



Debate Squad Wins Geneseo Tourney; Dean Lynip Accepts Trophy In Chapel



Dr. Hall Presents Trophy

Dr. Bert Hall, debate coach, representing the Houghton debaters in the Seventh Annual Debate Tournament at Geneseo, presented Dr. Arthur Lynip with the victory trophy, signifying highest honors for their participation on December 1. The squad, consisting of Burton Newman and Robert Sabean, affirmative; Patricia Hunter and John Bush, negative, debated the resolution: That the United States should discontinue economic aid to foreign countries. The trophy, presented last Friday in chapel, is to be placed in the library.

Houghton negative tied with the University of Cornell for first place, winning over Lemoyne, St. Lawrence and Buffalo State Teachers' College. The affirmative team came in third, placing over Rochester Institute of Technology and Lemoyne.

Upon receiving the trophy, Dr. Lynip stated that next to spiritual activities, he knows of no exercise more profitable than debating. He also expressed the desire for more student participation in this organization.

In addition to the regular debates, Dr. Hall's class in discussion and debate participated in two rounds of discussion.

Oratorio, Chorus, Orchestra Perform Christmas Music at Wellsville, Church

Houghton College Oratorio Society, Chorus, and Orchestra, conducted by Charles Finney, presented a Christmas program, Sunday afternoon and evening, December 9, 1956. The program was presented in Wellsville at three o'clock in the Nancy Howe Auditorium and at seven-thirty in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Houghton.

The program quietly began with *Silent Night*, sung in three settings. Progressing through *Rejoice, Beloved Christians*, by Dietrich Buxtehude, selections from the *Messiah*, by George Handel, and numbers by Constance Rulison and Vaughan Williams, it closed dramatically with *Adestes Fideles*, from *JOIGA*, a carol fantasy, arranged by Charles H. Finney.

The Advent Cantata by Buxtehude included a solo, *Behold, I Come*, sung by David Linton, and a soprano and alto duet, *Amen*, sung by Allene Horne and Gladys Douglas. Bernina Hostetter accompanied on the organ.

The *Messiah* selections were commenced with the orchestra, playing the *Overture*, conducted by Jack Bemis. Selections by the chorus were interspersed with solo selections, *The Christmas Recitatives*, and *Come Unto Him*, sung by Rebecca Ledden. The organist during this part of the program was Vaughn Dunham.

Barbara Platt, on the organ, accompanied the chorus selection, *This is the Day of Christ's Birth*, by Constance Rulison. *The Magnificat*, by Vaughn Williams, was sung by Barbara Mitchell assisted by the women's chorus and college orchestra.

All voices and instruments, including chimes, joined in climaxing the program with the delightful carol fantasy, *JOIGA*, arranged and directed by Professor Charles Finney. *JOIGA* stands for the carols, *Joy to the World*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*, *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* and *Adeste Fideles*.

Sunday evening's performance completed the activities of the Oratorio Society and the Orchestra for this semester. Since September, the Orchestra has performed in several area schools. Plans for next semester are incomplete.

Ferm Plans Second Tour

Plans are in progress for the second tour abroad, conducted by Dr. Robert O. Ferm. A six-hour course in either history or sociology, "European Historical and Cultural Background," will be taught in conjunction with the tour. Enough requests have already been received from students, alumni and others so that the trip will be made, unless there is great political change in the Near East.

Last year twenty-six made the tour by boat. This year they will go by plane to central cities and travel from there by bus. A short visit to the scenic Scandinavian countries, Scotland and Ireland will be added. At Stratford-on-Avon, in England, the group will see one of Shakespeare's plays as produced in the Shakespeare theater and they will visit Edinburgh Music Festival. In Rome the tourists will view an opera at the site of the ruins of the Baths of Caracalla on the largest stage in the world. Last year the entire four hour production of *Aida* was given. In Switzerland they will climb the mountains the modern way, by cable car. The group will visit Paris, Nice and Monte Carlo in France. A two day stay in Madrid, Spain may be included also.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1040. Leaving New York City on July 13, thirty-five days will be spent in traveling in Scandinavia, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, Scotland, Ireland, England and back to Shannon, Ireland for the return trip on August 18.

Because of the success of last year's trip, the European tour may become part of the college curriculum.

Fire Company To Finish Roof

The Houghton Volunteer Fire Department will complete the roof on its new fire station as soon as weather permits, Allen Smith, president, stated. The new building, on the site of the old one, will have facilities for housing three engines and a town meeting room. At present, the department owns two engines, one pumper and one ladder truck.

Aside from the block work, done by Houghton Builders' Supply Company, the labor is being donated by the firemen. Elmer Roth is fire chief.

Lecture Series Presents Slides On Life of West Germany Today

Donald Sultner Welles, known as "Whistler of the Camera," will talk on "West Germany Through the Eyes of an American" at the third lecture series of the school year on January 11, at 8:00 in the chapel.

Mr. Welles is an artist photographer and will show colored slides to illustrate his lecture. Late in 1954, the Bonn government invited him to make a study-tour of West Germany.

