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## Minnesota Governor To Receive Honorary Degree At Commencement This Afternoon

### College Presents 2 Civic Awards

#### Islanders to Get DCA's At 64th Commencement

This afternoon at three o'clock two Staten Islanders will receive the Distinguished Citizenship Awards at the 64th Annual Commencement Exercises of Wagner. Dr. Walter C. Langsam, president, will present the Awards.

Miss Ellen M. Horrmann and Mr. Art O. Hedquist were chosen by the college authorities to be the recipients because of their outstanding contributions to the civic interests of Staten Island.

Miss Horrmann, coming from one of the Island's oldest families (1372), has served on the S. I. Community Chest for the past ten years, and on the Island Red Cross Chapter for the same length of time.

The war years kept Miss Horrmann busy with many activities in Red Cross and other volunteer activities.

#### Receives Citation

She received a citation for "distinguished civilian service" as a result of her work with the Red Cross Production Corp. This group, of which Miss Horrmann was Chairman, consisted of about 2000 workers.

As Chairman of the Prisoner of War Food Packing Center from September, 1944 until May, 1945, Miss Horrmann aided in putting out a total of over 2,000,000 food packages.

In her work for the Red Cross Camp & Hospital Committee, it has been estimated that she has donated about 7000 volunteer hours during the war.

At the present time, she is still actively connected with Island Red Cross work and serves as President of the Staten Island Service League.

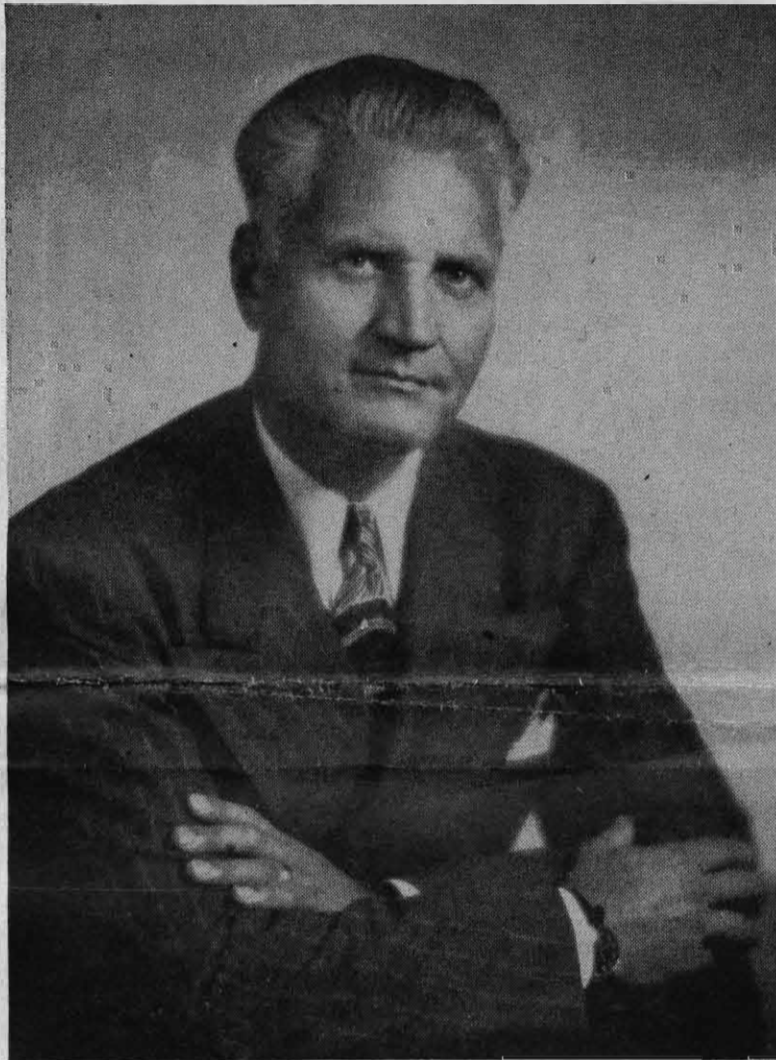
#### Art O. Hedquist

The second Staten Islander to be given the Civic Award is Art O. Hedquist, executive Secretary of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. He has held this position for the past twenty years.

A former professor at his Alma Mater, the University of Wisconsin, and past Commander of the Tappan American Legion Post, Mr. Hedquist has been elected to the "25-year" Club of the National Association of Commercial Secretaries.

