

Dana College

Vol. XXXVI

Blair, Nebr., Dec. 16, 1954

No. 12

# Administration Posts Schedule of Last Weeks

Beginning with an extra long Christmas vacation, administration officials have posted a full schedule for the remaining weeks of the first semester. The vacation of 18 days is partly to accommodate students who work during the holiday vacation. Classes resume Tuesday, Jan. 4, with three weeks remaining in the semester, one of which is exam week.

Registration for the second semester begins Jan. 10, one week after classes begin in the new year. This is a continuation of the early-registration policy set up last year to relieve the office of so much concentrated registration at one time. First semester examinations are then scheduled on Monday through Thursday, January 17-20. The second semester begins Monday, Jan. 24.

Among the various activities scheduled for the first part of 1955 are the Tarkio Invitational basketball tournament, Spiritual Emphasis days and the resumption of the regular basketball season.

## Meetings Set For Jan. 30

Rev. Lloyd Neve will be the speaker for Spiritual Emphasis days which will be held Jan. 30 through Feb. 2, 1955.

Rev. Neve is a graduate of Trinity seminary and has served one term as a missionary to Japan. Now on furlough, he is studying for his M. S. T. at Union seminary in New York City, and will come to Dana between semesters of the seminary academic year. He will return to Japan in August of 1955.

Rev. Neve is the brother of Dana professor Paul Neve, currently on sabbatical leave of absence.

## Traditional Christmas Festivities Precede Danian's Vacation

Reverent voices singing Christmas carols on a frosty night, busy hands clipping silver snowflakes for Christmas banquet decorations—this is all a part of Christmas at Dana.

The last few weeks before vacation are filled with Christmas festivities, many of which are traditions that have evolved during the history of Dana.

For example, Dana's annual Christmas banquet has its origin in the all-school Christmas parties which also served as farewell occasions for the students who were going home for the holidays. Many Danians, however, remained on the campus during vacation; and to them the cook often "called for extra help in the kitchen to the delightful task of making candy and pebbernodder." . . . **Hermes** Christmas issue, 1926.

The all-school parties were first held in the dining hall, and later in the girls' reception room and then in the gym. Sponsored by the Luther League, which corresponds to today's L. S. A., until the last decade, the parties were then presented by the W. A. A., and the Home Economics club has sponsored the Christmas banquet for the last two years.

Christmas vacation at Dana has always consisted of approximately two weeks with the exception of the Christmas in 1928. That year, according to a **Hermes** issue, "the college closed its doors Dec. 14 because of the influenza

epidemic which had gripped the school." Danians had a vacation period of almost three weeks, from Dec. 14 to Jan. 3.

In 1930 an ensemble of various Blair choirs and the Dana choir presented what is believed to be the first "Messiah" in Blair's history. Since that time, it has been traditional for the Dana choir to present the "Messiah" or some other musical program at Christmas time.

The first record of a history club program is in 1934. Dicken's "Christmas Carol" was initially sponsored by the club in 1937. The presentation of the "Carol" every Christmas has been a Dana tradition up until a few years ago.

**Merete Nielsen**

## News Notes

Rev. Wm. Thomsen will become a full time instructor in art at Dana next September, Pres. Morton announced. His election to the faculty as assistant professor of art was approved by the Board of Trustees last October. In addition to teaching art, Rev. Thomsen may also teach a course in the Christianity department. He has served as art instructor on a part-time basis for 15 years.

### Lund's Choir Appears . . .

Our Savior's Lutheran Church choir of Council Bluffs, under the direction of Prof. Olaf C. Lund, will appear on KMTV, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 5:00 p.m.

## Campus Calendar

**Thursday, Dec. 16**

Basketball, Buena Vista, there.

**Friday, Dec. 17**

Christmas recess begins, 12:10 p.m.

**Fri. and Sat., Dec. 31 and Jan. 1**  
Tarkio Invitational Basketball tournament, at Tarkio.

**Tuesday, Jan. 4**

Classes resumed, 7:50 a.m.

