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## SKINNER DOES SOLO NUMBER FOR CONCERT

The second in the series of concerts being given by the Houghton College Little Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Alton M. Cronk was given on Friday evening, February 26. Harold Skinner was the flute soloist.

The first part of the program contained music by the great German masters—Mozart, Bach, Beethoven. Mozart was represented by the overture to "The Magic Flute"; Bach by an *Arioso* arranged for flute and string orchestra by the soloist of the evening; and Beethoven by the first movement of his first symphony.

Concluding the first half of the program were two lighter numbers—the poignantly beautiful *Last Spring* by Edward Grieg, and a gay, rollicking Creole dance entitled *Melida* by Justin Elie.

Following the intermission, the orchestra presented selections from *Carmen* by Bizet. *The March of the Smugglers*, *Habanera*, the *Torcedor Song*, *The Guard Mount*, and *Gipsy Dance* comprised the list. The famous Hungarian march *Rakoczy* was added as an extra number.

On the whole the performance was most satisfactory. Noticeable improvement was noted in intonation and precision of attack. The solo parts—especially flute, trumpet and French horn were handled far more efficiently than hitherto.

The soloist of the evening, Mr. Skinner again displayed his unusual musicianship and talent. His tone was at all times pure and velvety and his technique impeccable. In addition to the *Arioso* by Bach, he played *Syrinx* by Debussy. In this unaccompanied number he had further opportunities to display his numerous gifts. The audience, large and enthusiastic was lavish in its applause.

The third concert in the series will feature John M. Andrews as violin soloist.

## Houghton Group Attends Annual YMWB Convention For Lockport Conference

Twenty Houghtonites attended the annual YMWB convention in Levant Saturday, February 27. "Forward with Christ in Africa, India, and Japan" was the theme for the week-end services.

Rev. and Mrs. Price Stark, Mrs. Mary Lane Clark, Miss Ione Driscoll represented Africa; Rev. E. F. McCarty spoke in behalf of sin-burdened India; and Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gibbs depicted conditions in Japan.

The need of fervent effectual prayer was emphasized by the speakers who urged a great forward movement. In showing what could be done, they gave statistics marking the progress during the past few years.

As the salary of Mr. Stark is being paid by the WH and FMS of the Lockport Conference, the Y. M. W. B. plans to raise funds for the support of his wife and daughter so that they may accompany him. Over \$700 was raised for this purpose. This was the last appearance of these devoted missionaries in this part of the state before their return to their field base in Africa.

## President Luckey Gains In Health and Vigor

President Luckey has been steadily improving in health for the last few days. Though he has been most critically ill, his strength seems now to be returning, and gradually he is becoming more active. Last Wednesday he enjoyed a short pleasure drive to Fillmore with his son, Robert.

Considering the seriousness of his condition a short time ago, President's recovery is remarkable. He now takes his meals at the table with his family.

Faculty, students, and all friends of the college are anxious for his complete restoration to health. Much prayer is being made for him.

## Centerville CCC to Send Boys Weekly

Boys from the Centerville C.C.C. camp had been offered the opportunity to attend weekly classes at Houghton College starting Wednesday night, March 10. The instruction will be by College students.

Upon request of Mr. Mack, director of education of the camp, the faculty granted permission to give the Centerville C.C.C. the use of classrooms in the college buildings. Teachers were obtained and classrooms assigned by Mrs. Wilfred C. Bain, registrar.

Use of the laboratories, typewriters, and musical instruments was not granted.

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## 'I Could Have Worked an Extra Week' No Longer to be Mournful Stude Wail

"Could have worked an extra week if school hadn't begun so early—hated to leave my job. Can't understand why we have to go back so soon; other schools don't." Such remarks as these will not be heard on the campus next year, for school will open on September 20—one week later than usual. Besides, there will be one extra day in the Christmas vacation.

Many complaints have been made in the past against the length of the school year. Several students have wanted to work a week longer in the summer but have been unable to do so on account of early opening. For this primary reason there has been a continual drive to shorten the school year.

Another complaint has been the fact that other schools have had a shorter year. This, however, was a secondary reason for the action taken by the faculty as well as by the Syracuse board.

In order to compare the Houghton school year accurately with those of other institutions, Professor Stanley Wright made a survey covering 28 colleges and universities, distributed in seven states.

Of this number five began on September 16 or earlier; twenty-three began September 23 or later; thirteen began September 27 or later. In comparison, Houghton began September 12 last year.

The data on comparative length of school years follows: (by the length

## JOINT RECITAL SPONSORED BY ALTON CRONK

Thursday evening, March 11, will mark an extra musical event in this school year which has been so active in the field of music. The College Orchestra will sponsor a joint recital by Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin of Alfred University and Mr. Gerald Keenan of Hornell. Earlier this year the orchestra appeared at Alfred University through the courtesy of Mrs. Seidlin. The concert Thursday night will be in the nature of an exchange concert.

Mrs. Seidlin is well known to Houghton students for she appeared with the College Orchestra last year in one of its concerts, playing the Grieg piano concerto. In this appearance she was favorably received. Mrs. Seidlin is head of the piano department at Alfred. Her New York debut she made when eighteen years of age, playing with the New York Symphony Orchestra under Walter Damrosch.

Mr. Keenan is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and is well-known as a teacher in Hornell. He comes highly recommended.

The program will include two sonatas for violin and piano—the Handel *D Major*, which Mr. Totenberg played this year, and the Brahms *D Minor*, one of the greatest examples of its kind. There will also be a solo group by each of the artists.

In order to help defray the expenses, the nominal admission charge of twenty-five cents will be made.

