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Opening Exercises Highlighted By Alvin Petersen's Address "Study To Be Approved"

N. T. Lund, of Board Of Trustees, Opens Year Officially

"Study to make thyself approved," was the admonition given by Rev. Alvin Petersen, Lincoln, Nebraska, to the student body at its opening exercise in the chapel on Sept. 5. Pastor Petersen is a former Dana student and former instructor in Biology and Chemistry.



Using II Tim. 2:15 as his text, Pastor Petersen urged the students to study not only their textbooks but also "the word of truth." This opportunity to study God's word was one of the justifications for the existence of church colleges, and he urged all Danians to make use of it.

Rev. Petersen also commented upon the turbulent and troubled times in which this year's student body is privileged to go to school. He reminded the students that men were dying so they might live and learn. Emphasizing the seriousness of the times he urged the students to be diligent in their class work.

Representing the Board of Trustees in the opening service was Mr. N. T. Lund, of Blair, the secretary of the board. Mr. Lund also impressed upon the students the seriousness of the times.

Rev. Morton, president of Dana College, also welcomed the new students and faculty members and welcomed back the former ones.

The service was well attended with many visitors from Blair and the vicinity.

Prexy to Travel East For Business, and Faculty Meeting

President Morton will represent Dana College at the Conference of Lutheran College Faculties held at DeKoven Foundation in Racine from October 6-7. The theme of the conference is "The Lutheran College Graduate in Modern Society."

Professors from several colleges and universities will address the conference on the contributions of the various fields of learning to the training of students for social responsibilities. The value of extra-curricular activities will also be discussed.

This conference is an annual event in which all Lutheran Colleges in the United States participate.

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Number of Gold Stars Mounts; Fifth Dana Serviceman Killed

Fifth war casualty among the Dana College alumni ranks was Clyde Jewell, Concord, Nebraska, who was killed in action this summer while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Clyde attended Dana College in 1934-35 and 1935-36. During these two years he was a regular on the varsity basketball team and was one of the outstanding centers in Dana's history.

Four other Dana alumni have paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country. Ensign John James Wallace, Bancroft, Nebraska, a graduate of 1941, was killed in action in the Mediterranean area, September 9, 1943; Arthur Orville Jensen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, '38-'39 was killed somewhere in the Aleutians; Leroy Nelson, Albert Lea, Minnesota, '40-'41-'42, paid the supreme sacrifice in Italy and Norbert Johnson, Denmark, Wisconsin, was killed while still in training in the United States.

Churches to Observe Jubilee Sunday, Oct. 1

Sunday, October 1, has been designated as Jubilee Sunday throughout the U.D.E.L.C. On that day the people in the congregations throughout the synod will join in placing a thank-offering on the altar—an offering "in gratitude to God for the blessings I have received through my Church, and for the further upbuilding of His Kingdom." This offering is to go into the Jubilee Drive which the Church is now conducting.

With a goal of \$230,000, the Jubilee drive is being conducted in preparation for the celebration in 1946 of the golden anniversary of the U.D.E.L.C., and the sixtieth anniversary of Dana College and Trinity Seminary. To date, a total of \$184,000.00 has been pledged to the fund, and \$151,000.00 of this amount has been paid.

The synod's debt of \$47,000.00 has been paid in full from the funds of the Jubilee Appeal. The Church Extension fund has been increased. When the \$230,000.00 goal is reached, the synod will have a \$20,000.00 Ministers' Pension Reserve Fund and \$150,000.00 for a new administration building at Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

As the golden anniversary of the church is nearing, its members begin to look over its history. Progress has been made. During the fifteen year period from 1927-1942 the synod increased its membership by 38% over against an average increase of 27% of all Lutherans in America. The work of the synod is now being carried on in most places exclusively in the English language, which opens the way for added growth in the future.

Student Council, Danian Editor and Homecoming Head Chosen For '44

"Japanese Christianity Will Survive War," Dr. J. P. Nielsen

In a true expression of Christian tolerance, the second meeting of the Dana Luther League was centered around the Japanese Mission, with Dr. J. P. Nielsen, president of Trinity Seminary, delivering the address of the evening.

After reading the great mission command from Matthew, and Luke's record of Christ's admonition to love one's enemies, Dolores Jensen offered prayer; after which Stanley Carlsen sang "There's a Green Hill Far Away." He was accompanied at the piano by Esther Seybold.

