by Stanton Petersen. Sven Bach made an impressive entrance as Marley's Ghost, coming in with pale hands and face and dragging clanking chains which were bound to his feet. Leonard Anderson's solemn tones as ghost of Christmas Past, as well as ghost of Christmas yet to come, added to the ghostly feeling. Leo Andersen played ghost of Christmas Present with equal skill. Other characters were Ione Christensen, Norma Staby, Carl Fynboe, Elizabeth Fynboe, Phyllis Larsen, and Robert Jensen.

Scene I presented the main thought that the business of man here was not money but human kindness. Scene II expressed the idea that it takes little money or time to bring happiness to others. Scene III stressed the fact that the past was gone and the present should be used. The last scene showed Scrooge accepting Christmas as it should be done. The drama closed with the strains of "Joy to the World" in the background. Compliments are due the actors on their fine stage effects and good acting.

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DePauw University's 750 men students foot most of the "date" bills, but despite those expensive items, spend less in a year than the 450 coeds.

Don't Attempt to Keep Up With Custodian Goldbeck Unless You're An Ambitious Person

To Mr. Goldbeck, genial janitor, custodian and general "fixer-upper," we bestow a laurel wreath. Innumerable details contibuting to the smooth running machinery which makes up a large part of the visible affairs of Dana College escape our attention; credit for their efficient management is due to Mr. Goldbeck. One is likely to find him repairing a drain up on fourth floor in the chemistry laboratory, or running down a "short"—we mean a short circuit in the lighting system—in the gymnasium or at any other conceivable place around the campus.

Mr. Goldbeck's day starts long before most of us "come to." In winter, his day usually starts with checking the radiators to see if the steam is coming through. If there is snow on the sidewalks, that must be cleared away. He is always on the lookout for needed repairs and jots them down in order to assign them later to various of "his boys." The boys are very efficient at performing different types of work such as plumbing, lighting, carpentering and the like. Mr. Goldbeck is "on deck" till late at night to supervise the firing. Any time of the day, if one spends a little time in the boiler house, he will see some one come rushing over to find Mr. Goldbeck to get needed help for real or fancied ills—repairing windows, doors, chairs, faucets, lights, locks—sometimes two or more are waiting to tell him of their needs, and a common call is: "Where's Mr. Goldbeck!"

All of the upkeep, repair, eating, plumbing, etc., is taken care of by Mr. Goldbeck and his helpers. When the student body is taking its vacation he is doubly busy painting floors, plastering, and other jobs which can not be taken care of when classes are in session. Not least of his work is performed in the summer in taking care of the campus. When he was approached for an interview he was so busy cleaning flues that he did not have time to say much, but he did say that he would like to have this article placed in a section of the paper where no one would read it. z

May he have all the consideration that he justly deserves from each one of us.

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WE WHO ATTEND COLLEGE

What are the reasons that impel us to attend college? Anyone knows that those of us who go for no reason at all of our own will get very slight results as a rule. The reasons can not be ascertained by asking us as a group; in that we only give stereotyped reasons put into our mouths by "leaders" who formulate theoretical aims that sound plausible and are accepted by all without question. These stereotyped reasons have some advantages: there is a grain of truth in them, they furnish a good "line" for those who attend for no special reason so that they need not bother their heads to think, they give a basis for advertising the advantages of attending, they are a ready answer for those who have gone to college and can think of no real benefit derived from the same. No; the question is an individual one and must be answered by each one without the aid of others.

Why do we come to college? To get culture? Possibly. To learn how to live complete lives? Perhaps. Because college improves our minds, or grants us a better chance to get happiness, because college education is (vaguely) an asset? Maybe. They are excellent phrases but they sound so vague and lifeless and theoretical.

Why did we come to college? Frankly, some of us are here because we were sent here by somebody else because they thought it was "the thing to do." We don't care about lessons or anything else seriously enough to work hard at anything. We work enough to follow along with the crowd, usually. We have all the "good times" we can, which so often means wasting our time and that of others. We don't belong here and we feel it, vaguely, but it doesn't cost us anything and we have no great responsibility so why should we leave?

Some of us come to college to prepare ourselves for business. We have no other purpose, we don't care about any studies that won't help us in business later on. All of our studying is done with the one thought in our minds: "Will it help me to make a living later on in life?" We avoid all the studies that are called classical —they don't bring bread and butter. We don't care much about college itself, or learning. Certainly, if we could have found a purely business school that was cheaper, or faster, or handier, that would have suited us much better.

