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## Stanton Gone to Ohio State Univ.

### Takes up Post Graduate Studies

One of the first to break the ranks of the class of 1940, Robert Stanton, more familiarly known to his classmates as "Bobbie," left Houghton last week for his home in Sheffield, Ohio.

He will continue his work in chemistry and education at Ohio State in March.

On Tuesday evening before Bob left, a senior class dinner was given in his honor at Gaoyadeo Hall. The class turned out in full force to say goodbye and to wish good luck to one of the most popular of the class members.

Bob spent three and a half years in Houghton, extra work at Houghton summer school making it possible for him to graduate at the mid-term. As registrar's assistant he was well known by everyone from the haughtiest senior to the humblest freshman.

Although social science, his major, and chemistry took up a good deal of Bob's time, he found time for extra-curriculars. For two years he lent fine support to the bass section of the a capella choir. Both the *Boulder* and *Lantern* staff listed him as a member. Although he did not actively participate in athletics, he was class manager of the teams for several years.

We wish him all the luck he deserves and look forward to seeing him in June.

## Yorkwood House Has Gala Party

The cozy Yorkwood recreation room was the scene of a row in which Sadie Hawkinses: Burleigh, Richardson, Crowfoot, Pierce, Falkins, Tiffany, Madwid, Paulson, Grant, Fiding, Lovell, and Stevenson, played hostesses (we hope they were only playing) to Abner's Palmer, Sauerwein, Woolsey, Brownlee, Van Ornum, McGregor, Jones, Frost, Will, Paine, Engle and Carlson. Dean Hatch kept the revenues down in the valley so the frolic could proceed without interruption.

The would-be Sadies dragged in their "overlaid" rustics from the houses about the campus and herded them into the candle lighted recreation room where beautifully spread tables awaited them. After kicking a couple squeaking pigs from under the tables, the party tackled shrimp cocktails. A tussle with real, long spaghetti and meat balls and all the fixings followed, slung by waiters Marshall and Lee.

No sooner had our L'il Abners stowed away those be-whipped cream chocolate sundaes than announcement was made that theirs was the pleasure of washing up the dishes; and of course all the dishes possible had been used!

However, Sadies starred as "system" became the watchword and plates, cups, saucers, silverware, sailed from man to man and nice shiny, clean, spic and span culinary utensils were the result.

As soon as the Sadies had tired our rustic friends out washing dishes, (Continued on Page Four, Col. 2)

## Calendar

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Thursday, February 29

7:00 Music recital

Friday, March 1

7:15 Purple-Gold game

Monday, March 4

7:00 Student ministerial.

Pre-medic, Latin club,

Music appreciation, German

club

8:15 Allegeny debates

Houghton

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 Prayer meeting

8:30 Artist Series

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 Oratorio rehearsal

8:00 Purple-Gold ?

Thursday, March 7

7:00 Dayton University

debates Houghton

7:00 Music recital

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## Yearling Debaters Meet Alfred Team

### Topic Is 'Gov't R. R. Ownership'

Houghton's freshman debate squad met the yearling team from Alfred in two non-decision debates Wednesday, February 21, on the question RESOLVED: That the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads. In the afternoon Houghton, in the person of Katherine Walburger and Warren Woolsey, upheld the affirmative against Alfred's Norman Ruderman and William Ellis. The negative maintained that early examples of governmental control were not successful; that the railroads were efficient now and that the general public did not favor it. The affirmative stated that the railroads are still a vital necessity in our economic and national life; that the Federal Government is the only agency that can save and unify the railroads and that there are no inherent defects in government ownership.

The evening debate was held in the auditorium of the music building. The same two debated for Alfred against Harriet Kalla and Bert Hall, who upheld the negative. The affirmative defended their position with the contentions that the railroads, a vital industry, are in serious difficulties; that government ownership is necessary to save them and that federal ownership is less expensive. The negative team maintained that the government is to blame for the present bad conditions; that in the light of past experience it was not expedient; that it would be a fatal step towards loss of freedom of individual enterprise and that a plan of government cooperation was the solution to the difficulties.

Norman Mead was the chairman in the afternoon and Jane Cummings in the evening.

The famous detective arrived on the scene, "Heavens," he said, "this is more serious than I thought—the window is broken on both sides!"

## Next Number of Artist Series Tuesday Evening; Gertrude Berggren, Eminent Swedish Soprano, Will Give Concert



### Recognized as Artist in Many Fields of Music

There's a big red circle around March 5 in the Houghton calendar. Why? Because next Tuesday, which is the 5th of March, marks the date of the 4th number of the Artist Series. In short, it will be a time for us to blossom out in our fanciest garb and see what new impersonation of the Muse of Music is being presented on the campus.

The artist of the evening will be Gertrude Berggren, the eminent Swedish contralto, distinguished for her rich vocal color and fine interpretations. The singer will include at least one Swedish folk song on her program, for from early childhood she has been a lover and singer of the traditional Scandinavian music. Miss Berggren was chosen to sing at the Swedish Tercentenary at Yale University recently, as well as with the outstanding group of Swedish singers of Hartford, Conn., known as the Svenska Cleeklubben.

She has been recognized as an artist in many fields—concert, oratorio, stage and radio. She was chosen as the only soloist for the world-wide broadcast in memory of Queen Astrid of Belgium, singing Belgian and Swedish songs in her honor.

Miss Berggren was in the cast which performed Walter Damrosch's opera "The Man Without a Country" at its private premiere, and was featured in a principal role in a recent Broadway musicale.

