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Memorial Dinner is Held Commemorating Kaj Munk

Choir to Tour Southern Iowa; Will Present Seven Concerts

Pastor J. M. Jensen Is Main Speaker At A.S.F. Event

A dinner in commemoration of the recently assassinated Danish martyr, Kaj Munk, was held in the college dining hall on the evening of March 31. Kaj Munk was a famous Danish preacher, poet, and playwright, as was brought out by the guest speaker, Pastor John M. Jensen from Spencer, Iowa.

Rev. Jensen emphasized the fact that Kaj Munk was a man, a pastor, and a poet who was not afraid to "stick his neck out" and a man who had the courage to stand up for his convictions. He led a normal childhood with the exception of his dramatic ability and his beginning poetical works. At the age of eight years, Kaj Munk wrote his first outstanding poem. He was also the author of the Danish play "Ordet" which was presented by Dana College two years ago. This group toured five states, presenting this play.

Rev. Jensen said that Kaj Munk is probably the Danish martyr of today who has become most famous in the present conflict.

Many of these thoughts were also brought out by the Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck, of Council Bluffs, Dana's former president, who read a number of tributes written about Kaj Munk. Among them was a Danish poem written by Margaret Jensen, a freshman student at Dana. The others came from many parts of the world.

Other features of the program, which was in charge of Dr. H. F. Swanson were two soprano solos by Miss Helene Rasmussen of Omaha, two flute solos by Agnes Larsen of Blair, a piano solo by Lola Larsen and three Danish songs sung by the girls' sextette, members of which were in colorful native costume. Members of the sextette were: Mildred Romer, Eleanor Andersen, Greta Pedersen, Margaret Jensen, Lydia Larsen, and Dagny Jesseen.

The dining room had a festive air with white table cloths, and twinkling candle light. There were visitors from Omaha, Council Bluffs and several other nearby towns.

Seniors to Sponsor Social Evening April 14

The Senior Class will sponsor a social evening in the College Auditorium Friday evening April 14 beginning at eight P.M. The main feature of the evening will be the auctioning of various useful articles for Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. Games and lunch will complete the evening. Bring your friends and—incidentally—a well-supplied purse.

1943-44 Dana A Cappella Choir



Members of the Dana Choir reading from left to right, first row: Helen Olsen, Herdis Hertz, Gwendolyn Conger, Anne Lage, Director Paul Neve, Esther Erickson, Delores Hansen, Delores Larsen, and Lillian Hansen. Second row: Betty Hansen, Leona Jensen, Gladys Lyng, Mildred Romer, Annabelle Smith, Mary Jespersen, Lola Larsen and Eunice Carlsen. Third row: William Hanson, Sigrid Christensen, Greta Petersen, Margaret Jensen, Mildred Hansen, Stanley Carlsen, and Gerald Hatt. Fourth row: Curtis Jorth, Norman Jensen, Ray Hansen, Ronald Jensen, Lloyd Neve, Homer Larsen and Oscar Johnson.

SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS

- April 14: Party sponsored by Senior Class.
- April 19—23: Dana College A Cappella Choir trip.
- April 26: Serenaders Quartette.

Honor Students Win Awards at Honor's Convocation

The Honors Convocation was held during Chapel on April 5. President Morton who conducted the Convocation extended his congratulations in behalf of the faculty and student body to those who had attained this honor.

This Honors Convocation is held to give recognition to those students who have kept an average of 90 or above for the first three semesters of this school year. Those to receive the honor certificates were Alberta Phinney, 90.26; Herdis Hertz, 90.34; Esther Seybold, 90.56; Lois Nelson, 90.56; William Hanson, 90.78; Mildred Romer, 91.23; Alice Romer, 91.43; Norman Jensen, 91.63; Persis Pedersen, 92.48; Lola Larsen, 93.18; Lloyd Neve, 95.16; Eunice Carlsen, 95.22; and Margaret Jensen, 95.78.

The Honor Roll for the third semester was also read. Herdis Hertz, 90.1; Esther Seybold, 90.6; Alberta Phinney, 90.8; Persis Pedersen, 91; William Hanson, 91.2; Ejvind Nielsen, 91.4; Norman Jensen, 91.6; Lois Nelson, 91.7; Greta Pedersen, 92.3; Sigrid Christensen, 92.75; Alice Romer, 92.8; Lola Larsen, 93; Anne Lage, 94.07; Lloyd Neve, 94.6; Eunice Carlsen, 95.06; Margaret Jensen, 95.9.

President Morton Is Honored at Dinner, On March 17

In honor of President R. E. Morton, a fellowship dinner was held Friday, March 17, in the college dining hall. Students, faculty, and board members attended this event.

