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Series of Programs to be Presented Over WOW. Sunday Afternoons

A half-hour program of sacred music will be broadcast Sunday afternoon, February 26, at 1:00 o'clock over station WOW, Omaha, by students representing the music department at Dana College. This is the first in a series of broadcasts by Dana College to be given during the coming months of this school year. It has been several years since the college has been "on the air" and this series will no doubt be welcomed by many.

Appearing on the program Sunday will be the Dana Violin Ensemble playing two numbers, "Pavane and Chorale" and "Andante and Rondo." The Dana Male Quartette will sing three numbers, "Grant Us To Do With Zeal," "Den store hvide Flok" and "Beautiful Savior." Miss Jean Larson will sing a vocal solo, "O Lord Most Holy," and Professor Langenfeld will give a short talk.

SUNDAY STUDYING IS DEBATE QUESTION

Resolved; That the Christian student should not study on Sunday. This was the subject of a spirited debate at the last Luther League meeting. Edward Hansen acted as chairman of the debate and Arthur Tingley as time keeper. No official decision was given. Study was defined as work and "the Christian student as a collective noun rather than an individual."

Those supporting the affirmative, Arnold Nielsen and Iola Petersen, presented two main points: spiritual and temporal reasons for and benefits from not studying on Sunday. They referred to several Scripture passages and sections from Luther's Catechism concerning the third commandment and also gave examples of how working every day of the week causes weaknesses of body and mind.

The negative speakers, Alvin Rueter and Helen Rebecca Anderson, in their turn, argued that the Sabbath day of which the Bible speaks is not Sunday, for Sunday is the first, not the seventh day of the week; that many students have to do manual labor on Saturdays so that they cannot have their Monday lessons prepared without studying on Sunday.

In the rebuttal the upholder for the negative side, Alvin Rueter, restated Romans 14:14, and contended that if one is convinced in his own mind that he is doing what is best, he may study on Sunday. Arnold Nielsen then concluded the rebuttal arguing that God has set aside every seventh day as a day of rest, a day on which one is to concentrate on spiritual and mental life.

Clifford Hansen, treasurer of the League, who was in charge of the meeting, led in responsive Scripture reading and prayer. The Dana College mail quartet then sang the Danish hymn, "Den Store Hvide Flok Vi Se".

MATIN SERVICE INTRODUCED

The Matin Service from the Order of the Common Service has been introduced at the morning chapel worship. Plans are to use this order of worship regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC UNDER CONTROL

The influenza epidemic sweeping the world didn't fail to touch Dana as it passed. It began early last week and continued through the week, the largest number of students being sick during the week-end.

To make matters worse, Miss Sylvia Askov, the school nurse, was among the victims. This left Miss Wind very busy filling the capacities of school nurse, dean of women, and science teacher. Luckily, Miss Askov was able to resume her duties on Tuesday. At this writing, most of the students are once more attending their classes and another epidemic seems to have passed.

LONDON MAN SPEAKS HERE

On Wednesday morning, February 22, the students and faculty of Dana were addressed by Major C. Douglas Booth in the college chapel. This was the first in a series of lectures on the topic of International Understanding which is being sponsored by the International Rotary Club.

Major Booth comes to America as a representative of the great British Empire and is a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London. After being introduced by Dr. Swansen, Major Booth spoke on Public Opinion and Problems of War and Peace in the future.

Major Booth, being a resident of London, possesses that rare English humor. His keen analysis of the organizations fighting war met with a fine response from the student body. His cutting, yet searching, condemnation of the nations of the world, including the United States and England, in the matter of aggressiveness in war brought smiles to the faces of the audience.

Dana is fortunate in having this man appear here. Blair is a regular stop on his schedule and that is why he could speak here.

CASADESUS ON RADIO PROGRAM

Robert Casadesus, famous teacher and master pianist, with whom Professor Kraft studied at the Conservatory of Fontainebleau last summer, appeared on the Ford Symphony Hour, Sunday evening, February 12. Mr. Casadesus was guest artist with the symphony—playing a portion of Weber's "Konzertstück" and several shorter piano works.

G. M. C. Bus Carries Away Tales of Romance

Gone, gone! gone!! The G.M.C. bus is gone. This might an old veteran choir member express his amazement, wonder, incredulity and astonishment that the headache of the transportation department of the A Cappella Choir will hereafter transport WPA workers to and from their jobs, and will no longer repose like an ocean liner at her berth at the south side of the administration building. Not an ignoble end, one might muse, for a bus that has carried so many passengers so many miles. If all the passenger-miles were laid end to end they would reach from the front steps of Austin Bach's home in Japan to the apple tree in the orchard of Ruth Nielsen's old home in Denmark and back again many times.

The bus has had a checkered history. First bought from the Lincoln Traction Company in the spring of 1931, its bright yellow body rode a Studebaker chassis,

Nineteen On Honor Roll

An Average of 95.06 Gives Honors to Lucy Poucher

Lucy Anne Poucher, of Tekamah, Nebraska, a freshman, holds the scholastic record for the first semester. She has an average of 95.06 for sixteen hours of college work. A studious girl of much ability is Lucy Anne. Her achievement of such a high average has, undoubtedly, been worth all her efforts.

Elaine Jespersen, of Herman, Nebraska, ranks second in scholastic averages for the first semester. For fourteen hours of college courses, she has an average of 94.9. Close at her heels is Shirley Bondo, of Evan, Minnesota, who has an average of 94.76. Sven Bach, of Blair, Nebraska, ranks fourth with an average of 94.2. Fifth place goes to Elmer Rasmussen of Clifton, Illinois, with 94.04.

