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Cantata, Play, Highlight Christmas Festivities

150 Sing In Chorus; Drama Given By History Club

Christmas festivities at Dana College reached their peak Sunday night, December 19, when Bach's cantata, "For Us A Child Is Born," and a Christmas play, "The Effect of Caroling" by Regnis P. Drawde, were presented in the auditorium-gymnasium at 8 o'clock.

Under the direction of Professor Paul Neve, Bach's cantata and the "Halleluia Chorus" from the "Messiah," were presented by a chorus of approximately 150 voices, with Lola Larsen accompanying at the piano, and Agnes Larsen at the organ. The chorus was composed of the members of the Dana College choir, the Blair High School mixed chorus, and other students of Dana and Trinity, and local people who wished to participate. Soloists in the cantata were Mildred Romer, soprano, Florence Hanson, contralto, and Leonard Andersen, bass.

The Christmas play, "The Effect of Caroling," was given by the Dana History Club, under the direction of Dr. H. F. Swanson. The play showed how the Christmas caroling of a group of young people brought joy and the true Christmas spirit into many homes. The leading roles in the play, a young boy and girl, were played by Gladys Lynge and Norman Jensen. Other characters included Homer Larsen, father; Deloris Hansen, mother; Ted Larsen, landlord; Don Christensen, first man; Gerald Hatt, second man; Ronald Jensen, man; and Lillian Hansen, wife.

Lela Nielsen Finds Negro Concerned About White Men

One Saturday I was in the Auditorium getting ready for Sunday school. The darkie janitor was there. When he saw I was getting ready for Sunday school, he said, "Ma'am, are you Miss Nielsen?" "I am." "I am so happy to know you, Miss Nielsen; I've read about your work in the paper and I've found some of the circulars you have sent around announcing your Sunday school and church. Could you give me about 25 of those circulars, because I know some white folks that should be going and I'll give them one of your circulars." I was glad to grant his request.

Lela Nielsen.

Ed. note: Miss Nielsen graduated from Dana in 1943. She is now a mission worker in So. Carolina.

Party Held in Gym; Blair Leaguers Are Guests

Entertaining the Luther League of the First Lutheran Church of Blair, the college Luther League had a Christmas party and program at the college gymnasium December 16, at 7:30 P. M.

The highlight of the program was the exhibition of the slides showing famous art paintings of the nativity. During the showing of the various Christmas scenes, subdued organ music was played by Paul Neve and readings were given by Eunice Carlsson and Lillian Hansen. William Thompsen explained several pictures, pointing out especially the contrast between light and darkness and the spiritual significance of the effects. Christmas carols were sung by a mixed

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Eminent Violinist Well Received At Dana

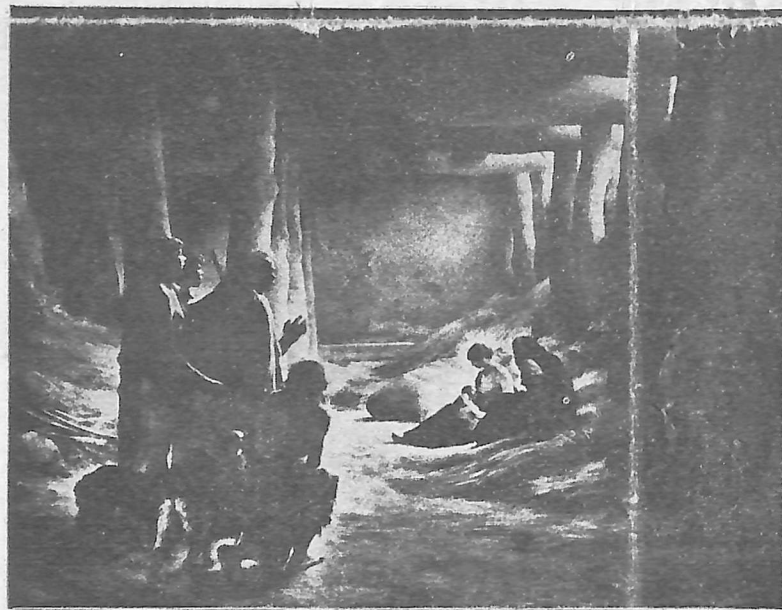
By Paul Neve

The eminent violinist, Robert Elliot, brought a touch of fine art to the Dana campus when he presented his concert Friday evening, December 3.

