

Frank A. Spotts Resigns Post As Football Coach

Grid Coach Leaves Wagner Team After Four Years of Service

Frank A. Spotts, Jr., resigned yesterday from his position of coach of the Wagner football eleven, a post he held for four years. Other work has forced him to give up his coaching duties which "have been trying . . . but the difficulties were lessened by the co-operation and companionship along with fellowship so strongly manifest in Wagner football men."

The letter of resignation reads:

"Under the prevailing conditions of time and work I find it necessary to resign as football coach of Wagner College. The last four years have been trying ones, but these difficulties were lessened by the cooperation and companionship along with good fellowship so strongly manifested in Wagner College football team. There will remain until my dying days a warm and gratifying feeling toward acquaintances made at your institution with deep respect and gentlemanly consideration."

—Frank A. Spotts, Jr.

Said President Stoughton:

"Coach Spotts has done an outstanding piece of work with the little football material Wagner had to offer. We shall remember him for the great spirit of fight and sportsmanship in which he sent his teams out on the field against greater odds."

DINNER A LA FULL DRESS

Dr. Dexter S. Kimball, dean emeritus of engineering of Cornell University, blasted the ears of the members of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers two weeks ago, when he wailed, "The American dormitory for me is in general an 'abomination before the Lord'. There is usually not a single refining influence within its walls; there is not a single redeeming feature about it, except as a place to hang a hat."

It is evident that Dean Kimball or the ladies (for they believed him) never visited the Wagner men's dormitory which, even with its "many noises", hears the voice of Tante Emily Post, whose "remedy of manners" travels about the building via the Herald Tribune every Sunday. At the Men's Dormitory Association meeting a week ago a motion was passed almost unanimously (excepting for one junior who is expecting a green sweater for Christmas) that every male must wear a necktie and coat for dinner each evening.

Now, Dr. Kimball, late afternoon Wagner bull-sessions will break up with the words: "Excuse me, gentlemen, I must dress for dinner; I'm dining with Lady Eburne, the Duchess of Chelsea, this evening!"

SCHILLER BITES THE DUST

Frederick Wilhelm Schiller, German author, broke his neck and shoulder blades early last Saturday when a shelf on which he had been standing crashed 5½ feet to the floor. He was employed by Dr. Faust Charles DeWalsh to create a studious atmosphere in the classroom.

College authorities, not suspecting foul-play, agree that Schiller's weight pulled the shelf from the plaster. "Dr." Theodore Erdmann, college friend, was called in on the case and stated that, after some plastic surgery, Schiller will be able to resume his duties.

YEARBOOK WORK IS AWARDED TO COMET PRINTERS

Brooklyn Company To Print 1937 Kallista; Informal Photographs Planned

The Comet Press of Brooklyn was awarded the contract for the engraving of the 1937 Kallista, through its representative, Miss Rosen, at the Board of Publications meeting.

The preliminary plans call for a yearbook of ninety-six pages set up in a modern layout with a fabrikoid cover. Informal photographs will be the feature of the annual. The pictures will include various scenes of the natural beauty of the campus, two pages of intimate snapshots, several outstanding sport action "shots," fifteen pictures of campus groups, and the individual photographs of 210 students, the faculty, and the administration. The mounting is to be done by the staff itself. The yearbook will resemble last years publication in size, being six inches by nine inches.

The staff this year is composed of Walter Bock, editor; John Devlin, associate editor; Edward Weller, photographic editor; Erling Nilssen, sports editor; Christian Holmstrup, advertising manager; and Edward Blaskowitz, associate editor.

SIGMA CAPTURES SCHOLARSHIP CUP FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR; KAPPA IS OVERSHADOWED BY .006

DEBATING TEAM PLANS CONTEST WITH ARMY MEN

Reilly, Former West Pointer, Assists Manager Jackson In Debate Negotiations

If present negotiations can be successfully completed, the Wagner debaters will engage in a home-and-home series with United States Military Academy. Bernard Reilly, a transfer student from West Point, has succeeded in contacting the Army manager of debate, and at present Everett Jackson is attempting to arrange dates agreeable to both teams.



