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# Homecoming Festivities Begin

## Siersbeck Resigns As Head of School

To Serve Congregation In Council Bluffs, Iowa; Will Move in January

Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck has resigned his position as president of Dana College to accept a call from Our Savior's Luth. Church at Council Bluffs, Iowa. This move was made on the condition that he be permitted to remain as head of the college until the first of the year.

President Siersbeck will continue holding the administrative position at Dana until the first of the year, after which he will devote his time as pastor of the Council Bluffs Church. He will move to his new position in the latter part of January.

The School Board is meeting this week to call a new man for the presidency and will in the near future make definite announcements as to further plans.

## Plans Are Being Made For Nat'l. L.L. Meet In February

Preparing for the National Luther League convention which is to be held at Dana in February, 1944, a publicity committee met in the college president's office on Oct. 14, 1943.

Members of the publicity committee are Rev. S. S. Kaldahl, Rev. Harold Jorgensen, Leona Jensen, Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck, and Stanley Carlsen.

The National L. L. Convention is held every three years. It is an event which usually draws large crowds of young people together, from all parts of the nation.

We take this opportunity to urge upon the students to talk this event up—help to make the occasion a great success by advertising it in your personal correspondence.

### SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS

October 22-24: Homecoming

October 28-31: Mission meetings at First Lutheran Church. Visiting pastor, Rev. Alvin Petersen.

October 29-31: LSA Regional Conference at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

November 5: Dana Chapter of the American Scandinavian Foundation, 8:00 P.M.

November 29: Robert Elliot, violinist. Concert, 8:00 P.M.

All-school skating party at Fremont. Tentative date: Third week in November.

## Resigns Presidency



REV. L. SIERSBECK

## Peder Mikelsen Gives Money to College For New Piano

Mr. and Mrs. Peder Mikelsen of Minneapolis, Minn., have given Dana College a gift of one thousand dollars for the purpose of buying a new concert grand piano. The new piano will be purchased sometime within the next two weeks.

At present Mr. Mikelsen is a member of the Church Council and for many years has been a friend of the school.

## Missionary Henselman Tells of Experiences In South Pacific

New Guinea became a part of student life when Rev. G. A. Henselman, missionary for 10 years in New Guinea, now serving a church in Eaton, Colorado, came on the Dana Campus to lecture and "bull-session" about his experiences on October 10, 11, and 12. Rev. Henselman spent the years from 1926-1936 in the American Lutheran Church's mission field in New Guinea, and since that time has given lectures from coast to coast on his experiences.

His first lectures, given in First Lutheran Sunday evening, October 10, dealt with the missionary's technique of meeting and Christianizing the savage cannibalistic tribes. The whole interior of New Guinea has not been entered by white man. The whole country is made up of separate tribes, hostile to each other, and so the mission has to reach each tribe individually. It takes nearly 15 years from the time of the first contact until the first convert is made.

Rev. Henselman also gave lectures during the chapel periods on Monday, October 11, and Tuesday, October 12. He told the students more about New Guinea habits, customs, and described the animistic religion of the savages who have had no contact with Christianity. He stressed the fact that it was Christianity and not civilization that they needed. He showed the disaster which resulted when they received civilization without Christianity.

## Week-end Features Banquet; Morton to Give Address

### Banquet Speaker



REV. R. E. MORTON

The Rev. R. E. Morton, president of the board of trustees of Dana College and Trinity Seminary, will be featured as the main speaker at the Homecoming fellowship dinner Saturday, October 23. Other events scheduled for the festival weekend are organ music, opera, and football. The Sunday morning worship will be held in the Dana Auditorium at 10:30. "March Forward," will be the underlying theme of the weekend, looking to our "Greater Dana."

### Opera, Friday Eve

The weekend program opens Friday evening, 8:00 P.M., with excerpts from the classical opera "Mignon," produced by the Omaha Association for Opera in English under the direction of Madame Thea Moeller-Hierms. This production was staged in Joslyn Memorial the last two Sundays as part of the regular Society of Liberal Arts Series. The plot deals with a girl, Mignon, who has been taken from her home in Italy when a child by gypsies, and finally finds her Nobleman father and returns to her home.

### Football, Saturday Afternoon

Saturday afternoon a six-man Dana Viking football team will take on a six-man Luther Viking football team from Wahoo, Nebraska. The game will be held at the Blair High Athletic Field at 2:30.