Some of us, and we are comparatively few, come for the pure love of learning. True, we have to study things that will help us to earn at least a living after we are graduated but out interest is in books, in ideas, thoughts, and in people as living things. Most of us have a hard time to get here, but few sacrifices are too great if only we can satisfy, to some extent, that deep longing for life and understanding. We feel an intense desire to answer for ourselves some of those problems that baffle us—and the rest of the world. It gives us pain to see others wasting the opportunities that have come to them so easily—we wish that we could give ourselves freely to our learning without having to face the problem of earning our way at least for a few years. That would be complete joy!

Now you know why most of us are here at college. You also know which ones belong here. And which ones should receive special help and encouragement.

E. M. R.

LONG LIVE SANTA

Slyly the Christmas season has crept upon us again. Naturally that is no surprise to an eager child, but realization that December 25th has nearly completed the circuit is somewhat of a shock. No longer do we count with shining eyes the leaden days until old Santa Claus, patriarch of presents, makes the extensive trip from his mythical home in the north. Perhaps that's the reason that adult Christmases often seem to lack a vague something.

Preposterous! you say—Santa Claus is just a good idea with which to fool rebellious kiddies around Christmas time, and nothing more. What an injustice to the good-hearted old fellow! There never has been a more universally loved and revered character in history. Children of all nationalities live for the day each year when he will visit them, strictly according to custom, of course. Little Norwegians leave a cake of meal for him in the snow. In France "Pere Noel" takes punitive steps against the contumacious child, but rewards the good. Boys and girls of Holland leave their newly sanded wooden shoes filled with hay and oats for his horse on the front steps of their home. In our own country he gains entrance to homes and hanging stockings through the fireplace chimney, mysteriously evading soot each time. His names are numerous. In England he's St. Nick. In Norway he's Kristine. Germany calls him Kriss Kringle. He is Santa Klaus in Denmark. We call him Santa Claus, a Dutch language corruption. He got his earth call him Santa Claus, a Dutch language corruption. He got his earthly start, according to legend and fact, as a venerated bishop in a little town in Asia Minor. He became the patron saint of gifts by repeated secret kindnesses to the poor. How he gained his northland industrial center, marvelous faculty of omnipresence and good wife Merry Christmas, history has not deigned to tell. But no one doubts his existence.

In truth Santa Claus is a spirit. He is pictured many times each year with his alert reindeer and full bag of toys, but he lives actually in men's hearts. Perhaps he shouldn't be confined to just the Yule season, but offered as a representative of all compassion and cheer. It's amazing how much the red-suited man with generous stomach can accomplish in matters of peace. In a few brief weeks he does more toward world harmony and cohesion than an army of treaty-waving diplomats can do in years of conferences and pacts. It must grieve the old fellow to see parts of the world, his happiness route, in conflict. You may be certain that if he had his way sanguinary struggles would be forever banned. On some happy day he may attain his fondest ambition and give every man the greatest gift, peace.

This year when the period of tinsel, crinkly candy and pine needles arrives, we will be the recipients of many gifts more valuable than money. Christmas is largely a time of thanksgiving. Anyone with duties and a home, family and friends, memories and ambitions, has easily received his share of gifts. The numerous and welcome presents wrapped in colored paper and silken strings are the material expression of those things.

Wherever you are on the eve of Christmastide give an extra thought to Santa Claus. As agent of a Great Faith he is performing duties for which no one else is quite fitted, and he loves his work. To love him is to enjoy a fuller Christmas, and gain impetus for the new year.

—B. H.

Magazine Articles of Interest

The Etude, November 1937—
"This is Walter Damrosch Speaking."

The Saturday Review of Literature, November 13, 1937—
"The Wilson Tradition."

Harpers, October 1937—
"Why Birds Leave Home," and
"Korea from a Nunnery Window."

Saturday Evening Post, Nov. 13, 1937—
"The Battle of Milk."

Forum, November 1937—
"Losing Friends and Being Influenced."

Digest, December 4, 1937—
"Camera Craze."

Saturday Evening Post, December 4, 1937—
"Bank Night Tonight."

Scribner's, December 1937—
"What is Evidence?" and
"Susie."

Current History, December 1937—
"Are the Americas Safe,"
"Newspaper by Radio," and
"This Business of Christmas."