Dr. Nielsen opened his talk with the report that the Christian Church was still in existence in Japan, after which he related highlights of his voyage to Japan in 1909. Arriving in the Land of the Rising Sun without a knowledge of the language, Dr. Nielsen, by signs and wonders, managed to engage a Japanese driver.

For lack of something better, he and a Japanese pastor were offered the use of a haunted house in which to begin their mission work in Kurama. From this station their work spread throughout the community until there were several thriving congregations.

In closing his talk, Dr. Nielsen told of Christianity's reward in 1929 when it was finally recognized as one of the religions of Japan.

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Fifteen Dana Scholarships Awarded By Alumni, Board of Trustees

There are three associations awarding scholarships for the benefit of prospective Dana students. They are the Board of Trustees, Nebraska Association of Church Colleges, and the Dana College Alumni Association. Each scholarship was a fifty dollar award.

The Nebraska Association of Church Colleges granted one hundred and fifty dollar scholarships to Eunice Carlsen from Blair, Nebraska, and to Marilyn Guyer, also of Blair. These were awarded to the highest ranking student of the graduating class and presented at their respective graduation exercises.

For the first time the Dana College Alumni Association is this year awarding scholarships. Five scholarships have been awarded. Minnesota, more specifically Albert Lea, received the majority of these scholarships. Albert Leans receiving Alumni scholarships were Franklin Highby, Dolores Jensen, and John Nielsen. Faye Kirkegaard, Sioux City, Iowa, and Eugene Staberg, Lincoln, Nebraska, were the two remaining recipients.

It is a tradition of the Board of Trustees to award scholarships annually. The number increased this year from an average of three to eight. Those receiving Board scholarships were Norlan Hanson from Somers, Iowa; Isabel Jacobsen of Elk Horn, Iowa; Doris Johnson, Moorhead, Iowa; Marie Johnson, Albert Lea, Minnesota; Joy Larsen from Ord, Nebraska; Helen Tange, Hutchinson, Minnesota; Alvina Larsen of Underwood, Iowa, and Helen Kirkegaard from Aurora, Colorado.



"Ad" Building Given Beauty Treatment; Changes Wrought

Among the major improvements made on the campus during the summer was the redecorating of much of the administration building and the installation of mail boxes.

Plaster will no longer rain upon the heads of ignorant students and dignified profs as they hurry along the halls of "Old Main." This has been stopped by covering the lower part of the walls in the two main hallways and many of the classrooms with dark masonite, while lighter celotex was used on the upper part of the walls and on the ceiling.

New light fixtures were also installed to brighten the general atmosphere.

With the installation of 24 faculty and 200 student mail boxes along its east wall, the chapel hallway has become the destination of many a prof as well as student who is longing for a bit of news from home.

The dorms as well as the ad (continued on page 3)

4 Men, 1 Girl Elected To Student Council

A DANIAN editor, the Homecoming director, a student body treasurer and five student council members were elected at a student body meeting held Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Chosen to head this year's annual was Lloyd Neve, junior in seminary from Sleepy Eye, Minn. Lloyd served as student body president last year and as '42-'43 HERMES editor. Among the assets Lloyd will have to help him in his work will be his English major in college, his HERMES experience, DANIAN experience of past years and much work in high school journalism.

Oscar Johnson, seminary junior hailing from Wolbach, Nebr., was named to take care of the Homecoming preparations. Johnson has worked for several years on committees planning for previous homecomings and should be well qualified.

Dana's Chancellor of the exchequer for the '44-'45 school year is Lillian Hansen, Hutchinson, Minnesota, sophomore.

No manpower shortage is evidenced by this year's student council which consists of four men and Mildred Romer.

Mildred, a senior who is so cosmopolitan that it is difficult to put your finger on it (although Chicago would like to (continued on page 3)

Seminary Candlesticks Continued to Glow

By Oscar Johnson

A group of seven Seminary students found it necessary to leave their fishing poles this summer and continue their "readin, ritin, and rithmetic." In spite of the few warm days and such temptations as the swimming pool, the seven golden candlesticks managed to hold up at least a faint light.

The group consisted of four seniors: William Thomsen, John Schultz, Ole Larsen, and Lyle Paulsen (Lyle Paulsen was officially accepted into the senior class by taking to himself a wife before the summer session opened); one middler: Milton Petersen; and two juniors: William Hanson and Oscar Johnson. Dr. J. P. Nielsen, Dr. Larsen, and Rev. Jensen prodded and encouraged the group along as best they could, trying to illuminate all dull moments.

