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THE COVER PICTURE

The young lady on the cover is the 1949 Prom Queen. Chosen by student body votes from six candidates nominated by the senior class, the winner did not know until eleven o'clock on the night of the Junior Prom that she was the winner. Her name? Elinor Rosenfeld of Staten Island. She is being crowned by President Langsam.

Alumni Prexy's Corner

I appreciate this opportunity to come into your homes through the courtesy of THE LINK and talk with you briefly about your Alumni Association.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the fine support you have given Wagner in the past years. It is by your efforts that we of the Association are able to do more and more for the college "beautiful upon the hill."

The efforts of Al Kraemer, our Alumni Secretary, are already bearing fruit and we are expanding more and more. Yet much work remains which only you and I can do and which cannot be assigned to any one person. We need an Association that is ever increasing in strength and fervor for the work of promoting the college. Each one of us has his or her part in this undertaking.

All of us can easily speak about Wagner to friends who have children of college age, we can tell about Wagner in the community in which we live, we can help organize alumni chapters in our towns or cities, and we can support Wagner with our financial gifts. We have this year the largest budget ever. We need it to do something constructive for our Alma Mater. We are trying to raise \$2,500 and each one of us should assume a share of that amount. Let it not be said that year after year only the "chosen few" have contributed, but let us all give something and we will be way over the top.

What your Alumni Association can do depends solely on YOU. We can be strong and aggressive or we can be weak and ineffective. It is up to you, by your support, to determine the true calibre of the organization. Let us rally to the support of Wagner sincerely, steadfastly, and fervently. "This one thing" we must continue to do.

Walter Bock '38

Have You Wagneriana in Your Home?

The Wagner Library is making a real effort to collect and systematize historical material about the college. Needed in this effort are back issues of the *Wagnerian*, pictures of past events, old athletic programs, and whatever else of this kind you may have. Clean out that attic and send any old Wagner historical items you may find.



ALUMNI PRESIDENT

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A Word About Policy

Because some of our alumni of earlier days have returned to Wagner for degrees in later years, it has become necessary to determine in which class they should be listed. Our present policy is to list a man in the class of the earlier year. For example, if a member of the class of 1910 of pre-seminary days returns to the Hill and receives a degree in 1949, we shall continue to list him with his original classmates, unless otherwise directed by the alumnus himself.

We have a similar listing for graduates of the nursing school who later receive degrees. Because the nurses form a separate chapter and because their Loyalty Fund gifts must be kept separate, a nursing alumna is listed in the year in which she finished nursing school. For example—Jane Jones finishes nursing school with an R.N. in 1947. Later she finishes her degree course with the class of 1948. We list her as N47 and keep her in the nursing school chronological list.

We have also embarked on a policy of including all former students of the college (those who left before finishing their course) and of the old Wagner Prep in all alumni mailings. Our list of such names and addresses is lamentably short and your help in completing it is requested.

Interested in having the Wagner alumni sponsor a lecture-concert series on the Hill? Some of the Staten Island alumni have suggested this idea. Let's hear your reaction!

Come On In!

The Alumni office welcomes visitors, those who want us to do something for them, and those who just drop in to say "hello." In the past few months we've had the chance to greet Art Smith, Doris Cottrell Brockman, Bill Monge, Roy Cutter, Leonard Kleemann, Herman Meyer, the Rev. William Meyer, Eileen Jackman O'Leary, Ted Denton, Bill Clause, Ernie Meyer, Norman Johnson and his wife, Alice Tredge Johnson. Norman is at Brown University on one of the two graduate scholarships offered Wagner seniors each year.

The mailbag has been full, too, although we'd like to have a lot more responses to our Loyalty Fund appeal. John Bauchmann writes regularly from Germany. Ruth O'Hare wrote in to order a Wagner ring. Adelheid Baum wrote in to ask for classmates' addresses. Eugene Roth, Carl Sheie, Howard Lenhardt, and Siegwalt Palleske told us about what they're doing. Ellen Klitgaard's "hello" was welcome. Changes of address came in (and how we appreciate this courtesy) from Ray Brown, Walter and Barbara (Walters) Boecher, Gottfried Alberti, Frank Herr, Harold and Evelyn (Johnson) Haas. Henry Endress and Mrs. Paul Arnold sent us addresses of lost alumni. Al Beck and Joe Blum sent us articles for THE LINK that we're saving for the next issue. Mike Rosenblatt and Ed Sheldon asked for information about basketball games.

Reading the mail is a pleasant part of our job. Keep it coming. We haven't acknowledged mail from those who sent us articles for the current issue. You'll see their names elsewhere. The point is we like to get mail. It helps us to get acquainted with you and to find how the alumni office can serve you best.

Something new has been attempted in this issue of THE LINK—the Remember When Dept. We are digging into our files to bring you pictures of the past. Your reactions will be appreciated. We want to hear from you anyway about what sorts of pictures and articles you'd like. Your editors spend a lot of time trying to think of what you would like to see and read. Your suggestions would be most helpful.

Here's How It Happened

Dr. Henry Freimuth '99 and the Rev. O. E. Braune '00 both wrote in to tell us of the origin of the Wagner colors of green and white. It happened back in 1897 or 1898 and the occasion was a decision to create a Wagner pin. Various designs were presented and the one which was chosen by the student body included the colors of green and white. The green is meant to symbolize Life, the white Purity and Truth.