## Miss Burnell Discusses 'Anesthetics' in Chapel

Miss Burnell spoke in chapel Feb. 22, on "Anesthesia and Anesthetics." She gave a brief history of their origin and use.

"The earliest practitioners wishing to produce unconsciousness inhaled the fumes of plants, or applied pressure to blood vessels. Toward the close of the eighteenth century nitrous oxide, commonly called laughing gas, was discovered. Davy was the first to use it in medical practice. He used it for headaches and to extract teeth. In order to prove the harmlessness of nitrous oxide.

Ether was discovered about 1795 and was used primarily in the treatment of asthma. There are numerous claimants to the honor of first using ether as an anesthetic. It seems to have made its first public appearances such in the General Hospital in Boston in 1846. Dr. Warren used it then in a tumor operation.

There are many new anesthetics on the market today that would work more effectively but they are dangerously inflammable.

### CORRECTION

The Murphy house indices which was given 1.8 in last week's *Star* should have been 2.16 which would put them in fourth place.

## Varsity Debater Squad Travel West; Freshmen Win Title Class Debate

### Varsity Debate Fifteen Matches Over Week-end

BY WALTER SHEFFER

Following the advice of Horace Greely and Forensic tradition, the debate team headed west on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Surviving the Jehuian chauffering (the car had a governor set at 48 per.) of J. P. Q. the school car lurched on to the Allegheny campus in the split second of time for the scheduled dual debate at 4:00 p. m. Following the heated contest the orators were "forced" into a spacious dining hall where, as the fates decreed, liver and bacon were served. Nevertheless Allegheny is a fine college.

To all those concerned, this school is now the Alma Mater of Harry Hoyt and J. J. Buchanan.

The next day brought sunshine, warm weather, and no snow as the scheduled Dayton was reached. As the group passed by Wright Field, testing field for the U. S. Army, Nussey expressed surprise, after seeing half-dozen planes lolling outside a hanger, that the "States" had such a large air force. The University of Dayton was very hospitable, as usual, and will long remain dear to the heart (if not more so the stomach) of the team.

The debate there was between the Houghton Affirmative and the Dayton Negative and was held before St. Mary's Normal School.

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### Frosh Out-Talk Senior Arguers In Battle of Wits

The interclass debate series was closed Wednesday, February 21, when the freshmen emerged victorious over the opposing senior team.

The question chosen for discussion was, "Resolved. That Houghton College should adopt a program of intercollegiate athletics." The affirmative was upheld by seniors Gilmour and Carlson and the negative supported by freshmen Woolsey and Stewart. Dean Ray Hazlett acted as chairman.

The affirmative outlined the objectives of intercollegiate athletics, emphasizing their value as free advertising for the school, and showing that they would eliminate factions within the college and promote a high type of unified school spirit.

The negative stressed the great expense involved in the introduction and maintenance of intercollegiate sports, deeming it beyond the capabilities of this institution. They suggested that Houghton's distance from populated centers would discourage large crowds and that tickets would of necessity be placed at a price beyond the means of the average student.

Principal Haynes of Fillmore High School, Dr. Rosenberger, professor of Philosophy, and Jesse De Right, varsity debater, were the judges rendering the 2-1 decision in favor of the negative.



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## EDITORIAL

### Publicity Organ

The Houghton Star is the least important thing about Houghton college. It is run by a bunch of undergrads who have nothing to do in their spare time except devising sundry methods of criticizing the place in general. And the paper as a whole is odoriferous.

Perhaps that isn't the attitude of many of us. But it certainly appears to be. Consider the position of the editor. Theoretically, he has the great honor of running a weekly college paper. His are the joys of writing an editorial a week, of urging reporters and staff members to get their copy in before the Tuesday deadline, of carefully reading and revising everything in the paper, of soothing the ruffled nerves of print shop employees when everything doesn't fit the schedule, of taking complete responsibility when someone's name is misspelled or someone else's activities aren't given enough praise and space, and of attending to so many more nerve-rendering details that a medieval torture machine would be in comparison a Sunday-school picnic. In return for these happy duties, the editor has the privilege of being allowed to study in his spare time.

Looking at it from the commercial point-of-view for a moment, Houghton college has to advertise to meet competition. Besides its direct ads, it grows largely by student publicity. Groups furnishing this publicity are mainly the choir, the debate teams, the Boulder, and the Star. In other years there was a male quartet.

Perhaps the Star doesn't play the most important role in Houghton's existence. And yet, the registrar's office frequently condescends to accepting current copies for the purpose of mailing to prospective students.

The proposal has been made several times before that the executive managers of the Star and Boulder should receive some form of return for their work. Three years ago William Muir wrote an editorial entitled "A New Deal for Editors." The opening sentence ran—

After a careful survey of what is being done in other colleges and universities, and having had experience in both fields, we have come to the conclusion that the Editor of Star, the Editor of the Boulder, and the Business Manager of the Boulder should receive compensation for their work—say, third-board.

As far as we have been able to discover, none of these proposals has ever received any comment.

Other student publicity groups receive at least some kind of compensation. The choir and the debaters see something of the country outside of Houghton, besides receiving occasional free meals. We understand that the college quartet of yester years got a tuition reduction. And the staffs of Houghton's annual and campus paper get—what?

Not many years back the Star editor spent a good share of his time in the print shop alone. Today student help does that end of it, for pay. But ye editor still has his hands full.

A suggestion from the Houghton faculty as to their attitude toward this subject would be appreciated. — D. T. K.

