

## Cast Of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" Given At Dana Gym. Wednesday



The Cast of Characters, reading from left to right: Kenneth Lange, Edward Hansen, Leo Andersen, Paul Neve, Philip Larsen, Marilyn Siersbeck, John Beck, Ione Christensen, Charlotte Richter, Ferrol Adams, Leonard Andersen, Austin Bach.

CHOIR PREPARING  
FINE REPERTOIRE

The Dana choir, under the leadership of Professor Kraft, is rehearsing regularly, although unobtrusively in preparation for its spring concert series. So far this year the choir has made no public appearances. This should not be taken to indicate any decline in choral activity, but rather an increased period of preparation for some excellent programs to be given next spring.

Professor Kraft has selected the choir repertoire with much care, and the program will contain many outstanding examples of first-class choral composition. The works of Bach, which are an essential part of any well-organized musical program, will be well represented this year. Especially impressive is Bach's "Kom, Slusser Tod" (Come, Soothing Death). Another interesting work representing the early school of composers is one written for double choir by Gallus, "Lord, in Thy Resurrection."

It has long been the aim of the Dana choir to emphasize our musical heritage from the Scandinavian countries, especially Denmark. This year the choir is singing two numbers by the eminent Danish composer, Niels V. Gade: "O Thou Who Art All Loving" and "Morgensang" (Morning Song). The latter will be sung in Danish. A composition from the music of Sweden is a Swedish folk song, "The Way is Long," arranged by Lundquist. Another welcome addition to the program will be the stately choral arrangement by Grieg of Bishop Brorson's hymn, "Den Store Hvide Flok" (The Countless Hosts in White Array). The Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius is represented on this part of the program by a haunting little melody, "Vale of Tuoni."

Music based on the liturgy of the Russian church of the days before the Revolution is always appreciated for its colorful appeal and its deep, surging tones. The devout cry to God of an oppressed people is expressed through its profound minor harmonies. Two beautiful examples of the Russian school which are being rehearsed at present are the "Cherubim Song," of Panchenko and the "Pater Noster" of Tchaikowsky.

Among the selections on the pro-

DANA FRESHMEN  
RATE HIGH

Two freshmen of Dana College, Lucy Ann Poucher and Velma Smith, attained the distinction of receiving rank in the National Psychological Co-operative Test which placed them in the first quartile of high ranking freshman of the various colleges in the United States. Miss Poucher received the score of 163 out of a possible 198, and Miss Smith received 155. The purpose of these co-operative tests is to determine the mental ability of college freshmen.

Dr. C. X. Hansen states that the median of Dana freshmen compares fairly well with that of other freshmen.

STUDENTS SCATTER  
FOR VACATION

Dana's students will be scattered far and wide during the vacation. It has been rumored that Norma is going to Green Bay. And why should Leonard want to run all over, Racine included? Staby will have the longest journey since he is going to California. (He's leaving "Nellie" here.) Ethel H. Jensen hasn't been home for Christmas for three years. How happy she will be to stand on Montana soil again. May the three Islanders sail home safely.

It has been estimated that about fifty-five students will spend Christmas vacation in Nebraska, thirty-six in Iowa, nineteen in Wisconsin, twelve in Minnesota, three in South Dakota, two in Illinois, one in California, and one in Montana.

gram written by composers of recent times is a striking number by Schmutz, "When Jesus Came to Golgotha." Two compositions by F. Melius Christiansen to be included on the program are the familiar "Beautiful Savior" and a movement from his Motet "Celestial Spring," the lilting "Exaltation."

The executive committee of the choir is laying plans for a tour which is to be made this spring. Details as to time and itinerary of the tour will be published in the next issue of the Hermes.

DISCUSS HERMES  
AND DANIAN

The student body organization met for a brief business session Friday morning, December 9, in the college chapel. The meeting was presided over by the student body president, Leo Andersen.

Adolph Kloth, president of the senior class, presented to the student body the matter of the publishing of an annual. In former years the annual has been a project of the senior class, but due to the great amount of expense and work connected with this publication, the class suggested that this annual be sponsored by the student body. It was the opinion of the senior class that if the whole student body would be back of such an undertaking, the publishing of the annual would meet with greater success.

A decision was made that a committee of three be elected to investigate concerning the cost and all other matters connected with the publishing of an annual; this information to be presented at the next student body meeting. The members of this committee are Adolph Kloth, Anker Jensen, and Ethel H. Jensen.

At a recent meeting of the student body the matter of joining the Student's Peace Association Movement was discussed and it was decided that literature concerning this movement should be secured before further action was taken. The student body president reported that such literature had been received. As no further discussion was held, the matter was dropped.

