



Poucher-Neve In Recital

Win Audience by Charm and Power in Ivory Mastery

Lucy Ann Poucher and Paul Neve, piano pupils of Professor Elwood Kraft, presented a finished performance to a large, receptive audience in the college



Paul Neve

chapel Tuesday evening, May 9. They were assisted by the Dana Violin Ensemble.

Miss Poucher, a charming pianist, plays with graceful technique. She is a consistent player and holds her audience by her ease of manner and at-homeness with her instrument. She exhibited an ability to interpret both the flowing Schumann "Romance in F Sharp" and the contrastingly strong Chopin "Polonaise Mil-



Lucy Anne Poucher

taire." Mr. Neve, a powerful player, exhibited a commendable technique reflecting hours of patient, intensive work. His interpretation of Sinding's "Rustle of Spring" was a refreshing invitation to his audience to soar musically. He succeeded well in conveying its content. S. Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in G Minor"—always a challenge to a young artist—was well met by Mr. Neve. He was at his best with the divers musical moods of Rachmaninoff's "Polichinelle."

These young musicians displayed most admirably the results of the thorough master-teaching of Professor Elwood Kraft.

The Violin Ensemble gave a pleasing performance, lending variety through the use of accompanied selections and arrangements for strings alone.

GARDEN TEA FOR STUDENTS

The Faculty Women's Club served a garden tea from the arbor on the upper campus Friday afternoon, May 12, to members of the student body and faculty. This quiet restful pause from 3:30 to 4:30 was most refreshing.

TANGE-RASMUSSEN VALEDICTORIAN SALUTATORIAN

Mr. Irving Tange has been chosen valedictorian of this year's graduating class, and Mr. Elmer Rasmussen salutatorian. Under this year's system the valedictorian represents the student having the highest scholastic average from the seminary graduating class, and the salutatorian from the college.

Mr. Tange's home is at Hutchinson, Minnesota. He took his first two years of college at St. Olaf and his last two at Dana where he graduated in 1936. This year he will receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Trinity Seminary. After his ordination in June he will take up his work as pastor at Shelby, Iowa.

Mr. Rasmussen, from Clifton, Illinois, will receive Dana's degree of Bachelor of Arts. His major is history and minors English and German. Next year he hopes to attend Columbia University. His chosen profession is teaching, preferably history.

It is quite incidental but also quite interesting that these two men are roommates this year and have been once before.

25 GRADUATE MAY 26

Twenty-five students will be presented with diplomas at the commencement exercises May 26. Six of these will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts, four Bachelor of Divinity, nine will graduate from the two-year teachers' training course, two are one-year accounting students, and four are finishing the one-year stenography course.

The names of those who will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts are listed with their major and home: Leo M. Andersen, English, and Elna Jensen, commerce, Audubon, Iowa; Edward Hansen, English, Harlan, Iowa; Adolph Kloth, history, Portland, Maine; Henning Olsen, English, Dickson, Alberta, Canada; and Elmer Rasmussen, history, Clifton, Illinois. The seminary students who will receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity are: Olfert V. Magnusson, Audubon, Iowa; Andrew P. Staby, Cumberland Mills, Maine; Verner Carlsen, Blair, Nebraska; and Irving Tange, Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Teachers' training graduates are Thelma Andresen, Omaha, Nebraska; Rhoda Carlsen, Blair, Nebraska; Jeanette Carlson, Blomkest, Minnesota; Esther and Ethel Jensen, Beresford, South Dakota; Doris Lang, Audubon, Iowa; Joyce McLeod, Dannebrog, Nebraska; Norma Staby, Cumberland Mills, Maine; and Phyllis Tamisiea, Craig, Nebraska. One-year stenography courses are Aivilda Andreassen, Hampton, Iowa; Janet Edquist, Irvington, Nebraska; Gladys Hazard, Omaha, Nebraska; and Elaine Peterson, Lyons, Nebraska. One-year accounting graduates are Charles Bissell, Wolbach, Nebraska; and Robert Petersen, Waterloo, Iowa.

MAJOR OPERATION IS ADVISED

Dr. J. P. Nielsen will submit to an appendicitis and gall bladder operation as soon as school is closed, about May 30. He went to the Immanuel Lutheran Hospital in Omaha May 8 to be examined because he had been victim to acute attacks of pain in the abdominal regions. After two days and about twenty X-rays three doctors concluded that he must be operated upon. The operation is a major one but not serious under skilled hands.

CHOIR SINGS HOME CONCERT

The home concert by the Dana College A Cappella choir Sunday evening, May 7, in the college auditorium was a fitting climax to the annual Luther League Rally and to another successful year of choral singing. This performance before an audience of approximately five hundred was undoubtedly one of the finest of the season. The choir's singing of Lutkin's "Benediction", augmented by the voices of several former choir members, brought the concert to an impressive close.

The serious application on the part of each individual member to his given part and loyalty to the whole choir, coupled with the untiring efforts and splendid musicianship of Professor Elwood Kraft, made possible this unique treat in a cappella singing to the Sunday evening audience and to the various congregations visited during the season.

STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

At the annual election of the student body organization Wednesday, May 10, the following were elected officers for the coming year, 1939-40: President, Arthur Tingley, Green Bay, Wisconsin; first vice-president, Lee H. Daggett, Cumberland Center, Maine; second vice-president, Ione Christensen, Green Bay, Wisconsin; secretary, Elaine Jespersen, Herman, Nebraska; treasurer, Iver Iversen, Sidney, Montana. The homecoming committee elected to serve for the homecoming to be held this fall includes Anker Jensen, chairman, Paul Neve, Ruth Nielsen, Lucy Anne Poucher, and Harold Sorensen.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHOIR BANQUET

Wednesday evening, May 10, the Dana College A Cappella Choir paused to pay tribute to those musical pioneers who were instrumental in promoting the cause of choral music on Dana Hill. The tribute was in the form of a banquet following the regular evening meal.

