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THE COVER PICTURE

Director Sigvart J. Steen leads the Wagner Choir. The choir sings in Town Hall on March 22. Their annual tour, Jan. 27-Feb. 13 was a great success. On March 6 it was announced that the choir had been invited to sing at the Lutheran World Federation Convention in Hanover, Germany, July 25 to August 3.

Dr. Langsam Resigns Presidency; Accepts Post at Gettysburg

On January 14 the entire Wagner campus family was stunned by the announcement of the fact that President Walter C. Langsam had resigned his office as of July 1 to accept the presidency of Gettysburg College.

We thought that he would like to comment on his leaving and asked him for a statement for the alumni. The text of his message follows below. The May issue of The Link will carry an appreciation of his seven years of fine service.

Incidentally, the Student Association is sponsoring a farewell dance in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Langsam in the gym on Saturday evening, April 19, 9 p. m. All alumni are invited to come especially those who have attended Wagner during his presidency. Admission charge will be nominal.

To all Wagnerians everywhere:

As you know by now, the Langsam family will leave Wagner College in June and go to Gettysburg College in July. The decision to make the change was reached after earnest and prayerful consideration.

As an honorary member of the class of '45, I am a loyal alumnus of Wagner College. In this capacity, I appeal to all my fellow-alumni to continue giving their wholehearted support to our Alma Mater. Be proud of her, back her leaders and especially the new president (whoever he may be), uphold her principles, visit her often, recognize the true value of her devoted administration and faculty, and set an example of loyalty to her current and future students.

Wagner is outstandingly a Christian liberal-arts college. It is not and was not intended to be a mission school or a theological seminary. Wagner believes that it is important not merely to prepare Christian ministers and parish workers, but Christian teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, chemists, journalists, researchers, dentists, writers, nurses, businessmen, medical technicians, missionaries, social workers, and housewives—in short, Christian parents and Christian citizens. This is a devout academic creed, and one which God has evidently blessed.

While there is always room for improvement, as there is in every living thing, the atmosphere of the campus is basically one of Christian love. Wagner is Christian; it is not bigoted, nor narrowly legalistic nor intolerant. Most of the members of its community feel deeply; they do not mistake external formalism

and conformism for fundamentally Christian behavior. The prevailing interest is in personal faith, virtue, and friendly good-will, not in the occasional misstep of this or that fellow-Christian. I pray that this may long continue to be the philosophy of this devoted educational institution of the Church.

I wish to express my deep thanks to Dr. Sutter and the Board of Trustees, who brought me to Wagner, enabled me to enjoy almost seven years of rich experiences, supported me firmly and generously, and made it abundantly clear that they wished me to stay at Wagner longer; to my loyal administrative assistants, who worked literally day and night to advance the cause of Wagner and make it ever a better place in which to work and study and play; to the outstanding faculty, which has worked exceptionally hard and for exceptionally long hours at inadequate pay be-

cause it is a Christian faculty which places its vocation above economics; to the staunch alumni, who have increasingly contributed to Wagner in the form of moral support, money, and student recruitment; to the students, who are as fine an example of Christian youth as may be found in our country; to the Wagner College Guild, which has adopted the College as its special project; to the members of the Staten Island community and all others who realize that to help Wagner means to invest in the finest type of American youth; to those members of the Lutheran Synods of New York and New Jersey who appreciate the aims and efforts of Wagner and have worked hard to encourage the implementation of these aims;

and, above all, to God, Who helped me when no one else could help, and Who helped through all the others.

We leave Wagner with mixed feelings, for we have come to love her and, indeed, to love Staten Island. Wagner is in good shape and can look forward with confidence to the future. We shall closely watch her further progress and applaud each new gain. We shall try to come back often on visits. We shall do all we can to maintain the friendships whose warmth was made touchingly clear to us in the many letters and messages that were prompted by the news of our intended departure. We shall strive, in short to be model alumni.

**Walter Consuelo Langsam,
PRESIDENT.**

January 28, 1952.



The Editor's Mail Box

What does the college and loyalty to it mean to an alumnus? A letter to Alfred J. Krahmer, general alumni secretary, gives a refreshing slant. It reads:

Dear Al:

Since your engagement out of town prevented attendance at the Alumni Loyalty Fund Committee meeting, I thought you'd be interested in a particular phase of the discussion — of special interest to me because it is so true.