Four of the students occupied the men's dormitory and ate with the various convention groups that were here. During those periods when there were no conventions, they seemed (continued on page 3)

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Opening

With the opening of another school year, the halls of "Old Main" are once again crowded with enthusiastic students. Many of us are new here at Dana—others, having been here before, have come back to its familiar class rooms to complete our education. Together we will form the student body of 1944-45; and together we will either uphold or break the fine reputation of Dana.

Although we are probably unconscious of it, each of us is imbued with a certain loyalty to his home and family. Ever since our childhood, this loyalty has governed our actions. It has not only prevented us from doing wrong, but it has also forced us to do right, even when right would cause us hardship.

Now that we are at Dana, we must strive to acquire a similar loyalty toward our school. We must become so much a part of her that we are vitally concerned with her reputation. We must remember that we as individuals are responsible for the opinion that others have of Dana. Our every act adds or detracts from her name.

If we are to be absolutely honest with ourselves, we must realize that we are obligated not only to Dana and our synod, but also to our fellow students. A careless word or deed on our part will undoubtedly cast a reflection upon the student body. Each of us is responsible to the whole.

Let us, therefore, try to maintain Dana's fine reputation, by not only observing the laws of our campus but also by observing the laws of society in our dealings with the people of this community. If we regulate our lives according to the teaching of our church, local inhabitants will recognize us as Christian young people and will respect us for it.

Then, finally, it is well to recall those words which Rev. Alvin Petersen spoke at the opening of the college year. Boys, Dana boys, are offering their lives that we may have the privilege of going to a Christian college. We must not mar her name while they are dying for us.

Thanks

Much has been done in the past year to strengthen and further the relations between the student body and the local church. Prominent among those seeking to cement this relationship is the Reverend Harold Jorgensen. He has been willing to cooperate to the fullest extent in every effort where the interests of the students are concerned.

This fact is attested to by Rev. Jorgensen's cooperation in the present 60-40% working agreement with the local congregation. With this arrangement the college league gets 60% of the collection offered by the college students on Sunday morning while the localers retain 40%. This plan is only one of several moves Rev. Jorgensen has taken to strengthen the tie between the college and the Blair church and to make the students feel as though they have a church home while here on the campus away from their home churches. A move taken last school year and to be continued this year is to give students a "student membership" in the local church so they will feel some responsibility and pride in what expires in "our" church.

A new move inaugurated this year is a com-

WORDS OF LIFE

I Kings 19:11-12: "And, behold, Jehovah passed by, and a real strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before Jehovah: but Jehovah was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but Jehovah was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; but Jehovah was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice."

This was the experience that was Elijah's after he had fled to a cave for safety from the hand of a wicked queen, Jezebel. It is likely to suppose that as Elijah was fleeing from this ruler, he may have questioned the power of God. Here he was, a man of God, fleeing from the strength of human power. It was a ridiculous thing for him to be doing, and God makes that clear by asking him "What doest thou here, Elijah?"—as if to ask why he was hiding from human strength.

God demonstrates in a measure some of his power—power far beyond that of men. He made Elijah to know that he was still in the heavens ruling the universe. God demonstrated for him some of his strength in the earthquake, wind, and fire. But God also made it clear to Elijah that that was not the way he wanted to speak to men, but rather in a "still, small voice."

So today our faith is tested, and we are sometimes led to doubt that God is still in the heavens ruling the universe. War has filled the world with chaos. It is seemingly shaking the very foundations of our earth, and we are amazed at the power of the human race. Evil in the world has gone so far that we are perhaps fleeing to our little cave of hiding as did Elijah.

As we start another school year, we ought to come out of our little caves and champion the power of this world. God's strength is still evident even if it doesn't seem so to us. It is on our faith that he desires to build his kingdom, not on a lot of outward manifestations of might. It is in moments of quietness rather than in moments of uproar and mysterious powers in nature that God wants to speak. He does speak through the earthquakes, winds, and fires, but in them let us not fail to hear the "still, small voice."

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our order'd lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.
Breathe thro' the heats of our desire,
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

—John G. Whittier.

by Oscar Johnson

Chapel Hearings

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

God calls sin poison and puts the label of death upon it, saying, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." But we not only tell of the poison, we tell also of the antidote. It is Christ. Higher than Sinai rises Calvary and its cross.

