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DR. STOUGHTON'S RESIGNATION TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1

FRESHMAN WEEK FEBRUARY 19-23

Freshman Week is now being observed and will be concluded Friday. Stunt Night and formal initiation of freshmen will be held Friday, March 2, at 8:00 P.M.

Included in Freshman Week rules is memorization of all Wagner songs and cheers and of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky." Freshmen are also required to carry their books in waste paper baskets during the week. Complete rules are posted on the bulletin board.

The Stunt Night program is to be prepared and presented by the freshman class for the entertainment of the rest of the student body and the faculty. All freshmen who have entered Wagner since October will participate.

BELGIAN WOMAN TO ADDRESS C.A.G.

Madame Betty Barzin, noted Belgian political writer and lecturer, will address C.A.G. meeting Monday, February 26, at 7:30 P.M. in Cunard Hall. Everyone who attends is asked to bring an article of clothing for Belgian war relief.

In a letter to Mrs. Clarence C. Stoughton, Mme. Barzin, who is public relations secretary of the
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Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, who has been president of Wagner College since 1935, announced in chapel Monday, February 5, that he has resigned to become secretary for stewardship of the United Lutheran Church of America. His resignation will become effective July 1.

Dr. Stoughton stated that his decision to resign was made with "reluctance and sorrow," but that to be true to his standards he must answer the call of his church.

In his new position, Dr. Stoughton will visit all sections of the United Lutheran Church in the United States. His office will be in the Lutheran Church House in New York City, but he will continue to live on Staten Island.

Dr. Frederic Sutter, president of the board of trustees, has expressed the regret and reluctance with which the board accepted Dr. Stoughton's resignation. Faculty members and students also have indicated their feeling of regret.

Dr. Stoughton came to Wagner College in 1919 as an instructor of English and history. From 1923 to 1927, he was principal of the high school associated with Wagner. He left Wagner in 1927 to become secretary of Loffatt and Schwabb, Inc. He was treasurer of the college from 1931 to 1933, and was acting dean from 1933 to 1935.

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EXPRESSLY FOR FRESHMEN AND EVERYBODY ELSE

Here you are, you new students and freshmen, writing the very first page of a new chapter in your lives, and probably you are still confused and a bit overwhelmed. Your thoughts are not yet clearly defined or arranged in your mind. We, as older students, want to help you, to lay a firm hand upon yours and guide the hand that writes. We who are well into the chapter are familiar with our subject, and we love it deeply. You see, Wagner is more than a name to us. It has an intrinsic value, an extra something that is purchased only with our love and devotion, in themselves precious. And we want to share our love for Wagner with you. So that you, in turn, will be blessed with her "extra something".

The "extra something" is a very big something; it is composed of a number of things - abstract things - that we feel but do not touch with our hands. Let us list a few of the more important aspects, interweaving them with Wagner itself.

Worship and work

Just as W is the first letter in the name of Wagner, so worship is the first concern in the life of Wagner. Every weekday morning we Wagnerites gather together and in a special service we call chapel worship the Triune God. For Wagner is primarily a Christian college, a church-supported college, that holds Christ at its head. For us the chapel period is the most important period of the day. Not only does it give us a feeling of peace but also of the joy and privilege of worshipping God with fellow Wagnerites. So high a value is placed on chapel that, although its attendance is not compulsory, we as true Wagner students feel in our hearts and in our minds how inseparable a part of Wagner's very being it is.

Aside from the spiritual aspect, there is the more down-to-earth aspect of work. Wagner gives us a lot more than we pay for in dollars and cents, and one way in which we can partially repay our debt is to work on the campus. We should want to do this work from a love of Wagner and a certain pride in her appearance. A so-called "draft board" has been set up to organize workers from every class, and a court to which the workers are responsible but which is by no means a dictatorial body. If all of us, new and old students alike, co-operate fully in the work program, we shall be contributing much to Wagner - our Wagner.

Activity

Outside of class work Wagner offers many extra-curricular activities which have a special value all their own. They give us practical experience in leadership, co-operation, planning, and so forth. There is the C.A.G., an organization for all girls, which offers a varied program. For those interested in music
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there is a women's choir and the madrigal group, which is made up of a limited number of men and women. The Caduceus Society has been formed for the benefit of pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-veterinary, and the medical technology students. Lampadia is the religious society of the campus, and the Lampadia Council, a representative elected body, has charge of all religious activities. Every Tuesday night immediately after dinner a service is held in the Lampadia chapel, and every morning after breakfast a short period of morning devotion is held. Other campus groups are the fraternities and sororities, basketball teams, Red Cross unit, etc. Extra-curricular activities are very much a part of campus life.

