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## DR. CRUMLEY INSTALLED AS LCA'S THIRD PRESIDENT AND THEN INSTALLS DR. SWANSON AS SECRETARY

NEW YORK CITY--(PRT)--The Lutheran Church in America will continue its commitments to justice for all human beings and unity among Christians, the Rev. Dr. James R. Crumley Jr. affirmed December 3rd at the service of his installation as the denomination's president.

"This church will continue to plead and pray and strive in every way for justice, freedom and the rights of all people on earth," Dr. Crumley said at the "service of invocation of the Holy Spirit," held in Riverside Church, Manhattan.

And he declared, "We strive toward a vibrant witness from the whole Lutheran family. In North America, when the mission of Jesus Christ mandates that we should unite with other Lutheran we are ready to do so. We believe, in fact, that the time grows ever closer when we can be most effective in mission by merging the Lutheran churches."

Dr. Crumley also expressed the LCA's deep commitment "to partnership across and beyond the denominational lines that too often in the past have become walls" and said the body "will continue to work with our brothers and sisters in the total church of Jesus Christ."

The new president, 53, of East Windsor, N.J., served as a parish pastor for 23 years and as secretary of the LCA for four years. He is a native of Bluff City, Tennessee, and served churches in Tennessee and Savannah, Georgia. He is the third president of the LCA, constituted in 1962 with the merger of four Lutheran bodies.

The Rev. Dr. Reuben T. Swanson, 56, Chatham, N. J. was installed as secretary of the 3.1 million-member LCA at the service. Formerly president of the Nebraska Synod, Dr. Swanson is a native of Nebraska and served all but four of his 27 years of ministry to date in that state.

In the sermon, which was delivered by the Rev. Dr. H. George Anderson, president of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C., the role of pastoral leaders was examined. "Does the plea for pastoral leadership betray an unhealthy dependency on the part of lay people and clergy?" he asked.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The co-presidents of UNION 7301 would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in last Friday night's talent show: the performers who generously contributed their time and diverse talents, as well as the spectators who all contributed warmth and enthusiasm. Last, but hardly least, we would like to thank our M.C., the inimitable Dave Pastorello, whose creative zaniness was the finishing touch to a memorable evening.

Fran Ormand  
Chris Sauer

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DANCING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - a workshop

Praise the Lord!

... Prais God with timbrel and dance;  
Praise God with strings and pipe!  
(Ps. 150:1,3)

Dance was an important part of worship in the Old Testament and in the Christian church up until the middle ages. The word "carol" which is familiar today in its reference to Christmas songs, earlier referred to a circle dance. This earlier meaning (along with the general recognition of movement as a response to God in worship) is the basis of a workshop that will be led by Doug Adams, president of the Sacred Dance Guild and a teacher of worship and preaching at the Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley, Cal.). Experience in sacred dance is not necessary for participation since the dances involved were designed for congregational use; just wear clothes which allow free movement. A reception for participants and Mr. Adams will follow at the Seminary.

When: Sat., Dec. 9, 1-5 p.m.  
Where: Aulenbach House of Christ Church & St. Michael's  
24 W. Tulpehocken St. (near Germantown Ave.)

Questions: Contact Ann Larson or Sally Palcovich

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ATTENTION: Everybody (this is Interns, too!)

During January we will try to publish one issue of The Seminarian. Our publishing date will be January 23rd (Tuesday) and the deadline will be Friday, Jan. 19th. Articles might be titled: How I Spent My Christmas Vacation, Creative Use of Snowflakes, Greek Participles, Snowbound Intern, and Other Adventures, What It Is Like Not Taking an Interim Course, .... the possibilities could be endless!

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BUD GUSTAFSON Spreads Word

I'm having an Open House for the Seminary Community on Saturday, Dec. 16th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy fun, fellowship and food.

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UNION 7301 Speaks

UNION 7301 invites their members and the entire community to a special evening of Christmas Crafts, Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 8:00 p.m.

Come to the Library's Tappert Room and bring something you've been working on. Or come and watch Nancy Miller and Joanne Slotterback demonstrate two delightful and inexpensive Holiday creations.

Enjoy refreshments, fellowship and ways to beat Mt. Airy poverty.