Hygeia, December 1937—
"Slimming Scientifically."

Scientific American, Dec. 1937—
"Air Transportation 1927-1937-the Future."

The Religious Digest, Dec. 1937—
"The Six Days of Creation" and
"The Menace of Marihuana."

The Atlantic, December 1937—
"Star in the East" and
"Bad Manners as a Substitute for War."

Harper's, December 1937—
"An Observer Warns the Church."

Missionary Review of the World, December 1937—
"My Missionary Obligation."

Christian Herald, Dec. 1937—
"Patient Patriot."

Forum, December 1937—
"Problem Mothers."

Chapel Gleanings

I. Cor. 3:18 "Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise."

Prayer tends to clearify our thinking in spiritual and all other matters.

Prayer unveils the dimness of our souls.

Prayer delivers us from self-thinking.

We are all very selfish.

Love is the opposite of selfishness.

Prayer is working together with God.

Loose yourself in that energy of prayer for others!

The prerequisite of effective prayer is a yielded heart.

Dwight L. Moody had acquired the art of talking to twenty thousand people and making each one think he was talking to him.

Dwight L. Moody believed in Hell but stressed Heaven.

Dwight L. Moody decreased the population of hell one million souls. His enthusiasm was his power.

"Christ lives in me," said Paul.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." God loves a cheerful giver because He Himself is a cheerful giver.

If we want a divine visitation at Christmas we must make the hardest preparation of all—the preparation of our hearts. We must do "Road-Work" for Christmas—prepare the way for Christ in our hearts!

"O HOW SHALL I RECEIVE THEE"

As we approach the Christmas season, this question from an Advent Hymn by Paul Gerhardt meets us in a forceful manner. It makes us pause for a moment and think! When we meet the Heavenly Guest in a special way during these days, what kind of a reception **will be** accorded Him? Many of us have noticed the various ways in which individuals have been received in some homes. Some are met at the door with an almost curt, "I haven't time today," or something similar. Others are a bit more favored in that the individual called upon is willing to stand in the doorway and talk for a period of time. Still others receive a hearty welcome to come inside, in spite of pressing duties. Similar to one or more of these have been the receptions that He **has been** given by you and me.

That night when He first came to this earth there was no room for Him in the inn, no room in any warm home, no room except in a stable. We often try to excuse them by staying that they did not know. But we do know **who** He is and **what** He wants! Yet we exclude Him from our "inn"—the central lodging place of our being, which is our heart, though we still desire to retain Him in the periphery of our life. He, however, is not content to remain there. Hence, the question again confronts each of us, "How shall I receive Him?" With an open receptive mind and heart is the most acceptable answer. "Where the meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in."

May you have a blessed Christmas in Him!

—I.N.T.

LITERARY CORNER

"Great honors are great burdens, but on whom
They are cast with envy, he doth bear two loads.
His cares must still be double to his joys,
In any dignity; where, if he err,
He finds no pardon; and for doing well
A most small praise, and that wrung out by force"
—Ben Jonson.

"It is only human selfishness that makes good things evil to us."
—Dora Greenwell.

"This above all; to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man." —Shakespeare.

"Think rather of the work than of the praise." —Jean Ingelow.

"Anthony sought for happiness in love; Brutus in glory; Caesar in dominion; the first found disgrace, the second disgust, the last ingratitude, and each destruction."
Lubbock.

"To know that which before us lies in daily life, is the prime wisdom."—Milton.

"How blindly we talk when we talk of trifles!"
—Dinah Maria Mulockk.

"The nobler the truth or sentiment, the less imports the question of authorship." —Emerson.

IN SYMPATHY

The student body of Dana, together with the faculty, wish to express their sincere sympathy to David Simonsen in his recent bereavement. Our hearts are with him.

FINGERPRINTS

An archaeological expedition, while excavating the site of old biblical Kiriath-Sepher, unearthed an old specimen of pottery which dates back to the middle bronze age. This particular specimen had been molded of fine white clay. On this vase were imprinted the fingerprints of the potter who some four thousand years ago had molded the vase. The fingerprints were as perfect as any that could be found in our modern day police records. So, in a very literal sense, we are reminded of the old adage "The deeds men do live after them."

We students have begun to place our fingerprints on the records of time. The impressions are yet faint, but continue to become deeper and more pronounced. He who goes about his daily tasks with love for Christ in his heart leaves a distinct mark upon his work, a mark not saturated with the poison of selfishness. The person who has not come into a right relationship with God also leaves his mark, a mark distinctly different from that of the Christian man.