The matter of our student body paper, "Hermes," was then discussed. Some time ago, the faculty submitted to the student body the resolution that, "In view of the impending change in the presidency of Dana college, be it resolved that the matter of the advisorship and the publication of the Hermes be laid on the table until such a time as the new president shall call a meeting for its consideration." The student body made the decision that a committee of three members be elected to confer with the administration to determine exactly the administration's policy with re-

STUDENTS CAROL  
FOR PROFESSORS

Thursday evening, December 15, after the Luther League Christmas program, a group of students caroled their way around Elair, singing at the various professor's homes. The last two Sunday afternoons these choristers familiarized themselves again with the beautiful Christmas songs by gathering in the girls' reception room to practice together.

Since the true Yuletide spirit is one of giving, these students decided to sound the joy of Christmas to those who work so faithfully among us.

STUDENTS' CAR  
TURNS OVER

A group of the Wisconsin students turned over in a rented car on Highway No. 7, west of Johnston, Iowa, Friday evening, December 16, on their way home. All escaped uninjured.

Theodore Hansen, Dana alumnus of 1938, now student at the Nebraska Medical School in Omaha, was driving. Other occupants were Ruth Madsen, Arles Andersen, Rodney Hansen, Norbert Johnsen and Howard Johnsen, all of Denmark, Wisconsin, and Raymond Andersen of Waupaca.

COACH PROUD  
FATHER

In spite of the defeat Concordia handed the Dana basketball team, Coach Olsen is wearing a real victory smile these days, for Saturday night, December 10th, he became father to a seven pound, eleven ounce baby girl.

This means a sister for happy little two-and-one-half-year-old Patricia Ann, a popular little belle of the campus, and Mr. and Mrs. Olsen's first child.

garg to the student body paper. This committee was also instructed to inform the administration that the student body requests that President Siersbeck be made the Hermes advisor. Those elected to this committee were Edward Hansen, Thorvald Hansen and Fred Jacobsen.

Program By  
History Club  
Wed. Dec. 14

## Edward Hansen's Interpretation of Scrooge Outstanding

A presentation of Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol" was the principal feature of the Dana College History Club Christmas Program in the gymnasium December 14, 1938. A variety of musical numbers added greatly to the success of the evening's entertainment.

Edward Hansen was outstanding in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge, and Paul Neve and Leo Andersen portrayed the characters of Bob Cratchit and Scrooge's nephew, Fred, very creditably. Others who took part in the play were Austin Bach, H. Leonard Andersen, Kenneth Lange, Alvin Rueter, Philip Larsen, Ione Christensen, Charlotte Richter, John Beck, Marilyn Siersbeck, Adolph Kloth, Ferrol Adams and Sheridan Svendsen.

The program was opened by four organ selections played by Harriett Cornell, after which Mr. Adolph Kloth, History Club President, made a few remarks.

Three traditional Christmas carols were sung by Lorraine Peterson, Ferrol Adams and Clarice Hagen. Homer Nielsen sang a solo, "The Birthday of a King." The College violin ensemble played "The First Noel" and "Silent Night." They closed their part in the program with the magnificent "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah."

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS  
PARTY A SUCCESS

The annual Christmas party sponsored by the Luther League was held in the reception room of the Girls' Dormitory on Thursday evening, December 15.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" was sung by the students and faculty members as the first number on the program. A vocal duet, "Away in a Manger," sung by Ruth Nielsen and Ellen Gebuhr followed. Leonard Andersen then spoke briefly on "Christ Is King of Kings," and Homer Nielsen sang "Hallelujah, Christ Is Born." Following this, Dr. J. P. Nielsen gave a talk using "The Bethlehem Sentiment" as his topic. "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" was sung by all to close the program.

Victor Magnussen led the group in singing Christmas carols before and after the refreshments were served. A large number of young people sang carols at the homes of the professors and at the Crowell Home after the party.

CHRISTIAN PULPITS  
DISCUSSED

Clifford Hansen read scripture and led in prayer at the Luther League meeting on December 7.

Kenneth Hansen was the speaker. He presented a short paper on the Apostle Paul. He indicated that Paul was he who made Christianity a world religion.

Mr. Hansen expressed the opinion that what we need in the church and world, not least at Dana, is a return to what he termed "The Old Time Religion."

He asserted that the gospel, pure and simple, needs to return to some of our pulpits to replace much of the discussion about "literature" and other irrelevant subjects.