He displayed an outstanding technical mastery of the violin in the execution of his program. Especially delightful was the brilliant "Concerto in D Major" of Mozart with its difficult cadenzas, which was rendered superbly. Also we cannot forget the tender manner in which the strains of Schubert's "Ave Marie" filled the chapel.

At the piano, Charles Granville won the admiration of the audience by his calm, artistic performance. He very ably assisted Mr. Elliot.

THE ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS



The Christmas Gospel

"Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to enrol themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

Rev. R. E. Morton Is Elected To Presidency Of College

Possible Dana Head



Rev. Richard E. Morton

Is Pastor Of Church In Chicago, Prexy Of School Board

Rev. Richard E. Morton, Chicago, Illinois, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the office of presidency of Dana College, which vacancy will be created when Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck moves to his new charge in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at the end of the first semester. The Board of Trustees of Dana College, and the Church Council met in joint session on December 9 to choose the candidate. If he accepts the call which has been tendered him, Rev. Morton will probably take over his new duties in the early part of March.

Having taken his first two years of college training at Dana, Rev. Morton received his Bachelor of Arts degree for the University of Minnesota. He then returned to the Dana campus to take his three years of theological training at Trinity Seminary, and was ordained in the spring of 1934. Rev. Morton has also taken graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Rev. Morton's first charge was in Poy Sippi, Wisconsin. From there he was called to Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Chicago, which he is serving at the present time.

Rev. Morton has been chairman of the Board of Trustees of Dana College, during the current year.

FLASH! As this paper goes to press, we learn that Rev. Morton has accepted the call.

Clifford Hansen Talks on 'Dana as a Mission' at L. L. Meeting

"Dana is the most important mission which our Synod has." This was the keynote of the talk given by senior seminarian Clifford Hansen when he addressed the Luther League, December 8, on the subject, "Dana College As A Mission."

Two important functions of Dana are to prepare men and women to become preachers and lay workers in the congregations of the synod, and to bring the Word to students who have not yet found assurance. Dana, then, brings Christ to the students who, in turn, bring Christ to the world. Without Dana, the other missions of the synod would be apt to die or to become absorbed by other institutions. Students of Dana can support her with good words, with prayers, and by urging friends to come to Dana. "We should have a correct attitude, as students, to our studies, and, as Christians, to our devotional life."

Delores Hansen played a piano solo at this meeting.

Record of Dickens' Play Is Heard By Students

A Victor record of the well-known Christmas play, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was played in the Ladies' Reception Room, Sunday, December 19.

This record is one of several Victor records which the college has recently purchased and placed in the musical library.

For a time, it was the tradition of the History Club at Dana to present the Dickens' play, "A Christmas Carol," sometime during the Christmas season. In the past couple of years, a different type of Christmas play has been presented by Dana dramatists.

Those who have seen or heard the "Christmas Carol" are acquainted with the spirit which it represents. The main character—old, hard-hearted Scrooge—has been living his life selfishly for the purpose of his own self-preservation. He sees no joy in life and has a special curse upon the celebration of Christmas. With the supernatural aid of ghosts who haunt him, he finally gives in and sees the true Christmas, forgets his past, and begins to proclaim Christmas joy in a generous manner.

SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS

Dec. 21: Christmas Vacation begins!

Jan. 3: Christmas Vacation ends.

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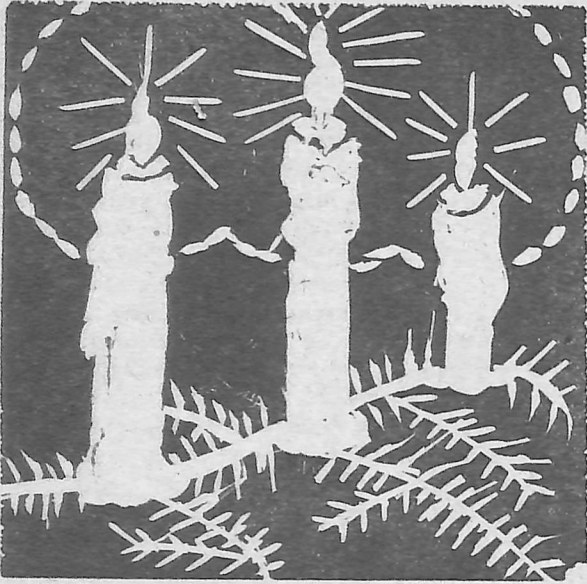
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Editors Speak

SOON WE WILL CELEBRATE

the third Christmas since the beginning of this war. Perhaps sometimes we put too much stress on the "celebrating" aspect of the birth of our Savior.