Growth

When we come to college we are treated as adults, yet we still have a lot of growing to do in our college years. Not only do we grow in years but in mind. Our day-by-day contact with the knowledge of the world stimulates our growth. And, possibly even more important, we grow spiritually. Wagner is very concerned with this kind of growth, and you will find that it affords fine opportunities for it in many phases of its life.

(k) Knowledge

One primary reason for attending college is usually to obtain knowledge. It is something we can keep forever if we so desire; no one can take it away from us. But we must work long and hard for knowledge; it is not easily attainable. In itself, however, knowledge is not worth much. We must, in addition, learn to apply it so that we have wisdom.

Earnestness

Earnestness should be the keyword in all that we do. We must have a sincere desire to learn, to gain and apply knowledge; a sincere desire to grow, spiritually and mentally; a sincere desire to take an active part in campus organizations; a sincere desire to work for our school; and a sincere and everlasting desire to worship our God.

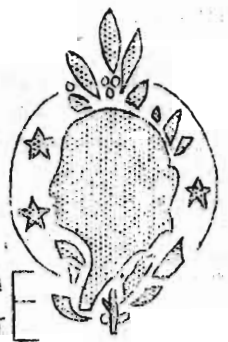
Respect and reverence

Only through true humility do we learn respect of others. In the face of the great wisdom and fine characters of our faculty, we cannot but have respect. We have learned more than respect - we have learned to love Dr. Stoughton, our able leader, and it is with nothing but the deepest regret that we watch him leave our family. He will be sorely missed here on the hill, more than we can say. But we understand his close loyalty to his God and his church.

His reverence for God is too deep for him to ignore it in making his decision, and such a fine reverence for the Almighty. One should not be ignored by us either. The whole Wagner family should hold it as an example, for reverence of God is an integral part of the tradition of Wagner.

There you have WAGNER. We welcome you new students warmly into our family. You are a part of us now - be an active part!

PLASTIC SURGERY at VALLEY FORGE



The visitor to Valley Forge General Hospital comes away with a feeling of great hope for the wounded of World War II. Hundreds, yes, thousands of servicemen have been given new faith through the miracles of plastic surgery performed by Lt. Col. James Barrett Brown, internationally known surgeon, and his able staff of medical men.

Valley Forge General Hospital sits on the top of a hill in the beautiful rolling country of eastern Pennsylvania, approximately five miles distant from Valley Forge itself. It may be only a coincidence that the site of the tragic winter encampment of Washington's ragged troops in the Revolutionary War is now a place of courage and renewed faith and comfort for the men of this war, for the greatest comfort our wounded can have is the knowledge that the best doctors and plastic surgeons in the world are immediately available to help them. Seventy per cent of the plastic surgery cases treated at Valley Forge have been returned to active service--- a remarkable record.

In truth, our wounded are often in despair when they arrive, caring little what happens to them. In two or three days there is invariably a great change. The atmosphere at Valley Forge is one of encouragement and hope. A man knows that the degree of success of his operation may mean the difference between deperation and a life that may be short of perfection but will be satisfying.

Let us take as an example a young fellow of about twenty, who was one of the most recent casualties from Italy. Colonel Brown.

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Now one of the favorite works of music lovers, Cesar Franck's Symphony in D minor was at first received with a cold hostility-- a hostility which extended even to the members of the orchestra-- which it most certainly did not deserve. It is today one of the most frequently played of all symphonies, but Franck heard it publicly performed only once during his lifetime. Franck gained almost less public notice while he was living than any other composer of rank. He had to rely on a few of his friends, mostly fellow-musicians, for any recognition of his genius and for any chance to secure public performances of his works. Indeed, it has been told that Cesar Franck once went to a gathering of musicians where he was introduced to Bizet. The composer of Sarmen was greatly surprised to learn, during the ensuing conversation, that Franck wrote music too. He would be even more surprised if he were to learn that Franck is today regarded as one of the greatest of composers.