Professor Elmer Rasmussen, as toastmaster, introduced the speakers, who represented the different college groups. Dr. N. C. Carlsen spoke for the synod; Dr. J. P. Nielsen for the seminary; Dr. H. F. Swanson for the faculty; Bill Hanson for the student body; and Mr. N. T. Lund, for the school board. All of these speakers expressed good wishes for the future and gave promises of co-operation. Finally, Pastor Morton himself spoke, stating his purposes of doing everything possible to fill any gaps that there might be and to further Dana's future.

Two musical selections were included on the program. Lloyd Neve played a baritone horn solo, "Southern Cross," and a vocal solo, "Springtime Is Calling," by Brotherae was given by Mildred Romer.

Prof. Rasmussen Has New Addition to Family

On March 18, 1944, the stork brought David Edwin to Prof. and Mrs. Elmer Rasmussen. He weighed all of 7 lbs. and 5 ounces, and is Prof. Rasmussen's second child. Congratulations, Prof. Rasmussen!

Former Dana Students Organize Club in Eugene, Oregon

Eighteen former Dana students and their families, now residents of Eugene, Oregon, met at the Bethesda Church in Eugene on February 27 and organized a Dana Club. Rev. Ingward Olsen, pastor of Bethesda Church acted as chairman for the meeting.

Mr. Carl E. Petersen was chosen to head the club; and other officers elected were Mr. Bart Hansen, vice-president and Mrs. Martha Leslie, secretary-treasurer.

According to a report from this meeting, it was decided that the purpose of the Dana Club should be "to create interest among our people for Dana, and particularly to encourage our young people to attend Dana."

Stainer's Cantata Is Presented in Local Church

Stainer's "Crucifixion," an Easter cantata, was presented in the local church Sunday evening, April 2. Directed by Professor Paul Neve, the chorus which presented the cantata was composed of the members of the church choir and some of the members of the Dana choir. Miss Agnes Larsen accompanied at the organ.

Soloists in the cantata were Mildred Romer, Florence Hansen, Nina Bertelsen, Greta Pedersen, Stanley Carlsen, Nels Carlsen, and Ronald Jensen.

Rev. Harold Jorgensen acted as reader in the cantata.

Concerts Include Eighteen Sacred Numbers

Presenting a sacred concert of eighteen numbers, the Dana College A Cappella Choir of thirty-five voices, under the direction of Prof. Paul Neve, will journey on their annual spring tour, April 19 to 23, traveling to several congregations in southern Iowa.

The choir has had an interesting history. In the summers of both 1929 and 1935, this organization toured Denmark. The choir has also traveled on tours to both the West Coast and the East Coast of our country. They also presented a concert before the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Denmark in 1938, on the occasion of their visit to the Dana campus.

The organization had as its director for many years Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen who gained wide recognition with the choir.

The choir has presented already this year concerts in Joslyn Memorial and Pella Lutheran Church in Omaha and at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs.

The following are members of the choir: Sopranos—Greta Pedersen, Mildred Romer, Helen Olsen, Gwen Conger, Betty Hansen, Herdis Hertz, Delores Larson, Delores Hansen, Mildred Hansen, Anne Lage, and Dagny Jessen; Altos—Lillian Hansen, Margaret Jensen, Annabelle Smith, Mary Jespersen, Lola Larsen, Eunice Carlsen, Letha Petersen, Gladys Lyng, Sigrid Christensen, Elizabeth Christensen, and Esther Erickson; Tenors—Curtis Jorth, Ray Hansen, Leona Jensen, Norman Jensen, Stanley Carlsen, and Bill (Continued on page 3)

Nicodemus Is Topic Of League Talk By Ole Larsen

At the Luther League meeting of Wednesday, April 5, Ole Larsen presented a character study of the man Nicodemus. This meeting was the last of a series of Lenten meetings which have been based on the Passion history. Other character studies which were presented in this series were Judas, Pilate, Peter, and John.

Mr. Larsen presented Nicodemus as a well-to-do man who felt that by coming to Jesus in the dark, he would avoid the ridicule and scorn of his friends. A parallel was drawn in connection with our lives in that one can open his heart to Christ, regardless of conditions. It was also stressed that it is necessary to come to the Lord with an open and pure heart and listen to the words of the Lord as he speaks.

A vocal number was presented by a girls' trio composed of Florence D. Hanson, Leona Jensen and Mildred Romer.