Wagner enrollment figures, as of October 1, 1948, show 767 men and 232 women in the day session, with 435 (359 men, 76 women) in the evening session and 27 in the Halloran Hospital Extension division for a total registration of 1461.

Sixty-two students were admitted in the February registration, including girls from British Guiana and Trans-Jordan. About fifty students finished their work and will return in June to receive their degrees.

He Couldn't Stay Away

Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, Wagner president from 1935-45, proved that his real love is education by accepting the presidency of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, effective September 1. Wittenberg is the largest of the thirteen colleges of the United Lutheran Church in America.

When "Prof." resigned as Wagner's president in 1945 to become Stewardship Secretary of the U.L.C.A., there were many who said he wouldn't be able to stay away from the educational field for very long. Now they know how right they were. The Wagner alumni unite in wishing Prof. well in his new work, but we wonder about that "small, but good college" line. After all, Wittenberg has thirteen hundred students.

Alumni are reminded that they have the privilege of borrowing books from the college library. The alumni office can furnish a list of the latest acquisitions to those who request it.

We Want To Know All About You!

A request comes into the alumni office asking how many alumni are teaching. Another asks about the political activities of Wagner alumni. We are asked how many alumni serve as trustees or directors of public institutions or schools. These questions and others like them often come to us from agencies which rate colleges, and we ought to know the answers.

Sometimes we do. More often we don't, or we hazard a guess. It is important that we be able to answer accurately and well, and the only way we can is with your help. Enclosed in this issue of THE LINK is a Biographical Blank. Please answer its questions accurately and carefully, and mail it to the alumni office. We'll be very grateful.

We shall also use the information in the compilation of a forthcoming volume, *Who's Who Among Wagner Alumni*, which will be just as inclusive as you permit it to be. Don't let modesty bother you too much. Tell us all about yourself and soon!



(Photo—Herbert E. Hewitt)

Chester Sellitto (13) takes a foul shot in the wheelchair game against the Halloran Hospital paraplegics on January 28. Wagner suffered the same fate as Columbia, NYU and all other college teams who have played a wheelchair game. We lost, 44-19.

I REMEMBER LUDDIE

By GUNNAR KNUDSEN '28

We loved his shoes! When Gabriel announces the coming of the Lord, he will do no more effective job than did Dean William Ludwig's shoes for him. They were his *avant garde*, squeaking a warning of his advance. If all did not become serene and studious at the first squeak, it was pure ignorance on the students' part.

The Lord and Professor Ludwig! There was a Jovian aspect about the man none could escape. We lived under his judgment, were the recipients of his love, the objects of his justice. The psalmist knew whereof he spoke: "Thy thunder rolled and resounded, lightning lit up the world, earth shook and was confounded, as thou didst tread . . ."

With Prof. Ludwig we had a great sense of living under judgment. Indeed, the feeling was inevitable in those regimented days at Wagner. There was crime and there was punishment. The crime possibilities were many: being out of a room during evening study hours, not reporting at morning study hours, not having beds made in time, and other sundry offenses. The punishment was K.P.—a reliable source of wood supply for professorial fireplaces.

There were, of course, other punishments. We remember once having been reported (always tantamount to conviction) and ordered to report on Saturday afternoon to Prof. Ludwig. Here is an apocryphal transcript of the conversation.

Prof. Ludwig: Humph, Mr. Knudsen, you are reporting for K.P.

I: Yes, sir!

Prof. Ludwig: And now I must find something for you to do.

I: Yes, sir!

P.L.: You do not know too much about Martin Luther?

I: No, sir!

P.L.: Do you not believe you should know more?

I: Yes, sir!

P.L.: We have a good library, and in it are some volumes dealing with Martin Luther. There is also an encyclopedia there. It has something in it about Luther. You could learn more there.

I: Yes, sir!

P.L.: I would then suggest for your K.P. that you go to the library, read about Luther, and bring me a short



biography — say about two thousand words.

I: Yes, sir!

We hope the kind reader has noted the brilliance of the conversational exchange. That was the pattern of the normal neophyte's conversation with the learned professor. "Let your conversation be yea, yea' and 'nay, nay.'" The importance of this form of conversation, although not recommended for general social use, can be understood only in this light. It was an escape. Through the medium of conversation, one-sided though it may have been, the blow was softened. Thus justice and love were mingled; judgment was executed and one's knowledge of Martin Luther enhanced.

The characteristics of the man were many. We remember one that, for some, defied imitation. The corpulent in the student body never could imitate it, only the thin or wiry variety of student could. The good professor had a habit of comfortably seating himself in his chair, crossing his knees, and then winding his free foot about the calf of his other leg. As an afterthought, the reason for this pose may have been that in thus cutting off circulation to the extremities, more blood was pumped to the brain. Whatever it was, Prof. Ludwig's statue, whenever it graces the campus of Wagner, should be struck in this form.

This scholar from the University of Berne, Switzerland, also attempted to lead us through the mazes of logic. When a fine point was to be made, it was always accompanied by the sliding of a large fore-finger up the east

side of his nose, crossing the bridge, and descending to the first knuckle down the west side of the facial topography in question. There it would rest, and logic became effectively clear to us all. The gesture was a signal for rapt attention.