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must have an average of 90 or over with no grade below 80. The following students have met the above requirements and, in order of rank, are: Lucy Anne Poucher, Elaine Jespersen, Shirley Bondo, Sven Bach, Elmer Rasmussen, Lucja Nielsen, Alvin Rueter, Fern Olson, Arthur Tingley, Gladys Dobernecker, Raymond Andersen, Velma Smith, Clifford Hansen, Agnes Larsen, Phyllis Tamisea, Norma Staby, Alvida Andreasen, Iola Petersen, and Elna Jensen.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 26
10:45 A.M.—Dr. C. B. Larsen.
7:30 P.M.—Anker Jensen.

Sunday, March 5
10:45 A.M.—Dr. J. P. Nielsen.
7:30 P.M.—Rev. Erhardt Nielsen, Jacksonville, Iowa.

Sunday, March 12
10:45 A.M.—Dr. C. B. Larsen.
7:30 P.M.—Verner Carlsen.

Women should receive a higher education, not in order to become doctors, lawyers, or professors, but to rear their off-spring to be more valuable human beings.—Alexis Carrel.

Denmark's Crown Prince To Visit Dana

Crown Princess Ingrid Will Accompany Him On April Tour of United States

CHAMBER OPERA TRIO APPEARS HERE

The zenith in Dana's lyceum series was attained with the appearance of the Chamber Opera Trio in the college auditorium on Friday, February 24, at 10:00 a. m. Olga Trevisan, Robert Long, and Raymond Koch blended their voices and personalities in presenting a finished and appealing concert.

This group of distinguished American artists proved that music expressively presented has the irresistible power of transporting the listener from the common every day world into one of refreshing beauty. The program, composed chiefly of ballads, love songs, and operatic excerpts, contained a choice morsel for each musical appetite. Miss Trevisan, Mr. Long, and Mr. Koch combined their voices in the presentation of portions from the scores of Mozart's "Magic Flute" and Gounod's "Faust". Charles Lurvey, pianist and director of the company, was ever the unpretentious and perfect accompanist playing with marked ease and taste.

Such an artistic musical presentation should do much to enlarge the musical horizon of the student and, in general, raise the cultural tone of the Dana Family.

MICKELSON NOT TO RETURN THIS YEAR

It was sad news to the Dana students when they heard of the death of Howard Mickelson's father. The disappointment was magnified when it was reported that Howard would not be able to return to Dana. "Mickey" plans to remain at home to manage the farm for his mother. He hopes to come back to Dana next year to finish the semester of work he has left to complete for his degree. All the Danaites will be looking forward to seeing "Mickey" back on the campus again.

The visage expresses still deeper things than the hidden activities of consciousness.—Alexis Carrel.

Each man bears on his face the description of his body and his soul.—Alexis Carrel.

Word has been received from the Danish Consul in Chicago that Crown Prince Frederick and Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark have accepted President Sierbeck's invitation to visit Dana on their tour of the U. S. They will be here on April 19. No definite information can be given as to how long their visit here will be.

The royal couple will arrive in Los Angeles on April 6 for an extended tour in the United States. During their stay they will visit Yosemite National Park, Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, and several of the principal cities. On May 2 they will be the guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Hyde Park. From there they will proceed to the New York World's Fair where the Crown Prince will dedicate the Danish Building. On May 10 the royal couple will embark from New York on the S.S. Queen Mary.

STUDENTS ATTEND OMAHA CONFERENCE

A group of about twenty Dana students left in the school bus after dinner on Sunday, February 12, to attend the closing session of the Eighth Christian Conference of the Augustana Synod Luther League in the city auditorium at Omaha.

After Dr. J. Gould Wickey of Washington, D.C., had given his inspiring address, "The Church's Open Door," the highlight of the conference, a majestic music service in the form of a cantata, written especially for the occasion, was given. Led by the composer, Fritz Al. Carlsen, of Omaha, an orchestra and an eight-part chorus of about two hundred voices, supplemented by a Hammond organ, presented the sacred composition. The words were by Emil Linder, Omaha. Especially well given were the solos and duets in which Mrs. Gladys Moore Berger, Dana's own voice instructor, took a leading part. Approximately four thousand persons attended the afternoon meeting. In the evening the group attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Omaha.

STUDENTS DISCUSS CHURCH LITURGY

"The Liturgy of My Church" was the topic presented by four speakers at the Luther League meeting of February 15.

Alvin Rueter, vice-president of the league, led the meeting. Short scripture readings from different places in the Bible were read by Leonard Nielsen, Luella Nielsen, and Carlyle Hanson. Edward Harboe, who was in charge of the devotions, then offered prayer.

The general topic, "The Liturgy of My Church," was subdivided into four parts. Homer Nielsen spoke on "Preparation For Worship"; Ruth Nielsen on "The Congregation Asks"; Thorvald Hansen, on "The Word as the Congregation Receives It"; and Charlotte Richter on "The Congregation Gives Thanks."

After the first two talks, a flute solo with a violin obligato by Arthur Tingley was played by Agnes Larsen.

Each human being occupies a certain place in his group. He is shackled to it by mental chains.—Alexis Carrel.

through too many cracks for comfort on spring choir trips.

Perhaps a few words ought to be said for the heroes who so skillfully piloted this now venerable craft. They are as follows: Paul Bondo, 1931; Severin Sorensen, 1932; Carl Olsen, until abandoned on second day of the tour of 1933; Edward Andersen, 1934 (the first year of the G.M.C. era); Edward Andersen, Ivan Johansen, Harold Qualsett, Emery Petersen, 1935 (this was the year of the Denmark tour and the pilot's position was constantly changing hands). From 1936 and on our own Edward Hansen has been a faithful nursemaid and steersman.