## Scheduled Artist Series Number Concluded As Earle Spicer Makes Appearance in Recital of Ballad

### Did You Ever See A Hymn Walking?

I saw a hymn run across the ceiling in little wavy lines. I saw one of Madame Schumann-Heink's solos chase after it. I even saw a spirited march rhythmically make its way after them.

And I saw them with my own eyes with no aid of hallucinations. And what is more, if you care to go to Physics lab, you can get Professor Pryor to show you the same thing.

It is done with the aid of mirrors and was explained to me in technical terms which I cannot remember, let alone understand. But the idea is this:

A phonograph record is placed on the phonograph which is hooked up with an amplifier. To the diaphragm of this amplifier is attached a small mirror, delicately balanced to vibrate at the same rate of speed as the diaphragm. Upon it is concentrated the only light in the room, an arc light, focused to a fine point. As the record is played, the vibrations of the diaphragm vibrate in turn the small mirror, which throws its beam about at the same rate and manner as the diaphragm. The ray is in turn picked up by a revolving mirror which throws on the ceiling the pattern made by the light from the mirror. This is exactly the same pattern that the sound waves make.

The melodious, rhythmic tones of a hymn swelled from the amplifier and the crazy light patterns began again. The tone of the organ, the various parts, even the amen, all had their patterns. Each were easily distinguishable even to the layman.

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## New Number Introduced By Choir for Its Geneva And Penn Yan Concert

The North Presbyterian Church of Geneva where Dr. Alex Thompson is pastor had a second visit of the college choir Sunday afternoon, February 28. A concert was also sung in Penn Yan in the evening.

For these two concerts the choir inaugurated a new number on their program. The composition is a negro spiritual arranged by Noble Cain entitled, "Roll Chariot". Its appeal to the audience aided in making the program even more attractive.

Immediately following the afternoon concert, the bus and school car traveled to Keuka Park, the location of Keuka College. In the college dining hall the choir members were served a delicious lunch. The girls of the school were exceedingly friendly, and did their best to make the choir feel perfectly at home.

The concert at Keuka was sponsored by the college, and was held in the First Baptist Church of Penn Yan. Inspired by the large and enthusiastic audience, the choir rendered a most creditable performance.

Earle Spicer, English baritone, sang a program of English and American ballads before a large audience in the College chapel, Monday night, Mar. 1. This was the concluding number of the current artist series.

Before each number, the artist gave a detailed explanation concerning the setting of the ballad and interesting facts connected with it. These explanations, combined with Mr. Spicer's fascinating personality, clever wit, and extraordinary interpretation, brought him into an unusual personal contact with his audience.

The program was both entertaining and educational and was especially well received, as was manifest by the insistent applause and demand for encores.

Consisting of nine English and eight American Ballads, the program was interestingly arranged, mingling the comical with the serious. Among the more outstanding numbers were: "Old Mother Hubbard", arranged in the manner of Handel by Hutchinson and "O Death Rock Me to Sleep" by Queen Anne Boleyn.

Six encores consisted of three English, one Irish and two American Ballads. Two numbers which are very well known to Houghton audiences "The Green Eyed Dragon" and "Shortin' Bread", added interest to the program.

Mr. Spicer was ably accompanied at the piano by Prof. Cronk.

## Dr. Elon Wiles, Fillmore Dentist Talks on 'Dental Decay' Before Pre-Meds

"You can use everything from Ivory soap to salt and soda in cleaning your teeth," announced Dr. Elon Wiles, Fillmore dentist and former Houghton student, to the members of the Pasture Pre-Medic Club last Monday evening.

After being introduced to the group by Miss Crystal Rork, Dr. Wiles presented an informal discussion on the topic "Dental Decay". He gave a brief history of the subject from medieval times, when evil spirits were said to cause the toothache, to the present day. The theory now most widely accepted in explanation of tooth-decay is that acids formed from bacteria decay of food begin to decompose the enamel. Diet also accounts for some of it, but the diet has no effect upon the composition of the teeth, once they are formed.

Dr. Wiles said that cleaning the teeth twice a day and visiting the dentist every six months will not prevent all tooth decay, but will hinder it. "The preventative side of dentistry is larger than its restorative side," he added. Concerning the best brand of tooth paste or powder to use, Dr. Wiles remarked, "You can use everything from Ivory soap to salt and soda. It doesn't matter so much what you use; but it does matter how you use it."



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## Editorial

### EDITORIAL

It is conceded that all our regulations were established for the student's own welfare. We also appreciate that enforcement of these rules is a necessary check for the maintenance of the school's standards. But repeated offenses offer a puzzle. Why, when there is so much at stake, and risks are so great, do the students continue to violate—say, the ban on Sunday movies, or the restrictions on the use of automobiles? Can it be possible that the College is not meeting important demands of a growing student body?

Because of our isolation we have a few problems which most colleges escape. For one, there is no community activity which can offer an outlet for recreating students.

College people usually desire a balance of recreational diet. The gym gives its obvious opportunities. Clubs and lecture courses minister to the extra-curricular intellectual cravings. But for just plain play, we are at somewhat of a disadvantage.

For instance, we have but one place for refreshments. To be sure we appreciate its benefits, but one does like something different now and then.

Besides going to the Inn, it is permissible to go for walks. Walks are healthy and often quite inspirational, but shoes do wear out.

Different suggestions have been made which might tend to redirect misplaced ambitions into channels more compatible with our school's principles.

One, the idea of constructing an ice skating rink at the foot of the hill, would be a step in this direction. Nor is it too soon to start work on this for next winter.

Another thought was for a log cabin hall to be built back in the woods for supervised student use.

Never has there been much consistent effort to administer regular use of the old church.