An artist, who had begun a painting, drank a certain potion that rendered him color-blind. The completed picture, which to him seemed a master-piece, turned out to be a wretched failure. One's eyes need to be opened by the love and righteousness of God in order that he may see himself and his tasks in the light in which he is seen by his fellowman, and in the light of Christian principles. No matter what our marks may be, they will be left imprinted on the pages of history. The wise student will lay the foundations now, that it may be said of him "the marks he left were the marks of a Christian man."

—V.N.C.

"DRIFTIN' AROUND"

Henrietta!

The middle name of our mystery person of the week has prompted the ungainly nickname "Henrietta Henhouse" in some sections of the country. Extemely proficient at cat & mouse. Is considered a good sport, loves any and all pie. Writes excellent notes and knows her directions. Ambition: to become a school teacher(should be a whiz—already helps little brother get A's in English). Older sister once attended Dana, but can't promise about the rest of the family. Our heroine has been heard to say that she has never had occasion to meet some of the more publicized Dana sheiks, an unlucky break for them. Stands not over 5 ft. 2 in. high, and is, according to our edifying agents, very fickle. Parts her brunet hair in the middle and if you're still dubious, she has one of the shortest first names in the school.

Faith

With the joyous Christmas spirit permeating the land we are gullible enough to believe that the great American student body likes to believe in the fanciful Santa Claus legend. So for your information and our own curiosity we put the following intense question to several Danians: "Do you believe in Santa Claus?" Below are the results.

Edward Mann: I'll say I do Come on, Barbie.

Mary E. Gillette: In my heart he reigns dear.

Monroe Bixler: I Echo the above sentiments.

Paul V. Hansen, bursar: Yes, if you pay your tuition.

Lewis Patrick: Say Boss, is you all goin' 'way and let me sleep?

Phyllis Fabricious: Sure, Homer, I'll be waiting.

Carl Wildrick: Homecoming will be a success.

Junior Campbell: I'm not guilty —Oh, yeh, sure.

Ruth Lindstrom: You sleigh me, heh heh.

Howard Mickelson: Definitely. Unquote.

Dr. C. X. Hansen: Yes, insofar as Christmas is the incarnation of the Divine which to the natural man is incomprehensible. (Which just about sums it up.)

Conglomerates

We have trouble remembering dates (calendarically speaking, of course).....Student sentiment favors a dilly of a party before Christmas vacation..... After looking at many pictures of Wm. Shakespeare, English dramatist of some fame, we prefer to call him the Beard of Avon (that's taking it on the chin!).. ....Nothing is more the object of man's generosity than his opinion ....Distressing description: Her mind was broader than it was deep....A paradox is definitely not two doctors....Lohengrin's wedding march is the catchiest tune ever written....Every time the library pipes start to sound off we look for a shell hole.... Simile: As adequate as a woman's handkerchief during a cold....To a foot life must be just one darned thing after another....Overheard: "He has a headstart in the human race".. ..Steaks and spirits are alike—both can be medium well done ....A patricarchal philosopher once told us that we were too light for heavy work and too heavy for light work....Not-so-nice likeness: He is the flat side on a circle of friends....We're still chortling over an ether comedian's reference to toupees as "scalp doilies"....Subject of our character sketch this issue is Ada "Our Pal" Rogert.....We don't like to hike and moody people intrigue us....Ever hear of the frustrated drop of blood who murmured, "Dear dear, my life's been all in vein".....Most hunters are dressed fit to kill.. ..Puppy love often leads into a dog's life....From the ticker may we wish you all a peachy Christmas and (you've guessed it) a happy new year (we know a few people who hope 'twill be a marry new year).....Soooo, until after the holidays it'll have to be like the morbid man with a cold who put nose drops in his revolver and then blew his brains out.

From Hermes Files

(From the April, 1921 issue of the Hermes)
Written by Arthur Jersild

On the evening of March 31, about fifty Danaites travelled to Omaha to hear the St. Olaf College Choir from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. Some of the students went down in cars; others took the train and stayed in Omaha overnight, where they enjoyed the hospitality of a number of people belonging to Rev. Staby's congregation. We are especially grateful to them and Rev. Staby for providing us with lodging.

