Cossack Chorus To Present Concert

Will Sing At Le Mars

The Don Cossack chorus and dancers will give a concert under the direction of Nicholas Kostrukoff at the Le Mars High School gymnasium. The group is scheduled to appear on October 19 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The afternoon program, which will be one hour long, is planned for school audiences who wish to view the program from a cultural standpoint.

The thirty-man troupe is composed of singers and dancers who are Russian by birth. The group of White Russian refugees was formed in 1927 by the late Thomas Masaryk at Prague. This anti-communist group was driven from Russia. They went to America and became American citizens.

The program is divided into three parts. There will be music of the Orthodox church, Russian folk songs, and Cossack dances. The music will depict the former Russian atmosphere of Pushkin, Turgenev, and Chekhov, rather than the present of Stalin and Khruschev. The singers will be dressed in costumes appropriate for each part.

Some of the numbers on the program include a motet singing “Blessed is the Name of the Lord In Zion” by Archangelsky, “Church Bells of Novgorod” by Mussorgsky, and “Lord, Have Mercy” by Lvovsky. Tenor Vladimir Lischeutsch will sing “Sleep, My Girlie” and “Monotonously Rings the Little Bell.” Other favorites include “Evening Bells,” “Dark Eyes,” and “Volga Boatmen.”

The Cossack singers and dancers are said to be skilled in providing appropriate background music for various moods ranging from seriousness to gaiety and from humor to tenderness. The music moves from hymns to folk songs to songs of battle.

Tickets for students who attend the afternoon concert are $0.50. Tickets for the evening concert are $1.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter De Boer

Mixed Quartet Presents Concerts

A mixed quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Peter De Boer and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grotenhuis have presented three concerts recently. They performed at Chandler, Minnesota, September 16; at Kanahwa, Iowa, September 30; and at the First First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Sunday evening, Oct. 9th.

Organized under the auspices of Dordt College, the quartet serves as a representative link between the opening term and the college choir tour. Appearances are scheduled especially for churches not included on the choir route.

Discovery of the quartet was a result of an evening’s entertainment in the De Boer home. A pitch pipe and four voices, each singing a different part, were combined to form the compound, harmony. This process was perfected through practice and was presented in its polished form at a hymn sing in the First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center last spring. As a result, this discovery was accepted and became a working substance for Dordt College.

This compound may be analyzed into a piano-organ duet, a tenor solo, a bass-tenor duet, and a soprano-altu duet. A varied program is achieved through this process.

Coming appearances are scheduled for:
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As I stood spellbound, admiring the majestic beauty of the multi-colored leaves against the deep blue sky, I became increasingly aware of the immense complexity and marvels of this world.

Then, the thought occurred to me — this great creation, this fathomless mystery, is exactly what our Lord has commanded us to dominate, to conquer, to use in the service of Him. How can we, mere mortal men, confined by the ever-present factor of time, hope to accomplish this feat? More than ever before, I realized the tremendous duty assigned to all Christians.

I believe that we, as students of Dordt College, have received this responsibility in its fullest measure. Opportunities surround us! These we must sincerely employ, thus striving to penetrate the depths of not only the natural, but the abstract and social aspects of our world as well.

The most prominent of these opportunities are to be found in our various studies. Indeed, in Bible, as well as in philosophy and history, we may view the past in the light of the Scriptures and thus discover ways in which to enrich our lives. Also, since expressing ourselves is essential, we can gain invaluable instruction in English and speech, as well as in foreign languages. Those of us who plan to become teachers surely realize that education and psychology courses, too, must be studied sincerely if we are to instruct others successfully. In addition, in our science classes we students have a wonderful opportunity to uncover the marvels of our natural world, thus becoming appreciative of them. Also, through our observations and mathematics courses, we can obtain the ability to apply our knowledge. Those of us interested in music may express ourselves in music courses, private lessons, and choral groups. Furthermore, in extra-curricular organizations, we can profit by putting forth sincere effort.

Let us, in all of our activities, strive to take full advantage of the many opportunities and thus equip ourselves to serve God with greater proficiency.