EVERETT
JACKSON
●
CAMPAIGNS
AGAINST
ARMY

Including the two debates with the Army, Wagner's teams will engage in sixteen contests. Dates have been definitely arranged for five of these debates. Included in the schedule are New York University, Montclair Teachers College, Rutgers University, Ursinus College, Randolph-Macon College, and Nassau College. Debates are tentative with Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, Lebanon Valley, and the University of Newark.

Dr. Davidheiser, at the meeting of debaters held last Wednesday, December 9, announced that the topic to be debated this year is: **Resolved: that Congress be empowered to control minimum wages and maximum hours in industry.**

Kay Bennetter Returns

Miss Kathryn Bennetter returned to the hill Sunday after recuperating during the last month from a major operation at Mineola Hospital.

Possessors of Vial Cup Win First Lap in Inter-Fraternity Scholarship Race

Sigma Delta Phi has won the 1935-36 Inter-fraternity Council cup for high scholarship among its members. The decision of the award for last year was not available until the present time because close averages made questionable who the winner was. This conclusion came after tabulations were conducted by the Inter-fraternity Council and a faculty committee, and shows that Sigma had acquired a scholarship index. Average of .006 points above that of Kappa Sigma Alpha and .291 over the average of Alpha Kappa Pi.

The scholarship averages of the three groups are:

Sigma Delta Phi2.440
Kappa Sigma Alpha2.434
Alpha Kappa Pi2.149

Sigma has won temporary possession of the second scholarship cup and has gained permanent possession of the Viale Cup, the last inter-fraternity cup placed into competition by Sigma in memory of a brother, the late Elliot Viale. Sigma brothers retired the cup from the race by winning it three times. The council has planned the same requirements for the new cup.

JUNIOR PROMENADE TOMORROW NIGHT

Tonight some of the men students, according to tradition, attired in various appropriate costumes, will cheerfully spend the entire night in decorating the auditorium for the great event. Again the huge but shaky extension ladder will be raised to the center of the auditorium, while order will be created out of the flowing paper streamers. Corrugated paper with blue designs and treated with

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National Student Federation Peace Poll Shows Wagnerians

Definitely Lean Toward Pacifism; 21 Reject All Wars

Twenty-one Wagner students stated that under no conditions whatsoever would they go to war, while seventy others stood on the border line of pacifism saying they could not embrace the movement since they "cannot know the future, and therefore, are unable to commit themselves beforehand". This is some of the information found in the 106 ballots of the peace poll conducted by the *Wagnerian* after chapel last Thursday morning. The poll was offered by the National Students Federation and was conducted in colleges throughout the country.

The poll proves that Wagnerians want peace. Peace lovers over-

whelmed militarists in all parts of the poll. Only seven students felt that Americans should defend their country "right or wrong" even though only fifty-four out of ninety-nine students asked for reduction of armaments.

While women are usually considered greater pacifists than men, it was noted that only a quarter of the forty co-eds who filled in ballots were absolute pacifists. Many of the others weren't sure.

Fifty-seven students believed that the United States should remain neutral of all participation in collective security against an aggressor. Thirty-five were in favor of this, while four-

teen left the question unanswered. Only twenty-four of ninety-two votes agreed that we should "insist on our traditional rights of trading with all belligerents and of protecting property and citizens endangered abroad."

The poll is condensed as follows:

Subject	Yes	No
Absolute pacifism	21	83
Defense, "right or wrong"	7	..
Invasion danger	13	..
Undecided on pacifism	70	..
Arms reduction	54	45
Militarism in schools	41	65
Embargo on finished products of war	85	14
Embargo on raw materials of war	76	28
America join collective security?	35	57
Trade with all belligerents; protect citizens and property abroad	24	68

**EAR-RINGING
SECRECY**

The last of the Zunches, that royal campus order of kings and counts, began reminiscing last week when second floor freshmen males united their wails and whoops under the banner of the "Yaktams", the secret order of good fellows. While membership requirements of the Zunches were ten glasses of beer at one sitting, the Yaktams' standards seem to require a long and loud Pottstownian vibration of the vocal chords.

Chief among Yaktams is, of course, the "Tex" from "P-A", Bob Schneck, who is "Imperial Potentate". Other members are Harry Gardner, "Potentate General"; Gerry Dietrich, "Potentate Scribe"; Edward Sheldon, Exchequer; and the new member, the dancing mailman, Frank Betancourt, who holds the title "Bruder Eins".