His connections with Wagner spanned three generations. Beginning in Rochester in September of 1907, he survived the shift to Staten Island, the second generation, and the expansion of Wagner when he became dean and finally moved into retirement. Dean Ludwig had come to Wagner from the pastorate, following his graduation from Mt. Airy Seminary.

Kindly, stern humor, thundering temper—the shaggy, large form of Dean Ludwig was Wagner. He put his heart and his great life into it, from the first day to the very last—and still holds it in precious memory in his beloved Rochester.

How true this is can be gathered from the writings of his own pen. "Graduation! It means to a teacher almost as much as to parents the wedding of their children. They rejoice and at the same time feel sad at their departure. They cannot but ask themselves whether the children will make good or whether they might not have done more for them, given them more attention, a better education and a sounder moral and physical training."

It was in this last that Dean Ludwig shone—the giving of a sound moral education. There lay his great strength and his value for each of us. We said that we loved his shoes; but as time has gone on, we have come to love him who wore the shoes.

Some years ago the Wagner faculty established a fund called the Stoughton Student Loan Fund, named for former president Clarence Stoughton and Mrs. Stoughton. This fund is available as a source of loans to Wagner students, without interest. A faculty committee, headed by Dr. Ida Everson, is endeavoring to increase the amount of the fund and would welcome alumni support. If you would like to contribute to this Loan Fund, write to Dr. Everson at the college.

From Way Down East

In England the "old school tie" is an article of apparel, but in this country it's a state of mind, a deep-down feeling, a love for school that links generations of alumni together.

This school spirit was especially evident in the case of the thirteen Wagnerians who met together in Boston on December 17, 1948, to organize the Wagner College Club of Northern New England. Though the Hudson Valley Club was the first to organize, it certainly couldn't have been ahead of New England in enthusiasm.

Some of those present had at first hesitated to come because they were afraid that none of their classmates would be there, but everyone soon discovered that when a group of Wagner people get together there are no strangers among them.

Thanks to Bill Villaume '35, we were able to meet in the Boston City Club for the dinner and had the use of a club room for our informal meeting afterward.

It seemed especially good to be able to get together with some friends and just "talk Wagner" for awhile. Very little actual business was concluded during this first meeting except to elect Bill Villaume as president of the Club and to make some plans for future meetings. (Ed. note—Lorraine Turcotte was elected secretary.)

Dr. and Mrs. Langsam and Al Krahmer were kind enough to make the long trip from New York to be with us, and their reception, though not large in numbers, when measured in terms of enthusiasm and genuine welcome was large indeed. We were very much interested in the first-hand news from "the Hill," and in the long-range plans being made for the future of Wagner.

Alumni who are not within easy traveling distance of Staten Island have always felt rather cut off from alumni activities. But if other sectional Wagner clubs have half the feeling of Wagner spirit that ours has shown, all far-flung alumni will surely feel that they are taking a real part in Wagner alumni affairs.

—Lorraine Turcotte '48

In forthcoming issues we shall offer a three-part history of Wagner's early days by Al Beck, a story on Wagner's music in the early-forties by Joe Blum, "Wagner Debating" by Bruce Carney, and other articles. Next issue out about May 12—made possible by your support of the Loyalty Fund.

Operation Endowment

On the basis of careful calculation, we estimate that it costs \$610 per year to provide instruction for a regular full-time student at Wagner College. In addition, the College is making available \$20,000 annually by way of outright scholarship help—not counting permanent loans to pre-ministerial students nor self-help opportunities for other students. On a pro rata basis, this sum represents an average of \$21 per student. The cost per student to the College, therefore, is \$610 plus \$21 or \$631 per academic year.

The tuition charge, on the other hand, is only \$400 per year. Or, if the comprehensive fee of \$50 be added, \$450 per year. The annual deficit therefore amounts to \$181 per student. Obviously the resulting deficit must be made up somehow, else the College would soon be bankrupt. The extra sources of income include current gifts, alumni donations, Church contributions, bequests, income from the Evening Session and Summer Session which have a relatively low overhead cost, and interest on the endowment.

In the case of some colleges, particularly those with an endowment of \$10,000,000 or more, the return on investments goes a long way toward paying the difference between cost per student and tuition per student. Even these colleges now feel the "pinch" of increased costs and lessened interest or dividend rates. How much heavier is the burden on a college, such as Wagner, whose total endowment fund is \$420,000! (Wittenberg's endowment is five times this sum, Muhlenberg's about three times, and that of Carthage approximately double this amount.)

The income from our endowment for the year ending June 30, 1948, was \$16,640—a tribute to the financial skill of those entrusted with the task of investing the moneys of the College. And yet, the annual income from our endowment was \$3360 less than the money given out by the College in scholarships alone. Or, put another way, the income from endowment, if pro-rated, averaged only \$17 per student per year while scholarships averaged \$21 per student. Put still differently, the income from endowment represented a sum insufficient to pay the salaries of even four full professors among the seventy of-

ficers who comprise our faculty and administrative staff.

Let us, finally, make one more comparison. The endowment per student at Amherst College is approximately \$25,000; at Bowdoin, \$14,000; at Lafayette, \$5000; at Lehigh, \$4000; and at Wagner—\$440! Verily, this disparity must be corrected if Wagner is to keep a high place among our country's colleges.