# "Peace Above Reach of Circumstance . . ."

### PEACE ON EARTH?

It might seem that only an irreligious cynic could place a question mark after the angelic proclamation "Peace on earth!" Peace on earth? Yet devout spirits of every era have felt the burden of the question. Can we be soberly aware of the realities of today and still sing the angels' song? The poet Longfellow felt the burden as he "heard the bells on Christmas day" during the somber darkness of the Civil War:

And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth,"  
I said,  
"For hate is strong  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."  
And we still feel the burden:  
among the nations, tension, dis-

trust, hate; in every land, greed, strife, sin; in so many a home and heart, fear, anxiety, insecurity.

Still the song comes back again with the same eternal certainty, undimmed by the centuries of humanity's woe and sin. The angels sang it first to a world torn by turmoil. Men were "fainting for fear" during the years our Lord walked on earth. Even as He mounted Calvary's hill the city was filled with the troops of a brutal foreign oppressor and the hearts of men seethed with hate.

The Christmas promise is not that there shall be an untroubled world nor a life made serene by the absence of trial. But the promise is for a peace that is above and beyond the reach of human circumstance, a victory that the turn of human events cannot destroy. Through the cen-

turies, even amid persecution and bondage, men have echoed the Pauline song in the prison-house "Rejoice in the Lord always. . . The peace of God . . . shall keep your hearts . . . in Christ . . ." The soldier dying on the battlefield of life may still echo the Saviour's "Father, into Thy hand I commit my spirit."

Last Christmas the Chief of Navy Chaplains sent this word to his troops in military outposts and warships round the world: "The angel choirs are still singing their glorious refrain. The difficulty lies not in the rendition but in the acoustical properties distorted by the confusion of modern life." So the Word comes to us again this year, unchangeable, eternally sure. For it is the Word of Him who declares, "Heaven and earth may pass away, but my Word shall never

pass away." So devout poets of every age arrive at the same triumphant conclusion:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor does He sleep!  
The wrong shall fail,  
The right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Sverre Norborg puts it this way in one of his books, "Above the jungle of human disorder there is always the sunlit mountain peak of God's eternal purpose." That purpose is expressed in the coming of Christ to earth. That purpose is to assure redemption to men even amid sorrow, strife and sin. Receive Him and know that the promise of Peace on Earth in Him is eternally sure.

**PEACE ON EARTH!**

**Dr. C. C. Madsen**

# Dissension Among Member Senators Hits Republicans

That old bugaboo—dissension among members of a major political party—seems to plague the Republicans. And should it continue unabated, chances of the party retaining the popularity it enjoyed in 1952 appear somewhat dim.

Cause of it all can be laid on two Senators—Majority Leader Knowland of California and Joe McCarthy, the censured one, from Wisconsin—both of whom recently spoke out in no quiet terms against President Eisenhower.

## Knowland Speaks Out

During the past weeks Knowland has defied the President on the latter's foreign policy and has failed to change his position, while McCarthy, in a frustrated maneuver because of the recent censure vote against him, charged the Eisenhower administration with failing to take definite action against the Communists in government. He also criticized the President's action in congratulating Senators Watkins (R-Utah) and Flanders (R-Vt.) for their work with the censure proceedings, and he charged that the President was for tolerance of Chinese Communists who torture American soldiers.

Knowland's action has astounded many, since it is assumed that the majority leader must act as a servant of the president if both are of the same party. However, for some time the California senator has set himself at odds with the President's viewpoints. Some observers seem to think that this could mean Knowland is out to head the old Taft faction of the GOP. And this is probably not far from the truth.

## Frustrated, So Attempts Retaliation

The remarks of McCarthy, on the other hand, appear to come from a man who is both frustrated and embarrassed. Since his arrogant pride must have suffered in the censure, he almost had to attempt retaliation somehow. His slashing and unwise attack upon Eisenhower seems to be just this.