The first "Yaktam" social event of the college season took place Tuesday, December 8, when members studied anatomy from the twenty-five cent balcony of Billy Minsky's Republic.

Chemists Elect Schoenbacher

At the first meeting of the Chemistry Society held December 1, Albert Schoenbacher, through whose efforts the club was re-established, was elected chairman.

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Inductions

Sigma Delta Phi inducted Edwin Glaser, Everett Jensen, and Robert Schneck last Thursday evening, December 10. After the ritual of induction, a stag social for the brothers and pledges was held in the fraternity quarters.

Alpha Kappa Pi will induct Emil Bommer, Ernest Graewe, and Robert White in January.

Those pledges of Kappa Sigma Alpha who will have qualified for induction will take the oath of brotherhood on January 7.

National Convention

The brothers of the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi will attend the National Convention of the fraternity at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York on December 28, 29, and 30. The election of national officers of Alpha Kappa Pi will be held at the

convention which will be climaxed by a banquet on December 30.

Anniversary

Kappa Sigma Alpha will celebrate Founders Day next year with a banquet and a dance. On February 4 the active, alumni, and honorary brothers of the fraternity will celebrate the sixth anniversary of the group at a stag dinner at the Clove Park Inn.

The following evening, the fraternity will hold a closed formal dance at the Clove Park Inn. This dance will be attended by the active, the alumni, and the honorary brothers, the pledges of the fraternity, and invited guests.

Christmas Party

Alpha Kappa Pi held its annual Christmas party in their fraternity quarters last evening.

**Old Tradition Is
Revived Here On
Thanksgiving Day**

An old tradition, for many years unpractised, was revived last Thanksgiving day, when the faculty and help living on the campus, 23 in all, celebrated Thanksgiving with a large dinner in the college dining hall.

This day was the chef's day off, the ladies on the campus taking charge of the cooking.

There were only two students left on the campus, Earl Kriby and Henry Endress. Endress said he couldn't spare the time, but had to send out his publicity stories, and Kriby stated that it was too much trouble to move over to the Cunard building.

The Deal's and the Anderson's were the only members who were absent from the celebration.

Wagner Bequeathed \$500

Catharina Bruns, of Brooklyn, last week willed to Wagner College the sum of five hundred dollars. She bequeathed the same sum to the Inner Mission Society of the New York Synod.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
and EVERY GOOD WISH
for A BRIGHT AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR
ALPHA KAPPA PI.**

**Season's Greetings
From
The Senior Class**

**Dorm Students
Institute Parties For
Campus Family**

"A party a month" has become the slogan of the members of the Men's Dormitory Association who, at their last meeting, unanimously decided that a social would be held each month in the basement of the dorm.

"At Wagner, unlike other schools, there is not enough social life for resident students; such students study all week long, and on week-ends find they have no means of recreation, since the allowances of most students are very meager," stated Charles Hellriegel, the chairman of the committee. "A Saturday evening party once a month," he added, "would do a great deal to break the monotony of dormitory week-ending."

**Dr. Deal Presents New Gavel
To Study Body President**

Dr. Deal, head of the biology and carpentry departments at Wagner, presented the president of the student body with a new mahogany gavel.

"In behalf of the student body and myself, I wish publicly to thank Doctor Deal for his kind donation", stated Bruce Carney, the president of the student body. "I am sure it will be a great aid in preserving the decorum at our meetings."

**Holiday Greetings
From
The Junior Class**

BORDEN'S DAIRY

extends to Wagner
wishes for
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Both Religion and
Science Necessary;
Says Dr. E. S. Jones**

**Christ's Way Is The Only Way
To A Contented Life, He
Assures His Audience**

"The technique of science and the spirit of religion can remake the world," said Dr. E. Stanley Jones in his address at chapel on Tuesday, December 8. Dr. Jones, internationally known missionary and author, said that he believed both religion and science had something to give to each other.

He took as his theme, "What can we believe in this scientific age?" He said the climate of the world was changing and that the religion of the modern world seemed to be confusion.