Yet even these several helps above, will not do away with this college handicap. It will always be with us. Therefore, the need is for consistent, continual study by the faculty, that they may evolve a policy of assisting to direct our recreations.

It is not so much that the rules are objected to as it is of many being at an utter loss of what to do for diversion. In rare cases of travesty, the rule book's negative suggestions have even been considered as inviting possibilities.

Since, this matter is purely in the laps of the College administrators, only the Student Council can register student opinion. But even this body may find its hands tied.

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### CCC BOYS

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Fifty-five boys, whose previous education ranges from grammar school to college, will be given instruction by nine teachers. All courses will be under the supervision of Mr. Mack, who will act as an aid to the teachers. The knowledge gained will be tried

by practical projects in camp.

The teachers and the subjects they are to teach are: George Johnson French; Wayne Bedford, music; George Charlesworth, American history; Ramon Barnes, photography; Charles Kaine, trigonometry; Walter Ratcliff, electricity; John Smith, journalism; Clifford Blauvelt, mechanical drawing; Albert Garcia, business law

## Kampa Snooze

by "Bilgie"



After looking over last week's column we hardly dare to look another pun in the face and call it even the lowest form of humor. Kindly accept my apologies. Now if a few of you fellows would cut up a little more so there would be some real material to work on, we wouldn't have to use this one. It's your turn to apologize.

Prof. Stanley Wright's youngest Miss Alice, was remarking about the name "Adeline" which happens to be long to a certain freshman girl. Said she, "They should have christened her 'P.S.'" (Add-a-line). Catch on?

Here's just another instance that gambling doesn't pay. It really isn't gambling because one gets his nickel's worth of orange "pop", but the fact that in the caps of some of the bottles is printed a number from 5 to 100 which entitles the purchaser to that much in cash, adds just that much more zest. The other night at the Inn, Prof. Cronk and Arlington Visscher decided that they would make a big haul.

Accordingly they bought a whole case of said beverage. Bottle after bottle was opened, and the boys collected their evening's haul—just five cents. Quoting the professor (Arlington was too far gone to give his statement to the public), "I have played the game, and have lost. Let me warn innocent little boys and girls to shy from such forms of pastime. Gambling does NOT pay." So there. What did I tell ya!

Miss Rork chided Park Tucker for the way he cleaned off his table. "Fie on thee, Parkus!" reproved the professoress. "Dost thou not know that there are six deceased winged creatures (flies) lying upon the table? What would thy wife say if thou hadst one?" Properly reprimanded "Sir Tuck" made six tiny caskets and with suitable ceremony proceeded to bury them with the dust which remained on the desk. According to Miss Davison, he could have cleaned up the dirt along with the offending insects twenty-four times in the two hours which he spent in making the caskets. But "Sir Tuck" is so sentimental.

Henry's done it again. It happened at the Y.M.W.B. convention at Levant. Jimmy Bence, "Red" Hill Master Ortlip, and a little six-year-old boy were seated about the table partaking of its delicacies. Suddenly Henry dropped a whole slice of bread on his lap. The youngster (the other one) was quick to rise to the occasion. "Want a bib?" he inquired helpfully.

"Yes" Thomas claims that a better method is to place the edge of the tablecloth inside the collar so that it would be the recipient of all misplaced food.

Washing tin dishes, especially milk cans, makes a hit with "Dick" Simons. In fact the top to one of the milk cans picked his jaw for a bull's-eye Tuesday evening. "Dick" put scalding water in the receptacle placed on the cover firmly, and shook the can most energetically for the length of three minutes. Meanwhile steam pressure was forming inside. Bang! and the top sailed up, carried off Richard's chin to the ceiling, and if it weren't for gravity it would probably still be going. The sufferer, when he could talk, exclaimed, "Boy, that stuff shore had some kick!" And to think that it was only a milk can. Tsk, tsk.

## PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

### Laurence Saile

Laurence Saile was born March 4 1914, at LeRoy, N. Y. Shortly afterward his family moved to Batavia where Laurence was graduated from high school in 1932. A bicycle and camping trip through the Adirondacks occupied one of his summer vacations. After taking a post-graduate course at the Batavia High School, he enrolled in Houghton College.

Early in his college course, Laurence chose a general science major and has maintained a steady interest in science throughout his four years here. He has held the position of Chem Lab Assistant for the past two years. During both his freshman and senior years he has been a representative on the Student Council holding the position of president of the council this year.

A number of hobbies have occupied his leisure time, one of the chief of which is nature study. An active participant in extra-curricular activities he has played in the College Orchestra for the entire four years. His other club interests are the Oratoric Society, Pre-Medic Club, and Expression Club.

"A college training has been invaluable to me," declares Saile. "It has taught me to do a few things for myself. The friendships which I have made here have been the most enjoyable things which college has given me."

### Katherine Schehl

Katherine Schehl, a native of Long Island, was born June 22, 1915. Since her father is a Baptist minister, Katherine has moved from place to place having attended four different grade schools during her childhood. Her high school years were spent in the Lockport High School from which she was graduated in 1933.

In the course of her college career Kay has participated in several extra-curricular activities. Among these are the Expression Club, Social Science Club, Oratoric Society, and the A Cappella Choir for the last two years. She was President of Gaovado Dormitory for the first semester of this school year. Her major in college has been in the Social Sciences with minors in English and Botany. At the present time Kay is practicing on the eighth graders with a course in Elementary History.

"The inspiration and help gained from friendships," she declares, "have proved invaluable." Her humble spirit is shown by her parting plea to the reporter, "Make that person's brief."

### Prudence Sheffer

Prudence Amelia Sheffer (Prudy to you) was born at Franklin, Pa. on Oct. 1, 1915.