—P.K.
The Touchstone

The Commonweal, which is edited and compiled by the American Catholic layman, stands in an anti-Catholic position to such magazines as The Reformed Journal, The Torch and Trumpet, and The Banner. This can be said because The Commonweal is written from a Roman Catholic point of view. It is a weekly review of public affairs, literature, and the arts written without compromise from the three magazines listed above.

My intention is to interest you in articles written from another point of view than that to which we are accustomed so that you will do some reading along this line. This reading would be beneficial at the present in that it provides, firsthand, concrete statements made by Roman Catholics rather than the second-hand and often twisted remarks which come from critics of Roman Catholicism. In order to interest you in this type of reading I will summarize and evaluate an editorial presented from the September 30 issue of "The Commonweal," The writing is en-

One phase is this: Will women decide the election? That will have to be answered after the election. However, we all know that the woman vote is imperative. Let us remember that we see a great appeal being made to the women voters on the part of both candidates. This also shows how particular politicians are in order to reach all voters. In his sphere Kennedy has the knack of making feminine hearts flutter and feminine eyes moisten. Older women are not immune to this. "I wish I were sixteen," was on the tip of a gray-haired lady's tongue.

Another phase is the recent television debates. Suppose Dwight D. Eisenhower had debated with Adlai E. Stevenson on television. Would it have been so different? Their appeal will also influence some women voters, and undoubtedly, also some men. The women may not necessarily decide the outcome of the election, but they will have a definite bearing upon it.

Another phase is the recently noticed increases in the number of women teachers. Now here we have a very powerful minority; yet they do not suffer countless injustices, too numerous to mention. In fact, we don't mention any injustices they suffer, mainly because we don't have a very powerful minority. (The above stated observation is no wonder of any in the two weeks that I had to prepare this article. Teachers do deserve our respect however; for remember, they are not sent here by their parents, but are paid to come.

Another minority that seems to bear its share of abuse is bicycle owners. Here we have a very noble group, whose members refuse to be smothered in an age of mechanical ease. These hearty souls venture forth to school each day upon their two-wheeled steeds, thus economizing and at the same time keeping their bodies in physical prime. Now is it fair to conceal their bikes behind school, or in the shabby, or in someone's briefcase? Also, what is so humorous about placing one's bike on the flagpole; or haven't you checked the flagpole today?

In addition to these easily recognized minorities, we constantly notice small oddities round about us. For instance at supper we are startled to see the person to the right of us eating only with his knife. Do not be alarmed. The person on the right is from Iowa, and so has a perfect right to eat with his knife. I just want to say this: Be alert! Tidily you ridicule may be your own.

The Dordt Diamond

Naturally, the temper of the news during these weeks is the political scene. Therefore, we will follow last issue's political column with another dealing with the political scene. One can hardly discuss the many political issues in a column such as this, nor can he critically examine the many diversified attitudes which the voters and candidates have toward these issues. However, we can take a candid look at the political scene and touch upon various aspects of the highly heated political field.

The Madmen

An interesting characteristic of any group is that most of the individuals in that group seem to fit into what one would call a majority, while others do not conform, and therefore make up a minority. The result is the majority, because of its strength, that it considers all of its opinions, habits, mannerisms and generally speaking, its way of life should be adopted by all. The end result is a cruel oppression of the minority. (The above stated observation is not original, but is admirable nevertheless.)

The point I wish to make is that minorities do exist in Dordt, and the treatment they receive is not always kind treatment. Furthermore, there are teachers. Now here we have a very powerful minority; yet they do suffer countless injustices, too numerous to mention. In fact, we don't mention any injustices they suffer, mainly because we don't have a very powerful minority. (The above stated observation is no wonder of any in the two weeks that I had to prepare this article. Teachers do deserve our respect however; for remember, they are not sent here by their parents, but are paid to come. (The above stated observation is no wonder of any in the two weeks that I had to prepare this article. Teachers do deserve our respect however; for remember, they are not sent here by their parents, but are paid to come.

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After watching these debates, we can be sure both men are fluent and talented speakers. Of course, there are varying opinions among the voters. The candidates are working hard these last few weeks. Let us as voters also do some serious considering.