We talked about the aid alumni of another small college in the state had given their alma mater, some \$50,000 a year. One committee member noted no one pays through tuition and board what it actually costs the college to go there. Others have to help. The committee member put it this way: "We paid less than half of the actual cost of our four years at college . . . and I could never have reached the position I have today without that college background . . . I say I can trace 30 to 50 per cent of my success to college training . . . I believe we should all 'take a look' at why we should be loyal, and give, to Wagner . . ."

I'd say that fellow had the right slant. The committee thought so, too.

When we talk about the good old days we sometimes lose sight of the fact that they were tough old days too. Remember the trouble we had getting heat for the dormitory. There was no money for coal so we had to chop down trees and trying to keep a fire going with green wood was, as Prof. Ludwig so beautifully phrased it, "enough to make the angels swear." And it was tough on the men who assumed the responsibility for Wagner during those early years on Staten Island. I marvel at their faith. Working on a frayed shoe string — all they had was vision and hope and prayer and the determination that it can be done. I recall contributions made by people who had no opportunity to go higher than eighth grade but had faith in Wagner and what it was attempting to do, whose nickels and dimes and dollars helped pay off the mortgaged indebtedness and permitted the erection of a few new buildings.

I know of the sacrifices some of our professors made and are making because of their love for Wagner. And some of our Administrators who caught hold of the vision and expended themselves most gloriously — and together with the faculty have led, and at times pushed, Wagner to its eminent place in the educational world.

They all had faith in Wagner and expressed that faith in deeds. If more alumni would examine themselves and their relations to Wagner, they would come to the only conclusion possible — neither in the past nor the present has any student paid the actual cost of his education, that it has always been others who enabled him to get so much for so little.

When that realization dawns, then I'm convinced that the Alumni Loyalty Fund will exceed its present

budget by twenty times, for then a sense of obligation will have been born whose compulsion would never permit an appeal by the Alumni Loyalty Fund to go unheeded.

Sincerely,
John F. Bauchmann '23

Chapter Doings

The Brooklyn chapter met on Friday evening March 7 to elect new officers. Phil Anstedt, former president moved to Arlington, Va. on February 15, but had delegated Herb Hewitt to organize a meeting before he left.

On Long Island, chapter President Walter Kortrey appointed Wilson and Eleanore Gearhart to act as a dinner committee for this year's meeting. This group will meet for dinner on March 21.

Philadelphia chapter president, Bob Reisch, is planning for an April meeting in the City of Brotherly Love. These meetings leave only Westchester, Connecticut, Col-mar-va, and Northern New England without definite plans for meetings during this school year.

The Staten Island chapter held a successful card party on Jan. 31 and has taken over the management of the 1952 Wagner Week program on the Island. Northern New Jersey continues its strong recruitment program. They recently brought 30 boys to visit the school.

Rochester chapter was the sponsor for the choir concert in that city on Feb. 7.

GRADUATION AWARD

Dr. Norman Freilich '35, Staten Island dentist, has made a generous gift to his Alma Mater. He has established an annual award in memory of his father, to be known as the Philip Freilich Memorial Award.

It will consist of the presentation of a copy of the very essential text, Gray's Anatomy, to the graduating pre-medical or pre-dental student with the highest scholastic index. The first award will be given in June.

This is a generous and useful gift and the Alumni Association hereby expresses its gratitude for the fine display of loyalty to Alma Mater.

New State Organization

Wagner College became a member of the new Empire State Foundation of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges at an organization meeting held at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. on Jan. 29.

The purpose of the new organization will be to solicit, receive, and distribute corporate gifts in behalf of the Foundation's member colleges and to other colleges and universities in New York State.

The other members of the Foundation are Wells, Hobart, William Smith, Keuka, Alfred, Colgate, Bard, Elmira, Hartwick, Skidmore, Union, Hamilton, Houghton, Russell Sage, St. Lawrence, Sarah Lawrence, and Vassar.

The Amiable Arkansan

by Mark Wiesner '54

On February 1 it was announced that Jim Lee Howell had signed a three-year contract to continue his coaching career as skipper of the Seahawks. As alumni of Wagner, it will doubtless interest you to know more about the man that guides our football fortunes, since sports play an integral part in our enjoyment of college life as students and as grads. This portrayal will not be based upon a short interview with him, but upon my knowledge of his character gained by playing under him for two years.

It should be stated in reference to his interviews with the press that he displays a frankness and jocundity that has earned him such sobriquets as the "Amiable Arkansan", and the "Genial Giant". Also it could be stated that in the middle or even toward the end of our workouts last fall much of the football squad would doubt the veracity of the first parts of his nicknames. But time heals all wounds, and in the case of our team the wounds consist of breaks, strains, fractures, torn ligaments, and the like. Looking back at the seasons played under Coach Howell, the tendency however, is to remember the pleasantries and not the hard work involved in playing football.