Greetings read from the five former choir directors, and greetings from the present choir director and past presidents of the college comprised the greater part of the first half of the program. Miss Caroline Johnson read greetings from Agnes Nielsen Andersen, choir director from 1914-1918; Mrs. Siersbeck brought felicitations from Carrie Sinamark Jersild, director of music here from 1918-1922; Professor Paul Nyholm read Helen Andersen's expression of congratulations. She led the choir from 1922-1924. O. V. Magnusson read a letter from Waldo B. Nielsen; and Verner Carlsen extended Gunnar J. Malm's best wishes. Professor Elwood Kraft, present choir director, spoke briefly of the work of the choir and voiced his gratitude for the cooperation accorded him. Dr. S. M. Thomsen read greetings from Erland Nelson and Dr. C. X. Hansen, past presidents of Dana. President Siersbeck spoke briefly.

The Reverend Elmer Christensen of Avoca, Iowa, former president of the choir and once a member of a Dana male quartet, was the main speaker. His subject was "Reminiscences".

The musical portion of the program consisted of a vocal solo by Mrs. Paul Nyholm and a selection by the reunion choir. Edward Hansen, present choir president who planned and originated the banquet, acted as toastmaster.

Fourth Annual Youth Rally On Dana Campus

HISTORY CLASS STUDIES MUSIC

American music and composers of the last half of the nineteenth century was the theme of the United States history class in the chapel Monday afternoon, May 15.

This class period, prepared and presented by the members of the class, opened with a brief survey of the principle period in the history of American music, the Nationalistic Period, 1850-1900. Examples were heard from recordings and Mr. Paul Neve played several piano solos. Typical selections played were: "Old Folks at Home", Stephen Foster; "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia", James Biand; "The Largo", Antonin Dvorak (this is designed to exemplify the melancholia of negro music in a classical manner); and "From an Indian Lodge" and "The Witches Dance", both by Edward McDowell. Mr. Paul Neve in addition to "The Witches Dance" played "The Rosary", Ethelbert Nevin. Other recordings heard were "Stars and Stripes Forever", John Philip Sousa and "The Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan", Charles T. Griffes.

Dr. H. F. Swansen, professor of history, sponsored this program.

INSTALLATION YESTERDAY

The Reverend Harold C. Jorgensen was installed as pastor of the First Lutheran Church Sunday morning, May 21, at 10:45 by Dr. N. C. Carlsen. Coming from a congregation at Coulter, Iowa, Pastor Jorgensen will fill the vacancy created in our local church by the resignation of the Reverend James N. Lund who left this charge to become pastor at Rolfe, Iowa.

Pastor Jorgensen and his family will be honored at a reception given by the Blair congregation this evening in the church parlors.

LYCHES PRESENTED WITH GIFT

Saturday evening, May 13, Professor and Mrs. Walter Lyche were presented with a beautiful large picture of Christ on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. This gift was a gesture of appreciation from the fellowship group to which they have extended an invitation to meet in their home every Saturday evening since the group organized last year.

Professor and Mrs. Lyche were pleasantly surprised and genuinely pleased to receive this token of thanks for their hospitality and help to this group of students meeting to discuss their mutual spiritual problems.

PRESENTS PAPER AT SCIENCE ACADEMY

Dr. S. M. Thomsen, professor of chemistry, presented a paper entitled "That Qualitative Analysis Course," at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences at Lincoln, May 6. The purpose of the paper was to promote semi-micro technique in this state.

HARTWIG RESUMES REGULAR POSITION

Students were glad to see Professor George H. Hartwig filling his regular position again after a few weeks' illness. He has had an amazing recovery from pneumonia, his physician has stated.

"Abundant Life" Theme

The fourth annual Luther League Rally sponsored by the Dana Luther League brought Leaguers from the surrounding states to the campus, May 7. Several pastors and former Dana students were also in attendance.

The program for the day opened in the college auditorium at 10:30 with a morning worship to which the members of the local congregation were invited. Dr. N. C. Carlsen delivered the message. Miss Lucille Hansen of Blair sang a solo.

The spirit of good will and festivity prevailed at the noon-day meal in the college dining hall. Several brought basket lunches which they ate out under the sky on the campus. At 2:30 the group met in the auditorium again. The Reverend Edwin W. Petrusson addressed the assembly. His theme was "I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly." Mr. Thorvald Hansen, Dana's Luther League president, was in charge. Mr. Harold Sorensen and Mr. Edward Hansen sang a duet. Professor Elwood Kraft favored the group with a piano solo. The Dana String Ensemble also played at this service.

The evening meal at 5:30 was a picnic lunch served on the campus quadrangle. At 6:30 Mr. O. V. Magnusson led an open-air song service. Mr. Verner Carlsen spoke briefly and Mr. Home Nielsen sang a solo.

The attendance was slightly less than last year but the spirit of the group was up to par. A note of earnest seriousness characterized all the speakers. Their addresses were colored with a plea to the young people to make a decision for Christ.

