

This Lamp Will Light The Path Of Students Searching Knowledge



In one of his famed fairy tales, Hans Christian Andersen tells the story of how the old oil lamps on the streets of Copenhagen felt when they learned they were to be replaced by gas lights. The lamps were recently replaced by electricity.

As a gift to Dana College on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, the municipality of Copenhagen sent four of the old gas lamps. They arrived in America in early October via the Swedish-American Line Motorship "Carlsholm" and then were transported by truck to Blair. It was hoped that they could have been installed by the time the American Ambassador to Denmark Val Peterson and Ambassador Count Kield Knuth-Winterfeldt visited the campus. However, they were temporarily lost in transit and so the date of installation was delayed.

This week, Andersen's fairy tale was recalled once more. The old oil lamp need wonder no longer what some of its successors will light. Three of them will shine on young American students discussing the problems of the space age.

These lamps were installed early this week by the Central Electric and Gas Company of Blair, installation being made free of charge. They have been placed near Old Main, erected in the gaslight era and one of the oldest educational buildings in the state of Nebraska. Unfortunately one of the lamp posts was broken in transit and cannot be repaired.

There is yet another coincidence that would have pleased the gentle Danish storyteller: The lamps now shine on five small beech trees sent as gifts from Andersen's home city of Odense.

"Operation Fairy Tale" is now complete and to the old gas lamps it has one peculiar twist of fate. In Copenhagen, electricity has replaced the other members of the gas lamp family. At Dana College, the three gas lamps have replaced electric lights.

"How many years will they shine—and what will they light up?" is a question that even Andersen refused to answer.

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NEED RUNNING WATER?

Maybe You Should Ask Santa For It — Librarians Got Results

People often do strange things during the Christmas season. For example, take the present someone gave to the college library staff: a green garden hose.

The story behind this strange gift goes back to 1948, when Miss Aagot Hoidahl came to Dana as head librarian.

At that time the library was new and Miss Hoidahl was given the task of settling things. One of the things that was missing was a sink and running water in the library workroom. She immediately reported the "tragic flaw."

Now, eleven years later, the workroom still doesn't have a sink installed, but thanks to some unknown "do-gooder" it does have running water.

One morning last week Miss Hoidahl opened the library and found a green garden hose stretched down the corridor into the work room. On the end of the hose was a note which read: "This isn't the ideal arrangement of running water, but it beats chasing up and down steps."

Local Doctor Donates Crutches

Dr. Walter Goehring of Blair recently presented the College with a dozen pairs of adjustable crutches.

Mrs. Grace Brewster, R.N., reports that this is only one of the many times that Dr. Goehring has assisted the College. He has donated other supplies and aids to the Infirmary.

Pamphlet Is For Businessmen

Planning on starting a business after you finish college? Then one of the best things you can do is to get experience first working for someone else. You won't risk losing your savings while learning the trade.

This is one bit of advice in a revision of the 20-page pamphlet "So You're Going Into Business" published by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

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Miss Hoidahl said, "we've had running water ever since I've been here—I've run up and down stairs to get it."

Mr. A. J. Snowbeck, the Dana College business manager, has assured Miss Hoidahl and the library staff that a sink and more conventional type of running water will soon be installed.

Falling Flakes Imagined for "Snow Fantasy"

Amid imaginary flourishes of falling flakes, the Dana students attended a "Snow Fantasy" at the annual Christmas banquet, given Saturday night. Although the theme and the numbers presented gave a wintry effect, it was only warmth and clever humor that was felt that evening.

From the community singing to the skillful crooning of the faculty quartet, from the groups' numbers to the additions of Dennis Berkej and Shirley Nielsen, and the pleasant comments of Phil Larsen thrown in for good measure, we all felt that the joy and happiness of the Christmas season was captured.

As a topping to the banquet, the girls played hostesses as all the boys ventured excitedly through the rooms that had been of a mysterious nature to them.

Women Students Carol For Men After Party

Presents, presents, and more presents—this was a characteristic of the little sister - big sister Christmas party which took place December 15 in the lounge of the Women's Dormitory.

A program was given which included a pantomime of "The Chipmunk Song," a flute solo of "Greensleeves," a vocal solo of "O Holy Night," and a reading of the Christmas story.

Every girl received a gift from her big or little sister and a 25c grab bag gift.

The group then sang Christmas carols and had refreshments consisting of punch and cake. The evening was climaxed by midnight Christmas caroling for the Men's Dormitory and various houses.

