

# HERMES

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## Northwestern University Awards Master's Degree to Professor for Original Compositions

On the basis of four original choral compositions submitted in lieu of a thesis, Prof. Paul Neve, head of the department of music, has been granted the degree of Master of Music from the School of Music of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Neve, who has directed the Dana College Choir since 1943, completed graduate work in the field of church and choral music this summer. He has just been notified that the degree has been approved by the faculty of the School of Music.

His compositions, all of them based on portions of the Bible, are "Blessed is the Man," "I Bless You, Brethren," "Praise Ye the Lord," and "Revelation." "Blessed Is the Man," the text



Prof. Paul Neve

of which is from the First Psalm, is included in the concert repertoire of the 1948-1949 Dana College Choir.

## Christmas in Denmark, Is Theme of Annual Christmas Banquet

"Christmas in Denmark" will be the theme of the annual Christmas banquet to be held December 13. Committees have been appointed and are at work arranging the details that make the Christmas banquet one of the big events of the year. The chairmen of these committees are: Joan Peterson, program; Helga Jessen, place cards and favors; Virginia Lippincott, table decorations; Thomasine Bendorf, publicity and tickets; Edith Skobo, cleanup; Erna Petersen and Elsie Jensen, decorations. Janice Nygaard and Marlyn Neve are general chairmen.

Norman Bansen, public relations director, is adding to the authenticity of the program by writing to New York to obtain information on the Christmas customs and traditions of Denmark.

## Lloyd Neve Receives UELC Commission

### First Post-war Missionary from Synod Will Serve in Japan

The first post-war missionary from our United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be commissioned at First Lutheran Church on December 5 for service in Japan. He is the Reverend Lloyd Neve, a former national president of the Lutheran Student Association, and a graduate of both Dana College and Trinity Seminary.



Rev. Lloyd Neve

In November Pastor Neve completed a course of study in the Japanese language and culture. He has also done graduate work at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary.

While a student at Dana, he served as editor of *Hermes* and *Daniam*. During the 1943-44 school year he was student body president. In 1943 he was elected president of the Midwest Region of the LSA and was re-elected to serve a second term in 1944. At the Ashram of 1946 the Reverend Neve was elected national president of the LSA. Then followed a year when he made trip after trip for the LSA from the Gulf of Mexico to the plains of Canada. During this year he had to complete his thesis for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity and prepare for finals in his theological courses.

Feeling it a waste of hard-earned LSA funds to travel first class and being an expert in hitch-hiking, an honorable collegiate art, he made most of his trips in that fashion. He has the distinction of having hitch-hiked 25,000 miles and has visited every state in the Union.

At a World Missions Convocation at Augustana College in 1946, Pastor Neve became personally aware of the need of Christian workers in Japan. Now with his training period soon over, he will embark for that land, possibly before the new year. There he will join in the vital work of bringing Christianity to the Japanese people.

## Lois Girtz Merits Publication of Poem "How Big"

In thirty-eight words, Lois Girtz, sophomore, expressed herself about a point in a philosophy lecture. These thirty-eight words as written in a poem, "How Big," by Lois have been chosen for publication in the Annual College Anthology of the National Poetry Association. The poem was first written for an assignment in English 301, Advanced Composition, and later read at a Literary Club meeting when creative writing was discussed.

While in the seventh grade, Lois wrote lyrics for a graduation song. Her poetry, "Spring—Opportunity," was published in the high school paper in Albert Lea when she was a junior.

"I don't know how many poems I have written," she said, "but I have 'penned' terse verse all my life."

## Lyceum Series Features Polish-American Soprano

Paula Zwane, an attractive Polish-American soprano, will present a concert in the current lyceum series on December 7 at 8 p.m. in the College Auditorium. She has received favorable acclaim in Chicago and Buffalo for her wealth of beautiful tone and style and for the feeling and understanding with which she interprets even such difficult arias as that from Beethoven's "Fidelio."

Featured on the program will be selections from the works of Verdi and Scarlatti and a duet by Haydn sung with Mr. Widman. The latter part of the program, in a lighter vein, will include such selections as "My Faithful Steed," by her native



Paula Zwane

composer, Paderewski, and "Velvet Shoes," by a modern American composer, Randall Thompson.

In addition to presenting this concert on Tuesday evening, Miss Zwane will be the soprano soloist at the annual presentation of the "Messiah" Sunday evening.