"Be not fashioned according to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." How much of the preaching of Christ do we manifest? How much are we like Christ? Let us plead with God to transform us to the likeness of Christ. It is the touch of Christ, through the means of grace, that shall renew our Christian life.

"Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: and the greatest of these is love." There is a new of true love. When love leaves it a cold, formal thing. The world is hungering for a little bit of love, a compassion that is willing to sacrifice.

The more we love God, the more we see how lowly we are, how sinful.

It behooves us to be considerate, to be helpful to our neighbor. Your task of manifesting love to your enemy is difficult. It can be done; it has been done. The fact that it is difficult should not deter us.

"As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me."

With how much determination do you set out on your course and how high is the goal that you have set for yourself? Set your face steadfastly to the task set before you and you shall have joy and blessing in what you do.

Today, many ask of the church what the people once asked of Isaiah, "Speak unto us smooth things." Some preaching is conforming with this to an extent that has made true the satire of a Methodist bishop, who gave this as an example of such a pulpit effort:

"Brethren, you must repent, as it were, and be converted, in a measure or you will be dammed, to some extent."

❖ Alumni News ❖

Recently commissioned Lt. George Petersen, '37-'38, of Eugene, Oregon, visited the campus September 5-6. George has served overseas for two years in New Caledonia, New Hebrides and other stations in the South Pacific.

Racing up to Blair from Concordia, Kansas, on a three-day pass, Pfc. Kermit Hansen, '41-'43, visited with his sister Lillian on the campus. Kermit also had an ulterior motive as he came up to make a few preliminary preparations for his forthcoming wedding to Miss Claudine Blankenship, '42-'43. Their wedding is to come off sometime in November, depending, as usual nowadays, on the War Department. Kermit is at present stationed at a Prisoner of War camp.

It seemed like football season again to see T/5 Howard Jensen '41-'43 strolling around the campus. Howie was a star on the Dana gridiron squad for the two years he attended the school before his call to the service. Jensen is stationed in Oklahoma—and likes the north!

Norman Nielsen '40-'42, Greenville, Michigan, and Donald Hansen '40-'42 of Sidney, Montana, are both attending Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul.

Mr. Lee Daggett, Class of '40, formerly of Lyons, Nebraska, has left his teaching post there to accept a position at Sinclair Oil, Whiting, Ind. He and his wife, Rhoda '39-'41, are now living in Chicago.

Ceaseless Chitter and Chatter

CAMPUS

Is there a woodcraftsman in the "crowd"? The DANA sign at the northeast corner of the campus should be repaired, replaced or removed.

The DANA sign in its present condition should not represent our school. After undergoing repairs, it may be well to move the sign to a more advantageous location—say in front of the little birch that now partially hides it. Come on, we must have some craftsman in the "crowd."

The elite social organization composed of the male inhabitants of the men's dorm, found it unnecessary to draft any restrictions on evening liberties; however, one thoughtful suggestion was made, it was proposed that none of the males spend more than five hours in

mittie to be chosen by the student body president to work with the local church officials on any matters where the interests of both parties are concerned. Rev. Jorgensen's work has been noted by the Association of College Pastors of the American Lutheran Conference and he has been cited for it. Thus we learn that we are not the only ones that appreciate him, but we would at this time like to publicly take our hats off to you, Rev. Jorgensen, and give you a rising vote of thanks.

bed during daylight hours. A certain Minnesotan felt himself quite restricted by the resolution.

After tedious hours of toil we have a new appearing gym floor in tip-top shape for a year's usage. Thoughtfulness and cooperation on the part of the student body in using the floor will best show our appreciation for the major improvement.

Tennis at Dana has ceased to be a strenuous exercise; users of the courts spend about two-thirds of their time in search of lost balls in the four and one-half-foot weed crop surrounding the courts. It has even been observed that the long experienced Seminarymen spend a great deal of time in search of their balls (as well as amateur freshmen).

No intensive search for a mascot or biology specimen will be necessary this year. The campus seems to be well equipped with a good supply of cats. Some humane members of the student body even share their rooms with the furry pests.

Upperclassmen girls seem to have an unequalled ability for domestic services. Several of the girls served very efficiently in the kitchen, others in the entertainment field—while the remainder seemed to be highly specialized in the technique of "short-sheeting."