Mr. Welles is the only photographer, either movie or still, ever asked to participate in its exchange program.

While in Germany, Mr. Welles visited refugee centers, housing developments, harbor installations, attended opera and concert performances, visited studios and workshops of contemporary artists, participated in round-table discussions, and spoke with workers, students and teachers.

Mr. Welles believes that our newspapers and magazines have given ample coverage to the political, economic and social aspects of West Germany, neglecting however, the culture of the people. Through his slides he attempts to give a picture of this side of the country.

Mr. Welles interests have included the arts since he was a child. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he has traveled this country extensively and has captured many impressions of the customs, peoples and landmarks of our land through

Christmas Parties Tonight Launch Three Week Holiday

An "Old Fashioned Christmas Tree-eat" is the theme of the Senior Class Christmas party tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Rec hall.

Based on an old-fashioned Christmas, it will feature Grandma and Santa Claus — if there is sufficient snow for his eight reindeer. McCarty's Midnight Men will present a medley of "Jingle Bells" and "Winter Wonderland." Later in the program, in a more serious vein, they will sing "O Holy Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

A.A. Plans Film Program, Jan. 4

The film "Seventeen," latest Gospel Films release, will be the main feature of the Athletic Association program, Friday, January 4, 1957. Lauded by many as one of the greatest youth films ever produced, this full length feature will be shown in the college at 8:00.

"Seventeen" dramatizes from start to finish the fact that the answer to juvenile problems is through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a story that could happen anywhere in the U.S.A. with action centering around a group of high school students who dared to stand for what they believed. Music for the film is by Ralph Carmichael. Preceding the showing of "Seventeen," the Athletic Association will present two animated cartoons.

John Reist, president of the Athletic Association, asserts that "the primary aim of this program is to provide students with wholesome and educational entertainment" and highly recommends the film.

Seniors To Enter Medical School

Two senior pre-med students, Frances Stine, zoology major, and Dwight Strum, chemistry major, have been accepted at medical schools.

Frances has been accepted at two schools, Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago and Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia. Dwight received his letter of acceptance from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School.

Clubs Conclude Year's Activities

SCANDINAVIAN CLUB

Ten members of the Scandinavian Club attended a concert by Jussi Bjoerling at Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo, Wednesday evening, December 5. Mrs. Enrico Caruso has said that this artist is the only living tenor who comes close to wearing her husband's crown.

In its study of Scandinavian heritage and ancestry, the club attends events of cultural significance to them. Students with Scandinavian background or a vital interest in appreciation of Scandinavian languages, cultures, customs and civilizations are invited to be guests at two of the club's monthly meetings, after which they may become regular members.

GERMAN CLUB

A "Mozart trio" composed of Mr. Austin and George Fink at the piano, and Robert Scott at the violin, playing Strauss waltzes, entertained at the Christmas party of *Die Wandlust-Verein*, Saturday, December 8, in East Hall.

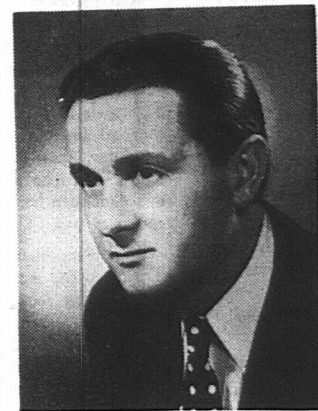
The party, emceed by Daniel Wilson, also featured Mr. Austin, telling several fairy tales in his "German accent." Christmas carols sung in German, and various games completed the entertainment.

CLASSICS CLUB

The Classics Club held its annual Christmas program, Wednesday evening. The program featured a comparison between the Biblical record in Isaiah of the prophecy of Christ's birth and its parallel record in Virgil's *Eclues*. After the group sang carols in Latin, refreshments were served.

INTERNA'L RELATIONS CLUB

The International Relations Club held its annual Christmas party last Wednesday, December 5, in S-21, with Helen Ott, social chairman substituting for the president, Lindol Hutton. The program consisted of a panel discussion on Christmas mores around the world. Those participating in the panel were Peter Galuteria, Anthony Yu, Jean Innis, Ann Carrier, Aristotle Nicolaides and Orebo Bodunrin.



Donald S. Welles

color photography.

The excellent art quality of his pictures and his vivid presentation of his subjects have been highly praised in numerous places where Mr. Welles has lectured.

Holiday Values

Mistletoe is hanging, department stores are buzzing, Santa Claus is coming, and our own Christmas plans are in the making. The merriest of holidays is only a few days away. All of this and much more is occurring because a baby was born in a barn over 1900 years ago. What has happened? Why have we let Christmas become so commercialized that we forget the reason for its being?

True, the commercialist can tell us that the Christ-child received gifts on his first birthday — gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Benevolence had its inception at the birth of the Savior. And He propagated this idea through his life on earth — "Give, and it shall be given unto you . . ."