If the figures cited have any eloquence, then they surely have called attention to the crying need for more endowment for Wagner. Will the alumni and alumnae respond to this call on their loyalty? I know they will. And that is why we foresee for our beloved alma mater a glowing future as one of the strong small colleges in America.

—Walter Consuelo Langsam



Meet Margaret Rauffer! Margaret is a Wagner freshman, holder of the first Alumni Scholarship awarded last fall. Margaret was graduated from Bridgeport (Conn.) Central High with honors last June and has continued her fine work on the Hill. At the end of the first semester her name was on the Dean's List.

Your gifts to the 1948 Loyalty Fund made it possible for the Alumni Association to offer this scholarship. Your continued and increasing support will make it possible for other fine young people like Miss Rauffer to attend Wagner.

Two new alumni chapters came into being this month. The Rochester group was organized March 4, Brooklyn club on March 11. Urge the convener of your group to get things started.

Half Way There!

At this writing (Feb. 18) the annual Alumni Loyalty Fund is about at the half way mark. \$1156 in cash has been received, with an additional \$211 pledged. We gratefully acknowledge response from the following alumni. They are listed by classes and the numeral in parenthesis denotes the number of living members of the class:—

- 1886 (1) Herman C. A. Meyer
 1889 (2)
 1890 (3)
 1892 (3) Oscar Krauch
 1893 (3) J. Christian Krahmer
 1894 (5) William Betz
 1895 (3)
 1896 (1)
 1897 (5)
 1898 (3) Theodore E. Palleske
 1899 (3)
 1900 (3)
 1902 (4) Walter C. G. Veit
 1903 (4)
 1904 (2) Emil W. Weber
 1905 (2) Hugo Perdelwitz
 1906 (1)
 1907 (2)
 1908 (3) Henry C. Meyer
 1909 (2) Henry B. Dickert
 1910 (2)
 1911 (7) E. A. Sievert
 Herman A. Meyer
 W. R. Meyer
 Robert H. Ischinger
 1913 (2)
 1914 (8)
 1915 (3) Heinrich A. Kropp
 Clarence L. Braun
 1916 (2)
 1917 (2) Frederick E. Reissig
 1918 (5) George R. Tamke
 1919 (3)
 1920 (2) Conrad R. Reisch (pledge)
 1921 (5) Gustav K. Huf
 1922 (3)
 1923 (6) John F. Bauchmann
 Milton T. Kleintop
 1924 (3) Fred W. Kern
 1925 (5) George Aus (pledge)
 1926 (6) Joseph B. Flotten
 Theodore G. Tappert
 1927 (8) John W. Kern
 Alfred J. Krahmer
 1928 (8) Gunnar Knudsen
 Siegwalt Palleske (pledge)
 1929 (10) Frederick R. Ludwig
 Howard A. Kuhnle
 1930 (13) Donald H. Race
 Frank L. Gollnick
 Werner Eberbach
 Edwin C. Tappert
 Nathaniel Kern
 William J. Voss
 1931 (19) Austin L. Bosch
 Ernest C. French
 Herbert E. Sutter
 1932 (18) Robert A. Heydenreich
 Ernest A. Meyer
 Edwin J. Grubb (pledge)
 1933 (12) Paul J. Kirsch (pledge)
 1934 (16) Edwin H. Smith
 Michael S. Rapp
 Robert A. Olwig
 1935 (21) Sylvester Bader
 Arch B. Tripler
 William J. Villauime
 Heinrich Suhr
 1936 (32) Waddie R. Procci
 Justus W. Ahrend
 Charles N. Accetola

- 1937 (31) Thelma Biele Corey
 Bernard Blomquist
 1938 (38) Alfred L. Beck (pledge)
 Henry Endress
 Walter E. Bock
 1939 (40) Harold Haas (pledge)
 Chris Holmstrup
 Paul Carney
 1940 (54) Fred'k H. Willecke (pledge)
 Noel H. Dahlander (pledge)
 Lillian P. Taylor (pledge)
 Lloyd F. Rice (pledge)
 Adelheid Baum
 Margaret Mayer Sheldon
 Edward A. Sheldon
 Arnold J. Cerasoli
 Eleanor M. Dossin
 Marjorie Rieb Seguine
 Carolyn Meyer
 Lester Trautmann
 Virginia Mackoy Trautmann
 1941 (57) Louis C. Suessman
 Dorothy Behrens Carney
 Frances Wightman Pritchett
 Arthur R. Smith
 Dorothee Heins Holmstrup
 Roy Cutter
 Susette Meyer
 1942 (58) Joseph DiCosmo
 Ruth Haas Roeper
 Wilbur H. Sterner
 Stanley Rycyk, Jr.
 1943 (64) Marguerite Hess (pledge)
 Richard H. Weiskotten
 Julius J. Schlaer
 Gloria Rappold Greening
 Mary Manning Sterner
 Alvin F. Messersmith
 Lenore Carney Taylor
 James H. LaHart
 J. Trygve Jensen
 1944 (52) Matthew Thies (pledge)
 Grace P. Dahlander (pledge)
 Paul Reisch
 Arthur H. Pentz
 Theodore C. Herrmann
 Gertrude H. Hustedt
 Paul Alberti
 Jean Krumpe
 Mildred Ernst
 1945 (47) Catherine Yarger Messersmith
 Dorothy Mohlenhoff
 Walter H. Kortrey
 Louise E. Christiansen
 Evelyn E. Schaefer
 Arthur E. Baron
 1946 (45) Lois K. Dickert
 Andrew J. Giorlando
 Violet Dittmer Geffken
 1947 (52) Norman H. Fowler (pledge)
 Robert H. Armstrong (pledge)
 Claude F. Geffken
 Marjorie L. Hartung
 1948 (104) Salvatore D'Adamo
 Hildegard Viohl
 Charles C. Dinkel
 Norman Johnson
 Walter E. Reichelt
 Honorary Alumni
 Walter C. Langsam
 Mrs. Walter C. Langsam
 Dean Mary Burr
 In memory of
 First Lt. Orlando J. Buck
 Former students
 Eleanor J. Willecke (pledge)
 Alfred B. Roberts
 Evelyn Johnson Haas (pledge)
 Nursing alumnae (163)
 Jean Oeder LaHart
 Marie Palmier