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And speaking of Christmas, UNION 7301 is sponsoring an evening of caroling at Norristown State Hospital, Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Let's spread the flame of Advent Vespers to our brothers and sisters who so desperately need the warmth which we can so easily take for granted.

Everybody is invited to meet at Bagger Apartments, where car pools will organize for an evening of songs and refreshments at the not-far-away state hospital. We will return to carol in the Seminary neighborhood.

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INTERN NEWS

Enclosed is a contribution to the Intern page of the Seminarian.

Bob, Eric, and I are all doing well, although we're kept extremely busy.

I hope you are enjoying your internship as much as we are enjoying "ours."

Alice Breon

Dear Intern Spouses,

The following is a list of ways you can get to see your spouse while on internship.

1. Attend intern committee meetings.
2. Check "Desire pastor to call" on communion card (Do not accept the intern supervisor as a substitute.)
3. Have a baby so you're on his list of hospitalized to visit (Male spouses can have wisdom teeth removed.)
4. Have your baby baptized or be a baptismal sponsor (Your spouse will have to sit down and go over the service with you.)
5. Join every group of which he is an advisor, consultant, or member (Youth group is easy; you need a little more imagination to get into LCW and Men's Brotherhood.)
6. Express an interest in joining the church and attend new-member classes.
7. Schedule a counseling appointment under an assumed name.
8. Stage a sit-in in his office, demanding he takes a day off.

If anyone has any additional suggestions, please let me know!

Alice

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The following was a brief dialog that occurred in the middle of my 6th grade confirmation class.

Me: So why did God give us the 4th commandment?

Student: Miss Anderson? Is there really a Gospel of James the Just?

Me: A what?

Student: A Gospel of James the Just like they say there is on "The Word."

My first reaction was, what does this have to do with the 4th commandment? But then I realized that they weren't trying to get me off track. They were serious. They'd been watching the TV mini series called "The Word." Thank

heavens I'd been watching it too or I would never have been able to explain to them what was going on in the show. I tried to point out to them that there is such a thing as historical fiction where parts of a story are factual and others made up. Then came the awful task of trying to pick out fact from fiction in a story they all thought to be all true. We were able to talk a little about ancient manuscripts and archeology, snow jobs and false hopes, despair and love. But the clincher came when one student got "The New International Version" recently published, confused with "The International New Testament" being shown on the show. He was convinced that I was lying to him about there being a Gospel of James the Just.

Now this past week there has been a series on about "Heroes of the Bible" I watched it simply out of curiosity. I anticipate my confirmation class will now ask me if God really appears to people in the clouds (which separate like the map burning in the leader to the old "Bonanza" series) and if Joshua fought the battle at Jericho before Moses led his people out to the Promised Land.

Despite how crazy some of these shows have appeared to us, I think it is important for us to watch them. The people in our churches do and at least we can answer questions they raise about them intelligently. These two shows have been the topic of conversation in almost every home I've been in since they were on. Having watched them I could affirm parts of them (like Noah's humanness) and point out where they fall short (like the chronological order of the heroes.)

The point is...yes Dr. Albert, it is important to watch the idiot bcx! The media has pervaded the church.

Nancy Anderson

HAPPY  
ADVENT!!!

Intern Page Continued. from #3/28/80  
To: the scattered 'ajios and our  
brothers and sisters in Christ  
at From the Vicar  
family in 'Owun Peace and grace to  
you. Our hope and prayer is that  
the year so far has been as exciting  
and as much a growth experience in  
your relationship to others and to  
God as ours has been. It has at  
times been a difficult year, espe-  
cially beging the Vicar of Rome  
during two Papal vac ncies. The  
work load can be unbearable, but al-  
so exciting especially being apart  
of the apostolic succession in Mt.  
Airy style (a girl born in Rome Oct.  
6) Nancy and Heather are doing fine,  
and we greatly appreciate the prayers  
and concerns that were shown by the  
communtiy during our wait. Steven  
continues to grow, is in nursery  
school and is very excited about his  
role as big brother.