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### SUPPRESSION VERSUS EXPRESSION

Man is really the object of all study and observation. His physical value is very little. Most recent calculations according to the latest market reports place his chemical worth at eighty-nine cents. Yet, he is studied and studied. Why? Not because of his chemical value.

Youth, especially, has wrapped up in that bundle of chemicals, passions, emotions, heartaches, joys. There is a divine spark embodied in that mortal temple which is blazing, glowing and glaring to make life. Life is throbbing in the secret chambers of people. To attempt to conceal it is useless, for it is psychologically true.

It is possible to quench this life-giving fire. Like any fire, cover it adequately and you will smother it. Let the fire in the souls of men burn freely and it will grow. Give it draft and it burns. Cover it and it dies. This fire that burns in the souls of men and women at our school, in our synod and in all the world must be permitted to burst forth. It is either that or death. Give it freedom!

We need not preach to draw from the Bible. "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Where is that river that should be flowing from the hearts of vital Christians? Where is that living water? Why is it not flowing? Is it stored up within or is there no water? Has the channel of expression been stopped? If this is the case, change it! We all know what happens when water is pumped into a tank and none escapes. The same things happen when nothing escapes from Christians. Either they explode and lose what Christianity they already had and can then contain no more or the in-flow ceases before they explode. When the in-flow ceases the water within ceases to be living water. There must be an expression of life where there is life! If there is no expression, life ceases to be!

Open the river and release those waters that are raging within you. Let your life express itself. If you don't, you might as well be a stick walking around. "While I mused the fire burned." But the fire will not continue if you do not give it a draft and an escape for the smoke.

L. M. A.

### THE GREAT LIE

I want to know the truth. This often heard declaration is the greatest lie that men speak. Let those who believe that they always desire truth examine themselves. If they face the issue honestly they will modify their statement, or at least remain silent the next time they are prompted to make it.

"I don't know the truth nor do I wish to know it." This is proclaimed by the lives of all save a group insignificant in number only. Most men belong to the great body of those who seek not, a body composed of two groups: those who have no vision and those who catch glimpses of truth but fear to search it out. The multitudes have little conception of the burning desire for truth. They are content to live day after day without questioning, without wondering, without thinking too deeply about the happenings about them. Placid unconcern characterizes them entirely; ignorance and lack of interest are their safeguards. Those who catch glimpses of truth do not escape so easily. They have vision to see that men were made for noble things. They feel that they could soar; but they count the cost and refuse to pay. They are unfortunate, for they can-

### CHAPEL IMPRESSIONS

By Thorvald Hansen

By the time this issue of Hermes reaches you, the spirit of Christmas will be much more evident than it was last week as we sat in the chapel gathering our thoughts about the joyful theme of the Yuletide. Do we remember the paths of greatest joy which were pointed out to us by the speakers? Are we experiencing the delights along the path of service? Let us not deny ourselves the glorious privilege of reaping the bountiful satisfaction in spreading the season's happiness to others, especially those who have not yet grasped the tidings of the true Christmas message. Neither should we forget ourselves, but allow the Christmas cheer to sweeten the dregs of our own souls. May we open our eyes and the eyes of others by the grace of God to see the vastness of His love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). When we ponder upon this verse we find evidence of the length, the breadth, the dept and the height of God's manifold love which Dr. N. C. Carlsen sounded in a recent chapel talk.

Music of this season should be given a prominent place in our living. The resounding tunes of the Christmas hymns and awe-inspiring refrains from the "Hallelujah Chorus" of Handel's "Messiah" should so radiate our lives that we my become a blessing to others.

### MAGAZINE ARTICLES

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Hygeia, December, 1938—"Teeth and Their Importance," "Rats and Health," and "The Magic of Toys."

Christian Herald, December, 1938—"Christmas Comes Again" by Margaret Sangster.

Science News Letter, December 10, 1938—"Suffering Seven Millions" (the Jewish race) by Dr. Frank Thone.

The American Magazine, December, 1938—"From the Shadow of the Swastika" by Heinz Lippmann.

The American Magazine, October, 1938—"Desert Doctor" by Jerome Beatty.

Current History, December, 1938—"The United States Gets Its Picture Taken" by Morris Markey.

Forum, December, 1938—"Europe As It Is Today" by Otto H. Kahn.

Missionary Review of the World, December, 1938—"Indian Christian Sadhus and Ashrams."

The Atlantic Monthly, December, 1938—"Good Will to Men" by Alvin Johnson, "Charlotte Carr—Settlement Lady" by M. S. Mayer.

not be satisfied. They will not risk their security for the prize. Well they know that truth will lead them away from the paths of men into insecurity, uncertainty, and even hatred and scorn. But, alas for their happiness, they have a glimpse of the joy that will be found in the struggle for truth. They are the two-minded men; desiring to follow two ways, they will always be unhappy.