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Editors Speak

"Let every voice resound in acclamation"

Who is worth of acclaim? Where is our applause centered as we think about the Easter season? Too often we are clamoring to put our own wills up on a pedestal—self-glorification is often the motive of an outward expression of acclaim. As we have thought and meditated during the recent days of Lent, and Easter, have we acclaimed Christ as King of our wills, as King in our hearts? Is it not possible that much of the shouting and thundering of some is sometimes a thin shell covering up a self-acclaiming heart? But oh, how thin that shell is!

Is it not easy to slide into complacency here at Dana where we live a rather sheltered life? We want to talk and discuss the deep spiritual things of life—perhaps sometimes we delve too far into it and it ceases to be food for the heart. Then it results in another calamity: our so-called convictions do not come from the heart and manifest themselves into action.

Amid all of our shouting and philosophizing—where have we placed the emphasis? Is Christ acclaimed as Savior and as King in our hearts, so that our wills are governed by His will? Or are our efforts bent too much in the way of self-satisfaction?

"Let every voice resound in acclamation: Hosannah, Praise to the Lord, blessed is He who comes bringing salvation!" S.C.

We just recently returned

from Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, where we heard their celebrated Messiah chorus of 500 voices. The chorus is accompanied by a symphony orchestra and pipe organ and is composed of people from the community in and around Lindsborg and students from the college. The Bethany Oratorio Society, which presents each year Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion of Our Lord," is 63 years old. Each year for a number of years Metropolitan Opera stars and other musical celebrities have given the production world-wide recognition by appearing as soloists with the Society. The Reader's Digest says it's the greatest thing of its kind in the world.

This production is living proof of the fact that as one Bethany student put it "It doesn't take a big place to do big things." The town of Lindsborg is a typical Scandinavian farm community town of 1900 people.

Which brings us to our main theme. Too many people throughout our Synod and even right here at Dana are constantly "aching" because Dana College is "out in the sticks." They gloriously envision a new and resurrected Dana placed in some large metropolitan center, forgetting that it isn't so much where you let your light shine as how you let it shine that counts.

Dana is now located, and has been located for sixty years in a community twice the size of Lindsborg. Instead of constantly thinking that Dana can't develop right here, and instead of looking around for places that would make Dana a much bigger school, let's catch the vision which Dr. and

WORDS THAT GIVE LIFE

A Sunday school teacher had just finished the lesson for the day. She had very patiently and carefully explained the ex-ray vision of our heavenly Father to her eight year olds. With a feeling of a job well done she asked the question, "Now, is there anything that God can't see?" A small hand raised hesitatingly, and then the answer came, "Yes, my sin—covered by the blood of Jesus."

In the Book the story is told of a man and woman who sinned against God. It isn't said of them that they ever attended college formally, but they certainly had much in common with college students. When they had disobeyed the command of God and the fact of sin had dawned in their consciousness, they did just as we do so many times. They tried to cover their sin by sewing aprons of fig-leaves. We don't sew aprons of fig leaves, of course, but we do sew aprons in other ways. It reminds me of dishonesty in the classroom followed by prayer at the dinner table. . . . But we must go on with our story. They were like us too, in that having sinned they were afraid and uneasy. Peace, assurance and joy were gone, as they tried to escape Him in the garden. We cannot escape God. We must deal with Him sooner or later. Why not now? The story grows more sad. Adam and Eve didn't realize that God loved them and wanted to bless them. This is evident in the full forgiveness which God provided. Shedding the blood of animals He clothed them with coats of skin—for the time, a sufficient covering for their sin.

In Lent we focused our thoughts on Christ, the Lamb of God, who suffered and poured out His life-blood for your sin and mine. Have you heard the voice of Jesus as He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with Me?" Or have you taken God at His word when he says to us, "If you confess your sins, I am faithful and righteous to forgive you your sins, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness?" There are no strings attached, no great emotion that you must feel. Jesus wants to forgive you and rule within your heart. Will you let Him? —Earle M. Duame.

Chapel Gleanings

Serve Jehovah with gladness—with hands as well as lips. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver—of time and of talent too. Give thanks unto Jehovah for He is good, and faithful forever.

Honor great men—not with a superficial honor—but with a devoted adherence to the spirit and faith of their life. Be not debunkers who pick flaws and drag down characters to their own level. Let not jealousy and self rule you, but the Spirit of God.

Jesus came for the sake of man. He had a cause—that of man's welfare, destiny, man's salvation. O frivolous age, learn of Christ to have and support a true cause and to be concerned about your future time in eternity. Read John 10:7.

Lent is a reflective period on sin and the cross. Be sensitive to sin; only awareness of it turns us from it, drawing us to God. Fear of sin drives us to God and His love will draw us nearer.

Redemption! Atonement! I may be right with God. Herein is peace, that I may be rid of sin and right with God.