Superstition and Mysticism

"Russia," stated Dr. Jones, "is making science its religion." The Russian people are sweeping out religion because its origin can be traced from superstition and mysticism. However, if they do this, they must also discard science for the same reason. "We need both the quantitative method of science and the qualitative method of religion," he said in opening.

The noted preacher brought an inspiring message to his audience in his theory of living in a Christian way.

It Works

"It works!" he affirmed. "In my thirty years of experience with people of all nations and creeds, especially at my round table conferences, I have found that Christ's way is the only way to a contented life," he told the students.

"We feel the need of something in our lives and we expose ourselves to God. Something happens, something verifies itself to us that gives our lives coordination and purpose; it works."

Toleration

Dr. Jones asked the students to try his way of living. "I revere other peoples reverences," he stated, "but I have tested my own way and I know that it works!"

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Wagner Quintet To Meet Panzer In Game Tonight

Loses to Newark Engineering For Fourth Successive Defeat by 39-30

The Wagner quintet will meet the Panzer club on their home court this evening at eight o'clock.

Thus far this season Wagner has had some pretty tough sledding, dropping four straight to stronger clubs.

Last Saturday they lost the fifth game of the year to Newark Engineering by the score of 39-30. Abe Kobren, captain of the Wagner five, took high scoring honors for the evening, by rolling up ten points.

Lose to St. John's

On December 9 the Wagner varsity lost to a stronger St. John's eleven to the tune of 46-24. Louis Gott continued his excellent play at the tap-off position, and his keen play in following up shots off the backboard, while Captain Abe Kobren, Bob Sheie and Bob Blieden were the center of the Wagner offensive. Bill Meyer showed up well in the pass-work. The first-string reserves, including Hector Quintana, Noel Dahl-ander, Paul Carney, and Lester Trautman all saw action in the game.

Stronger in Second Half

The Wagner five held the St. John's team to five field goals in the second half, while they themselves succeeded in getting six field goals and five foul shots.

Federal Theatre To Present "The Perfect Alibi" Here

"The Perfect Alibi," a mystery comedy written by A. A. Milne, will be presented on Thursday and Friday evenings, January 14 and 15, in Wagner College Varsity Theatre by the Federal Theatre.

This play will be the second of a series of presentations which are being given at Wagner by the federal dramatists; the first was "Another Language," which was presented to unusually large audiences of both students and visitors on December 10 and 11.

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GERMAN SOCIETIES OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

The yearly Weihnachtsfest of the German Societies in celebration of the Christmas season, was held Monday night, December 14. A typical holiday spirit prevailed in the old Cunard mansion. The Christmas tree and seasonal decorations had their part in the traditional celebration. The reading of Dean Ludwig's welcome message, talks by leaders of the groups and members of the faculty were features of the evening. During the group singing of yuletide songs, the upper classmen had the pleasure of hearing the freshmen render in hearty unison one of the favorite German Christmas songs, "O Tannenbaum". General entertainment was topped off with refreshments consisting of German cookies and cider.

Bleachers, Costing \$477, Will Seat Four Hundred

The lowest bid submitted for the erection of the new latch-type bleachers, which will be made up of three rows and seat approximately 400 persons, is \$477.

The bleachers will be paid for by the student body from the increased revenue made possible by the enlarged seating capacity of the court. It is estimated that within three years the sum will have been paid in full.

This fact was revealed when the question of awarding the contract for erecting bleachers in the auditorium, which must be decided by the student body, was brought up at the last meeting of that body by its president, Bruce Carney.

Carney Elected Chairman Of Nominating Committee

At the first meeting of the Nominating Committee of the Student Body held December 2, Bruce Carney, who was acting as temporary chairman, was elected permanent chairman of the committee. Florence-Adele Grunow was elected secretary to the committee. The next meeting of the group will be held on January 6, when the work of nominating will begin.

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Women Basketeers Defeat Notre Dame By Score Of 32-20

Serrick Leads In Scoring; Improved Team Startles Student Spectators

The girls' basketball team, captained by Miriam Serrick, came into its own last Friday when the girls defeated Notre Dame by the score of 32 to 20, thus avenging the three defeats at the hands of Notre Dame in past seasons.

