

Dana Prepares for Blessed Christmas Activities

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LSA Will Sponsor Schattauer to Speak Evening of Caroling At Annual Service Mon.; Visit Shut-ins

The L.S.A. is sponsoring an annual evening of caroling Monday night, Dec. 15. This is an activity for all students. Those interested are asked to meet in the Girls' Dormitory reception room at 6:30.

The group will sing the traditional Christmas carols at the Crowell and Good Shepherd Homes for the elderly and at the Blair Community Hospital. Private homes will also be visited by the group.

Ellen Andrews and Marilyn Olson are in charge of the carolers.

Following the singing, the faculty will serve a snack in the canteen.

Carol Madsen, L.S.A. vice-president, advises all students participating to dress very warmly against the cold weather.

Library Staff Plans for Mittens on Tree

Mittens decorating a Christmas tree . . . this idea is featured in a Y.W.C.A. in Minneapolis. Successful there, Miss Aagot Hoidahl, librarian, has adapted the idea for the decoration of the library tree.

Plans are for students—one student, roommates, a group of friends, any number—to go together and get a pair of mittens, any size, to be given as a Christmas gift to some child or adult at one of the nearby Indian missions. Miss Hoidahl expressed the opinion that is shared by most students on campus, "It does us good to think of other people."

If you would like to give a pair of mittens, just go to the library desk, they have a needle and thread so you can hang them on the tree yourself. Would you like to place a tag on them? You may, and it will be left on.

Miss Hoidahl is furnishing the Christmas paper and ribbon to wrap the packages after the sizes have been matched with people at the missions.

The Reverend Carl Schattauer of Council Bluffs will be the guest speaker for the L.S.A. sponsored candlelight service Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in Pioneer Memorial chapel.

Co-chairmen in charge of the evening are Brenda Francis and Mary Adams. It is reported by their committee that this year's service will be unique to past services. Complete details were not available at the date of this publication.

A quartet comprised of Stan Larsen, Harlan Petersen, Elliott Nielsen, and Andy Jensen will be the featured musical group. They will sing two numbers.

There will be student reading of the Christmas story from scripture and group singing of the Christmas hymns.

The evening will be centered around the Service of Lights.

Pat Petersen will be organist for the evening.

Fine Arts Club Gives Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 14

The annual college Christmas Program, sponsored by the Fine Arts Club, will be presented Sunday evening, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

Band to Play

Under the direction of Dr. Wise, the band will offer the "Crusader's Overture", "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", and LeRoy Anderson's popular "Sleigh Ride". This will be the first appearance of the band completely outfitted in their new uniforms.

Selections from Henry Van Dyke, Arnold Schaeffer, and St. Luke, will be alternated with appropriate vocal solos, to set forth the thoughts of Christmas throughout the ages. Vocal soloists Judy Johnson and Elliott Nielsen, and speakers Carol Sorensen, Lois Justesen, Bill Kahn, and Wally Ludvigsen will present this portion of the program.

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"Our Yuletide" Theme at Annual Christmas Banquet

"Our Yuletide" is the theme for the annual Christmas banquet sponsored by the Home Economics Club this Saturday evening, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

Students Plan Dorm Christmas Parties

The traditional Girls' Dorm Christmas party will be held in the girls' lounge, Dec. 17th at 9:35 p.m. All downtown girls are invited.

There will be a program presented by each floor, and caroling will follow. Each girl is asked to bring a twenty-five cent gift for the grab bag. Light refreshments will be served.

Anna Marie Pollman is the general chairman. Chairmen appointed by the dorm council in charge of the program are: first floor, Sharol Crandall; second floor, Donna Byriel; and third floor, Joanne West; Nona Nielsen, off-campus women. Geri Christensen is in charge of the food committee.

The Men's Dorm will hold their annual Christmas party the same evening at 9:30 in the dormitory lounge.

The general committee in charge is Milo Strozensky, Duane Olsen and Andy Jensen.

Refreshments will be served.

Petersen Master of Ceremonies
Duane Petersen will serve as Master of Ceremonies and will introduce the program which will feature the traditions and songs of Christmas, with a narrator, soloists, and the Dana Choralliers.