There are so many outward forms of rejoicing that it seems that they sometimes tend to be encumbrances to an inner joy—peace in the heart. Perhaps the stress of a war-weary world will lead some to see more the sacredness of Christmas. Perhaps there is more praying this year that the joy of the Yule season might come into the hearts of men.

During this season one looks to the promising words: "... on earth peace, good will toward men." To those who have not experienced the reality of sin and the joy of forgiveness, those words may seem to smack of irony. However, a Christian realizes that regardless of the great love of God, he is not a compromising God—therefore we do not have "peace on earth." Although a God of love, he extends his stern arm of Justice and inflicts punishment for the sins of the nations and individuals—for their selfishness and self-sufficiency.

Let this Christmas be a season in which we pray especially that Christ might come into the sinful hearts of men. That that first Christmas gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ might find its way into the souls of men.

Let it be a time when we pray that peace might soon be here. Let us be concerned about those who are suffering, those who are facing disaster and death on the battlefield, those homes which have been shattered and sadly ruined. Pray for them! Let the joy of Christmas console them in their tribulations.

Let this season be a time when we examine our hearts. Are we everyday living the Christ-like life or do we live on momentary inspirations and sensations such as appear during Christmas, and Easter? Let the spirit of Christ be born anew not only during this season, but in our hearts every day.

With these words in mind we wish to express to the Students and Faculties of this school, a joyful and blessed Christmas. To those student who have gone from these halls into the armed services, may the peace and joy of Christmas be near you during this season.

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord." S.C.

Let's Get Acquainted

Campus Personalities



Tall
Blond
Norsk

Super
Greek
Scholar

Reviewing Dana's seniors, we came face to face with one, by name Oscar Johnson, (Norwegian—'son, not 'sen—just like his roommate Bill Hanson—not 'sen) from Wolbach (way back west in Nebraska). He's twenty-three years old and a genuine Scandinavian blond.

Oscar came to Dana during the depression years when money wasn't as plentiful as it is now. He worked on the Dana College farm for a year to gain wherewithal for a college education. Then after two years at Dana, he joined the 1941 California "Gold Rush" and obtained employment in an airplane factory.

After a year and a half in the airplane factory, his wings were long enough to return to Nebraska, and he landed at Dana. He returned via the draft board. Oscar told us they just gave him a sympathetic smile. He has four brothers and two sisters, with two brothers and a sister in the army.

He was president of the College Luther League this fall. Oscar is planning on the ministry and tentatively plans on taking his first year of seminary away at another seminary.

He admits his greatest mistake in life is rooming with Bill Hanson. His next greatest mistake is taking Greek. He is at present compounding a rule in Greek grammar which allows no exceptions.

Chapel Cleanings

A young man ran to Jesus. "What must I do to inherit eternal life? Christ looked on him, and loved him. First, Jesus reviewed and reminded him of the commandments; secondly, He demanded: "Go sell all and follow me, then shalt thou have treasure in heaven."

The young man went away sorrowful. How pathetic! He had found the solution but wasn't willing. Isn't inheritance a gift? What can we do but come, receive, and go with it? It is 100% or the Despair Road; Either—or! Christ narrows life down to surrender. Small decisions are the vein of great lives! Will you sell out???

Christ said, "I am the way." He is the highway to a better land. We individuals are builders. What kind of paths will those coming after us find? Do our life-roads bear the markers of the king? Do they guide souls to the DOOR?

Jesus was the first and greatest psychiatrist; not that He wants to be called by so poor a title. He replaces the old passions and disorders in men by appealing to something higher. Note how he called Judas, "friend;" and to Peter "lovest thou me." This He did rather than probing to the bottom of their mind to dig out cold confessions.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." Christ emphasizes the positive, active side of this truth. Christians will use their actions to win others. We must behave differently than the world, for words win little. "Watch, therefore, how ye walk," that with deeds of love, though small, we may further greatly the cause of God's Kingdom.