### Banquet, Saturday Eve

Saturday evening brings the aforementioned Fellowship Dinner at the College at 6:30. Besides the main speaker, Rev. Morton, a combined musical, rhetorical, and gastronomical evening has been planned. Tickets are \$.85 for students and \$1.00 for visitors.

### Services, Sunday Morning

Church services will be held Sunday morning in the Dana auditorium at 10:30. Rev. Franklin Rasmussen, Omaha, Nebraska, will deliver the sermon. The choir will also present a group of numbers.

### Organ Concert, Sunday Afternoon

The closing event of the week-end will be a pipe organ recital by Prof. Paul Neve, head of Dana's music department, at 2:30 P.M. Sunday, in the auditorium. A varied classical program, including several works by Bach, will be offered.

Former students as well as friends of Dana are invited and welcomed to the Homecoming weekend.

## Midwest Lutherans To Hold Convention In Lincoln

With the Student Chapter of the University of Nebraska acting as host, the Annual Midwest Regional Conference of the Lutheran Students Association will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 29, 30, and 31. The Midwest Region is composed of schools in Nebraska, Kansas, and Western Iowa. Representatives from eleven LSA groups are expected at the Conference.

"Effective Living" has been chosen as the theme of the Conference, which will be presided over by President Edwin Svendsen, senior in Trinity Seminary.

Bible leader of the Conference will be Rev. Richard Syre, a member of the faculty of Western Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska. Rev. Syre is a graduate of the University of Vienna, and he also attended Gettysburg Seminary. Other principal speakers will be Dr. Cornelius P. Harry, secretary of the Board of Education, United Lutheran Church, and life-time advisor of LSA; Miss Betty Garton, secretary of the Student Service Department of the American Lutheran Conference; and Rev. Clarence Hall, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Students who plan to attend the Conference are urged to send in their reservations as soon as possible.

## Thompsons to Conduct Tour of Joslyn

Before long, on a Sunday afternoon a trip will be made by interested students to the Joslyn Memorial in Omaha. William Thompsen, will lead the students on an art tour of the building.

## Presenting '43-44 Student Council



Left to right: Rev. John Paton, Lyle Paulsen; Florence D. Hanson; Lloyd Neve, student body president; Allan D. Hansen, and Aster Neve.

Already in action is the newly elected student council for Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

Reelected to the position of social director was Allan D. Hansen, senior seminarian. Allan held this post last year and was instrumental in the furtherance of several social events. The music director for the year is

Florence D. Hanson, junior in college. Aster Neve, a former Dana football star and at present a senior seminarian, has been elected to fill the position of athletic director. Lyle Paulsen, middler in the seminary assumes the duties of religious director and Rev. John Paton, the new literary director.

## Editors Speak

### Some individuals have

probably been wondering and doubting whether Dana would have a homecoming celebration this year. But in the ranks of Dana "Boosters" those people are in the minority.

There seems to be some of the so-called boosters of the school who prefer to "cheapen" Dana for the duration. Instead of seeing a crisis and attempting to press forward they endanger the opportunity for future development; they sit quietly and theorize on the sad condition of school, but they don't give a thought to some active positive forward-looking. Some prefer curtailing to the extent of harming the scholastic standards; others suggest a pruning of all traditional events such as the homecoming which is so significant to the morale of the school. However, it appears that this minority has not had much effect—a well qualified and sincere faculty is present even though each one carries a heavy load and extra duties. AND—the homecoming will be held as usual!

The majority of boosters know that the homecoming is one of the "musts" for the school morale. A committee has been working hard and spending hours of valuable time in preparation for the event. The student body is actively cooperating to put out a first class homecoming.

Hats off to Director John Schultz and the committee for their efforts in preparation for Homecoming.

### A recent chapel speaker

made a statement which might well express the greatest quality and value which Dana presents. Those words were: "Many of the modern higher educational schools have told their students to knock out any faith that they have; our own beloved school tells us to keep our faith."

It is true that as the young student grows older and attends institutions of higher learning there is a great danger of skepticism and doubt. In that sense one can see the value of attendance at a school which stresses not only high scholastic endeavors, but also faith in Christ and His principles. In a spiritual environment such as exists at this school, one's faith should surely be strengthened.

### Let's Get Acquainted

## Campus Personalities



New Danian Editor

Pre-Sem Student

Meet our '43-'44 Danian editor in the size, (6' 1") shape, (slender) and manner (precisely Danish) of Herre Ronald Jensen (also free??, white, definitely, and 20) from Spencer, Iowa. Corn grows tall in Iowa—no reflection.