My first recollection of Jim Lee Howell stems from the first day of football practice when I was a freshman. All the newcomers to the squad seemed to be bunched together — all a little awe-struck at the size of our new mentor. Jim Lee quickly put us at ease by introducing himself as Jim Lee Howell, adding that he wished to be called Jim Lee or Jim or even Coach by the players. He concluded that he expected to be called other things when he wasn't around. This is



typical of the informality and friendliness that prevails on the field.

Jim Lee's qualifications as a coach cannot be doubted. As an outstanding athlete in his college days at Arkansas, he learned his fundamentals. He was voted to an end post on the All-Southwest Conference team. He played professional football with the New York Giants, and reached great heights among the pros. In addition to his coaching chores at Wagner, Jim also presides as end coach of the Giants. Through his position, he is able to obtain tickets to the professional games. He gives these to the players and urges them to attend, hoping, no doubt, that we will absorb some of the know-how that the pros display.

On the practice field Jim Lee seldom gives us a glimpse of the form that brought him to stardom. It's a rare occasion when Jim treats us to the sight of going out for a long pass and snagging it in his huge hands. When he does this it is either provoked by a win on the previous Saturday, or by the extreme cold. Usually, I regret to say, the cold weather is the cause since the wins have been coming at irregular and rare intervals.

Conversations with the Wagner College football players reveal that a great source of enjoyment is derived from the films taken of the games. During the season, however, these showings cause a great deal of dread. The films invariably black out during a courageous goal line stand by Wagner or one of our well executed plays. At the time of the opponents' touchdown, they show as clear as any Hollywood production.

When run in slow motion, the movies are very beneficial in finding our mistakes. They also show the mistakes to Jim Lee, who has the films run back, and issues some comment that causes the receiver to feel like the proverbial "two cents". Usually these comments cause some hilarity but it is at the expense of all since Jim's keen eye picks out just about every minute fault. At their conclusion there is a sigh of relief comparable to that of the sound of the gun ending a homecoming game with Wagner in front by six points.

As a coach Jim Lee teaches the best football possible. It is only through a lack of abundant talent that Wagner's record is not better. He instills a great desire to win in his squad, but, realizing that victory isn't possible all the time, he merely demands of the players their best efforts. He knows that a coach does his job on the days of practice, that on Saturday the game belongs to the boys. He merely hopes they play up to their capacities.

He teaches good football, hard football, but not dirty football. This does not mean he doesn't show the players how to take care of themselves. One time after a display of temper during a scrimmage with a rival team, Jim related to us that in all his years of playing football he had lost control of his reason only twice. There is no need to say there must have been just provocation. At any rate it served to show us that even he lacks the perfection for which he aims.

Thus, briefly described, is the 6 foot 4 inch man whom you will see pacing up and down the sidelines this fall and probably for many successive seasons.



OBITUARIES

Wagner's oldest living alumnus, the Rev. H. C. A. Meyer '86, died at his home in Brooklyn on Dec. 27. He was 87 years old. Ordained in 1889 after graduation from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, the major part of his ministry was spent as pastor of St. Jacobi Church, Brooklyn, which he served for nearly forty years until his retirement in 1930.

General Alumni Secretary Alfred J. Krahmer represented the Alumni Association at funeral services in the Brooklyn Church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29. The Rev. John Bauchmann '23 conducted the service, with Dr. Frederick R. Knubel H-45 preaching the sermon. Dr. Frederic Sutter '94, president of the Board of Trustees, officiated at the burial service in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, on Dec. 30.

Among Pastor Meyer's survivors is a son, The Rev. Herman A. Meyer, '11, treasurer of the Alumni Association, who is also the first son of a Wagner alumnus to receive a Wagner sheepskin.

The distinction of having been graduated for the longest time is now shared by Dr. Ernst Bachmann and Dr. Ernest Heyd, both members of the class of 1889. The oldest alumnus, from the standpoint of age, is now the Rev. H. Wahrman '94, who was 82 last Dec. 2.

Death also came to two other alumni and to a former student. The Rev. Eugene A. Sievert '11 died on Dec. 20, at the age of 73. Active in his retirement as

a supply pastor, Pastor Sievert was once Director of the Kinderfreund Home in Jersey City.

The Rev. Charles W. Valentine '96 died on Dec. 31, aged 73. A former pastor of St. Marks Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, he had been in retirement for a number of years.

Pfc. Warren C. Redeker, 20, was killed in an automobile accident at Fort Benning, Ga. on Jan. 19. He had enlisted in the Army after the completion of his freshman year at Wagner.

