

Flammer Co. Publishes Heydenburk's Anthem

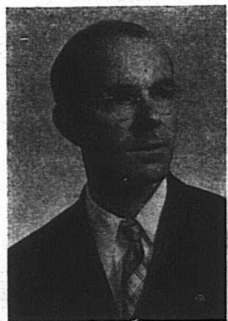
"The Coming of His Feet," an anthem for eight parts by Professor David Heydenburk, has recently been published by the Harold Flammer Publishing company of New York city.

While he was studying at Oberlin college, Mr. Heydenburk came across the words for the choral number in an Alliance hymnal. He copied them, intending to set them to music some day. Writing to the Alliance Publishing company in Harrisburg, Penna. for permission to use the lyrics, he was informed that the copyright on the words had run out several years earlier and that they had been declared "public property."

He composed the music for the anthem in September, 1949, and dedicated it to the A Cappella choir and

Mr. Donald Butterworth, who was director at the time. The choir included the anthem in its repertoire and sang it at the Houghton concert last year.

A few months after he had finished his composition, he sent it to the Flammer company and was notified early in 1950 that it would be published. He received proofs at the beginning of school this fall with some slight changes in the original manu-



Students Allowed Choice of Service

College students now subject to the draft will be able to pick the service of their choice in the last month of this college year, instead of being drafted into the Army, the government announced Thursday night, Jan. 24.

Maj. Gen. Lewis Hershey, Selective Service director, said that in the last month of the college year he would reopen the classification of all students who had been ordered to report for induction during the year, but whose induction was postponed under a section of the 1948 draft law dealing with deferment of college students. By reopening the classification status, the student would be permitted to pick his service as a volunteer.

Gen. Hershey explained that "the act of reopening these classifications would require the cancellation of any order to report for induction which might have been issued and therefore automatically renew the right of these students to enlist in the service of their choice, to the extent of available openings."

Students will continue to be called for preliminary physical examinations and, if found acceptable, will be ordered for induction. At that time they will be classified IA-P—postponed to the end of the academic year.

According to an American Council on Education bulletin, there is every reason to believe that this procedure is final and firm. If a student who has been ordered for his pre-induction physical wishes to enlist in the service of his choice, he must remain in school until the end of the academic year to exercise that choice.

Honor Roll Released By Houghton Prep

The principal of the Houghton Preparatory School has released the following honor roll. An average of 90 percent or above is required for honor rating.

Larry Green	94.8%
David Mills	93.75%
Carolyn Paine	92.5%
Marjorie Paine	91.7%
Alfreda Kreckman	91.5%
Carol Hazlett	90.5%
Peg Schneider	90%

script, making it more practical for the average vocal group. The first printed copies were mailed to him about two weeks ago. Copies may be obtained at the book store for \$.20 apiece.

Mr. Heydenburk received \$40 for his first published composition and now various other works of his are making the rounds of the publishers. The poem, which was written by S. Whitney Allen, had previously been set to music by George Stebbins.

Hall Expounds At Theology Meeting

Because of pressures which have been building up over three hundred years of technological progress, an "intellectual revolution" has come, Dr. Bert Hall said at a recent meeting of the Division of Theology and Christian Education held at the home of Mr. George Failing.

In his report on the "general education" conference held in Syracuse university last June, Dr. Hall stated that one of the chief aims of education is to relieve the pressures of a specialized society. The purpose of the conference was to integrate aims, objectives, and methods of "education for living."

Educators present at the Syracuse conclave, Professor Hall stated, voiced the opinion that this age demands that colleges should not only train their students for their vocations, but should provide them with a philosophy of life.

Asked what use Houghton should make of the suggestions presented at the conference, Dr. Hall asserted that the college should formulate a detailed statement of its educational aims, because, he said, young people cannot measure growth if they do not have criteria by which to appraise it.

Among local changes which would result if the principles of general education were introduced, he said, would be a combined course in music and art appreciation, and a "general" science course, combining the elements of the specialized sciences now required.

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 13 Dr. Paine
- Feb. 14 Prof. F. Gordon Stockin
- Feb. 15 A. J. Taylor
- Feb. 16 Interclass debate (Freshmen vs. Sophomores)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 12 Oratorio and Band rehearsal—7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Student Prayer meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Debate—7:30 p.m.
Purple-Gold basketball game—7:30 p.m.
Missions Study—7:30 p.m.
French club—7:30 p.m.
Photography club—7:30 p.m.
F.M.F. Prayer meeting—6:45 p.m.
Book club—7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Class Prayer meetings—6:45 p.m.
- Feb. 16 Artist Series — John Jacob Niles—8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m.

Folk Music Is Scheduled For Artist Series

John Jacob Niles, celebrated folk singer, will present a unique program of American folk music Friday evening, February 16, at 8:00 p.m.

Although this type of music is not usually included in an artist series schedule, Mr. Niles' program is on a level which those who consider themselves "allergic" to classical music will find enjoyable, according to Professor Charles H. Finney, head of the college music department.