Her most vivid recollections of her youth are the numerous filial combats which inevitably occurred daily in the posterior section of the yard. Two years later she moved to Youngsville, Pa. which has been her home ever since.

School passed uneventfully, until "Prudy's" freshman year in high school which she spent at Chesbrough Seminary. The next three years were taken at the Youngsville High School where she participated in several extra-curricular activities including the girls glee club, girls trio, president of the archery club, president of the Bible Study club and the Young People's Missionary Society. Her high school oration was chosen as one of the five best.

Following in the foot steps of her big sister, Prudence came to Houghton in 1933. She began work in the Theological Department and took an active interest in the Ministerial Association of which she has been secretary.

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## Yankees Know Little About Selves States Martin Hoyer, Tailor

In a recent interview Mr. Martin Hoyer, Houghton's tailor and a native of Germany, spoke somewhat damaging words concerning the intelligence of Yankees.

"I like college students very much," he said, "but I think Yankees are very ignorant, on the whole, about their country. They know very little geography and when I ask them the difference between two words they cannot tell me."

There seems to be a very good reason why Mr. Hoyer notices geographical intelligence. His teacher in the German Public Schools, he recalled, used to pinch his ear because he did not study his geography.

He has a good background of knowledge about college students too, for in this country he has lived in the university centers of Hamilton and Canton, N. Y., where he tailored for Colgate University students and for those of St. Lawrence University.

Mr. Hoyer, one of the most picturesque figures on our campus, was born in Hohenraden, Germany, in the year 1865. When he was eleven years of age, the family moved to Pinneberg, a suburb of Hamburg, in the province of Holsen. Here he lived for many years. The first major break in the sojourn came when he served in a calvary regiment of the German army from 1887-1890. He has a number of army pictures and can tell much of regimental life.

He came to America in 1907, and finding conditions good for the tailor trade here, he returned to Germany in 1908 and brought back his wife and two children. Since then he has resided in various places in New York State, the last one being where his wife now lives and whence he returns every summer.

The first English Mr. Hoyer learned was the Lord's Prayer. He added to this knowledge by studying in the various university towns where he lived. Exchanging lessons in English for lessons in German sometimes caused humorous incidents.

When his family was mentioned Mr. Hoyer spoke sadly. He lost his only son, Max, a professor of engineering at Clarkson Institute in 1922. The young man was killed in an automobile accident. Mr. Hoyer's daughter is still living.

Mr. Hoyer seemed surprised at the unusual facility with which Professor Fancher speaks German.

He expressed the hope that students would come to see him often.

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## Prominent Speakers Are Scheduled to Come Soon

A successful missionary to the Jews and an able speaker, Rev. J. Hoffman Cohen of Brooklyn will address the student body on Monday, March 22 at the chapel hour. Mr. Cohen has recently visited Poland and other European countries so that he is able to give a first hand picture of the Jewish need in these countries.

Robert O. Monaghan, instructor in Music at the Batavia school for the blind, will speak here the week of May 10. Himself blind, he will show how blind persons can overcome handicaps and do what normal people do.

Sidney Landon, debate coach of Cornell University, and impersonator, will give an evening program here on April 30. He will probably present American authors.



## ALUMNI CORNER

Biography of President  
Luckey About Complete

The biography of President Luckey, by Erma Anderson Thomas ('29) is all but completed. The chapter headings now read:

- I. Heap Big Chief
- II. Freckles, Overalls, and Schooling
- III. Ambitions and Expenses
- IV. "Faith of Our Fathers"
- V. Love Lessons
- VI. Oberlin and Harvard
- VII. From Janitor to President
- VIII. Palestine Trip
- IX. War Baby
- X. Chartered
- XI. Alumni European Trip
- XII. Perigrinating Pedagogy
- XIII. More Dreams Realized
- XIV. Tributes

Perhaps you did not know that as a lad in the "Old Sem", Prexy was keen on the high jump; that during the war the campus was a huge potato patch; that bricks for the college building were burned on the premises on the site of the present tennis courts. Perhaps also you did not know that Prexy spent one Fourth of July in Venice, Italy; that about the time the charter was the all-absorbing topic of interest, Bob concluded a request for a new overcoat with, "But I s'pose I can't have it until we get the charter"; that the College Inn was in the old canal days, Waldorff House, scene of many a gambling and drinking bout.

These are but few of the interesting facts in the book. Watch for a chapter from the biography soon to be published in the *Star*.

## ITEMETTES

Miss Kartevold spent the last week-end at her home in Brooklyn New York. She left on the sleeper Friday night and returned Monday arriving here early Tuesday morning.

Miss Ortlip spent last week-end at her home in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cronk spent the last week-end in New York visiting Malcolm and Theos Cronk.

Mr. C. E. York has been engaged to construct the Lyncott Wesleyan Methodist Church at Syracuse. The Wesleyan organization is a new work built up by the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. I. F. McLeister. Mrs. McLeister is the pastor. The church is located on Wilmore Street.

Mr. York expects to begin work on it as soon as he complete's Mrs. Murphy's new house.

Prof. and Mrs. Perry Tucker and family, Mrs. Charles Kaine, and Miss Esther Olin were guests of Mrs. Tucker's sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Laurence, at Canandaigua, over the week-end.

Miss Bertha Grange, former matron of Gaoyadeo Hall, was called to Chino, California in January on account of the serious illness of her brother, Walter Grange. Mr. Grange is enjoying scenic drives in this lonely section near Los Angeles, motor boat trips on Balboa Bay and to Catalina Island. Inspired by a recent district service, she gives a word of spiritual encouragement in a recent letter: "Everyone felt that nothing but aggressive faith appropriating His promises would do. All our feet press is ours."

