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MOGEY'S USINGS

This poor mortal has been assigned the impossible task of attempting to fill this space with as much truth and foolery, placed side by side, as the originator did last year—Blumer Houser. In strict confidence, it can also be disclosed that the latter's thriving cheese business has also fallen in to the hands (strictly speaking under the arms) of the former.

According to latest news reports, many Houghtonians will be resorting to nature's gift as far as footwear goes. Associated Press has it that the next shoe ration stamp, No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in Ration Book Three, will undoubtedly have to last six months, according to the O.P.A. On the other hand, the validity of No. 18 has been extended to avoid a last-minute buying rush. Oh well, old horse shoes will match some good horse sense any day. Happy galloping!

CONFUSED ALPHABET

With the formation of still another committee to regulate the nation's affairs, many linguists insist that we will have to resort to the ancient Sanskrit alphabet in order to avoid confusion in naming our multitude of bureaus. The latest is a joint Army-Navy board whose job is to prevent overproductions of any weapons. Director "Jim" Byrnes is quoted as saying that the step was taken to get the utmost use out of "precious" man power and material. Couple that statement with the one about "arms-output", and you have a pretty good idea of what the girls thought about the invasion of Hobart's navy men in Houghton last week-end. Some fun, huh Gerry? You too, Marion.

PAPER SHORTAGE

Cheer up! This newspaper might not please you for very much longer. The WPB chairman declared that newspaper publishers will face a serious paper shortage in 1944. Consumption (not the type suffered by people who spend all their time in chem. lab.) in the last three months of 1943 will be 94,000 tons larger than production. That will undoubtedly necessitate the extensive use of red ink only during that period.

Some cracker box war strategists are claiming that we already have too many men in the service. We have so many we don't know what to do with them, they say. A recent news article, aimed at that very idea, should help clear matters up as to where the boys are and why. The Army's present plans call for a force of 5,000,000 overseas by the end of 1944. The remaining 2,700,000 men will be needed in this country to supply and maintain the men abroad as well as to keep the girls happy at home. At that rate, fathers don't stand a chance.

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1944 Boulder Staff Announces Plans

Brooks, Coddington
Head Yearbook Staff

Under the leadership of Ruth Brooks, editor, and Raymond Coddington, business manager, the 1944 Boulder staff is beginning to remedy a late start and to plan its year's work. From correspondence with publishing companies and from conference with the representative of one concern, it appears entirely feasible that the 1944 Boulder will be as large an annual as has ever been published here. Plans are being made for a novel theme and layout, with several effects as yet unused by Boulder staffs. Assisting the editor will be a staff including Peg Snow, Glenda Weaver, Betty Abbott, Dave Ostrander, and Bill Smalley. Working with the business manager will be Leola Avery and Helen Baker, to whom you may pay your subscriptions, Jean Scott, Marcia Schultz, Ina Jackson, and Marilyn Jones.

The taking of Senior and group pictures on a schedule beginning on Monday is to be the first important step in the production of the book. All seniors in the College, the High School and the Bible School should pay their sitting fee of two dollars before that time.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES

Again this year, the Boulder is to sponsor a photography contest on the campus. All students are urged to dig up all of their campus shots which turned out fairly well, and enter them in the contest, provided that all individuals who appear in the pictures are attending school now, or that the picture was taken this year.

Contest rules are as follows

1. A down payment of one dollar on the '44 Boulder must be made previous to or at the time of entry in the contest.

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A Scholarship Founded By Mrs. J. A. Lockwood

From the office of the president of the college comes information that recently the Dr. J. A. Lockwood Memorial Scholarship was set up. It consists of \$100 a year made available to one or more students in the Division of Religious Education.

The fund has been made available by the widow of Dr. Lockwood in memory of her husband, who in his dental profession served the students and faculty so many years and supported with his means the work of the college.

The scholarship will be awarded to theological students who have completed the first year of their work at Houghton. The factors of scholarship, Christian character and need will be considered in making the selection of the recipient of the scholarship. The award will be made by the local board of the college.

Margaret Speaks Presents Initial Concert of the Series



MISS MARGARET SPEAKS

Reporter Interviews Popular Radio Singer

"One learns never to judge a place by its size," was the meaningful comment of Miss Margaret Speaks, when engaged in an interview on Friday afternoon, previous to her successful appearance that evening. Everyone on the campus is interested in knowing how our campus and college is rated by noted visitors in comparison with other institutions; thus it was one of the first questions propounded to the soloist.