Since Franck spent his days in teaching and playing the organ, he had only Sundays and holidays in which to work on his symphony. And he worked every morning, rising promptly at five, so that a great deal of the symphony was written before breakfast.

If you are interested in becoming more familiar with this symphony, you will find a recording of it in our library, and frequent hearings of it will bring out more and more its beauty and magnificence. We offer here a guide to your listening. Perhaps it will serve to increase your enjoyment of the music.

First movement: The low-voiced strings open the symphony with a question which the violins immediately answer. Again and again the question is asked, calmly at first, then louder and more angrily. The familiar phrase is then taken up by various instruments and developed in its setting,

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STOUGHTON RESIGNS

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Dr. Stoughton was born in Rochester, N.Y., and received his B.A. from the University of Rochester in 1918. He served in France in the U.S. Army Aerial Photography Division number 21. Before he came to Wagner, he was an instructor of history in the Webster (N.Y.) High School.

He received his M.A. from Columbia University in 1922. In 1941 Gettysburg College awarded him an honorary LL.D., and he received an honorary Litt.D. from Muhlenberg College in 1942.

Dr. Stoughton has been prominent in the activities of the Lutheran Church and has contributed to the work of inter-faith and inter-denominational groups. He was a member of the Board of Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church of America for five years and was appointed commissioner to the convention of the United Lutheran Council.

In 1941-42 he spoke before Lutheran church groups in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts in behalf of the fund-raising campaign of the New York Synod for the benefit of Wagner and Hartwick colleges. Last year he presided at the annual convention of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and was the first layman to do so in the history of the Synod. He also served as president of the Staten Island Federation of Churches of Greater New York.

Dr. Stoughton is a councilman in Trinity Lutheran Church. He was recently elected a commissioner by the United Lutheran Church of America as a representative to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. He is a member of the executive committee of the New York Synod, of the board of directors of the Protestant Council, and of the board of directors of the Greater New York Federation of Churches of Staten Island and of New York.

Dr. Stoughton has also participated wholeheartedly in community affairs. He has served as campaign chairman of the Staten Island Community Chest, president of the Staten Island Elanis Club, trustee of the Staten Island Hospital Board, and chairman of the committee on Training School for Nurses. He was chairman of the Staten Island Council for World Peace, a member of the board of directors of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of directors of the Staten Island Council of Social Agencies. He is also a member of the board of directors and chairman of the executive committee of the New York Adult Education Council.

BANDAGE UNIT ISSUES APPEAL

The Red Cross surgical dressing class, supervised by Mrs. Vera Heinecken and Mrs. Margaret Blough, has issued an appeal to Wagner women to help in rolling bandages. The unit meets Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. in Cunard Hall.

Wagner students, especially dormitory residents, are asked to give at least one hour a week for this important volunteer war work. Those who prepare surgical dressings must wear clean cotton dresses and white head coverings to guarantee the cleanliness of the bandages.

Gauze for the surgical dressings prepared by this group is supplied by Halloran General Hospital, and all the dressings are used there. The permission of the Red Cross to have a surgical dressing unit at Wagner was obtained with great difficulty, and Staten Island units have been barely able to meet the needs of Halloran Hospital. For these two reasons, the unit hopes for the cooperation of all Wagner women to meet this urgent need.

SNOOPIN'S



BOOKS FOR B.W.R.S.

War is not all bloodshed and men dying on global battlefields. In intervals when guns are temporarily silenced there comes a period of waiting. There are men in the armed forces who have free time in which they have few things to do. It is with these men in mind that the appeal is made for reading matter for service men.

No greater proof of the need for books for fighting men and no greater thanks is needed than is found in the letters written by soldiers to the donors of the books they receive. The following paragraphs have been taken from actual letters from all over the world.

"Well, after being over here (Middle East) I had my first opportunity to read an American magazine dated June 27, 1942. The book would be considered very old to you folks back home but over here it's like a gift from Heaven".

"It is actually a short letter of thanks that I am writing on behalf of my friend who received a very good book from the British War Relief Society. He is, at the present time, in the hospital suffering from a very bad wound that he received on the way to Rome, but before he was taken away he asked me to write and thank you for your kindness, in case he did not get the chance". The wounded soldier died a short time later.