But somehow through the ages men have captured that spirit and molded it into commercialism, but, in the molding, they have sapped it of its true motivation — divine love. Our gift-giving is but mockery of the true benevolence which should be identified with Christmas.

Fortunately, in the midst of all the frenzy and mad rushing of the 20th Century Christmas, we have heard of at least two major efforts to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Broadcasting stations in the Syracuse area are sponsoring a multi-million dollar project toward that end. And the Chamber of Commerce of Pontiac, Michigan, has changed the theme of its gigantic Christmas parade from Santa Claus and Christmas shopping to Christ, the true meaning of Christmas.

Let us do what we can to prevent the materialism which would destroy the essence of the season; let's keep it where it counts — in the heart.

Revelation

"No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known." (John 1:18, R.S.V.)

Christ has made God known! — This is the essence of Christmas.

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to try to know God apart from his written and living Word? Those who try by inductive logic to reason God from themselves or from their surroundings, come far from the mark of the one living and true God.

Let us praise God this Christmas for the gift of His love, Jesus Christ, who is come that man might know God . . . whom to know aright is to love.



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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bidler



December 11, 1956

Dear Editor:

The National Association of Evangelicals is sponsoring a new movement among Christian educators and, eventually, Christian students. It is felt by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs for the N.A.E., and by others that more Christian students ought to be entering the Federal Service of the United States and that they would be entering if they were well informed of the possibilities for them in such departments as the Civil Service Commission, the State Department, the Department of Justice, the I.C.A., Congress (both as a primary and secondary field of service) and the Press.

Dr. Taylor quotes a key person in one of the largest departments of government as follows: "He had been called upon by his department to brief eight men who had been carefully screened by personnel officers for places of leadership in that department. His responsibility was to interview them in matters of government ethics and morals as well as in the general subject of patriotism, our American heritage and the American way of life."

After talking with these eight university men he was completely despondent. All of them had masters degrees from some of the largest universities in our country. In matters of morals and ethics, he found that they all insisted that there were no absolutes, that everything was relative. When he talked of patriotism, our American heritage, etc. their only comment was, "That's all parochial."

That experience prompted Dr. Taylor to call a meeting of Christian college men scheduled for February 6-8, 1957. Out of such a meeting that will include conferences with government officers, it may be hoped that better ways of dispensing information back through our Christian schools to the students will be worked out so that what constitutes great opportunities will be publicized as such.

Mr. Taylor is further quoted as follows: "Evangelical Christianity holds the answer to this problem (of providing men and women of suffi-

cient caliber to be given heavy governmental responsibilities) for ours is a gospel which recognizes absolute values. Thus the most effective remedy for this over-all problem would be to stimulate a greater flow of students from our Christian colleges — young people who have a Christian dynamic, with real convictions in the field of ethics and morals, trained and equipped — to serve in governmental positions."

I think that there is something in this for Houghton students. Included in our student body are some outstanding scholars. I believe that the Lord can use some of these young people in governmental service and that in the process of time, key matters pertaining to the welfare of this country will come under the jurisdiction of such trained and disciplined Houghton graduates, much to the profit of our country. It seems to me to be right and appropriate that such well endowed young people should "think big" regarding the possibilities that lie before them for serving the Lord in critical areas of our country's government. I would be delighted to be of assistance in enabling such people to enroll in the proper graduate school or to apply at the appropriate government department in order to fulfill such an ambition and leading.

Yours very truly,

Arthur W. Lynip

Dean of the College

Dear Editor,

Are the sidewalks around here purely ornamental? Most of the students don't seem to know they exist. Trail blazing may have been all right for the early pioneers, but it doesn't serve to enhance the beauty of our campus.

Marriage

HAZLETT — ROOSE

Mr. and Mrs. William Roose of Gorham, New York, announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Ann, (ex '58) to Don P. Hazlett on Saturday, November 3, at the Methodist Church in Gorham, New York.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hazlett ('54) announce the birth of a son, Brian Theodore, on October 12.

Bifocal



BY

Marilyn and Bob

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Praise goes to you! We truly extended a helping hand to our Hungarian brothers in their time of extreme trial, need and sorrow, thus exemplifying both the spirit of Christ and Americanism in our group. Thanks for your cooperation by participating in the sacrifice dinners.

THE CRYSTAL BALL DEPARTMENT

We trust you have all of your term papers completed by this time. Many professors, we understand, have made provision for wild and hilarious student vacations, free from the burden of work, by making pre-holiday deadlines. If you are one of those who have planned to do a paper at home during vacation, however, why don't you take a lesson from past experience and forget about it! You know as well as we do that you won't open a book so why not save yourself all the bother of carting a battery of books home and leave tomorrow with the good old "let's have fun" attitude? See if we aren't right.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Can Mr. Bemis be taught to appreciate the Barbarians? Can the Barbarians be taught to appreciate Mr. Bemis?

WE KNOW A DARK SECLUDED PLACE

The same place, the same tables, the same people, . . . wonderful, unusual decorations (for which the students worked HOURS) . . . and then somebody turned out the lights, and you couldn't see a thing.