Now talk springs again of a third party, this time to be headed by none other than Joe himself. Whether it will materialize is questionable, and if it should, then what? Another black blotch on American politics?

The immediate effect of the action of these two unhesitant Senators has been to put doubt in the minds of the American public as to the unity of the Republican party. Now the Democrats have more material with which to criticize the Republicans.

Unless the Republicans settle their differences, they may find hard times ahead for them in 1956.

# Dean Wishes Each A Merry Christmas

It is nearing the time when we freely express to each other the wish, "Merry Christmas!" It is a happy time for most of us, for various reasons. It is happy because of the more-than-average amount of friendliness that is shown, because of many friends who remember us, because of reunions with families and friends whom we have not seen for a long time and because of many other things.

Anyone who considers seriously the source of the added cheer that seems to abound more at the Christmas season knows that it comes from the greater amount of love and thoughtfulness that we feel, express and carry out in actions towards others. It is highly fitting that the season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ should be a season of love and kindness towards friend and stranger alike, for He was the one who showed us true love in the highest degree.

With this in mind I express my deepest prayer for all of you in my Christmas greeting: May each one of you be filled with the love and kindness and thoughtfulness that will make your Christmas merry! **Dean E. R. Rasmussen**

# HERMES

## All-American '52



Vol. XXXVI

No. 12

Published weekly during the college year, except holiday and examination periods, by the student body of Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary, Blair, Nebraska.

Subscription rate \$2.50 a year, in advance.

Reentered as second class matter September 12, 1953, at Blair, Nebraska, under act of March 3, 1879.

Editor-in-chief ..... Jim Clemon  
Managing Editor..... Gunnar Mengers  
Associate Editors

News ..... Marilyn Ward  
Feature ..... Jacqueline Garrett  
Sports ..... Bob Jacobsen  
Copy ..... Tom Langenfeld

Business Manager..... Peter Smith  
Circulation Mgr..... Ronald Stricklett  
Editorial Advisor..... Donovan Olson  
Faculty Advisor..... A. Gordon Ferguson

Reporters: Margaret Meyer, Merete Nielsen and Barbara Peterson.



## Best Wishes

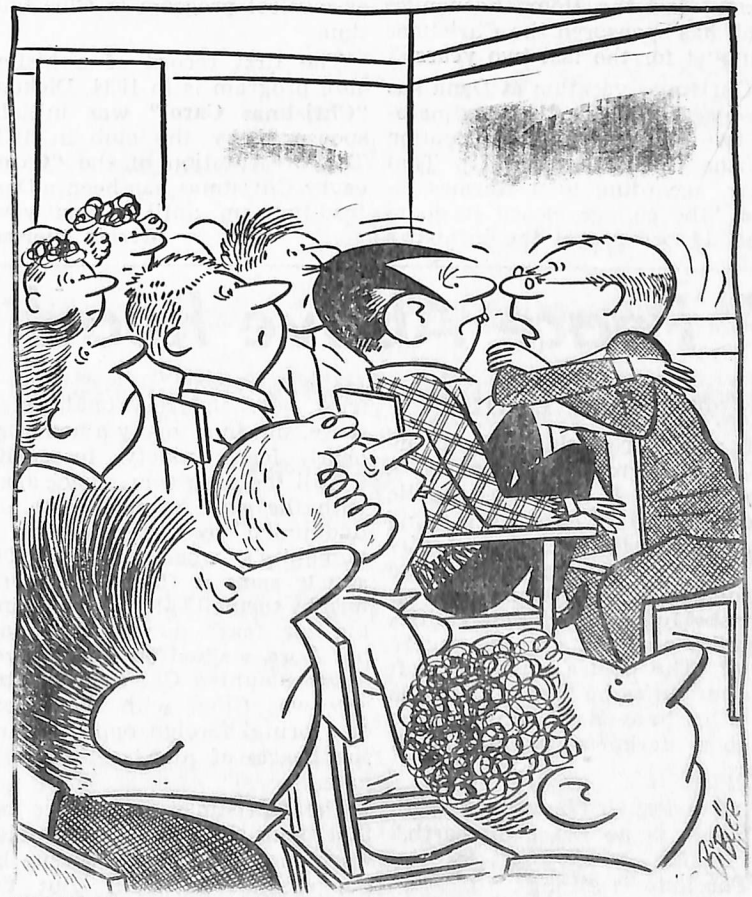
From

**THE ENTERPRISE**



## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"Class—the odds are 40 to 1 that someone in here will flunk, unless, of course, he should decide to drop this course."