This brilliant soprano has sung in many private schools and colleges, but to the interviewer, it was apparent that she realized the Houghton spirit before her departure. After the concert, she conversed freely with her numerous admirers, autographed programs, and commented on the Houghton hospitality and cultural appreciation. Impressed with the country side surrounding Houghton as well, Miss Speaks mentioned especially the building materials and the architecture of the Luckey Memorial.

Using as an illustration, the Brazilian and Chinese compositions included in her program, the artist said that she believed one of the most imminent outcomes of the present war would be a greater collaboration and unity among nations. She further stated that western tone production has been taught in China for a number of years, but that the actual spread of national music to any extent has been due to the great conflict. Radio, now in its widest scope, has been a partial means for this development. Miss Speaks also mentioned radio as an important step in the gradual spotlight position that our own Ameri-

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Many Encores Indicate Success of the Artist

A thrilling experience was enjoyed last Friday evening by a capacity Houghton audience, when Miss Margaret Speaks, celebrated singer of concert and radio, appeared for the first Artist Series of the year. This unusual American-born soprano left an indelible impression on her listeners here. Miss Speaks' contagious personality completely captivated the audience at her first entrance, holding their apt attention for over an hour and a half.

Every number in the artist's varied program was outstanding in itself due to her sensational ability to put her own life into the words of the song. In the first groups the slow-moving "When I am Laid In Earth" from *Dido and Aeneas* by Purcell and the contrastingly brilliant "Hymne au Soleil" by Georges proved that this attractive soprano possessed outstanding versatility.

Sensing the appreciation of her listeners, Miss Speaks supplemented her next group by a delightful description of story and character, thus adding to her accomplishments a most pleasant speaking voice. This group included two Brazilian compositions and two Chinese numbers, presented in their native tongues. They were followed by the English unit, with characteristic songs from the late sixteenth century.

Far from adequate would be any words recounting the American group, the final section in the soloist's performance. "London Rain" by Gustav Klemm brought real tears to our eyes, so genuine was its portrayal both in music and voice. Frederick Bristol, Miss Speaks' accompanist is the gifted composer of "White In The Woods" which was so well received that its repetition was requested.

Still highlighting the singer's program as it has during her entire, was "Sylvia", probably one of the songs that will always be remembered by the Houghton audience. This number, familiar to everyone was written by Oley Speaks, uncle of Miss Speaks, before she was born. Although it has been sung many times and in many places, "Margaret sings 'Sylvia' better than anyone I have ever heard sing it," says its composer.

A fitting conclusion to an unforgettable evening were the numerous encores which followed. Sincere applause called our guest back again and again. Among Miss Speaks' encores were "My Hero" from *The Chocolate Soldier*, "Tis Morning" by Oley Speaks, and "Comin' Thru The Rye" The latter although simple in arrangement and verse, was presented in such a way that its lilting melody left a deep impression in each heart.

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THIS IS OUR POLICY

As this is the initial issue of the 1943-44 STAR, a statement of policy as to contents and editorial pursuits is justified. Many changes will be apparent throughout the issues that follow in an attempt to raise the journalistic quality of the paper and to accommodate the general change of focus in the "local news".

This year, being a war year, statistics reveal that the mailing list of combined servicemen and alumni comprises nearly one-half of the STAR readers for the current year. It is therefore proper that the STAR should make its appearance as a complete chronicle of all the events pertaining to the college, the town, the servicemen, and the alumni, even though such news is "stale" to the local reader.

In past years, certain "stock" feature columns have appeared weekly, some of which degenerated into the lower brackets of literary style, and others which were practically ignored because of the monotonous content. This year, we hope to avoid such an unfortunate condition, by employing a limited amount of rotation of these features and their authors.

Finally, we recognize that an editorial can be constructive as well as destructive and still accomplish its purpose. Furthermore, a constructive editorial policy, such as we shall attempt to pursue, generally achieves its purpose more effectively and does not stir up ill feeling. We shall not play the part of a constant confirmation to all issues, degenerating into a group of so-called "yes men", neither shall we allow the *Star* to become a "gripe sheet." Our aim is to foster full cooperation between the faculty, administration, and the student body.