One of the learnings that al-  
ways seems to be reinforced through  
experiences like this is the need for  
communication. At times the frus-  
trating thing is that this need be-  
gins right in our own home, but at  
the same time that can be a very  
freeing experience. In Sept. my  
wife was gracious enough to make me  
a new cassock. To help her in iron-  
ing the long back pleats she used  
clothespins to hold them in place at  
the bottom. After finishing my ser-  
mon on the first Sunday wearing the  
cassock the deacon leaned over to  
ask if I knew I was wearing clothe-  
spins. If only Nancy had told me  
they were there I could have used  
them to announce the hymns for the  
day.

On a more serious note I would  
like to share two films that I have  
found to be useful for whatever it  
is worth. The first is entitled  
"Baptism" and is from the TeleKETICS  
series, a series of confirmation  
films put out by the Catholic Church.  
The film is an 8 minute ture story  
about Alfredo, a Mexican orphan  
tragically scarred by fire and his  
search for acceptance. The second is  
entitled "How Good Life Can Be" and  
is supplied through Lutheran Brother-  
hood, a fraternal insurance company.  
This 22 min. film deals with ste-  
wardship and the giving especially 4

of our time and talents. The point  
of the film is that we find our-  
selves through giving. I would be  
interested in any films others have  
found to be useful.

Hope to hear from more of the  
scattered 'ajios in the future. We  
wish to all a safe and blessed  
Christmas.

Steve Moyer.

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"Are we ducking our responsibilities  
as the 'priesthood of the baptized'  
and hankering for the Lutheran  
equivalent of Daddy Grace? The  
recent cultic excesses in Guyana  
betray how dangerous leadership  
can be when it fosters such a sense  
of dependency. "It is an awesome  
task to tend a flock which you can  
never see all at once; a flock  
which sometimes has a mind of its  
own, or, if mind is too flattering,  
at least a will of its own; a flock  
which numbers more than three million  
whcih means that if 99 of every 100  
do not stray, you still have at  
least 30,000 wandering sheep to re-  
joice over--once you have found  
them; a flock which is threatened  
by wolves, thieves and strangers to  
say nothing of bulls, bears,  
'staflation', energy crises, and a  
declining birth rate. The pastoral  
task can seem enormous.

"Jesus has said, 'Feed my  
sheep,' " Dr. Anderson continued.  
"The flock still belongs to him,  
and 'they shall never perish nor  
shall anyone snatch them from his  
hand'(John 10). He entrusts the  
flock to human leaders, but he  
never makes the fate of the flock  
totally depend on the faithfulness,  
the effectiveness or the longevity  
of those leaders. "God has always  
worked through us," he said, "but  
he can also work around us when  
necessary."

Dr. Crumley was presented and  
exhorted to be faithful in carrying  
out the duties of his office by the  
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Marshall, former  
LCA president, who gave him the  
president's cross, official ensigne  
of the office of the LCA presidency.

In his homily, Dr. Crumley  
reviewed the importance of a foun-  
dation of faith in Jesus Christ as  
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tion in the church.

Ann K. Larson

BROTHERS BOB

alias

Bolz and Ashburn

Twas the night before finals  
And all through the books,  
The students were paging  
Taking last looks.  
The notes were arranged  
On the desk top with  
Hoping tomorrow would  
Never be there.

While others were nestled  
All snug in their beds,  
Thoughts of theology  
Danced in their heads.

So who has time to finish  
Writing a dumb poem  
Like this  
Anyway?

Jingles Bell: Word has it that Frosty  
the Snowman has a frigid wife.  
Could it be that Rudolph the Red-  
Nosed Reindeer has a drinking prob-  
lem?...Don't you wonder about a man  
who spends most of his time with elves  
and reindeer?...Don't you think it's  
rather funny that a bunch of men run  
around in little green velvet suits?  
Does anybody know what a sugar plum  
is?...Who is Round John Virgin?...  
Does anybody know where to get gay  
apparel...Ask the Sugar Plum Fairy..  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot?  
Has anybody seen Candy Cane?...Just  
how good is King Wenceslaus? And just  
what denominations is Parson Brown?  
Oh, and happy birthday to Farmer Gray.