ANDERSEN NEXT YEAR'S EDITOR

Next year's editor of the "messenger and interpreter" from Dana will be H. Leonard Andersen, it was decided at the annual election of the student body organization held Wednesday, May 10. He was elected over Arthur Tingley, they being the only names recommended by the administration. Under the present system the nominating committee for the students can only take their nominees for this position from the names submitted to them by the administration.

Mr. Andersen will be a junior next year. His home is at Audubon, Iowa, and he is a pre-seminary student. He also plays football and sings in the choir. This year he edited the Danian and was on the Hermes staff. His roommate was this year's editor of the Hermes so he is acquainted with some of the "ropes" and grief he has before him.

At the same election Frank Hengeveld was elected business manager for the Hermes. He states, however, that he may not accept the position.

BACCALAUREATE LAST EVENING

Baccalaureate services for the senior class were held last evening, May 21, at the First Lutheran Church of Blair. About twenty-five candidates for graduation were present. Students and local members of the congregation were included in the audience. The Reverend M. G. Christensen, president of the Iowa district of our synod, from Cedar Falls, Iowa, delivered the address.

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A FORCED "FELLOWSHIP"

A grocer would not sell much bread if he insisted that the buyer listen to a three-hour talk before he could take possession. Students who live in the dormitories have no alternative the evenings on which the fellowship dinners (and choir banquet) are held. If they want the meal they paid for, they must take three hours of "fellowship" with it whether they want it or not. The students (those who must listen to the "fellowship") have not been consulted whatsoever through their chosen and logical medium for expression, their elected representatives. The dinners simply have been announced.

The point at issue is not whether they want or don't want the fellowship dinners. Neither is it the value of them. (That and the wisdom of having them is even doubtful.) The point is that something which has not been ordered virtually is forced upon the students if they want what they did order. Obviously, those who don't care to come could take their meals elsewhere, but if they have neither the time nor the inclination (nor the extra money), the problem has not been solved. The meal is theirs and they don't want to spend three hours to get it. That was not in the contract. Those who leave when they have finished eating have been forced to be rude according to our accepted etiquette and then have been condemned for it. To echo that students waste many other three-hour periods is irrelevant. Besides, killing one hour does not justify killing more. To say, "Don't come to Dana, if you don't like it here," is also stupid. It is not an answer to an honest question and is poor business. It does not answer the question nor solve the problem. It only ignores it.

The solution to the problem is to have the fellowship dinners apart from regular meals for those who want them and have nothing more important to do. Serve the regular meals to the others, without any accessories.

—L. M. A.

YOU CAME . . . YOU LEFT . . .

You came up the Dana hill last September with either a spirit of anticipation and joy, or a spirit of dread and dismay. Perhaps you were tired when you arrived, perhaps some one had overestimated the physical plant for you (or underestimated it), perhaps your suitcase got too heavy, or you had missed a train on your way—your first estimate was not a fair one, coming from a judge biased physically or mentally. Your first impression was hard to lose. As things about the school began to have meaning for you they either added to, or slowly changed that impression. You began to judge from your experiences, and to consider the new ones in the light of your past experiences—you were still an unfair judge. You, however, had AN opinion of Dana.

You are leaving the Dana hill in May with either a spirit of gratitude and joy, or a spirit of disappointment and regret. This impression will also be hard to lose. You are tired from the strain of examinations, you dislike saying goodbye to your friends, packing is not a pleasure, or you are homesick—you are again not a fair judge, biased by your physical or mental condition. And so we might go on as in the first paragraph to show that your opinion and judgment are good or bad as you yourself feel good or bad.

Many will seek an opinion of Dana from you. In all justice give them to know the facts as well as your reaction. You are a testimony and advertisement of Dana and her mission. Has she helped you or hasn't she? Why? Would another school help you more? Why, or why not? It is only after you have squarely faced and honestly answered these questions that you have penetrated prejudice and feeling to the facts. May the purposes for which our school was founded be accomplished in you; then yours is a richer life and the future of our school a glorious reality.

—H. L. A.

CHAPEL GLEANINGS

By Thelma Andresen

"God is good!" This general conception is well, but at times in our lives we meet things difficult to understand, things which challenge our thinking and make it hard to hold fast to the fact that God is good. Therefore we cannot just refer to the goodness of God; we must seek more deeply, and believe that God has a plan and purpose with life.

Belonging to a church and having faith in the church are fine outward signs, but these fail to give salvation—it is personal faith in God that saves us. We find peace of heart and soul through the means of Justification by Faith.

Life is funny many times and in many respects. We question: What am I here for? What is the purpose of my life? We ought to seriously consider this because there is very definitely a God-destined purpose in our lives. Of all the important things in life there is one that is more important and that is that we might attain unto life eternal, "because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit in belief of the truth."

THOUGHTS FOR THINKERS

A Lesson From the Norsemen When Christianity Confronted Them

King Olaf raised the hilt Of iron, cross-shaped and gilt, And said, "Do not refuse; Count well the cost and loss— Thor's hammer or Christ's cross: Choose!"

"Goethe intended to write a drama upon Mohammed to illustrate the sad fact that every man who attempts to realize a great idea comes in contact with the lower world, must place himself on its level in order to influence it, and thus compromise his higher aims, and at last forfeits them."—Clake's Ten Great Religions, p. 468.

MY SWAN SONG

I have learned the value of failures and disappointments. I have learned that I gain more from them than from successes. They develop what is in me. They make me see myself nearer as I really am and thereby open the door for improvement. They cause me to search myself for the true motivating power of my life. They help me to drive my shafts deeper in an effort to find the intrinsic value of life. I have also learned better that it is when the "going" is hard that one is developed the most. I have learned to thank God for failures and obstacles.