A very smooth-running offense which clicked every time was the feature of the game; Barker and Nelson fed clean, straight passes, while Serrick and Grunow coolly ran up the score with accurate shots that fairly whistled through the nets.

Good Defense

Gully Nilsen showed excellent form in guarding the dangerous Peggy Lawrence, forcing Lawrence to attempt crazy one-handed shots which often missed, while Hope Juhl distinguished herself in handling the other Notre Dame forward with an ease rarely seen in a freshman.

While the stands fairly rocked with cheers, Captain Serrick tossed up nineteen points to become the high scorer of the game. Both Serrick and Grunow showed concrete evidence of extensive coaching, neither attempting anything but clean, close shots, and because the spectacular shooting of last year's team has been deleted, there were no shots wasted at all.

Sutter Remarks

Herbert Sutter, coach of the girls' team, is more than satisfied with the cooperation of the members of the team, all of whom have been working very hard to convert the team into a winning machine, and with the cooperation he has received from the student body, who filled the gymnasium to its capacity and gave the team its full-hearted support.

Holiday Greetings
From
Sigma Delta Phi

Christmas Greetings
from
The Freshman Class

NEW CONSTITUTION READY FOR ADOPTION

The final draft of the new constitution of the Wagner College Student Association was recently posted on the bulletin board.

The draft has been posted, a member of the Constitution Revisions Committee announced, in order that the students might read it preparatory to discussion at student body meetings.

There have been several outstanding changes in the new constitution. Under the new constitution there are to be two athletic representatives, one man and one woman. They will be members of the student council.

Other important changes are: the financial secretary has been given specific duties.

The nominating committee will consist only of seniors. Each of the four councilmen will be a special representative for every twenty-five students.

The new constitution will be voted on at the regular January meeting of the Student Body.

JUNIOR PROM

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powdered glass will surround the whole room.

Mike Horgan, an alumnus of Wagner, will croon with the background of Schaumberg harmony at intermittent times during the evening.

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PLAUSIBILITY

It is preposterous to suppose for a moment that the average student at Wagner is superior in his major field to the students in Holy Cross, Columbia, Susquehanna, or Howard. None of these schools require that a student receive 1.5 or above in his major field, as is here demanded.

Although the Wagnerian believes in a high scholastic rating for Wagner, there is such a thing as plausibility. Setting a standard as high as the present one will not raise but rather lower the scholarship, for the average (C) student will have to be "marked up" or not be permitted to graduate. And young prodigies are not to be readily obtained.

The "marking up" involves a moral issue, for it is not fair to the man who has actually earned his grades, and we firmly believe that our faculty is made up of honorable men, imbued with the spirit of fair play.

May we suggest that the faculty reconsider the matter, and perhaps adopt a plan similar to that now in force at Columbia or Harvard under-graduate schools, which require, roughly speaking, a "C" average for graduation, with no special requirements in major fields.

A SYMBOL

The singing of the *Alma Mater* after basketball games is not the establishment of a new tradition, but rather the aggrandizement of an old one. The school song stands as a symbol of which we are not enough conscious in our student life, namely, the higher ideals and standards upon which the school is built.

A basketball game is a basketball game, and a school song is a school song, but if we put the two together we have school spirit of the best sort.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Wagnerian staff wishes to extend the greetings of the holiday season to administration, faculty students and all others who have served Wagner during the past year on the highway of progress.

NIGHT SCHOOL

"Doc" Wheeler, Charlie Leonard, and Dot Anderson officially accepted their positions as president, vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the night school Student Association at a meeting November 30.

When the meeting was held, Don Glen and Len Pino were tied in votes for treasurer and Len was dolefully wondering why he had been so magnanimous as to refrain from voting for himself. Glen was not present. He was probably out electioneering, because the re-vote just eased him into office ahead of Len.

The association's first treasurer, incidentally, is somewhat of a scientist. He conducts experiments. Once he put a mosquito into an oven wherein the temperature was 145 degrees centigrade—yes, centigrade. For forty-five minutes Glen kept the little fellow locked inside. "Then," says Don, "I opened the door and the darn thing flew out and bit me!"

But to get back to that installation meeting President Wheeler made a bit of an acceptance speech, Charlie Leonard, vice-president-like, had nothing to say, and Dot Anderson's first words as secretary were to propose a party.