"You may wonder how we receive these books. Well, they are posted sorted and put into various groups and sent to different regiments where they are then entered into the battalion library".

In an effort to further the Books for Fighting Men Campaign being conducted by the British War Relief Society of America, the two sororities on the hill are sponsoring a Card Party to be held in Cunard Hall in the near future. Books and magazines will be accepted at the door as admission. Books will also be purchased by donations given at the party.

Watch the bulletin board for further information.

What girls with the initials June Bellows and Kit McInnes think that the 2nd floor, South Hall, doorknobs need facials at night,

What was Marguarite doing in the tub with Herb, John and Tom - and then we had to put them back in the turtle tank.

Note to Slacks-Clad Sacks:

Sure, deck your lower limbs in pants;

Yours are the limbs, my sweeting.

You look divine as you advance --

Have you seen yourself re-treating, (O. Nash)

A little spice has been added to Frances Cottingham's life - Salt!

Alma Leigh's in a stew
And with good reason, too.
She's got a man, who
Wears the navy Blue.
Oh, foo!
Don't you wish you
Had one too!

What's Hitte Birdie Mae lately,



HAAG AND MARTIN GIVE 2ND CONCERT

The second of a series of four concerts for piano and violin, sponsored by the Staten Island chapter of the Wagner College Guild, was presented by Dr. George Martin and Dr. Hans Haag on Sunday, February 11, at 4:00 P.M. in the auditorium. Approximately 150 persons attended.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets for these concerts has brought the chapel organ fund to \$300.

The last two concerts in the series will be presented March 11 and April 8. Students may attend free of charge.

CHAPEL PROGRAMS

- Tue. Feb 21 Dr. J. Roy Strook, member of the Staff of Secretaries of Board of Foreign Missions of United Lutheran Church, Baltimore.
- Wed Feb 28 Rev. Carl Sutter, assistant pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

MADAME BARZIN

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Friends of Belgium, stressed the urgent need of the Belgians for clothing and for other articles such as pins, needles, darning and mending cotton, and soap. Friends of Belgium, an agency of the Belgian War Relief Society, Inc., of the United States of America, states that there are over 2,000,000 children under eighteen in Belgium who have had no clothing given to them since the invasion.

Mme. Barzin was Brussels correspondent of "Time," "Life," and "Fortune" from 1936 to 1940, of "Newsweek" from 1937 to 1940, and of the London "Observer" from 1936 to 1940. She has been a staffwriter of "Le Flambeau," a leading Belgian monthly. Since her arrival in the United States in 1940, Mme. Barzin has lectured on inter-

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*Happy Birthday
to Dr. Sutter!*

The "Wagnerian" staff wishes to extend its felicitations to Dr. Frederic Sutter, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church and president of the Wagner College board of trustees, who will observe his seventieth birthday Monday, February 26. In doing so, we are sure we are expressing the sentiments of students, faculty, and administration - indeed, of all those who are interested in the Wagner community.

STOUGHTON SPEAKS AT COOPER UNION

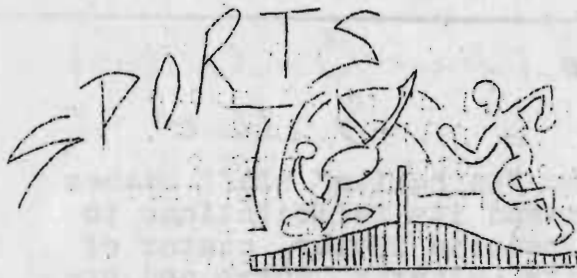
Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton addressed the Cooper Union Forum yesterday. The topic of his speech was "Main Conflicts in Education."

In the next few months Dr. Stoughton will visit several parts of the United States. On February 28 and March 1 he will attend the Conference of Synodical Presidents of the United Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio. He will travel to North Carolina in April and to Indiana in May.

national politics in all parts of the country.

Mme. Barzin is a graduate of the City of London College and was the first woman graduate of the Brussels Academy of Journalism. She is the wife of Professor Marcel Barzin of the Brussels University, who is Visiting Professor at the New School for Social Research Graduate Faculty (N.Y.), and at the Graduate School of Claremont Colleges in California.