### Optimism and Democracy

It is seldom we forget classes, examinations, finances and other immediate exigencies long enough to lift our heads above the dark clouds of the present and view life through a telescope eye.

Optimism and democracy, we are told, were pitted against pessimism and dictatorship in the last war. The latter are conceded to have won. Yet optimism sprang continually from every youth for the next twenty-one years. Now they are again at war. Surely this is to be the death blow.

## Debate Coach Reviews Trip Through West

"So you're from the East; we've heard that your style of debate is quite different from ours"—at least two critic-judges thus addressed the effete Easterners from Western New York with pitying looks, after informing them that they had lost another "close" decision. We understood then why the coaches at Allegheny College and the University of Dayton respectively had behaved peculiarly when we announced that we were on our way to Manchester, and said a little evasively, "We hope that you have an enjoyable trip—but as for us—we never go."

Yet I can't agree with their implication that such forensic competition was not the proper metier for gentlemen; for all the teams that we met or that I listened to, displayed as fine a sportsmanship as I have ever seen. In fact, a boys' team from Wayne University lost to a girls' team, merely because one of the former felt that his colleague had asked a question too rudely, and tried to make amends by thanking his opponents very profusely for their highly unsatisfactory reply, without attacking it. Also I must admit that the teams are better trained to speak wholly without notes than they are in the East—all of which is as it should be. Only one boy read his speech from foolscap in all of the six rounds that I listened to, and his side lost. There is considerable animus against "canned" material—even though it must be obvious that such amazing fluency can come only from perfect memorization and constant repetition.

But—and here comes our rebuttal and our alibi—we do have an indictment of mid-West tournament tactics which may be summarized briefly under the following points:

1. Standardized briefs and stereotyped arguments. Nearly seven hundred debates and practically every one alike! I heard only one variation in six rounds, and that incidentally was from a Wheaton team.

2. Absolutely no recognition of vital issues as distinguished from minor or incidental issues; no differentiation between essentials and non-essentials; no attempt at evaluation and interpretation. Both coaches and debaters seem equally guilty of the fallacy of the "non-evident premise"; for there appeared to be a tacit acceptance of many assumptions that in themselves needed proof, such as sabotage, "useless gold," and as one boy said "the classic cases of tin and rubber."

3. No emotional or ethical element and no human appeal or adaptation to the intelligence of the average citizen (of whom I am admittedly one!); therefore no persuasion and no

Let the old, the weaklings, the cowards despair if they must; but let the young, the strong, the brave cry, "It shall be done." Our college youth loves the challenge of difficulty and in true sporting spirit wants no game that is not a hard one. Optimism and democracy will find its fortress in the colleges and universities of today.

The one is essential to the other. W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University says in his lecture *Facing Life*:

"The other essential to optimism is genuine democracy. The college boasts that it gives every man a chance. It asks not the size of a man's purse or length of his pedigree; not what he carries in his trunk, but what he has in brain and heart. . . . A true democracy is a society where excellence is demanded, high ability is recognized, and every man is big enough to rejoice if someone else is bigger."

It is for the excellency of such a democracy our optimism should strive after while at college. To forget our petty grudges, to love when we are hated, to speak in truth when lied about, and not to seek to thrust a sword when another is unguarded—this is the democracy we seek after—and where such a democracy exists faith in the future shines clear and bright. — W. B. N.

## Announcement

The best editorial and news story published in the Star this year, inclusive of the issues from Sept. 27, 1939, to March 28, 1940, will be printed in the 1940 Lanthorn. Specialists in the respective fields will judge the competition.

The field is still open to anyone. Let reporters sharpen their pencils for better stories and staff members dust off their typewriters for more gripping editorials as the deadline—spring vacation—approaches. And you, gentle reader, even though you may not have written for the Star, are invited to try your hand at reporting or at editorializing. May the victor collect his reward!

real conviction. A factual and doctrinaire treatment of theoretical economics is not something to arouse great enthusiasm on the part of either a speaker or his audience. One judge told our boys that there was no such thing as a moral issue in debate, and our natural reaction was, "Don't they ever go to church; or at least listen to fireside chats occasionally?"

4. No wit or repartee—nothing but dead dry debating, humorless and unimaginative. Aside from a few conventional pleasantries in the introductions, and an expression of relief at the end of six interminable rounds, there was very little that could be called clever or original. In a word, the debating was more soporific than stimulating. Even the girls are serious statisticians and indefatigable purveyors of facts and figures!

5. No subtlety or surprise—nothing of what the textbooks call debate strategy—in a word, a lack of adroitness in definition of terms, of finesse and follow-up with questions, and of daring with dilemmas. (Of course, we agreed with the judge who at the end of the first round wrote on the critique card for our affirmative team, "Grand technique," even though he added cautiously, "if anything, a bit too much dependence on technique." And the best judge there was naturally the one who wrote of our second negative speaker, "Easily the best debate technique of the debate;" whereupon he was severely censured by the losing team for his temerity. Incidentally I employed this five-point outline as the basis of my critique after the second round, and not one debater or team took exception to my remarks or had any explanation to offer. Some of them seemed faintly troubled and even frankly puzzled. Perhaps they thought that debate coaches from the East are a strange species who must be humored.

No, we're distinctly not downhearted or disillusioned; we had a lot of fun, good food, and fine experience. We're not even saying "Never again." But the next time we go, we'll meet these Western teams with their own weapons. After all, it is a good idea to have all the "facts and figures" as well as to be able to apply and explain them!