God's Basketball Court

Paul's words, "Seeing we are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses" mean to some that the Saints of old form this lofty cloud, looking into the arena to see what sort of players are now running the course. With this in mind, we can feel the urgency of Paul's pleading to lay aside every weight (the loose garments and superfluous flesh that hinder our spiritual running) and the sins that so easily beset us.

This would not be sufficient if we did not know which was the basket of good and which one evil. God has marked it plainly—one is black, the other white. He has given us a master coach who has played life's game. He is able to succor us in that He himself suffered being tempted.

While we know that the devil is a "dead-shot," we know also that our great Coach can play for us, tying the score, giving us a "period of refreshment" that we may continue again on the floor of decision. But beware; we know not when the final whistle (trumpet) shall sound; we know not when the great gym-keeper may turn out the light and close the game for us. "Watch, therefore carefully how ye walk!"

Curtis Jorth

--Alumni News--

Lt. and Mrs. Walter Lyche have recently had an addition to their family—a 6¾ lb. boy, named Jonathan Robert. Lieutenant Lyche is a former Dana Physics professor who is on leave of absence while serving as an instructor in the navy. It is interesting to note that their first boy was named David, so now Lt. Lyche and his wife have David and Jonathan in their family—a rather interesting combination.

At the national Luther League Convention which will be held at Dana in February, eight former Dana and Trinity students will be featured as speakers or forum leaders. They are Rev. N. B. Hansen, National Luther League president, Rev. Erhardt Nielsen, Rev. Andrew P. Staby, Rev. Carl Wildrick, Dr. C. B. Larsen, Anker Jensen, and Rev. Alfred Jensen, who will be the main speaker.

A recent visitor on the Dana campus was Lt. Clarence Petersen, who just returned from the Hawaiian Islands, and has been assigned to a new field.

Two men who have recently been shipped overseas are Pvt. Arthur Welch and Lt. Luther B. Keay.

WORDS THAT GIVE LIFE

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

The Christmas season is close at hand. Christians in all lands will commemorate the coming of Jesus Christ as a babe, upon this earth. I need not relate the story of the coming of Christ. We will hear it again on Christmas Eve as we are gathered around the Home Altar, casting sidewise glances at the small packages of love placed under the festival tree, and looking toward the One from Whom cometh the greatest of all gifts. We thank Thee, God, for the gift.

Still, there are many who have ignored the gift entirely. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." As I look upon the painting of Hunt portraying Christ knocking on the closed door, I see a weary soul on the other side. "My Redeemer! He has come again! I will open this time. I can not bear to have Him leave this time, too. I will open—no, not yet. I must brighten up my habitation first. Roll up the shade (selfishness), there is an entangling cobweb (gossip), set aside the footstool (pride)," Funny, isn't it, how messy things appear all of a sudden. . . .

Dear Reader, the book of Revelation relates to us, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." The picture drawn by Hunt shows no knob on the door. The knob is on our side of the door and not on the side where Christ is standing. Christ is willing to help clean house. If we let Him wait while we clean the habitation of our soul, we will find that we have an endless task. Let us open the door while He is still there.

Christmas is a wonderful season. It is a season of joy to those who have opened the door. A wonderful gift would be to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God" through the admittance of Christ into our hearts.

Ole Larsen.

Christmas

By Margaret Jensen

Above the noise and clamor of our modern way of life And through the shout and tumult of the devastating strife,

A quiet thought comes from on high, an often-heard refrain

The age-old song of "Glory to God, and peace on earth to men."

What is it in this season that can make our hearts rejoice?

Is it gifts, and trees, and songs, and laughs, and merry girls and boys?

Is it parties gay, and revelings, and old friends met again?

Or is it that God gave His Son to show His love toward men?

Alas, too often we forget the message Christmas brings

We say, "There is none of that peace of which the angel sings.

"There's too much war, there's too much strife, we cannot see the way,

"We haven't got a moment now to think of Christmas Day."