## 'Messiah' To Be Sung Sunday Evening at Blair High School

Handel's oratorio, the *Messiah*, will be presented in the Blair High School auditorium Sunday evening, December 5, as part of the Christmas festivities of Dana.

The chorus, consisting of approximately one hundred twenty-five voices, includes members of the Dana College Choir, the Dana College Chorus, other interested students, and members of various church choirs in Blair.

Directing the *Messiah* will be Paul Neve, professor of music. Soloists in this year's presentation of the *Messiah* come from Chicago, Omaha, and Blair. Singing the soprano solos will be Paula Zwane of Chicago. Miss Zwane also is to present a lyceum program in the college auditorium on December 7. Mrs. Ruth Blanchard of Blair will be the contralto soloist. From Omaha comes Mr. Leland Andersen, bass soloist. Both Mrs. Blanchard and Mr. Andersen were soloists in the *Messiah* last year. Tenor solos will be sung by Mr. Melvin Widman, vocal instructor at Dana. Miss Irma Ihrike of the college music department will accompany the *Messiah* at the piano.

The Symphonic String Quartet from Omaha will assist with the presentation of the oratorio. Myron Cohen, concert master of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, is arranging for this group.

## Norlan Hanson Elected Midwest LSA Officer

Norlan Hanson, president of the Dana Chapter of LSA, was elected vice president of the Midwest Region and director of L. S. Action by the regional council at the Regional Conference held in Lincoln.

Besides his many other duties, Norlan will assist the president in planning the Mid-Winter Conference and the Little Ashram to be held in the spring. Later on they will make plans for the National Ashram at Interlochen, Michigan.

## History Club Presents Annual Program of 'Christmas Carol'

Keeping the tradition of presenting Dickens' "Christmas Carol" to college students and friends in the community, the History Club has again this year planned a program which will be presented in the auditorium, December 16, at 8 p.m.

Returning cast members will again be featured in their roles as Maynard Anderson represents "Scrooge" and Jack Krogh, "Bob Cratchit." Ray Johnson, Jim Hansen, Gunnar Mengers, David Ranheim, Darlene Morton, Ray Weckmuller, and Niels Carlsen are also making return appearances. Arthur Simon, Phil Peterson, Joan Peterson, Pauline Jorth, and John Beck are new members of the cast. The Rev. Robert M. Corl is directing the production.

Planning for the annual program has been done by Dr. H. F. Swansen and the executive committee of the History Club.

Tickets at 50 and 35 cents are being sold by Wayne Hansen and his co-workers while Ray Christensen and Norman Winther are planning the stage properties.

The program as planned includes organ music, vocal solos, a brass group, and a short discussion of Charles Dickens, author of the drama.

## Stay-at-Dana's Feast

By One Who Stayed

On Wednesday, the 24th of November, everyone seemed to be unusually happy as classes were over and Thanksgiving vacation began. Those who were going home spoke eagerly of all the things they planned to do, but now those of us who stayed on the campus do not envy any of them.

There were approximately fifty students (with only twelve girls and the rest males) meandering on and off the campus over the holiday. Six of the faculty were on the campus.

On Wednesday night, the "stay-at-Dana's" played a volleyball game and were treated to fudge by the girls.

With the center table of the dining hall decorated with a horn of plenty, students, faculty members, and married veterans sat down to Thanksgiving dinner in the dining hall. "Mom" Hurdum had prepared a menu of roast turkey, sage dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, broccoli with hollandaise sauce, celery sticks, stuffed olives, cranberry sauce, pear salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, coffee, nuts and candy. All of the meals over the holiday were served cafeteria style.

The Reverend Paul Nyholm preached the Thanksgiving sermon at First Lutheran Church.

After the Thanksgiving dinner, fifteen rugged students went hiking to the Blair airport. Reception room parties and a skating party filled the evenings.

Strangely enough, no new romances or engagements occurred among the remaining students.

And, now it is only two weeks till Christmas vacation and, I, too, will be going home!