Spark Plugs  
Have  
Been  
Cleaned

By Mel James



## PUISSANT PUNDITS

Houghton, N. Y.  
February 26, 1940

Dear Dad,

I'm sorry that I didn't get around to write but you know this stuff they call money—with me it just isn't any more. Seeing that I'm writing Jesse DeRight's column while he is running around and seeing that you take the Star, I thought that I might kill two birds with the same stone (please don't think that I mean Jesse or you either).

How does old Betsy hold up under being milked dry twice a day since I came down here to stay? Is Ferdinand still a gentleman or is reaching the oat bin the height of his ambitions? Did that new bunch of pullets that you bought last fall turn out as well as you hoped? And speaking of chickens reminds me of a guy that came here in September. I was talking to him one day soon after his arrival and he told me that a few years ago he had hopes of becoming a farmer. For some unknown reason he picked on chicken farming. One night as he was cruising around in his Dad's Dusenbergs Sixteen he saw a stray hen strolling here and there, so String Bean (that's the guy's name) pulls over to the curb and picks her up. Excuse me for any wrong impressions that I have given you but this was a hen with feathers. Immediately the hopeful String sent to a storage for some eggs and instructions concerning incubation. The company sent him the eggs by return mail and also included instructions which said that hen's eggs required twenty-one days to incubate while those of duck needed twenty-eight. Well, String says that after much hard work he had the hen in the mood to set and there she stayed placed very faithfully. For twenty days all went well but on the morning of the twenty-first his curiosity got the better of him so he pulls Miss Henny Penny from her home. Something was radically wrong for there was no chicks, only the eggs as he had put them three weeks before. His patience were exhausted so the hen was beheaded for dinner and he sold the eggs to a fellow. You know Dad, I don't believe that fellow will wonder which came first the chick or the egg because he got them both at the same time.

It's just like you told me one day, Pop, people are always thinking up something new and something different all the time. Bet you can't guess what it is. I'm going to let you in on a little secret, Pop. It hasn't been placed in catalog yet but here's what it is: a new streamline super deluxe course in math. There's only one outstanding peculiarity about the course; it is divided into two parts, not the first half and the latter half but the upper half and the lower half. Somebody's always doing something different.

Wednesday after Miss Burnell's chapel, Little Hitler of the local bookstore decided that he would like to take in an ether party before the great trip to the southern continent. He was making preparations for the party when a clever customer asked him why he didn't wait until E'ther came.

Thank's very much for the box of cookies. My allotment was very much appreciated and from all general appearances the fellows had the (Continued on Page Three, Col. 2)



# Music Notes

By Mark Armstrong

"So you think you know music!" Well, better people than you have thought the same thing, and—but don't let that dishearten you. Just draw up your chair and get a load of this.

Here are questions to test your relative erudition or ignorance of *musicalia*. For every set of questions accompanied by the correct answers we receive, we offer a free copy of next week's *Star*. (The column won't appear next week, but that probably is a more tempting inducement.) Simply follow the above instructions, address your correspondence in care of the windbag to whom you are listening, and this undreamed-of offer is yours. Write us today, will you?

Now for the questions:

1 Choose the famous "three B's" from the following ten: Ben Bernie, Borodin, Bach, Bunny Berrigan, Bruckner, Brahms, Balakireff, Berlioz, Beethoven, Blue Baron.

2 Select from the following list of colored musicians, deceased and contemporary, two who are known for their contributions to music other than that of dance-band character: Erskine Hawkins, Chick Webb, Duke Ellington, C. Calloway, Cole-ridge-Taylor, R. Nathaniel Dett, L. Armstrong.

3 A saxophonist of repute played on our campus last year. Another who has not played on our campus was last year alleged to have entered a seminary in preparation for the ministry. Name them.

4 Underline the correct name. (Gene Krupa, Benny Goodman, Hal Kemp, Sammy Kaye) is an ardent devotee of chamber music.

5 Each of two of the following composers has written a *Minuet in G* that has decorated the piano racks of innumerable households. Which are they? (Paderewski, Eric Satie, Schoenberg, Beethoven)

6 Designate true or false.

a. *Indian Summer* is adapted from two motifs in a famous opera by Wagner.

b. The theme music of the Ford Sunday Evening Hour is taken from Tchaikowsky's *Eugene Onegin*.

c. The theme music of the NBC Symphony Orchestra was especially composed and orchestrated by Toscanini for that organization.

7 What is the name of Brahms' most popular opera?

8 Which four of these celebrities are accomplished amateur violinists: Albert Einstein, President Roosevelt, Dean Hazlett, Benito Mussolini, Joe Louis, Paul Muni.

9 John Charles Thomas, Lawrence Tibbett and Richard Crooks, like all great artists, have made their interpretations of certain songs famous. Connect the song with the proper singer: *Ah, Moon of My Delight*, *On the Road to Mandalay*, *The Green-eyed Dragon*.

10 If it takes a pig-headed orchestra leader with two gold fillings seventeen movements to beat out one fast measure of the "Oola-oola Waltz" beside the peanut stand at the county fair on a rainy day, how many radiators will have to be repaired in the music building to keep two drips from appearing in every practice room?

Answer: (1) Bach, Beethoven, Brahms (2) Coleridge-Talor, Dett (3) Cecil Leason, Wayne King (4) Benny Goodman (5) Paderewski, Beethoven (6) all false (7) Brahms never wrote an opera. (8) Einstein, Hazlett, Mussolini, Muni (9) Thomas — *The Green-eyed Dragon*, Tibbett — *On the Road to Mandalay*, Crooks — *Ah, Moon of My Delight*, (10) Ask the nearest music student.