But when a man arises who seeks truth honestly and fearlessly, the former group wonders what the fuss is all about. The second grows envious and strives to down him, knowing that he is gaining that which they feared to attempt and making him feel keenly their own cowardice.

We do not seek truth. We seek arguments to support those unproved beliefs that seem so important to us because they flatter us and put us at ease with ourselves and the world. We do not want to know our own real selves. We want to continue blindly whitewashing plain facts that might upset our prejudices. Yes; and those plain facts are the markers pointing the way to the highest joy known to man.

E. M. R.

### A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

As the sparrows twitter and dart about on a sunny winter morning the spirit of Christmas sends light and cheer to a world that is depressed and forlorn. Surely the little things in life can take an added significance in a season that everyone looks upon as a season of good cheer. Even the comfort of a good coat that keeps out the wintry blast gives rise to Christmas cheer. But let us try to penetrate more nearly to the inner meaning of Christmas.

But we know that these things would have no significance were it not for the personal element that exists between men of cordiality, good will, hospitality and geniality especially in this season. And we know that these feelings and dispositions in men are not the essential to the Christmas spirit, so let us seek further.

With a feeling that no human being can approximate, once God deigned to enter directly into the affairs of men and place Himself in the bosom of humanity and the hands of two unseemly people. Wonder it was that he whom angels bless chose to dwell in such a manner upon earth and seek the love and protection of the lowliest of humanity. Yet the One who thus humbled Himself to give an example and even to give Himself was so mighty in his humility that from

henceforth generation upon generation look upon His birth as the most joyous event in the history of the world. There was no fanfare of trumpets, but the bleating of sheep and the lowing of cattle. Hearts for almost two thousands years now have beat faster at the sound of His Name and have had confidence because they knew from Him what was genuine in both life and death.

We are all too prone to remember Him only with our intellect and forget Him with our hearts. The fifty cent piece and the quick, "God bless you" given to the street beggar are all too soon forgotten for all the thrill they might have given at the moment. The celebration is soon over and likewise Christ's life was, humanly speaking, not long. They crucified Him for their hearts would not be taught, though they also gave fifty cent pieces to beggars.

Can we penetrate to the inner meaning of the Christmas spirit? No, but perhaps in a sentimental way we can learn of Him if we give Him a permanent room in each of our hearts.

"Ah! dearest Jesus, Holy Child Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart and there recline, And keep that chamber ever Thine."

-A. P. S.

### LITERARY CORNER

It is the test of our sincerity whether we are ready to do the little things that are in our power—the things that have not about them a great thrill and glamor, the things that are rather dull.

Archbishop Temple.

Low-beamed lintel, columned portal  
 Wear His star of birth  
 Who had not a friend to greet Him  
 When He came to earth.

Let my open heart's door offer  
 All its humble worth.

Clara Morris.

The greatest gift in the world,  
 to those around us, is the gift of love,  
 and love doesn't cost money.

Kathleen Norris.

Oh, that this spirit might remain  
 With us throughout the entire year;  
 Then peace on earth fore'er would reign  
 And fill the world with love and cheer.

Mary L. Kempfer.

Work as if everything depended upon work and pray as if everything depended upon prayer.

William Booth.

Let us bring  
 New hope and courage unto the coming year,  
 And no despair and no unlovely things.

And let us be compassionate and ready  
 To give of sustenance that we would keep.

Elaine V. Emans.

If there is any person to whom you feel dislike, that is the person of whom you ought never to speak.

R. Cecil.

Build thee more stately mansions,  
 O my soul,  
 As the swift seasons roll!  
 Leave thy low-vaulted past!  
 Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
 Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
 Till thou at length art free,  
 Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.  
 Oliver Wendell Holmes.

### A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY

Most college girls start out looking for perfect men, but settle down for considerably less.

Education will increase your earning capacity—that is what our rich college professors say!

Men abhor being called clowns—wonder why so many act like them?

The NYA has disclaimed liabilities for students injured while working—the last two words must be a misprint.

Kenneth Hansen's voice cracked while he was making a speech but a crack in the voice is worth two in the head.

Traveling salesmen frequently kill time while riding between stops by sleeping. Incidentally some students kill time while "stopping" in chapel by sleeping.

The general effect of sleep upon efficiency is beneficial—ergo we need more sleep.

A student in the zoology class got mixed up in ossification—perhaps he has a "concrete" brain.

Sleep is at the greatest depth at the end of the first hour, says a psychologist. Most students at Dana think it is the end of the "seventh"!