THE EDITOR'S VOICE

"With glad jubilations
Bring hope to the nations!"

These words are a part of "A Christmas Carmen" by John Greenleaf Whittier. We are nearing the time of Christmas when we look to December 25 as a day when people should especially be aware of an international desire for peace.

And again, in many of our churches we will hear a sermon about all the many people who come to church only on Easter and Christmas. Let us consider this very point. As we sit there, we are probably thinking it is a needful sermon. Yet, were we the other fellow, how would we feel?

Is it not our purpose to bring God's word to all peoples, especially those who are reluctant to hear it? Then, when they do come, should we not tell them the beautiful Bible stories? Create an interest for Christianity in their hearts and remove their ashamed spirit. Are we to look down at them because they did come?

As for the fact that they came on **only** this day, so near to Christmas, shouldn't we all the more hope to make it a day of revelation so they might learn the glory which we know?

When their friends and families see the enrichment will it not be as Whittier said? Bring the jubilation which comes through Christ to the nations that they might find a hope for peace for now and the generations to come.

DEAR INTERESTED

Your letter which appeared in last week's HERMES was quite provoking. If you are disturbed, then I must say I am, too!

First of all, after I did some checking, I found that the books you had said were removed from the canteen were still for sale.

Your question for the entire article was the following: "... why are we not allowed to purchase such books?" And this is where our ideas clash. The real problem is not that at all!

Whenever something is placed on public display, whether on sale or just on show, it is assumed that the people who placed it are supporting it. If our canteen were to sell dice and roulette wheels, one would naturally assume that gambling was accepted.

Let us, then, look at the book **Lady Chatterly's Lover**. When it is for sale in our canteen, are we not saying that we place it among the books which **should** be read? And should it? No, not really. When a book is banned for making **Peyton Place** look like an Aesop's fable, is it fit for human consumption?

The book is for sale in Omaha book stores. If anyone really feels the need to read such a volume, they can order it or buy it in person. Then, we of Dana College would not be sponsoring such an edition of nauseating words and ideas.

—The Editor

DEAR EDITOR

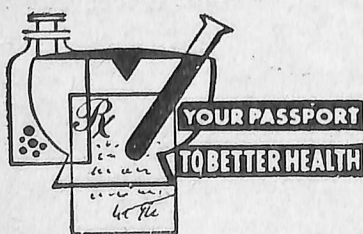
Dana spirit?

"My name is, and I'm from the department, and I don't really care who you are, so let's get busy."

So said a Dana professor upon entering his liberal arts class last Tuesday, December 8.

—Anonymous

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CHRISTMAS CHUCKLES

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picked up many a Christmas
dear.

Santa says the best Holiday
decoration is to be wreathed in
smiles.

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
When December doth arrive,
Kids can't count past "25."

—H. J. Higdon in
"Phoenix Flame"

People may not laugh when
skaters fall down, but the ice
makes some funny cracks.

Middle-age: When you no
longer need a pillow to play
Santa.

November runs into December
—December runs into Christmas
—Christmas runs into money.

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DOUBLE CHRISTMAS

'Twas two nights before Christmas up on the North Pole,
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He had just settled the deer all snug in the barn,
So it was time for the elves' "good-night people yarn."

Old Santa leaned back in his big over-stuffed chair,
And searched through his mind for a story hidden there.

Running a finger through that silvery-white beard,
He chuckled aloud over the tale which appeared.

It was a lesson well-known throughout all the earth,
And the elves would be pleased to hear of Christ's birth.

So having discovered fit reward for their work,
He began the narration with a grin and a quirk;

Santa told about Mary whom the Lord had blessed,
To conceive a child that would put the world at rest.

He mentioned Joseph near Bethlehem's lowly stall,
And described baby Jesus, the King over all.

Included were Herod and three noble wise men,
Along with the shepherds where God's angels had been.

And when he had finished, Santa smiled with delight;
For his elves were all sleeping, their eyes shuttered tight.

—Stanley L. Cupp

Jim Stokes

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Merry Christmas

Campus Calendar

December 17—Basketball team plays at Chadron State Teachers College.

December 18—Basketball team plays at Chadron. School officially dismissed at 6:00 for vacation.

No band or choir.

December 25 — Dana students celebrate Christmas in various towns and cities all over the nation.

January 1—New Year's resolutions made and some old ones broken.

January 4—Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.



We've made another deadline the ink may still be wet. Greetings for this Christmas and a year you won't forget! —THE HERMES STAFF—

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Men Students Entertain In Student Canteen

The Dana College Men Students serenaded the campus women at 9:30 Wednesday evening. Following the singing of Christmas carols the fellows treated the girls to a party in the Student Canteen.