## LANETTE

Little Angel

"Junior Anesley! You take Percy's polka-dot tie off that dog's neck this minute! Well, if he bit you, you just bite him *right back* again; but don't *hang* the poor thing! Goodness, dear you didn't have to bite him so *hard*! Really, dear, mother *does* wish her little man would sit down somewhere. Oh, her little man would sit down in the movies if he had ten cents? Some other day maybe; mother's too busy right now. I simply *have* to get this pie made in time for dinner tonight. Percy's bringing his girl home this evening and I— What, dear? Did you say something about Percy and the lemon sodas? Oh, you said, 'How do I know Percy's girl likes lemon chiffon pie? Why, *darling*, your father says that *everybody* likes my lemon pie. But what if she *doesn't* like it? No, you certainly can *not* have her piece. Why don't you and 'Butch' go into the parlor and play? That's a dear. Let me see now—two cups of flour, one cup of sugar— Well, Mabel's Billy wouldn't mind like that. I saw him pulling that skinny cat's tail yesterday. It's absolutely disgusting the way he acts. I wish she could see the way Junior— *Heavenly days*, what on *earth* has happened? Did you tip the piano over again? Oh, 'Butch' has an infected molar and you are trying to pull it? Why, *dear*, how *clever* of you to know it was infected! But, *angel*, you can't pull a tooth with those *nut-crackers*; here, try these pruning shears. Isn't that just too cute for words? I *must* tell John the moment he gets home! He'll be so pleased to hear that his *own little boy* is interested in his daddy's profession! Goodness, *darling*, can't you hurry it up just a *bit*? The neighbors will think someone's being murdered!"

Debaters...

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The climax of the tour was reached at Manchester College, Indiana, where the team met a total of 12 schools including Notre Dame, Indiana University, and Wheaton. The tournament ended Saturday noon and the debaters headed tiredly home. The car, smelling the oats on the homeward trip, seemed rejuvenated and galloped home at 49 per.

Saturday night was spent at Akron, Ohio where DeRight and Sheffer lost the toss of the coin and attempted to pass the night on section of twin beds. Nussey and Albany reported a fine night's rest. Houghton was reached at approximately 5 p. m. on Sunday and the four day peace of the college was broken.

CORRECTION PLEASE

The name of Mr. Roy Weaver should have been included among the high point students in the last week's *Star*. His grade point was 2.906.

Pundits...

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same idea. The only complaint is that the box was rather small, but of course if you don't have any larger boxes, I think that there are some in the boiler room that would fit the purpose dandy. The school gets paper towels in them.

Well, guess it'll have to be goodbye Pop, and gee I hope you caught the hint about the financial condition of yours truly. With the deepest apologies to the faithful *Star* readers and to all others concerned...

Your loving son,  
ME

P. S. Tell Grandma and the girls that I said, "Hello" and would you please tell Oscar (the hired man) to try to have my Ford in running shape by Easter. I would buy a new radiator cap if I thought someone would put something in under it.

ME

## Mission Study Club Discusses Problems Of West Indies

The meeting of the S. F. M. F. held Mon. evening Feb. 26, was opened by the president, Henry Ortlip. Prayer was offered by Cecil Elliott. After the business meeting Adeline Van Antwerp led the group in the singing of several hymns. Lucille Thornton, who was born on the island of Barbador, spoke on "The West Indies." She told of her father's work among the people of various nationalities and different religious beliefs. Jane Cummings spoke on South America, pointing out that this is the "neglected continent" since out of a population of 85 million there are only 472,000 Christians. The cause of Christ is hindered because of the growth of Nationalism and the increase of power of the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand the Christian workers are helped by conference and by attendance at Bible Institute. The hope of South America lies in the willingness of missionaries to do pioneer work. Professional people with a testimony could exert a great influence for Christ. There is a need for evangelical literature among the young people of Brazil.

## EXTENSION SERVICES

The Bible school had charge of the Sunday evening service at the Fillmore Wesleyan Methodist church February 18. Claude Scott was the speaker and his topic was "My Grace is Sufficient for Thee." It was divided into three principal parts (1) Who made the great acclamation (2) To whom it was made (3) Why we should appropriate it to our lives. Music was furnished by Mary Foster and Elton Seaman. Testimonies were given by Shirley Collins and Kenneth Smith.

## REC HALL SCENE OF OF MUCH ACTIVITY

Enthusiasm is running high in the Rec Hall table tennis tournament. Numerous entrants are seen practicing every afternoon trying to get into the best possible form before playing their first match. Ruth Newhart and Mary Tiffany officially opened round one of tournament play Monday evening. Newhart was the victor in three straight games. She won with a fast well placed return that Tiffany was unable to cope with. Ed Hall was the first to go down to defeat in the men's division. He was also beaten, in three straight games, by Pratt. Phillips threw a scare into Blackie before bowing three games to one in another first round game. An official table is being used for tournament play through the courtesy of Schrams.

Entries are coming in fast for the chess and checker tournaments. First moves will be made next week. Feather has shown plenty of ability at chess and Glenn Mix has been beating a lot of the town boys at checkers.

More new equipment has been secured for the Recreation Hall. Chess, checkers, Chinese checkers, dominoes and croquinole have been purchased and will be put into use as rapidly as possible. Coach McNeese and Prof. Stockin have added clothes racks and installed in the entrance and are securing small tables for the new games. Appreciation has repeatedly expressed for their efforts in making the Rec Hall what it is. The Rec Hall gives enjoyment and relaxation to a large number of students who have no opportunity to use the gym and would otherwise be deprived of outside activity.