# Seasons Greetings

From the President of Trinity Seminary, Dr. J. P. Nielsen

"Behold, Magi from the East came . . . . and they fell down and worshipped Him."

These men came out of the great Gentile world to worship Him who is "A Light for the unveiling of the Gentiles." For centuries these Magi had been "keepers of the sacred fire"—never allowing it to go out on their altars during the long night of their heathen darkness. But now they had seen "His Star" and, leaving their altars with the sacred fire of ancient beliefs, they had come to bow the knee before "The King."

If this Christmas is to lead US to see "the King in His beauty", it will be because the SACRED FIRE is still burning upon the altar of the holy place of our inner being.

That sacred fire, if it is there, has been kindled with a "live coal" from the altar on which it ever burns in the presence of the living God. The common fires of mere human emotions or of an annual Christmas sentiment glow but for a moment and go out when we return to the commonplaces of our daily round of earthly duties. But the sacred fire of Divine Love, which lighted up a manger long ago, has the quality of an ETERNAL glow that lights up our darkest path and warms the heart on the stormy winter nights of our human experience.

May we be "keepers of the sacred fire" within as once again we sing:

"O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,—  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!"

J. P. Nielsen.

## ALUMNI WALDO B. NIELSEN TO LIVE IN DENMARK

Professor Waldo B. Nielsen, former head of the music department of Dana College has taken up permanent residence in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Professor Nielsen who is forty years old has spent twenty-four years in America.

It is through his work with the Dana A Cappella Choir, and the Denmark tour in 1929, that many former Dana students will remember Professor Nielsen best.

The Dana A Cappella Choir was organized 1914 by Miss Agnes Nielsen (now Mrs. Silas Andersen of Minneapolis). At the time of its organization it was known as the Dana College Choral Union.

Under the leadership of Professor Nielsen (1924-30) the work was developed and carried out to its present form.

Through the tireless and continued efforts of Professor Nielsen, in co-operation with the school, church, and friends, the Denmark tour, together with the first joint synodical excursion to Denmark, was made possible in the summer of 1929.

On the Fourth of July the choir sang at the great Danish-American Celebration in Rebild Park, followed by a tour through the principal cities of Denmark.

Professor Nielsen, a former pupil of Dr. F. Melius Christiansen, director of the St. Olaf Choir, has a special interest in A Cappella Choir singing. He holds the view that the aim of a choir is to develop the very best we possess in sacred music. Emphasis has therefore been placed mainly on Lutheran Chorals and other compositions by great masters.

In Denmark Professor Nielsen has opened a school for A Cappella choir instruction. The principles under which the school will be directed are to be the same as those under which he directed the Dana College A Cappella Choir.

## JOY TO YOU

From the President of the Student Body

When you read this, the student body of Dana College will be scattered far and near in every direction from this hill in Nebraska. We hope that you will be settled comfortably in an easy chair in a warm, cozy room enjoying your Christmas vacation. In such a setting the president of that student body of which you are a member wishes to pull up a chair and sit down and chat with you. He extends the sentiments expressed in the caption under which this article is written.

It is his desire and prayer that especially during this season set aside for celebrating the BIRTHDAY OF THE KING, that you may find THAT KING and HIS blessings for you. Unless you experience that, your Christmas vacation will have been a failure.

Your president is not wishing you a Merry Christmas in the sense that you will be able to parade a flashing smile and shout the words at every one. His wish is that you will experience during these days of diversion from your routine school life a deep, genuine, abundant joy as a result of quiet meditative thinking and praying. It is his prayer, that THIS PRINCE OF PEACE who has come to mean much to him, may find HIS way to the throne of every heart, and when that has become a reality, that your Christmas joy in worship and service to HIM may be an influence for HIM wherever you find yourself.

He hopes that you will come back to school next year with renewed hope and energy—that you will see new goals and scale new heights. It is in that spirit that he extends his hand to you. "Joy to the world" and Joy to you, for, "The Lord has come."

Leo M. Andersen.

### STUDENT COMMENT VERITAS VINCIT

In ancient Greece a philosopher went about the streets of Athens, discoursing with the youth and others of that city about unusual and lofty subjects. His keen logic baffled most of his hearers, and only a few could follow his high concepts. Later, the rulers of the city made him drink a cup of poison. They said, "He is corrupting our youth." They thought that they could kill an idea by poisoning the man who advanced it. So has it been with the prophets of all ages.