To a freshman the G.M.C. holds no romance but that cannot be said of upper classmen. Many a romance has been started in conversations while sitting upon its leather seats and the G.M.C. clocked off the miles between the one-night stands of Dana College A Cappella Choir.

The color was not materially changed save for a red band painted around it, bearing the legend "Dana College A Cappella Choir, Blair, Nebr." in white letters. Thus it ran three years when repairs forced its abandonment in a farm yard in Ruskin, Nebraska. During that time whenever the bus was in Lincoln it was frequently mistaken for a street bus by old ladies who attempted to board it at street corners.

Another chapter was written when the bus body was mounted on a G.M.C. truck chassis from whence the conveyance derived its present name. Heretofore it had been called "Tivvilsom," which is the Danish equivalent for "doubtful," probably out of regard for its predilection to convenient breaking down places. The G. M. C. functioned well for a number of years, even taking a trip out to the Atlantic coast in 1935. But it wouldn't last forever and in later years chill April winds seeped

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THE WORLD AND THE STUDENT

We who are students at college have the tendency to let our college interests take up all our time. Some force seems to hold us so that our eyes see only the things that are round about us. We often forget that there is a world outside of the campus; and when we do think of that world we see it only as it affects us as students. Perhaps it is unavoidable that it should be so; perhaps it will always be so, for men naturally are most concerned with their immediate world. But if it is our purpose to become EDUCATED men and women, we must not stop there. No one is educated who does not see the bonds which connect world incidents with the affairs of his everyday life.

We as students unconsciously tend to divide our world into two parts, one of which we consider real and the other unreal. Unfortunately, we often use the wrong criterion for deciding which is unreal. Finding that our school life is often rather sharply divided into class work, or study under the supervision of others, and what we may term our personal life, we make that division serve also to distinguish between real and unreal. This leads us into the sad plight in which we become unable to use knowledge gained by study for our personal development, in spite of the fact that our professors in literature, history, art, economics, and the natural sciences are continually showing us the real bond between life and study.

We do not like to think that so many of OUR students are living in an unreal world. Perhaps they are not. But— isn't it strange that so few of us were interested enough in the world at large to listen to Major Booth, an Englishman who is well informed about a subject of great importance to our nation, when he spoke in Blair recently?

—E. M. R.

SALVATION IS THE SUBJECT

Last week a chapel speaker declared that essentially the subject of the church is SALVATION. Not many accept that with all its implications, neither in theory nor in practice. Some maintain that the church is an agent of the government, of modern education, of culture, is a social organization, and a thousand other things. In theory even many who call themselves Christians deny that salvation is the subject of the church. Moreover, in practice fewer accept it. Ice cream socials, oyster suppers, bazaars, raffles, sewing circles, social, cultural, political, and secular educational activities, bear eloquent testimony to this.

The fogs of psychology, psychiatry, so-called culture, open-minded search for truth, humanism and many other "isms" have found their way into the Christian pulpits and Christian colleges. In many cases they are the subjects rather than salvation where salvation should be; even in Dana's chapel where it should be the subject. Most of you will agree until Dana is mentioned. "Every other church and school is doing it, but not here!" It's more pleasant to speak of the sins of others. Sometimes what is discussed in chapel has little or even no bearing on salvation. It does not even have its purpose to bring the mystical light of salvation from sin to peace with God to the students. Christian personalities know salvation from experience and do not ask what it is, but are obsessed with it and with bringing it to others. When men learn to build more on revelation and less on reason salvation will become a reality and consequently an obsession. When it becomes that the theme in the Christian church will again be salvation.

—L. M. A.

CHAPEL GLEANINGS

By Thelma Andresen

Humanism is opposed to Christianity because salvation requires that man know that he has need of a Savior.

Christianity has a unique part to play, for in it rests that power which is able to carry men over defeat and despair, which carries the load when physical, mental, and moral strength fail.

If the Christian colleges do not succeed in making an impression upon the educational life a time will come when the church will be in danger.

Facts from the World Almanac for 1939: Daily average of serious crimes in U. S. during 1937 nearly 4,000; 80,000 inmates in insane asylums in N. Y. state alone; nearly a million divorcees in our country from 1931-1935. These tragic and sober facts strengthen the conviction that America has more to fear internally than externally.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:13).

The devastating force of corruption is a grim fact, that of war only a possibility.

If a war is to be fought, it is youth who will fight it. If peace is to be achieved, it is youth who will achieve it.

With the increasing demands of life comes an increasing need for the power which Christ perpetually offers.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Christian Herald, Feb., 1939: "Which Way Peace?" by Dr. Daniel A. Poling; "Christian Home on the Potomoc," by Dorothy F. Bortz.

North American Review, Winter ter, '38-39: "Mencken Twilight," by Charles Angoff; "How Free Is Education?" by Arthur Styron.

Nature Magazine, March, 1939: "A Labor of Love," by Nina Kopp; "Some Snake Pets," by Eleanor Wheritt; "Game Hunting With a Pair of Pliers," by Frank Dunn.

New York Times Magazine, Feb. 12, 1937: "Lincoln's Grim Birthday 75 Years Ago," by Emmanuel Hertz; "East and West Meet at Golden Gate Fair," by E. A. Jewell.

The New York Times Book Review, Feb. 12, 1939: "The Greatness of W. B. Yeats," by Padraic Colum.