O. G. K.

A SANE ATTITUDE

To many of the new students, a series of revival services such as we are about to be favored with, is something vague and unfamiliar. Unfortunately, to the others, attendance at many such sequences of services has produced a laxity and an attitude of indifference. Both classes of students ought to have the intelligence to realize that, contrary to pre-formulated conceptions or ideas, whatever they may be, there is at least something coming that is worth some time for investigation and consideration of ideas presented.

It cannot be denied that Houghton places itself among the minority of colleges when it continues to promote the principles of Biblical Christianity and regularly sponsors a period for intensive spiritual rearmament. Yet it is foolhardy from any standpoint to reject a thing of priceless value on the grounds of its popular minority or majority.

The surest proof of the validity and effectiveness of the transformations wrought in lives during previous revival services, as well as during regular divine services, is embodied in the lives of young men and women who are daily putting Christ to the test as they meet terrific tensions of wartime obligations. Such testimonies stand above the crowd in the light of the countless stories of defeat from those who have no faith.

To stay away from the meetings and to ridicule shows one of two things — a fear; or an unscientific, biased attitude.

E. K. M.

Volunteer Firemen Work Toward Improved Efficiency

The Houghton Volunteer Fire Company has been accused, perhaps justly, of considerable weakness. This summer the leaders of the company determined that they would be ready for action this fall.

One of the greatest problems was a shortage of dependable volunteers. An appeal was made to the students with acceptable results. The following students are now active members of the company: Charles Roberts, Max Fancher, James Martin, William Calkins, Walton Crique, Warren Anderson, Silas West, Carl Hart, Harold Burgess, Ernest Nichols, and "Red" Mc Knight. A few more volunteers are needed. Membership involves attendance at the meeting of the company on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. in the fire hall and participation in the occasional fire drills.

With the successful fire drill with live hose yesterday evening, four rehearsals have been held since the first of September. The test last evening showed that the college's well is a very adequate source of water for campus fire protection.

The fire chief, Robert Wheeler, asks the students who are not members of the fire company to leave the equipment absolutely alone at fires unless ordered to do otherwise by himself or the assistant chief.

CAMPUS POST OFFICE

The graduating class of 1943 made possible the post office boxes through which the students are receiving their mail. The class gave \$300 toward the purchase of these standard lock boxes and the college paid the remaining \$600 for the boxes themselves.

In addition to the purchase price is the cost of installation which is figured at \$100 making the portion which the college has put into the project \$700. Until such time as the original investment of the college is refunded, the fee which the students pay for the boxes will be 50 cents a semester. This charge must carry the cost of manning the office, and the interest and principal on the original investment. It is hoped that after four or perhaps five years charge can be reduced.

The student and faculty comment on the working of this new campus post office system is enthusiastic. In addition to being a safe and effective means for distributing mail it furnishes a convenient means of inter-student and faculty communication.

LECTURE DATE CHANGED

The changing of the date of the fall revival meetings during the summer has upset the date of the top-priced lecture on the current series. Count Byron de Prorok, famed explorer and authority on North Africa, was scheduled to lecture here on October 20.

When the lecture chairman discovered the conflict about ten days ago the lecture service supplying Prorok was contacted. The possibilities of a shift of date are quite slim. This means that a substitution may have to be made.

At the present time the possibilities of a date during the second semester are being explored.

H. Park Tucker, Houghton Grad. Gets AP Release

H. Park Tucker ('40) received a nation-wide Associated Press release on the occasion of his ordination on October 1. The release was dated October 2.

Park, as the students called him, graduated with the B. D. degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary this spring. He is beginning his ministry as a pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church at Chillicothe, Ohio.

The Associated Press release is titled, "Doomed, He Didn't Die; Now He Keeps His Vow." It recounts briefly his experience in a mine disaster and his vow at that time to enter the ministry if he survived. Some details are given concerning his education, beginning with his entrance into high school at twenty-three years of age. His educational experience at Houghton is mentioned.

The *Time* magazine of October 11 also carried a short article.