True, Socrates was not right in

everything he said and thought. There is sometimes considerable chaff with the wheat which is sown by prophets. And, it must be admitted that there is such a thing as an inappropriate truth. When one has become rapt with the beauty of a symphony concert on the radio, he hates to be interrupted by an announcement that a certain soap makes good suds, true though it be. Likewise in our worship of God, either in church or in chapel. One does not wish to be reminded of truths too grossly mundane.

But when we wield the charge, "Our youth is being corrupted," or "The faith of our students is being undermined," let us be cautious. When truth is spoken, it cannot be pushed aside. Error, however, will die on the ashes of its own fallacies. Are we afraid of Truth? Is our school motto just a platitude to be applied only within circumscribed limits?

When we accuse present-day leaders of undermining our morals, we should be sure of two things: (1) We should not rest our case on second or third hand evidence, and (2) we should not detect error by losing sight of a greater truth expressed. Perhaps we need to consider such accusations from more than one angle, lest we become "blind guides, that strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel!"

E. A. H.

Christmas! What a host of happy thoughts come crowding into my mind. The word "Christmas" calls up pictures of a candle-lit tree, carolers, softly falling snow, and Father or Mother reading the Christmas story of God's greatest gift. This year Christmas means "home," especially to me. It'll be nice to see my family and old

friends and to go to my own church on Christmas morning.

I think, perhaps, that Christmas means more than ever to me this year because of the devotions that we had in the girls' dormitory. The story, "Why the Chimes Rang," has always been an important part of Christmas for me, and it seemed unusually impressive when we listened to it in the soft light of candles and the Christmas tree. The spirit of giving as shown in this little story might well be practiced by all of us, and not only at Christmas either.

On Sunday afternoon, December 18, 1938, Miss Dagny Rosenberg will be united in marriage to Mr. Peter Hansen Nielsen. They will be married at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Fresno, Calif.

Then, too, "The Christmas Carol" helped put me in a festive mood. I'm sorry to say that I had not read Dickens' immortal story since I was in eighth grade, but I was again brought under the spell of its Christmas spirit by the history club's presentation.

I'm thankful for the new friends I have made at Dana. They, too, make this Christmas a happier one. For them I want to wish a Merry Christmas, and, with Tiny Tim, I'd like to exclaim, "God bless us, everyone!"

L. N.

College reminds me of a small town—  
Virginia Walton.

They "harp" on our burning the midnight oil, but try getting your lessons without it.  
—Lorraine Hinderlie.

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### CANDID CAMPUS CHATTER By Becky Anderson

TSK! TSK! Watch out, Elmer, the girls are threatening to kiss you unless you bring them some letters, and they have to be from the right people, too! So, "A word to the wise is sufficient!" . . . Dr. C. X. Hansen insists on giving tests the day before vacation. We'd like to know why . . . The cars in the parking space seem pretty stationary these days, especially "Nellie". Andy Staby won't even take her out any more. . . . Elmer's "Rolls Royce" is on the jump all the time . . . "Marg" Christensen and Ellen Gebuhr had that Christmas tree in their window, in case you were wondering, boys. . . . Morris Hanson should have a "waker-upper" according to Dr. Hansen, so he can get to psychology class. . . . Yes, girls, you can wear long stockings during Christmas vacation and still keep your collegiate "air". . . . The game, Chinese Checkers, certainly is the rage in the girls' dorm, possibly the boys', too, eh? . . . HEE! HAW! Muriel Edling (Chubby) certainly has pluck when it comes to sticking on a donkey. . . . Dana certainly won the games last Monday night. . . . "Visitors" were rather left behind. . . . "Get along, Napoleon" must have been Homer Nielsen's theme song when he got the basketball. . . . By the way, "Hermes," there are FOUR Niensens here instead of three: Ruth, Luella, Arnold, and Homer. . . . Coach (congratulations) certainly had a stubborn steed. . . . And didn't Mickey look at home on "W.P.A."? . . . A few of the donkeys needed

a poke now and then to make them move. . . . Berkeley looked pretty grim at times when he had the ball and the donkey merely jogged along. . . . If anyone was stiff they didn't say anything about it, except Jorgy, who squeaks every time he sits down. . . .

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT? Anker Jensen is very adept and willing when it comes to pouring coffee. They may laugh at you, Anker, but what would they do without you? . . . Four foolish (?) girls took their ten-mile hike the Sunday it snowed. . . . Yes, you can ask Berkeley Peterson and Carlyle Hansen if vinegar isn't a good rinse for the hair. They claim they use it all the time. . . . Miss Wind claims that the reason a beaver gets killed once in a while when he chews down a tree is that perhaps he has a low I. Q. . . . "Deacon" isn't going to Coulter for Christmas, he's going to his native land. And—have you seen his misplaced eyebrow? . . . Art Tingley asserts he's going to have a "marvy" Christmas. Hmmm. Must be a few cherubs around. . . . Ruthie Nielsen wants Coach to name his new daughter "Ruth." As sort of a memorial, you understand . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS, kids, bring some of the Christmas spirit back with you, and we'll see you in 1939!!