Catherine Yarger, president of C.A.G., urges the entire Wagner community to be present at this important event. She emphasized the fact that each person who attends should bring an article of clothing for Belgian war relief.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Wagner girls' basketball team opened its season by bowing to the N.Y.U. lassies, 23 to 11. The game was played on the Evangaline court, in the city. Little Jeanette McLoughlin was high scorer for the losers, putting up 1 field goal and 5 fouls, for 7 points.

On Jan. 30, Wagner bowed again, this time to the girls from Hunter. The score was Hunter 34, Wagner 20. The game was played at home. Billie Klitgaard headed the Wagner girls with 12 points.

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17, Wagner girls met Panzer and lost only by one point, the score being Panzer 19, Wagner 20.

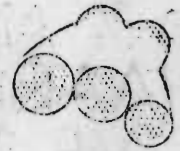
BOYS' BASKETBALL

On Feb. 1, Wagner saw its first upset, when it came up against a strong Merchant Marine Academy team. The score was U.S.M.M.A. 47, Wagner 37. Johnny Snee starred again for the Green and White, putting up 6 field goals and 1 foul, for 13 points. Jimmy Sackel played a good floor game, and this was the opening game for a new player at Wagner, Bob Blomquist. He made an excellent showing, scoring 7 points.

The next game, on Feb. 3, found Wagner playing against Drew at the Dover, N.J. High School gym. This was the most exciting game played this year. The half time score found Wagner trailing 26-22. The Green and White stayed behind until the last five minutes of the game. Then they began to show a little more fight, and they were able to tie the score at 41 all. This meant an overtime. All the boys fought their handest, with Snee and Brown sharing top honors, with 14 points apiece. The Wag-

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CREEKS



FRESHMAN ACTIVITIES

Kappa Sigma Alpha

The brothers of Kappa Sigma Alpha wish to thank everyone for making their dance a success. On February 3 they held their Annual Dinner. Alumni Brother Teddy Loe is now a second lieutenant in the Merchant Marine. Due to lack of a reception room Kappa wishes to take this opportunity to welcome the incoming freshmen.

SORORITIES

Theta Pi Epsilon

Theta held their pledge induction Friday night, February 9. The new pledges are Kay Walker, Anita Posselt, Rhoda Davidson, Elsie Chancellor, Rene Piscopo, Barbara Logan, Agnes Thompson, Rhoda Gonzales, Adeline Ripkin, Barbara Bradford, Virginia Alexa, Jeanette McLoughlin, Betty Bondesen, Jeanne Bennett, Esther Luffman, Claire LeNoble, Gloria Gilmore, and Ines Cavalli. The sisters and pledges of Theta served at the tea held after the concert Sunday afternoon, February 11.

Tau Lambda Chi

On Tuesday, February 13, Tau inducted 17 pledges. They are June Bellows, Louise Brendel, Birdie May Darling, Felicia Caulfield, Dorothy Gutekunst, Marjorie Hartung, Victoria Talenti, Kathryn McInnes, Janith Olsen, June Reich, Ella Reiss, Nieves Ribes, Shirley Sandburg, Gloria Snyder, Dorothy Soriano, Margaret Soriano, Lorraine Turcotte. Tau is planning a reunion of all active and inactive sisters as well as pledges. A dance is scheduled to take place Saturday, April 7, in the auditorium.

Buy War Bonds

KIT MCINNES NEW RECREATION CH'MAN

PLASTIC SURGERY

Kathryn McInnes has become chairman of the Recreation Room Committee, following the resignation of Ralph Magalee. In a recent Student Association meeting, Miss McInnes asked for the increased cooperation of the student body in carrying out the project.

The Administration has thus far spent \$300 for new plumbing in the rearrangement of the basement of the Ad building, and is willing to continue in the project. The Recreation Room is essentially a student project, however, and the Administration feels that it is therefore mainly the students' responsibility to get the work done.

With the cooperation of male students the moving of the machine shop was completed Tuesday, February 13, and the room is now being painted.

Plans for a "streamlined" Bookstore are being made. Mr. Charles Cook and Norman Fowler are in charge of this committee.

The Cooperative Cafeteria recently voted to contribute part of its surplus to purchase games for the Game Room. The amount of the contribution has not been stated.

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ner men were able to hold the Drew team scoreless during the overtime, while we dropped in 2 field goals and 2 fouls, bringing the final score Wagner 45, Drew 41.