The program is divided into five different types of songs. The first is a group of love songs: *My Little Mohee*; *I'm Goin' Away*; *Black Is the Color of my True Love's Hair*; and *Go 'Way from My Window*. Included in the second group are the familiar nursery rhymes: *I Had a Cat*; *Frog Went A-Courtin'*; and *The Frog in the Spring*. Third on the program is a collection of carols: *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*; *The Seven Joys of Mary*; and *I Wonder As I Wander*. Among the ballads of local origin to be sung by Mr. Niles are *The Swapping Song*; *Jack O'Diamonds*; *The Sea Witch*; and *John Henry*. Last is a group of child ballads, including *The Gypsy Laddie*; *Barbary Ellen*; *The Farmer's Curst Wife*; and *The Hangman*.

Students Attend Buffalo Concerts

Arthur Rubinstein was presented by Zorah Berry at Kleinhans Music hall on Tuesday evening, January 23. Forty Houghton students attended this memorable concert by the "King of Pianists."

Several cars were driven to Kleinhans Music hall to hear St. Olaf's choir on February 1.

Jussi Bjorling, the leading tenor of today, will appear in Buffalo on February 27. Anyone desiring to attend this concert should sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the music building.

College Debate Team Ties For Second Place

In competition with twelve teams, representing ten western Pennsylvania



schools, Houghton's debate team tied for second place with last year's Grand National Tournament winners from Carnegie Tech at the Slippery Rock debate tournament on Feb. 2.

Debating in modified Oregon style

on the national debate question, Kenneth Post and James Wagner for the affirmative and Alfred Tucker and Lawrence Vail for the negative combined equal successes to produce a total of four victories out of six contests. Slippery Rock, St. Vincent's and the University of Pittsburgh were among the schools over whose representatives the Houghton team triumphed. Losses were sustained in debates with Slippery Rock State Teacher's college and Westminster college.

The debate question for this year is resolved: That the non-Communist nations form a new international organization. The modified Oregon style debate, which was used in the Slippery Rock tournament, included eight minute speeches by both members of the affirmative and negative teams, followed by five minutes of cross questioning by a member of the opposition team. Four-minute summaries were then given by one member of each team.

According to Dr. Hall, debate coach, who accompanied the group to Slippery Rock, the team will attend the Buckeye Tournament this week. Stephen Castor and Arthur Rupprecht will be replacing Alfred Tucker and Lawrence Vail in this meet. Other competition in the near future will be at the Mount Mercy Tournament, the Keuka Tourney, and in local contests with the University of Buffalo and the University of Rochester.

Paine Speaks At Special Meetings

President Stephen W. Paine spoke at a combined Youth Week meeting in the Free Methodist church, South Dayton, New York, home of Miss Alice Poole.

Dr. Paine journeyed to Chicago the following day, where he discussed special plans for the annual convention of the N.A.E. with the Executive board, of which he is a member. The convention will be held in Chicago and is scheduled for April 1.

Last Saturday night, President Paine spoke at Alan Forbes' Youth-meeting in Buffalo.

Sunday, Feb. 12, Dr. Paine will speak at an anniversary service of the Union Rescue mission, Jamestown, N. Y.

Nicholson Is Revival Guest

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, general conference president of the Wesleyan Methodist church, will be guest speaker of the special meetings to be held from Feb. 20 to Mar. 4.

Dr. Nicholson, who has previously spoken at Houghton, has been a general officer of the Wesleyan Methodist church for the past fifteen years. He has served in the capacity of General Sunday School superintendent, secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and editor of the church paper, the *Wesleyan Methodist*.

This series of semi-annual meetings, which are usually presented at the first of each semester, will be held in the Houghton church every evening at seven-thirty.

In preparation for these meetings, cottage prayer meetings have been held daily. A visitation program will commence this week under the direction of Professor Alton Perkins.

Song leader and soloist Richard Traver of the Free Methodist church will have charge of the singing. Other special music will be presented by students and townspeople. Miss Martha Woolsey will have charge of a nursery where parents may leave their young children.

J. Ludwig Gives Senior Recital

JoAnne Ludwig was presented in her Senior Recital by the Houghton College Division of Music on Friday evening, February 2, 1951. Miss Ludwig was accompanied by Miss Marion Senft.

The recital was opened with the *Sonata No. 11 in G Major* by W. A. Mozart. The piano part of this sonata by Mozart is of equal importance to the violin part. The second large work on the recital program was the *Concerto in G Minor* by Max Bruch. The program was completed with *La Plus Que Lente* by Claude Debussy, *Danse Espagnole* from *La Vida Breve* by DeFalla-Kriesler and an encore.

The recital was in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Music. Miss Ludwig will graduate in June 1951.

Piano Recital Presented By Junior Music Major

Miss Ruth Kupka, an applied music major, gave her Junior Recital Wednesday evening February 7, in the college chapel.

Miss Kupka played the *Sonata in D major* by Mozart as an opening number. Two selections by Chopin, *Nocturne Op. 27, No. 1* and *Mazurka Op. 33, No. 4*, were presented. Miss Kupka also played three numbers by Scriabine: *Etude Op. 2, No. 1*, *Scherzo* and *Quasi Valse*.

The two highlights of the program were *Rondo Capriccioso* by Mendelssohn and *Polishinelle* by Rachmaninoff.