P.S. Have a cool Yule!

MEN WITHOUT COUNTRY

Some of the kindnesses of Houghton's more permanent residents towards the students, who feel rather transient here and uprooted from their normal lives, are often little-noticed. The hospitality of such members of the faculty as the Dr. Halls, the Dean Lynips and the Dr. Stockins does much to enliven many a student's college days.

IT'S IN THE BAG

Santa Claus, we expect, will find his way even to Houghton. Some may not believe that he exists, but this is no proof; as for us, our stockings will be hanging over our radiators in expectation of the arrival of this famous Saint and what is left after hunting season of his equally heralded reindeer. A "hot" tip from the frigid North Pole revealed to us that the following will be found in the stockings of these of our friends . . .

— fly-swatter for the kitchen

— Dr. Paine's new book "Toe The Mark" for all the 1957 Freshmen

— an alma-mater for Jim White

— an autographed picture of Oswald J. Smith for Dean Ferm's office

— matching knee socks for the campus couples

— polish for the Houghton Brass

— blazing yellow raincoats for all who walk on the road (to keep from being hit) and hip-boots for all who walk on the path

— a plague of rodents for June and George Zoo

— a paper pick-up stick for Dr. Jo

— a deer for Bruce Stockin and Dr. Hall

— a matching green scarf and mitten set for Mr. Johnston — and a student who reacts with diametrical opposition to 'most everything

— a new pair of rims to Bill Allen for his contact lens

— to Dr. Rork: Moss Lake

— to Joy and next year's editor, Seth, a great newspaper.

Happy Holidays

from

The Star Staff



Houghton College
Houghton, New York
December 21, 1956

Dear Folks,

Two weeks ago tonight was the Christmas Banquet — all of us were in high spirits in anticipation of getting home for Christmas and the holidays. Guess that proves we can't be too sure of ourselves. Maybe Calvin has a point — *que sera* and all that. Anyway, here we are and I certainly am sorry to have ruined all your plans.

Most people agree that it began just after the *Stars* came out on Thursday. But we didn't know it at the time. After all, we have plenty of snow most of the winter, as it is, so nobody really noticed the storm in spite of its severity. Nobody, that is, except for one odd-ball we call "Prophet." He was wandering around warning everyone about a terrible storm. I think I've mentioned Prophet before; he's the one who's building some sort of Ski-machine up in the fields. Everyone thinks he's demented, and he probably is.

Friday morning was blinding and howling. In honor of the vacation, breakfast was served later than usual, at 7:05. Consequently, I decided to go for the first time this semester. Even then I didn't realize our fortune. The snow was seven feet deep and unbelievably slippery. Many muttered about the roads and their cars; none of this concerned me because I knew that once we were away from here, the roads would be clear. (Funny thing: the roads are clear every time we go twenty miles away).

By 10:30, "Exodus Time", the State Police had arrived, saying that the plows could no longer operate, and we couldn't use the highway until it at least stopped snowing.

That was "the rub", Folks. It hasn't stopped yet!

I'm sorry somebody from *Time* or *Life* isn't here to take pictures. It's very eerie, to say the least. They decided to continue classes for lack of something better to do, but abandoned that idea on Monday because so many of the professors never arrived. They couldn't be contacted.

Today the snow is around sixty-eight feet deep. I know because we once measured the height of the Old Ad Tower in trigonometry class. A few of us are huddled here on the tower. Across the plane of snow we can see the ridge of Lucky Building's roof above the snow. There is another small group there. Bedford gym vanished yesterday. The snow is coming down fiercely. I think we're the only students left; most of the kids disappeared three days ago when several of them fell into the valley ice crevice. I think the others either starved or froze. We have no more food ourselves.

Well Folks, I must close now. Prophet promised to take this letter with him. His Ski-machine works, by the way. I always thought there was something calculating about him. The Ski-machine is the only way to escape — fortunately, one of us can get out to tell the world about the last of Houghton.

As I said, I must close. Good-bye now. And, oh yes, Merry Christmas!

—R.A.D.

Academy and Married Men Lead House League; Foster, Hess 2nd

The Academy cemented its hold on first place in House League, Saturday, December 8, by defeating Gilmore House by forfeit to remain undefeated with a 4-0 record. Previously, they had slaughtered Hess House 70-34 with Paul Mills scoring 31 and Warren Morton 19; and the Faculty 65-33, with Paul Mills again bagging 31 points and Morton scoring 15. Their first victory was a forfeit over Foster House early in the year.

Foster has since scored three consecutive victories to climb into a tie with Hess House for second place with three wins and one loss. Saturday they clubbed Leonard Houghton 43-23 with Chris Kristensen scoring 14 points to lead the way. Their first two victories were over Austin House 44-26, as Towstik and Kristensen tied for scoring honors with 11 apiece; and over the Faculty 41-37, in which they came from 10 points behind to win. Baker led the scorers this time with 14 points and Bob Keller totaled 10. Mr. Stockin led the Faculty with 14, also.