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- December 4—All-school movie.
- December 5—"Messiah."
- December 6—Christmas tree lighting.
- December 7—Lyceum program.
- December 7—Basketball game, Midland (at Fremont).
- December 8—L.S.A.A.
- December 10—Basketball game with Nebraska Central (at Central City, Nebraska).
- December 11—Basketball game, Concordia.
- December 13—Christmas banquet.
- December 14—L.S.A.A. Christmas program and caroling.
- December 15—Basketball game with Tarkio (at Tarkio, Mo.)
- December 16—History Club presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol."
- December 17—Basketball game at Norfolk, Nebr.
- December 18—Christmas vacation begins.

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## You, Too Can Serve

--- Paul Johnson

Just the other day a fellow said something like this, "I would like to go to a foreign country and help those that are without the great advantages that we here in America have. I would like to bring them the gospel of Christ, but I am not a minister and am very interested in business and feel that that is my line."

So many people think that unless they are an ordained pastor they cannot be a foreign missionary. To this we say, "This is a sad mistake." There is an urgent demand for all occupations on the mission fields. Ordained pastors are needed it is true, but also businessmen, school teachers, doctors, nurses, agriculturalists, engineers of all kinds, chemists, and men in almost all walks of life. It must be noted that only because of the foresight of certain missionaries in making their mission produce their own foodstuffs and other saleable articles, they were able to maintain themselves when cut off by outside help during the war years. Yes, many more things can be done to help these neglected people make use of the resources which they have.

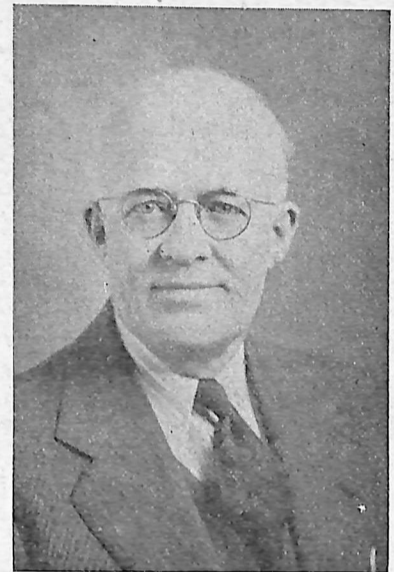
However, let us remember that there are some who do realize the neglected situation and at this time are capitalizing on it. Too many doing this only for a selfish motive are becoming very wealthy at the expense of the natives. How wonderful it would be if we as privileged Christians in this world would use our talents to help our distant brothers utilize their resources and at the same time bring them the message of the saving Christ.

## Faculty Sketches

--- Charles Christensen

On a winter's day in faraway Boston, shortly after the turn of the century, three young lads of twelve decided to go down to the city hall to visit the mayor of Boston. And this they forthwith did. After having been received, and their social obligations met, the three were appointed assistant mayors of the city of Boston. Just how long his term of office ran, Dr. H. F. Swansen is not precisely sure.

This enterprising escapade took place during his days at the Dudley Grammar School for boys. This elementary training was followed by the days in the Boston English High School, also for boys, modeled upon the plan of the English preparatory schools. When he graduated he thought his days in school were over, but in reality they had just begun, for Dr. Swansen has devoted his life to education.



Dr. H. F. Swansen

After a year out of school, he decided to continue his education, and following the advice of his pastor, he found himself at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Here he received his B.A. degree in 1914.

He then began his long teaching career at Albert Lea, Minnesota, in the Luther Academy, where he remained for four years. Following this, he spent eleven years teaching in secondary schools. In 1926, he resigned the principalship of Gale College, an academy, and went to the University of Minnesota, from which he received his M.A. degree in 1927.

After this, Prof. Swansen accepted a position at his own alma mater, Luther College, where he taught history for six years.

In 1931, he received a fellowship from the University of Iowa, and in the school year 1931-32 he completed the residence work for his doctorate. When this work was completed, he accepted the chair of history at Dana. The ensuing years were spent not only in teaching but in working upon his doctoral dissertation, entitled *The Norse in Iowa*. In 1936, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Iowa.

The following summer he and Mrs. Swansen spent traveling extensively throughout Europe. Upon their return, Dr. Swansen took up work upon another book, the life of Pastor C. L. Clausen, the Danish pioneer missionary pastor, who worked among the Norwegians. This work will be published within the year by the Lutheran Publishing House.

In later years, Dana's honored and beloved professor of history has held the distinction of being Dean of the Faculty.