STEBBINS - KRENTTEL

On Tuesday, October 5, Miss Dorothy Krentel, ex '45, and Mr. Max Stebbins, '43, were married in Lansing, Michigan. Miss Krentel left Houghton College after her freshman year to take work at Michigan State in Lansing and to work in the college offices. Mr. Stebbins, a science major, was active in athletics as well as acting as head-waiter, business manager of the '42-'43 STAR and participating as an active member of the "Bumsteads". The couple will reside at 398 Park Lane, Lansing, Michigan.

MUSINGS . . .

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It looks like Bag-o-Bull Benito and his black shirts are out of the news forever. Last week, Tojo made a speech, and out of the 2,900 words, Italy or Mussolini were not present. Premier Hideki Tojo (call him Hideous for short) also advised "the boys" that all between 14 and 40 either fight or work in war plants.

CALLING ALL HILLBILLIES

Here's one for Granpappy Lloyd Wilt and his agile son, Albert (Will-you-stop-it) Warner. Tin Pan Alley records that the order of the day is hill-billy corn sung with an Appalachian accent. "Pistol Packin' Mama" seems to be holding its own on all fronts. The music major can undoubtedly tell us that hill-billy music is the direct descendant of the Scottish, Irish and English ballads that were brought to North America by the earliest white settlers. Let's ask for a return engagement with Lloyd and Albert.

Wise guy: "Do you know why there are more auto accidents than train wrecks?"

Warren Anderson: "That's easy. Did you ever hear of the engineer hugging the fireman?"

Well, happy Hunting! (A plug for the business manager.)

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A SALUTE TO ARMS

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Sunday, October 3, 1943
Men of the Armed Forces:

As I was musing in my office the other day, the STAR editor entered and asked me if I would write a word to the boys. Naturally, I didn't hesitate because I always am ready to talk with the fellows of the "armed service". I owe many of you letters now. During the shifts of the summer I misplaced some of the addresses and then too I find that you change your addresses so often I can't keep up with you. I am not going to use this as an answer to the fine letters I have received, but this will announce to all of you that Houghton College has resumed its activities for another year.

A freshman class of 110 has been duly initiated into the ways of Houghton; the annual reception is over and now everyone is hard at it in study. I think the group this year is a serious one. We all feel that if we are here we are here for a purpose and we must not dawdle and fool around. The 200 young ladies seem to feel that they too have a real task to perform this year. All of us are preparing to do everything possible to bring this war to a speedy end so that all of you can return to the campus and take up your classes again.

This morning, in the absence of the pastor, Alden Gannett ('44) preached. His message challenged everyone of us. He used as his text, "Not by might or by power but by my Spirit." There were several of the boys present in uniform. Five fellows from Geneva were there: Jim Hughes, Lloyd Wheeler, Mel Lewellen, Bill Barker, and Kenneth Crosser. It surely cheers our hearts when you fellows can return for a worship service. Come often. The whole student body is remembering you in prayer. May I quote from Paul's Phillipian letter and give it as my message to each one of you. "It is my prayer that your love may grow richer and richer in knowledge and perfect insight, so that you may have a sense of what is vital."

Things are happening fast at Houghton. The 3rd War Loan Drive went over the top. The "Boulder" staff is very much in evidence and we admire their spirit. It is what puts things over. First Artist Series number was a sell-out. Margaret Speaks really gave us a real treat. This week is the last week to add a course. War Council is busily engaged in finding out all they can do to help in the war effort. We have had one "black-out" already. We are all very busy around here but not too busy to think and pray for each one of you.

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From Our



Servicemen

FERCHEN

Lt. Walter Ferchen, of Niagara Falls, a navigator in the Army Air Force, has been missing in the North African area since July 11th. A graduate of Houghton in '38 he was very active in musical groups such as the A Cappella Choir, Brass Quartet, and Band. Before enlisting in 1942, Walt taught music at the Cuba Central School, was choir director and assistant organist at Cuba Methodist Church and secretary of the Genesee Country Music Festival.

DANNER

Military rites have been held for Lt. Robert Danner who was killed in an accident while on a training mission, at Wendover Field, Utah, where he was in advanced training. Before enlisting, Robert, of Houghton College ex '40, sang in the A Cappella Choir. He was organist and a choir member of the Methodist Church of Cattaraugus, New York.