Mrs. George Emory Hammond (nee Grace Wright) of Coudersport Pa. spent a few days last week with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. F. H. Wright.

## News Flashes

Word of the death of Edith Jean Liddick, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alton Liddick has been received from India. The child was born on February 3. Mrs. Liddick is in a critical condition. Prayer has been earnestly requested for her.

Born on February 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner of Cuba, New York, a son, Robert Theodore, Jr. Mrs. Wagner was Isabelle Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Everts and Amy Ruth were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Ora Bassage, assistant matron of Gaoyadeo Hall, Thursday March 4. Mrs. Everts before her marriage was Miss Grace Haradon.

Miss Harriet Sartwell, class of '35 is spending a few days in Houghton as the guest of Miss Rinda Bartlett.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Pierce Filson of Los Angeles, California announce the engagement of their oldest daughter Marjorie Gray, ex '36, of New York City to G. Howard Swart of New York City and Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Swart attended Drake University. Their marriage will take place in late autumn. Miss Filson is known to Houghtonites as "Sunny."

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Taylor are parents of a daughter born Tuesday evening at the Olean General Hospital. She has been christened Sylvia Mooneyeen. She weighed 6 1/4 lbs.

Mr. Erwin Enty is planning to build a house on the lot next to Cronk's store. Specifications are not yet complete.

Mr. John Hodnett and family have moved from the Lee McCarty farm to the bungalow that was occupied by Howard Hopkins until his death. Silas Anderson dismantled the house and moved Mr. Hopkins' furniture to his own home in Cuba during Christmas vacation.

George Unaman ('32) visited the college Wednesday. Mr. Unaman who during his college days was an assistant in the chemistry laboratory now has a job in the Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester. His work is in the dark room where emulsion is put on the films.

Harlow Terwilliger ('36) has a position in the Ford Plant in Buffalo. Ralph Jones ('28) sings every Saturday evening at 6:15 over station WKBW, Buffalo.

Foster Benjamin ('34) has secured a position as head of science department of the Gladstone, Mich. High School. He began work this semester. He has classes in general science, biology, chemistry and physics, and teaches 150 students. (His address is 1012 Wisconsin Avenue.)

Ronald Hess of Johnson City, New York, brother of Orven Hess ('35) called at the college Wednesday. He expects to enter college next fall as a member of the class of '41.

Ellsworth Brown ('30) received his M.A. degree from Cornell University in February.

Student Prayer Service Is  
Directed by Grace Parker

Grace Parker led the students' prayer meeting Tuesday evening March 8.

She told the story of an eagle that was seen soaring in the sky but finally began to act peculiar and had come down. It had taken a weasel with it on its flight and had failed to keep it away from its vital organs. The animal sucked the life-blood and the bird fell dead. It behooves us to watch what we try to take with us when we want to soar for God. Sin will do its work if it has a chance

Dr. Woolsey, Stockin Go  
To Cornell for Interview

Dr. P. E. Woolsey and Gordon Stockin interviewed professors in the language department of Cornell University, on Saturday, concerning requirements for the master's degree. They were accompanied to Ithaca by Martha Woolsey.

Mr. Stockin made two observations concerning the university; dignity of the students in the halls of the buildings, and quality of conversation among students. Subjects of educational value are not taboo.

The evangelical student, he learned also, is treated with tolerance, but it is necessary for him to take his Christian stand at the very outset if he would live the Christian life. On Saturday evening a half dozen or so of the evangelicals met for Bible study and prayer.

Greenberg Girls' Dormitory  
Elects New Officers

The nine girls at Miss Burnell's dorm elected officers for this semester on Wednesday evening.

President—Mabel Hess  
Vice-President—Dorothy Lewis  
Sec'y-Treas.—Florence Aikin

Gas "man"—Evelyn Hoag (whose duty it is to watch the consumption of gas at the Greenberg). Every time the tank is emptied, Evelyn is supposed to collect five dollars from the girls, as well as supervise the turning over of a new tank of fuel.

The chief bell-ringer and noise proctor for the dorm is Georgia McGowan.

New Book Is of Interest  
To Missionary Students

*Revival in Romance and Realism*, a new book in the library, was presented through the courtesy of the author, Mrs. H. M. Wood, the founder of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement.

This volume will be of special interest to those engaged in or preparing for any form of missionary work. The subject is concerned with the experiences of Mr. and Mrs. Woods and their associates as they visited various oriental missions and witnessed instances of the power of God in revival, and the preservation of His workers, and the development of the work in answer to prayer.

Mrs. Woods' book is made attractive by clear print and profuse illustrations. It is recommended for Sunday reading.

Gerald Wright Still Seriously  
Ill in the College Infirmary

Gerald Wright, son of Professor and Mrs. F. H. Wright, has been confined to the infirmary since Monday afternoon, March 1. His condition, which has been rather serious is reported to be somewhat improved. Since he cannot yet receive visitors we want him to know that we are interested in his welfare and remember him daily in our petitions to God.

Are Those Stars Issued Late  
Again . . . . . ?

An almost unavoidable accident was responsible for the late issuing of the *Star* this week.

The staff had its copy in, and the whole edition was linotyped and put in the form ready for the press on Saturday morning. Then the unforeseen happened, and in less than two minutes every vestige of the *Star* lay scattered about the floor.

No one is wholly responsible, for as someone has said, "It's just one of those things."

## RELIGIOUS WEEK

Our Sunday  
Services

## Come!—for Life

"Ye will not come to me that ye might have life," was the Rev. Mr. Pitt's text Sunday morning, February 28.