Christians are never done with the sin problem. Sensitivity to sin must be constant; that parallels consecration to God. Saints say "My heart is so black!"

Lent, then, is Christ and our attitude to Him. Behold the man! See Christ in suffering.

Faith centers in devotions and loyalty to Christ. Of Him say as the general: "When I saw the scars of his bravery I just had to give him all the honor I had."

Source of power is found in the suppression of self. Jesus began to show that He must suffer. This was essential for salvation. He said also, that men following Him must deny themselves and take up their cross. That is, there can be no crown without a cross.

It is the little loyalties which count for Christ's cause. Be a disciple in fact, not merely in name. Don't steer around the issue, be willing to lose your life unto the finding of much fruit. Hereby have the knowledge of true life accomplishment.

Don't postpone decision. Choices of right will follow us down through all the years of our life. But indecision and error likewise leave their scars!

It is Salvation which is the central issue; if we have missed this we have not seen Christianity. If we cling to this main issue, doctrine second, we will see more fruit.

Mrs. Swenson had in Lindsborg in 1881 when they founded the Bethany Oratorio Society among a group of Swedish pioneers. Let's decide that Dana can and will become the spiritual and cultural leader in the community and area in which we are located.

Then let's work toward that goal. Bethany isn't the only one that did it. St. Olaf developed one of the country's best choirs in the small community of Northfield.

"The grass is always greener across the fence." Let's start harvesting our own crop. L.N.

Let's Get Acquainted

Campus Personalities

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There was once born in a parsonage in Mayview, Missouri, on November 15th, twenty years ago, to an Evangelical and Reformed Church pastor, a wee and tiny baby girl which was given the verbal handle, "Esther." Now as Esther grew up to be a big girl (don't take us too literally) her father moved from Mayview to Union, Missouri, then to Kansas, then to North Dakota, then to Minnesota, and finally to Nebraska. They took along their household furnishings so Esther went along too.

By the time they had progressed as far as Minnesota, Esther was old enough to venture alone into the cold, cruel world so Esther matriculated at Gustavus College at St. Peter, Minnesota. One year later Esther made her debut at Dana when her folks moved to Columbus, Nebraska, and so Esther is in our midst.

She's planning—by the way, we forgot to tell you that Esther's last name is Seybold (pronounced "Sybold" not "Seebold")—she's planning on graduating from Dana next year and subsequently taking up school teaching. Esther is a consistent honor roll student, a good pianist and helps Miss Bertelsen as Assistant Librarian. Esther is a member of several organizations, among them the student body. She is majoring in History and belongs to the American Scandinavian Foundation (imagine a German being interested in spreading Danish culture). Esther is secretary of three organizations: the Luther League, the History Club, and the student body. She lettered in W.A.A. last year also.

What is she like? She's "like-able" and has freckles which you only see if you get close enough to interview her. She makes it evident that she likes Dana and we're happy to have Esther around.

Much Ado About Nothing

Two "young things" were sitting at luncheon exchanging bits of fire when one "young" thing looking rather sarcastically at the other said, "I dread to think of life at 45."

"Young" thing II smiling in a too too sweet manner answers with the query, "Why, what happened then?"

It's Spring, So Beware:

Love is the star men look up to as they walk along, and marriage is the coal-hole they fall into.

Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.

Marriage is not a word but a sentence.

—Reader's Digest.

Picturesque Speech

When a group of men were discussing a talk recently given by one of the "bigger" seminarians, it was also brought that this individual possessed a fine voice as well as many other desirable traits. At this last remark Oscar Johnson, that master of wit, popped up and said he thought the individual had a well rounded "a-bellity."

A little more of the same: When one of the girls in the kitchen commented that one of the fellows was "dynamite," the mighty Johnson replied, "That's right, only he hasn't found his match yet!"

Doctor Swanson in the course of one of his lectures on the famous William Pitt stopped to ask Mildred Romer if he was speaking of William Pitt the elder or of the son. Mildred after a few seconds' meditation came through with the following "quickie"—"Oh, I think it's the son of the father!"

Found!

Large white hen found in the third floor bathroom of the Southern Kingdom. At least the miscreants knew enough to put a hen in and not a rooster. Could it be that it was some of our own male Dana students? Oh, no! It must have flown in the window (which was closed). After much screaming on the part of both the girls and the hen, Helen Olsen bravely picked up the "wild animal" and threw it out the window. C'est finis.

Closing Thought

May we leave you with this thought in mind that a man who won't lie to a woman has very little consideration for her feelings.