DAYTON

Miss Lois Dayton of Center Moriches, L. I., has received notice from the War Department of the death of her brother, Warren. "Little Joe", as he was known on our campus, was "killed in action," having been shot down over Germany and dying later of wounds. Short, blond, and full of fun, he'd completed two years of college work and then joined the Air Corps, rapidly gaining promotions and the position of gunner in a Flying Fortress. When he was here he worked in the College print shop, was active in sports, and sang in the Chapel Choir.

Below is an excerpt from one of his last letters, dated, England, August 10, 1943.

"I've named my gun 'Little Joe', may be it will bring me luck. At least I've been lucky so far.

"I was looking forward to my Senior year at Houghton most eagerly since it meant practice teaching. I certainly would like to be teaching soon, but I guess I'll have to be patient, after being in the Army and traveling all over the United States and other countries I have the desire more than ever (if that were possible) to become a teacher. I think traveling about a lot is an education in itself in some respects. I feel now like a cosmopolite (My, who said that)."

"I've heard from Soupy several times but as yet, haven't had the opportunity of meeting him. He's stationed fairly nearby too, as far as I know, I'd say about 30 miles away. I like it a lot here, but I maintain that 'there's no place like home'."

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Into the setting Sun!"

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SERVICE MENTIONABLES

Every week we're going to print the most interesting parts of letters sent to the STAR and to students on the campus from fellows who have left to serve their country. In this way we'll all know more about our classmates in the service and the other Houghton servicemen will catch up on the news too. So come on fellows let's hear from and about you, help keep up civilian morale.

The first letter quoted is from Fred "Dayger" Hill who at present is in San Antonio, Texas:

"Greetings from Texas or

To whom it may concern or

If you can take it, I guess I ought to be able to.

This is from Texas as you might guess, no one else would be foolish enough to stay here unless it is Burlington game. Seems he got landed into Pre-flight, Group B. Pre-flight is what it says, before flight, so I find my nose in the books and my heels straight out behind me.

After classes, the afternoon is devoted to P.T. (physical training) for 2 hours and drill in the same quantity. I can't seem to put my whole heart into drill that it can be blamed on P.T. although we ran the 3 mile cross country 3 times last week. The time is 20 minutes which has to be reduced to 17 or 18 before we can go to Primary.

The Protestant Chaplain here is "on the ball." Today he handed it out in Houghton style believe it or not. As a whole the religious part of the camp is quite active and the chaplains are true earnest Christians. I dressed up in my only uniform (no sport coats, you know) and went to church this A.M. and was greeted at the doorway some cadet handing out Gideon Testaments; the Gideons have seen to it that all men who want it, may have a Testament and free literature.

(We're glad to see that you're physically fit Fred, What! No volley ball?)

Our next bit of chatter is from Greenwood, Mississippi where A/C Bill Work is stationed.

"The class of '44A (meaning that we are to graduate in January 1944) arrived at this air base with sixty-five flying hours. No limit is placed on our tallying flying time at this station. "Calling all eager beavers!" It took me six hours of dual instruction time before my solo in a Basic Trainer, which is more or less a transition ship between biplanes and advanced aircraft.

"Through all my training I have been thankful for the presence of my Lord. Savior, please remember all of us like you never did before — prayer really changes things."

Don't forget:

Remember the Rookies
With candy and cookies!

We also received a letter from Wally Clements who presently is in Jackson Tennessee. He reports that: "A cadet's first solo trip is a high point in his life. There is a tradition of giving each man a cold shower after his first solo. One day my instructor and I had been shoot-

ing some practice landings. After doing a half dozen he taxied back to the beginning of the field, climbed out and said simply, "Mr. Clements I don't know whether you want it or not, but you are going to get a cold shower!" My knees shook like a Model-T on a bumpy road but I opened the throttle and took off. (The shower was not warm.)

"When first here, I noticed that a certain car bore a New York State 4-H license. After inquiries I found it belonged to the post's intelligence officer who comes from Cuba, New York. That license-plate brought back fond memories of hitch-hiking near Houghton when I used to watch eagerly for similar ones. It would be fun to be back at school again but that must wait. Meanwhile I can go back by reading copies of your STAR. Keep the presses turning."

You star up there Wal,
We'll STAR back here.

H C

HAYNES - BURR NUPTIALS

Second Lieutenant John D. Haynes, president of the college class of '42, was married to Helen Burr, of the same class, on Labor Day of this year. They were married on the same day that "Jack" received his commission in the Army. The ceremony was performed in New York City by the Rev. O. G. McKinley, father of Lt. "Gerry" McKinley ('42), who was best man at the ceremony.