## Sunday Services

In the Sunday morning church service on Feb. 25, the Rev. Mr. Black spoke on "God's Child In the Storm." Addressing especially the newer Christians, he warned of the storms of trial which inevitably come, even in the path of duty. He used Matt. 14:24 as his text, showing that even that which might have helped in the Christian life is often against us. "Christ sometimes seems absent when you need Him most, but He will come and your faith will be stronger after the storm."

Taking his text from Isa. 32, 11, "Be troubled, ye careless ones," Mr. Black made a "Call to the Careless" on Sunday evening. "If you do not consider the value of your soul and give it supreme attention, you are careless. The Bible holds a soul as priceless in value. If God is concerned, you too should be." How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? "Do not overreach the patience of God."

The girls of Yorkwood had charge of the W. Y. P. S. service on Sunday evening. Taking as their topic "Some Things that Matter," Pearl Burleigh, Alice Jean Lovell, Frances Pierce, Margaret Stevenson, and Mary Tiffany gave short talks on the assurance of grace, on prayer, Bible reading and missionary work. Scripture reading was by Carol Grant. A cello solo was played by another member of Yorkwood, Virginia Crofoot.

## EXTENSION NOTES

Since the beginning of the school year, the Extension Department of the W. Y. P. S. has been able to meet 50 different appointments in approximately 40 different churches and conduct between 85 and 100 religious services. Without the cooperation of the students and faculty members such a ministry would have been impossible. These services have been conducted almost entirely by students who are interested in Christian work. A few times some of the faculty have been called upon to do the preaching. The W. Y. P. S. cabinet along with the Extension Secretary greatly appreciates this kind cooperation.

But what has been done will not suffice for what there is yet to do. Easter is approaching. There is always a great demand for extension groups during the Easter season. Pastors of several churches in surrounding communities have already expressed their desire to have Houghton students assist in their services sometime during the Lenten season with special music or by preaching. We do not want to disappoint them. If we are able to meet all the future engagements, the continued cooperation is vitally essential.

A number of students who are interested in Christian work have not been contacted by the Extension Department. Others have been represented in different churches many times. The reason for this is that those who have been used more frequently are the ones who have organized themselves into gospel teams as quartets, trios, and even duets. They have manifested their interest in Christian work by taking time to practice, by participating in the religious activities in the college, and by sacrificing their time to go out on Sundays. Such persons have shown themselves dependable by assuming the responsibilities that were given to them. There is a great need for more such organizations among the students. It would be impossible for the Extension Secretary to contact all the students who are talented musically or otherwise, and arrange them into gospel teams to be used for extension work. There are opportunities for several different groups to go out, but unless they are prepared, by being organized and by practicing,

## A Double Portion

By Ruth Shea

Glancing down the road as he reached the corner of the field and turned to start plowing the next row, he saw someone approaching. The monotony of driving sweating oxen under the hot sun made any traveler a welcome sight. As the man came nearer, the oxen seemed to slow down rather than hurry to reach the end of the row that a word of greeting might pass between the two men. Then the young plowmen started. That was Elijah coming, the great prophet! Disappointed at first not to speak to him, he was amazed to see Elijah turn into the field. Elisha, sensing something he could not explain, stopped the oxen. In wonderment he silently stood as the beloved prophet removed his own mantle and cast it on younger shoulders.

"And it came to pass that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy Spirit be upon me." (Kings 2:9-10)

The simple act of casting the mantle upon Elisha's untrained shoulders was a momentous act in his life. He was a farmer boy, plowing in the field, and suddenly he was called to go into training so that some day he might take the place of the great prophet of God, Elijah. Following the prophet from place to place, watching him as he ministered before God, Elisha felt his own unpreparedness. He sensed the presence of the Spirit in Elijah, and, feeling the great difference between them, he humbly asked, "Let a double portion of thy Spirit be upon me."

"The world since civilization's dawn has had a quaint habit of bringing its 'sorry messes' to youth, with a patronizing sentiment, 'We're counting on you to make them right.' No use hoping this sad practice will ever change. Tomorrow's young people will always be paying the bills for the 'remarkable progress' today. Youngsters can never escape the Augean Labors of rebuilding civilization without and within. But youth can always lay hold on the same divine enablement, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit!' Richard E. Day

In the records of the Old and New Testaments we find young people, who like Elisha, were called for a special task, and who, like Elisha, felt their need of the Spirit of God. Jacob had his hour of struggle, then victory, and his name was changed from "Supplanter" to "Soldier of God." Gideon became junior partner with God and cried victoriously, "The sword of the Lord and Gideon." Isaiah, bowed with a sense of uncleanness, was touched with coals from God's altar. Queen Esther dared to face her king because she had first fasted and prayed with her Greater King. Peter, impetuous Peter, became the spokesman at the Day of Pentecost and became a great apostle because he tarried and was filled with the Spirit.

Before each of us are hours and days and years to be lived—somehow. Those will be filled with long enslaving chains of hours than the outstanding hours. Remember, it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zech. 4:6)

they are not easily contacted.

The object of the Extension Department is fourfold: first, to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; secondly, to render acceptable services to the churches where we are represented; thirdly, to rightly represent the college; and finally, to give experience to the students who are preparing for definite Christian work. We solicit the earnest cooperation of both students and faculty in the accomplishment of these purposes.