- Alice Tregde Johnson
 Mary O'Leary
 Dorothy Gross Alberti
 Anita C. Russo
 Jeanne E. Pollak
 Jane Aagenas
 Theresa Hochstrasser
 Betty B. Seifman (pledge)
 Verona L. Miller
 Mary Carney
 Elsie Chancellor
 Frieda Stoerzinger
 Alice Patterson
 Claire D. Perlstein
 Yolana R. Guttman
 Claire Eilenberger
 Gloria Gilmour Dick
 Audrey Goewey
 Miriam Herron
 Dolores Miralles Lenzer
 Rhoda Lee Davidson

It Takes a Lot of Help

President Walter Bock of the Alumni Association has appointed a special committee to work with the Alumni Secretary in arranging this year's Alumni Day program. (Alumni Day is June 3; Commencement June 4). Jack Berglund is to be chairman, with Rolf Danielson, Art Smith, Phil Laub, Lillian Intemann, Naomi Stover Monge, Ruth Forster Rogler, Stanley Stillwell, and Leonard Klemann as his assistants.

A nominating committee has also been appointed with George Tamke, Jr., as chairman, and Fred Willecke, Iggy Darson, Edith Daniels Raisch, Ruth Haas Roeper, and Don Race as its members. Both committee chairmen and the Alumni Secretary would welcome ideas from any of the alumni. Got an idea on any of these matters? Mail them in!

A Low Bow of Thanks

We bow low in gratitude to Al Beck, Wally Bock, Lorraine Turcotte, Jerry Knudsen, and Dr. Langsam for contributing articles to THE LINK; to Henry Endress, Carl Futchs, Mrs. Paul Arnold, W. E. Howell, Dr. Ralph Deal, Joe Blum, Dr. Henry Dickert, Marguerite Hess, Mrs. Herb Sutter and Bunny Barbes for helping reduce the number of missing persons by furnishing assistance in procuring new addresses; to Pastor O. E. Braune and Dr. Henry Freimuth for furnishing information on the origin of Wagner's colors; to the alumni listed as conveners and chapter presidents for their fine help in organizing chapter meetings; and to all alumni who have responded to the 1949 Loyalty Fund.

Alumni News Briefs

1904—Dr. Hugo Wendel, professor of history at Long Island University, died on January 16 at his home in Radburn, N. J. He received the Litt. D. degree from Wagner in 1948.

1920—The Rev. Herman Reissig is now with the Council for Social Action in New York.

1925—Andrew Mahler, Ph. D., is back at his post as professor of English at Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va. Andy's friends will be delighted to hear of his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Lambert, which took place November 6, 1947.

1927—The January issue of *The Lutheran* carried a big story about the building plans of Christ Church, Ridgefield Park, N. J. Howard Winkelman is the pastor.

1928—Siegwalt Palleske, Ph. D., is associate professor of Modern Languages at Denver University, teaching French language and literature. He is also president of the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers; founder and past president of the Colorado-Wyoming chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French; and founder and twice chairman of the Franco-German relations discussion group of the Modern Languages Association.

Palleske is working on *An Anthology of French Views of Germany and German Views of France*, and is slated to contribute to the Bibliography of French Literature, a seven volume work to be published by Syracuse University Press. He is listed in "Who's Who in the West." The Rev. Frank Herr has moved from Williamstown, N. J., to become pastor of the Lutheran church at Gouldsboro, Pa.

1929—The Rev. Walter Huthman died January 24. Wally had been forced to retire from the ministry last year because of illness.

1931—The Rev. Franklin P. Smith assumed the pastorate of St. James Church, Garretsen Avenue, Brooklyn, in January. Smitty had been pastor in Sayre, Pa. An article from his pen on "Sources and Results of Augustine's Conception of Evil" appeared in a recent issue of the Crozer Quarterly.

The Rev. Harold Sticht's installation at Raymertown, N. Y., had a real Wagner flavor. Participants included the Rev. John Klahn '32 and the Rev. Alvin Messersmith '43.

1933—The Rev. Paul Arnold was presented with a new car after only two months as pastor of Epiphany Church, Brooklyn.