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Editorial . . .

The other day in one of my classes a few students were reflecting in an "off-the-record" discussion this question, "What is the basic problem of life?" The classic question of Pilate is often given as the answer. However, in our discussion, it was pointed out that Pilate made another statement which from all indications would be nearer to the basic problem of discussion. This question was put to a Jewish mob whose one and only motive was to obtain permission to crucify Jesus Christ. Pilate said, "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" (Matthew 27:22). As each individual person asks this question of himself, whether he shall accept the work of Christ or not, then his decision leads to the solution of the basic problem of life. The problem of Ethics, "What shall I do while I am here on earth, and the problem of Destiny, where am I going after death. These are naturally answered by this key, Jesus Christ. For if we accept the work of Christ, we receive the benefits of His work. The benefits fully answer the problem of destiny, for Christ promises eternal life to the ones believing. The problem of Ethics is only fully answered as we ask ourselves that question. In other words, as we daily seek to crown Christ, Lord of all is the problem of what shall I do here answered. This would include all the little decisions of life which come and go day-by-day.

The question, "What is Truth?" is answered by the decision of the previous question. We will find that Jesus Christ himself is truth incarnate. We can see easily how He fits into the following definition. "Truth is the logical, consistent whole which explains everything that is."¹ For He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6). This verse is all inclusive. By choosing Christ the answer to the other question resolves itself.

Skating at Houghton

Laurels should be extended to the fellows who worked on the skating rink in front of Luckey Memorial building. Much time and effort was expended on a project which at the time of writing has not provided much recreation due to the rising temperature.

Perhaps so much effort would not have been put forth if we realized that we already had a skating rink which is by far longer than the one made artificially. A good number of the faculty and student body have consciously or unconsciously had many interesting experiences on this natural rink, which extends from the F.W.A. building to Gaoyadeo Hall. Yes, it is none other than our unshoveled sidewalks.

Besides being an unwanted factor by faculty and student body, it occasionally operates against the well-being of pedestrians. In addition, the school loses money when the snow plow can clean the sidewalks soon after the snow has fallen, rather than two fellows with ice choppers and shovels one week later.

For all-round purposes, the safety and well-being of everyone concerned and for greater economy, let us follow the advice of an old sage who said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

—J.G.R.

¹ Quotation from Dr. B. Hall's course in Christian Theism.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

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To Students and Faculty of
Houghton College:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you both for your many prayers and kind remembrances on my behalf. I appreciated the lovely flowers and sunshine basket so much. I also cherished each little card and letter I received and sincerely wish I could, in some measure, repay you for your thoughtfulness.

The Lord has been very gracious to me and has placed me well on the way to recovery.

God bless you all and may this year be a year of great blessing to each and every one.

Yours in Christ,

Vernon Alexander

Hard Work Gains "Boulder" Progress

This year Houghton students can expect a *Boulder* that is different, Editor Lois Rommel has announced.

Work is now going forward on the advertising section and the index of the '51 *Boulder*. Except for several sports pages, the body of the yearbook has been sent to the printer.

Lights burned many nights in the *Boulder* office until one o'clock in the morning as the staff worked to meet deadlines coming before Christmas vacation, before mid-semester exams, and at the beginning of the semester. Galley proofs will soon be returned for correction.

Redecoration of the *Boulder* office is an accomplishment of this year's staff. The walls are freshly painted blue and cream; new beige draperies hang at the windows; and the floor has been refinished.

To raise money for the *Boulder*, the staff organized a musical program portraying America's history in song, which was presented early in October. The selling of Christmas cards each morning in the arcade brought additional revenue for the yearbook.

Oratorio Sings Messiah

The Oratorio society, accompanied by the Houghton college orchestra, will present Part II of Handel's *Messiah* on Wednesday evening, March 14.

This half of Handel's Oratorio is divided into three sections: *Passion*, *Ascension*, and *Pentecost*. The work ends with the famous "Hallelujah Chorus." The portion to be presented includes eleven choruses besides solo and duet selections.

At the present time seventy-five people have joined the society. Anyone desiring to sing with the Oratorio society is urged to do so at once, since there are only five more Monday evening rehearsals before the final presentation.

Paine Receives Students

When the seventeen newly-arrived students opened their letter boxes last Tuesday, Jan. 30, they found an invitation to attend a reception at the home of President S. W. Paine. The reception was held on Wednesday night.

During the course of the entertainment, moving pictures of the 1950 commencement exercises and of the new dormitory construction were shown by George Failing.

Among those faculty members present were: President and Mrs. S. W. Paine, Prof. and Mrs. George Failing, Prof. and Mrs. Robert Luckey, and Dean and Mrs. Arthur Lynip.

Moments of Meditation

By BRUCE WATKE

If no other knowledge deserves to be called useful but that which helps to enlarge our possessions or to raise our station in society, then Christianity has no claim to such appellation. But if that which will regenerate our sinful nature, causing one to rejoice and to be righteous, can be called useful, then we can claim that epithet for Christianity today.

But this generation has disclaimed the latter truth, and clings tenaciously to the material things of life. The ambition of all people and all nations seems to be to increase physical possessions and, by the acquiring of these, to gain power. This materialistic philosophy is dominant in every phase of our Western culture.