Judy Johnson is narrator. Soloists are Elliott Nielsen, singing "We Three Kings"; Bud Peterson, "O Christmas Tree"; Camilla Watt, "How Glad I Am"; Donna Petersen, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"; Karen Jensen, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; and Everett Johnson, "I Wonder As I Wander".

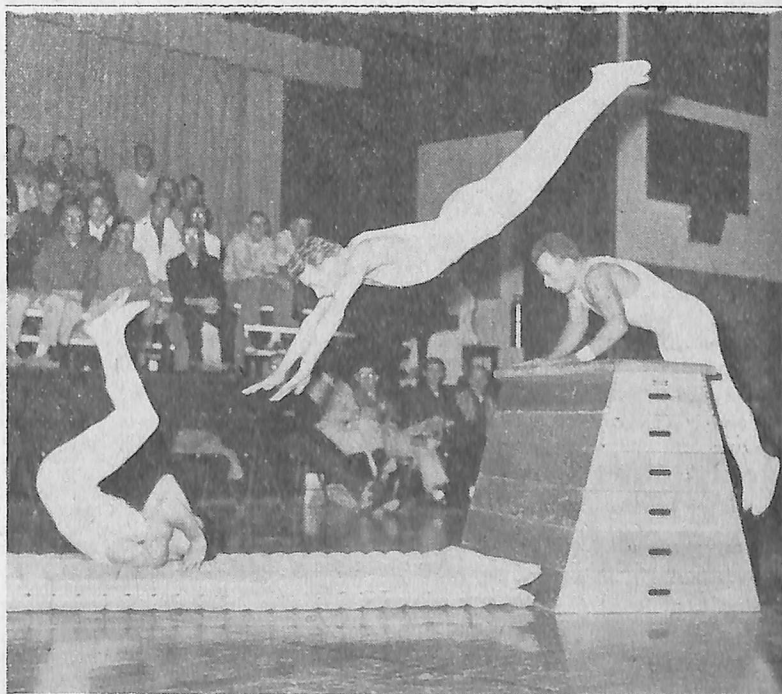
Centerpieces Modernistic

There will also be group singing of Christmas carols.

The decorations for the banquet are predominantly red, green and silver. Silver spiral Christmas trees serve as modernistic centerpieces.

The committee chairmen in charge of the banquet are: Margaret Nielsen, decorations; Norma Parde, program; and Inez Schmer, tickets. Mrs. Ransbotton, club advisor, is assisting with plans for the banquet. Melba Junker is president of the club.

He Flys Through the Air . . .



Danish Gym Team snapped by HERMES photographer. This was part of the precise and co-ordinated performance as demonstrated Friday afternoon and evening in the gym.

The Caldron

by Alyce Nelson

With a busy week ahead, Christmas is in the air at Dana. With the recent lighting of the trees in front of the library entrance to Pioneer Memorial, the trees in the dorm rooms and in the dormitories, and the Mitten Tree in the library, one feels the Christmas spirit. Even more than these material observances of Christmas was the spiritual strengthening of the "Messiah" Sunday night. What a wonderful message was once more brought to us!

Ambassadors of good will from The Little Country—The Dana Family will long remember the 28 young men and women who visited our campus last Friday to perform for us. The Danish Gymnasts were superb in poise, charm, gracefulness, co-ordination, strength, etc., as was evidenced by their performances. But more outstanding characteristics about them were their friendliness, warm personalities and joy in living. Although they were here but for a while, they'll remain our friends forever.

Dr. Elmer Rasmussen has been asked to write reports of the Liberal Art Program initiated at Dana three years ago for two literary magazines. We can feel quite fortunate in having the opportunity to be able to partake in such a reading program. Dana is unique in this development in liberal arts education.

All students are asked to participate in the giving of mittens for the "Mitten Tree" in the library... remember the important dates coming up—caroling, candlelight service, dorm parties, fine arts program, and daily participation in chapel during this Advent season.

Friday is Red and White Day as announced by Pep Club prexy, Elaine Lillenthorup. All students are asked to don the school colors and also to cheer the team to victory at Wayne that evening.

Occasionally you may have noticed that I have given credit where credit is due to some of the students on this campus. I'm thinking now of a few HERMES reporters who perform their tasks well and some who do satisfactory work and of some students not on the staff who are always willing to aid in a pinch. To these few I say "Thanks"! And to the majority of the HERMES staff I ask added support for the last issue of the 1958 year and for the start of second semester.