"April Fool" Party Is Held in Gym

By Margaret Jensen

Not all ideas conceived on April 1 are "April Fool." That's what the student body found out last Saturday night. When Allan D. Hansen announced that games were to be played in the gym, no one took him seriously. It was considered a good joke. Dismay was registered on the faces of the originators. After supper things began to hum: "Honest to goodness, we're not fooling." "This is serious." After much argument these noble planners finally convinced the skeptical ones.

At eight o'clock everyone trooped to the gym. Here Gladys Lyng was in charge. It was not an evening for idlers. Active games like two deep, too late for supper, dodge ball, and the like were played. And human croquet—Who will forget Dick "the eel" Fenske's memorable two-second sprint around the floor, or Ronnie "fullback" Jensen's beautiful blocks that sent the "wickets" flying. Kick baseball was one of the main events of the evening.

When everyone was played out, the serving of "cokes" delighted the group.

Seminarians Eat Out After Week of Tests

The Seminarians, during the reconstruction period following their week of tests, were given two social invitations. The first was to their professor's home, Rev. Theo. I. Jensen, on Monday evening, Mar. 27. The second invitation was to the home of the local pastor, Rev. H. C. Jorgensen. There slides were shown depicting the history of the UDEL Church and explanations of these by Rev. P. C. Jensen, the church statistician. Both Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Jorgensen served lunches.

Cocanut Grove for A Church

From Pfc. Arthur Welch, chaplain's clerk, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch, 1722 L St., Tekamah, Nebr.

(Omaha World-Herald)

New Guinea, March 5—Dear Mom and Dad: Yesterday I received your letter (V-mail) dated February 20. You can see that on the average run it takes 15 to 20 days to get here.

We just got through with our first service this morning. Today was Communion Sunday. Church in New Guinea is certainly different from back home. We serve communion by the intinction method, due to the adverse conditions and amount of time. Ordinarily we have a field pulpit and altar, but at present we don't have them with us. Under the circumstances, we have a very nice service and it is well attended, but as I said before it isn't like sitting in a beautiful church with a choir and organ and prayer surroundings.

Instead, it is a cocanut palm grove and a log or ground for the seats. But no matter if it is at home in the deepest jungle, men always will gather for church.

Art.

(He attended Dana in 1941-42.)

From Service Men

"... I suppose by now you know that I am in England. I'm getting along very well. We're staying in tents and now we have lights and stoves so it's not bad. A while ago a friend and I went to London. We had quite a time seeing all the places we heard so much about before—Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, etc. They're really massive things and are especially interesting because they are so old. At the Tower of London we saw some ravens. Talk about peculiar birds. They're big, fat things with large heads and beaks, coal black, and they just sit around without letting out a peep. You can come real close to them and they won't move. While at London we stayed at the Red Cross. They're doing a bang-up job of taking care of servicemen over here. They serve swell meals at only (1'3 d) 25c. At one club they had a bunch of U. S. newspapers. We looked at some Omaha papers and found an article about you guys beating Luther. Nice going! I'd sure like to be back playing with you. Remember the games we used to play late at night? The only thing I've done in the way of sports is to play a little touch football now and then.

"I heard that you had a National Luther League Convention at Dana this year. It must have been swell. What I wouldn't give to be able to go to something like that again.

"Are you fellows still bull-sessioning? You'd better save me a place in your ring. You fellows in our old class are juniors now, though, aren't you? You'll probably be in seminary when I come back. I'd sure like to be going through with you. I'll never forget the fellowship we used to have at Dana. Now my worship is always alone. Boy, my Bible is becoming more and more interesting every time I read it. Things pop up that I've never noticed before. It would be a pretty dull and sordid life without Him to confide in and follow..."

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An
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"Each time I receive the Hermes I make it a point to read the 'Chapel Gleanings' first." These are the words of a former student, Pfc. Richard Videbeck. He feels that he still has a part in the college religious life when he is permitted a share of the chapel gleanings. While attending Lenten services at the Air Force Lutheran Chapel he made some chapel gleanings that he would like to share with the Dana students. The text was on Peter's denial from Luke 22: 54-62.

"Peter knowing that the servants and soldiers of the high priest were enemies of Christ, did not restrain himself from joining them. He knew they would be joking and blaspheming Christ. Let us take this example from Peter's experience and restrain ourselves from that which is evil. It is true we may enjoy the finer entertainments, the beautiful music, the fine paintings and the natural beauties about us. God gave us these wonderful things for us to enjoy. But we must draw a line of demarcation where the good ends and sin begins. . . . Dear Christians, let it not be said that we have denied Christ for the sake of our own pleasures in the world. . . . Let us be soldiers of the cross and lift our eyes to Him who denied glory and honor that we may live. Feel it an honor to say, "Yes! I am also with Him."