Some say that work is a pleasure, others have a different opinion. However, all Danaites will agree that the work done in beautifying the college campus on clean-up day was a pleasure indeed. On the afternoon of March 23, we were given a half-holiday, to be devoted to cleaning up the school grounds. Everybody worked, and in a few hours the rubbish of winter gave way to the freshness of spring. In the middle of the afternoon our excellent kitchen-folks served an outside lunch, and for half an hour all ceased their labors to enjoy the grand picnic. Those who come here to school next year will look forward with joy to that happy day which marks the beginning of spring—Clean-up Day.

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"Hundreds of thousands of hours in our educational institutions are wasted because the training goes almost to the point where the thing becomes permanent, but not quite." President William Allan Neilson, of Smith College, advises women at the Packer Collegiate Institute that if they would raise the intellectual level of the United States, they must aim at definite mastery of whatever they are trying to do.

Prof. Hartwig to Chicago Meeting

The Silver Anniversary Convention of the National Lutheran Educational Conference will be held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, January 16, 17, and 18, 1938. Professor George H. Hartwig has been invited to read a paper. He has chosen as his topic—"The English Bible and the Teacher of English."

Hilltop Bits

If stirring up the thinking of the students is the true desire of those in charge of our League meetings, the debate was a success. Comment, pro and con, discussion, argument, speeches rising almost to oratory, could be heard in many places. Debates on popular topics have always been good stimulants of thought, as well as of interest and feeling, among wide awake students.

Vic Magnussen says he has a black eye because the night-mare kicked him. That's what comes of too much horseplay.

Tingley believes that ministers do not really see the time when they look at their watches.

Norma Staby was telling us the other day of her experiences under the microscope. Nothing like making a big impression!

The economics class, led by Professor Brown, enjoyed the day in Omaha December seventh. About twenty of them went for the day, visiting the new biscuit factory, the main telephone office, radio station WOW, the offices of the World Herald, and the business department of the large Brandeis store. Their main interest was the study of business methods.

Irene Nielsen seems to be able to do things to perfection. Witness the perfect "shiner" she developed a few days ago.

One of our professors tells us that the love mentioned in I Corinthians chapter thirteen is not "puppy love."

A dandelion was seen in bloom on the campus on December first. Better late than never, say we.

This remark came from one of our sophisticated juniors: "I think it is too cold to think!" Apparently the statement is its own proof.

Heard among the quiet places: "Are you a linguist?" "No, both of my parents are from Denmark."

One of our charming waitresses has shown that she possesses great patience. She has closed the door of the south dining room entrance at least fifty times in the last week. She is now thinking of using a string, not to tie around the fingers of those who go through the door to remind them to shut it, but to tie to the handle so she can pull the door shut without getting up.

Another cold "snap" has come, this time with a little snow. The scenery would have been quite beautiful had not a strong wind blown all the snow into drifts just as the day was beginning. Most of the students seem intent on getting from one building to the other as fast as possible.

The one who threw the water on the sidewalk in front of the men's dormitory was thoughtless, to say the least. The resulting ice was an added unnecessary hazard, and while, as far as we know, no one was seriously hurt, it did cause many painful bruises even to others than those residing there.

It is wonderful what can be done in music if you have the proper technique. Here is proof that some have already acquired it: "A tie carries one note over into another measure." Also this: "A slur is the act of playing carelessly."

A new microscope has been received for the use of the biology classes under Miss Wind. Students are anxiously awaiting the time when it will be ready for use.

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Here Comes Patty Again

I know why the chemistry students turn the switch every time they go to their class room—so they can see the light.

I knew L.N. was fibbing when he said he stayed homed the other night and wrestled with the atom —cause they can't fight!

"I have always felt that there was something between us, and I feel it especially now", said the young man as they were riding along in his new (to him) Maxwell. All I could see there was two feet of space!

—By Patty Freshman.

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From the Drops in the Bucket column of the Blair high school "Informer" we clip the following item: Have you observed any of the Dana girl observers? After an observation we believe that more observing of the observers should be observed.

Dean Thomsen Received Honor

It is of especial interest to students and friends of Dana that Dr. Thomsen now has his Doctor's Degree. He received it last June from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He has been working towards it since he came to Dana in 1930 at which time he already had his Master's Degree, also from that University. He spent the year 1934-1935 at the University on a leave of absence from Dana. The rest of the work has been done by him during the summer vacations. He went to Madison for his oral examination early last summer. He majored in the field of analytical and inorganic chemistry and has his minor in the field of physical chemistry. His thesis was on "Standardization of the Polarographic Method." The polarograph is an instrument used for the electrical method of analysis.