## Look Out of "Our World"

We realize that polls died with the late election, nevertheless we took the liberty of conducting a poll to determine the awareness of current events of the average student. The question asked: What is the present Nationalist capital of China? Upon questioning twelve people on the campus, the eleven students, who should be well informed, could not answer the question. The twelfth person answered it correctly, giving Nanking as his answer. That twelfth person was one of the custodians.

It is realized that this is an isolated instance of their ignorance, but Nanking, having been to the forefront of the news in the past three weeks, we thought the question quite apropos. Therefore, this poll indicates a severe disinterestedness on the part of the students in international affairs, and it is presumed that they lack interest in national affairs equally as much.

The student seems to have plenty of time for "horse-play" in the canteen, or on the campus in general, but he has no time to spare for a fifteen-minute news broadcast, or a five-minute perusal of the newspaper. This attitude is hardly "commensurate with the thinking which should prevail at college level," and certainly a student cannot be said to have a well-rounded education without some basic knowledge of current affairs. Therefore, for our own sakes, if not for the sake of the world, this attitude of indifference should be corrected. More than that—it is our duty to stimulate an active interest in world affairs, not only as students but as Christian citizens.

## Are You Interested--

Now that the new Administration-Library Building has been dedicated and is now in use, we must remember that contributions are necessary to erect such a structure. You—students, alumni, friends, and synodical members who have seen this fine building—need no more evidence of "where the money goes." Perhaps you have never thought of contributing, or perhaps you have neglected it. If you are interested enough, send your cash, money order, or check to the Dana College Building Fund, % H. J. Hansen, Treasurer, 101 West St., Blair, Nebraska.

## Your Student Council Reports

At the November 9 meeting of the Student Council a few of the suggestions made to the council were the following: that a petition be drawn up by Don Schou requesting that the Library Reading Room hours be extended and that a room be provided where typewriters and reserve books could be used; that the council look into the matter of bringing a German student to Dana and that this be a project of the Student Body and L.S.A.A.; that the Student Body consider the offering of a fellowship to a negro student and that the investigation of this matter be turned over to Harold Andersen; and that all announcements in the dining hall be made by one person. These suggestions were to be acted upon as soon as possible.

Using our Danish heritage to its best advantage was the topic of discussion at the meeting of the council on November 17.

## CAMPUS PERSONALITIES

### Wisconsinite Leads Women's Dorm



Violet Degrave

Instrumental in making Violet Degrave, dormitory the women's dormitory a pleasant place to live is council president. Coming from Green Bay, Wisconsin, Violet is majoring in sociology; her minors are English and biology.

A member of the senior class, Violet serves on the Student Council, takes part in LSA activities, and is a reporter on HERMES staff. Last year, her first at Dana, she participated in Choir, LSA, the German Club, and the History Club.

A graduate nurse, Violet is interested in Lutheran welfare work. In 1940 she received her R.N. at Bellim Memorial Hospital in Green Bay where she spent some time working. She also worked six months in a doctor's office before joining the Army Nurse Corps in 1943. Her Army nursing career took her from Illinois to Washington, from Washington to Edmonton and White Horse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

Before coming to Dana, Violet attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis for one year. She writes poetry, is a collector of paintings and stamps, but her main hobby is singing. Asked if she wanted to express any opinion concerning Dana, she enthusiastically replied, "Yes, I certainly do! Dana may have some drawbacks—what school hasn't? I think it's tops—colleges don't come any better."

## News of the Other Day

A prince was born and the great republic of the United States took time out to lend a nostalgic ear to the news from Buckingham Palace. Could it be that our confused republic in this disorganized twentieth century recalls somewhat regretfully earlier, more stable ages, in spite of our usual arrogant self-confidence?

In any case, the British people seem to feel a certain pride in this the most ancient and highest office in their land, and it seems to give them a feeling of greater stability to know that there is one office which is above politics, and unchanging with their changing governments.

It seems that the almighty American dollar is losing some of its vaunted power. We have poured money and supplies into China and Greece to bolster the tottering reactionary governments, while Russia gives little more than moral support to her Communist friends in either country. Yet the Communists seem even now to be holding their own in Greece and in China they are sadly in the lead. Meanwhile thousands of Chiang's troops either refuse to fight or desert (with American equipment) to the Communists. Might it not

--- Peter Thorslev

be an idea for our great democratic nation to see if the majority of the people in these nations are in favor of the governments which it keeps in power?