Clifford Flanders is teaching chemistry at the University of West Virginia (Agricultural and Experimental station) in Morgantown, W. Va. He is the father of four children—3 girls and a boy.

1934—Ed Smith has recently been made controller of William R. Warner, a pharmaceutical firm and of its subsidiary, Richard Hudnut, manufacturer of cosmetics.

The Rev. George Cordner is Protestant chaplain at Toledo State Hospital, Toledo, Ohio.

Lou Feist has been elected master of Tompkins Lodge, F. and A. M., Stapleton.

The Rev. Erwin Gietz has resigned the pastorate of St. Pauls, Bayonne, N. J., to accept a call to St. Pauls, Kingston, N. Y. Wagner now has three G-men in Kingston, Frank Gollnick, '30, Dave Gaise '35, and Gietz.

1937—The Rev. Gottfried Alberti will become pastor of St. Pauls, Linden, N. J., on March 1. Alberti has been pastor in Ridgefield, N. J., for the past 8 years.

1937—Dr. Bruce Carney, interne at Bellevue Hospital, Manhattan, was featured in a picture story, "Ambulance Internes Ride Again," in the New York Star Sunday Picture News of January 2. Three pictures of Bruce appear, including one titled "Rest At Last." Bruce's opinions of ambulance duty were quoted at length.

Dr. Manuel Bergnes and his wife, Muriel Ahrend Bergnes '38 have moved from Staten Island to Norristown, Pa. Bergnes is pathologist at the Phoenixville (Pa.) Hospital.

Dr. Bernard Blomquist is the proud father of Karen Louise, born January 5.

1938—Donald Lathrope is teaching sociology at Westminster (Pa.) College. He and Bill Villaume '35 met recently in Chicago at the American Sociological Society. Mrs. Lathrope is Mary Frost '39. A new member of the Lathrope family, a girl, arrived last summer.

Naval Chaplain Oscar Weber is now stationed at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. Oscar had been at sea on the U.S.S. Wright.

1939—Hope Coons Morrison is a psychiatric worker at Creedmoor (L. I.) State Hospital.

John McDermott is teaching Business Administration at Manhattan College, while studying for his doctorate at N.Y.U. John and his wife, the former Catherine Newton, had been mistakenly included in our lost persons list. A phone call to the

alumni secretary brought the good news that all mail had been reaching them regularly.

Luther Kirsch is teaching English and coaching basketball at East Rockaway (L. I.) High School.

Dr. Paul Carney and his wife, the former Dorothy Behrens '41, proudly announced the addition of a new daughter to the family, born Dec. 19. The Carneys are living in State College, Pa., while Paul continues his studies at Penn State.

1940—Bob White, football star of those three great years back when, was married to Miss Shirley Dunne of Staten Island on Dec. 26. Bob is Lt. Commander White, attached to the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Station in Minneapolis.

The alumni office received a copy of a very attractive booklet, issued in connection with the 60th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church, Steelton, Pa. Gerhard (Gerry) Dietrich is the pastor and editor of the booklet.

The Rev. Arthur Hergenhan and his wife, the former Mildred Messenbrink, are now residents of Oswego, N. Y. Art resigned his church in Merrick, L. I., to become pastor of St. Pauls church, Oswego.

1941—The Rev. Jack Cooper has been installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Watervliet, N. Y. Jack is only recently back from Edinburgh where he received the degree of Th. D. at the university there.

Hans Neuberger's engagement to Miss Birgit Aron of New York has been announced. Hans is studying at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Rev. Carl Sheie is a Home Mission pastor in Long Beach, California. His church hopes soon to dedicate the first unit of its building program in the spring. Carl is enthusiastic about California, where he can enjoy sunshine (that's what he says) and yet travel no more than a hundred miles for fine skiing. His letter included a plug for the skis made by T. Sheie of S. I.

1942—The Harold Hammonds (she's the former Helen Stegman) announce the arrival of Russell James, born Feb. 9. The baby is named for the late Russell Hammond '38, who was killed in an auto accident a year ago. Harold Hammond is teaching history at L.I.U. and working for his Ph.D. He is working on the life and times of Charles Patrick Daly, distinguished jurist, author, wit, and politician of the late 19th century.

The **Bill Monges** are back on the Wagner campus after two years in Haiti. Bill intends to study for a Master's degree in Business Administration at N.Y.U. Meanwhile he is taking refresher courses in the same department at Wagner. He and his wife, the former **Noami Stover '46**, are living in Dean Bacher's home at the gateway of the campus. For news of Naomi, see the Nursing Alumnae briefs.

Joe Blum, whose **Green Wave March** was composed in 1941 and used by Wagner musical organizations, has rewritten the words so that it is now the "Seahawk Fight Song." We hope to have the song used for the 1949 football season. Joe is a bakery supply salesman, working out of Boston. When **The Rev. Leonard Klemann** was installed as pastor of Grace Church, Forest Hills, the **Rev. Herbert Gibney '41** was one of the preachers. **The Rev. William Heil '29**, president of the Long Island Conference, was the installing official.

The Rev. Walter Morten was installed as pastor of Zion Church, Long Valley, N. J., on January 16. **The Rev. Albert Stauderman** participated in the service. **The Mortens** (she was **Dorothy Deal '43**) are parents of a daughter, born January 6.