Pilate Is Subject of League Talk by Rev. Jorgensen

At the Luther League meeting held Wednesday, March 29, the character, Pilate, was discussed by Rev. Harold C. Jorgensen, pastor of First Lutheran Church.

Rev. Jorgensen gave a little of the history of Pilate's dealing with the fanatical Jews. In considering Pilate in the passion story, it was pointed out that, although Pilate was a heathen, he was the one person in the crucifixion of Jesus who expressed sympathy for Him.

Pilate, who was a worldling, was baffled by the subject of truth. He asked Jesus about it. It was brought out that truth must be applied to our relations with the world. Christians have a responsibility to the "Pilots" of the world.

A solo, "Just For Today," was sung by Anne Lage. Margaret Jensen led in scripture reading and prayer.

COLLEGE CHOIR TOUR

(Continued from page 1)

Hanson; Basses—James Stone, Oscar Johnson, Homer Larsen, Lloyd Neve, Ronald Jensen, Richard Fenske, and Gerald Hatt.

A group of 18 numbers, including Latin, Russian, German, Danish and American pieces, will be presented. The program includes: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," a German melody; "In Sorrow Now I Cry to Thee," by DeBruck; "Hosanna to the Son of David," by Praetorius; "Adoramus Te," by Palestrina; "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," by Crugar-Bach; "Jehovah, I Would Sing Thy Praise," by Bach; "Salvation Is Created," by Tschernokoff; "Lord's Prayer," by Gretchaninoff; "O Gladsome Light," by Gretchaninoff; "Praise Ye the Lord in Heaven," by Arnsky; "Morgensang," by Gade; "Lost in the Night," by Christiansen; "O Bread of Life," by Christiansen; "Fierce Was the Wild Billow," by Noble; "Holy Lord God," by Cain; "God Is Our Refuge," by the director, Prof. Paul Neve; "Beautiful Savior," by Christiansen; and the "Benediction" by Lutkin.

SPRING

By Helen Olsen

The snow has gone;
The grass is showing;
The days roll on;
The student is slowing.

That scholarly look
Has left his face,
As over the book
He peers at space.

His eyes ne'er blink;
His breath's but scant;
What does he think?
Or maybe he can't.

For when you speak
You get no reply,
Just a faint, weak,
Melancholy sigh.

The "Profs" show alarm;
"This" is dangerous!
Think of the harm,
If it's contagious.

My Lab and Biology!
My English! My Choir!
What about Psychology?
And their brows perspire.

And while they're bestirred;
Sitting like a king,
The student is heard
Whispering, "Ah! Spring."

Local League Sponsors Religious Film March 22

The Luther League of the First Lutheran Church of Blair sponsored the showing of the film, "Journey Into Faith," on Wednesday evening, March 22, at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Summers of Fremont showed the film to about fifty people. After the showing of the film, refreshments were served by the Luther League.

"Journey Into Faith" was the portrayal of the role of a Christian in the time of Christ. The life of Caiaphas was very dramatically presented. His persecution by the Jews and his love for his Savior were especially predominant. The crucifixion scene, the scene at Emmaus, and the scene of the Ascension were very stirring.

Don Christensen, Fern Norgaard, Engaged

Announcement has recently been made of the engagement of Fern Norgaard and Donald Christensen, both freshmen at Dana. Fern comes from Spencer, Iowa; and Don's home town is Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Don has taken his army physical examination and expects to be inducted into the service in the near future.

--Alumni News--

Miss Nellie Falk, former English teacher at Dana, visited the campus again over the week-end of March 24th. She was instructor here for several years before she left in 1933.

Pfc. Marcus Beck, ex-'42 and Margaret Johansen, ex-'41,42, were married in the Trinity Chapel, Saturday afternoon, March 24. Marcus is at present attending the Nebraska Medical School in Omaha. "Peggy" has been teaching at Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. The couple will reside in Omaha.

Rev. and Mrs. Thorvald Hansen of Avoca, Iowa, are the proud parents of a 5 pound, 1 ounce, daughter, Carolyn Marie, born on March 27, at the Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

Lieutenant Raymond Paulsen was pleasantly surprised one day when he met his brother, Sgt. Clifford Paulsen, somewhere in England. It so happens that they were traveling in the same convoy although they didn't know it at the time. Through letters from their parents they found out they were both in England. With the aid of the Red Cross, the two brothers met each other—they even found out that they were living just a few miles from each other. Both brothers attended Dana and both left for the army in 1942 when Clifford was a freshman and Ray a junior.