My work as editor of the Hermes and president of the student body this year, has been largely, I feel, a failure. I realize that it is possible that this might be only a subjective reaction on my part, but I know, and others know that it is not. Without a doubt I have failed in many respects, if not in all. This much I know, that I have failed to realize in my efforts the ideals with which I began and which I still hold. I have failed in my purpose as far as I am concerned. The reason was not and is not "written on my forehead." But there is, nevertheless, a reason. If I have failed I can attribute it to no one but myself. Ultimately, I take the blame. However, there are faculty members and students who because my hand does not fit their glove have by the "noble diplomacy" lent their support. To those I express my sincere thanks. But the reasons for the failures are not as important as the value derived from them. I have profited more than anyone else because of them. I am the wiser. I have learned to fail. Thanks to all who have helped to make it possible.

—Leo M. Andersen,
 Hermes Editor,
 Student Body President.

LITERARY CORNER

In small proportion we just If he would make his record true:
 beauties see; To think without confusion clear-
 And in short measures life may ly;
 perfect be. To love his fellow men sincerely;
 —Ben Jonson. To act from honest motives pure-
 * * * * * ly;

The south wind is driving His splendid cloud-horses
 Through vast fields of blues.
 The bare woods are singing,
 The brooks in their courses
 Are bubbling and springing
 And dancing and leaping;
 The violets are peeping.
 I'm glad to be living,
 Aren't you?
 —Gamaliel Bradford.

Resolve to be thyself; and know
 that he
 Who finds himself, loses his mis-
 ery.
 —Matthew Arnold.

Four things a man must learn to
 do

"HAVE YOU?"

Asks

Owen D. Young

Have you enlarged your knowl-
 edge of obligations and increased
 your capacity to perform them?
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Have you developed your intu-
 itions and made more sensitive
 your emotions?
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Have you discovered your ment-
 al aptitude?
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Have you discovered your ment-
 the machinery of society and its
 history to enable you to apply
 your gifts effectively?
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Have you acquired adequate
 skill in communication with oth-
 ers?
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To trust in God and Heaven se-
 curely.
 —Henry Van Dyke.
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Cowards die many times before
 their deaths:
 The valient never taste of death
 but once.
 Of all the wonders that I yet have
 heard
 It seems to me most strange
 that men should fear;
 Seeing that death, a necessary
 end,
 Will come when it will come.
 —William Shakespeare.

I have no fear. What is in store
 for me
 Shall find me ready for it; un-
 dismayed.
 God grant my only cowardice may
 be
 Afraid—to be afraid.
 —Edward J. Appleton.

For all your days prepare,
 And meet them ever alike:
 When you are the anvil, bear—
 When you are the hammer,
 strike.
 —Edwin Markham.

But human bodies are sic fools,
 For a' their colleges and schools,
 That when nae real ills perplex
 them,
 They make enow themselfs to vex
 them;
 An' ay the less they hae to sturt
 them,
 In like proportion less will hurt
 them.
 —Robert Burns.