1943—It's a girl at the home of the **Rev. and Mrs. Emil Hein** of Ancram, N. Y., born in December. Emil is pastor of St. Johns church in Ancram. **David Paul Lenhardt** was born July 6. The proud father is **The Rev. Howard Lenhardt**, pastor in Altadena, California. **The Lenhardts** and the **Bammy Reischs** (she was **Cathie Clements**) got together for a little Wagner reunion at New Years time.

1943—**Dr. Erwin Nolte** is now at the Dearborn (Mich.) V.A. Hospital. **Mrs. Nolte** is **Lillian Glock '43**.

1944—**The Rev. and Mrs. (Caroline Muller '44) Fred Reissig** proudly announce the arrival of their second son, born January 25. They live in Germantown, N. Y.

Irving Jensen, now studying at Biblical Seminary, New York, is writing a thesis on Edwin Markham's philosophy and making extensive use of the Markham Library at Wagner in the process.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edward Wiediger are the parents of a daughter, their first child, born in December. **The Wiedigers** have only recently moved from Jeffersonville, N. Y., to West Sand Lake, N. Y. **Dr. Arnold Keller**

'10 and the **Rev. Alvin Messersmith '43** were the installation preachers.

1945—**Inger Walloe** (Mrs. Whitney) announces the arrival of **Carlton Rodney Whitney**, born Dec. 10.

The Rev. Walter Kortrey and Elsie Flor were married on January 16. They are living in New Hyde Park, L. I., where **Walter** is pastor of Gloria Dei church.

The Rev. Bernardino dell'Osso was recently installed as assistant pastor of Trinity church, Lansdale, Pa. Pastor of the Lansdale church is the **Rev. W. Paul Reumann '13**.

1946—**The Rev. Donald Bautz**, Executive Secretary of the Washington (D. C.) Lutheran Inner Mission Society, represented Wagner at the inauguration of **Dr. Martin David Jenkins** as president of Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., on Dec. 17. **Alma Leigh** is recreational director at Leake and Watts School, Yonkers, N. Y. She is studying for the M.S. in medical social research at Columbia.

1947—**Mark Carney** has set up a photographic studio in Union City, N. J. A son was born to **Diana Marsh** (Mrs. Holland) on December 15.

1948—**Doris Cottrell**, last year's Prom Queen, took part in the coronation festivities in this year's Prom on February 12. **Doris**, who is **Mrs. Don Brockman '51** since last June, lives in Veteran's Village on the campus and is taking a course or two in Education just to keep herself busy.

Hildegard Viohl's engagement to **Frederick Walker** of Brooklyn was announced by her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Martin Viohl**, managers of the Guil-Den.

George Tamke is working for the New City Press in Union City, N. J. **Lorraine Turcotte** is working with General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Portland, Me.

FORMER STUDENTS

John Kinsella, now studying at Brooklyn Law School, is engaged to **Miss Agnes Geigerich**.

William Beyhl, now a city fireman, is engaged to **Miss Jeanine Caspari** of Pleasant Plains.

John Garretson, last year's star third baseman, has been signed by the Boston Braves and will go to spring training soon with their Malwaukee farm team.

Robert Mulholland, sophomore at New York Medical College, will marry **Miss Mary McDermott** of Staten Island in July.

Gilmour Wagle was married to **Miss Helen-Marie Beckvar** of Staten Island on January 14. **The Wagles** are living

in Summit, N. J. He is a member of the medical research staff of Ciba Pharmaceutical Products in Summit.

Capt. N. J. Makinson is with **Moffat and Schwab**, Staten Island, selling marine insurance.

The engagement of **Jeanne Bachman** to **Robert J. Geiger** has been announced.

Eleanor King (Mrs. Verkuil) is now living in Ojai, Cal.

Nursing Alumnae Notes

Frieda Stoerzinger, Reporter

Rita Flannigan '48 became **Mrs. Lawrence Brett** at a ceremony in the Duke University Chapel on December 17. **Mrs. Brett** is teaching Nursing Arts at Duke, Durham, N. C.

Betty Bondeson Gardner '47 works for the Cambridge (Mass.) Public Health Service.

There are rumors that **Lillian Intemann '48** is planning a May wedding to **Roy Arneson**. **June Barnard '48** is now **Mrs. Arnold Dillman** and lives in Holcomb, N. Y. **Ann Gaines '48** was married to **Leslie McLanning** in Richmond, Va. The newlyweds are living in Elizabeth, N. J., where the bride is doing industrial nursing.

Elsie Chancellor '47 and **Eileen Jackman O'Leary '48** are back on the Wagner campus to complete studies for their degrees. **Mary Alice Hill '47**, **Helen Sup '48** and **Florence Hardie '48** are working at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island. **Flo** and **Helen** are attending evening classes at Wagner.

Jane Philips '47 married **Samuel Appel**, December 27. He is a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. She will work at Genesee Hospital in Rochester. Other brides are **Edna Giamanco Balder '48**, **Marie Fusco Metallo '46**, **Rose Smith Stahl '46**, **Lilyan Bennet Mulvaney '46**. (An aside from the Alumni Secretary: if you want to get married, girls, go to the Wagner Nursing School.)