Out of this philosophy of life a most pernicious ethical doctrine must logically ensue. The consideration of material well-being has become the rule in the determination of our conduct. The fruits of this doctrine are being realized today in a government that is being perverted, and in a corrupt generation. Things that were once held sacred are today sacrificed by our lusts for material well-being. The spiritual bases of our Western

civilization are being replaced by this materialistic philosophy of life.

But what gave this damning philosophy a chance to become the dominant thought of our Western civilization? To be sure, we might trace its origin to the inherent sinful nature of man, which soon expressed itself in Greek thought. But it has become most prevalent in this generation of juvenile delinquency. I believe that our present educational system is largely responsible for this materialistic-minded generation.

It seems the determined effort of our educators to develop skeptics. To accomplish this the Bible is "scientifically" criticized, and labeled, as one of my high school teachers expressed it, "a beautiful story book of myths." Revelation is denied and categorized as being fanciful. Sense experience is declared the criterion of knowledge.

In their attempts to provoke doubts in the fertile mind of youth, our educators have gloriously succeeded in scientifically exterminating the spiritual nature of the soul from their victims. To aid youth to know the reasons for the hope that lieth within them, would be most noble. But our educators, though covering themselves under this sheepskin, in reality attempt no such thing. The Bible is openly attacked but given no defense! We must admit, however, that students are occasionally advised to read the Bible, but only for its literary qualities. There is no attempt made to substantiate the claim of the Bible as being the Word of God, unless some Mrs. Vashti McCollum's son be offended. But youth must be exposed to the "gospel" of the materialistic Darwins and Huxleys. An *Origin of Species* is placed upon a pedestal, while Holy Scripture is trampled under foot. In our attempt to achieve broadmindedness we have successfully damned ourselves. Out of our institutions of learning we have proudly produced a materialistic generation that legalized burlesque, and houses of ill-fame.

And yet these same educators have the audacity to attribute the licentiousness of this age to the parents, many of whom are the product of their blasphemous teachings. They would seek to point an accusing finger at the church and social institutions. Yes, thank God for schools like Houghton where spiritual values are given due emphasis in an educational system; but they are numerically insignificant. The atheists are too sensitive to allow their children to be exposed to the convincing truth of the Bible, and yet literally thousands of Christian parents unwittingly allow their children to be saturated with the teachings of materialistic philosophers. It is time fundamentalism awoke with a shout loud enough to be heard and re-echoed in the halls of learning.

World Wide Day of Prayer Is Observed

World Wide Day of Prayer was observed in Houghton on Feb. 2 with special prayer services held throughout the day.

Two prayer meetings were held before classes commenced—one at 6:00 in charge of Dr. Bert Hall and one at 7:30, the regular Morning Watch. During succeeding class periods, prayer meetings were held in charge of the F.M.F., Torchbearers, and the Fast and Prayer Group.

Dr. Claude Ries spoke on prayer during the chapel hour. He emphasized the need of constant communion with the Lord on the part of the believer.

Matched & Attached Hall-Sadler

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hall of Elyria, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bess, to Albert Sadler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sadler of Houghton, N. Y.

Miss Hall ('48) holds of the position of supervisor of elementary music in the public schools of Oneida, N. Y.

The couple plan to be married in the latter part of June.

Harris-Gilliland

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris of Moorestown, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Mary, to Dean S. Gilliland, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gilliland of Houghton, N. Y.

They plan to marry in the early summer.

Barndollar-VanCampen

The Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Barndollar of Johnson City announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Mr. Warren Van Campen.

Betty is now a junior at Wheaton college. Warren is working on his master's degree at Ohio State university.

Nyborg-Busch

Mr. and Mrs. Sverre Nyborg of Detroit, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Mr. Garland E. Busch, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Busch of Bradenton, Florida.

King-Ortlip

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. King of Columbus, Ohio announce the marriage of their daughter, Miriam Helen, to Mr. Paul D. Ortlip, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Willard Ortlip of Houghton, on Dec. 21, 1950.

Birch

A girl, Cynthia Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Noble, Wed., Jan. 3, 1951.



THE RUT

By CONSTANCE JACKSON

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Theoretically, this issue of the *Star* should be the most scintillating and thought-provoking of the year, seeing as how the office interior has been revolutionized. The paint fumes, vivid blue of the walls, and furniture arrangement a la *Good Housekeeping*, ought to have some effect on the staff. Of course, this is only the beginning. Comes the millenium, and the place will have tile-floors with maybe even a swivel chair for the editor. (Any comments, Sneezy?) Until then, come on in and take a look, provided you're prepared with smelling salts for the shock!

A word from one of the venerable Houghton bards (or in plain words, a member of the faculty):

"The sprouts on the potatoes that some absent-minded professor left in the faculty lounge are now three-quarters of an inch long." Keep your eye peeled for further developments, botany hands.

Kenny Post has the younger generation fooled. Said Prof. Hall's little girl as Ken paternally picked her up, "I've already got a grandfather."