DR. LARSEN TO DES MOINES INSTITUTE

Dr. C. B. Larsen will be an instructor at a pastors' institute to be held at Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, April 18-21. This institute is sponsored by the Danish Evangelical Synod.

DR. NIELSEN PREACHES FOR TANGE

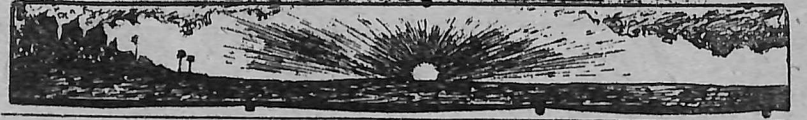
Dr. J. P. Nielsen preached for the Hill Creek congregation, Sunday, February 19, due to the illness of Irving Tange.

MAGNUSSEN TO NORTHFIELD

Olfert V. Magnussen conducted two services at Northfield, Minnesota, February 19. One service was held in the city church during the forenoon, and an afternoon service was conducted at the church near the city.

STABY PREACHES AT AUDUBON

Andrew Staby preached at both the English and Danish services at our church in Audubon, Iowa, on February 19.



THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

All Christendom today stands on the threshold of another Lenten season. This season has always been a time of special meditation upon the suffering and death of Christ; a time when the Christian, in the spirit, follows Christ to Jerusalem, together with Him eats the Supper, watches with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, follows Him into the judgment hall of Caiaphus the high-priest and of Pilate the Roman governor, bears with Him the cross on the road to Calvary, and there, as he witnesses the crucifixion of Christ, meditates upon the true meaning of the cross.

The Cross of Christ has always held a central place in Lenten meditations. But, while there may be an emotional stir and a sensational feeling about the cross, it has no real meaning until the cross has been incorporated into life itself. Some have solemnly viewed the Mount of the Holy Cross in the Colorado Rockies with its impressive cross of snow imbedded in the crevices of stone. Some, in silent awe, have witnessed a phenomenal appearance of a great cross in the evening sky. Some place the crucifix so that it is a constant reminder before their eyes. Today it is not uncommon to see a cross on a coat lapel or on a golden chain. But one has not seen the Cross of Jesus Christ until it has come to have for him a real meaning in life.

During the Lententide may your prayer be that you may see and experience the real and true meaning of the cross. To appreciate the true meaning of the cross the entire personality must be conformed to the way of the cross. That means a conformity, not only of the emotional life, but also of the intellect and the will. It was on the Cross the Christ said: "It is finished." It is also when man embraces the cross with his entire personality that Christ can say of his salvation: "It is finished." Meditation on the cross of Christ should provoke serious thoughts. It should give newer and fuller contents to life. It should mark this Lenten season as one of the "high spots" in the glorious adventure of Christian living. May you during the days to come get a clearer vision of the cross. May that vision inspire and challenge you to re-consecrate and re-dedicate your life to a life of cross-bearing.

Thomas A Kempis, in his "Imitation of Christ," caught the true meaning of the cross when he wrote: "In the cross is salvation, in the cross is life, in the cross is protection against our enemies, in the cross is infusion of heavenly sweetness, in the cross strength of mind, in the cross joy of Spirit, in the cross the height of virtue, in the cross the perfection of sanctity."

—V. C.

LITERARY CORNER

True wealth does not consist in the possession of gold and silver, but in the judicious use made of them.

—Napoleon.

Silence is the genius of fools and one of the virtues of the wise.

—Bonnard.

Thoughts by George Washington:

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of fire called conscience.

Actions, not words are the true criterion of the attachment of friends.

Good humor makes one dish of meat a feast.

If you deliver anything witty and pleasant, abstain from laughing thereat yourself.

Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

Let your discourse with men of business be short and comprehensive.

Undertake not what you cannot perform, but be careful to keep your promise.

Give not advice without being asked; and, when desired, do it briefly.

Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that natural morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

ANKER JENSEN TO STAPLEHURST AGAIN

Anker Jensen journeyed to Staplehurst, Nebraska, on Sunday, February 19, where he conducted services. Mr. Jensen preached there on Christmas day also.

MORE CHATTER

By Becky Anderson

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE—Fern Olesen—teaching math and chemistry at Vassar . . . Sven Bach—a great veterinarian . . . Gladycy Dobernecker—a bookkeeper at Brandeis . . . Charlie Morehouse—chef at the Ritz . . . Ferrol Adams—dress designer of Fifth Avenue . . . David Kolb—commercial artist . . . Ellen Gebuhr—hostess of a Danish tearoom . . . Berkeley Petersen—a "pro" basket-

COMMON ERRORS

Why is common usage not considered authoritative in pronouncing words? What determines the correct forms?

In the preface to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth Edition, the source of information regarding pronunciation seems to be from "statesmen, university presidents, heads of university English departments, great actors, and other public speakers . . ."

At any rate the following words are mispronounced every day.

Advertisement is generally accented on the third syllable in the United States, but the correct way is to accent it on the second.

Solace is usually pronounced with a long "o," despite the fact that it should be pronounced with the "o" as in odd.

Data should be pronounced with a long "a," the use of a short "a" being the second choice of Webster.

The noun, produce, is accented on the first syllable and pronounced with a short "o," not a long "o."

The correct accentuation of pianist is on the second syllable with a broad "a" and with the "i" as in ill. The common way is to accent it on the first syllable, using a short "a," and the "i" as a long "e."

Isolate is preferably pronounced with a long "i."

Devotee should be accented on the last syllable. The first "e" is short; the last two "e's" are long.

The "a" in stratosphere should be long.