Mr. Hedquist, who served in World War I and World War II, is at present a member of the Board of Governors of Northeastern Institute, Yale University.

The New York City Fire Department has also honored Mr. Hedquist by presenting to him a certificate in acknowledgement of his efforts put forth in various fire prevention activities.



Governor Luther W. Youngdahl

## 1949 Graduating Class Largest in College History

In one of the largest commencements ever held here, 212 seniors will be graduated today from Wagner College. A list of the graduates is printed below.

#### Bachelor of Arts Magna cum Laude

Berger, P. L.; Dittmar, P. L.

#### Cum Laude

Geigel, W. E.; Katz, F.; Kuehne, H. K.; MacDonald, P. B.; Monaco, A. T.; Powell, D.; Renfield, E.; Salvesen, K. L.; Schaefer, N. E.; Sheppard, M. G.; Skarsten, T. R.; Stewart, H.; Stoeger, M.; Swedenburg, R. A.; Thomas, N. M.

#### Rite

Aardal, H. H.; Arnold, M. E.; Bartolome, A. M.; Boyd, D. M.; Braine, R. E. C.; Buttner, E. B.; Carey, R. E.; Cirignano, J. P.; Clausen, E. G.; Clements, R. B.; Forster, R. F.; Goesle, E.; Gurka, W. G.; Hamilton, E.; Hoffman, P. E.; Hohlen, H.; Husted, E. W.; Johnson, D. A.; Kallidin, F.; Kane, D. T.; Kruse, G. A.; Laucella, K. E.; Luger, W. L.; Michel, A. H.; Molinari, G. V.; Nodyne, P. W. F.; Nybro, R.; Patterson, A. F.; Post, I. V.; Roberts, C. F.; Roggenburg, J. F.; Russo, T. J.; Savacool, E. M.; Scaramuzza, T.; Schmidling, E. J.; Steinberg, H.; Steinman, S. R.; Styles, J. J.; Swarthout, W. J.; Varrone, F.; Witte, F. F.; Wightman, V. G.

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## Wagner to Honor Seven Others in Day's Ceremonies

The Honorable Luther Wallace Youngdahl, governor of Minnesota, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws this afternoon at the 64th annual Wagner College Commencement.

During the same ceremonies, Dr. George Aus, professor of systematic theology and parish education at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, will receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Aus is an alumnus of Wagner, class of 1925.

### 150 Alumni Return For Old Grad Day

#### Board of Trustees Meets As Grads Bustle on Hill

From nine o'clock this morning until late this afternoon at the closing of the Commencement exercises, 150 Alumni and faculty will round out a day in which old grads will return and bring back the "times that used to be."

Herr Dr. De Walsh walked into his German I Class at 9:00 A.M. this morning to find a sedate group of Alumni back for a one day post-grad course, and just as in the "good ol' days" his famous "famulus" (stooge) was on hand to pull up the class curve by at least one A.

While this class was in session, another and more serious meeting was being held in the Ad. Building. Here, the Board of Trustees was gathered to discuss issues that have been in the minds of the seniors for the past year.

#### Trustees Meet

Presented to the Trustees were estimates for the erection of the proposed additions to the campus, a new gymnasium and a new girl's dormitory. Also scheduled for consideration was the adoption of "Beautiful Upon the Hill" as the official Alma Mater.

The faculty faced the Alumni at ten o'clock this morning in a soft-ball game. Herb Sutter took over the managerial end of the professor's team while Phil Laub held down the same post for the graduates.

During the ball game, Dr. Deal darkened the third floor Bio. Lab. and started two silent movie reels rolling for those who didn't choose to play soft ball. "Campus Life Around the Clock" and "Movie Bugs" were the features, both dating back to the late thirties.

By eleven-thirty, the Alumni had finished their morning's fracas and adjourned to their Annual Business Meeting, at which time the results of the election for new officers were announced.

An hour later, the President's Luncheon was held in the Guil-den Annex.

Others to receive honorary degrees are James Stokely, science writer and lecturer at the General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, New York; Rosalie Edge, chairman of the Emergency Conservation Committee; Frank Hamilton Bowles, director of the College Entrance Examination Board; Edmund Wagner, president of the General Realty and Utilities Corporation, New York; the Rev. Harry J. Kreider, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Ozone Park, Long Island; and James M. Talbot, vice-president and director of the S.S. White Dental Manufacturing Company.