Appointments

Alumni President Chris Holmstrup has named the following persons to act as the Nominating Committee for this year — Robert Olwig, chairman; Mrs. Mary Sterner, Richard Schoenlank, and Alfred J. Krahmer. The committee has met and is working on the preparation of the slate for presentation to all alumni on May 6, one month before the annual meeting.

Holmstrup also appointed John Bauchmann, chairman; Les Trautman, Edith Buraus, Roy Cutter, and Ernest Kiefer to act as the 1952 Loyalty Fund Committee. This group is already at work as you know by the letter received early in February.

Another appointment was that of Howard Braren to the executive committee of the Association. The constitution provides for the election of one such member at large by the committee.

The special committee to study the alumni constitution is also busy and expects to present a revised set of by-laws to the association soon. This committee is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams, Les Trautmann, Richard Debus, and Charles Kallidin.

An Alumni Day committee will be named soon.

Robb Memorial Trophy

The Commander James Robb Memorial trophy was established in 1949 by a group of Robb's teammates on the 1932 football team who thought that the memory of the former Wagner athlete ought to be so perpetuated.

The trophy is awarded annually to the most valuable player in the Homecoming game. The 1932 team presented a beautiful permanent trophy to be kept at the college as well as a handsome individual trophy to be given the winner.

As time went on it became evident that it was not feasible for such a loosely organized group to continue to provide the individual award. Last fall the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity assumed the annual expense and will henceforth be the donor of the award.

This is a belated acknowledgement from the Alumni office of the generosity of the fraternity. Robb trophy winners thus far have been: 1949, Chester Sellitto; 1950, Bill Roehrich; 1951, Neil Leonard.

CAMPUS SHORTS

The Junior Prom was held at the Vanderbilt Hotel on Feb. 22. This year's Queen was Patricia Patterson. The Campus Community Chest Carnival is listed for April 18.

Faith and Life Week was held March 2-6 with an array of impressive speakers — Dr. Ralph Loew of Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo; Mrs. J. Warren Hastings, prominent churchwoman of Washington, D.C.; Dr. J. Oscar Lee, executive secretary, Department of Race Relations, and the Rev. Cameron Parker Hall, executive secretary, Department of the Church and Economic Life, both of the National Council of Churches; and the Rev. James Lloyd Stoner, director, University Christian Mission.

Spring registration figures show 766 students in the day school, 486 in the evening session, and 40 in the division of graduate studies.

Salvatore Baccaloni presented his fourth concert at Wagner on March 2. The Wagner Choir will sing in Town Hall on Saturday, March 22. It returned on Feb. 13 from a two week concert tour.

Alumni Day will be June 6 this year, with Commencement on June 7. The Varsity Players will present a major production on May 8 - 9 - 10.

Have Any Ideas?

Do you have any ideas about the annual Alumni Day program? If so, drop the alumni office a note. A committee will meet soon to make plans for the reunion, which is scheduled for June 6.

We are anxious to make your visit to the campus pleasant and enjoyable, but to do so we must know what you like. Won't you take a minute to write down what you'd like to do when you come back to Alma Mater this spring?

The committee has written fifteen other colleges for their programs in the general hope of getting some new ideas from that source. But the best source of ideas is still the alumni themselves. Won't you help?

UNCLE SAM CALLS HANNIGAN

There is a vacant chair in the Alumni office once again. This has been the case since January 8 when Uncle Sam called Francis P. (Chubby) Hannigan, who had been our capable assistant since his graduation last June. No replacement has been named as yet.

Chubby is taking basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. in the Armored division. He was a campus visitor on Feb. 22.

Chubby's predecessor in the job, Dick Forester '49, is still offering real assistance to the alumni office in the preparation of the Link. He is unofficial make-up editor.



Miss Patricia Patterson '52, Junior Prom Queen for 1952.

Sister Kenny Scholarships

Graduates of the Wagner School of Nursing are eligible for generous scholarships offered by the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation to registered nurses interested in a study of the Kenny technique of the treatment of poliomyelitis.

The next class begins June 30, 1952. The course lasts two years and its graduates are assured of assignment in a Kenny facility. Any nurse who is interested may get further information in the School of Nursing office.

Letter From Guatemala

The alumni office had the recent pleasure of a letter from Mrs. Christine Murbach de Cordon '36, second woman graduate of Wagner. Mrs. de Cordon lives in Guatemala City, Central America, a place she describes as ideal from the standpoint of climate.

She calls it "the land of eternal spring".