I've heard rumors to the effect that two Houghtonians have already started wishful thinking about next year's Christmas presents. Heading the list are two front teeth, to be distributed to Paul Dekker and Doc Luckey, respectively. It seems that gentle, non-contact sport of basket-ball left a gap somewhere. Three cheers for Vikestad who mistook Dekker's mouth for the basket!

That explosive bit of territory on the second floor of Luckey was almost the scene of a conflagration Monday night. Shortly after the siren let loose with a doleful wail at 7:30, Prof. Stockin poked his head in the library door and asked excitedly, "Is there a fire in here?" Whereupon two members of that time-honored institution, the Houghton fire department, stalked through the room, wheeling their fire engine

with them. Pardon me for asking, but where was the fire, boys?

From the quotable (?) quotes dept. "Bigger and Boulder movies"

Print Shop ad. "The horizons of a baby's world are pinned down."

Prof. Nelson in Psych of religious experience class

As a final few words to encourage you at the beginning of a brand-new semester, here're some tips to students who want to be a success at college, offered by the Northeastern News, Northeastern U.

"Look alert, take notes. If you look at your watch, don't stare at it unbelievably and shake it."

"Bring the professor newspaper clippings. Demonstrate daily interest and give him timely items to mention in class; bring in any clippings at random."

"Laugh at his jokes. You can tell . . . If he looks up from his notes and smiles expectantly, he has made a funny."

"Ask for outside reading. You don't have to read it. Just ask for it."

Miss Beck Takes Leave of Absence

Dr. Stephen W. Paine indicated recently that the college's Dean of Women, Miss Elizabeth Beck, has requested a temporary leave of absence to return to Michigan in connection with business affairs pertaining to the Beck family following the homegoing of their mother, Mrs. Margaret Beck.

Dr. Paine expressed his hopes that it will be possible for Miss Beck to return to Houghton's campus later in the semester, but indicated that because of the nature of the business matters which must be cared for the Michigan residence, the time of her return is uncertain.

It was not stated definitely what plans were being made to take care of the office of the dean of women during Miss Beck's enforced absence.

Daffynitions

By GEORGE HUESTIS

The time has rolled around again when we as students should concentrate on a little book-learning. This time, daffynitions comes in the form of a geography lesson. If we are to keep abreast of the times, it is absolutely essential that we know place names occurring time and time again in the news; hence we have the following:

Aachen—Part of the agonized expression, "Oh, my Aachen back."

Alaska—The contracted form of "I will ask her."

Bath—A Saturday night institution popularized by barbarians in Southern England.

Biscay—The plural of the word biscuit.

Burma—A country noted for its manufacture of brushless shave cream.

Vienna—A city once famous for the waltz, but now surpassed by Tennessee.

Honshu—Usually followed by "pardon me" and "gazundtheidt."

Catskill—Canaries, if they can get ahold of them.

Siberia—Where loyal communists go to catch pneumonia, and supplement their salt ration.

Malta—A popular American soft drink.

Isabela—The first part of the expression, "Isabela necessary on a bicycle?"

Jamaica—One excelling in the art of making jam.

Rhine—The part of a watermelon you can't eat.

Taku—Part of that famous Irish ballad, "I'll Taku Home Again Kathleen."

Sweden—What one does to his coffee.

Venice—As in the expression, "Venice a door not a door?" "Venice ajar."

Antarctic—A type of rubber boot worn by my uncle's wife.

Chile—A state of mind common among Houghton students.

East Ham—The back part of a pig headed west.

Finland—A country making five dollar bills.

There will now be a ten second pause while Miss Gillette tears her hair out and vows to flunk the author.

Oh well, you can't please all of the people all of the time, but it sure would be nice to pass history. Just one more daffynition, and we will call an end to this absurd geography lesson.

Hyde Park—Another name for a chair.

Operation Farce

By DAVE SKOLFIELD

The time was 8:05 a.m. I crashed out of Bowen House, hopped into the car with five others, and we were off. In ten minutes we were supposed to meet our bus in Caneadea that would take us for our pre-induction physical examination in Buffalo.

Two miles from Houghton the car slowed down, gave one dying gasp, and lay still as the gas line froze in the cold weather. It was now five minutes before the deadline! We all piled out of the car and started puffing up the road—we just couldn't miss that bus, for if we did we would be drafted immediately. Thankfully, before Bob Evans and I had panted too far, a truck, which had already picked up the others, stopped for us.

Jumping onto the back of the truck, I discovered that there was no flooring, and straddling an enormous tire, I peered down at the spinning drive shaft and the road running by. Unfortunately, the road was running the other way, or we would probably have arrived sooner. Every time the truck bounced, I could feel the tire slip a few inches—and there I clung.

The special bus took us to the court house in Buffalo, where we were first given a chest X-ray. Next came a written test, including mechanical, mathematical and language abilities. The most outstanding incident that resulted from our mental test occurred when the sergeant asked if there were anyone who could not read or write English. Out of the group of sixty inductees, eight illiterates answered the call.

Following an ample (and free) meal at a nearby restaurant where we watched a television program, we returned to our medical papers, and heard the sergeant say, "Now under number 23, do you see where it says, 'Hearing, left and right ear?' Well, just write 15 after each." Having thus been tested and found to have perfect hearing, we adjourned to an upstairs room where we were to have our physical.