Two hundred and twelve seniors will receive bachelor's degrees and thirty two girls will receive diplomas from the School of Nursing.

#### Governor Youngdahl

Governor Youngdahl became Minnesota's twenty-seventh chief executive on Jan. 8, 1947. The 53-year old Governor, rising above the humble circumstances of his childhood, attained political success by way of the Minnesota judiciary. His deep interest in youth and welfare problems and in education has led to the passage of much forward-looking legislation by the Minnesota legislature.

#### Dr. Aus

Dr. George Aus completed his graduate work at NYU where he received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. He studied at Biblical Seminary, General Theological Seminary, and Luther Seminary, graduating from the latter institution in 1934. Dr. Aus was senior pastor from 1937-1939 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, from whence he was called to his present post at Luther Seminary.

#### James Stokely

James Stokely will be the recipient of the degree of Doctor of Science, the first ever conferred by Wagner College. Mr. Stokely is a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of Penn University. After several years of work in the fields of physics and astronomy, he joined the General Electric Company, working in their Research Division. Since 1925, Mr. Stokely has written a monthly article on astronomy which is published by nearly a hundred newspapers.

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## Editorial

### Alumni

Welcome home, alumni! Although I have had the privilege of greeting many of you at chapter meetings and many have dropped in to the alumni office to say hello, this is the first time I can greet you on an Alumni Day!

We want it to be truly your day. The Alumni Day committee has done its best to offer a program that will interest you, and we're sure you'll enjoy yourselves.

The interest which Alma Mater manifested in you as a student is the basis for all our alumni work. Wagner is interested in what its alumni are doing, and, as a mother, welcomes her children when they return home to the campus.

Remember, too, that the alumni staff stands ready at all times to serve you. Let us know how we can help you.

Alfred J. Kraemer  
General Alumni Secretary

### Hello and Goodbye

To all the prodigals of the College, to all our alumni—a hearty, sincere hello. We are glad to have you back, as glad as you must be to be here for a day of memories.

To the class of '49, to our graduating seniors—goodbye, or better, 'til we meet again. You are leaving Wagner; but for this, your happiness would be complete. And you have a right to be happy, for you have successfully completed your college education.

Perhaps it is not right, then, to inject a somber note into this otherwise happy day. But we feel that we must; we feel something that must be said. It is simply this.

Upon you and upon the thousands of other college graduates throughout the nation rests the major share of the impelling responsibility for the resolution of the problems vexing the world today. Upon you, with your trained minds, rests the job of leadership, and the task of ceaselessly working for the preservation of our system of government. The responsibility is real; it is personal. Meet it with all your native faculties. Implement your faculties with the Christian education you have received.

Good luck and Godspeed.

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## Degrees . . .

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### Mrs. Edge

Mrs. Edge will receive the degree of Litt. D. A native of New York, she organized the Emergency Conservation Committee in 1930 with the help of Dr. Willard G. Van Name of the American Museum of Natural History. In 1934, she established the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary near Pottsville, Pa. It now ranks among the foremost of progressive conservation efforts. Mrs. Edge is also active in forest and natural park protection.

### Frank H. Bowles

Frank H. Bowles will be awarded the degree of Litt. D. Bowles took his present position in 1948 after resigning as Director of Admissions at Columbia University. He is now Chairman of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the Middle States Assoc. Mr. Bowles, with the rank of Lt. Commander, is at present working on a special assignment in setting up a Naval Examining Center.

### Edward F. Wagner

Edmund F. Wagner will receive the degree of LL. D. In 1942, he was elected Vice-President and Director of the General Realty and Utilities Corporation and in 1944 was elected to the office of President of the company. Wagner is a trustee of the Empire Savings Bank and is on the Board of Governors of the Real Estate Board of New York. In addition to civic offices, he holds the office of treasurer of the United Lutheran Synod.

### Dr. Harry J. Kreider

Dr. Harry J. Kreider will receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity. A graduate of Wagner College, he took his M.A. degree from the U. of Rochester and his Ph. D. degree from Columbia U. He is also a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Dr. Kreider has served as Chairman of the Committee on Documentary History of the United Lutheran Synod of New York since 1937. He is also President of the Synod's Board of Education.