Alice Tregde Johnson '47 is working at **Roger Williams Hospital**, Providence, R. I., while her husband studies at Brown University. **Naomi Stover Monge '46** is back at Staten Island Hospital after two years in Haiti. She and her husband are living on the Wagner campus.

Four Nursing Alumnae, now on the campus for degrees, made the Dean's List for excellent scholarship in the winter semester. They are **Florence Hardie**, **Mary Kalanz**, **Frieda Stoerzinger**, and **Verona Miller**.

On Again, Off Again

Why alumni secretaries get grey hair was never more clearly demonstrated than in the attempt to organize at Staten Island alumni chapter in January. Believing that a special drawing card would help to bring out a large number of alumni, it was arranged that Major General William Donovan, former director of OSS, would speak.

Notices went out to all metropolitan alumni (we wanted to swell the crowd) inviting them to a meeting on January 28. A second postcard notice was mailed the Monday prior to the meeting. We had hopes of a fine crowd.

Then the blow fell. General Donovan's secretary called the college saying that the General had to go to Greece on the morning of the 28th and could not come to Wagner. President Langsam and the Alumni Secretary went into a huddle. What to do? Shall an attempt be made to get a substitute? Should the meeting be held without the advertised speaker? An hour's discussion followed.

The decision was that since no adequate substitute could be hastily secured and that since it was unfair to promise and not produce, the meeting would be called off. Cards went out cancelling the affair.

Meanwhile the Alpha Sigma Phi Alumni Council had changed its usual

fourth Friday plans to attend the meeting on the Hill. A phone call to George Tanke fixed that, even though a further complication was added when the Alpha boys decided to attend the Wagner-Halloran Hospital game instead. Schedules had listed the game for Curtis gym, but actually it was played at Halloran.

Of course, the post office added to the confusion by not delivering the cancellation card to Dave Smith and a few others, but what really made the Alumni Secretary a candidate for the Psychopathic ward was a call from General Donovan on Thursday morning that his trip was postponed a few days. Did we still want him? We did, but decided we couldn't possibly renotify all concerned.

The net result of it all is that the Alumni Secretary has decided to ask Henry Endress and Joe Cawley to organize the Staten Island chapter. Good luck to them!

We had better luck in Long Island. Alumni out that way (including Queens) will meet at Niederstein's in Lynbrook on Friday evening, March 25. Walter Kortrey, the new bridegroom, will act as convener and toastmaster.

Details of the Alumni Day program are still undetermined, but we feel sure that the classes of 1944, 1939, 1934, and all other five year classes will want to get together for

reunions. If some enterprising member of any five year class would like to act as the organizer of his class, the alumni office offers full-cooperation. We'll mimeo and mail letters for you, furnish address lists and do whatever else we can to help these class reunions along. (N.B.—If we don't hear from volunteers soon, we're going to ask individuals directly).

Reaction Nil

The alumni office was surprised at the lack of response to our question about the Alma Mater. The final score of our responses was 1-0 in favor of "We Stand United." Is it possible that it doesn't make any difference? If so, "Beautiful Upon a Hill" will win by default. Surely we don't have to put a coupon on the page for you to clip and mark! Let's hear from you.

Our "Missing Persons"

After our list of lost alumni was published in December, the co-operation offered by many of you reduced the number considerably. The following still can't be located. The address beneath the name is that from which their mail was returned. Can you help us restore the lost to the found? If so, please notify the Alumni office.

Edwin Saul '42
 Louise Niclas Saul '43
 434 West 120th St., N. Y. 27
 Muriel Schewer Wood, N46
 15 West 76th St., N. Y. 23
 Estelle Sussman Schwarzfeld, N46
 530 East 90th St., N. Y.
 Vincent Peterson '37
 69 Drake Ave., S. I. 2
 Earle Robinson '48
 10 Chataqua, Boulder, Col.
 Theodore Krupa '47
 57 Henderson Ave., S. I. 1
 Louis Balmer '38
 24 Marvin Lane, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Joseph Fabregas '41
 1 Duer Lane, S. I.
 Valentine Connolly '44
 55 Mobile Ave., S. I.
 John F. McKay, Jr. '41
 223 Victory Blvd., S. I. 1
 Virginia Marble Magill '44
 Biblical Seminary, N. Y.
 George Rapport '39
 35 West 29th St., Bayonne, N. J.
 P. Sukovich '42
 Heyden Chemical, Princeton, N. J.
 Robert Swartwout '35
 332 Richmond Ave., S. I. 2
 Geo. Graham-Rogers '33
 3045 Kingsbridge Ave., N. Y.
 Mrs. Eleanor Schmidt Schweppe '41
 109 S. Clarke St., Milledgeville, Ga.
 George Bain '39
 Hazel Baron '41
 26 Hatfield Pl., S. I. 2
 Ethel Carter '45
 Nils Christensen '23
 Dr. George Christopher '36
 465 Bennett Ave., S. I. 10
 Benjamin Cohen '35
 115 Lathrope Ave., S. I.
 Chas. DeGroat '38
 Washington, D. C.
 R. Hutton '41
 209 Livermore Ave., S. I. 2
 Richard Kaminska '30
 Monroe, Mich.
 Arthur Klein '36
 178 Kingsley Ave., S. I.
 Thos. Levy '39
 769 B'way, Bayonne, N. J.
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