Upon arriving at the upper room, our eyesight was checked. We all lined up and read from a chart as our turn came. When one person was told to read the bottom line, he did a very noble job as he rattled off twelve letters—poor boy, there were only eight in the line! The person in front of me said he couldn't see the chart. Upon being asked to get at close as necessary, he placed his face within one foot of the chart, craned his neck from side to side and joyously exclaimed, "I see an 'E.'" (The "E" is about four inches tall.) His efforts were rewarded when he was given an eyesight rating of 20/400 for each eye. (20/20 is perfect vision.)

After weighing in, another doctor peered into my mouth with a tongue depressor and marked my record with three missing teeth. (There isn't a tooth missing in my head.) I marched over to another doctor who took my blood pressure, and while I waited he filled in such incidental information as, "Blood pressure while exercising, blood pressure . . . minutes after exercising, and blood pressure while standing." My blood pressure was taken but once—while sitting.

Following this, another doctor peered into my ear with a flashlight contraption, and not seeing daylight pour in from the other end, he pronounced my eardrums intact. Following a blood test, we were escorted back to our bus, and after stopping off at the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora for an excellent dinner, we arrived in Houghton at 9:50 p.m.—

Four hours too late
For Bob Evans' date.

Russian Regime More Rugged Than Nazi Rule, Says Student

By NANCY MACOMBER

This is the true story of an American girl just like you or me. In fact she's a girl here in Houghton. But this girl was brought up in another country—Germany. For the sake of convenience we shall call her Mary White, since her real name is withheld for the safety of her relatives.

Mary was born in the United States of German parents who were not citizens of our land. She had a sister and a brother who were also American citizens by birth. When Mary was still a baby, in 1929 the family returned to Germany for a visit. Their visit became quite extended until 1937 when they decided to return to the United States. However, they were advised against returning just then. The beginning of the war in 1939 prevented their departure entirely.

From the time that she was ten years old, she had to attend Nazi Youth movement meetings, although none of her family were Nazi. Her father had refused to become a Nazi because the Nazi doesn't believe in God. Her brother was forced to join the German army, fighting against his American countrymen.

In Germany, Mary went to elementary school, but did not go on to high school. Instead, she became a working girl. All those who work must attend business school once a week. During the war it was extremely difficult to attend school because of the air-raids which came with increasing frequency.

In 1944 Mary's family lost their

Esteemed Dean Is Not Impressed

This is an example of what goes on behind the scenes, a cut from an article by a rambunctious reporter named Bruce Bryant.

The Dean's list will be out Wednesday, for sure, says that great man himself, so try to save some space.

Also, his majesty is getting rather tired of getting his picture in the *Star*. Somehow the tremendous honor of appearing in the *Star* does not impress him as it should. In fact, he expressed hope this morning that I might "swipe" the cut, (Good Christian saint that he is.) I assured him that a *Star* reporter is above such chicanery, and since he didn't offer me any money, I dropped the subject.

However, I suggest that we print his picture with a halo tilted rakishly over the left eye. Either that, or send a delegation headed by Walt Vikestad and Sneezy Kerchoff to convince him how fortunate he is to have the above mentioned privilege.

And please don't print this with a by-line. I wish to be anonymous.

Houghton Division Heads Honor Entering Students

"Don't let your studies interfere with your good time in college," Prof. C. A. Ries advised at a reception tea for entering students held Friday afternoon at the home of Dean Arthur Lynip.

Division heads of the school gave sage words of advice to the incoming Houghtonians. Conversation ranged from the history of Houghton to the pranks of former students.

The faculty was represented by Professors R. W. Hazlett, Frieda Gillette, Charles Finney, C. A. Ries, Arthur Lynip, and the high school principal, Laurence Green.

first home in Stetten, 300 miles from Berlin. Since it was a factory town, it was considered an important bombing target. After this, Mary went to Berlin to an uncle's home and worked in his store. While she was in the capital, the city was bombed almost three times a day.

Conditions in Germany during the war were not too much different than in our own country except for the actual fighting. Everything was rationed, but everyone had enough food to eat. There wasn't much clothing except what the government supplied. Of course, there weren't any fancy foods, frozen food, or canned goods, bananas, oranges, or apples. They had fresh vegetables, meat and potatoes, and became so used to it that they didn't miss the fruits. The young people had to be in at 10 p.m. because of air raids. Anyone caught by the police was arrested and kept at the station for a day or two.

Because of the all-too-frequent raids, Mary and many others lived out of suitcases, so they could grab their belongings quickly and get into the cellar. On a clear night they were sure of a raid, which would begin at midnight and continue throughout the night. Most of the time the siren sounded, but sometimes the planes came so fast that the siren could not be sounded in time and bombs woke them up.

In the spring of 1945, the day before the war ended, Mary left Berlin and returned to her parents, who were then in Greifswald, which was in the Russian zone when the occupation began. The first thing done under the Russian rule was the prevention of buying and selling. The Russians then went to any house they pleased and forced the inhabitants to leave so that they could house their own soldiers. Mary and her family all lived in one room about the size of a medium large room.