All the syllables in interesting should be pronounced. The slurring of the second and third syllables is given third place by Webster.

etball player . . . Morris Hansen—snap-snooper for "Life" . . . Luella Nielsen—foreign correspondent for "New York Times" . . . Art Tingley—a second Rubinoff . . . Ruth Nielsen—school nurse at Dana . . . Paul Neve—church organist at Beresford, South Dakota . . . Lorraine Peterson—playing with the Philharmonic orchestra . . . Frank Hengeveld—Irish tenor . . . Leonard Andersen—minister in Racine . . . Marvin Petersen—English teacher.

To the majority of men churches are only museums of dead religions.—Alexis Carrel.

ALUMNI



Frost's On West Coast

Esther Frost, '29 Denmark tour, is now teaching "Homemaking" in Newman, California. Her enterprising sister, Martha, is assistant supervisor in one of the Portland, Oregon, hospitals. Carl, their brother, is attending medical school in Oregon also.

Former Students in California

Several former Dana students are in or near Oakland, California, Alma Johnson, Clem Vig, and the former Martha Juhl.

Denmark Choir Reunion

The subject of the '29 Denmark choir reunion in Oakland this summer has been broached, as all of the above were in that choir. It is expected that several others will attend the national convention who also were in that choir.

"Tordy" Pastor in Michigan

The Rev. John ("Tordy") Christensen is now located in Ludington, Michigan, as a pastor in the United Danish Synod. A graduate of Dana, he took his theological training at Maywood in the Chicago Lutheran Seminary, and was graduated there in the spring of '38.

Erickson Teaching Commerce

Miss Berdette Erickson, Spencer, Iowa, a '37 alumnus, was a visitor here on the week-end of February 11-13. She is teaching at the Bristow, Nebraska high school in the commerce department. Norman Dyhrberg, Portland, Maine, also visited here.

Former Student Sings From R. C. A. Music Hall

Dorothy Baxter, '30-'31 Dana student and coloratura soprano soloist for the choir, sang over the Major Bowes Amateur Hour Thursday evening, February 16, from the RCA music hall in New York. Her home is in Blair. She recently moved to Chicago from New York where she has been employed as a model and a singer.

Knudsen Sends Money for Books

A gift of ten dollars was recently donated to Dana college by Rudolph Knudsen, an alumnus of 1936 to be divided by the history and literature departments for the purpose of purchasing books. The books to be purchased are "Tennyson and His Friends" by Hallam Tennyson, "Confessions of a Browning Lover" by Paul, volume five of "Twentieth Century United States", and "Origins of the World War" by Fay.

Mr. Knudsen, with his wife and two children, now lives in Capitan, New Mexico, where he holds a teaching position.

In modern civilization, the theoretical rules of conduct are based morals. No one obeys them. Modern man has rejected all discipline of his appetites.—Alexis Carrel.



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THE VALUE OF LITERATURE

By Anker Jensen

I have been asked to write a series of articles on the value of literature. There are innumerable ways in which such a subject could be treated and none of them are satisfactory to everyone. Nor will my treatment satisfy everyone at Dana. But I am going to write something anyhow. It will not be exhaustive and it will deal only with a certain branch of literature, namely prose fiction. Most of that which is true for prose fiction, however, will be true for literature in general.

I come then to the problem of how to begin my article. A person has to begin some place, some way, so I shall begin with an assertion. My assertion is this: the purpose of literature is happiness. That is not a very startling statement. I didn't intend it to be. It is not wise to be too startling here at Dana—at least, not at the outset. But in all seriousness, I think we can safely say that literature is an expression of the pursuit of happiness. By happiness, I here mean the object of all human activity and endeavors. There is, after all, only that one object of human activity—happiness. You may call it something else—the pursuit of an ideal, the search for God, etc.—but the reality remains the same. Happiness, in one form or another is the fundamental goal of all human endeavor. You may not labor for happiness directly, but that is because you want happiness and you know that you cannot attain it if you labor for it directly. When a person desires a remunerative position, a good wife, and a comfortable home, it is because he thinks that the fulfillment of these desires will enable him to realize his ideal of happiness. When the ascetic denies himself material comfort, a wife, and a home, it is because he thinks he will thereby attain his ideal of happiness. For him, happiness consists of self-denial, self-control, and the building of strong character. For the libertine naturalist, happiness consists of diametrically opposite activities—the unrestrained gratification of every fleshly impulse and carnal desire. Whether your concept of happiness is intimate Fellowship with God, the good of the

state, or helping others; whether it consists both of the immediate desire for a good job and of the ultimate desire for eternal life; whatever it may be, the reality remains the same, and happiness must therefore be regarded as the motivating and directing force behind all human activity. Literature, since it represents a certain aspect of human activity, is therefore also an expression of the pursuit for happiness.

Whom does literature make happy? You may grant that the purpose of literature is to make someone happy but you can't figure out who is made happy by it. I shall proceed immediately to answer that question.

The first person who is made happy by a piece of literature is the person who writes it. One reason for this is of course obvious at the outset, even to those who are not very literary-minded. That reason is that the writer is the first person to come in contact with that particular piece of literature which he writes. But there are other reasons why literature first makes the writer happy. We can see this very clearly if we go back to the Garden of Eden. You will recall that God created the world, all living things, and Adam and Eve; and that when He looked upon what He had made, it pleased Him, because He saw that it was good. The writer experiences a joy that is akin to that which the Divine experienced. That is what the Greeks called Him—Hoiointv, meaning creator or maker. The writer of fiction is the creator of a miniature world which he peoples with characters according to his own liking and tastes. The product of a writer has often been described as his child or offspring. This suggests the idea that even though the writer travails in giving birth to his offspring, even though the writing pains him, and even though he labors sorely with the creation of the characters, he is nevertheless still pleased with the result, and he experiences a joy which is akin to that experienced by the proud mother of old when she brought forth a man-child.