REMINISCENCE OF THE YEAR

By Becky Anderson

REMEMBER??? Anker Jen-
 sen's coffee pouring . . . Leo An-
 dersen's hair . . . Austin Bach's
 fortune telling . . . Marvin Ny-
 gaard's grin . . . Ray Andersen's
 wine shoes . . . Sven Bach's "Nur-
 sie" . . . Fred Jacobsen's Danish
 accent . . . Melvin Boose's "specs"
 . . . Verner Carlsen's color com-
 binations . . . Ray Carlsen's 4-1-1
 . . . Irving Tange's green sweat-
 er . . . Leonard Andersen's dim-
 ples . . . Paul Bentley's "Pud"
 . . . Shirley Bondo's "Elk Horn
 Flash" . . . James Campbell's
 red hair . . . Ione Christensen's
 job as assistant gym fireman . . .
 Percy Christensen's rumble-seat-
 ed jitney . . . Ruth Nielsen's gig-
 gle . . . Ethel H. Jensen's eyes
 . . . Iver Iversen's physique . . .
 Emert James' strut . . . Elna Jen-
 sen's "Hollywood" . . . Rosa Jen-
 sen's eyes . . . Norbert Johnson's
 accent . . . Orlin Jorgensen's pipe
 . . . Mary Kerlin's photogenicness
 . . . Philomene Kindgren's rest-
 lessness . . . Erna Kirkegaard's
 figure . . . Addy Kloth's German
 band . . . Davy Kolb's resemblance
 to Charlie McCarthy . . . Kenny
 Lange's DO RA ME . . . Agnes
 Larsen's basketball ability . . . C.
 Kenneth Larsen's good-natured-
 ness . . . Kenneth Larsen's "Twin"
 . . . Vic Lauritsen's smile . . .
 Dorothy Lund's calmness . . .
 Lois Lyng's nose . . . Russell
 Lund's tennis . . . Vic Magnus-
 sen's song leading . . . Ferrol Ad-
 ams' wooden shoes . . . Paul
 Neve's speed . . . Bob Petersen's
 walk . . . Elaine Jespersen's
 grades . . . Gladys Hazard's high
 heels . . . Viola Hansen's serenity
 . . . Janet Edquist's laugh . . .
 Gladye Dobernecker's hands . . .
 Chick Bissell's "jitterbugness" . . .
 Alvilda Andresen's quietness . . .
 Dorothy William's voice . . . Eva
 Wilkin's hair . . . Norma Staby's
 accent . . . Phyllis Tameseia's
 hair . . . Velma Smith's dignity
 . . . Eulella Schjodt's name . . .
 Charlotte Richter's dramatics . . .
 Alberta Phinney's drawl . . . Mil-
 dred Peck's basketball . . . Lela
 Peck's kitten ball . . . Luella
 Nielsen's eyes . . . Bernice Mose-
 man's walk . . . Joyce McLeod's
 blond hair . . . Doris Lang's com-
 pexion . . . Fern Olesen's math
 . . . Marguerite Offen's Oldsmo-
 bile . . . Leonard Nielsen's pho-
 tography . . . Homer Nielsen's
 athletic ability . . . Arnold Niel-
 sen's wit . . . Charlie Morehouse's
 kitchen work . . . Robert Miles'
 "mile run" . . . Lee Daggett's
 "Council Bluffs" . . . Muriel Ed-
 ling's laugh . . . Ellen Gebuhr's
 giggle . . . Clarice Hagen's argu-
 mentativeness . . . Clifford Han-
 sen's fiddle . . . Eddy Hansen's
 wooden leg . . . Kenny Hansen's
 "Lord Byron" necktie . . . Rodney
 Hansen's teasing . . . Thelma Han-
 sen's coffee pot . . . Toody Han-
 sen's sleeping in class . . . Eddy
 Harboe's drawl . . . Lester Hart-
 sock's taciturnity . . . Frank Hen-
 geveltd's nursery rhymes . . .
 Harold Hughes' "lab" work . . .
 Harold Sorensen's CURELEY . . .
 Anchor Sorensen's laugh . . . Gale
 Skillstad's brown eyes . . . Gin-
 ny Skau's office work . . . Al-
 vin Reuter's "Pieface" . . . Hil-
 lerup Rasmussen's motorcycle . . .
 Enoch Rasmussen's "Genoch" . . .
 Elmer Rasmussen's job as mail
 man . . . Lucy Anne Poucher's all-
 around ability . . . Willard Phipps'
 anatomy lab . . . Marvin Peter-
 sen's picture of the Crown Prince
 . . . Lorraine Peterson's pageboy
 . . . Elaine Peterson's laugh . . .
 Kenneth Petersen's English lit
 . . . Iola Peterson's "Kennard
 Flash" . . . Berkeley Petersen's bas-
 ketball . . . Paul and Helen Pe-
 dersen's "Chevy" . . . Paul Paul-
 sen's trucks . . . LeRoy Paulsen's
 walk . . . Howard Paulsen's blond-
 ness . . . Dorothy Otto's quiet-
 ness . . . Henning Olsen's stoker
 . . . Vera Ru'h Knutsen's precise-
 ness . . . Ethel Jensen's "Esther"
 . . . Esther Jensen's "Ethel" . . .
 Carlyle Hansen's curly hair . . .
 Harriett Cornell's music . . .
 Margaret Christensen's "Bobby"
 . . . Rhoda Carlsen's big eyes . . .
 Jeanette Carlsen's smile . . . Vera
 Beck's blushing . . . Thelma An-
 dresen's "Hutch" . . . Arles An-
 dresen's good humor . . . Bette
 Wolff's hair . . . Bob Wildrick's
 profile . . . Bob Ward's green
 suit . . . Johnny Wallace's per-
 sonality . . . Victor Vig's horse-
 shoe playing . . . Eva Tophigh's
 tailored clothes . . . Art Tingley's
 "Cherub" . . . Ray Thomsen's
 dimple . . . Robert Taylor's per-
 sonality . . . Sheridan Svendsen's
 whiskers . . . Bill Steinmeyer's
 hair . . .
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P.S. from the editor: Do you
 remember Becky's good nature,
 lovable personality, and winsome
 smile; that she wrote this col-
 umn?

ALUMNI



WENDALL JOHNSON MARRIES

Mr. Wendall Johnson was married at Sioux City, Iowa, April 7. Mr. Johnson, a nephew of Miss Caroline Johnson, attended Dana during the school year 1936-37. His father lives at Brunswick, Nebraska, and his bride's home is Creighton, Nebraska. They plan to live on a farm in Antelope County.

RALLY DAY VISITORS

Many former Dana Students came back to "the hill" May 7 for the annual Luther League Rally. A few are listed. No names are omitted intentionally.

JOHN GEBUHR ENGINEER AT DES MOINES

Mr. John Gebuhr of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was here. "Johnny" graduated from the Iowa State College at Ames last year and is employed with a consulting engineer in Des Moines, Iowa, now. His field is electrical engineering. Former students will remember that he attended Dana in 1932-33 and 1933-34.

AGNES NIELSEN A TEACHER

Miss Agnes Nielsen, sister of Pastor Erhardt Nielsen, is teaching school near Blair. She says this is her last year of teaching. You can guess the rest. (She was with "Johnny" Sunday, too.)

DOROTHY KVOLS TEACHING

Miss Dorothy Kvols, a student here last year, is teaching near here this year.

VITA HANSEN A PEDAGOGUE

Miss Vita Hansen, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, also is an occasional visitor here. She teaches west of Blair. She has no car but comes here in a 1938 Ford V-8 each time. (Anker Jensen drives such a car.)

GENE MADSEN AT WASHINGTON

Miss Gene Madsen of Ringsted, Iowa, 1936-37 and 1937-38 student here, teaches at the Washington School southwest of here. She finds occasion to return quite frequently. Enoch Rasmussen is here again this year.

ARTHUR NORGAARD ILL

Mr. Arthur Norgaard from Maine, has recently been critically ill with an acute case of appendicitis. Mr. Norgaard has passed the danger line now and is well on the way to recovery. He is teaching at the mission school in Oaks, Oklahoma.