Bowen House defeated Austin House in the second game, Dec. 8, 38-30 to remain in third place with a 2-1 record. Jim Juroe had 18 for the winners, and Rupe McGrath tallied 14 for Austin. Hess House defeated Bowen 46-32, December 1, to enable them to tie for second place. Dennis McCarty led the scoring with 18 points and Ed Stansfield had 10. Juroe and Atwood both had 10 for Bowen.

In other games that weren't forfeits, Dave Neu scored 18 points to

lead Gilmore to a 43-34 victory over Panich, despite Dave Barbour's 16 points for the losers. The Married Men defeated both Leonard Houghton 51-31, with Don Thompson scoring 27 points, and the Faculty 35-31, this time Thompson leading the way with 23 points. The Married Men are tied with the high school for the league lead with a 2-0 record.

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Book Review... Town Meeting: Middle East

THE TONTINE, Thomas B. Costain, illustrated by Herbert Ryman, Doubleday and Company, 2 vols., 815 pp.

Reviewed by PROF. R. W. HAZLETT

Those readers who have dipped into the works of Mr. Costain and found him to be a thoroughly competent, but otherwise undistinguished craftsman to be classed with historical novelists like the late Samuel Shellabarger and the still-living Frank Claughton, are forced to revise their critical estimates sharply upward. *The Tontine* is not only his "greatest" but also, in the opinion of this reviewer, a truly monumental and magnificent novel, written in the best tradition of the English novel from Thackeray to Galsworthy.

The "tontine" received its name from a Neapolitan banker who introduced his system, aptly described as "a strange enticing form of gamble, part lottery, part insurance," into France in the 17th century. Transposed to England, it reached its climax in the Waterloo Tontine, which forms the background of the novel and weaves itself in and out of the complicated action as the shaping force in the lives of four generations of Carboys and Graces.

At the end, there are only three feeble and brittle old people left. Suspense, of course, centers upon the last survivor who will receive upwards of 30,000 pounds annually for the short time that he can stay alive. Ironically this fortune will come much too late to mean anything to the recipient, but obscure relatives and outsiders who have bet heavily on the outcome are vitally concerned. The tontine, which begins on a note of melodramatic violence when Hark Chaffery, an enterprising entrepreneur of the London underworld, tries to seize control of the lottery and abscond with the proceeds, is continued to the highly dramatic climax when arson, attempted murder and impersonation of a dead stockholder are involved.

The last male survivor is Sir Julian, son of George Grace, former senior member of the firm of Grace and Carboy. One of the two women is Isabelle Carboy, daughter of Samuel Carboy. Her father, after ousting his partner from the firm, has by ruthless and often unscrupulous methods become the richest man in England. Isabelle becomes a much-married seeker after titles and social and financial prestige. In her brilliant wit and ageless beauty, she reminds one irresistibly of Beatrix in *Henry Esmond*.

The other woman is Helen Groody, daughter of Samuel's coachman, with whom Allie, Isabelle's weak but affable brother, is deeply in love. However this romance is rather easily broken up by parental opposition.

Which of the three survivors wins the tontine cannot, of course, be divulged here. In a novel of this



Spotlight Focuses on Israel, Egypt, Recent Trouble Areas

THE MIDDLE EAST

American foreign policy has been violently re-oriented from the Far to the Middle East. In the last six months we have watched the Middle East cauldron seethe with nationalistic violence and boil over. It is therefore vital that we become familiar with that section of the world in which we may yet have to fight and die.

GEOGRAPHY

The Middle East can be said to include all of North Africa, the Fertile Crescent, Asia Minor and Turkey. It is the gateway between East and West.

RESOURCES

Although most of its people live off the land, the Middle East has only two major resources — oil and geography.

Most of the oil comes from Arabia and Iran.

The most valuable geography is the Suez Canal, oil life-line of Europe, direct route to all points east, and the Straits of Gibraltar, which is the gateway to the Mediterranean and Suez; and the Dardenelles, the door to the Black Sea, and the heart of Russia.

PEOPLE

From Algeria to Syria, the peoples are Arabic. From Iraq to Turkey they are non-Arabic, of a Semitic or Eastern European type. Of course Israel is home for millions of Jews. Except in Israel and Turkey the people live in grinding poverty and disease. With the exception of Israel and Lebanon, no country of this group could be said to have a truly democratic government. The people are ruled by dictators, military cliques or dynastic kings and sheiks, causing them to be fertile ground for radical doctrines that promise a change in their grim lot.

HISTORY

As the cradle of civilization, the Middle East has seen great empires rise and fall. Under the religious fire of Mohammed it was able to knock at the very gates of Europe. But after the ninth century it went into a decline from which it has not yet awakened. Internal wars, disease and climatic changes took their toll. Western colonial powers controlled large areas of the Middle East, leaving a legacy of hate which we are reaping in our day.