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One person in New York state out of every 22 has to be placed in an asylum at some time or other during his lifetime.

STUDENT COMMENT

OPEN THE LIBRARY!

I have often wondered why the library is not open on Friday and Saturday evenings. Most of the Dana students have to earn part of their tuition. Working through the week, they frequently have little time for extra reading until Friday and Saturday, when the library is closed. Might it be possible to have an arrangement made by which students might take care of the librarian's duties over the week-end?

—A. R.

FROM THE GIRLS' "DORM"

Just a few student comments which we would like to express as they have come into our minds.

We believe that many others besides ourselves feel that the lights in the girls' dormitory should be left on until midnight. When girls reach the college age surely they needn't be treated like grade school children. If the girls are tired they will undoubtedly go to bed and leave others in peace. On the other hand, if a student wishes to study, no one can deny the fact that one's own study table in the privacy of his own room is more conducive to conscientious work than the hubbub found in a reception room. This suggestion does not alter the rule of locking the doors at the usual hour.

Another suggestion regarding the girls' dormitory—Would it be possible to allow boys in the reception room until 8:00 on week days? Certainly the students who work in the kitchen after the evening meal should be given the opportunity to visit in the reception room and not on the cold stony steps of the north and south halls.

What do the rest of you think? Is it possible for the suggested improvements to be made?

—Two Girls From the "Dorm".

In order to keep his mental and organic balance, man must impose upon himself an inner rule.—Alexis Carrel.

In the harmony of letters and the cooperation of the mind, it would be almost impossible to raise a war of hysteria. Hope for peace lies in the colleges, in the development of the things of the mind.—William Mather Lewis.

A Christian Farmer, Hermes Reader, Speaks

The writer of this article is a farmer in Nebraska, a reader of the Hermes but is not a Dana alumnus. He has submitted this article unsolicited. He chooses to call himself, "an old-timer". He gives us an idea of what some of the older members of our synod are thinking about Dana and the youth of the world, what a farmer thinks of education and the program of Christ—how the older generation sees the younger generation.

THANK YOU, MR. M. N.

"Does the editor of Hermes prefer to drop this article in the waste basket instead of dropping it in a column of Hermes, do it without regret, but do not make my conscience vibrate afterwards if you rebuke the alumni for not feeding Hermes properly.

Really, I do not belong to the alumni. I am just a subscriber—an old-timer who must suppress a smile occasionally looking at this modern world and these modern colleges—a farmer. Well, Dana students are not farmers (the majority), I know, but not a single student would neglect the dining table where the farm of Dana offsets its supplies. With proper respect for science, farming is still indispensable.

But the suppressed smile—why? Yes, believe it or not, there was a time when a farmer and his sons would walk behind their plow or cultivator in the corn field; walk almost 25 miles a day. Don't you realize such old-timers feel like smiling for instance when Hermes, the ever-talking messenger, very innocently revealed the

present situation of the need of human beings (pardon me) still being born with a pair of legs? Well for evermore, taking a hike on foot is the equivalent of making points at one of those modern colleges—well, I do not smile.

At last I come to the theme, honest. A certain Mr. M. N. has my compliments. Thank you. I said, honest. Late, I received the January 14 issue of Hermes because the circulating editor was busy by his examinations, I reckon. Therefore, this little epistle is late in coming. And then, Mr. Editor: drop this writing in the waste basket if not needed, but do never more think I am not willing to support Hermes.

M. N. was the signature under an article named "Criticism," student comment in Hermes January 14th. M. N. is speaking: "As Christians all of our thinking should be Christian thinking. What then? Is there a Christian way of looking at world conditions? Is there a Christian way of considering the leader of the German people?" Such were the questions asked by M. N. who is of the opinion that the German leader is what he has said himself, doing the will of God is his main purpose. I would say, amen. I welcome such young men and women who will consider the problems of the world in the light of Christianity. As students the young generation is fully occupied by their daily task of preparing themselves for their final test at the college. But once the education (not self-education) will be finished. Then I hope some young men and women will do more than consider world problems—they

will, after their circumstance, take active part in problems of this world.

The present world situation has at late been stated as chaotic: no clear future goal in sight. The only light I can think of that will be able to make us distinguish a future settlement of the present unrest is the light of Christianity, an eternal light. M. N. referred to Israel. Israel was a people not taken out of this world but living in this world. By Moses they received laws that would make it possible to exist without creating social unrest. None could accumulate great wealth nor become paupers providing they 'stuck' to their laws, charged no interest. Once every fifty years, the year of Jubilee, they justified economical conditions inside the nation. Such were the laws of Moses.

The God Almighty (whose power I should not dare make a joke about) is a righteous God who can regulate the social conditions of this world in His own way when the nations will not. The German leader did what Ex-President Hoover once advocated, but the American people rejected, canceled the war debt. As the richest nation in the world, couldn't we imagine President Hoover doing what he suggested as the will of God, cancel the war debt? I pity the American editor, there, who when Christmas comes around, has a cartoon in his paper: 'Uncle Sam by a Christmas tree upon which is hung one small gift, the war debt from Finland. Hitler has given the rest to the German people'.

Thank you Mr. M. N.

Olav Pederson, Genoa, Nebraska."

The growth of personality involves a constant trimming of ourself.—Alexis Carrel.

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Some people become accommodated to the world by conquering it. Others by escaping from it. Still others refuse to accept its rules.—Alexis Carrel.