The Russian soldiers were told by their government to do just as they pleased—and they did. After the first few days the soldiers were settled comfortably in German homes and began their oppressions.

During those first few months Mary and her family lived in constant fear. It was much worse than during the actual war, for under the Nazi regime there was at least organized living. Even though they were not Nazis, they were not harmed. Mary's family tried to be together as much as possible, because they didn't know how long they would all be there. "When we said 'good-bye' in the morning, we never knew whether we'd return or not" said Mary. They were allowed to go to church, but the Russians would come in during services and take out men and girls to work for them or to be tortured by them.

Of course, they received no pay for their work, which, for the girl's consisted of cleaning their rooms and doing their washing. Mary's sister was taken once, but was able to return home after she did the work. The soldiers had no cultural background. They didn't appreciate the houses, the nice furniture, or anything of value. Some sent faucets and door-knobs, especially, back to Russia to furnish their own homes.

For one year Mary lived in Greifswald. In June, 1946, it was possible for her sister and her to return to America, their native land. Her parents are still in Germany in the Russian zone, but are trying to get out. She doesn't hear much from them because they are afraid to say anything.

The greatest thing about the United States to Mary is the freedom we have here—freedom in everything: in school, church and everywhere.



Dribbles . . .

DICK PRICE

Looking over the sports scene, I can see that a lot has transpired since the last issue of the *Star*. The junior men, after a close squeak with the frosh, emerged victors over the sophs in a red-hot duel for the class championship.

In the Purple-Gold fray, this writing sees the fellows all even with one apiece, while the Purple women have taken two in a row from their Gold opponents. Friday's game could witness the downfall of the latter, that is if Purple can extend their streak to three straight, taking the series in a clean sweep.

The reaction toward the two out-of-town games appears to be highly favorable. Perhaps this plan could be carried out to an even greater degree in succeeding years, with benefit both to the host schools and to the college.

It seems that somebody heard a fellow tell someone that Dick Alderman was carrying on a conversation with some other person—maybe there were a couple of others in the transmission of the story—well, anyway, the aforementioned gentlemen were talking about one of the Bruiser League, I mean HOUSE League contests. "Yeh," says Alderman, "my average sure went down. I only made 31 points in the last game." And I understand he was held practically scoreless (only 16 points) in the next game.

It looks like all the skating en-

Marine Officer Visits Campus

An officer of the United States Marines will visit Houghton college on February 16 to inform the students of the possibility of joining the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders' class, and to explain the necessary qualifications for acceptance in the class.

The Platoon Leaders' class is a special group composed of college juniors and seniors who are presented with an opportunity to become officers in the Marine Corps by attending summer courses taught by Marine personnel.

enthusiasts are getting plenty of exercise these days with their skates stored away in the closet. But cheer up, comrades, perhaps the new pond will be glass-smooth in time for the spring thaw. After all, we could use a larger swimming pool.

And speaking of the tub, I mean the pool, I haven't seen many names on the entry list for the Practice Swimming Meet which is going to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The list is posted in the Arcade.

Freshmen Bow to Stronger Juniors

The class of '52 found itself in a first place tie with the class of '53 for the class league championship as a result of their 50-45 victory over the frosh hoopsters on January 26.

In a comparatively loosely-played game, the freshmen, who were handicapped by a lack of reserves, used a zone defense all the way while the juniors used both zone and man-for-man.

The maroon and white cagers outscored the green and white 23 to 17 during the first half of the contest.

Scoring honors for the evening went to Johnson for the juniors and to Jack for the frosh, each of whom collected a total of 17 points.

BOX SCORE

JUNIORS—50

	fg	ft	tp
Johnson	8	1	17
Price	5	0	10
Castor	5	2	12
Denny	0	1	1
Hunsberger	0	2	2
Young	0	0	0
Polanski	0	0	0
Vikestad	2	0	4
Hazlett	2	0	4
Scott	0	0	0

FRESHMEN—45

	fg	ft	tp
Jack	7	3	17
Paine	3	3	9
Hazlett	2	2	6
Baird	4	2	10
Storck	0	0	0
Gosling	1	1	3

Close Battle Gains Title for Juniors

The juniors came from behind the sophs in the last quarter to tie the score, and then went on to win 57-56 in an overtime period on Jan. 29. The victory gave the class of '52 their second straight championship.

In the first canto Dekker led the way for the sophs, while the juniors' scoring was quite evenly distributed. The score was knotted at 15 all at the end of the period.

The second frame saw the Blue and Gray pull ahead to a two point advantage as Wilson and Dole hit for two field goals apiece. Al Johnson hit for three foul shots and two field goals to keep the score close.

The second half opened with a barrage of buckets by Don Peterson and Danks. A pressing soph defense held Dane Turner's charges to a single field shot in the third period. At the buzzer, a seven point margin separated the opponents. If they had continued at this tempo, the sophs would have iced the game early in the final quarter.

Zike and Peterson continued slipping the ball through the cords as the margin widened. Rangy Ted Hazlett was again the only junior to hit from the field until there were only minutes left. Then Al Johnson ripped three straight shots through the net. This, coupled with foul shots by several juniors, brought the period down to the wire in a dead heat.