ISRAEL

Although directly in the center of the Middle East, Israel is as unlike its neighbors as an American super-market is unlike a Casbah fruit stall. Protected by Britain, it flourished and prospered, incurring the envy and hatred of its less-fortunate Arab Moslem neighbors. In 1948, Israel won recognition as a new nation when it ignominiously routed the armies of seven Arab states, sworn to its destruction, in two weeks.

But the Arab-Hebrew bitterness is eternal and deep. Arab refugees from the 1948 war, who refuse compensation for land taken over by Israel, sit on the border in hateful reverie, waiting for the day of return.

RECENT EVENTS

Britain and France, once-great colonial powers in the Middle East, were humiliated by Nasser, dictator of Egypt, who preached a holy war against all colonial nations and Israel. Banding together, these nations invaded Egypt to take control of the Suez canal from the wild, unpredictable dictator. Although they had soon chopped up Nasser's pitiable army, the British, French and Israelis ran into something far more formidable: World opinion. Reluctantly grinding to a halt, they gave the problem to the UN.

The world body sent in a multi-national police force to guard the area after the withdrawal of foreign forces. This is where we stand today. The United States has gained great prestige by her stand against aggression, but Russia is still a powerful force in the Middle East. It is up to the U.S. to state a definite foreign policy for the Middle East that will strive to bring some measure of peace and security to that unhappy area.

breadth and scope, there can be no they-lived-happily-ever-afterward ending in the conventional story-book fashion. Death must be the ultimate and inevitable winner. Yet there are relatively happy episodes. Life completes its cycle and returns upon itself. The grandson of Allie Carboy finds as much happiness as one can hope for in this world in the love of Nell Groody, grandniece of Helen Groody. No new form of Grace and Carboy arises upon the ruins of the old with much better chances of success. In such a novel the immediately important becomes insignificant and incidental in the perspective of time, and the trivial and the transient find their proper level in the scale of life. Reading such a novel as this is both a rewarding and a humbling experience.

Mr. Costain has demonstrated that one can still write a full-bodied, red-blooded work of fiction in which there is no trace of prudery or pruriency that can offend the most exacting or fastidious reader. This indeed is no mean achievement.

Pat Hunter Wins Limerick Contest

There was a young Freshman named Ben

For sleeping he had a great yen

His theory? osmosis;

His grade-point? Atrocious!

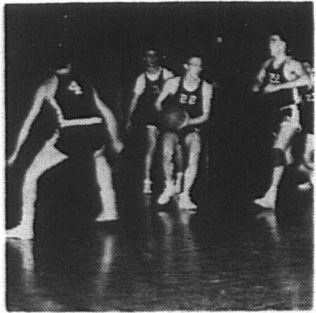
For books make hard pillows for men.
by Patricia Hunter

This is it, the winning limerick from the *Lantern* contest. Patricia Hunter will receive a free copy of the 1957 *Lantern* when it comes out in the Spring.

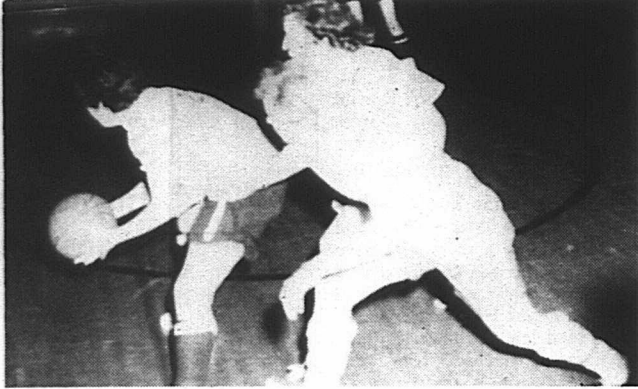
NEW CONTEST OPENS

The next *Lantern* Limerick Contest is a special for the faculty, staff and non-students. Fill in the last three lines of the following limerick and win your free copy of the 1957 *Lantern*. All entries must be sent to either Dean Lynip, *Lantern* adviser, or to Marilyn Johnson, *Lantern* editor.

A teacher, observing and keen,
Witnessed a chapel-time scene



Clyde Michener is immediately surrounded by (l. to r.) Pete Hammond, John Percy and Don Trasher as he receives ball in keyhole. Sophs won for their first win, 63-54.



Symbolic of the big game — Jrs. Susie Carver and Lois Chapman strain to take ball from Carol Demarest of the Sophs, who won 35-32.

Sophs Win Twice; Move Closer To Double Slam In Class Race

The Sophs presented Coach Don Gordon with an early Christmas present last night — a smashing 60-39 victory over the upstart Frosh. The Freshmen appeared for the first time in their trim blue and white uniforms, but never should have returned the Green and White to their opponents. The Sophomores won handily.

The final score is indicative of the superiority in all phases of the game that the Green and White holds over the other three squads.

Snuffing a spurt by the Frosh that carried the score to 37-30 at half, the winners triumphed by staging two surges of their own.