In addition to raising three children — "prospective students for Wagner" — she is secretary to the P.T.A. at the American School in her city. "I hope some day to send a student from Guatemala to Wagner," she writes.

Her closing paragraph sounds great. It reads, "It would be a pleasure to entertain any Wagner faculty members, alumni, or students who might visit Guatemala City." We hope to hear from someone who accepts this gracious invitation.

We also note that her letter enclosed a nice check for the 1952 Loyalty Fund.

Sports Roundup



Robert (Sonny) Bosley '53, who has set new individual scoring records for Wagner this season.

1951-'52 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	Hofstra	55-60
Dec. 5	Stevens	73-40
Dec. 8	Franklin and Marshall	63-75
Dec. 10	Manhattan	55-76
Dec. 12	St. John's	47-63
Dec. 15	Upsala	75-44
Dec. 18	Springfield	73-52
*Dec. 21	Copper Union	81-60
**Dec. 27	Cortland	65-54
**Dec. 28	Trinity	66-53
**Dec. 29	Alfred	51-48
*Jan. 5	Kings Point	78-41
*Jan. 9	Pratt	81-44
Jan. 11	Dickinson	75-54
Jan. 12	Gettysburg	73-83
*Jan. 18	Adelphi	59-76
Jan. 19	Moravian	86-66
*Feb. 2	Brooklyn Poly	82-85
Feb. 6	Hofstra	56-65
Feb. 8	Clark	77-37
Feb. 12	Clarkson	59-43
Feb. 13	St. Lawrence	72-54
Feb. 16	Albright	58-60
Feb. 20	Fordham	46-48
Feb. 23	Brandeis	70-72
*Feb. 27	Queens	63-64
Mar. 7	St. Peter's	65-58

* Greater New York Conference games.

** Hofstra Invitation Tournament.

As this is written, the basketball Seahawks have won 14, lost 8, with 5 tough games to go — Albright, Fordham, Brandeis, Queens, and St. Peter's. The most notable triumphs for the Wagner team were the three scored in winning the Hofstra invitation tournament on Dec. 27-28-29.

Even though the Seahawks have lost their chance to cop the Greater New York Conference title for the third successive season, we'd call this year a good season. The team has played the toughest schedule ever tackled by a Wagner five and has performed well. Each of the 8 losses has been to a team with a fine record.

Wagner, incidentally, had never lost a Conference game until beaten by Adelphi on Jan. 18. Its string of consecutive Conference wins was at 16 when the Panthers, who are now favored to win the title, broke the streak. Wagner's other Conference loss came on Feb. 2 when Brooklyn Poly won in overtime.

Four individual records and one team record have been broken this year. Bob (Sonny) Bosley, 6-2 junior, has set a completely new series of individual marks — most points in a single game, 35 (the previous high was 29 and Sonny broke this three times by netting 30 against Upsala, 32 against Moravian, and 35 against Poly); most field goals in a single game, 14; most points in a season, 466; most points in a career, 963. The team record is the longest string of games without loss, 9, from Dec. 15 to Jan. 12.

The baseball season begins on April 2. We should have a good season, since only one regular was lost by graduation from the club which had won 11 straight when the season ended last spring. It is a tough schedule which Athletic Director Herb Sutter has put together, a card which includes 12 Metropolitan Conference games.

1952 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 2	Kings Point	away
April 5	Pratt	home
April 8	*Brooklyn	home
April 9	L. I. U.	home
April 12	St. Peter's	home
April 14	*N. Y. U.	away
April 16	*Manhattan	home
April 19	Lehigh	home
April 22	*Hofstra	home
April 23	Stevens	away
April 28	*St. John's	home
May 1	*C. C. N. Y. (2)	away
May 3	*N. Y. U.	home
May 7	Moravian	away
May 10	Upsala	home
May 13	*Manhattan	away
May 17	*Hofstra	away
May 20	*St. John's	away
May 22	Fordham	home
May 24	*Brooklyn	away

* Metropolitan Conference games.

Don't Forget
WAGNER WEEK
 April 27 to May 3

Remember When?



This hayride was held Oct. 18, 1935. The cast of characters, from left Walter Kaelin '37, Beatrice Blumenthal Eberling '38, Catherine Newton McDermott '39, Ernest Rittershausen '37, Edna Gohlinghorst Pilling '37, and Louise Fifthian Pilling.

TESTED ADVERTISING

The following letter was received at the college on Feb. 9:

"Zdenko Bucan
Put Plokite No. 7
Split
Yugoslavia
Messrs.
Wagner College
Staten Island, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Split, the 1st
February 1952

Dear Sirs,

I possess a tinder-box which contains an adver-

tisement your firm for "SEAHAWKS". It happened per accident, that the cover (the binding link) broke.