On Feb. 6, Wagner saw another defeat. This time against Panzer. The game was played at the Wagner court. Though Wagner played a hard game, and Snee put up 9 field goals and 4 fouls, they couldn't seem to stop the Panzer men. Panzer 51, Wagner 48.

Montclair Teachers 64, Wagner 58. This time the defeat was a
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discovered that his whole lower jaw had been shot away. His mouth could hold no food, and naturally he was unable to speak. A layman seeing him, would take his case for hopeless. On the contrary, Colonel Brown brought him into contact with a tall, thin young man, Tom, who carried with him the slowly-healing scars of at least two operations that had restored his jaw. It was the same kind of injury as the former, even a bit worse.

"How do you feel, Tom?" asked the Colonel.

"Fine," said the young man, with only a trace of difficulty.

This last young fellow had a new jaw and a new lower face. His ribs had been used for the jaw and his face had been taken from the skin of his chest by a 'Flap technique' operation or a skin transferal process. For a time he had severe scars on his lower face but he spoke naturally and of course could eat and drink normally.

Multiply these two cases by the hundreds of plastic surgery cases returning every month from overseas and one can grasp the significance of the work which must be done by Col. Brown and his men. Their work is only a small example of what plastic surgeons are doing to restore the burned and shattered veterans of World War II to health and happiness and usefulness. The first World War saw the development of plastic surgery and great strides in this field were made in the following years. Cases that seemed impossible treatment were tackled and conquered. And thus the debt to the first World War veterans has now been paid to the present wounded. They have the benefit of twenty-five years of study and experience, and the personal assistance of surgeons who are world-famous. Truly, there are miracles of new faith performed at Valley Forge.

Bombs in Men!

by Ita Grintuch

Next door to where I spent the greater part of my vacation while in England was an old family house with a charming little garden, obviously meant for children to play in. . . But neither did Myrtle Cottage, as it was named, house a family, nor was the garden ever the play-ground of children. For instead spirited and courageous young men, who wore the insignia of the "Bomb Disposal Unit" on the lapels of their uniforms, inhabited it - and sharp orders and commands could be heard.

At night, when sleep should have reigned, their activities began. The air-raid alarm that sounded nearly every night was their alarm to set to work. Shrill were the bells that rang, frightening the screeches of the vans as they tore around the corner to the site of the disaster. Yet the men were calm and composed, sitting as if they were pleasure driving. When I could no longer follow them with my eyes, I followed them in my thoughts. And I knew the task that they were fulfilling, saw death looking at them with every unexploded bomb.

I would wait anxiously for their return, falling asleep from time to time in the small dug-out, which was our shelter from the blast. The terrifying sirens would announce their return and startle me to awakening - bombs could no longer do that. . . I would run outside, searching in the dim light of breaking dawn. Yes, there they were, weary and worn, but alive. Yet, look, a black flag - again one of them will not come back. - Who would be next? Nobody knows. . . but why despair. . . for the morrow may bring peace, and once more "Myrtle Cottage" will be the home of a happy family and care-free children.

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MUSIC NOTES

bringing the music to a peak which transcends the petty and trivial in our lives.

Second movement: After an exquisitely lovely introduction by the harps, the English horn sings a sad but beautiful melody above an accompaniment of plucked strings. The melody is then carried on by the clarinet and French horn, and the mood becomes decidedly brighter.

Third movement: Throbbing strings open the movement, violoncellos and bassoons quickly taking up the melody. The violins join in the joyful song, and soon almost the entire orchestra is exultantly singing the melody. Then, for a short period, the mood becomes quieter, and the melody simpler and more pronounced. But the tempo mounts again and sweeps us along in its turmoil till it seems that we are being torn between the powers of light and the forces of darkness. The movement ends in a frenzied ecstasy, and we feel that light has triumphed over darkness, that for a moment we have glimpsed our souls ultimate destiny.

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little harder to take. Even though the score showed a large margin, the general opinion was that Wagner would come out on top. Franzen was high scorer with 8 field goals and 2 fouls, and Snee trailed that by 1 point. The game was played at Wagner on Feb. 10,

Feb. 13, and another Wagner Basketball game. This time against a much publicized Yeshiva team. The game was played on our home court, and the final score was Wagner 51, visitors 40.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, Wagner defeated Brooklyn Poly 59-48 at the opponent's home court.