But then the quiet thought of peace comes to our hearts once more:

"God triumphs over every wrong, He'll triumph over war."

And then our hearts again are glad as we sing the old refrain,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth be peace toward men!"

Donations Are Main Source of Library Book Additions

By Lillian Hansen

The Dana College Library is an ever-growing institution. During the past ten years, the number of books in the library has been almost doubled, having increased from 4,964 books in 1933 to 8,860 books at the present. Many of these books have been gifts of individuals, groups, or clubs. One hundred and fifty-seven books have been added to the library since the beginning of this school year.

Dr. C. X. Hansen's family gave to the library committee in the school year of 1941-1942 the permission to keep all of Dr. Hansen's books which they considered of value to the library. Ninety-nine books were selected.

The Historical Society of Dana began the practice of giving books to the library in 1937-1938 and gave four books that year. Nineteen thirty-nine was the first year in which a graduating class gave books as their gift. Miss Lilah Johnson gave a cash donation in the year 1939-1940, which money was used for the purchase of the "Americana Encyclopedia." This year, the Chicago Dana Club gave their first gift to the library, and the Minneapolis Dana Club gave their first gift of books last year.

During the school year of 1936-1937, 646 books were added to the library, which is the most books which have been added in any one year. This year, the college received 218 bound Congressional Records from the Government.

Layman Expresses His Concern; Interested In Dana College

Dear Pastor Jensen:

The importance of our school with regard to the future of our synod has yet to be discovered by the majority of our people. I do certainly not believe that "all eyes are upon Blair these days." I wish they were.

Your exclamation: "We look to Dana College and Trinity Seminary to turn out Christian commanders" gave me something to reflect upon. I was indeed made to see things that I had not seen before.

For years I have been reading about the school as about something that did not really concern me. That place was so far, far away. How could I possibly have any interest whatsoever in the life and work there?

I have, however, been given a new outlook in this matter, and I cannot but hope that many of our people may experience something similar.

After all, it is from that school of ours we get the pastors for our congregations everywhere. They are the leaders, and they will to some extent influence the future of our synod. That very fact speaks for itself, and it calls for our full attention. The school is our concern, wherever we are.

It ought therefore to be of interest to anyone inside our church when new leaders for Dana and Trinity have to be chosen. You ask us in A. L. to give the matter "prayerful consideration." The future of our synod is asking us for that too.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letter was written to Rev. John M. Jensen, Editor of THE ANSGAR LUTHERAN and published in that paper.

From Service Men

3rd Co. 4th Tng. Regt. ASTP
Fort Benning, Georgia



"... Well, Christmas is approaching, but I find it to be coming out of season here if I just consider the weather. Usually in Iowa we have snow and cold weather at this time of the year, but here it is warm, and there is an occasional rain. Just for an example of the temperature, we took off our shirts during physical training and we were still warm. It does get considerably colder here at night.

I imagine my address is rather confusing. The significance of the abbreviations are: 3rd Co. (third company) 4th Tng. Regt. (fourth training regiment) ASTP (Army Specialized training program). Fort Benning is about the only camp that has a group of trainees who are eligible for the ASTP who have passed the pre-induction test that was given last April.

"... I am taking the ordinary infantry basic so in 13 weeks I will know how it would be to be in the infantry. A part of our training is hikes and bivouacs in the wide open spaces. To prepare us for the coming 15 or 220 mile hikes with field packs on our back, they have been taking us on short hikes. Saturday we went on a five mile hike with a combat pack and a rifle. The trail we followed through the pine trees was sandy like the area around the barracks.

As yet most of my training has consisted of drill and lectures on chemical warfare, military sanitation and diseases, and interior guard duty. Although gases have not been used yet, they have been teaching us about the ways of spreading it and the ways of protecting one against it. In about ten weeks I will march out into the surrounding area for a weeks training staying in tents and having combat facilities.

My mother sent me one of the recent issues of the Ansgar Lutheran; and today while I was reading it, I saw a list of Lutheran Service Center addresses. I was surprised to see that one was located at Columbus, Georgia, which is the nearest city. I hope I will have a chance to visit it some time. The Chaplain, who conducts the Protestant services in one of the buildings in my area, has a small collapsible organ.