Ronnie was born in Canada: city, New Denmark; province, New Brunswick. When he was of age two and one-half years, he moved with his folks to Montreal, Quebec, where his father, Rev. John M. Jensen, served the congregation of our synod. The last move came when twelve years later the family moved to their present home in Spencer.

Ronnie didn't note many differences in Canadian schools from our American schools except that the children are taught French beginning with the third grade. He also played cricket and hockey quite extensively.

In Spencer, Ronnie was managing editor of the paper and took part in debate work and chorus. In spite of his dramatic abilities, evidenced here at Dana by his participation in several dramatic productions, including the Danish play "Ordet," Ronnie didn't take part in any dramatic work in high school.

He likes athletics, being first man on the tennis team in high school and beating everyone here at college too in the same game. He also earned his letter for basketball last year at Dana.

This is Ronnie's third year at Dana and he has a sister, Margaret, who is a freshman.

So here's to a good Danian again this year.

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## Chapel Gleanings

There is a secret strength for God's people. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be. . . They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." This passage, to the enlightened eye of a Christian, is not anti-climax, for he sees that it is true to life in its appliance of eagle's flight to youth, the running to mid-age, and the walking to the older-days.

Through crisis the strength of God will bear us up, and also in our "ordinary" days and tasks, which frequently demand more than times of crisis. Only they that wait on the Lord receive this secret strength. This waiting demands the labor of faith, i.e., turning away from all worldly idols; the labor of love, i.e., serving God in all innocence and blessedness; and the labor of hope, i.e., watching and praying until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faience means, "staying under the yoke or burden." Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. It is the price of every valuable trait, the price of every worthy institution. It yields rich returns, both in individual and social life,—it spells vitality!—Yet only the very select minority sees the need of such reform and its proper solution—eternal vigilance.

Stand daily before the mirror of God's word and His Spirit, it will show the true condition of ourselves. This reflection is good, "but be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only—this man shall be blessed in his deed"—Venture forth with what you have now, as a partaker of Christ for it is the power of the spirit, itself, which sends the kingdom forward—

We must often go away for periods of quiet if we would hear the voice of God. Therein lies the source of peace and strength for every true Christian.

## WORDS THAT GIVE LIFE

by Hans Carlsen

In the sixth chapter of Isaiah we find the following verses: "And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell his people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not." Thus Isaiah was called to the ministry, for in a sense, the prophets were ministers too. Note how readily he responds: "Here am I; send me."

These are days when we are literally wrapped up in the war effort, and the question: What can I do, or what can we do to aid the war effort, is almost becoming trite. A good many people never get very far beyond the question. For it happens so often that what we are called upon to do runs counter to what we want to do. Everyone knows the popular chairman of the equally popular committee, everyone knows the national president of this or that organization, but who knows the ones who do what we so often refer to as the dirty work? The task that Isaiah was called upon to do was far from an easy one, that becomes evident as one reads the sixth and the following chapters of the book.

So in the Kingdom of God today, the tasks that its servants, whether they be preachers or lay people, are called upon to do are not going to be easy ones. Like Isaiah, we are faced with a world that hears but does not understand, that sees but does not perceive, and is consequently in just as much of a turmoil as the Israelitic nation was at the time Isaiah got this call.

Do you hear the voice: Whom shall I send, and who will go for us,—to the foreign mission field, to the home mission field? Do you readily respond: "Here am I, send me?"

## --Alumni News--

Irene Jensen, '41, has taken up work at the Scripps Metabolic Clinic, La Jolla, San Diego, California.

Barbara Hansen, '36, is now teaching at Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Helen Rolland, '42, was recently married to Jerry Lallman of Hooper, Nebraska. Mrs. Lallman has been teaching country school in Washington County.

Sgt. Harry Shadle, former commercial teacher, recently visited on the Dana campus. Sgt. Shadle is stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky. Mrs. Shadle is an industrial nurse in a defense plant in Nashville.

Sgt. Paul Larson, '41-'42, and his fiancée, Miss Beulah Jorgensen, '41-'42, visited the Dana campus a few days ago, while on furlough.

Pastor Edward A. Hansen and Shirley Bondo were united in holy wedlock at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Oct. 15, 1943.

Howard Petersen and Dean Madsen, '43, are now taking "boot training" at U.S.N.T.S., Farragut, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Clausen, Racine, Wisconsin, announce the engagement of their daughter Jean Clausen to Pvt. Lloyd Johansen, Larrimie, Wyoming.