Perhaps the reason for the high percentage of males present each morning at breakfast is the fact that no electric alarms are disrupted by "power shut offs" at 10:15 and 10:30 P.M.—or do men always rise early for a day's work?

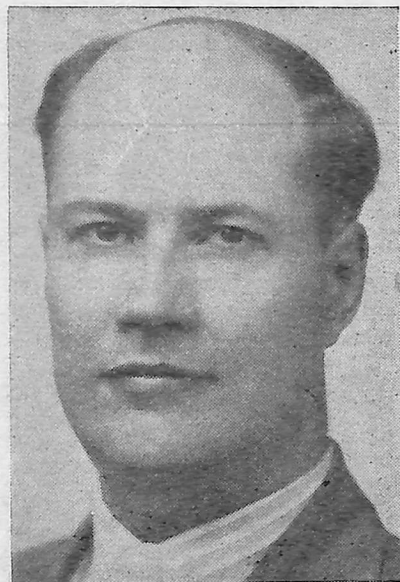
Pedagogues' Pastimes



Having taught English here, intermittently, for eighteen years, Miss Falk could scarcely be termed a "new" addition to the faculty. Blair has been a second home to her for many years, so this year when she was recalled, she decided to make it her permanent home.

The middlewestern colleges are those which Miss Falk attended. She received her B.A. from Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, after which she did graduate work at the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Minnesota. Miss Falk earned her M.A. at the University of Michigan.

She, like so many others, finds that the spiritual environment and personal associations are the attributes of Dana which appeal to her the most.



One of our new faculty members is not only teaching but studying as well. Mr. O. F. Bale is a candidate for a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan and is now writing his dissertation.

A native Minnesotan, Mr. Bale attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, and received his B.A., and his degree of candidate of theology from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. His M.A. is from the University of Michigan.

He has served as dean of men at Bethany College and has also taught at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Hope College, Holland, Michigan; and Waterloo College, Waterloo, West Ontario. Mr. Bale was also employed at the Ford Airplane School for two years. He is the professor of German and Latin here at Dana.

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to exist on their own cooking and dinner invitations. The other members of the seminary family lived a happy and contented life with their wives in Blair.

In spite of a good summer, Trinity is happy to see the campus again occupied by a happy and conscientious group of college students and looks forward to a year of real fellowship and hard work.

Various and sundry methods of relaxation and employment were indulged in during the summer by those members of the faculty who were "paa Dana" last year.

President Morton spent the greater part of the summer traveling in the East and teaching at several Bible camps: Atlantic district, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire; Nebraska District Camps at Blair, and Iowa District camp at Lake Okoboji. Administrative matters held his attention for the rest of the summer.

Drafting, recruiting, enlisting and contacting prospective students were tasks which kept Registrar "P.V." hopping. Over and above the aforementioned labors was his task of supervising the eight church conferences held on the campus this summer.

Dr. Nielsen, Rev. Jensen, and Dr. Larsen taught their regular classes in the seminary during the summer session.

Dr. Swanson taught American History and American Government at the Branch Summer Session of the Iowa State Teachers' College, Atlantic, Iowa. He and his wife resided in Atlantic this summer.

Working his fingers to the bone over a hot stove was the fate Coach Petersen as a result of his work in the kitchen for the summer's conferences. The call of the great outdoors kept ringing in his ears, and he spent several weeks "foreman-ing" a group of Indian de-tasslers.

Miss Bertelsen also worked with the churches that held conferences here. Part of her time was spent in the library.

Mr. Wm. Thomsen and Mr. John Schultz spent a good part of the summer on a "good-will" tour for the school. They toured as far south as Kansas City and as far north as Luck, Wisconsin. While at Luck they went on a fishing trip. Mr. Schultz caught sixty fish, varying in size, and we hear that that isn't a fish story. They attended regular classes while they were at Trinity.

His own newly painted domicile and the bright and shiny faces of some of Blair's houses seem to give evidence of Mr. Elmer Rasmussen, Dana's psych. prof. Beside his labors in the painting and carpentry fields—he turned his thoughts to some more "down to earth" fields and his garden is doing fine.

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claim her), was elected to serve in the capacity of Religious Director. A prominent soloist on the campus and a member of the choir, Mildred has had experience in the musical line.

Former star football center and basketball player "Bud" Peterson was picked to supervise the athletic side of life on the campus. With his large amount of experience and his 6'1" stature your reporter feels that "Bud" will be able to fill Aster's (last year's Athletic Director) number 12½ shoes.