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Let us hope when the Seminary library periodicals are moved over to the new building that "The Daily Worker," complimentary copies of which have been received for over a year, is placed on the reading shelves. If the college students can be exposed to the government publication of a dictatorial state, "Portugal," and to "Soviet Russia Today," which is Communist although not openly so, they can also bear to read a paper which at least has the virtue of openly admitting that it is Communist. It certainly wouldn't hurt the students to familiarize themselves with the Communist line and judge its worth for themselves. All last year the "Worker" was periodically and piously consigned to the waste-basket. If fear that certain reactionary elements would object was what consigned the "Worker" to the flames, the librarians might this year remember that it is no longer fashionable to be Republican, and that Rep. Thomas probably won't be around for quite some time.

# Sideline Slants

By Jens and Johnny

## The Way It Looks From Here...

From watching the practice games that have been played so far, the Chintzes and the Jokers look like the teams to beat. But, this is too early to make any predictions as to the outcome of the season, so maybe it would be best if I wouldn't make any more statements now.

## For Better Student Recreation...

Two new basketballs and fourteen jerseys have been purchased by the student body for student use. Thanks to "Red" Leighton, who sponsored the motion.

## Back The Vikings!...

Next Monday night the Viking hoopsters open their 1948-49 basketball season at Midland College, in Fremont. Let's give the team the support they deserve. Hope to see you at Midland.

## Down, But Not Out...

Lyle Morgensen, one of last year's outstanding Viking cagers, was injured in a recent practice game, and will be out for the rest of the season. At present Lyle is at the Clarkson Hospital, in Omaha. His address is:

**Lyle Morgensen,  
Clarkson Hospital,  
Omaha, Nebraska.**

## Five Feet, Seventeen Inches...

Glancing through the old Hermes files, we noted that one Richard Morton held down the Viking center position in 1927-28. We hesitate to print this—but out of 10 starts, the Vikings topped only 2 games. Well, it takes more than a center to make a ball club. (We could feel the noose slipping around our necks, and that last sentence seemed the best way to slip it off again.)

## Nuts, Norris...

The inimitable Norris Mickelsen has done it again. At a recent intramural tilt, Norris, the T shirt kid, got his signals crossed and slipped a beautiful setup into the wrong basket. Anyone wishing to contribute towards a standard Boy Scout compass for Norris, please contact Jens.

## To Whom It May Concern...

With the intramural season swinging into gear, we'd like to remind some of the quintets of a certain high school tilt which ended in a final count of 1 to 0. It was a tough game, so the first outfit that scored simply stalled the ball each and every time it came into their possession. Not a bad idea, huh, "J.B."?

## Football Flickers...

Moving pictures of the Dana-Norfolk Homecoming game will be shown Saturday evening, along with films of the general homecoming festivities. These movies were taken by Elsie Jensen and Craig Nielsen. Here's a chance for you gridders to see yourselves in action.

# Vikes Open '48-'49 Cage Season

## Intramural Team Rosters Reported As Season Opens

Athletic Director Forrest "Red" Leighton has announced the team rosters for the eleven intramural quintets. The eleven teams will each play a ten-game schedule, with each team playing each other team once.

### The Green Gophers

Coach: Paul Laursen; team members: Jerry Jorgensen, Johnny Mickelsen, Larry Weir, "Dud" Collier, Don Glazier, Jim Coffee, Phil Christensen, Bobby Parker, and Earl Pace.

### The Chintzes

Team members: Jim L. Hanson, Norlan Hanson, Verlan Hanson, Jack Kitterman, Ray Johnson, Elmo Petersen, and Virgil Bollesen.

### The Farcity

Team members: Paul Johnson, Willard Johnson, Art Simon, Jack Krogh, Norm Winther, Al Bonde, Kenny Weaver, and Paul Skovlund.

### The Termites

Coach: Bob Nelson; team members: Duane Ohlsen, "Sandy" Kierkegaard, Larry Rasmussen, Phil Petersen, Dewey Linden, Bob Jensen, Gay Mengers, Marty Christensen, and Dick Petersen.

### J. B.'s Boys

Coach: "J. B." Bradley; team members: Job Meyer, Bob Lorenson, Norm Jensen, Augie Stricker, Leonard Sorensen, Jim Oberhofer, Norris Michelson, Ray Christensen, and Jim Jorgensen.