Why Low Caliber Teachers? Small Reward, Low Standards

Progressive education! This is what the United States is promoting. Yes, we can say that the United States is concerned with the welfare of its youth—at least on the surface. The general public has in most instances, only scratched the surface of an ever-existing problem. People have not been willing to dig more deeply to find the roots for progressive education.

We can build our impressive, modern, well-equipped schools and say, "This is progressive education." We can buy new text books and hand them to our youth and say, "Here is the basis for knowledge. Read!" Yes, we can sink millions of dollars into material possessions for our youth and consistently lie to ourselves and say that we are helping build well educated, successful citizens. Yet, what has become of the most important asset in a classroom, the teacher?

Of course, every phase of the educational process is important as a whole. But how can our system of public schools be adequately maintained without capable teachers? President Eisenhower, in his speech at the NEA Centennial Birthday Party in Washington, D. C., last spring, made this statement, "Teachers need our active support and encouragement. They are doing one of the most necessary and exacting jobs in the land. They are developing our most precious national resource: our children, our future citizens. They can do their best only as we show them our appreciation and offer our individual help."

Each year the demand for teachers increases. In the last decade elementary school enrollments have increased 32.4 per cent but elementary school teachers have increased only 30 per cent. In the five years following 1950 the number of new secondary school teachers dropped 42.8 per cent. What is the reason for this?

Salaries of teachers stood at the highest point in total amount and in purchasing power in 1939. Since this time the teacher's salary has been cut 5 per cent in purchasing power. Other professional salaries have increased from 15 to 60 per cent.

For the most part, low certification requirements result in lower salaries and a lower caliber of teacher. Many states have been improving their certifications requirements with this inevitable result—increased salaries and better qualified teachers. There are some states which are not concerned with their educational deficiencies or complete omissions of requirements and this has the inevitable result—decreased salaries and less qualified teachers.

The Inside Story of A Gymnast

By Doris Siersbeck

Last Friday when the Danish Gymnastic Team came to perform at Dana, I had the privilege to have as a guest in my room, Grethe Mogensen, one of the members of the team. I had no trouble conversing with her once I found out she could speak English. I made no attempt to hold back the questions, and neither did anyone else who happened to be around. I often felt that for her sake she might have been better off if she would have simply stated, "Jeg ikke taler Engelsk." But she did speak English and well.

Education in Denmark

We talked a little of her education in Denmark and I found out that children there are only required to go to school for seven years. They must then take tests to prove their ability if they want to go on to higher learning. Grethe has had the opportunity of attending school for twelve years; that is longer than any other person in the group. "During my twelve years I have taken English for seven years, German for six years, French for three years and Latin for four years, plus studying Danish." And what's more, she can speak all of these, but of course she is best in Danish and English.

All of the members of the team have taken gymnastics in school since it is required in Denmark. Many belong to gym clubs that meet twice a week. When I asked how the team was chosen her reply was, "Anyone who was interested tried out and our instructor chose the ones he thought were best. So all of us are considered to be the best in Denmark with the exception of those who had to stay at home because of obligations there."

Tour of North America

The team has already been traveling for three months. From Nebraska they will go to Texas where they will spend Christmas. Following their performances in Texas they will go to Mexico City. In February they will be in California to complete their tour of North America. From California they may go to Japan.

It certainly sounds like they are having a fabulous time. This will be a trip that will stay in their minds for a lifetime. As for us who have seen them perform and have had the wonderful opportunity of meeting them individually, we will definitely never forget them and will always be looking forward to the next Danish Gymnastic Team that tours the United States.

Campus Calendar

Tomorrow

Basketball, Wayne, There

Sat., Dec. 13

Christmas Banquet, Dining Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14—Sunday

Fine Arts Club Christmas Program, 8 p.m., Gym.

Dec. 15—Monday

L.S.A. Caroling Meet at Girls' Dorm reception room, 6:30 p.m.
B Squad Basketball game, 5:45 p.m., Gym.

Dec. 16—Tuesday

Basketball, Hastings, There.