Therefore, I beg of you, to be kind enough, to send me another cover of the same type, as there is not any possibility to get it here.

As for the expenses, please will you inform me, how I could settle them. Thanking you in advance for your kindness,

Yours sincerely,
Zdenko Bucan"

Needless to say, we sent Mr. Bucan some match covers, but what we want to know is this — how did the original get to Yugoslavia?



Edwin Baxter and **Priscilla La Forest**, Sept. 23, 1951.
 Kenneth Owens and **Rena Piscopo** N48, Nov. 13, 1951.
Rudolph Knapp '51 and **Margery Bohlken**, Nov. 24, 1951.
William Hulle and **Katherine Patterson** '51, Dec. 1, 1951.
Walter Dohrman '50 and **Florence Winslow**, Dec. 1, 1951.
Alfred Hartstein '48 and **Ingeborg Meyer** '52, Dec. 16, 1951.
Walter Wrede '50 and **Naomi Heebner**, Dec. 22, 1951.
Arthur R. Smith '41 and **Gray Brummit**, Dec. 23, 1951.
 Ernst Rodin and **Martha Kinscher** '52N, Dec. 23, 1951.
Albert Marschall '49 and **Marjorie Hartung** '47, Dec. 23, 1951.
Milton Grosz and **Marguerite Jerlin**, Dec. 25, 1951.
 Wendell Sylvester and **Janelee Joseph** '51, Dec. 29, 1951.
Lt. William Errington '51 and **Alice Johansen**, Dec. 29, 1951.
 Norman Belfer and **Elinor Renfield** '49, Jan. 5, 1952.
Richard Doremus '50 and **Doris Heepe** '51, Jan. 20, 1952.
Herbert Nolte '51 and **Dorothy Willock** '52, Jan. 26, 1952.
Raymond Hartman '50 and **Marlene Keske**, Jan. 27, 1952.
Donald Hahe '48 and **Gloria Herrada** '49, Feb. 23, 1952.



A daughter, **Valerie Celeste**, to Dr. and Mrs. Fred (**Santo Paterno** '49N) Mann, July 29, 1951.
 A daughter, **Janice**, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (**Jeanne Stoughton** '44) Dagher, November 4, 1951.
 A daughter, **Johanna**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Genovese**, Nov. 29, 1951.
 A daughter, **Kerry Jane**, to **William** and **Helen Neville Kelly** '50, Dec. 10, 1951.
 A son, **Jeffrey Michael**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Chiapperino** '49, Dec. 12, 1951.
 A daughter, **Dorothy Margaret**, to **Thomas** and **Barbara Kelly Christopher**, Dec. 15, 1951.
 A son, **Kenneth Alan**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Cloyd (Miriam Serrick** '40) McAllister, Dec. 17, 1951.
 A daughter, **Barbara Alison**, to Mr. and Mrs. **William (Elizabeth Longair N46)** Rose, Dec. 17, 1951.
 A daughter, **Leslie**, to Mr. and Mrs. **John (Agnes Thomson N47)** Piscopo, Dec. 21, 1951.
 A daughter, **Martha Leigh**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Carl R. Johnson** '50, Dec. 25, 1951.
 A daughter, **Maureen**, to **Joseph** '50 and **Shirley Sandberg Shannon** '48, Dec. 28, 1951.
 A son, **Christopher Francis**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Paul (Rita McGivney Kennedy N46)**, Dec. 28, 1951.
 A son, **Andrew James III**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew (Anne Noren** '51N) Posey, Dec. 28, 1951.
 A daughter, **Patricia Anne**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Franklyn P. Ward** '48, Jan. 6, 1952.
 A son, **Martin Philip** to **Richard** '52 and **Ruth Greenwood Koss** '52N, Jan. 19, 1952.
 A daughter, **Claudia**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry (Doris McCullough** '49N) Miller, Jan. 20, 1952.
 A daughter, **Patricia Anne**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward (Winifred Lannon N48)** Lee, Dec. 1951.
 A son, **Gerhard W. Jr.**, to Mr. and Mrs. **G. W. (Gladys Lammond** '48) Hill, Feb. 7, 1952.
 A daughter, **Barbara Ellen**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Raymond Rowan** '51, Feb. 5, 1952.
 A daughter, **Patricia Ann**, to Mr. and Mrs. **David (Ingeborg Vondran** '49) Post, Dec. 27, 1951.