"Jack" is now on duty at the Army Air Base, Fort Dix, N. J., where he is assigned as Assistant Station Weather Officer. Lt. Haynes entered the Army on June 3, 1942 and was commissioned September 6, 1943.

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SERVICEMEN ON CAMPUS

The following servicemen visited the campus this week:

Leigh Summers (ex '44), RCAF bombardier training squad at Hamilton, Ont.

Pfc. Rumsey Reynolds (ex '45), Marine Corps, to be stationed in South Carolina, has just completed his boot training at Parris Island.

Meredith Kellogg (ex '45), on his way to Army Specialized Training Program in Nebraska for mechanical engineering.

A/C Harold Putnam (ex '46), in training at the Citadel in South Carolina, studying to be an air corps engineer.

Where Friends Meet



THE PANTRY

EX-NAZI PRISONER RELATES HIS ESCAPE

Monday morning at chapel, the students of Houghton College were privileged to listen to Mr. Leslie Ditchfield, a member of the British merchant marines, who told of his sensational escape from a Nazi concentration camp, accompanied by a French-Canadian and a Catholic priest. Sworn to secrecy by the British government concerning parts of his escape and subsequent flight through occupied and Vichy France, he nevertheless, revealed many of his highly adventurous experiences without exposing any confederates or naming any specific points along the route of flight.

Mr. Ditchfield was in Paris studying French in preparation for the mission field in Africa when the German hordes invaded France, sweeping away the little opposition that was before them. As England was at war with Germany as a new ally of France, Mr. Ditchfield was detained by the Nazi police in Paris as a prisoner of war. Since he was, as he stated at the chapel hour, "100 per cent British", he was removed along with other British subjects to an internment camp wherein he found natives from all the dominions were concentrated.

THE ESCAPE BEGINS

After spending many months within the limits of the barbed wire and the high prison walls, subsisting on the meagre rations of the Nazis, supplemented by the British Red Cross parcels, Mr. Ditchfield and his two companions made good their escape by cutting through a barbed wire retaining fence, crawling over more barbed wire rolls, and scaling a wall fourteen feet high only to drop into a cage-like structure whose walls were fourteen feet high and the roof of which consisted of a basket-weave of barbed wire. The men presently cut through this last barrier and dropped over the wall to freedom—freedom only from the concentration camp.

It was at this point that the previous oath to secrecy, prevented Mr. Ditchfield from revealing but a very general account of his flight to freedom. The trio walked the patrolled highways and boarded trains loaded with German officers, always in fear of capture. With forged passports, identification papers, honorable discharges from the French army, they proceeded to the border line of Free France where they successfully passed through the customs office. From this point on, Mr. Ditchfield revealed no facts concerning his return to England and his later crossing of the Atlantic to the United States.

Mr. Ditchfield presented vividly the conditions of starvation and poverty which exist in the occupied country of France, where the Nazi hordes have raped the land to their own advantage. In closing he expressed his feeling that being here in America "seems almost like a dream".

An overshadowing element in Mr. Ditchfield's thrilling presentation was a recognition of Divine leadership and protection in the whole experience. Particularly inspiring was his testimony to the assurance which passages of Scripture gave him during this very difficult time.

INTERVIEW . . .

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can-born artists and musicians are gaining.

Upon being asked as to her participation in the numerous Bond Drives, our soloist told of similar concerts averaging twice a week. She has sung many repeat performances at an army hospital on Staten Island where the wounded from the various campaigns are recuperating. In New York, Philadelphia, and in Chicago, Miss Speaks has entertained the servicemen at the famous *Stage Door Canteen* on various occasions.

Miss Speaks revealed that she is also a pianist of considerable merit, although her playing has been confined for the most part to her own enjoyment and relaxation. She stated that it helps her to become acquainted with new songs and to rearrange some of the older pieces. "I, myself, was forced to practise", she offered, adding nevertheless, that children can seldom be compelled to be musicians.

DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPANIST

During the course of the interview, it was discovered that Mr. Frederick Bristol, who appeared as Miss Speak's gifted accompanist was for many years with Lucrezia Bori, one of the greatest sopranos of all time. He has also played for Rose Bampton, Lucy Monroe, and other great singers of the concert stage in America. Mr. Bristol has been with Miss Speaks as her accompanist only since July of the current year.