In the overtime, Johnson hit two fast counters which gave the Maroon and White all they needed to win. A pivot shot by Wilson and a free throw by Zike rounded out the soph scoring, and left them one big point shy of the champs.

Johnson was high-point man for the night with 25 points. Dekker had 12, and Peterson and Hazlett each contributed 11 to their teams' causes.

BOX SCORE

	fg	ft	tp
JUNIORS			
Johnson	9	7	25
Price	3	1	7
Castor	1	2	4
Hazlett	5	1	11
Hunsberger	2	2	6
Denny	1	0	2
Young	0	2	2
Totals	21	15	57

SOPHS

	fg	ft	tp
Zike	2	5	9
Peterson	5	1	11
Rogers	1	0	2
Wilson	4	1	9
Dekker	5	2	12
Danks	3	3	9
Dole	2	0	4
Totals	22	12	56

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Dole Leads Gold Five to Victory in Series Thriller

With three minutes left in the game, a foul shot and a field goal ripped the cords to give the Gladiators the lead that won the second game of the Purple-Gold series, 42-39.

The game was played Wednesday night at the high school gym in Friendship, N. Y.

Gold won the opening tip but lost the ball before they had a chance to score. Purple started to pull away

Pharoahs Triumph In Starting Game

Purple again looked like a sure bet to win the Purple-Gold series, as big Ed Danks led the Pharoahs to a 65-47 victory last Friday night.

The fast, accurate passing of co-captains Chuck Hunsberger and Wilber Zike, combined with the sharp-shooting of Ed Danks, dazzled the Gold five as Purple scored a basket a minute for the first thirteen minutes of the game and Danks scored just under half of this total.

Both teams used a zone defense during the first quarter. While Gold couldn't seem to crack the Purple defense, the Pharoahs scored almost as fast as they could get the ball down the court. At the end of the first quarter the score was 20-6 in favor of Purple.

During the second quarter Price and Castor started to score for the Gladiators and the half ended with the score board reading 37-21 in favor of Purple.

During the third quarter the Gold squad switched to a man-to-man defense, and subsequently held the Purple hoopsters to 11 points, a little over half of their first quarter's quota. Castor cut loose during this quarter for eight points, but even with this example the Gladiators couldn't seem to get going, and Purple sported a 47-35 lead at the buzzer.

The fourth quarter saw little of Purple's first string, although Danks stayed in long enough to make two foul shots and thus reach 20 points for the game. With four minutes to go, Zike and Hunsberger decided to clear the Purple bench. Finally even "Fats" Vikestad went in amid cries of "Everybody plays tonight."

It was in the last minute of play that the only injury occurred. Paul Dekker, going after a rebound, collided with Vikestad and received a gashed mouth.

Purple took only four-fifths as many shots as Gold, but Purple made just over 40 per cent of their tries while the Goldsters made only 25 per cent of their attempts. This is further borne out by the foul shooting records where Gold made 9 out of 22, while Purple made 12 out of 22.

with Johnson scoring two one-handed shots from 15 feet out. Hazlett then came through with a hook shot to give Purple a 6-0 lead in the opening minutes of the contest. Gold quickly tied the score but Purple proved to be the better team for the first quarter, and at the buzzer they led 15-10.

The Gold team sent in a fresh five at the outset of the second period but was unable to make up the four-point difference that separated them from the Purple five. Bad passing kept the scoring light with Purple emerging on top at the end of the half, 24-19.

The third quarter saw the Gold team begin to move. They controlled the backboards, something that they had failed to do the first half. At the end of the period they led the Pharoahs by two points, 31-29.

Johnson and Hunsberger both hit he outside to give the Purple team a 33-31 lead early in the fourth quarter. Dole tied the game with a set shot and both teams sank a foul shot to set the stage for Castor and Wilson to come through for the Gold five.

The foul line told the difference in the game as Gold made 78% of their shots while Purple could only sink 52%. From the floor Gold had a 25% mark and Purple managed to get 20%.

BOX SCORE

	fg	ft	tp
GOLD			
Hostetter	1	1	3
Price	3	0	6
Dekker	0	2	2
Trautman	0	0	0
Dole	5	2	12
Wilson	2	2	6
Paine	0	0	0
Denny	4	1	9
Castor	1	2	4
Lennox	0	0	0
Totals	16	10	42

	fg	ft	tp
PURPLE			
Hunsberger	1	0	2
Zike	1	2	4
Danks	1	3	5
Hazlett	5	2	12
Johnson	6	3	15
Peterson	1	0	1
Totals	14	11	39

Senior Gals Win Third Championship

The senior gals copped first position to win the '50-'51 girls inter-class basketball series as it came to an official close with a contest between the juniors and the frosh on Jan. 26.

The winning seniors tallied up five victories and one defeat which they suffered at the hands of the juniors. The class standings are:

	W	L
Seniors	5	1
Juniors	4	2
Sophs	3	3
Frosh	0	6

High scoring laurels for the series go to Lyn Gravink, who nabbed first place with 104 points; Joan Carville took second place with 102; and Jan Straley ranked third with 79. The high score of the '49-'50 series was 118 points.

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