Christmas Presents: John Reumann- A  
historical Jesus; Harold Albert- A  
Kerygma; Dick Jeske- A round trip  
ticket to Corinth; Margaret Krych-  
A waffle maker; Helmut Lehmann- Sea-  
son tickets for the Flyers; Lyman Lun-  
deen- A dialectic for his collection;  
Sarah Davison- A call; Ed Fernandez-  
Bowling lessons; Bob Meyers- An Ant  
Farm; Dave Pastorello- Assertiveness  
training; Jeanette Rapp-Smith- One

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ways: it may be due to lack of care  
in the recording of events or to the  
loss of records. In fact, lately, it  
may also be due to evasion of facts,  
through prejudice or else, it may be  
due to a purposeful malicious hiding  
of events.

With these words, Joan Morris be-  
gan the introduction to The Lady as  
a Bishop (NY: Macmillan, 1973) which  
explored the hidden church history of  
women who have held the jurisdiction  
of bishops. On Nov. 8th, Dr. Morris  
shared with thirty MSJ students, fac-  
ulty members and guests some of her  
recent research in a convocation,  
"Pope Joan: Fact or Fiction."

Born in the early 9th century in  
Mainz, Joan dressed as a boy in order  
to attend classes at a Benedictine  
school. She rose in academic ranks  
to teach a liberal arts course in Rome.  
After serving as cardinal deacon to  
Pope Benedict III, still disguised as  
a male, she was elected and served as  
Pope John VIII for over two years. A  
legend says that the truth about the  
pope's gender was discovered when she  
gave birth in the middle of a papal  
procession.

As a "pseudopope", Joan's exist-  
ence was not denied by the church un-  
til the 16th century when protestant  
reformers used her in their arguments  
against the papal office. As part of  
the obliteration of that history, one  
of 174 papal busts in a Sienna cathed-  
ral with decidedly feminine features  
was altered to look masculine, and the  
name was changed from John VIII to  
Zachary.

Evidence about Pope Joan is  
sketchy and open to serious question,  
but Dr. Morris is convinced that for  
two and a half years, the church was  
served by a camouflaged female pope,  
whose existence history has since ig-  
nored or erased. Although definitive  
answers may not be forthcoming, it is  
vital that serious questions be raised  
about the hidden history of women in  
the church, especially when there are  
still groups such as Dr. Morris' own  
Roman Catholic Church which call upon  
historical tradition for authority in  
excluding women from full participa-

FATHER JOHN'S CONFESSIONS  
(and traveling road show)

Dear Santa:

Please don't bring me:

1. Toys with more than 2 pieces.
2. Toys with batteries not included. (Battery sales by drug stores on Christmas day are 2nd to General Motors.)
3. Toys with pre-drilled holes. (which fit brackets other than the ones you must put on.) (I call them re-drilled holes.)
4. Toys which have Tab "A" which is supposed to go in slot "B" (but doesn't)
5. Toys which talk ("want some bird seed, bird seed, bird seed, bird seed...")
6. After shave (last year's supply is being stored by Texaco at the refinery.)
7. 5,000 Christmas specials. (If I have to watch the Grinch Steal Charlie Brown's Christmas with the help of Rudolf one more time I'll scream.)

Please bring me:

1. A sense of humor (for rainy days when the kids have colds)
2. A cast-iron 3-seat lap (for all the times 3 kids want to sit on my lap at the same time)
3. A new pucker (the old one wore out, kissing hurts)
4. Toys which won't break and can't be taken apart (how about a nice pile of bricks?)
5. Peace on earth (or even just while I'm in the bathroom.)

---"Father" John

To the whole seminary community a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.



I would like to share with "The Poet's Corner" some poetry I discovered-- that's right, I discovered it! In one of the ancient volumes I bought at the L.T.S.P. Library book sale (for \$5.25!) I found the following love verses tucked away in its pages on a very old piece of scrap paper (apparently his rough draft).

----Tom Irwin, Jr.

TO WINNIE,

My pen is poor.

My ink is pale.

My hand shakes

Like a little dog's tail.

1. Forget the Lidie? \* Just as soon  
Would I forget my pork and beans  
And leave my cabbage and mashed  
potatoes  
To be devoured by hungry waiters.
2. In sunshine and rain  
When you need an umbrella  
May yours be upled  
By a handsome young fellow.
3. Don't fail to sew on his buttons  
And likewise his clothes mend  
with care.  
Don't tease for money for  
shopping.  
Don't frown when he acts like a  
bear.  
Don't tell him too often, my  
deary,  
That your head is aching with pain  
Lest he wishes way down in his  
bosom,  
"Oh! How I wish I was single  
again."
4. Bright be thy life as frost on  
the leaves.  
White be thy life as snow on the  
eaves.  
Warm be thy heart as the fires  
so red.  
Green by thy memory when thou  
art dead.
5. Think of me when at the tub.  
Remember me with every rub.  
Whether your suds be cold or hot,  
Splatter away and forget me not.