Second Lieutenant Kermit Petersen, formerly of Sidney, Montana, is now stationed at Carlsbad Army Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

## Much Ado About Nothing

### Deer Abigail:

I sat myself down, pencil in hand, to typewrite you a letter while standing up. Pardon the pen and ink.

I don't live where I lived before, I moved where I live now. When you come to see me, you can ask anyone where I live because no one knows.

My Aunt Willie, who isn't my aunt, died and is doing nicely. Hope you are the same. Her health leaked out and the doctor gave up all hope when she died.

We are having more weather this year than we ever had before.

I am sorry we are so far together. I wish we were closer apart.

My cousin has the mumps and is having a swell time. She is near death's door and we hope that the doctor can pull her through.

I started to New York to see you, and saw a sign which said, "This takes you to New York." I got on the sign and sat there for three hours, but the darned thing wouldn't move.

I am mailing you a coat by express. I cut the buttons off to make it lighter. I put them in the pocket.

If you don't get this letter, let me know and I will mail it to you.

Our neighbor's baby swallowed some pins, but I fed her a pincushion, so everything's ok now.

I would have sent you the five dollars I owe you with this letter, but I sealed the envelope before I thought of it.

Yours truly,  
Archie  
—Scotland Courier.

### ANECDOTE

Once upon a time there lived in the Southern Kingdom of Danaville a girl whose name was Letha Petersen. Little Letha was very conscientious about her school work so it was only natural, when her biology professor announced a quiz for the next day, that she should set herself to studying said subject diligently. On into the night Little Letha faithfully studied her species, families, orders and classes, until two o'clock when she no longer could keep her eyes open. Off to bed went she and a fellow sufferer in Biology. It seems that somehow during the night her bed companion placed her hand over our little Letha's face, waking with a start, Letha let out a blood curdling cry and shouted, "Oh, please take that psuedopodia off of me!"

### GRIPE

We may not adhere too closely to Emily Post in the eating of our meals here at Dana but there is one of our faults that can very easily be corrected and I hope that this little reminder is sufficient. **If there is anything that we do at the tables that is more impolite, more distracting and more unnecessary than the reading of letters, I am not aware of it.** Generally speaking the freshmen are guilty of this rude mannerism, not because the upper classmen are more refined but because the upperclassmen have read reminders such as this before, therefore we hope that there be will no need for any further reminder in the future.

## Kenneth Petersen Is Elected Current TTSSA Prexy

By Lyle Paulsen

In a momentous twelve-party election, the Trinity Theological Seminary Student Association acclaimed Kenneth Petersen as its president for the coming year. The senior class, holding control of the majority of the votes, easily forced the election of two seniors to the honorary positions, Kenneth Petersen as president and Allan D. Hansen as vice-president. The thankless, subordinate offices that demand time and labor were thrust upon the lower classmen. John Schultz was elected secretary; Earle Duame, treasurer; and Lyle Paulsen, corresponding secretary.

## Marian Petersen Is Second Dana Alumnus In WAVES

By enlisting in the WAVES, Marian Peterson, formerly of Council Bluffs, Iowa, became the second ex-Dana student to become a member of that particular branch of service. Lyla Guyer, of Blair, Nebraska, holds the honor of being first from Dana in the WAVES. She enlisted approximately a year ago.

Miss Peterson graduated from Dana in 1936, receiving a B. A. degree in liberal arts. She was a member of the acapella choir which toured Denmark in 1935. Being quite active in the history department, she was secretary of the history club in 1933-34.

At present, Miss Peterson is stationed at Smith College in North Hampton, Mass.

## Schultz, Carlsen Are Speakers At League

"The Ultimate Turning To Christ" was the topic used by John Schultz, a middler in Trinity Seminary, when he spoke at the Luther League meeting held in the College Chapel on October 7. Rev. John Paton led in Scripture reading and prayer.

The following officers were elected for the first quarter of the school year: president, Leona Jensen; vice president, D. Florence Hanson; secretary, Persis Pedersen; and treasurer, Bill Hanson.

Dr. N. C. Carlsen chose as his topic, "Saved to Serve," when he addressed the Luther League on October 14. Curtis Jorth read the Scripture, and D. Florence Hanson sang a vocal solo, "When Jesus Walked in Galilee."

## Seminary Delivers New Talents, Sells Old Books

By Lyle Paulsen

Echoing through the halls of the "Ad" building on the afternoon of October 7th was heard the booming voice of auctioneer Kenneth Petersen. The auction was conducted to dispose of the books donated to the Trinity Seminary library by the late Rev. Eric Hansen of New York. The total of the sale was thirty-seven dollars which will be used to purchase new books for the Seminary library.