English major, DANIAN and HERMES editorships and high school journalism also qualify Stanley Carlsen, a junior seminarian who makes Blair his home, for the post of Literary Director.

Canada's Ejvind Nielsen, down from Standard, Alberta, was chosen to the position of campus Religious Director. Ejvind is a senior pre-seminary student in the college.

Also elected was Bill Hanson, Chicago, junior in seminary to the position of Social Director. No experience required.



"I haven't found anything yet that I dislike!" answered Miss Peck, the commercial instructor, when queried as to what she thought of Dana.

Although she lived in a girls' dormitory while teaching at Luther, this is Miss Peck's first experience as dean of women. She taught at Luther College three years previous to coming here.

Miss Peck graduated from Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, and has studied at Northwestern University in Chicago. She received her M.A. from the Colorado State College of Education.

A former sponsor of Girl Reserves clubs during her high school teaching, Miss Peck's favorite pastime is reading.



Because his greatest interest lies in working with young people, Mr. H. A. Ludwig left an industrial job to have charge of our science department.

For two and a half years he was in charge of two laboratories in a plant manufacturing shell cases. Before that he directed the pre-dental and pre-medical courses at Plymouth College. He has also done high school teaching.

Mr. Ludwig attended the University of Wisconsin, has his B.A. from Lawrence University and his M.A. from the University of Minnesota. He has done graduate work at the University of Colorado and at the Marquette Medical School.

Blair, according to Mr. Ludwig, is an ideal location, and he prefers teaching in a Christian college.

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building got their share of attention. All of the second floor rooms and one on third in the men's dorm were painted, and twelve rooms, besides Miss Peck's and the kitchenette, were redone in the girls' dorm.

The floors in both dorms, the ad building, and the gym also received their yearly refinish.

To prevent trouble in the rainy season for those students who drive cars, the campus driveway has recently been graveled.

It All Happened On The Rind

by Audrey Jorgensen

Sure, you're probably wondering why I'm writing this up but Thursday night Bill rang me down and with that brogue of furrer ast me if I'd do him "a flavor". It came to me that perhaps he didn't speak like the people hereabouts but that when in Rome he would get a reply like the Romans do so I asked, "Strawberry, chocolate, or vanilla?" Either it's all in understanding Bill or perhaps the gentleman had a mental confliction of ideas but it is out of sympathy for your editor whom I'm inclined from previous observation to be seized with the last dread disease that makes me write this. He answered, "Just call me Perry, I want Manila."

The alpha of our narrative is the result of that awful gnawing feeling in the pit of the stomach described as hunger tormenting all of us on the hill. It happened to Lil and Esther S. one night and being women of action decided they were going to have watermelon or else—or else they wouldn't. And being socialists and humanists they thought of the multitude of starving children on the third floor many of them without parents, loved ones, and far from home for the first time. It started with best intentions.

The next morning miniature watermelons (sorry the mailboxes aren't bigger) were found by each freshman girl telling her the details of the feed. Yes, it was with happy anticipation we all spent Thursday but then at supper-time our plans were foiled. Why did that Chappie Charlie scare the freshman girls? When word reached around about the awful initiation and terror and bad premonitions gripped the hearts of each third floor occupant we didn't have the heart to disappoint them. But we couldn't think of anything bad enough, yet good enough to do. So we decided to just go ahead per schedule.

We had a good, clean time, first singing "a widdle peeth of thoap." Then we put on Esther Ericksen's favorite drama. It was a bloody tragedy in three tempos which occurred when knight-hood was in flower and there were three boys to every girl at Dana. May I here express on behalf of the upperclassmen girls our gratefulness to Lavern whose bow-ties gave the play that special something? Eunice Carlsen gave us a "darling reading" about a feminine football ignoramus. We then had a group song. No, it wasn't "Come, Soothing Death," yet. We also had a group game and then a watermelon procession to the front of "old main." We all had plenty to eat and the freshmen got their minds away from the folks at home for awhile.

We had a short hymn-sing on the steps of the ad building before we retired to the dorm at 10:15.

The omega of our story is one that might never materialize in my day but who knows?—sometime we might have Dana hill blanketed with watermelon vines.