### James H. Talbot

James M. Talbot will be granted the degree of LL. D. He is a graduate of Wesleyan U. and of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In addition to his post with S.S. White, Mr. Talbot is also Vice-President and Director of the Richmond County Savings Bank and of the Richmond Memorial Hospital. He is a director of the Staten Island Children's Aid Society, the Community Welfare Council of Staten Island, and the American Management Association.

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### Cum Laude

Abissi, J. F. (Bus.Ad); Battin, J. M.; Beveridge, W. M.(Ed); Debus, R. C. (Bus.Ad); Hardie, F. J.; Kruger, L.; MacCalla, H. C.; Miller, V. L.; Pellicciaro, E. J.; Reeves, H. M.; Rice, R. M. (Bus.Ad); Roperti, A. J.; Schulz, E.; Smith, W. A.; Snyder, E. M. (Ed.); Styles, D. T.; Thomson, J.; Wendel, E. O.

### Rite

Aagenas, J. O.; Albert, S. C.; Alexa, V.; Antico, S. J. (Bus.Ad); Arthur, T. E.; Auman, N. P.; Baochtold, R. J.; Barbour, B. J. (Bus.Ad.); Becker, P. A.; Berger, D. A.; Betancourt, R. H. Jr. (Ed.); Blum, A.; Bondesen, B.; Brann, B. M. (Bus.Ad); Branner P. J. (Bus.Ad); Breyman, D. K. (Bus.Ad); Carney, R. E. (Ed); Castens, B. H. (Bus.Ad); Chancellor, E. D.; Chiapperino, M. (Ed); Christie, M.M. (Bus.Ad); Codomo, J. L. Jr.; Collier, T. J.; Collura, F. (Ed.); Connell, J.; Cook, E. M.; Costa, D. W. (Bus.Ad); Cretella, B. A.; Davis, B. L.; Debus, R. C. (Bus.Ad); Dole, R.

Erdmann, W. W.; Frink, K.; Garside, C. I.; Gearhart, W. R. (Ed); George, H. M., Jr.; Giovanazzo, J. V. (Bus.Ad); Godgart, M. D. (Ed.); Greene, R. F.; Gunther, J. F. (Bus.Ad); Guttler, J., Jr. (Bus.Ad.); Hansen, K. R.; Hassel, M. A.; Hoffman, R. G.; Horine, M. (Bus.Ad); Hutchinson, J. H. (Bus.Ad); Iacoviello, J. G.; Ikefugi, A. W.; Intemann, L. E.; Kalanz, M. A.; Kehoe, M. E. (Ed); Keigher, R. A.; Krauel, W. G. (Bus.Ad); Krumpe, P. E.; Lennox, T. J. Jr.; Lew, H. J.; Lezinski, J.; McCallam, H. F. (Bus.Ad); McCullough, D. G.; McGowan, F. I. (Bus.Ad); Malmquist, A. B.; Malone, E. F. (Bus.Ad); Mangini, P. A.; Marschall, A.; Mason, W.; Matos, J.; Mensing, E. F. (Bus.Ad); Molinari, R. F. (Ed); Morrison, W. A. (Bus.Ad); Mortensen, F.; Narducci, J. (Bus.Ad); Norcott, F. W.; O'Keefe, R. E. (Bus.Ad); O'Leary, E.; O'Leary, M. E.

Palmier, M.; Paterno, S. J.; Paugh, L. R.; Plata, E. T. (Bus.Ad); Pokorny, J. (Ed.) Powell, L. M.; Quinn, K. E. (Ed); Rahman, J. E.; Rankl, L. R. (Bus.Ad); Reimers, M. J.; Reitze, W. B.; Rimanow, B. (Ed); Ritz, C. H.; Rufolo, A.; Saibator, K. A.; Santasieri, M. G.; Scala, E. E.; Schorkopf, W. M.; Seifman, B.; Sissons, G. E. (Ed); Spinelli, N. A. (Bus.Ad); Spiro, D. W. (Bus.Ad); Stoerzinger, F. L.; Sup, H.; Teitlebaum, D. D. (Bus.Ad); Thompson, J. G.; Tito, J. C. (Ed); Tomlinson, F. W. Jr.; Wagner, W. Jr.; Walbert, B.; Whitehead, R. A. Jr.; Wood, G. C.; Wood, H. N.; Guastavino, T.

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