He said, "In Christ alone can we find the life that satisfies. The Christian Life is in itself a prohibitive agent against the things of the world because Christ so completely meets our desires that we do not want things that displease him. People who are running after the world because they need it to make them happy, need to meet Christ."

## Talents

The parable of the talents was the background for the Rev. Mr. Pitt's sermon Sunday evening, February 28. "A talent," he said, "is something given by God on which man can make increase by use. Even though one succeeds in a material way and wins renown, he is wasting his talent unless he makes an increase in it to lay at Christ's feet. A man never knows what his talent is until God points it out to him and shows him that it comes from God."

"The sin of the one-talent man lay in a wrong judgment of God and in his fear to do the will of God. He hid his talent because he wanted to conceal it and to forget it. In trying to hide from God and his fellow-men he fled from a difficult job to one that was hopeless. His sin was sure to find him out. Then too, he had some appreciation of the value of the talent and wanted to be able to go back to it for future profit. Finally he believed that some day the Lord would ask for it and he wanted it to be safe. In the end he met a disappointed God and learned to his regret that it would have been easier to accept the terms, because it is always easier to accept the gospel and obey God than to supply a philosophy of life apart from God."

## First Floor

Katherine Schehl, Jane Hurd, Lina Pettit, Anne Madwid, Esther Hart and Elizabeth Bryant conducted the young people's service Sunday evening, February 28. Each discussed part of the verse, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (St. John 10:9). The talks were interspersed with special music.

Fourteen Members Present at  
French Club Get-together

French Club enthusiasts met last Friday afternoon to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Victor Hugo, the famous French writer.

Gordon Stockin gave a brief report of Hugo's life, and three of his poems were read by Marion Jones Doris Taylor, and Eileen Strickle.

The refreshment committee, composed of Marie Lyon and Helen Morse, served chocolate with white cup cakes decorated with a tiny pink candle.

Fourteen members were present.

LATIN CLUB HOLDS ITS  
REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Latin Club met last Monday evening for the purpose of discussing plans for the club's chapel which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18.

Those present were Norva Bassage, Florence Aiken, Elaine Corsette, Zilpha Gates, Thelma Havill, Gordon Stockin, Ruth Walton, and Jean Feldt.

Evangelical  
Student

## WHAT! NO INSPIRATION

Gipsy Smith at the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., told of a man who said he had received no inspiration from the Bible, although he had gone through it several times. "Let it go through you once," was the evangelist's reply, "then you will tell a different story."

Barton's Great Texts

## WHY FUNDAMENTALISTS

Walter Lippman, the newspaper man, in concluding his imaginary dialogue between a Modernist and a Fundamentalist, makes the Modernist ask that the question be discussed without heat. But the Fundamentalist says, "Has it ever occurred to you that this device is easier for you to follow than for me?" "How so?" asks the Modernist. "Because for me an eternal plan of salvation is at stake. For you there is nothing at stake but a few tentative opinions none of which means anything to your happiness. Your request that I should be tolerant and amiable is therefore, a suggestion that I submit the foundation of my life to the destructive efforts of your skepticism your indifference, and your good nature. You ask me to smile and to commit suicide."

Heart and Life Magazine

## THE WICK'S SERMON

What a sermon there is in a wick! Sit down beside it, and ask how it dares hope that it can supply light for hours and hours to come. "Will you not soon burn to an end, you wick of lamp?" "No, I do not fear it, since the light does not burn me though it burns on me. I only bear to it the oil which saturates my texture. I am but the ladder up which it climbs. It is not I, but the oil that is in me, that furnishes the light."

Daily Devotional Commentar

## NO PROFANITY IN LANGUAGE

The Japanese language is the only one in the world in which there is not a single word that can be called profane. This is a matter in which the Japanese take great pride. Although thousands of expressions and phrases have been "imported" from other languages, the native tongue remains clean and wholesome. If a Japanese picks up a questionable word and uses it, he feels thoroughly humiliated if he learns there is the least suspicion of profanity in it, and straightway he goes to his roof and makes peace with the gods. To be profane is the worst thing that any man over there can do. He realizes it and knows that if he indulges in profanity picked up from foreigners, he will be ostracized not only by his friends and neighbors, but by his family as well.

Christian Union Herald

## WHO DOES THE FINDING?

Yam Sing came from China to California and was brought to know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When examined before baptism concerning his experience of faith, someone asked him how he found Jesus. "I no find Jesus at all; He find me," was the answer from the converted man, an answer which was more than satisfactory to the questioner and which showed that he had learned something of the love of Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost."

S. S. Advocate

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Malachi 3:16—"Then they feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."



# ACADEMY, JUNIOR TEAMS DEFEAT FROSH VOLLEY-BALLERS

## Freshman Girls Sole Defenders Of Class Honor in Tournament

### FROSH-HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday afternoon, March 1, the freshmen and the academy forces split two games, with the frosh girls winning 15 to 7 and 15 to 8, while the seminary fellows came through to win 15 to 10 and 15 to 7.

The girls games followed the general custom by being slow, poorly played games. The diminutive high school lasses valiantly tried to adhere to orthodox volleyball tactics, with "Billy" Paine and "Gwen" Fancher playing the key positions. However, their older opponents proved too much for the little co-eds.

In the following games between the male aggregations, there was some ragged playing at the beginning on the part of both teams. As a result the following play was very cautious. Neither team resorted to very many hard driven pills or corner placements. Although the academy forward line performed very smoothly they did not play an aggressive game. They were content to get the ball over the net and let their opponents hit it out of bounds. "Dave" Paine and Dean Sellman starred in the victors front line while "Dick" Simons played the best for the losers.