Miss Speaks' dynamic personality, her charming voice, and her unusual musical ability have left an indelible impression both on the interviewer and on the audience here at Houghton College which was privileged to hear her sing.

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BOULDER . . .

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- Any size picture, on any subject pertaining to campus or local community life may be entered in the contest.
- There must be no scratches visible on the print when it is held at an angle to the light, nor may there be any white specks in the background.
- Any member of the college community or town, or any former student in Houghton may enter the contest provided he fulfills regulation No. 1, and is not a member of the '44 Boulder staff.
- Photographs are to be submitted in envelopes, with the owner's name signed on the outside. They may be given to any member of the Boulder staff, or slipped under the Boulder office door.
- Judges will be the Boulder staff and Prof. Smith. All decisions are final, and the photographs become the property of the '44 Boulder. Those photographs which are not used will be returned.
- All entries must be submitted by December 1.
- Prizes: A five dollar cash award will be first prize. Second prize will be a free Boulder, with payments already made on the book refunded. Third prize will be one dollar refund on a Boulder subscription.

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Freshmen Soundly Initiated; Sophs Win Sportsman's Trophy

BY BURT SWALES

To those new students who were getting adjusted to college life, and the old students who were too busy with current affairs at the time of the initiation week, we dedicate this article in order that they may keep abreast of the news.

Since there were no student observers, merely contestants present at the rec hall, the activities there were witnessed and expounded by a blurry-eyed termite left over from last year's activities.

After consulting the statistician as to the final score of the annual battle, the sophomores were found to be the victors by the disgraceful margin, 120-70. A technicality in not allowing sufficient points for the girl's soft ball games nullified a previous mistake which gave the victors only a 20 point lead at the final tabulation, as had been previously announced.

Monday afternoon came to a close with the pensive sophs leading 45-15. The outstanding contest of the day according to "Willie the Termite" was the table tennis match between Willa Jean Flint and Peg Fancher. The girls showed dexterity in their game and the other contestants showed a unified interest following the match to a finish. Willa Jean's consistent ability to get those difficult shots of Peg's back was something to attract the attention of Prof. Cronk's metronome.

The local manpower shortage of the sophs came to light in the tabulations of the day, when it was revealed that the girls had won the most points for their class, Hosmer being the only sophomore boy to garner any points for his class.

The boy's softball game on Tuesday afternoon makes the present world series rather insignificant except for their drawing ability and the amount of "guineas" invested in them (we gave all our extra cash for the bond drive, anyway). Getting back to the game, comment is necessary for the attention attracted by Charles Priebe and his

style of pitching. There seemed to be a bit of dissension among the sophomore batters as to whether he was pitching a softball or throwing hand-grenades. The sophomores gaining spirit, rallied in the second inning. Fighting grimly with never failing spirit the frosh finally nosed out a one-run lead to win the game.

Audrey Eckler and Esther Alm took on new points for the sophs by beating their opponents at shuffleboard. Anna Nuccitelli won her match easily in the singles and then rounded up a team for girls' doubles. Score now 85-35 for the sophs.

After asking the pig for his comments on the activities of the court of honor on Wednesday, he would only remark that he was glad of the chance to see others as they see him, wasn't that the way Judge Gannett put it?

The frosh held their heads above water (not speaking in terms of the boys tug-of-war) in Wednesday's contests by keeping on an even par with the sophomores. Each team won thirty-five points, the final score being 120-70. The sophomore class were the winners of the Frosh Week for the second straight year.

Friday night found our new frosh incorporated into our ranks on an even par with the upper classmen as they wandered throughout the gym, securing signatures and attempting to remember faces. Many of the recent alumni were also present to confuse the new students as to who were faculty and who were students. Everyone met the new members of the staff as they were introduced by Dr. Paine. We were glad to welcome Miss Lewis, Mr. Ferm, Mr. Douglas, and Miss Reed, as new members, and Dr. Ashton as the new Dean of the College, Dr. Moreland as the new Dean of Men, and Professor Stockin as the new Principal of the high school. The feeling that reigned as the week drew to a close was that we might have a good year. Thus far we have.

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