An afterthought: It's been puzzling me how all the freshmen girls' beds could have been short-sheeted when we were eating. "Amusin" but how "confusin"! It was this discovery that inspired some freshman girl to hum—ever so softly—the choir number already mentioned.

Freshmen Scared Chilly At Faculty Reception

"Is my tie straight? How's my hair? What do we do?" With such anxious questions an excited freshman consulted an upper classman as they crowded together in the hallway of the girls' dorm Friday evening, September 8, awaiting their introduction to the faculty of the college.

In a quavering voice he gave his name to the waiting usher, and then mustering all of his courage, he entered the reception room. The dreaded moment had arrived. "Rev. Morton, this is..." and so he shook the hand of the towering president, and then in a trance he moved down the line of waiting faculty members, smiling wanly at each in an attempt to hide his discomfort.

When the end of the line was finally reached, he rushed to the nearest obscure corner and mopped his beaded forehead. There he huddled as Dr. Swanson announced the program.

When President Morton said the evening was to be an informal occasion in which to get acquainted the timid freshman was so much at ease that he actually

enjoyed the program. He almost fell from his seat in the corner when Professor Neve played "Malaguena," and when Mildred Romer sang "When I Was Seventeen" and "A Heart That's Free" he smiled knowingly to himself.

After eating his lunch of cake and coffee he joined in the singing of "Hail, Dana" with a lust that astounded the upper classmen. He was already looking forward to laughing at next year's freshmen when they would go through all the unnecessary suffering he had experienced.

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Prof. Theo. I. Jensen Speaks to League on Costs and Rewards

"The Cost and Rewards of Being Faithful" was the topic of the talk given by Rev. Theo. Jensen at the first Luther League meeting of the school year, held on Wednesday evening, September 13.

"If we are faithful to God, we must be faithful to His Word and to His Church," Rev. Jensen said. It isn't an easy task—the people of the world may shun and scorn us, we will meet many obstacles and difficulties. But nevertheless rewards of faithfulness are great. Christ said, "Be ye faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Hardships, too, are rewards. While hardships may seem to belong to the cost of faithfulness, it develops in us a patience and a feeling of dependence on the Lord without which we cannot live real, fruitful lives. Other rewards of faithfulness are an abundant life here on earth, guidance, and good, true friends.

We should have that determination to be true to God, His Word, and His Church. Does it pay? In Psalm 1 we read, "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Miss Mildred Romer sang a solo at this meeting.

The Prexy Explains - -

"Where are the new concrete tennis courts?" That is a question often heard on the campus. They just aren't, and the reason? no O.P.A. ceiling on concrete tennis courts.

The major reason why we do not have the new courts today is the tremendous cost involved. Originally, the estimates for two courts ran about \$1200, but when bids were submitted last summer by two contractors, both ran from \$3300 to \$3500 for two courts. The cost of one court would be far more than half of this figure, due to the cost of moving machinery and equipment on the job. To date we have received \$904.04 for the new courts, so there is a good start.

A minor question involved is the location of the courts. Something is permanent as concrete courts should be placed where there is no possibility of interference in one way or another, and as long as plans for the campus are not complete, it would seem wiser to wait until they are final enough to permit placing of the courts.

WAA Elects Petersen As Head; Ericksen Given Second Post



Delores Hansen, a member of last year's W.A.A., took charge of the association's first meeting in the Girls' Reception Room Monday night until its new president, Doris Petersen, was elected, and the meeting was turned over to her. Elections continued, with offices going to the following: Esther Ericksen, vice-president; Dolores Jensen, secretary-treasurer; Audrey Jorgensen, recreational director. The latter office is a new one for the association but it was thought to be one of the school's active clubs; it should sponsor some fun-nites, etc., at regular intervals for the student body. Audrey will be the head of any such activity.

Requirements for points for the year were discussed. A new system for obtaining hiking points was presented to the members. It had always been the custom to have one ten-mile, one five-mile, and two two-mile hikes a semester. This year a girl must acquire twenty-five hiking points a semester, one point representing a mile. A ten-miler will still be required, however, but the other points may be distributed as each girl wishes. As usual, there will be basketball, volleyball, tennis, and ping-pong tournaments. A shuffleboard tournament is also being considered. Participation in kittenball games will be required, but there will be no tournament. The possibility of other contests is also being investigated.

It was decided that Lillian Hansen should inquire as to the possibility of getting apples to sell in the dorms as was done last year. If they can be purchased, not only would they aid the treasury but that gnawing feeling in the pit of our stomachs would be satisfied.