We wish to congratulate Dr. Thomsen on his achievement and wish him much success in his chosen field.

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Vikings In Mid-Season Form In Trotter Game

EIGHT DANA MEN GIVE HARLEM TEAM VERY FAST, CLEAN GAME MONDAY

In a game marked by exceptionally good ball handling and speed for so early in the season, the Dana Vikings opened their basketball season, losing to the Harlem Globe Trotters by a score of 44-40. The Trotters, as usual, kept the crowd in an uproar with their comic antics and at the same time flashed an exhibition of almost perfect passing, shooting, and teamwork. Utilizing a fast break, the Vikings broke loose time after time under the basket. Playing for the first time under the new rules, with the center jump eliminated after a basket has been made, they found them made to order for their style of play. The team should have a highly successful year.

Ed Mann started the scoring for the Vikings in the opening minute and the team was never headed during the first half at the end of which they were in the lead, 20-18. Coach Olson substituted often throughout the game in an effort to find the best working combination. That such a task will not be an easy one is testified by the even distribution of the scoring among the Dana players. Elmer Hansen led with four field goals. Paul Peterson, Marvin Petersen, Monroe Bixler, and Edward Mann had three each, while Lewis Patrick and Homer Nielsen each had two. For the Globe Trotters, "Killer" Johnson was high with 16 points and his brother "Bunny" Johnson was next with 14.

Unusual about the game was the fact that not a single foul was called. This was due to the clean playing, fine ball handling, and good sportsmanship which made it unnecessary for the referee to resort to such means to keep the game under control. It was an exhibition game and the colored boys were clowning and entertaining the fans; it would have spoiled the show to have slowed the game. The Trotters climaxed their evening's performance by dumping Dick Boe, who was officiating. They then lined up in football formation and ran a football play as the final gun sounded. The fine sportsmanship displayed by the Harlem Globe Trotters have given them an enviable reputation with the local fans and they will be looking forward with pleasure to their next appearance. Dana's next game and the only one before the Christmas vacation, is with the American Business College of Omaha on December 14, on the home floor.

Conclusion!!

Final Thrilling Chapter of This Tear-jerking Tragedy

PAT REVERE RIDES AGAIN

with a spadmodic cough,....but with mighty effort to press onward, the great steed came slowly to a halt. With breath-taking horror, the graveness of the situation became suddenly apparent, for if the Quakers were not duly warned of the Danish invasion it would indeed result in inevitable disaster (or at least that was the supposition). Then to the fore, with a flourish of trumpets (passing car horns) up stepped our hero, Pat Revere, to become master of the situation. In practically no time (one hour and fifteen minutes) the "Tin Horse" was again surging onward.

With the coming of dusk, a familiar gnawing was felt in the mid-section of our noble Viking. The meal having been finished, he dramatically drew out his two-headed quarter and tossed to determine the recipient of the check. With a diabolical gleam in his eye, he flipped and yelled "heads." Without a glance at the reclining coin he passed the check to his feminine companions. An Echo was heard. "Oh fiddle-sticks! fudge! stuff and things! I guess we'll have to pay." Hours later they arrived at Central City and learned of the defeat and hasty retreat of the Vikings. But now, weary of their mis-adventure, they slowly turned their course toward the Danish stronghold, barely arriving in time to pass through the portals of the fortress without summoning the gatekeeper. Although his act caused our worthy Thane to temporarily lose royal favor across the way, his attempted deed will be remembered in generations to come as the "Ride of Pat Revere."

Thus ends the story. In the next HERMES another story will begin. We hope the "Busy B's" will end the next one "and they lived happily ever afterward." But we must wait and see.

HARLEM (44)	FG	FT	PF
Dennis, f	1	0	0
K. Johnson, f	8	0	0
B. Johnson, c	7	0	0
Summerliner, g	5	0	0
Dennis, g	1	0	0
Totals	22	0	0

DANA (40)	FG	FT	PF
P. Petersen, f	3	0	0
E. Mann, f	3	0	0
Q. Johnson, f	0	0	0
L. Patrick, c	2	0	0
M. Petersen, c	3	0	0
M. Bixler, g	3	0	0
H. Nielsen, g	2	0	0
E. Hansen, g	4	0	0
Totals	20	0	0

Referees—Bob Jensen and Richard Boe.