### The Scrounges

Coach: Kenny Christensen; assistant coach: Neil Conneally; team members: Darrel Wilson, Del Neary, Butch Hansen, John Hansen, Phil Andersen, Bob Erikson, Willard Gustin, Ross Nicholson, and "Smiley" Jackson.

### The Jokers

Coach: Jim Youmans; team members: Art Sorensen, Jim Hansen, Nels Carlson, Maynard Andersen, Don Ofte, Howie Petersen, "Red" Leighton.

### The Lemons

Coach: Joe Svitavski; team members: Fred Jensen, Al Nye-gaard, Dick Jacobsen, Paul Andersen, John Beck, Craig Nielsen, Bob Berthelsen, Ried Neve, and Wayne Hansen.

### The Plow-Jockeys

Coach: Russ Eckert; team members: George Demant, Charles Andersen, Roy Mumm, Jack Jorgensen, Al Swendsen, Bruce Jensen, Carl Hendricksen, Lloyd Bansen.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1948-49

Home Games	
December 11	Concordia
December 15	Tarkio
January 14	McCook
January 15	McCook
January 22	Norfolk
February 2	Fairbury
February 5	Luther
February 26	Milford
February 28	Midland
March 5	Nebraska Central
Games Away	
December 6	Midland
December 10	Nebraska Central
December 17	Norfolk
January 10	Milford
February 11	Fairbury
February 14	Tarkio
February 10	Concordia
March 3	Luther

## FB Letter Winners' Names Released

The following named men have been awarded letters in football, for their participation in the 1948 football season. They have been recommended and approved by the "D" club executive council, coach, and Pres. Morton. The letter winners are: Paul Laursen, Bud Robinson, Allen Nyegaard, Earl Pace, Ray Christensen, John Bradley, Walter Kirkegaard, Tug Collier, Ray Johnson, Maynard Andersen, Andrew Hansen, Jim Hansen, Don Schou, Red Leighton, Jim Oberhofer, Art Sorensen, Kenny Christensen, Del Neary, Neil Conneally, Dean Madsen, Willard Gustin, Bob Parker, Leonard Jackson, Larry Weare, and Bob Eriksen.

## Lemons Nip Scrounges, Jokers Trap Gophers

In the second night of the Dana College intramural basketball the Scrounges, 20-9, while the Jokers nipped the Green Gophers 38-35. Dick Jacobsen dropped through 7 points for the Lemons, and Butch Hansen netted 6 for the Scrounges. In the second game, Nels Carlson rang up 10 points, and Larry Weare accounted for 9 Gopher markers.

### The Clippers

Team members: Howard Romer, Harold Romer, Jim Sorensen, Loran Larson, Vic Johnson, John Lassen, Bob Hansen, Chuck Doidge, and Calvin Hansen.

### The Scallywags

Team members: Edwin Hansen, Knud Warschauer, Bob Sorensen, LeMoyné Nielsen, Tom Kniep, Harold Petersen, Mel Suhr, and Rodger Klett.

## Dana Ties for Second Place In NIAA

The 1948 Dana football squad had one of the most successful seasons in Dana football history. The season record of 5 wins and 2 defeats was the best since the 1932 season when the Vikings were undefeated in five games. This year also stands as the second best in the school's twenty-two years of gridiron history.

Perhaps the most significant victory was the 12-6 triumph over Midland, as this marked an end to the reign of the Warriors' football team over the Vikings.

The Vikings finished the season in a second place tie with McCook and Fairbury, in the N.I.A.A. conference. The final standings:

	W	L	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Norfolk	5	0	132	32
DANA	3	2	46	34
Fairbury	3	2	51	63
McCook	3	2	83	38
Nebr. Centl.	1	4	49	102
Concordia	0	5	18	118

This was the last year of Viking football for eight seniors, and two underclassmen. The seniors are: Bud Robinson, Don Schou, Ray Johnson, Maynard Andersen, Art Sorensen, Del Neary, "Red" Leighton, and Dean Madsen. The two other members who will not return next year are: "Tug" Collier, who is entering West Point this summer, and Willard Gustin, who will enter Iowa State next fall.

## Six Dana Gridders On Conference All-Star Team

When the N.I.A.A. all conference football roster was announced, six Dana gridders found berths on the 27-man team selected. Bud Robinson, Paul Laursen, Earl Pace, Andrew "Butch" Hansen, Maynard Andersen, and Art Sorensen were the Vikes chosen.