A daughter, **Vicki Ann**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Roger Downing** '50, Jan. 31, 1952.
 A son, **Brian Cullen-Edward**, to **Edward** and **Mary Kehoe Reardon** '49, Feb. 2, 1952.
 A daughter, **Jean Margaret**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Theodore Marston** '38, Feb. 5, 1952.
 A son, **Stephen Francis**, to Mr. and Mrs. **Carl Ludders** '33, Feb. 15, 1952.
 A son, **George Beverly III**, to Mr. and Mrs. **George Shaffer, Jr.** '50, Feb. 21, 1952.

ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

1895

St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, rededicated a renovated church on Nov. 25. Dr. **George Blaesi** is pastor. The cost of the work was \$80,000.

1909

Dr. **Henry B. Dickert** represented Wagner at the inauguration of **Spencer Miller, Jr.** as president of American International College on Nov. 9.

1910

Redeemer Church, Utica, having paid off its indebtedness, will continue having a "Building Fund for Others", with the contributions going to home and foreign mission causes. Dr. **Arnold Keller** is pastor.

1927

The Rev. **John Kern** resigned as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Vernon, Texas, to accept a call to the George West-Ray Point parish in the same state.

1928

Dr. **Gunnar Knudsen** represented Wagner at the inauguration of **Frederic K. Miller** as president of Lebanon Valley College on Nov. 13. "Christmas in a Factory" in the Lutheran of Dec. 26 tells the story of one phase of the work of Dr. **Gustave W. Weber**, director of human relations for the Doehler-Jarvis Corporation.

1929

Redeemer Church, Binghamton, N. Y. recently dedicated a new organ and chimes. The Rev. **Howard Kuhnle** is pastor. In Little Neck, L. I., Christ Church will begin construction of a new church later this year. A campaign for \$100,000 has just been successfully completed. Pastor is the Rev. **William T. Heil**.

1931

The Rev. **Harold Sticht** is organizing a mission congregation in Rochester, N. Y., under the Board of American Missions. He resigned his Raymertown (N. Y.) Church in December. The Rev. **John Kaercher** resigned his pastorate at St. Marks, Scranton, Pa. on Jan. 1 to accept a call as pastor of Epiphany Church, South Temple, Pa. St. John's, Rutherford, N. J. celebrated its 25th anniversary with the re-decoration of the church and the purchase of organ chimes. The Rev. **William H. Niebanck** is pastor.

1936

Lt. Col. **Robert A. Boettger** is chaplain at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C.

1937

Naval Chaplain **Walter Vierling** has been with the 1st AmTrak Battalion, 1st Marine Division, in Korea since Nov. 26.

1938

The Rev. **Walter Bock** will attend the Lutheran World Federation meeting in Hanover, Germany, this summer, and will visit his father and his birthplace. The trip is a gift from his congregation, Zion Church, Cobleskill, N. Y.

1939

The Rev. and Mrs. **Philip Anstedt** (she's **Ruth Davies** '38) have moved to Arlington, Va., where Phil is now pastor of Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church. Phil had been pastor of Bethlehem Church, Brooklyn, and president of the Brooklyn Alumni chapter.

1940

Chaplain **Robert J. Schenck**, promoted to Lt. Commander in July, is now regimental chaplain of the 7th Marines in Korea.

1942

Ted Gibson's work in the sales dept. of Philco (he sells micro-wave) is making him a real traveller. He's been in Texas and the Bahamas and is looking forward to a trip to Oregon and Washington this spring. A recent library acquisition is a copy of "Herder und Coleridge" by **J. Michael Moore**. It's his dissertation for the Ph.D. at the University of Berne.

Wilbur Sterner, president of the Staten Island chapter, was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Prudential Savings and Loan Ass'n (S. I.) at its Jan. meeting. Bill has been treasurer of the Assn. since last May. Dr. **Harold E. Hammond** has been appointed director of the Brookville (LI) division of Long Island University. Hammond has been at LIU since 1948 as a member of the department of history, director of the Evening school, and as director of the Nassau County annexes in Hicksville and Oyster Bay. The Hammonds (she's the former **Helen Stegmann**) have two children and live in Hicksville.

1945

The Rev. **Helmut Dietrich** resigned as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Mass. to accept a call to Zion Church, Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, on Feb. 1. Mrs. Dietrich is the former **Dorothy Kraus**.

1947

Mrs. **Marjorie Hartung Marschall** is a chemist with the L. A. Dreyfus Co., Oak Tree, N. J. The Rev. **Charles Schmidling** has resigned his Bayonne, N. J. pastorate to accept a call to Zion Church, Long Valley, N. J.