"... I am taking the ordinary infantry basic so in 13 weeks I imagine your Christmas vacation will soon start. I will get Saturday and Sunday off. I hope I will get a furlough at the end of my basic. I was lucky enough to get home Thanksgiving Day although I did report to Camp Dodge the 13 of November.

Merry Christmas,

Pvt. Earl Madsen 17197232
3rd Co., 4th Tng. Rgt., ASTP
Fort Benning, Georgia

A Christmas Prayer

By Margaret Mortensen

Christ was born on Christmas day,
His bed a stable bare,
Nestled in the manger hay
Was laid this child fair.

"Glory to God" the angels sang,
The song was loud and clear.
"Peace on earth" the chorus rang
And men were free from fear.

Once again it's Christmastide
Now battles rage and roar.
Pain and dread in men abide—
And hate, because of war.

Children yearn for home and lore,
And anguish fills each breast.
Fields are smeared with blood and gore
As men have gone to rest.

Peace on earth he came to bring—
Where is that peace today?
Fear in every heart doth cling
And sorrow holds its sway.

Lord, we come on bended knee
We realize full our guilt
With heavy hearts we plead to Thee,
To lead us as Thou wilt.

God forgive our sinful ways
And grant that wars may cease.
Fill our hearts this Christmas day
With Thine eternal peace.

Christmas Poems

This issue of the HERMES includes three Christmas poems. They are contributions from the Freshman English class, which is taught by Dr. H. F. Swanson.

Hyle Thought

By Norman Jensen

Awake, ye Christians! Salute the happy morn
On which the Savior of the world was born!—
Arise, to praise his grace and love
Which God has giv'n us from above.

Wrapt in swaddling clothes, the Babe divine,
Born in a manger—with radiance sublime.
Son of Mary, our Savior in his manger laid
While Joseph and the shepherds prayed.

The shepherds saw, and went about the earth
To bring the tidings of our Savior's birth.
Then to their flocks, still praising God, returned—
Their glad hearts still within them burned.

Let us, like these good shepherds, then, employ
Our earthly voices to proclaim the joy:
And let us praise and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind.

New Victor Records Are Purchased

Several new Victor records have recently been purchased by Dana College. These will be placed in the musical library of records.

Those records which have recently been bought are:

Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Sibelius
Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Dvorak
Scherezade, Rimsky-Korsakov
Symphony No. 6, Shostakovich
A Christmas Carol, Dickens.

ACP Correspondent Sees Nazis Relation To Scandinavians

DETROIT, MICHIGAN (ACP) The Nazis' capricious treatment of the Scandinavians, fluctuating between extreme cruelty and comparative leniency, was explained recently by Dr. George Lechler, assistant professor of history at Wayne University.

Permeated with the doctrine of "Nordic supremacy" as expounded by Nazi anthropologists, followers of the party inevitably harbor a feeling of inferiority towards the Scandinavians, Dr. Lechler said, since the Danes, Swedes and Norwegians represent the purest Nordic strain to be found anywhere in the world—purer, even the Nazis are forced to admit, than that of the Germans themselves. In the opening days of the war, he continued, the Germans fully expected their Norse "brothers" to welcome them with open arms. Their reaction, when faced with Norwegian resistance, was one of bewilderment which found expression in alternating attempts to placate, and failing that, to beat into submission the Nordics who dare oppose them. Such use of force, the professor pointed out, is a concrete expression of the Nazi policy: "If you don't accept me as your brother, I will smash your skull."

The history of the Scandinavians, Dr. Lechler explained, further explodes the Nazi "pure race" theory. "The Scandinavians," he said, "never formed a race in the sense used by the Nazis. From the Stone Age on, they were a mixture of 'Primeval Finns' and 'Megalithic people' who settled down together. The result was the creation of a particularly well-balanced culture during the Bronze Age, roughly from 1800-800 B.C.

"Through isolation, the culture stagnated and did not keep pace with that of Western or Middle Europe. Only with the beginning of the Christian era was contact with other peoples resumed on a scale strong enough to stimulate a new cultural growth.

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College Observes "Peace Angeles" Each Evening

A "Peace Angelus" has been instituted on the Westminster College campus and is being observed daily in cooperation with a movement started by two young boys of the Ben Avon Presbyterian Church.