Colonel Petersen received his early training as auctioneer on his father's farm in Michigan. There Kenneth auctioned off his father's hay and grain to the cow that would give the most milk.

## From Service Men



"The army continues to be a source of real pleasure and interest to me. After I received my commission as a lieutenant in the Field Artillery last May, I have been stationed at Camp Roberts, California, in rather the most barren part of the state. It really is terrific out here, hotter than Dante's Inferno. And that's pretty warm.

"Right now—as in the past four months—I have been trying all the angles for assignment to a combat theater. But the ways of the War Department are truly mysterious. I still have hopes as I certainly don't relish being so safe while better men than I are doing all the work over there. I have hopes of setting foot on German soil—and from their actions in Denmark and all the other countries, the conquering heel would not be too difficult to apply. I really wonder if there are any good Germans....

"Still the Army has many advantages for enterprising youngsters. I like the long nights we spend in the field—crawling into a sleeping bag and staring up at cloudless skies—or sweating and shouting on the drill field. It always reminds me of my football days, giving drill and calisthenics by the hours. And then there's that tremendous surge of pride at Retreat parades when you pass the regimental commander with a united body of marching men. The pageantry and ceremony of the Army are certainly inspiring—you can feel the little tremors of patriotism shiver up and down your back as the band plays the national anthem. And then too we have chapel services on Sundays—another occasion when men in uniform feel bound closely together not only by national spirit but also the Christian spirit. There are so many emotions that you feel in the Army beyond the ken of those not in the service...."

A former student,

Lt. Ted Repsholdt 0-1182233,  
Btry. A-56th F. A. Bn., 12th Reg't,  
Camp Roberts, California,  
U. S. Army.

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"Thanks for your letters. I like to hear the news from the Hill. The HERMES plus your letters gave me a complete picture of what is happening there. I am really in the saddle here with twice as many class hours a week as I had at Dana. We cover a lot of material in a short time. I had often wondered what it would be like to concentrate upon a certain course rather than to take a number of different subjects and study them over a longer period of time. I think this is more productive of results. Of course at Dana one learns much that is important besides his courses, which is neglected here. This is going to get tiresome later on.

"I suppose you have a vague idea of what I am learning. I will try to enlighten you. Weather forecasting is based upon the fact that weather moves in a certain general direction at a certain speed. It usually enters the U. S. from the northwest, moves down across the states in a southwest direction until it gets to the center. Then it curves north again and moves in a northeasterly direction, leaving the country by way of New Jersey and vicinity. A forecast is based upon a great number of weather reports gathered from all over the country and Canada. Thus the forecaster has a pretty good picture of the weather and by noting tendencies and the normal course he can pretty accurately tell what the weather is going to be in a certain locality in the next few hours. That is the general idea with some variations...."

Alton V. Neve S 2/c  
Class 45 N.A.S. (% A.S.T.U.)  
Lakehurst, New Jersey.

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"So, despite rumors and in the midst of rumors, Dana is once again rolling on her way through another—and her sixtieth—school year. First we were told that Dana wouldn't open, then we were told that plans were to close up because of only seventy-five students. When I read the letter, my blood boiled. If some of these people who are so ready to throw their hands in the air and say quit would realize that in times like these a student body of seventy-five, with no Navy V—this or that tonic, is just plenty good, we wouldn't hear all these defeatist rumors.

If Dana closes, that will be just one less thing to live for. All these nostalgic advertisements that flood the magazines of today touch a soft spot with those of us who are in the service. Yes, we want things just as they were when we left—once we return. That is, we want the good things to be there—we can do nicely without some of the seamy things in our American scene. Dana is one of those good things in the life of those of us who knew her in the pre-war years. "She must stand firm, she must go on...."

"I know it must be rather disheartening to be a student in times like these. But it's quite disheartening to be most anything. We think of you back there on college hill as holding the fort so that there will be a going college awaiting us when we return. We, too, hope that that day will not be far distant. Often I wonder in which of the future Septembers I'll see again the silhouette of Old Main against a late summer sunset.

"This is the first western autumn I've known for four years and it does seem good to see blue, pine-clad mountains through the haze of smoke from forest fires, see the sun in a semi-overcast sky, and see leaves turning brown or at best a golden yellow. There's something leisurely and slow-moving about our autumns out here—something not unlike the music of Handel's LARGO. But I can't forget the lavish autumns of the Midwest. Fitting music for those flaming landscapes would be a Hungarian Rhapsody.