# Snooping Around Other Campuses

## What next? . . .

(ACP) — Syracuse university students are requested not to run naked through the streets of downtown Syracuse.

The **Daily Orange** reports that a university spokesman said that "this is a direct violation of university rules."

Any students apprehended will be severely reprimanded.

## College jazz at Carnegie . . .

(ACP)—The first collegiate jazz concert ever staged in New York's Carnegie Hall took place November 27.

The concert combined the talents of Princeton's Stan Rubin and Williams College's Spring Street Stompers. College jazzmen began the show at midnight with Rubin's Tigertown Five and the Stompers alternating. Eddie Condon was emcee.

Louis Armstrong said of the group, "Man, you cats really have what it takes. I never heard young kids blow like that."

## Somebody goofed . . .

(ACP)—Everybody wondered why girls hesitated to attend the Speech Workshop at the university of Texas. For several weeks the workshop had been listed in the **Daily Texan** "What Goes On Here" column as meeting in Room 121 of the Speech building.

A quick check revealed the reason: the workshop is Room 122, not 121.

Room 121 has **Men** printed on the door in bold, black letters!

# The Editor Says . . .

Taking the current choir tour controversy into consideration, we will again state the **Hermes'** policy on letters to the editor, just in case you want to sound off: unsigned letters are never printed. If, however, you make a specific request that your name be withheld from publication, we will keep the letter on file and print it minus the name.

# On the Rebound . . .

with Jake

# Vikings Pour On Coal; Swamp Bethany 94-59

Dana's dream-come-true basketball team won their fourth cage tilt of the season and their third consecutive game when they pounced upon Bethany college from Mankato, Minnesota, last Saturday night.

Dana put on their most impressive scoring splurge by racking up 94 points.

Bob Jensen was the individual standout for the Viking cagers as he dumped in 18 counters, his highest of the season. Another freshman, Roland Clark, turned on the steam and tallied 14 points.

### Intramurals . . .

Intramural basketball will get its initial send-off after the Christmas holidays. Heading the men's basketball intramural cagers is varsity member Jim Thomsen.

### Pregame . . .

Last Saturday's pre-game exhibition was a volley ball play-off. It was a decidedly different program and went over well with those who were present.

### Buena Vista next . . .

Tonight's tussel with Buena Vista will be the last for the Vikes until Dec. 31, when they return to school a few days early to trek to the Tarkio Invitational.

### Thomsen, Youra honored . . .

Jim Thomsen and Fritz Youra earned star-of-the-week awards from the **Omaha World-Herald** for their outstanding play in the Sioux Falls game. The all-around play of Thomsen and the scoring punch of Youra gave the Vikes their first win on the home floor.

### And big Emil . . .

Tackle Dean Rasmussen also came in for his share of laurels, capturing a nomination for the **World-Herald** Athlete of the Year. If Rasmussen snares this honor, he will be the second Dana athlete in as many years to win the coveted distinction. From this corner it looks like Dean is a natural for the title . . .