Fairbury placed seven men, Dana came second with six, Norfolk fell next with five, while Nebraska Central, McCook, and Concordia each netted three.

## Danes to Face Rough Eighteen Game Season

With five games scheduled before the next issue of the Hermes, the Dana Vikings face the beginning of one of the roughest seasons in Dana's basketball history. Coach Paul "Pete" Petersen's fifteen cagers will face Midland, Nebraska Central, Concordia, Tarkio, and Norfolk, in rapid succession.

Of the remaining teammen, seven are returning lettermen. Dean Madsen, a Senior, has nabbed three varsity letters, while Bud Robinson, Wilbur Clements, and Jim Youmans have each nailed two awards. Harry Conkling, Paul Laursen, and Russ Eckert are one-year letter winners.

The newcomers to the Dana hardwoods are Henry "Buck" Wolsmann, Bob Nelson, Kenny Andersen, Harold McKercher, Johnny Young, Eugene Mortensen, and Leonard Christensen. Young, McKercher, and Wolsmann have all had experience on the Blair High School team, while Andersen and Christensen hail from Wisconsin. Mortensen claims Oregon as his home.

Jim Youmans tops the height column at 6'5", while Bob Nelson falls next at 6'2". The heaviest of the hoopsters is Harry Conkling, who tips the scales at 195.

## Plow Jockeys and Chintz Win Openers

In the first two games of the Dana College 1948-49 intramural basketball season the Plow Jockeys "edged out" the Farcity, 21-12, while an over-confident Chintz quintet came back in the second half to drop J. B.'s Boys, 32-28.

In the scoring column Charlie Andersen led the Plow Jockeys, with 5 points. Kenny Weaver paced the Farcity by also accounting for 5 markers. Jack Kitterman, the Chintz's ace long shot artist, led the evening's scoring, with 12 points, while Bob Meyer swished through 11 points for J. B.'s Boys.

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The management of the canteen seems to have become a family affair. We have no objections to this, as long as it is managed efficiently, but lately we don't believe it has been.

The canteen is so seldom open on time, especially after chapel, that it is becoming an event to celebrate when the door is opened at 10:30. Often we have stood in the hall among an impatient group of would-be customers, listening to the muffled chatter of *l'affaire d'amour* being carried on within, only to be informed after fifteen or twenty minutes of imploring and knocking that it will not open for half an hour. If the worker does not show up it seems to us that some effort could be made to find a substitute.

Since the canteen has been given the privilege of a monopoly of the business on the campus, it should be managed to serve all the students, instead of a favored few.

(Signed)irate Customers.

## Old Fashioned Party Given Student Body By Home Ec. Club

The Home Economics Club arranged an old fashioned party with games and folk dances in the gymnasium, November 20. The girls dressed in print skirts and blouses and braided their hair in pig-tails, while the fellows wore overalls and old shirts. Couples were tied together in lovers' knots with pieces of string to solve the problem of freeing themselves.

The main part of the evening was spent playing games such as "Pig in the Parlor," "Eight in the Boat," and "Streets and Alleys." After the grand march partners were chosen for the Virginia Reel. While all gathered their breath and took a few moments of relaxation Maynard Anderson led in singing. Refreshments were served in the Recreation Room and five minutes later the gymnasium was filled again by the students who still had some hidden source of energy and never seemed to tire of the *schottische*.

# Old Mainliners

- - Knud Warschauer

During a period of twenty-five years Dr. P. S. Vig was three times connected with our seminary where he not only made his influence felt upon the theological thinking of our church but also on the number of men trained under him for the ministry.

Peter Sørensen Vig was born November 7, 1854, at Bøgvad near Egtved, Denmark. Being of financially poor parentage he worked at an early age as a herder. He missed his public schooling, but by studying on his own, he attracted attention and in 1872 with a small stipend from the Holberg fund he entered Askov High School. From 1878 to 1879, after some army service, he became a tutor in a pastor's home. He received in return, help in his private studies aimed towards ministerial service among his countrymen in America.

He left Denmark on a borrowed ticket in 1879, reaching Chicago on October 17. In Chicago, he worked as a religious instructor for children of a congregation and later as a presser in a vest factory. From 1882 to 1884 he was in Denmark and completed his studies for the ministry. He returned to America in the service of the Danish American Missionary Society.