\* perhaps a nickname?

Brothers Bob (continued from page 5) more last name; Robbie Endruschat- A Personalized L.B.W.; Floy Ervin-Tickets to the Harvard game; Jann Fullenwieder-stock in Tender Vittles; Bob LaRiviere-A New Yawk accent; Dick Ringenwald-Faith; Dave Rowe-Free on-campus housing; Curt Wolff-A Sweater with sleeves; Lou Forney-A sense of humor; Bruce Todd-A larger organ; Rick Elliot-A third seminary in Pennsylvania; John Burkhardt-Writing lessons; Heidi Neumark-Dental Floss; Tucker Sprawls-Tom Irwin-Tom Irwin-Tucker Sprawls; Linda Fearheller=laughing lessons; And to everybody else:

The (Real) Twelve Days of Christmas:

- 12 Disciples Discipling
- 11 Curtains Torn
- 10 Commandments
- 9 Fruits of the Spirit
- 8 Supporting Synods
- 7 Seals a sealing
- 6 Weeks of Lent
- 5 Loaves of Bread
- 4 Gospel Records
- 3 Gods in One
- 2 Sacraments

and a God above all others.  
 (If you have a lot of nerve and a bad ear, try singing it to the usual tune.)  
 Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night. Amen.

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TREASURER'S REPORT - 12/1/78

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Submitted by,

*Gerry Sanders*  
 Gerry Sanders, Treasurer

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INSTALLATION (continued from pg. 4)  
 Lord, vital congregational life, Lutheran unity, ecumenical cooperation and global justice. "Every congregation must be a vital worshipping, witnessing, learning, and serving center," he said. "Where there is a special need as in the inner cities, congregations must be strengthened. Where they do not exist, they must be founded. We are concerned, too, that congregations be as inclusive as possible that they extend to all people God's invitation through the Gospel to be his people." The "human struggle" in these days is intense, Dr. Crumley noted, but he affirmed that God gives the church "vision and hope." Let us, therefore, face the future with excitement because the gifts of God's Spirit are ours.

Following the homily, Dr. Crumley conducted the installation of Dr. R. T. Swanson.

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THOMAS ACQUAINT US

I've never spent so much time writing an "Acquaint Us" article. I guess it's because this time I will talk about myself. Somewhere along the line I took time out from acquainting everyone else and allowed myself to become acquainted.

Thomas Acquainted Did you ever meet someone and immediately enjoy their company? Is there someone with whom you can sit at a refectory table and feel comfortable - without even justifying your comfort theologically? Maybe there's someone who will share with you the three-handed operation of opening the Main Dorm doors. Or perhaps there's a dependable someone who is always there when you've got the Mt. Airy pague. If you know any of these people, you've been acquainted; acquainted with a person who brings the best out in you and makes you want to respond to them in the same way.

We live in a community which allows such relationships to happen. And when you think of it, there is actually an extended family here, complete with pesky siblings as well as brothers and sisters who hold each other up when the world begins to crumble. It's a lifestyle too good to make it real at times, and too real to make it good at other times.

But in the midst of all this, once in a while, a person becomes acquainted with another and wants to share that friendship forever. This is what happened to me.

The purpose of this article is to do nothing more than share with you the joy and blessing my "acquainted" and I have found in each other. Hopefully it will do no less.

Dear Friends,

Tom Irwin, Jr. & Tucker Sprawls

will be married on

Sunday, January 21, 1979

at

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Second & Church Streets  
Schwenksville, Pa.

The Service will be at 7:00pm

If you wish to and are able to attend, please contact Tucker at room 310, Main Dorm or mailbox #912 by January 7, 1979.

READY?--ELEVENEL\*TENEL\*NINEEL\*EIGHTEL\*SEVENEL\*SIXEL\*FIVEEL\*FOUREL\*THREEEL\*TWOEL\*ONEEL\*NOEL!

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