Dec. 17—Wednesday

L.S.A. Candlelight Service, 7 p.m., Chapel.

Dec. 18—Thursday

Choir registration for second semester.
Basketball, Chadron, 8 p.m., Gym.

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Basketball, Chadron, 8 p.m., Gym.

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Dana Falls in Season Openers; Peru Outscores Dana 71-47; Tarkio Overpowers 72-67

Jensen High Scorer West and Jorgensen Tie as High Scorers

The Dana Vikings traveled to Peru State Teachers Monday for their first NCC game of the year with the Peru Bobcats. Peru put their tremendous height to good advantage and swamped the "Vikes" 71-47.

For PSTC it was Bob Mayo with 15 points, followed by Smith with 13 and Francis with 12.

Dick Jensen hit eleven of fourteen free throws and five field goals to lead the Vikings in the scoring department with twenty-one points. West was next with seven, Ron Huston got five, Jorgensen had four points, Andersen three, and Petrussen tallied two.

Dana sank 77% of their charity tosses, 17 of 22, and the Bobcats had only 38%, 11 of 29.

Annual Christmas Party

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Choir to Conclude Evening

"Hodie Christus Natus Est", by Palestrina, and "Stars Lead Us Ever On", a Sioux tribal carol, offered by the 1958-59 touring choir, will conclude the evening of worship in songs and readings.

The Dana Vikings were defeated by the Tarkio Owls on Dec. 5, 72-67. The outcome of the game was not decided until the closing seconds of the game as the score was tied a number of times throughout the game.

At halftime the score was 34-32, Tarkio leading. Dana overcame this and went ahead and then fell behind and went ahead again with one minute to go. At this time the Vikings were leading by one point. A foul was committed by Dick Jensen and the free throws were good to put Tarkio in the lead with about 45 seconds of play left in the ball game. A pass was intercepted and a basket made and then the ball was again recovered by Tarkio and the Owls scored once more for a final score of 72-67.

Larry West and Don Jorgensen were the high scorers for Dana. West put through 19 points and Jorgensen had 18.

Pep Club Sponsors Special Day Tuesday for "Apple Polishers"

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away"...and what's more it will keep the Pep Club happy if you eat apples all day.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16th, the Pep Club is having an Apple Day. From 7:50 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. apples will be on sale in the halls of Pioneer Memorial and Old Main. And this is your chance—everyone is allowed to eat them during class.

The Pep Club urges that students take advantage of this opportunity. How about a shiny red apple for your teacher?

A Pep Club Member

Dana Hoopsters To Travel To Wayne

The Dana Viking basketball team will travel to Wayne, Nebraska, for a conference game December 12.

This is the second conference game of the season and the Vikings are hoping to register a win even though Wayne is reported to be a good contender for the conference championship.

Two Omaha Teams Fall to Dana College Vikingettes Recently

By Karen Jensen

Dana's Vikingettes racked up two victories against Omaha squads in the last week. They downed Roth Packers 47-41, and Offutt Air Force Base 35-28.

Donna Layton and June Santage led the pack in scoring in the Roth contest, tallying 21 and 18 points respectively.

Offutt Surprises Team

Offutt gave the girls much more trouble than they had anticipated. The game was played on a strange court with limited facilities.

In spite of these things, Layton, with her deadly hook shot tallied 22 points. She kept calm the whole game and saved the girls from sure disaster.

Next week the Vikingettes will again take on two opponents. Kellom will visit Dana's gym on Monday and Commercial Extension on Thursday.

May Overpower Commercial

According to many players and fans, the fairer sex has a better chance of beating Commercial than they have ever had before.

Good luck, gals, let's remain the only undefeated team on campus.

If God were to come with His angels,
no one could listen to Him...

We cannot bear to have God speak to us in His majesty with countless thousands of angels. Therefore the best procedure is to abolish our design to hear God speak in His majesty, for we cannot bear this language. But God says: Now I shall hide My majesty, most thoroughly, shall allow My Son to become man, born of a virgin; let Him do good to men and preach them the forgiveness of sins. He shall act in the kindest manner possible; only bear in mind that this man is the same God who spoke in the desert at Mount Sinai to the Children of Israel. Believe, therefore, that it is He whom you are hearing. He has hidden His majesty in humanity, does not appear with lightning, thunder, or angels, but as one born of a poor virgin and speaking with men of the forgiveness of sins.