QUARTET TO HARLAN

The members of the Dana Male Quartet were guests at Harlan, Iowa, Sunday, May 14. They sang several selections. The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Immanuel Lutheran Church there.

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THE VALUE OF LITERATURE

Anker Jensen
PART VI

The Greeks said that the purpose of art is to teach. Aristotle separated from the didactic Greek tendency and said that the end of art is to please. Sidney incorporated the virtues of both points of view when he said that the purpose of art is to instruct delightfully. I have tried to represent the purpose of the educative, religious, and esthetic aspects of the art of fiction under the single term "happiness," interpreted in such a way that it means the noble enjoyment that comes from a realization of the supreme purpose of life. Fiction, I maintain, can teach man how to attain life's highest goal, and it can also fill him with a desire of so doing.

Aristotle said that art completes the purpose of nature and supplies her defects. Nature, for instance, may intend to produce a perfect plum, or apple, or other fruit. But because of improper weather conditions, destructive birds, and devouring insects, the conditions are never one hundred per cent favorable for the complete development that is intended. The painter, however, can make an idealized picture of a piece of fruit by being guided by the natural lines of development and simply carrying these out to completion. Similarly, the writer of fiction can also supplement nature. For instance, nature has never produced a person as melancholy as Hamlet, as valiant as Orlando, or as heroic as Virgil's Aeneas. But these characters, though perhaps impossible, seem probable because man is endowed by nature with the potential possibilities for development in these lines. Such characters are created by removing the obstacles that prevent the realization of the possibilities just mentioned.

If the purpose of life were to be as valiant as Orlando, fiction could show its readers how to become like him, and thereby realize the purpose of life. No matter what the writer decides the purpose of life to be, he can show his readers how to attain it. In this respect, fiction is superior to both philosophy and history. The philosopher teaches by precept and can only lay down bare principles regarding what a person ought to do. His arguments for practicing certain virtues or adopting certain attitudes often fail to influence the reader because the rules seem so hard to understand and so difficult to fulfil. Fiction, however, can create a character who will perform with apparent ease and in attractive manner just exactly what philosophy teaches

ought to be done. History is inferior as far as teaching by examples is concerned because it must limit itself to what has happened. Fiction is not confined to what has happened but can set forth what might happen. The perfect development for which man is intended is never seen in history (no more than Hamlet, Orlando, and a perfect plum appear in history); but it can be seen in fiction. Fiction, therefore, can picture a higher ideal for man to strive toward, and it can picture this ideal in such a way that it will inculcate, not only the reader's intellect, but also his volition and emotions, with a desire for attaining it. A single exception to the statement that fiction can picture a higher ideal than history is made by Christians. They maintain that there was one time when the perfect ideal appeared in history, namely, in the person of Christ. The problem of how the ideal could appear in history, which had otherwise always been imperfect, represents the stumbling block which causes some to deny the historicity of Jesus and others to affirm that He was a man, not perfect, but better than any man who had appeared up until that time. Except for the fact that history includes Christ, then, fiction must be considered superior in its power of inspiring men toward the attainment of high ideals.

The problem now remains of determining what is the highest ideal. We have seen that while fiction may afford the pleasure of a pastime in appealing to the esthetic and educative faculties, its highest purpose is to picture the actions of men as they ought to be, and in that way incite its readers toward the attainment of an ideal. What constitutes the highest ideal must remain a subject for ethics to battle over. In this brief series of articles we can only mention that it represents a problem. Suffice it to say, then, that fiction remains a tremendous power for both good and evil, for inspiring man toward the attainment of the loftiest ideals, and for bringing him down to the lowest levels of human degradation. The libertine naturalist, on the one hand, can influence his readers to emulate characters whose actions are totally unrestrained; and the Christian, on the other hand, can influence men to emulate characters whose deeds are the product of a living personal faith in God and in Christ as the risen Saviour.

LOW-COST PLAN LIFTED AGAIN

The cost of living at Dana next year will be twenty-seven dollars more than it was this year. Under the low-cost plan the total cost was \$298.00, and now it is \$325.00. Even now the cost is lower than most, if not all, schools. It is less than most colleges by \$100.00, even now at \$325.00.

CORRECTION

The Hermes expresses regret for the over-statement in the last issue in regard to the perfect pitch of two students, Harriet Cornell and Alvin Reuter. More tests will be necessary to determine this definitely, Professor E. Kraft has stated. They have a very good relative pitch. His statement about the three possessors of perfect pitch at the University of Iowa was that they were all he knew.

SECURE TEACHING POSITIONS

Several one-year teacher training students have secured positions in rural schools of Washington and Burt Counties.

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ANOTHER POSE OF ROYALTY

Another person has presented evidence that she also persuaded the Royal Couple to pose. Miss Eva Axelsen produced a picture of a close-up snap-shot of Crown Princess Ingrid. The picture was taken shortly after the "Kaffebord" as they were ready to enter their cars to depart. The print is poor because she did not have time to make the proper camera distance adjustments.

All she said to the Crown Princess was, "Maa jeg faa Deres Billede?" She graciously faced the camera and smiled.

"NURSIE" TO OMAHA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sylvia Askov Bach, known as "Nursie", left Dana Friday, May 12, to accept a position in the Lutheran Hospital in Omaha. It was imperative that she leave now to secure the position.