**DR. MILTON C. OLSON**  
DENTIST  
Phone 3515  
Lundt Building  
Blair

## Bethany Box Score

	fg.	ft.	pts.
Thomsen	4	0-0	8
Davis	1	2-2	4
Ebsen	3	0-2	6
Jensen	6	6-6	18
Bromm	0	0-2	0
Kahnk	0	0-0	0
Nelson	1	0-1	2
Sanders	5	3-7	13
Clark	5	4-4	14
Jacobsen	0	0-0	0
Woods	0	1-1	1
Stone	5	2-2	12
Youra	2	6-7	10
Hudson	3	0-0	6

Totals 35 24-34 94

Fritz Youra leads the scoring parade through the first five games of the season. Youra has tallied 74 points for a 14-8 average. The five leaders:

	fg.	ft.	pts.
Fritz Youra	26	22-40	74
Larry Stone	18	14-22	50
Art Sanders	16	15-25	47
Jim Thomsen	17	12-13	46
Bob Jensen	16	11-17	43

**J. M. McDONALD CO.**



Department Store

### Hey Danians!!

Whenever you Danians are in downtown Blair, stop in at the

### CHAT-N-NIBBLE Restaurant

Good food, soft drinks, or coffee  
We have hot sandwiches ready at a moment's notice

### Guyer and Hansen

REAL ESTATE

Loans Insurance

### Advance Cleaners

(COLLEGE AGENT)

Free Pick-up and Delivery  
LYLE KOHLER ROOM 212

The Vikings won their third straight game of the season by clobbering Bethany college 94-59 in a rock'em—sock'em conquest Friday night on the hilltop.

The Hilltoppers started fast as Jim Thomsen, Bob Jessen, Larry Stone, and Vordyn Nelson each dropped in a quick field goal to send the Vikings ahead to stay. This sudden splurge cellared the hopes of the Mankato, Minnesota squad and Bethany ended the quarter with only two field goals.

Dana outscored their rivals in the second quarter 24-16, to mark up a comfortable 42-29 halftime lead. The marauding Red and White were never in serious trouble, and had the Minnesota club perpetually frozen throughout the entire fray.

The Danes continued to roll in the final half as the Vikings held a 65-44 advantage with ten minutes to play.

### Pete Sweeps Bench

Coach Paul Peterson then swept the bench as his reserves poured into the lineup. There were six minutes to play when the hot-shooting, hard-fighting second string launched a new and furious attack.

Freshman guard Roland Clark put on a sudden spurt and dumped in 14 quick counters for the reserves. Eulin Ebsen and Marion Hudson completed the scoring for the reserves as they ran up the final score of 94-59.

### LACY'S CAFE

SHORT ORDERS

DINNERS

BEVERAGES

A Good Place for Danians to Meet and Eat

JOYOUS YULETIDE

R. E. VINTON & SONS

CHEVROLET CO.

CHEVROLET

Sales

Service

Parts

OLDSMOBILE

GLÆDELIG JUL!

From

KORSHOJ CONSTRUCTION

CO. INC.

BLAIR, NEBRASKA

Contractors — Builders — Engineers

**Moore Pharmacy**  
Modern Prescription  
Pharmacy  
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

**SCHEFFLER**  
Sporting Goods  
Quality Shoe Repairing  
Prompt Service

**YOUNG'S CAFE**  
Where Danians  
Always Meet

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK**  
Blair, Nebraska  
"Bank With A Smile"  
Member F.D.I.C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO DANA STUDENTS

**HOME THEATRE**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DANIANS

**THE TYSON COMPANY**

JOHN DEERE FARM EQUIPMENT

DODGE—PLYMOUTH

Stores in

Blair, Herman and Tekamah, Nebraska

SEASON'S GREETINGS

From

**WOLFF'S PONTIAC GARAGE**

PONTIAC SALES AND SERVICE

219 East Washington Street

BLAIR, NEBRASKA

BEST WISHES FOR

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

From The

**BLAIR LUMBER &  
GRAIN CO.**

GREETINGS FROM

**KELLY-RYAN EQUIPMENT CO.**

BLAIR'S LARGEST INDUSTRY

Engineered Farm Equipment

Elevators, Discs, Rakes, Spreaders, Baled Hay Elevators,

Industrial Feeders

BEST WISHES FOR

A HAPPY VACATION

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
MOTORS**

BLAIR, NEBRASKA

CHRYSLER—PLYMOUTH

Sales — Service