HC

### 'Cercle Francais' Features 'The Longest Gangplank'

Le Cercle Francais presented a motion picture entitled "The Longest Gangplank in the World" during the chapel hour on Thursday, March 4.

Gordon Stockin, leading the devotions, read the fourteenth chapter of the Book of John in French, and Miss Norva Bassage led in prayer.

The motion picture, operated by Willard Smith, showed many novel views of France. Scenes in Normandy, Versailles, and Paris were included. Of particular interest among these were the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Tomb of Napoleon, sidewalk cafes, hurtling traffic in the heart of Paris, and Deauville, "the ultra-modern center of social and sporting life."

HC

### DORM MEETING

Jane Zook was elected president of Gayadeo Dorm, last Wednesday evening. She is taking the place of Katherine Schehl, who resigned in December because of her health.

Thelma Havill was elected as freshman representative on the dorm council. Miss Kartevold read a letter she had received from Roma Lapham who recently went to Texas to work in the mission at Arlington. Roma had an excellent trip and is now thoroughly engrossed in her work.

The next dorm meeting will be on the first Wednesday in May.

HC

On account of the critical illness of her father, Rev. R. W. Roberts of Rome, N. Y. who was stricken ill while preaching Sunday morning February 21, Marjorie Roberts, (class of '40) will be unable to return to school.

Mr. Roberts is a retired Baptist minister.

HC

If you don't hit your oppressor, it isn't proof of a forgiving spirit. You hope that his conscience will make him suffer.

### FROSH-JUNIORS

In the third frame of the class volleyball series, the juniors girls received their second setback at the hands of the frosh "fems", while the junior men jubilantly triumphed over their opponents.

The third year co-eds showed themselves to be woefully weak in their back line—a fact which contributed to their defeat. A serve from the yearling muscle-ladies, passing over the heads of those in the front line, was invariably good for a score. The games ended 15 to 7 and 15 to 3.

The junior fellows were given cause for a royal celebration as a result of their games. Of all their athletic competition since matriculation, the junior men have won only one basketball game, and the last two volleyball games. They should be given much credit for finally waking up and showing fine spirit and athletic ability.

The frosh are new to volleyball and their inexperience was evident in their lack of teamwork. Most of the junior scores were results of good set-ups from Erwin Enty to "Dick" Wright, who made many unreturnable kills. The final scores were 15 to 12 and 15 to 8.

HC

### PHYSICS EXPERIMENT

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There in the darkness, with the roar of the amplifier, and the constant sputtering of the arc light, the whole experiment seemed fantastic and weird. One could scarcely imagine seeing sound. And yet, with the lights turned on, and with Prof Pryor explaining the device in matter of fact tones, and Tom Ellis, his assistant, methodically chewing gum the whole affair became understandable.

Professor Pryor and Tom Ellis have worked on this machine as a lab experiment for sound and are going to demonstrate it some day for the physics class.

HC

### Third Charter Is Presented To Houghton Scout Troop

The local scout troop, Troop 43 gathered at the district school along with several local citizens for the presentation of their third charter. The charter was presented by Edgar M. Sain (Scout Executive of Seneca Council, of which Troop 43 is a member).

Registration cards totaling 15 were given to the members by scoutmaster Elmer Roth. When the troop was first organized three years ago there were ten members.

Mr. Sain gave a short talk setting forth the aims of scouting and then urged the boys to more activity. With the cooperation of the townspeople the troop plans to accomplish a great deal in Houghton in the coming year.

HC

### PARK TUCKER RETURNS FROM CHICAGO TRIP

Park Tucker, '40, returned recently from Chicago where he was co-defendant in an automobile accident suit in Cook County Court. The suit was the result of an accident that took place during Mr. Tucker's high school days in Wheaton Academy. The plaintiff was awarded \$150.

Mr. Tucker visited Wheaton College, and met two former Houghton students, Iona Clark, and Esther Lindquist. He also saw Prof. and Mrs. L. A. King.

### TEAM STANDING IN VOLLEY BALL

#### MEN

	Won	Lost
High School	1	0
Sophomores	1	0
Seniors	1	0
Juniors	1	1
Freshmen	0	3

#### WOMEN

Seniors	1	0
Sophomores	1	0
Freshmen	1	1
High School	0	1
Juniors	0	2

### PERSONNEL

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retary and chairman of the program committee. The Mission Study club has often crossed her path and the Extension Department has been aided by her sermonizing. In sports her fields of endeavor have extended to basketball and volleyball. Musical activities have included chorus and first and second choirs.

Miss Sheffer has taken an active interest in public speaking and achieved her greatest success by winning the oratorical contest in her freshman year. The next year Prudence copped the second honors in the Strong Bible reading contest.

The activities of Prudence's future are still a little uncertain but they will be in some kind of Christian work. For the benefit of Star readers she states "One of the best things I have gained from Houghton's influence is the realization of how much fun it is to really live—not for one's self but for others. I see my duty as well as my privilege of giving back to my Creator the greatest and most precious thing He has given me—life!"