Football Men Receive Letters

DANA SQUAD FETED AT ANNUAL BANQUET HELD DECEMBER 2

On Thursday evening, December second, the annual football banquet was held in the dining hall. A fine dinner was served during which several beautiful selections by a violin trio consisting of Arthur Tingley, Ferrol Adams, and Doris Lang were very much enjoyed by everyone. Rhoda Krogh accompanied the selections at the piano. The table, at which all who had played football were seated, was appropriately decorated with the Viking colors, red and white.

Shortly after those present had partaken of the main part of the meal, the speakers were introduced in turn by the very able toastmaster, Robert Jensen. Stanley Larsen, captain of the team, was the first speaker. Next on the program, a vocal quartet composed of Richard Petersen, George Petersen, Adolph Kloth, and Anchor Sorensen sang two numbers: "Some one in the Kitchen" and "Blue Hawaii."

The toastmaster then introduced Coach Olson who reviewed in a clever manner the 1937 football season, pointing out each player's high spots. Then a vocal trio composed of Phyllis Fabricius, Helen Margaret Jacobsen, and Geraldine Nielsen sang a song of their own composition to various players. Then President C. X.. Hansen presented a letter "D" to those who had earned them on the football field, expressed his personal appreciation and best wishes to each in their turn and reminded them of the meaning of the awards. The following players received awards: Captain Stanley Larsen, Homer Nielsen, Leland Hansen, Lawrence Nelson, Clarence Paulsen, Everett Christiansen, Leonard Anderson, Richard Boe, Roland Meader, Earl Glarborg, LeRoy Nelsen, Carl Wildrick, Howard Mickelson, Edwin Svendsen, Monroe Bixler, Norman Dyhrberg, Gwyer Nielsen, Paul Peterson, Anchor Sorenson, and Willard Phipps. Robert Leighton received a letter as the manager's award.

Then the new co-captains, Anchor Sorenson and Edwin Svendsen, who had been elected by the team, were announced. Each was given an opportunity to say a few words and each was applauded by the banqueters.

The 1937 football team should be highly complimented for their valiant attempts against strong opposition. May next year's team be more sucessful in winning victories, but if they are not, may they also have the knowledge of a well played game.

Volleyball Now in Girls' Schedule

The attention of the W.A.A. girls has now been shifted to volleyball after a month of relative inactivity. Three teams have been organized and they are playing tournament games during their gymnasium periods. Four games have been played up to the present time.

As an added incentive to winning, each player on the winning team receives 50 points to apply on the 16 hundred points required to gain an Association letter. The members on the losing team receive only 25 points. After each member has played eight games of volleyball, the tournament will be finished and the girls will turn their attention ta basketball fo some time.

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Professor Lyche a Happy Man

Professor Lyche gave treats to the faculty members a short time ago and is now always seen with a proud, happy look on his face as he conducts his various classes. We find that a son was born to Professor and Mrs. Lyche on November twenty-first. We offer our hearty congratulations!

Erhart Nielsen Spoke at League

Erhardt Nielsen spoke at the Luther League meeting of December first. He based his talk on Matthew 5:16 and I Timothy 4:12. The call to Christianity is a call to activity and to life. It is a call to service and to living in the fullness of God. Many people try to save themselves from a catastrophe by slogans, but Christ demands that in trials we radiate a light. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of the world." To get the light we must have His life in ours. Christ is man's release from all sorts of spiritual darkness; so must a man be a release for others.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, says that his light would shine 'f he followed the advice given him. We would realize that there is a little light shining if we would observe these advices. Then our fellowmen would catch a little bit of the light of Christ through us. We must not have a dead faith, but a living faith as a result of our hearts being full of God. Then our lights would be bright and shine into the hearts of other young people. To be an example is a real challenge and results in active living. It involves conflicts with the evil one and yielding of the heart to Christ.

Doris Lang, accompanied by Victor Magnussen at the piano, played a violin solo and Phyllis Fabricius led in Scripture and prayer.

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Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8—Nebraska B, there.
Jan. 11—Luther, there.
Jan. 14—Concordia, there.
Jan. 22—Central, here.
Jan. 26—Hebron, there.
Jan. 31—Nebraska B. here.
Feb. 5—Central, there.
Feb. 8—Luther, here.
Feb .17—Hebron, here.
Feb. 19—Grand View, here.
Feb. 26—Concordia, here.

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