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NEWS BRIEFS

STUDENTS TO ATTEND OPERA
Approximately twenty-five Dana students plan to attend one of the three San Carlo performances at the Paramount theatre on March 3rd and 4th. Most of these students will hear "Il Trovatore" on Saturday evening, March 4th.

MUSIC GROUP TO GIVE COUNCIL BLUFFS CONCERT
The Dana College Violin Ensemble and Male Quartet will appear in concert at Our Saviour's Lutheran church of Council Bluffs on Sunday evening, March 26. Last year the Violin Trio and Male Quartet gave their first combined concert of the season in this church. The Dana musicians are happy for this return engagement.

CHOIR AT CROWELL HOME
The Dana choir sang a portion of its tour program at the Crowell Home on Tuesday evening, February 14. These old friends of Dana were warmly appreciative of the choir's efforts.

CHOIR PICTURE TAKEN
The display of neatly arranged hair, white shirts, winged collars, and powdered noses on Wednesday afternoon, February 15, was prompted by the choir's engagement with Mr. Kuhn, the local photographer. This picture will be used in the publicity material being prepared for the choir trip.

SIEBERSBECK LEFT FOR WEST COAST
President Siersbeck left Monday evening, February 13, for Los Angeles, California, on his tour of the west coast in the interest of Dana college as a guest of the

BOYS TOWN TOPPLED BY BENNINGTON

Seeded winners in the Class C state high school district basketball tournament held in the Dana gymnasium, Father Flannigan's basketball boys yielded up the trophy with a 19-9 loss to a clicking Bennington team last night, February 24. Teams participating in the district's contest were Kenard, Macy, Fort Calhoun, Boys Town, Bellevue, Bennington, Herman and Underwood. The tournament began on Wednesday and attracted good crowds each night. The Macy Indians, last year's winners of the meet, provided the only stiff competition met by either of the finalists, but Boys Town, playing championship basketball, disposed of them 21-19. Then the issue was between the classy Bennington team and Boys Town.

As a new project, an all-tournament basketball team was picked this year. Chosen as captain of this team and outstanding player in the tournament was Dick Grant of Bennington, guard. The team was made up of three players from Bennington, three from Boys Town, one from Bellevue, one from Kenard, one from Macy, and one from Fort Calhoun. Coach Olsen presented the trophy.

The richer the personality, the greater the individual differences.—Alexis Carrel.

Pacific Luther League. He plans to return to Blair March 18 to resume his school duties.

STUDENTS ON SLEIGHING PARTY

Defying the law of inertia, twelve Dana students took the bob sled the other night and went for a wild ride. Behind "Ed" Hansen's Model A, the group was pulled on the sled all over town, upsetting every few blocks. Zig-zagging down the streets of Blair, sideswiping snow banks, barely hanging on the sleigh, spilling at the corners, and landing in the soft snow, kept the group of boys and girls in a state of animation the entire evening.

TWO STUDENTS LEAVE
The boys in the dormitory are sorry to see that two of their classmates, Roland Meader and Earl Glarborg, have left school after the first semester, but they hope to see them both sometime.

ENOCH RASMUSSEN AT OMAHA HOSPITAL

Enoch Rasmussen was a patient for a week at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha to take treatments for sinus infection. While he was there, he also had his tonsils removed. He is now at home in Lindsay, Nebraska, to rest, but he will be back in a week to resume his work.

DANIAN PICTURES TAKEN

The pictures for the College Annual, the "Danian", were taken Friday and Saturday by Jerry Lucas, a photographer from Omaha. Both individual and group pictures were taken.

CARLSEN, LAURITSEN BADMINTON CHAMPS

Winning nine of their ten matches, Ray Carlsen and Victor Lauritsen claimed the boys' intramural badminton championship for 1939.

The only team that was able to turn the trick against this combination was Harold Sorensen and Paul Paulsen when they succeeded in winning the doubles match along with one singles match. Ray Carlsen holds the individual championship for the tournament with no defeats in his single matches, attesting to his badminton skill.

The final standings in the intramural badminton league, according to percentage of games won, are as follows:

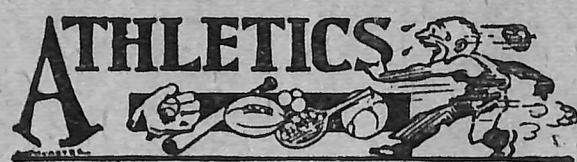
- Ray Carlsen and Victor Lauritsen900
- Clifford Hansen and Paul Neve800
- Harold Sorensen and Paul Paulsen800
- Ray Thomsen and Leonard Andersen600
- Lyle Paulsen and Carlyle Hansen500
- Arthur Tingley and Kenneth Petersen500
- Robert Ward and Morris Hansen500
- Earl Glarborg and Frank Hengeveld400
- Hillerup Rasmussen and Arnold Nielsen300
- Sheridan Svendsen and Edward Harboe200
- David Kolb and Robert Wildrick100

INTRA-MURAL B.B. TIED AND TIGHT

After two weeks of play, the Town Boys and the Third Floor Five are tied for the lead in Dana's intra-mural basketball league, with two games won and none lost. The Flat Foot Floogies and the Crack Shots are tied for second place, each with one win and one loss, leaving the Scrubs and the Norsemen fighting it out for undisputed possession of last place, each having lost two games.

Results of the games played so far:
Flat Foot Floogies 30; Norsemen 17.
Town Boys 34; Scrubs 14.
Third Floor 23; Crack Shots 6.
Third Floor 36; Flat Foot Floogies 12.
Town Boys 78; Norsemen 8.
Crack Shots 32; Scrubs 24.