"And there are the bull sessions innumerable... some lasting until the wee hours of the morning. There's the sound of someone practicing on a piano in Old Main. The library door still slams (doesn't it?). I suppose screaming fannies are still shown the way to the roof of Old Main to see what part of the world in Nebraska they've come to. Then there's the church parade on Sunday morning... and the groups of singing students returning from Vespers in the evening...."

—Second Lt. Norman Bansen.

## Missionary Jacobsen Tells of Experiences In Sudan Mission Field

Numan, Nigeria  
July 30, 1943

I thought perhaps you might enjoy receiving a letter from the midst of Africa among the native Sudanese people. Although it has been my goal to reach here, now that I'm here sometimes it seems only a dream.

In many things I was surprised at the niceness of things—the houses of most of the people are European style (as we say) like our houses, except of mud walls and usually thatched roofs. However, the mission has been gradually replacing the roofs with corrugated iron. Too, with furniture from home, one could easily imagine one was back home. Yet I know it hasn't always been such; the pioneer worker had round huts like natives with little furniture.

Too, regarding food, we usually are able to obtain what we are accustomed—potatoes, white flour, and so on. Lately, with vegetables grown in the gardens here, we are able to get perishable things, too. Numan is fortunate to be free of the tsetse fly, and so fresh milk, cream, and butter are quite plentiful. Especially now in the rainy season is the milk rich. Normally, one can have almost anything in cans, or tins which one might even obtain through the trading companies established all over the West Coast.

Of course, some things remind us we are not home; when water must be boiled and filtered, quinine, and sleeping at night under mosquito netting are necessary. Sometimes cooking isn't the easiest thing and so it goes. It is almost entirely "picnic" life at times. With no hotels, one must take everything along he will need for traveling and it can be quite a bit before one is finished.

So far I haven't had much of that kind of experience here. Even though it took me longer than usual to come here via a round about route of South Africa first, and then too far west on the West Coast, still things were arranged for me all the way—even the train trip from Lagos to Jos had a dining car. And from Jos to Numan, I came in our mission station wagon, with other missionaries.

But I've been here in Numan five months now, mainly studying the language—Housa. Lately, in order to get practice in speaking the language, I also help a little in both the boys' and girls' school—I've been teaching music also help a little in both the boys' and girls' school—only a little and that mostly with the girls. So they have enjoyed it immensely—for they are musical in their way. I have noticed their music isn't exactly like ours—some tones are difficult for them and always the half tone is hard for them. But they are musical—and I too enjoy teaching them. It is a start for me.

—Helen Margaret Jacobsen.

## Lt. Walter Lyche Recent Visitor On Campus

A recent visitor on the Dana campus was Lt. Walter Lyche from Livermore, California. Lt. Lyche is a former Dana physics professor and at present is on leave of absence, teaching physics courses in the navy.

The former Dana professor appeared at the American Scandinavian Foundation meeting on Friday, September 24, at which time he gave a talk about some of his experiences in the navy. Lt. Lyche was enroute to Kansas City, Missouri, where he attended to official business.

Traveling by plane back to California, he found the trip rather interesting in that Wendell Willkie was on the same plane.

## Student Body to Write To Service-Men; Vote for DANIAN

Various topics were discussed at the regular monthly student body meeting, Thursday, October 21, 1943.

Probably the most important move was that which concerned the publication of a DANIAN. After Ronald Jensen made a report on the possibilities of a publication, the student body voted to publish a DANIAN this year at the subscription price of two and one-half dollars. By this move, the DANIAN editor, Ronald Jensen, was given full authority to go ahead with the work on the annual.

At this meeting the student body also voted to have a clean up day before Homecoming; the students were out on the lawn the same afternoon, doing their bit to straighten up the campus.

The students also voted to write letters to servicemen and that the chairman should appoint one person to handle the work.

## Miss Christensen Suffers Attack Of Appendicitis

Miss Elisabeth Christensen, freshman from Blair, Nebraska, underwent an appendectomy at the Blair Hospital on Friday night, October 8.

Suffering an attack at the all-school picnic, Elisabeth was taken home and was operated the same night.

On behalf of the student body and faculty, the HERMES staff extends to Elisabeth its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## Mrs. Bruce Melvin Addresses First ASF Meeting

The Dana Chapter of the American Scandinavian foundation held its first meeting Friday evening, September 24, at the Girls' Reception Room. Election of officers were as follows: Dr. H. F. Swanson, president; Ronald Jensen, vice-president; Mildred Romer, secretary; and Curtis Jorth, treasurer.