Pfc. Art Welch, ex-'42,'43, writes that he has been seeing a great deal of the world. Having been on several islands in the Pacific, he finally landed in New Guinea where he was when he wrote last. Art has taken an interest in the "fuzzy-wuzzy" natives—he says "the jungle is their existence for food, shelter and clothing." "Their villages are very small with thatched huts. Going through one is reminded of death because of a weird odor caused from a mixture of dried flowers and cocanut oil. One is just walking past now—stopping and coming in. They are simply wild over our cigarettes." Art writes that he is now a chaplain's clerk, doing clerical work, driving, and helping the chaplain with his Sunday services.

Pvt. Donald Schou, ex-'43, stopped at Dana to spend a few hours while on his way to a new camp. Don is a weather observer and finds his work quite interesting.

Dan Cupid Looses Arrows on Danians and Alumni

By Stanley Carlsen

Marriage is in the air these days, as we are told that several young hopefuls have decided that bachelor-hood is not the most pleasant life after all. Taking the only other alternative, they have elected to resort to the well-known nuptial tie.

Beginning the parade of helpless, hopeless, (but lucky) prospective grooms will be Professor Paul Neve. Mr. Neve has come to the conclusion that life with Lela will be much more harmonious than that of the office of Dean of Men, trying to keep a bunch of college kids in tune. Mr. Neve and Miss Lela Nielsen will tie the nuptial knot on May 24. (It has been suggested that at the wedding ceremony, Mr. Neve's choir might sing their number, "In Sorrow Now I Cry

to Thee"). Incidentally, Lela has just returned from South Carolina, where she has been a mission worker in a defense area.

Running a close second to Neve and Nielsen will be Clifford and Florence Hanson. Florence won't need to worry about forgetting her last name—no change will be necessary. Pedagogue Hanson, who is especially adept in finding Greek "exceptions," also found one in Florence, so he became determined to lead Florence to the hymeneal altar. This event will take place on May 25. Clifford has accepted a call to Underwood, Iowa.

In the near future, Kenneth Petersen will also become the possessor of a bride. Having felt the "call to arms," Kenneth has decided to take unto himself a

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"Fenske's Fumblers" Lead in Volley Ball

By Norman Jensen

The Men's Intramural Volley Ball Tourney began Tuesday, March 6 and since then, several games have been played; we find Fenske's Fumblers on top, having won four games and lost none. The tournament standings thus far are as follows:

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| Fenske's Fumblers | 4 | 0 |
| Homer's Homely Horde | 3 | 1 |
| Faculty | 2 | 3 |
| Seminarians | 0 | 5 |

Those comprising the respective teams are:

Homer's Homely Horde

Homer Larsen—Capt.
John Paton
Bud Hansen
Lloyd Neve
Norman Jensen
Ronny Jensen
Don Christensen

Seminarians

Aster Neve—Capt.
Lyle Paulsen
John Schultz
Allen D. Hansen
Leonard Andersen
Bill Thomsen
Clifford Hansen
Earl Duane

Faculty

P. V. Hansen—Capt.
Coach Petersen
Elmer Rasmussen
Rev. Theo. Jensen
Rev. Alvin Petersen
Paul Neve
Pres. Morton

Fenske's Fumblers

Richard Fenske—Capt.
Ethan Hansen
Stan Carlsen
Bill Hanson
Ray Hansen
Ted Larsen
Bob Olsen

The games have been scheduled for Tuesday evenings of each week, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. and have been played on those nights with the exception of Tuesday, March 20th, that week being test week.

One of the most exciting battles of the tournament was played Tuesday, March 27, between Fenske's Fumblers and Homer's Homely Horde, the two stronger teams. The former team won the first two of the set of three games, but by very slim margins each time.

On the whole, the games have been fun and exciting both to watch and to play and it is expected that as the tournament nears the finals the games will be even more interesting.

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Two Tennis Courts To Be Constructed Instead of One

Contributions have been coming in fast for the new concrete tennis courts which are to be built this spring. As this paper goes to press \$649.79 has been received and donations are coming in quite regularly.

The original plan was to construct only one concrete tennis court, but the contributions have been so generous that the administration is looking forward to the construction of two new courts instead of one.

In order to construct two tennis courts an amount of one thousand to twelve hundred dollars is needed. Thus far the contributions have totaled over half of this goal.

It is expected that the new tennis courts will be ready to play on this spring sometime before school is out.

Cupid Looses Arrows

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wife. He resolved that no longer would he be "Ruthless," so he will marry Miss Ruth Hansen, from Coulter, Iowa.