Who studies wars and fates  
Knows more of history than of dates.

Does little Chollie Bissell  
Pucker up to—whistle?  
—Velma Smith.

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### COLLEGE ROAD SOON TO BE PAVED

Word has been received that the road between the city of Blair and Dana College will be paved. This work, which is largely a P. W. A. project, will begin in the very near future.

Undoubtedly all students, faculty members and friends of Dana, as well as those who reside along the College road, will be thankful for such a needed improvement.

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From President of Dana College, Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck

#### "UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN . . . A SON"

When this issue of "Hermes" reaches you, most of us will be celebrating Christmas at home in city and country. The familiar faces of mother and dad, sister and brother will be brightened by the Christmas candle lights, and hearts will be cheered by singing the old familiar Christmas carols. Among the many reflections that come, I believe two will be outstanding.

There will be the reminder of the passing of childhood days. Sad as it may seem, this is an unavoidable experience. Somehow tinsel and toys do not make their old-time appeal. Even the gifts designed for maturer years do not call forth the thrill of wonder and surprise. We begin to appreciate some of the meaning of the words of Paul, "When I was a child I thought as a child, I spake as a child, but now that I am a man, I have put away childish things." A partial way of escape may be found in sharing Christmas with the junior members of the family. In the glow of their childish faces we re-live our childhood which, at its best, is only make-believe!

In this attempt to recapture our own childhood with its glorious fairyland another challenge meets us and we ask, "How can the joys and security of childhood be translated into experiences of youth and maturity?" In the perplexity of life with its discordant notes of sin and human frailty there is the gift of God promised through Isaiah, the prophet, and fulfilled that eventful night in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Let us all draw near in deeper childlike humility to the mystery of the Babe born in Bethlehem's manger and let the cleansing and healing light of God's love accomplish its work in our hearts! May the joy of the shepherds at the news of the angelic host be ours! May we in sincere personal devotion rise to crown Jesus in the words of Isaiah, "And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called

Wonderful,  
Counsellor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace."

Truly He, as the Son of God, is our peace, our hope, our promise from God that He loves us still.

In the fulfilment of the glorious prophecy of Isaiah I wish you, students, fellow-alumni, and readers a blessed and merry Christmas.

Lawrence Siersbeck.

### THE CALENDAR

- January 3rd—School convenes Tuesday at 8:00 a. m.
- January 3rd—Harlem Globe Trotters at Dana.
- January 7th—Hebron at Hebron.
- January 10th—Luther at Dana.
- January 14th—Tabor at Tabor, Iowa.
- January 21st—End of semester.

### ILLNESS AVERAGE LOW AT DANA

Dana so far has been lucky. No serious epidemics of illness have been reported.

It seems that the change in the weather has caused many colds and some of the students have been indisposed for a few days.

It is difficult to keep a school free from diseases, but Dana seems to have cooperation among all the students and faculty to keep well.

One case of measles in the boys' dormitory has been reported this week, but all precaution is being taken to keep others from being exposed.

From the record that Dana holds now, her motto must be "Keep up your vitality, and keep well."

### DR. LARSEN ENTERTAINS

The seminary students were entertained on Monday evening, December 12, at the home of Dr. C. B. Larsen. The group discussed a wide range of subjects during the course of the evening. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Larsen.

The value of man depends not upon his looks; but upon the girl who regards him.

### OBSERVATION TOWER

Careful, Gale, your eyes—so brown—will be your "Waterloo" yet!!!

Two students made a very impressive entrance at the Concordia-Dana game last Friday night. Did you notice Bently and Elaine?

Didn't Art Jensen appear "happy" over the week-end? We enjoyed Irene's too-short visit though, too, Art. When is she comin' back?

Our always welcome alumnus, Boe, sorta likes to "Lyng down" on short surprise visits every once in a while.

Ask Art and Ken Lange if they are getting in "W. A. A." thirteen-mile hikes or if they enjoy scenery between Blair and Missouri Valley.

Merry Christmas! Oh, yes, ask Deacon if she'll approve of that "cookie duster" which is making its debut since Thanksgiving.

Jermile.

### WILHELMSSEN DECLINES BLAIR CALL

Word has been received that Rev. Karl Wilhelmsen of Racine has declined the call extended to him by the First Lutheran Church of Blair a few weeks ago. The congregation will meet in the near future to consider whom they shall call next.