In the first half, after Norton hit from underneath to make it 14-10 Sophomores, Sheesley scored on a tap-in and a one-hander, Trasher hit twice from the key hole, and followed a long one hander by Taylor with a jump shot from the side that made the score 28-12.

In the second half, Waite scored on a drive-in to keep the Frosh within striking distance at 43-34, but Hammond scored on a set, Sheesley sank two jump shots, and Trasher caged two free throws to settle the issue, 51-34.

Trasher was high scorer for the Sophs with 19, and Walker and Norton tied with 14 for the Frosh.

The Soph girls made a league crown for both Green and White class teams appear imminent, by scoring a nominal 31-22 victory over the winless Frosh last night in the first of the twin Soph triumphs.

Yoder and Banker again sparked the Sophs to victory by scoring 14 and 13 points, respectively. The score was 17-10 at the half, and the Frosh never got closer.

Sara Peck scored 10 points for the Freshmen, and Bonnie Boggs tabbed 6.

CLASS STANDINGS

| Men | | |
|---------|---|---|
| | W | L |
| Sophs | 4 | 0 |
| Frosh | 2 | 2 |
| Seniors | 2 | 2 |
| Juniors | 0 | 4 |

| Women | | |
|---------|---|---|
| | W | L |
| Sophs | 4 | 0 |
| Juniors | 3 | 1 |
| Seniors | 1 | 3 |
| Frosh | 0 | 4 |

Sophs Top Juniors; Frosh Fell Srs. 55-50; Soph Women Nip Juniors in Uphill Battle

The Sophomore men set the stage for the final game of the class basketball season before vacation by defeating the Juniors, who are still looking for their first win, 63-54.

The victory was unimpressive, but the Sophs revealed that they can win despite the fact that there is no incentive present. Probably looking ahead to their aforementioned December 12 game with the Frosh, the Green and White lacked fire and spirit as they achieved a 22-19 half-time edge. However, whenever the Juniors would threaten, the victors would turn Sheesley or Trasher loose for a string of baskets to widen the margin. Sheesley led the scoring with 24 points, and Trasher had 21. Clyde Michener tallied 13, most of them on jump shots from the key.

Sophs — 35, Juniors — 32

For at least one half the Junior girls looked to be the best team in the league, Wednesday, December 5, but it wasn't enough. The favored Sophomores came from behind a 21-14 half-time deficit to save their undefeated record and take their longest step toward the league crown. They won 35-32, by scoring 6 consecutive points early in the second half which pulled them up to 21-20.

From there it was nip and tuck until Charlotte Yoder scored on a one hander with 3:56 remaining, and then scored again by intercepting a pass and laying it up for a 34-30 Sophomore lead. Alice Banker sank a foul to clinch the game for the powerful Sophs. Banker and Yoder tied for Sophomore scoring honors with 11 apiece, while Sylvia Carver had 15 and Molly Castor 13 for the losers.

Frosh — 55, Seniors — 50

The Freshmen scored the biggest basketball upset of the season to date by knocking off the Seniors, December 3, to virtually eliminate the upper classmen from a chance at the title.

Seniors Defeat Juniors, 65-60

Monday night the Senior men's basketball team handed the Juniors their fourth consecutive setback 65-60. Led by their veteran, Gordy Beck, who scored 29 points, the Seniors finally found themselves after 12 minutes of sloppy ball. At this point the Seniors trailed, 15-12, but took a commanding ten point lead by reeling off 15 points, while the Juniors could net but two. Trailing 27-17 the Juniors rallied to close the gap to 31-27 at half time. They pulled up to 1 point at 37-36 and 39-38 and to three points at 63-60 with 35 seconds remaining. At this point Ray Bohn fouled Chuck Gommer driving in for a duck, and Chuck sealed the outcome of the contest. Dave Cauwels was high scorer for the losers with 18 points.

The final score was 55-50.

The Freshmen resorted to an old script to win. Following the procedure they performed in their first win of the season over the Juniors, they allowed the Seniors a 3-0 lead. However, Ernie Valutis, Jim Walker and Bob Norton teamed up in a string of ten points late in the half that enabled the Froshs to leave the floor at halftime with a 27-14 lead.

John Miller hit on four straight overhand sets early in the second half to narrow the score to 31-27, but the Frosh switched to a 2-2-1 defense that stifled the threat. They spurted to a 39-29 lead, and held that lead at 55-45 until there were thirty seconds remaining.

Beck was high scorer for the Seniors with 19 points, while the Frosh divided the laurels to Norton and Walker, who scored 13 apiece.

Seniors — 51, Frosh — 33

The Senior women, defending their championship, regained their equilibrium against the hapless Frosh, and defeated them 51-33 to score their first victory of the season.

Sara Peck helped keep the Freshmen close until the half, at which time the Seniors led 22-16; but Marge Harbers and Marty Cronk collaborated midway in the second half to put the Seniors comfortably ahead, 42-30. Marge had 24 points, her high point total of her four year career, and Marty scored 19. Sara Peck again led the Freshmen with 16 points, while Alice Andrews scored 8.