The freshman quartet of Hi Edell, Jack Hill, Arden Dorn and Maynard Hedegaard sang "Good King Wenceslas."

Jerry Martin acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced Dennis Berkej who gave a reading about the innkeeper's reason for turning Mary and Joseph away from the Inn. Phil Kurtz accompanied at the piano and also played while the group enjoyed the singing of Christmas carols.

Refreshments were served by a committee of men students.

At 12:30 a group of men students again serenaded the Women's Dormitory.



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The Viking Line-Up

This is the second in a series of stories and facts about the Dana Varsity basketball team. The fellows this week are: Don Jorgensen, Larry "Bud" West, and Jack Madsen.

Don Jorgensen—Don is a transfer student and a Senior at Dana. Don was an outstanding athlete in High School. At Dana he has lettered in basketball for one year and track for two years. Don is the starting forward and also captain of the Viking squad.

Larry "Bud" West—Larry, better known as "Bud," is a Sophomore and a one-year letterman. Bud was outstanding in basketball in high school, also baseball and track. Bud comes from Herman, Nebraska, and plays forward and center on the Dana squad.

Jack Madsen—The oldest member of the team, comes from Blair, Nebr. Jack was a good athlete in high school and after graduation entered the service where he also played ball. Jack is an outstanding football player and golfer here at Dana. Jack, sometimes called "Gramps," plays center and forward for the Vikings.

Vikings Second Try At Wayne Ends In Defeat

The Dana Vikings traveled to Wayne for their second conference game of the season. After playing a good ball game with Peru the Vikings were looking for their first conference win. The Wayne squad proved to be too much for the Dana five as they were defeated 74 to 41.

The Vikings were playing good ball defensively but could not get the lid off the basket to score. Dana was working quite well and getting good shots but the ball would not drop through the ring. The leading scorer for Dana was "Bud" West who got 12 points. Don Joern had 10, Don Jorgensen had 8 and Mark Petrussen had 4. Randy Andersen, Roger Petersen, Tom Winscott each accounted for 2 and Ward Christensen had 1.

For Wayne the high scorer was Wisnieski who pushed through for 25 points.

HASTINGS TRIPS SQUAD EARLY COULDN'T GET BACK ON FEET

The Hastings Broncos downed the Dana Vikings 67-53 Tuesday night. Dana was fighting against a worthy opponent and at times came within ten points of the Broncos but could not overcome ball this lead. Dana played a hard ball game all the way.

Joern Top Scorer

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Don Joern who had 14 points, Larry West was next with 13. Captain Don Jorgensen, who fouled out late in the fourth quarter, was the third high scorer with 11 points. Mark Petrussen hit for ten points and Myrwr Christopherson had five points.

Next Games at Chadron

For Hastings it was Jim Petersen who led all scorers with 23 points. Dana's next games are with Chadron at Chadron, Nebr., Thursday, Dec. 17, and Friday, Dec. 18.

Dana's record is now one win and three losses.

SEASON'S
GREETINGS
FROM
THE SPORTS
STAFF

Hoeger Paddles To Triumph Over Refsell

August Hoeger came through in the Tuesday evening finals to win the Ping Pong Tourney. He defeated Lloyd Refsell for the championship.

Hoeger downed Roger "Bud" Christensen in the semi-finals in some hard fought games.

In the other bracket it was Refsell again Jack Madsen whom Refsell defeated in 3 straight games.

In the finals Hoeger downed Refsell in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th games. The first game was won by Refsell with four deuce games to end the game 26-24. The final three games' scores were Hoeger 21 - 15, 21 - 19 and 21 - 17.

Bowling Teams To Organize January 10

Sunday afternoons at 1:30 beginning January 10, there will be ten mixed bowling teams. The league will include one faculty team.

Captains include Al Storzer, Stan Erlandsen, Ellen Andrews, Jack Madsen, Hi Edell, Dennis Berke, Lee Wiges and Chuck Pedersen.

The captains will choose their teams from a list of students who signed as interested bowlers.

A number of regular substitutes are also needed for each team.

Bowling will be held at the new Husker Bowl south of Blair on the highway to Fremont.

Any students who weren't given the opportunity to sign or have decided they would like to bowl may contact either Mr. or Mrs. Jack Madsen.

Hark, the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and



mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled. Joyful all ye nations rise. Join the



triumph of the skies. With the heavenly host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem.



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