Mrs. Bruce Melvin gave a talk on her gratitude for her Danish heritage. Ronald Jensen and Mildred Romer presented musical numbers. After refreshments had been served, Walter Lyche, former mathematics and physics instructor at Dana, told about his work in the Navy.

The tentative date for the next meeting is November 5. Scandinavian music and a few speeches featuring Danish culture will again be presented.

## Fall Mission Meetings At First Lutheran, October 21—23

With Rev. Alvin Petersen of Lincoln, Nebraska, as guest speaker, mission meetings will be held in the First Lutheran Church in Blair, October 28 to 31.

Following the opening meeting on Thursday evening, a fellowship hour will be held in the church parlors. This hour is to be under the sponsorship of the Lutheran Brotherhood, and refreshments will be served. The second meeting of the series will be held on Friday evening.

Highlight of the meetings will be the Harvest Festival services on Sunday morning, at which time the annual harvest thank-offering will be laid on the altar.

Miss Agnes Larsen will present an organ recital on Sunday afternoon. At this time, also, the service men's roll of the church is to be dedicated.

Rev. Petersen will deliver his closing address Sunday evening.

## Students Go All Out For Local League Social Reception

Luther Leaguers of the local church entertained the students of Dana College and Trinity Seminary Wednesday evening, September 29.

With Edwin Svendsen, senior seminarian, as speaker, a short program was held in the church proper at 8:30 P.M. Miss Agnes Larsen, member of the Blair League, played an organ solo and several hymns were sung.

Following the program, the group retired to the church parlors for a social hour and refreshments. Included in the evening's entertainment were musical games, relays, calisthenics, debates, and group singing.

The entertaining of the college students by the local league has become an annual event, this being the fourth consecutive year that such a program has been held.

## Venetian Blinds Pale Before Seminary Student Hanging

By Lyle Paulsen

The age of lynching parties is not past. Quietly, efficiently, a double hanging took place promptly at 4:35 P.M. in the Seminary classroom in the old "Ad" building. Two pale blind venetians were the unfortunate ones. They can still be seen dangling in the two east windows of the classroom.

These modern venetian blinds, donated by the '42-'43 Trinity Theological Seminary Students' Association greatly aid in the lighting efficiency and the attractive appearance of the room.

## Ex Dana President Chosen to Head Illinois College

Dr. Erland Nelson, former president of Dana College, has been elected to the presidency of Carthage College in Illinois.

Dr. Nelson served as administrative head of Dana for a period of seven years in the thirties. More recently he has been instructor and personnel director at Newberry College, S.C.

In his new position, Dr. Nelson succeeds Dr. R. G. Schultz.

### Students Tramp to Picnic Grounds

Promptly at 4:15 Friday afternoon, October 8, Dana and Trinity students and faculty members gathered on the campus preparing to leave for the first school picnic of the year. The hike out to the picnic grounds, southwest of the school, proved to be somewhat of an obstacle course—tramping through cornfields, crawling under fences, and scrambling up and down the banks of the gully. After a hike of some length the group reached an open clearing which was the picnic grounds. Permission for the use of the grounds had been gained from the owner.

The first thing on the program was the picnic supper. After supper games were played until nightfall. Then everyone contributed to the large campfire, which was built in the gully, by gathering wood. A short program was presented after which everyone, seated about the campfire, joined in group singing. Hymns were sung by all in closing.

### Luther League Hears Rev. Peterson Talk on "Assurance"

"When we look for assurance, we look not towards our sins but for forgiveness," said Rev. Alvin Petersen in his talk on "Christian Assurance" given at the Luther League meeting, Wednesday evening, October 20. In reference to assurance, Rev. Petersen divided people into the following classes: those who have no assurance, those who are children of God but do not know that they are, those who are the children of God and know that they are, and those who are not the children of God but seem to think they are. Assurance does not depend on our feelings and emotions, on what others say, or on our thoughts. Assurance depends rather on God and our willingness to come the full way to Him and to live in close communion with Him.

Also included in the League program that evening were a piano solo by Lillian Hansen and Scripture Reading and prayer led by Margaret Mortensen.



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### Speed Up Educational Program Not Good For Peacetime

A. C. P.

Since the beginning of the accelerated war program of education throughout the country, there has been some speculation as to its merits during peacetime. Many educators believe that after the war we should continue to crowd four years of college education into 32 months and thus give men an earlier part in industry and business. Again, it would give those who wish to do graduate work a chance to go further before having to start work. This would produce, according to those who advocate the accelerated program, a greater number of men and women with higher degrees.