Each evening at 7 o'clock, the victory bell in "Old Main" tower is rung as a signal for one minute of silent prayer. Students and townspeople are asked to stop whatever they are doing when they hear the bell and offer prayers for peace.

Since the idea was started in the Pittsburgh area about November 1, it has spread rapidly to many communities where residents feel that sincere prayer will help to prepare them for the sacrifices that must come with a durable and just peace.

—Associated Collegiate Press

Swanson's Scholars Browse in Omaha's Greener Pastures

An attitude of study was prevailing in the minds of the History of England class Saturday, Dec. 4, when they spent the day reading through choice bits of historical works in the Omaha city library.

The ambitious historians made use of the opportunity to "browse around" picking out various gems of English History to adorn the pages of their history notebooks. Probably the greatest accomplishment of the group was that they were brought "face to face" with some of the greater English historians—two of whom were the scholarly Mr. Henry Hallam and the socialistic-minded Mr. H. B. Trail.

Dr. H. F. Swanson, Dana History professor, was director of the tour.

"Lights Out" in Girls Dormitory Shows Fair Sex, They Can Hurry!

By Greta Petersen

We are a very patriotic group here in the southern kingdom, for every night we practice our blackout—and how! Our warning comes not with loud sirens and whistles, but merely with the blinking of the lights at 10:15, which means that we have 15 minutes to get undressed, get a shower, put up our hair, brush our teeth, wash our clothes, and oh-yes—have a little gab fest. We never move faster or get more accomplished in any other 15 minutes of the day.

We usually jump up with a start when the lights blink, or some just let out a shriek of horror, for the duties that must be accomplished in that short time just flash through our minds. There are a few of the young ladies, Maxine Smith and Audrey Jorgensen, for instance, who don't let anything, not even studying, interfere with their beauty sleep, and are usually asleep when the lights blink.

About the only good that this "lights out" business has accomplished is to teach us how to conduct ourselves in the dark (not the way you're thinking either)—can you put your hair up in pin curls in the dark? Can you brush your teeth in the dark?

Just before the dorm is plunged into total darkness there is a final warning flash at which time we make a wild search of the room—making a mental picture of which lights have to be turned off—where the books, pencils, pens, paper, and notebooks are that have to be taken to the reception room if we wish to study and where the food is.

The lights on the stairs remain on, however, and many of the girls take refuge there to perform their last minute chores: finish putting up their hair, finish the letter in process, or to get their last minute gossip completed. The girl who launches bravely forth in the dark with her arm-loads of books, heading for the reception room to study, must wade through this conglomeration found on the steps and swears that it looks like a flock of hens perched on a roost.

Now you must not get the impression that "lights out" has no good points for it really does help if a person wants to sleep once in a while. At least if we don't remember Dana by anything else, we'll remember it by lights out at 10:30—oops! There they go.

Vikings Drop Close One To Norfolk Team, 23-22

Dana Leads at Half, 12-11; Teams Are Evenly Matched

Keeping their undefeated record intact, Norfolk Junior College proceeded to eke out a one point decision against Dana, Saturday, December 11, to the tune of 23-22.

The Vikings took the lead on the first play of the game on a fast break with Ray Hansen dumping it in on a rebound. Dana held the lead for the greater part of the first half and the score at the end of this half read: Dana 12—Norfolk 11.

Norfolk, however, came steaming back in the third quarter with an unbalanced offense which caught the Danians off balance. Before they could fully regain their equilibrium the visitors had built up an appreciable lead.

Once on to the new offense the Vikings had little trouble with it and they proceeded to tear down the opponents lead. There was not quite enough time, however, and the game ended with a jump ball deep in Norfolk's defensive territory—with Dana trailing by a single point!

LINEUP

Dana	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.
R. Hansen	4	2	2
E. Hansen	1	0	4
L. Neve	0	0	3
R. Jensen	2	0	1
C. Jorth	2	0	1
B. Hanson	1	0	0
	10	2	11
Norfolk			
Hall	2	2	1
Weiting	0	1	1
Miner	2	1	1
Letheby	3	0	0
O'Donnel	2	1	1
Kysar	0	0	0
	9	4	4

"NORDIC SUPREMACY"

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 "Culture is a syncretism which will be crippled if kept too long in isolation," he concluded, "and this is demonstrated in the story of the Scandinavian culture, which destroys another Nazi myth—that of the cultural supremacy of the 'pure race'."