Moral sense is more important than intelligence.—Alexis Carrel.



CENTRAL BOWS TO DANA HERE 33-19

Rolloing up an early lead that was never seriously threatened, Dana topped the Central cagers 33-19 on the home floor February 21.

A first quarter scoring spree that set Dana ahead 12-3 made too great a gap for the Central squad to bridge. Speeding into the third quarter with a 20-12 lead, Dana efficiently maintained control with a tight defense and held the Central lads to a scattered 7 points throughout the final quarters.

Berkley Petersen, Bob Hogzett and Marvin Petersen shared respective scoring honors for a total of 29 of the 33 points. This victory was the fourth for the Vikings and with the possibility of 2 victories in the two remaining games, the Dana squad will have succeeded in breaking even on the win and loss columns this season.

Dana		Central	
fg	ft	fg	ft
B. Petersen	5 2 2	E. Kelly	2 0 3
M. Petersen	4 0 2	Peterson	1 1 3
Hogzett	2 5 1	Hockett	0 0 1
Jensen	1 0 0	Helligas	2 1 1
Nielsen	1 1 1	Nielsen	1 1 2
Boose	0 0 1	Brown	1 2 1
Reuter	0 1 0	Durner	0 0 2
Jorgensen	0 0 1	Skidder	0 0 1
Total	13 9 8	Total	7 5 14

DANA-A.B.C. GAME

Vikings Fall Before A.B.C. Again

Failing to score in the last five minutes of play, Dana dropped its second consecutive basketball game to the American Business College of Omaha on the Dana floor Tuesday night, February 14.

Although displaying a formidable defense during the entire battle the Dana quintet found itself unable to make scoring connections with the hoop and surmount the small margin that eventually spelled victory for the Omaha boys.

Leading 8-6 at the end of two quarters, the American Business College safeguarded its small lead throughout the last half. While seriously threatening in the final quarter, when the score was tied at twelve apiece, the Dana lads seemingly lost control as one of A.B.C.'s stellar forwards connected from the middle of the floor to push their total to fourteen points against the scattered twelve which three Vikings scored.

The two point margin proved the less impressive victory for the American Business College as they whipped the Vikings 32-18 earlier in the season on their own floor.

The box score:

A. B. C.		Dana	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Vondra	1 2 2	M. Petersen	1 2 1
Yanke	1 0 4	sen	
Wickline	1 1 3	B. Petersen	
Clarion	0 0 1	sen	2 1 2
Carlson	2 1 1	Jensen	0 0 2
		Wallace	1 1 0
		Nielsen	0 0 2
		James	0 0 1
Total	5 4 11	Total	4 4 8

CANDID CAMPUS CHATTER
(Becky Anderson)

NICKNAMES—Carlyle Hansen—"Corky" . . . Agnes Larsen—"Ag" . . . Charles Bissell—"Chick" . . . Genevieve Skau—"Ginny" . . . Clifford Hansen—"Kicky" . . . Phyllis Tameseia—"Tam" . . . Arnold Nielsen—"Stooge" . . . Arles Andersen—"Sandy" . . . Thorvald Hansen—"Toody" . . . Harriet Cornell—"Dolly" . . . Norbert Johnsen—"Norway" . . . Muriel Edling—"Chubby" . . . Orlin Jorgensen—"Jorgy" . . . Ethel or Esther Jensen—"Twin" . . . Adolph Kloth—"Addy" . . . Erna Kirkegard—"Eke" . . . Berkeley Petersen—"B. P." . . . Elaine Petersen—"Pete" . . . Leonard Nielsen—"Lennie" . . . Norma Staby—"Cherub" . . . Sheridan Svendsen—"Steamship" . . . Lorraine Petersen—"Willie" . . . Harold Sorensen—"Curly" . . . Shirley Bondo—"Sadie Sue" . . . Bob Hogzett—"Apple-sauce" . . . Vera Beck—"Weary".

HEBRON TRIPS DANA IN CLOSE CONTEST

Both teams started very slowly, concentrating on defense, and scoring attempts were largely confined to difficult long shots. But at the quarter Hebron had pulled ahead to a 6-2 lead. The play speeded up in the second quarter, and with their zone defense functioning effectively the Danes' offense looped in nine points to Hebron's six. As the half ended they were threatening Hebron's slim 11-12 lead.

Dana started fast in the third period, and before Hebron could tally she had picked up a 16-12 lead. But then Priefert of Hebron started tossing looping long shots straight to the mark, to put his team back in the lead 21 to 17 at the three-quarter mark.

With the Viking offensive effectively crushed, Hebron marked time in the last quarter to round out the play with a hard won 24-19 victory.

The box score:

Hebron		Dana	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Priefert	7 3 3	Nielsen	2 2 1
Chny	0 0 0	Hogzett	1 0 3
Fabrizius	1 0 3	Jensen	1 2 1
Gregory	0 1 1	Petersen	0 0 4
McKenzie	1 2 2	Wallace	2 0 0
		James	0 0 3
		M. Petersen	1 1 1
Total	9 6 9	Total	7 5 13

DUST—Eva Tophigh has been called "High-top" several times in one of her classes . . . Kenny Lange is glad that one of the waitresses quit . . . the twins seem to take turns going "out" . . . Alvin Reuter thinks the grapefruit in the jello are fermented pears . . . We wonder what's the main reason Art Tingley is coming to school!

All great men are endowed with intuition. They know, without analysis, without reasoning, what is important for them to know. A true leader of men does not need psychological tests, or reference cards when choosing his subordinates.—Alexis Carrel.

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