Lyle Paulsen will leave his bachelor-hood on June 6, when he pays his highest respects to Miss Agnes Larsen of Blair. Lyle has one more year in the seminary. Agnes has been the organist in First Lutheran Church for several years. Lyle likes the organ music, but will accept Agnes as music enough for him.

Former students, Pfc. Harold Sorensen and Lois Carlsen will be "decorated" on Decoration Day, May 30. Harold is a medical student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and Lois has been a "school-marm" the past two years.

Another medical student and former Danaite, Pfc. Paul Pedersen, Omaha, "picked a lilly" when he picked Miss Lilly Pedersen, of Chicago, to be his bride. The wedding will take place sometime during the first days of May.

Your columnist? Well, the talking table has recently prophesied that he would "cross the bar" in nine years!

Prisoner of War Camps Present Problem In Keeping Up High Morale of Soldiers

(WSCF)



A Watch-Tower . . . symbol of a Prisoner of War Camp

"How do you expect us to begin again when the bottom has dropped out?" This cry of a prisoner of war gives a clue to the despair that lays hold upon men who, perhaps after only a few hours or days of fighting, are taken as prisoners by the enemy and interned for the duration.

The major problem of a prison camp is one of morale, according to the World Student Service Fund. This organization, a part of the National War Fund, is the channel for American students giving to their fellow students of many countries who are war victims. The war prisoner is protected much more adequately than the refugee, or even than the civilian who is subject to repeated enemy bombing. His treatment is fully regulated in the Geneva Convention of 1929, the only international law universally observed today. This Convention was signed by the representatives of 47 nations, including Germany and Japan. Though Japan has never ratified the Convention, she has since Pearl Harbor announced her intention of abiding by it.

The Geneva Convention requires that the detaining power (i.e., the captor government) must feed war prisoners the same ration it feeds its own men of equal rank. There are detailed regulations regarding clothing, shelter and heat, medical care, and other matters of daily life.

The Convention is enforced in a very simple way, namely by fear of reprisals. All prison camps are regularly inspected by delegates of the International Red Cross and representatives of the protesting power, the neutral

nation which is the go-between for two belligerents. Each belligerent knows that if it violates the Convention it will be reported to the other belligerent by the protecting power, and that the same violation will be at once visited upon its own men. The appeal to self-interest has so far proved capable of enforcing conformity to the agreement.

"Barbed wire disease" is the name given to that malady that starts as simple listlessness in a man who may stand for hours just staring out through the barbed wire that surrounds his prison camp. Often the trouble ends with complete withdrawal from the life around him, and severe neurosis or psychosis is the final outcome.

"Give us something to do with our minds and hands!" This is the plea that comes to the European committee of the World Student Service Fund, the agency for student war relief which is a part of the National War Fund.

In response to this plea, War Prisoners' Aid of the YMCA sends into prison camps by the thousands musical instruments, athletic equipment, material for arts and crafts. The World Student Service Fund's committee, working in close cooperation with War Prisoners' Aid and the International Red Cross, specializes in sending men of student interests books, paper and pencils so that they may continue their studies which may have been interrupted when their country went to war.

A recent report of a travelling secretary of the World Student Service Fund's committee tells of a visit to a prison camp in Germany where there are 2000 men. He tells of a group of American boys following him to the barbed wire where he parted from them. Their parting words might have been a message to American students: "We can't really tell you how much we appreciate your visit and what you are doing for fellows like us. We can only say 'Please don't forget us, and please come back!'"

Upper-Class Girls Are Victorious Over Freshmen, 10-8

By Margaret Jensen

A strongly determined upper-class girls' team eked out a victory over the freshmen in a basketball game Thursday, March 30. After a wild and woolly game, the final score stood at 10 to 8.

This game, the second this year, was one of the closest that have yet been played. Up to the last few minutes, the score was tied. Then Gladys Lyng, putting on an extra spurt of speed, sank the basket that gave the upperclassmen the victory.

Forwards on the winning team were Herdis Hertz, Dagny Jessen, and Gladys Lyng, while Miss Ruth Anderson, Leona Jensen, Greta Pedersen played guard. Members of the freshman team were Lillian Hansen, Maxine Smith, Delores Hansen, Esther Ericksen, and Annebell Smith, forwards; and Delores Larsen, Sigrid Christensen, Letha Petersen, Mildred Hansen, and Margaret Jensen, guards.

These two teams are now even in the series, since the first game was won by the freshmen, 10-6.

CORRECTION

In the credit given under "Tennis Court Contributions" in the last issue, the senior class of '29 was given credit for a \$50 gift which should have been credited to Rev. Wesley Andersen, Kenmare, North Dakota, as he was the contributor of the \$50 gift.



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