To decide such a question, however, it is first necessary to review the effect of our present sped-up program. Has it at Tech, for example, promoted the cause of technical education or has it resulted in an indifference to studies and a relaxing of interest?

Tech began the war-time program in the spring of '42, being one of the first schools in the country to do so. Our administration foresaw the responsibilities it had to shoulder and took immediate steps to prepare for the change. Until summer came, though, the change was unnoticeable. But, when it came, it was apparent not only to the faculty but also to the students. Interest dropped, and with the drop in interest appeared a new restlessness among students. The Tech's high standards naturally helped to forestall a dangerous let-down at this time, but grades were dropping. Speculation had it that school would "pick up" with winter and that studying would resume its previous tempo.

Such was not the case. Probably it might have been if students had been given a definite status in regard to the draft. Months of confusion followed until the ERC was called and the Navy announced its program this spring.

At last things could return to normal. But they didn't. The students who were still here had been in school since September, 1941, and were sick of books. "Back to normal" was an impossibility. Under Army and Navy influences, the servicemen at Tech are doing some studying. Our civilians had one month's vacation and so they too have picked up in interest. But we are far from that degree of efficiency in studying that once prevailed at Tech.

Tech's experience shows that education cannot be hurried and still be thorough. Those months during the summer when students usually get jobs back home have a balancing effect. Here the student can apply what has been learned and will come back ready for more. Studies become interesting instead of a grind. The basic reason behind our scholastic troubles is monotony.

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### Churches from Avoca, Atlantic Erase Debts

Two recent graduates of Trinity seminary a short time ago conducted festivities at which the debts of their congregations were erased.

Rev. Thorvald Hansen's congregation from Avoca, Iowa, erased its nine-hundred dollar debt on Sept. 26, 1943, at which time a harvest festival was held. The entire debt was taken care of on that day.

On Oct. 10, 1943, Rev. Carl Wildrick's congregation at Atlantic, Iowa, also held special festivities. At this occasion, the church's twenty-seven hundred dollar mortgage was burned.

### Readers Are Urged To Send in Addresses Of Service-Men

By Stanley Carlsen

Again the Hermes staff wishes to ask the cooperation of our readers in regard to our mailing list.

We are again mailing the Hermes free of charge to former Dana and Trinity students who are now in the armed services. If any of you readers know of any change in address of any of these people, please send the information to Homer Larsen, circulation manager.

We would appreciate your whole-hearted cooperation in this matter and we believe the service-men do also. Thank you!

### New Game To Be Tried During Homecoming—Six-Man Football

Tomorrow afternoon at about two-thirty P.M. the student body, alumni and visitors will be introduced to a new invocation on the Dana campus—six man football. Due to the lack of material for an eleven man team, a shortage of competition and the curtailment of travel, this sport has been adopted in an effort to substitute for the traditional Homecoming game.

The opponent, Luther College, is in much the same straits as Dana. However, so far as the Dana players are concerned none of the old "college try" will be lacking.

Under the direction of John Schultz and Bill Hanson, the boys have been practicing three times a week in preparation for the game.

Although only two of the eight men on the squad have played any football before, through practice a team, which will give a satisfactory account of itself, has been developed.

The team, as a whole, averages approximately 165 pounds and is fast enough so that the game will definitely be interesting.

The squad is as follows:

#### BACKS:

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### Dana Softball Team Trounces the Local Coast Guard

By Bill Hanson

Thanks to some awfully efficient pitching by John Schultz and "Babe Ruth-ish" hitting by Ronny Jensen, Ray Hansen and Curt Jorth a team of Dana kittenball players literally "swamped" a group of Coast Guards, that are stationed in Blair, by a score of 18 to 5.

Dana opened the ball game by swiping five runs in the first inning, thus giving themselves a lead which they did not relinquish.

The aforementioned "chucking" by Schultz was probably the main factor in the lopsidedness of the final score. Using much of the skill that has always characterized his mound chores here on the "hill", Schultz, for the most part, had the opposition eating out of his hand and he was very stingy as far as their diet of base hits was concerned.

The Coast Guards were somewhat older and much more out of practice, facts which undoubtedly had a bearing on the final score. Their play, however, was also sparkling in spots. The most impressive players on the Coast Guard squad were their short stop and second baseman, as flashy a keystone combination as has been on the campus for quite some time.

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