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PROFESSORS TO BIBLE CAMPS

Professor Paul Nyholm will be guest speaker in Bible camps in three western states during the summer, namely, Mt. Hermon, California; Estes Park, Colorado; Colton, Oregon. In addition to these and other engagements he will be a speaker at a pastoral conference at Augsburg College in Minneapolis in September.

Dr. J. P. Nielsen will give Old Testament lectures at the Lake Ripley Bible Camp at Cambridge, Wisconsin. The camp is in session from July 29 to August 5.

SENIORS BEGIN THE SERVICE

The seminary seniors will soon be ordained and "harnessed."

Mr. O. V. Magnussen after his marriage June 24 will take up his work in Northfield, Minnesota. Mr. Verner Carlsen will be married and begin his service in Graettinger, Iowa. Mr. Andrew P. Staby, after his ordination and marriage, will be a pastor at Plainview, Nebraska. Mr. Irving Tange will be the Reverend Irving Tange at Shelby, Iowa.

TO SERVE AT COULTER

Dr. C. B. Larsen will serve at the church at Coulter, Iowa, for at least the first month of the summer. The pulpit was vacated when Pastor Harold C. Jorgensen accepted the call to Blair.

NYHOLM TO DAKOTA

Professor Paul Nyholm was the guest speaker at the pastoral conference of the Southern South Dakota Ministerial Association meeting at Centerville May 15. He introduced the topic for discussion, "Personal Christianity."

LARSEN PURCHASES HOME

Dr. C. B. Larsen has purchased a residence and plans to move to it before the end of May. The property is across the street west of Dr. N. C. Carlsen's home.

NYGAARD ADVISED NOT TO TEACH

Mr. Marvin Nygaard has been forced to cancel his engagement to teach Bible school in Omaha during June. His doctor has advised him to have his tonsils removed and to do outside work during the summer to regain his health.

LARSEN ENTERTAINS STUDENTS

May 8 Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Larsen were hosts at their home to the seminary students. A social evening of quiet discussion closed with a luncheon served by Mrs. Larsen.

NIELSEN HOST TO STUDENTS

Seminary students were 12:00 o'clock dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen, Monday, May 22. A few hours of the early part of the afternoon were spent in informal discussion.

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**VIOLIN ENSEMBLE
PLAYS FOR TEA**

The Dana College Violin Ensemble furnished music during the tea given in honor of High School and College senior girls at the Koopman Inn Saturday, May 13, by the American Association of University Women.

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**SENIOR CLASS
PRESENTS PROGRAM**

Friday evening, May 12, the senior class sponsored a box social and program in the college auditorium. Professor Byron J. Langenfeld was master of ceremonies and Coach Rufus Olson was auctioneer.

Included on the program were two vocal solos by H. Leonard Andersen; a reading, "Mary, Queen of the Scots," by Lois Carlsen; vocal duets by the Madsen twins of Blair; readings by Art Merrill; music by the Dana girls' trio; the improvised German band; and an original comedy skit by a group of Dana students.

After the atmosphere had been created the auctioneer applied the pressure on the young men. When all the boxes had been sold and their contents disposed of the jolly group dispersed.

**CLASSES TOUR
OMAHA INDUSTRIES**

Thursday, May 11, the business administration and business law classes made an industrial tour of Omaha under the supervision of their instructor, Professor H. L. Shadle. Included in their tour was the Iten-Barmettler Biscuit Company; the Federal Reserve Bank; the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Company, including the WOW broadcasting station, the equity law courts and the Brandeis store.

The high point on the tour was at the Federal Reserve Bank where each member was permitted to see a \$100,000 bill.

**ATTENDS NEBRASKA
PRE-MEDIC DAY**

Sven Bach, a Dana pre-medicine student, attended the pre-medic day held at the University of Nebraska school of medicine in Omaha, May 6. Mr. Bach expects to enroll there next fall. His brother, Stanley, will be a senior there next year.

ART CLASSES EXHIBIT

The art classes, under the direction of Professor Winifred U. Selby, exhibited some of their creations in the reception room of the girls' dormitory from May 20 to 23.

FARM HIGHLIGHTS
By Robert Taylor

In spite of high winds and resulting dust, the Dana College Farm's first Open House Day was very successful. All visitors seemed to have enjoyed the various committees' displays, especially that of "Charlie" Morehouse. (I wonder why?)

Oscar Johnson is to be one of the full-time employees at the college farm this summer. Good luck, Oscar, and I hope you find it just as enjoyable as I have found it in the past three summers.

With the new Oliver 70, corn planting will be a small and fast job. Having the soil in good condition, Professor Harvey reports that the corn should all be in by the latter part of next week.

The broilers that were raised in the electric battery were sold on market, May 13. Each broiler averaged better than three pounds and brought top price.

This being my concluding article in the Hermes, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the readers of this column, and on behalf of the agriculture boys, Professor Harvey, and myself wish you all a happy vacation.

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**LUND TENNIS
CHAMP AGAIN**

For the second consecutive year Russell Lund holds the men's singles tennis crown as a result of his 8-6, 6-4 victory over Hilferup Rasmussen in the finals play-off, May 17.

As the score indicates, Rasmussen offered some keen competition. Except for a single lapse Lund maintained a consistent winning form throughout the match.



Russell Lund

**LEAGUE HOLDS
FINAL MEETING**

Professor W. J. Lyche gave an address on "Christian Living" Wednesday evening, May 17, at the final session of the Luther League this school year. He outlined seven aspects of Christian living: Esteem pastors, work in the church, rejoice, pray and be thankful, grow, have hope, and have faith. Iver Iversen read scripture and led in prayer. Robert Hogzett sang a special musical selection.