Dana Squad Is Coached By Schultz; 14 Men Out

Local League Greeted '44-'45 Student Body With "Picnic Party"

As guests of the local Luther League, members of the student body and faculty enjoyed an informal outing in Swimming Pool Park on Saturday evening, September 10.

The raving appetite of the group was stayed early in the evening by the picnic supper furnished by the Luther League in cooperation with Mrs. Duame and her staff.

When the kettles were all empty and the last watermelon rinds eaten bare, various games were played by the group.

Then to end the evening everyone gathered on the hillside to take part in a song fest; after which, scripture was read and a prayer offered by a local leaguer.

Tri-Team Conference Formed by Midland, Dana and Concordia

Chased from one well selected hiding place to another, searched out of every hall in "Old Main," unceasingly disturbed in his private study (Men's dorm-Room 201 - please knock), Seminarian and Physical Education instructor John Schultz finally directed the issuance of football equipment to eleven prospective footballmen. Richard Dankert, Norlan Hanson, Norman Hansen, Charles Hansen, Roger Hansen, Franklin Highby, John Nielsen, Earl Nelson, Robert Parker, Gene Staberg, and Robert Videbeck are the hopeful gridiron men.

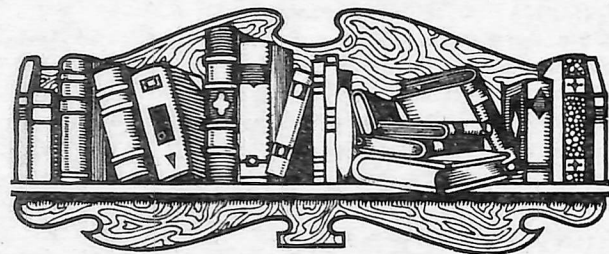
Equipment was issued and fitted (deep in the heart of a mosquito nest) at the east end of the Physical Education building. Eager with enthusiasm the fellows suffered comparatively few injuries from the mosquitos, although a few bruises were incurred while shaping the body to the equipment.

A short scrimmage period resulted in the confining of Robert Videbeck to bed the following day. Several other members were observed to ascend the stairs with noticeable difficulty.

Two well-qualified seminarians, Bill Hanson and Bud Peterson, will assist Coach in the training and coaching of the squad. Some observers are somewhat doubtful if the present equipment will last the team—the tackling dummy, used only once, has a dent already.

Seven of the eleven squadmen have had past experience in football and have been assigned to school the others.

Dana will be represented by a six man squad in a three team conference. The squad will play their first game with Concordia, at Dana, September 29. The team with the wholehearted support of the student body hopes to experience a successful season.



Book Nook

by R. E. Videbeck

OVERHEARD IN A SUBWAY:

"But is this a good book to read?" one bright young lady asked of her friend.

"Shoa," was the answer, with a Brooklyn modification.

I glanced over my shoulder to see what was the name of the book. When I did see the title of the book, I shook my head in a slight negative. The title of the book was "Strange Fruit" by Lillian Smith. Yes, this was the book Boston had banned a few months previous—praises to the Boston people.

"Oh, they have narrow minds," was a comment I once heard when Boston proclaimed its disapproval.

For sheer curiosity I read the book. I tried to be a broad-minded reader and realize Miss Smith's point of view, but my better nature said no.

This is Miss Smith's first book, and, for my part, Miss Smith can stop her career right now.

Such immorality written in one book is shameful. Is this the type of literature to which America must stoop? Can't we do something about it? We must and will. GOOD BOOKS:

There are good books in America. The one book I hold in mind is none other than Lloyd C. Douglas' "The Robe." I have not yet found a book anywhere as wholesome, as satisfying, as completely enjoyable as "The Robe." It is first on my literary list. There are countless other books with the same high standard.

By good books, I don't necessarily mean religious works, but books that do not carry vulgarisms through the entire story making it the core of the book. THE PURPOSE:

It shall be my purpose in this column to bring to you some opinions and reviews on the better books of the day.

SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS

Sept. 29—Football, Concordia here.

Sept. 30—Student Scavenger Party.

Oct. 6-8 p.m., Scandinavian-American Foundation. Tentative speaker, Dr. N. C. Carlsen.

Oct. 14—Football, Midland here.

Oct. 24-8 p.m., President Morton's Inauguration.

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