Vikings Lose to Fast Omaha U. Indians; Score: 60—30

Stepping out of their class, the Dana Vikings lost to a fast Omaha University team, December 15 at Omaha Central high school. The final score was 60-30.

The team from Omaha presented a very fast offense and managed to outrun and outshoot the Dana team most of the game.

The first half was in favor of Omaha all the way, the Vikings finding it hard to penetrate their man to man defense or to stop their swift offense. The score at the half was 30-12.

In the fourth quarter the Vikings began to get their bearings, during which time Viking Ethan Hansen made most of his 15 points. The spark in the Omaha offense was Karabatsos who countered—25 points.

Iowa Church Team Gets 1-Point Victory Over Vikings

In a practice game with a Council Bluffs church team Dec. 5, Dana was defeated by a one point margin, 43-42.

Throughout the game the lead switched from one team to the other. The Iowa team seemed to have better luck on their long shots, making a large percentage of them from the outer court.

Curtis Jorth, Dana Forward, injured his knee in the last quarter and was unable to finish the game.

This game served as a well-needed scrimmage for the Vikings and their progress since then has shown that they have capitalized on their mistakes.

Luther Bows To Dana Vikings Saturday Night, 41-25

SPORTS GLANCES

DID YOU KNOW?

Ray Hansen, our six foot three inch center, was the thirteenth tallest man in his high school graduating class. It has been suggested to this columnist that our church begin to work even more extensively in Montana (that's where Ray is from)—just think of the basketball teams Dana could have.

Coach Petersen teaches biology, chemistry, takes care of a couple study periods down at the high school, coaches the basketball team down there (and so far very successfully) and the college basketball team among other things—who said this stuff about Superman is only a myth?

The Omaha team that the Vikings played last Wednesday evening was one of the best teams the university of Omaha has ever put on a basketball floor! The Vikings were caught somewhat flatfooted by their terrific speed and exceptional ball handling. The defeat, however, was nothing for the boys to be ashamed of—they played their best but the competition was out of Dana's class.

A New Year's Resolution:

BEAT MIDLAND!

Gents Battle to Find Ping Pong Champion

After the completion of the girls' ping-pong tournament the boys took over and started a similar contest. Under the direction of John Schultz, the tournament is now in its second round. At the conclusion of this contest, the winner will try his hand in other directions. He will challenge the girls' champion Greta Petersen.

Those who are interested may refer to the results which are posted in the glass-covered bulletin on the second floor of the Ad building. Each contestant is allowed to lose two games before being eliminated from the tournament.

Watch this paper for further results of the tournament.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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quartette, composed of Aster Neve, Allan D. Hansen, Florence D. Hanson, and Leona Jensen. Miss Mildred Romer, soprano soloist, sang two Christmas Carols. All this was done during the showing of the pictures and the playing of the Pipe organ. It all created a deeply impressive effect.

The rest of the evening was on the lighter side. "Information Please," a comedy skit was presented by the D. C. D. C. and Gladys Lyngge gave a humorous declamation. A tricycle race was held on the speedway of the gym. Betty Hansen was declared the girls' champ, and Ray Hansen the boys' champ and best cyclist on the campus.

After "Santa" (Bill Hanson) gave each one a gift, the evening closed with Kringler, doughnuts, cocoa, and candy.

Dana Leads at Half, 29-16, Retain Lead Throughout Game

Presenting the student body with a very fitting Christmas present, the Vikings virtually ran over a rather green Luther squad to the tune of 41-25 last Saturday evening.

The issue was never in doubt, with the Danians taking an early lead which they never relinquished. Starting with a bang the Vikings took a six point lead on some fancy shooting by Ethan Hansen—before Luther knew what hit them. Tall Ray Hansen used his height to great advantage in tipping in 10 points.

On the whole the game was not the best that the Vikings have played. This however, was due to the fact that Luther used a very close man to man defense causing the Dana squad to revert to an unorthodox offense—to suit the defense.

Leading 29-16 at the half the Vikings increased their margin by the end of the game to a sixteen point victory.



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