**MUSIC GROUPS
MAKE RECORDINGS**

Recording engineers from radio station WJAG, Norfolk, Nebraska, were at Dana Wednesday, May 10, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. Recordings were made by the College Choir, Male Quartet, String Ensemble, Gladys Moore Berger, and Professor Elwood Kraft. These recordings are to be placed in the transcription library of Station WJAG and will be heard from time to time on the air as representative groups from Dana's music department.

MALE QUARTET TO TOUR WEST COAST

The Dana Male Quartet, consisting of Sheridan Svendsen, first tenor, Harold Sorensen, second tenor, Paul Neve, first bass, and Edward Hansen, second bass is completing plans for its summer tour of the Far West. According to present plans, the tour will begin Saturday, May 27.

The boys will sing several concerts in Nebraska before going to Brush, Colorado, where a visit is planned to the Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute. Two days will be spent in Denver, after which their journey takes them across the Rocky Mountains to Salt Lake City; a concert will be given in the Danish Lutheran Church there. The group plans to visit either Bryce Canyon or Grand Canyon and Zion National Park before proceeding across the desert to California. The route planned also includes a trip to Boulder Dam.

In Los Angeles the quartet will be received by Pastor Hans Jersild. From there they will proceed to the synodical convention at Oakland, California. There they will sing a concert on the evening of June 14 for the Dana Alumni program, and will remain there during the convention. While there the boys hope to see the Golden Gate Exposition, after

HONOR ATHLETE



Homer Nielsen

At a meeting of the combined football and basketball squads Homer Nielsen of Racine, Wisconsin, was voted Dana's honor athlete of 1938-39. Homer is a sophomore and has won four major letters, two in basketball and two in football. He is also one of the school's outstanding tennis and track men. Homer is a fine team man and has many times proven himself to be a great all-around athlete as he filled in at different positions in both of his major sports. He is well liked by his team-mates and has many friends among the Dana followers.

**EAST-SIDE GIRLS
WIN 20-17**

The east-side girls won the kiten ball game May 11 that was to have been a part of field day. Arles Andersen and Lois Lyngge alternately pitched and caught for the east siders and Fern Oleson and Mildred Peck exchanged positions on the mound with Gladys Hazard staying behind the bat throughout the game for the other side. Six of the east-side girls crossed the plate in the last inning to give them a 20-17 victory.

**INITIATE DANA
SCHOLARSHIP**

This year the Atlantic District Luther League will give a fifteen-dollar scholarship to the high-ranking student from that district. This is the first year which it has done so. As Dana has a number of students from this district, she welcomes the contribution and hopes that it will serve to increase Dana interest in the Atlantic District Leagues.

**PROGRAM HONORS
DANA ATHLETES**

Thirty-One Receive Letters in Football and Basketball

As the highlight of a program held at the gymnasium Saturday night, May 6, 31 Dana athletes received their football and basketball awards and other athletic honors were awarded.

Presented on the program were the college violin trio, composed of Arthur Tingley, Doris Lang, and Ferrol Adams, two vocal soloists, Homer Nielsen and Robert Hogzett, and Charles Bissell with a few humorous campus observations. Coach Olson then gave a short talk, in which he likened the game of life unto an athletic contest, bringing out well the necessity of one being prepared both physically and mentally for greatest success in the game.

Following, the results of the football squad's voting on next year's football captain, this year's honorary basketball captain, and the honor athlete of 1938-39 were announced. The men honored thus were Anchor Sorensen, re-elected football captain, Robert Hogzett, honorary basketball captain, and Homer Nielsen, honor athlete.

President Siersbeck then distributed the letters, stating in introduction that he was quite aware that the great worth of athletic activities was to be found elsewhere than in the record of games won and lost.

Following are the letter-winners, both of majors and minors: Football: Anchor Sorensen, Art Jensen, Ray Thomsen, Leonard Andersen, Earl Glarborg, Howard Mickelson, Roland Meader, Robert Ward, Johnny Wallace, Norbert Johnsen, Kenneth Lange, Ray Andersen, Arnold Nielsen, Charles Bissell, Robert Miles, Sheridan Svendsen, Alvin Reuter, Robert Wildrick, Edward Harboe, Homer Nielsen, Berkley Peterson, and the manager's letter to Robert Petersen. Basketball: Berkley Peterson, Homer Nielsen, Art Jensen, Robert Hogzett, Emmert James, Marvin Petersen, Johnny Wallace, Melvin Boose, Gale Skillstad, Alvin Reuter, Ray Thomsen, Orlin Jorgensen, Russell Lund, and manager's letters to Charles Bissell and Kenneth Lange.

**SKILLSTAD WINS
TABLE-TENNIS
CROWN**

Gale Skillstad paddled through a rough sea of opposition to finally clinch this year's table-tennis championship by taking his finals match with Robert Wildrick 3-1.

In all three matches of the tournament Champ Skillstad faced very capable competition, from his first round bout with Russell Lund, last year's proficient champ, through the semi-finals and finals. But his smooth, consistent, waiting-out style of play did its work effectively.

The trail to the championship was as follows: First round—G. Skillstad over R. Lund; C. Hansen over M. Petersen; R. Wildrick over V. Lauritsen; O. Cole over R. Ward. Semi-finals—Skillstad over Hansen; Wildrick over Cole. Finals—Skillstad over Wildrick.

President Siersbeck left for Oaks, Oklahoma, May 12. On May 14 he spoke to the graduating class of our Oaks Mission School at their annual commencement exercises.

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