1948

Eugene Ferretti passed the New York State Bar examination. **Donald Hood**, a student at Episcopal Divinity School, Philadelphia, is a student assistant at St. Mary's, Ardmore, Pa. **Donald A. Allen**, who received an M.A. from Univ. of Texas, is now working for a Ph.D. at the Univ. of Florida. Dr. **Helen Ackerson** has opened an office for the practice of podiatry-chiropody in New Dorp. (S. I.).

1949

Albert Marschall is a junior at N. Y. U. College of Dentistry. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Belfer (**Elinor Renfield**) are on a two months honeymoon in Europe. **Edmund A. Wagner** (hon.) has been elected treasurer of the United Lutheran Church in America. The Rev. **Peter Nodyne** is now pastor of Bethany Church, North Bergen, N. J. He completed his work at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia in January and was ordained on Jan. 27.

1950

Diana Nebauer is with the advertising agency of Batten, Burton, Durstine, and Osborne, Manhattan. **Carl Johnson** is a stereotype operator for the New York World-Telegram and Sun. Pvt. **Bob Smith** is with the 64th Engineers at Pine Camp, Watertown, N. Y. Sgt. **Walter Mikson** is attending Officer's Candidate School at Fort Bliss, Texas. **Irma Kunmann** received her M.A. at Hofstra Feb. 1.

1951

Ken Johansen is a retail representative with Life magazine. **Ellen Kalinowsky** is with the social service division of the Suffolk County (LI) Department of Public Welfare. **Weert Hunersen** is with I. B. M. and taking graduate work at NYU. **Bill Errington** has been commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Air Force. He's stationed at Randolph Field, Texas. **Anne Lewis** is working for the 7th Army Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. **Herb Nolte** is doing graduate work in vocational guidance at Columbia. Pvt. **George Greb** is at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Nursing Alumnae

Madeline Reimers '49N is a nurse in the Army Air Force. **Ruth Tellefsen '50N** is a staff nurse at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Clifton, S. I. **Constance Lucaa Savage '50N** and her two children left Staten Island in February to join her husband, an air force major stationed in Japan. **Edwina Findeison Johnson '48N** has been appointed executive secretary of the Staten Island Tuberculosis and Health Committee.



1952

(August and January Grads)

Ensign **Stephen Plichta** is stationed at the U. S. Naval Base, Key West, Fla. **Marie Pahnke** is teaching at Oak Tree School, Raritan Township, N. J. **Dorothy Willock Nolte** is a first grade teacher in Baldwin, L. I. **Bruce Geary** is with Dun and Bradstreet, Manhattan, but expects a call to military service soon. **Elaine Kovessy** is at St. John's Law School, Brooklyn. **Helen Loeffler** is teaching kindergarten at P. S. 30, Westerleigh, S. I. **Velma Parker** is teaching 5th grade in Deer Park, L. I. **Lawrence Somach** is doing graduate work at N. Y. U. **Anita Stubbe** is teaching at Stony Point, N. Y.

Former Students

Pearl E. Parker has been appointed directress of Nurses at Salem (N. J.) County Memorial Hospital. **Joseph Browne** received a Ch. E. degree from Washington University, St. Louis, June 6. The Rev. **Kenneth Drescher** was ordained as a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church on Dec. 9. He is assigned to the Church of the Regeneration, White Plains, N. Y. Mrs. **Marjorie Bridges Gerchik** appeared on the Frank Sinatra TV show on Dec. 11. **Jim Keller** is in the Navy and stationed at Bainbridge, Md. **Kay Bucher** is a Powers model. She recently made a 42 state tour of the U. S.

Doris Rank is completing her studies at Montclair State after teaching in Mexico under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. **Terence Thompson** is the new president of the Young Republican Club of Richmond County (S. I.). **Charles Bie** received a B.A. in Education at the University of Florida. He will continue studies for a master's degree in the education of abnormal children.

Frank Trosello, Jr. has been promoted to Sgt. first class on the Heidelberg Military Post in the U. S. Zone of Germany. He is assigned to duty as a map compiler foreman with the 656th Engineer Topographic Battalion. When the Rev. **William Behrens** was installed as pastor of Zion Church, Saddle River, N. J., every participant in the service had a Wagner connection. The preachers were the Rev. **William Niebanck '31** and the Rev. **Harold Haas '39**. The installing officer was Dr. Edwin H. Knudten **H-51**, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey. Behrens is president, Haas vice president, and Niebanck secretary of the Northern Conference of the New Jersey Synod.

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