Martin Luther

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Olsen Leads Discussion Group at State Student Council Meet

Four members of Dana's Student Council attended the Nebraska Student Council Convention at Hastings College last Friday and Saturday.

Thirty-five students represented the eight out of the ten N.C.C. colleges that attended. Richard Jorgensen, Larry Jorgensen, Howard Christensen, and George Olsen represented Dana.

Following registration and tours of the campus, a banquet was held Friday evening. Discussion groups met Saturday morning and afternoon. Two of the topics discussed were "Keeping Students on Campus on Week-ends" and "Generating Student Enthusiasm;" another

was "New Student Week" led by George Olsen of Dana.

The purpose of the discussions was exchange of ideas, presentation of problems, and suggestions in hopes that all might benefit in some way from the meetings.

The closing session was held Saturday afternoon, and included Mr. Collin Jackson, guest lecturer from England, who spoke on "Education in Russia, United States, and England."

This program of a State Student Council Convention was started three years ago at Doane; next year's session will be held at Wayne College. Perhaps Dana's Student Council may host this group soon.

Dana, Six Russian Schools Represented at Recent Meeting

President C. C. Madsen and Dean Reuben Poston attended the annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Colleges and Universities on the University of Nebraska campus, Saturday, Dec. 6. The association met to discuss questions and ideas pertinent to the institutions of higher learning in Nebraska.

New officials were chosen to head the organization for the coming year. They are Father M. Reinert, of Creighton University, president; Neal S. Goman, Peru State Teachers, vice-president; and Don MacClay, Fairbury Junior College, secretary-treasurer.

At the business meeting in the afternoon, President Typer of Doane College, delivered a report to the effect that the association favored some type of plan to grant advance placement for superior high school students. This is done at the University of Nebraska and is found to work very effectively.

Presidents of six Russian universities attended the conference. They are guests of the State Department and the purpose of their visit to the United States is to examine the educa-

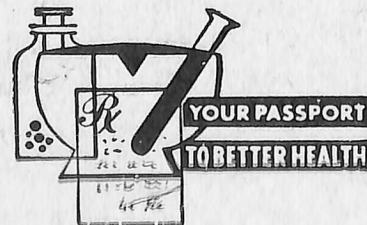
tional set-up of various institutions. They were from such places as the Universities of East Siberia, Armenia, Volga, and Estonia.

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Junior Class Ranks High In Recent Test 36 Per Cent In Upper Fourth

The Junior English Proficiency Test was given to this year's Juniors on Monday, November 24. This is the fifth class of Juniors that have taken the test at Dana as a requirement for graduation.

The test has two parts, a general test measuring ten areas of grammar and a writing test. The writing test, which measures composition ability, is the STEP Writing test prepared by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. On the basis of national norms for comparable groups, the Juniors this year placed 36 per cent of their group in the upper fourth compared with only 10 per cent in the lowest fourth.

Because of the above average performance of this year's group of juniors, the percentage of those required to take additional work in English is only half of the percentage required to take additional work last year in order to meet the standards of the college. The Class of '60 challenges future juniors to equal their performance!

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Dr. Madsen Attends Meet; Tells of Loans

The third of December Dr. Madsen, along with representatives and presidents of other colleges and universities in the midwest, attended a meeting in Kansas to learn of the possibilities of student loans brought forth by the National Defense Education Act.

These loans are not completely governmental, as the college will have to give one portion to every nine the government puts in.

These loans are set up in such a way as to encourage students to go into either elementary or secondary teaching. This is done by:

- 1) Giving preference to those in the education field, especially in the fields of math., science, or languages.
- 2) Making the stipulation that the loans will be reduced at the rate of 10% of the total amount each year. Therefore, if a student borrowed a total of \$5000 (the maximum), and went into teaching, by the yearly 10% reduction of the total, his indebtedness would then be only \$2500.

These were the things that Dr. Madsen learned at the meeting. He has taken the necessary measures so that Dana will be participating in this loan program. "With all probability," said Dr. Madsen, "Dana will be able to grant these loans next semester." An optimistic outlook for the needy student!

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