Frosh — 54, Juniors — 47

The sputtering Frosh basketball machine finally evolved into a synchronous mechanism November 30; and with the help of surprising rebounding, they decisively defeated the still winless Juniors 54-47, to notch their first triumph of the season.

After the Juniors led 3-0 on Michener's basket and Bohn's free throw, the Freshmen spurted to a 21-7 lead that they never relinquished. Dave Cauwels led the Juniors with 14 points, while the balanced Freshman attack yielded 14 points for Norton, 10 for Valutis, 9 for Jim Banker, 5 for Dean Barnett and 8 for Jim Walker and Ron Waite.

Jr. Girls Top Srs.

The Junior girls defeated the Seniors, 32-27, for their second win in as many starts against them, to keep one game behind the Sophs in the class race.

It was close for one period at 8-7, but the Juniors widened the margin to 15-12 at the half; and spurted to a 30-23 lead midway in the final quarter to coast in. Sylvia Carver had 15 points to lead the Juniors. Lois Chapman had 10, and Molly Castor, 9. Marty Cronk again led the Seniors with 9 points.

Seth Says:-

We Would Like To Find In The Houghton Sportsmen's Stocking--



A victory for the Jr. men's and Frosh women's basketball team . . . Aspirations for Coach Wells, for all the headaches he suffers that no one knows about . . . An adding machine for the Star sports dept. to count the All-Star ballots . . . A class league championship for the Senior men despite the fact that they've blown their last chance . . . Brand new, shiny and shrill whistles for Don Thompson, Don Charles, Dick Seawright and John Reist . . . A nice, long vacation for Carol Wheeler, who never knew that an enormous amount of paper work was involved in athletics . . . A teammate for Sara Peck, who can feed her scoring passes . . . A few baskets for Clyde Michener and Ron Waite . . . Shoulder pads for Bob Norton . . . A new fast break for the Senior men . . . A team for Mr. Lennox to coach, something like Don Gordon got at the beginning of the season — which was an early Christmas present . . . Some competition for the Academy . . . An ankle brace for Dave Cauwels . . . A column in the Star tabulating rebounds and assists, so that Dick Sheesley will receive the accolade he deserves . . . An elephantine memory for Gordy Beck, so he can compensate for his bad year this year by harkening back to previous glories . . . A rubber ball for each member of the Frosh men's team, who know how to bounce back . . . Guards for Don Trasher . . . A Varsity letter for Carl Talbot, Don Trasher's gigantic popcorn ball for Warren Morton . . . A new pair of cute blue knee Larger attendance at games for the eighty-odd basketball players . . . A and Carol Hazlett . . . Thirty shares in Vicks Cough Drops Inc. for Dick Seawright . . . Earmuffs for the Junior men's opponents . . . Condolences for the Senior women because "The queen is dead"; and recognition for fulfilling last issue's prophecy . . . For Houghton sport fans from Dixie to the Dominion, from Cape Cod to North Dakota, many pleasant hours in the future watching sports.

Ft. McKinley Duo Rouses Cooper's Hero



"Caps perched jaunty . . . heavy deer 'cross brawny backs . . . have no worries . . . juicy roast."

James Fenimore Cooper's *Deer-slayer* still roams the hills of Western New York State, but currently he stalks deer in pairs. Dan'l "Boone" Wilson, and Jim "Nat Bumpo" Johnson, members of the Senior class basketball team, bagged big game their first day out this season.

I. From the camp of Old McKinley, Famous from a bygone day, Stalked Nat Bumpo and his comrade Daniel Boone — both stalwart lads — Seeking an elusive prey.

II. Drifted snow and pressing studies Long the match of other men, Willy deer and darkening twilight,

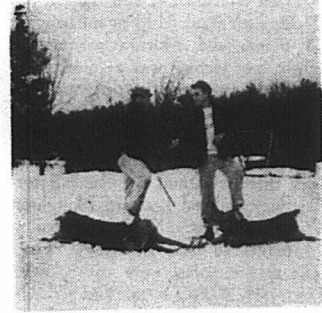


Rugged hills, sharp winds that bite Could not force these chaps to den.

III. Forth they sallied with mean purpose Never straying from their goal; Christmas table needs a dinner, Dan and Jim agree to skin 'er If their rifle takes its toll.

IV. Three long hours spent in thicket Finally yielded up the game. Four keen eyes bore ill forboding For the victims. Rifles loading, Dan and Jim their deers did main.

V. Came the evening, so our hunters Trudged their way back to the camp.



Donna, Mara saw the sun set Hopefully they heated miller, Wistfully they lit the lamp.

VI. Back they hiked to Fort McKinley Heavy deer 'cross brawny backs; Jackets open, shoulders sagging, Caps perched jaunty, footsteps lagging, Strength full spent, they must relax.

VII. Through the darkness of the nocturne Stormed the snow — bold winter's boast.

Danny, Mara, Jim and Donna Have no worries, for they're gonna Feast this Yule on juicy roast.