Extension Secretary,  
Theodore Bowditch



# Purple Pharaohs Outplay Golden Gladiators in First Of Current Color Contests

Purple Lassies  
Annex Opener by  
3-Point Margin

BY DAVE MORRISON

'Twere the Purple applauders who tossed down whole bottles of orange pop in revelry, when the balcony barkers gathered at Wakefield's and the College Inn Friday night. And 'twas the group of Gold who gave gelid glances and sought consolation from their moi-belles. For the Purple Pharaohs had taken the first contest of the year's color classics by the count of 33-26.

Unleashing as complete a fast break as could be consistent with their air-tight defense, the dark-hued dynasty drove to a seven point lead in the first four minutes and the Golden Giants were never able to cut that margin. At one point during the contest, the Purple paraded to a 15 point advantage.

Capt. Frank Taylor precipitated the scoring when he split the strings from center after a half-minute of sparring. Ten seconds later, Cliff Blauvelt angled a side-court shot through the net. After a charity toss by Evans lit the scoreboard for the Gold, the Pharaohs began their tornado tactics. Breaking at the first hint of a snagged pass, Prentice hooked three consecutive shots. Eyler added one a little later to make the first quarter's score stand at 12-1.

The Gladiators caught their breath during the interlude, and covered the quick-cutting Purple forwards, while "Red" Ellis dished a duet of double-deckers. The Pharaohs quickly counter-punched, however, as Blauvelt perniciously dunked three plural-pointers from the penumbral regions. The score at the mid-way mark was 22-9.

During the third period, the Golden Guild offensive picked up speed, but inaccurate shooting gave them a mere total of three points. Meanwhile the Purple coasted along on two more long heaves by Blauvelt and a quick-cut lay-up by Prentice.

The Gold struck their stride during last quarter and rolled up 14 points. The Purple totally abandoned their fast break and concentrated on holding their big lead safe. They attempted the task a little too leisurely at first, but two sleeper shots by Evans and a pair of "fadeaway" shots by Torrey stung them to caution and their fortifications were practically impenetrable thereafter. When the final ten-minute period was over, the officials halted the contest with the Purple fans doing the yelling.

Although the outcome was never in serious doubt after the first few minutes of play, the game was far from one-sided. The Purple victory was due to more accurate shooting and to skillful use of a fast break. Once the Gold defense was set, it was nigh impregnable.

Pouring in the most points for the Purple was Celeritous Cliff Blauvelt. Gainesville's gift to the Gold, Jim Evans, led the Gladiator offense with 7 points.

Most pleasant surprise of the evening was the sparkling performance of Pharaoh Prentice, who more than ably subbed for absent Bill Olcott, last year's captain. Jud pulled down runner-up honors in the scoring column with ten points.

Behind the referee's whistle was Joe Palone who handled both games with expert skill and showmanship.

## EXTRA

The Mongloid Marauders amply avenged their decisive defeat last Friday by trouncing the Purple Pharaohs 34-24 last night. The Gladiators seized an early lead and refused to yield an inch throughout the entire game. The darker-hued warriors could not click at all. Their passwork was sloppy and their shots failed to hit the mark. On the other hand, the Golden Horde was definitely "on." Big Frank Marsh was high-scoring with thirteen points and Pete Tuthill, fleet Fillmore flash, was runner-up with twelve counters.

The Purple feds eked out a narrow 24-23 victory over the Gold women by virtue of a mid-court shot by Gerry Paine.

## CHAPEL QUIZ

Opportunity is knocking at your door. What opportunity? Why, that much longed for opportunity of quizzing the faculty.

For next Wednesday's chapel, Mar. 6, 1940, the Boulder Staff has secured the services of President Paine, Dean Hazlett, Dr. Douglas, and Professor Cronk. These gentlemen will endeavor to answer your questions.

Questions should be in groups of 3 or 4 questions. All questions submitted must be placed in the box reserved for them in the library by 9:30 p. m. Monday night. Correct answers should accompany all questions.

For stumping the "experts" a reward of one candy bar per group of questions will be given. Here's your chance!!

Party...

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they made them the victims of strenuous games. Radio star imitations, strenuous brain teasers and pantomimes were the culmination of a hectic evening in which a battered and scarred Dean Hatch starred, washing her hands of the whole thing. She even admitted that in spite of everything, she had enjoyed herself.

## Lost and Found

Pair brown kid gloves  
2 pair woolen gloves  
2 silk mufflers  
2 woolen mufflers  
Blue suede purse  
Pair shell-rimmed glasses in case  
Pencils  
Fountain Pens (All makes)

Including:  
Sheaffer  
Sheaffer, Jr.  
Parker  
Esterbrook  
and others.

CALL AT BUSINESS OFFICE

Box Score:

	Purple	Gold
	FG FT T PCT.	FG FT T PCT.
Prentice	5 0 10 .384	
Eyler	2 2 6 .285	
Taylor	2 0 4 .167	
Sheffer	0 1 1 .250	
Blauvelt	6 0 12 .333	
Sackett	0 0 0 .000	
Evans		3 1 7 .216
Torrey		2 0 4 .400
Ellis		3 0 6 .273
Tuthill		0 1 1 .100
Mix		0 3 3 .300
Paine		1 3 5 .219
Houser		0 0 0 .000

## Houghton Indians Trounce Pike Pirates 47-20 Take First Position

The Houghton Indians went on the warpath again the evening of Monday, February 26, in the Fillmore gym when they soundly trounced the Pike Pirates. Their 47-20 victory leaves them in undisputed possession of first place honors, at least until next Saturday night, after which they probably will be tied for first with Gainesville. The Monday night win assures them of an opportunity of participating in the final tournament.