HC

### Box Score of Varsity-Alumni Basketball Game

#### WOMENS GAME

Varsity	FG	FT	TP
Shaffer, rf	0	0	0
Kingsbury, rf	0	0	0
Stone, lf	3	0	6
Higgins, lf	0	0	0
Watson, c	0	0	0
Donley, rg	0	0	0
M. Paine, rg	0	0	0
Hess, lg	1	0	2
Donahue, lg	0	0	0
TOTALS	6	1	13

Alumni	FG	FT	TP
Tiffany	0	0	0
Murphy	0	0	0
G. Paine	1	1	3
L. York	1	0	2
Lee	1	2	4
TOTALS	3	3	9

#### MENS GAME

Varsity	FG	FT	TP
Dunckel	4	0	8
Schogoleff	6	0	12
Hopkins	0	0	0
Crandall	4	0	8
Gilbert	0	0	0
Thompson	1	1	3
Wright	0	0	0
Murphy	1	0	2
Stevenson	0	0	0
Tuthill	1	5	7
Churchill	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	6	40

Alumni	FG	FT	TP
Fox	3	0	6
Farnsworth	4	0	8
Frank	4	2	10
Farnsworth	0	0	0
Clark	0	0	0
McCarty	1	1	3
TOTALS	12	3	27

## Varsity Return To Form, Beat Alumni 40-27

Sweeping to a pair of decisive victories over the astute alumni arrays, the varsity quintets negotiated a satisfactory conclusion to the current cage activities.

In the curtain raiser the co-eds maintained an unblemished record by administering a 13-9 drubbing to the alumni amazons. The finale saw the renovated Leonard-men display a spirited and co-operative brand of basketball in trouncing the stars of yesterday 40-27.

### WOMENS GAME

A disappointing turnout from the alumni ranks greatly contributed in making the task of the varsity fems a supposedly easy one. But an underestimation of their opposition nearly caused the varsity's downfall. At the end of the opening stanza, they found themselves trailing 2-4 in a slow, listless, routine of careless pass-work and missed shots.

Both teams found it difficult to shake off the inertia of the first period, and the second quarter proved also to be devoid of thrilling action. Millie Shaffer made a successful foray into scoring territory to knot the count at half time.

The last cantos showed a vastly different style of cage action. Coach Leonard's experimental schemes began to bear fruit. Betty Stone, senior sharp-shooter, split the drapes for a brace of deuces, but the alumnae rallied momentarily.

However, this scoring flurry acted as an impetus for the fair valiants to exhibit a better calibre of playing in all departments, and they coasted to a decisive win.

Bowing out of collegiate competition, Betty Stone turned in an outstanding performance, taking high scoring honors with six tallies. Shaffer of the victors, and Lee of the vanquished disported themselves commendably.

### MENS GAME

A meager crowd witnessed one of the best played tilts of the season as the varsity experienced a complete reversal of form. Equipped with a finely-balanced group of top-notchers and imbued with a good morale, and an indomitable fighting spirit, they left no doubt as to their superiority over the alumni aces.

"Red" Frank struck terror into the Leonard forces when he converted three double-deckers in the first four minutes of the initial canto. However, the varsity did not purpose to permit a duplication of the disaster incurred in their preceding appearance, and quickly rallied. The scoreboard read 9-7 favor of the old grads as the quarter ended.

Walt Schogoleff, varsity captain entered the combat with itching fingers and proceeded to give the meshes a terrible beating with the accurate looping. From then on the outcome was evident, and although Bill Farnsworth, brilliant forward, and Lowell Fox, ace strategist, staged occasional rallies, the grads had to be content to remain well in the rear.

With the entrance of Dunckel into the game at the opening of the last period, the varsity further stretched their lead. The tussle terminated with the valiants thirteen points in the van.

WHY NOT retire queer old laws when they are 70 years old?



## Sport Shots

by Walt Schogoleff

It seems that the defeat of the varsity by the yearling cagers taught those worthies a timely and much-needed lesson. In the recent annual basketball classic, it was a more determined and sober quintet that faced the alumni five. Their victory over the strong "grad" team should do a little in atoning for its drubbing in the preceding game.

The alumni had very little reserve material, but their line-up was a formidable one. Four of their number are making good as high school basketball coaches, with "Dick" Farnsworth coaching at Silver Springs, "Bill" Farnsworth at Angelica, Clair McCarty at Lewiston, and "Red" Frank at Knoxville.

Since our basketball season has practically reached its conclusion, it might be of interest to look over some basketball facts, or more properly, basketball oddities. At the present time we will omit the Frosh-Varsity massacre. Speaking of defeats, however, the worst shellacking any team ever received was the one given out by the Buffalo Germans, a professional team, in a game with Hobart College in 1903. The score was 134 to 0.

The lowest scoring game occurred in an Illinois district tournament in 1930. The Georgetown High School team made a foul shot in the first period and stalled through the rest of the game to win 1 to 0.

Height has always been a great advantage in the cage game. In glancing at the altitude records we find that the tallest center was a growing high school lad, 17 years old and 8 feet 4 inches tall. In a recent vote by basketball experts, Barney Sedran, present coach of the New York Whirlwinds, was selected as the best player of all time. When in his prime, Barney was 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighed 115 pounds.

Continuing with this merry madcap, we find that there have been attempted many versions of the original game. Teams have tried to ring the hoop on roller skates, ice skates, bicycles, and horseback. The Alabama school for the blind has been playing basketball for five years. Bells on the players, ball, and baskets direct the teams.

In a preceding issue of the STAR announcement was made that a basketball banquet was being contemplated. The plans have been finally completed, and the athletic feast will take place in the dining hall at 5:30 on Friday evening, March 12. Everyone interested in athletics is cordially invited to attend and share in the merry-making. At this occasion the awards in touch football, class basketball, and varsity basketball will be given out. It will not be a formal party.

At the last athletic banquet, the program was introduced very auspiciously by "Tex" Leonard, who remarked, "If everyone will shut up we'll start."

The volleyball tournament has been progressing steadily with the presentation of some good games, and others not so good. We find among the unbeaten teams for the men, the high school, sophs, and seniors. In the women's division, the sophs and seniors are still undefeated. Lo, and behold, the junior fellows came through Wednesday afternoon with the second and third victories of their sports career at Ho'ton. Keep it up juniors!