The party idea was gleefully accepted. A date was set for December 16, the festivities to follow the next association meeting. Sophie Engelhardt volunteered to produce a radio for the occasion.

Basketball

Fast, noisy, and breathless was the basketball squad's first practice session Friday night, December 4. "Long" George Pattison, "Beef" Bards and "Awky" Blomquist looked especially good. "Doc" Lewin was his usual superlative self.

Nicknames

Come to think of it, something ought to be done about the nickname situation here at school. "Doc" and "Beef", and then—"Awky". (Or is it "Okky"?)

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 17

Chapel: Allen E. Ostrander; Trombonist
Basketball: Wagner vs. Panzer.
Lampada Christmas Service, 6:45 p. m.
Alpha and Kappa Meetings
Caroling, 3:00 p. m.

Friday, December 18

Christmas Holiday begins
Junior Prom

Saturday, December 19

Girls' Basketball: Wagner vs. Savage,
away

Monday, January 4

School Reopens

Tuesday, January 5

Chapel: Student Body Meeting

Wednesday, January 6

Basketball: Wagner vs. Brooklyn Poly,
away

Thursday, January 7

Alpha and Kappa meetings
Kappa Induction

Saturday, January 9

Basketball: Wagner vs. Webb Nacal,
home

Monday, January 11

Girls' Basketball: Wagner vs. Mt. Saint
Mary's, away

Wednesday, January 13

Chapel: Dr. H. T. WeisRotten

Letters

Yellow Streak

Dear Editor:

For the past few weeks we have been using yellow chalk in our blackboard work. I suppose that the purpose for the change of colors was the theory that the new chalk would be "easier on the eyes". The result is that once a blackboard is written upon and the matter then erased, it becomes difficult to write on the same board again with the same chalk.

Disregarding this fault, the major criticism is that the pretty colored crayon is filthy. After a recitation at the blackboard it is necessary for a student to take a bath and send his suit to the cleaners.

Not only do the students dislike the new chalk, as was shown by statements to that effect written upon the boards of the respective rooms, but members of the faculty have even gone so far as to carry white chalk in their pockets for their own use.

—Dusty.

College Stuff

Epidemic

An epidemic of pseudo-colds and "touches of the grippe" swept the men's dormitory last week when Bill Meyer examined the medicinal stock of his roommate and dormitory doctor, "Cl" Wasmund, and discovered that the Syrup Cocilani Compound for colds tasted somewhat like apricot brandy. After a steady stream of patients, Wasmund sampled the cough medicine himself and decided to hide the bottle. It is expected that another appropriation of this helpful remedy will be sought at an early date.

Flirt

The story comes to us of a visit to an insane asylum by Dr. Marion Bartlett and several specialists a few years ago. As Wagner's psychologist strolled passed a caged veranda, a patient stuck his head out between the bars and yelled, "I love my wife, but oh you sweetie!"

"Trigger" Weber

Dormaniacs had almost forgotten alumnus "Smokey Joe" Baechler's "Shot-gun-blow-up-the-dormitory" act when the "W" boys, Weber and Weller, found a few of the Baechler shot-gun shells in a corner of the attic last week.

While Weller put into practice his unusual knowledge of mathematics, physics, and chemistry, his roommate got a brass pipe, a spike, and a hammer. Together they wired up their half-inch pipe "cannon" to a window frame and loaded it with a shell. When Weber struck the cap with the spike and hammer, their "cannon" back-fired with a large boom, cutting Ockie's middle finger and splattering the rest with buck-shot.

Cried Weber: "Hey, Ed, they got me!"

Dr. Samuel Lewin did; he charged "Trigger" Weber two dollars.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A blessed Christmas to every member of our Wagner family!

How blessed these days may be, how enriching to your spirit, depends upon your own capacity for giving of yourself to those about you. May you give generously of your abilities and of your resources.

For it is the peculiar glory of the Christmas season, with its story of the Christ given to humanity, that it emphasizes and brings into sharp relief the unassailable truth that one finds life abundant only when he has lavishly poured forth all that he is and has. May each of you find such satisfaction and such abundance in these Christmas days.

Merry Christmas—Happy New Year—to each and all.

—C. C. Stoughton