When we vote, let us not vote on a strictly partisan basis. Let us not label all Protestant opposition to Catholicism as prejudiced and bigoted. —A.H.
The highlight of the sports scene recently has been the brilliant performances put on by those outstanding athletes, Mr. De Boer, Mr. Sjoerdema, Mr. Boertje, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Blankeoor, Rev. Haan, and Mr. Ribbens, who make up the Dordt College faculty volleyball team. This team, captained by Mr. Sjoerdema, has yet to suffer its first defeat, while they own victories over some very rugged competition. They have defeated the faculty of Hull Western Christian High School, and on Thursday, Oct. 6, they won a series of three games with the Pella Christian High School team. This latter is no small accomplishment, for this team is the champion of the Pella City League and was undefeated in two years of playing until they met our champions. Another capable team which fell before them was that made up of some of Dordt's sophomores. The faculty also won a series of three games against the Bethel Church team in regular league play. This league is sponsored by the Dordt Boosters Club.

Switching from volleyball to basketball, we note that the boys this year have quite a bit of talent and no small amount of experience on the court. Since Russ, Tom, Ted, and Claude played basketball last year, most of you are familiar with their playing, so I'll try to introduce you to a few of the freshmen who are out this year.

Fred Groen is from Ripon, California, where he played basketball for four years for Ripon Christian High School. Fred is one of the taller boys out for basketball this year, standing about 6'3" tall, and should be one of our better rebounders.

Howard Faber comes from Rock Rapids, Iowa, and went to Hull Western Christian High School, where he played guard for three years. He is especially noted for his fighting spirit, his strong defensive play, as well as a set shot which can be deadly.

Don Vande Vegte hails from Orange City, Iowa, where he played for Northwestern Academy for two years as a center. He is expected to add to our strength under the boards.

Bill Kamp is from Denver, Colorado. Although he did not play varsity ball in high school, he played on intramural teams and is one of the fastest runners out this year. His favorite shot is a jumper from beyond the key-hole.

Chris Claye is the oldest player, and one of the most experienced too. He is from Sioux Center. He played basketball for Sioux Center High School for three years and was on the basketball team of Masawa Airbase in the Air Force. He plays forward and is gifted with unusual co-ordination and faking ability, as well as a good jump-shot from the key.

Left to right: Dr. McGraw, Westmar College; Mr. Martin Dekkena, Pres. of the Institute; Dr. Fakkena, Director of Christian Service, Inc.; Miss Dena Korfker, kindergarten teacher at Oakdale Christian School, Grand Rapids, Mich.; President Haan, Dordt College.

REPORTER INTERVIEWS DENA KORFKER

Editor's Note: A reporter of the Diamond staff, Betty Blankeoor, held several interviews at the recent Tri-state Teachers' Institute. The following interview is the first installment in a short series appearing in this and succeeding issues.

Miss Dena Korfker is a kindergarten teacher at the Oakdale Christian School, Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has taught for thirty-four years—8 years in the first grade and the remainder in kindergarten. Additional capacities include teaching catechism, writing a Sunday School paper for beginners, serving on a library committee, and writing books for children.

How many books have you written and published?
Six have been written and published:
My Picture Story Bible
Ankle Comes to America
Stories of Jesus for Boys and Girls
Questions Children Ask
Can You Tell Me?
My Bible ABC Book
I have written two more; they have not yet been published.

Timmy Who Was Afraid of the Dark and one describing, on a child's level, my trip to Palestine.

Would you encourage students, particularly college students, to choose journalism as a career?
Yes, there are not nearly enough Christian writers. One of our biggest headaches is to obtain satisfactory fiction for Sunday School papers. Many of the stories submitted are written by persons outside of the Reformed churches, and often the content is questionable. I might add that much of the fiction produced by our writers of today becomes Sunday-Schoolish. Most Christian fiction writers become so concerned with stressing religion that they become hampered; as a result, literary quality suffers. Of course, there are writers such as Felke Felkema (Frederick Manfred) who have literary quality, yet in a sacred religious manner cause religion to suffer.

What do you feel is the purpose or ultimate goal of Christian education?
"It is to train the child to live as a Christian and serve God to the best of his ability."

And do you believe Christian education as such is fulfilling this purpose?
"Yes, though never perfectly. There is much more of a sense of direct relationship with God, a sense which is not acquired in the home."

But do you think most directors and patrons of Christian schools realize this purpose?
"No, especially not in this area of education."