Students are urged to do something pleasant before breakfast—they do—roll over and go to sleep.

The Christmas play, "A Christmas Carol," was very successful. It was the best Christmas play ever put on. Of course, that is what they say every Christmas, but it won't hurt to claim it again.

### CONCORDIA NOSES OUT DANA 23-21

Each team played defensively the first few minutes of the game and gradually worked into an offensive attempt near the end of the first half with Dana leading 8-7. In the third quarter Concordia did most of its scoring with an offensive that Dana failed to stop. The fourth quarter was the opening of a fast offensive by Dana that was only stopped two points short of an overtime by the boys from Concordia. Despite the commendable efforts of our boys the final score was 23-21 favoring Concordia. The persistence of Berkeley Peterson and Bob Hogzett's noble attempts, in spite of the fact that he had the measles coming on, caught the observer's eye.

The line-up:

Dana	Concordia
Art Jensen center	B. Eggers
B. Peterson forward	F. Eggers
B. Hogzett forward	R. Nieting
H. Nielsen guard	W. Nau
E. James guard	Hafemeister

Substitutions: Dana—Wallace, Johnsen. For Concordia—Blaze, Storz, Lutz, Braddhoff.

### SCRIMMAGE TILT WITH O. S. L.

Dana opened its pre-season basketball scrimmage with the quintet from Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Scoring from every place on the floor, tiny Frank Friar, Council Bluffs guard, set the scoring pace for the evening. Berkeley Peterson, Homer Nielsen, and Robert Hogzett led the offensive for the Dana squad. O. S. L. made the most points, but no official score was reported.

### DONKEY BASKET BALL; A COMEDY

There were three games of donkey-basketball played in the Dana college gymnasium on Monday evening, December 12. Opposing teams were two teams of the Dana varsity, two teams of Dana girls and two teams of local men. Scores were negligible, and comedy was the order of the evening. Not a single stubborn donkey; but ten of them, and not just one comical rider; but a score were producing laugh after laugh from start to finish.

These ten little burros come from Rocky Ford, Colorado where scores of them run wild and become such menaces that they are shot down. These animals used in basketball receive considerable attention and training for instance, they must follow the rider who has the ball. They have rubber shoes on their feet to protect the floor. They wear a leather halter to the sides of which reins are fastened. The blankets on their backs are specially designed and bear the names of the animals. Their ages vary from four to eight years, although they can live to be over thirty-five years old. They are fed and watered twice daily and are given frequent rests. The past summer they were used in Canada for playing donkey-kittenball. After New Years they have engagements in Minneapolis and Des Moines.

The rules governing the game of donkey basketball are simple. The player must be astride his animal to throw the ball, shoot a basket, or to jump. It is not necessary to dribble the ball down the floor, and only a clinch merits the referee's whistle for a jump, otherwise he is kept busy throwing the ball in from the sidelines for a player must have his reins in his hand to pick up a ball, and, well, the donkeys won't be pulled. After a basket the referee tosses the ball to the opposite side and play is resumed.

It is rumored that a new major sport has been added to the Dana College curriculum. Students in the department are known to some as "pre-seminary students in heresy-hunting." Their major sport, it is asserted, is "heresy-hunting."

### SPORTS-DONKEY-BASKET-BALL

Two basketball games of 1938-1939 will be memorable for their comedy when on the night of December 12 two teams of Dana boys attempted basketball from the backs of donkeys, and similar exploit was ventured by two teams of Dana girls. They kept the galleries in convulsions of laughter.

Watching Muriel Edling fall off and Mary Kerlin try to mount gave the girls' game a reputation; but to see the nurse ride two donkeys on her back, and watch Ethel Jensen jump clear over her mount, that was too much. When the varsity boys tried their speed in getting the ball down the floor, the donkeys just couldn't catch on, hence rider often went faster than the donkey and, well, the floor; not the mount was under him.

Berkley Petersen must have had a boney-backed animal for he often sat on the floor. Art Jensen and Orlin Jorgensen showed a little skill in piloting their "otherwise minded" mounts, and they deserve credit for being more stubborn than a donkey.

### NEW DANISH TEXT BOOKS ARRIVE

New texts, Danish: "A Practical Reader" by Ingeborg Stemann, and "Speak Danish: A Practical Guide to Daily Danish," by Paul Fenneberg, have arrived and will be used by the advanced Danish class.

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**NOTICE**

We'll be looking for student comment after Christmas vacation. We hope that many students will be inspired to write for the Hermes after vacation. Don't disappoint us.

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