Vig went from Chicago, where he married, to serve a small congregation in Bowman's Grove, Iowa, and to teach in a Danish-American high school at Elkhorn, Iowa. Pastor A. S. Nielsen, president of the Danish Church, ordained him. During this time, he stemmed the inroads of Danish Baptists and Adventists on the Danish population. From 1888 to 1892 he served as professor at the theological seminary at West Denmark, Wisconsin. Resigning after a controversy with a colleague pastor, he became head of the "North Church" Theological Seminary in Elkhorn, Iowa, from 1894 to 1897. This seminary was moved here and merged with Trinity Seminary. Vig served here a short while, then going to the Elkhorn congregation and school. He served Trinity Seminary from 1902 to 1905 and again in 1909 as theology professor. After a life of Christian service and many rewards, he died at the age of seventy-five, leaving many literary works behind.

## Librarian Discovers Campus Christmas Tree Lighting Tuesday Night Yellowed Check In Old Book

The works of Henry Fielding, an English novelist and playwright, has yielded up more than the author anticipated. About a month ago, while in the process of moving this particular set of books purchased by Dr. Swansen this summer, a time yellowed envelop fell from volume three of the set. The letter was mailed from Beverly Farms, Mass., and contained an uncanceled check made out to Lizbeth Ogden for the sum of two dollars. The check was dated Sept. 26, 1917.

It is strange to think that a check much older than the majority of students at Dana should travel around and finally end up in our library without apparently having been discovered during all these years.

## Campus Christmas Tree Lighting Tuesday Night

The campus Christmas tree is to be lit Tuesday evening at 7:15 in front of the Men's Hall.

A presentation of folk Christmas traditions and songs will be given by the newly organized Language Club. Its four divisions Danish, French, German and Spanish will contribute the respective selections. There will be group singing of Christmas carols.

This is the initial ceremony opening Christmas activity calendar.

## L.S.A. and L. L. of Music of Bach Heard Local Parish to Repeat Caroling With Artist's Remarks

The Christmas story will once again be brought to the shut-ins of Blair in the form of carols by students of Dana and members of the Luther League of the First Lutheran Church of Blair.

As has been the custom, the two groups will meet by the college gymnasium at 7:30 Tuesday evening and proceed downtown to the homes of those less fortunate than we to bring them the message that comes with the Christmas season.

In order to make this venture complete a list of names and places will be received from Rev. Jorgensen of the First Lutheran Church. The hospital, the old people's home and the Crowell Home will compose part of this list.

The L.S.A. is sponsoring this event and although plans for refreshments are yet tentative, they will be included.

## 500 Visitors Attend Open House of New A-L Building

Nearly five hundred people attending open house at Dana's new Administration - Library Building Sunday afternoon and evening, November 14, were impressed by the combination of beauty and practicability in the latest addition to the campus. Guests came from Tekamah, Fremont, Omaha, Missouri Valley, and several other nearby communities as well as from Blair. At the coffee hour, held in the large conference room, hostesses were Mrs. R. E. Morton, Mrs. H. F. Swansen, and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen. Upperclass students and faculty members were on hand to answer questions and guide the guests through the building.

The story of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor told by Rev. F. W. Thomsen and Prof. Paul Neve comprised the program of the Fine Arts Club, Nov. 17. Art instructor, Thomsen, showed on the movie screen a picture of the inside of a cathedral describing the theme of Bach's musical while Prof. Neve related briefly the history of the works.

The picture expressed the simplicity and solidness of Bach's theme. Neve told the audience how this picture should be applied to Bach's musical piece, and played Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor on the organ. Rev. Thomsen gave the artistic interpretation and added a few bits of humour.

The meeting was well attended, and in the future similar programs will be scheduled for the enjoyment and benefit of all students interested.

## Foreign Language Clubs Incorporate, Elect Officers

Incorporating themselves into one group, the students of the four speaking languages have organized the Language Club.

Lyle Jacobsen, sophomore, of Coon Rapids, Iowa, was elected president. Other officers were Kenneth Weaver, Batesland, S.D., vice president; Glennis DeVasure, Tekamah, Nebr.; Craig Nielsen, San Francisco, Calif.; Ingrid Bagger, Albert Lea, Minn.; Anne Thomsen, Bostwick, Nebr., and Norris Mickelson, Huntington Park, Calif., program chairmen.

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