The game was rather rough but on the whole it was fairly good basketball. In winning the Indians used the simplest but not the easiest expedient of outplaying them. Their passwork was better than usual. The scoring was done by several persons of which no single one predominated. Big Glenn Mix, bulwark of the Indian defense, and Paul Paine, versatile center, shared the top scoring honors with eleven counters each. Marv Eyler was runner-up with ten.

The team representing the Fillmore faculty defeated the Indian second team (perhaps they should be designated "Papooses") to the tune of 21-14. Pete Tuthill, elongated enigma, was high-scoring with six points.

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## PRIZE

1 Poems

2 Essays

3 Stories

## Purplettes Hold Goldy-Locks to Melody of 23-20

Paine, Fidinger  
Take Highscore

The pulchritudinous Purplettes did their share to spread the gloom over the Gold by vanquishing the girls in Gold to the melody of 23-20, in the first feminine clash of colors.

For the first three minutes of play, the girls were content to lead with light passes and a few timid shots. After three minutes of cross-examining, Gerry Paine broke loose and tickled the net from the corner. After Doris Driscoll pumped in two more, Jean French answered with a single-pointer from the foul stripe and then with a set shot from quarter-court. A couple of minutes later, Billie Paine swished one from side-court to end the quarter's scoring with the Purple in front, 8-3.

The second period gave the Gold defense a chance to assert itself. So well did the trio of McCombe, Veazie and Wright perform that the Purple feds sank nary a shot from the field, their only counters coming by way of two free throws. However, the Purple zone defense worked to such perfection that the Golden Girls made but three counters in turn.

The Purple retained their superiority during the third period by outscoring the Gold 6-4, those four points being scored by Fidinger on four successive tries from the charity stripe.

It was not till the last quarter that the Gold made things serious. Behind 16-10 at the beginning of the period, they surged to within two points of the Purple tally with four minutes remaining. Gerry Paine raised the margin again with a clean net shot from center. After three scoreless minutes, Jean French dropped in two throws from the foul line and Ruth Newhart pushed one in from the side to tie the score with 30 seconds left. At this point Gerry Paine sank a foul toss for the winning point, and a few seconds later, Millie Schaner added a double-decker just to make things safe.

If there's any flower tossing done, let's give blue orchids for the Purple offense, and camellias for the Gold's west wall. High scoring honors go to Gerry Paine with 13 points, and to Fidinger who tallied 10 for the Gold.

Box Score:

	Purple	Gold
G. Paine	6 1 13 .293	
Driscoll	2 1 5 .273	
B. Paine	1 1 3 .200	
Schaner	1 0 2 .167	
guards: Gage, Lawrence, Hampton		
French		1 4 6 .217
Fidinger		3 4 10 .259
Newhart		2 0 4 .087
guards: McComb, Veazie, Wright		

A Budget is a method of worrying before you spend instead of afterward.

## BLEACHER



## GOSSIP

by Allyn Russell

Five week quiz for all sport fans. This examination will be conducted solely on the honor system. Please take alternate seats two rows apart. Answer any ten questions.

1. One of America's greatest intellectual geniuses is \_\_\_\_\_, sportswriter for the *New York Herald Tribune* and also a frequent performer on the radio program "Information Please."

2. If you are one of those who follow town basketball through the *Fillmore Observer* you know without a doubt that one of the following does not play for his local hamlet (Bob Torey, Jim Evans, Marv Eyler, Glen Mix, Pete Tuthill.)

3. The great national game of baseball which overshadows all American sports (was derived from the English game of cricket, was invented by a Civil War general at Cooperstown N. Y., was founded and first played by several Australians.)

4. Head football coach at Colgate University who produces a heads up eleven every fall for the Chenango county fans is (Amos Stagg, Gil Dobie, Jud De Groat, Andy Kerr).

5. Fastest Houghton mile ever run was rolled off by Keith Sackett, speedy speedster of the Junior class and off season performer for the Philadelphia A. C. (?). Keith holds the local mile record in the fast time of (4:09, 4:45, 5:01, 4:13.)

6. A positive phenomenon connected with opening day at the baseball season in Cincinnati is the fact that (from 1931-1939 eight mayors of the city dropped dead on the occasion thus causing eight council presidents to throw out the first ball, the Reds have never won a game on that date, annually all reserved seats are sold out three or four months in advance, a city ordinance was passed in 1938 fining any office boy \$5 who announces to his employer the expiration of one or more of his ancestors within 24 hours before game time.)

7. In the popular business men's pastime a birdie is not a member of that family which resides in and around the treetops, but on the contrary is (1, 2, 3, 4,) shot(s) under par.

8. The N. Y. State Board of Education two years ago passed a law forbidding high school girls to play inter-scholastic basketball because (a petition by two thousand mothers protested that it was midnight or after when the girls arrived home after such contests, the board unanimously decided that such contests were most detrimental to the health of those who played, the average H. S. could not afford to transport both girls and fellows.)

9. Ivan Cummings, local student, had two brothers who during the past pigskin season played regularly for the city of Rochester's professional football team (True or False).

10. It takes (6, 8, 5, 7,) skaters to form an official legal, and approved hockey team.

Answers: John Kieran, Pete Tuthill, invented by a civil war general at Cooperstown, N. Y., Andy Kerr, 4:45, annually all reserved seats are sold out three or four months in advance, 1, a broad survey showed that such games were detrimental to health, False (just one brother!), 6.

Father: "The man who marries my daughter, Ruth, will get a prize."  
Milton K.: "May I see it, sir?"