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## Cuba Poetry Society Honors Hazlett and Former Students

Robert Longacre, Clara Hogue, and interviewed on the subject. Its memShirley Babbitt, former Houghton bers are very versatile although many students, and Professor Ray W. Haz- of them are just farmers and hou e lett have been honored by the Cuba wives. They silently defy the trend Poetry society. Poems by these of thought upheld by Sinclair Lewis
Houghtonians were published in the in "Main Stree"" that the small town Houghtonians were published in the in "Main Street" that the small tow
annual book of poems compiled by has nothing of culture to offer. annual book of poems compil
the society, just off the press.

Robert Longacre, who There is much friendly cooperation in 1943 from the ministerial course, college. The society acts as judge is now work ng for the Wycliffe Bible of the poctry division of the college | anslators in Oaxaco, Mexico. | literary contest. Several of the |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | Clara Hogue, who was graduated Houghton professors have attended last spring and teaches in Troupsburg, meetings. won first pr

Shirley Babbitt, who was graduated in 1913, now lives in Rushford.

Professor Hazlett's contribution a sonnet. In "I Built a House" he compares the composing of a sonne to the construction of a house.
The book, publ'shed by the Houghton College p-ess, is a tangible evi dence of the society's accomplishments this year. Entitled Pied in Cuba and vicinity on a variety of subjects, rather than on one subject as in past years.
The socety is unique, nothing else just like it, Prof. Hazlett said when

## Plans Formed For January Convocation

Tentat ve plans are underway for for Houghton's mid-year graduades. Dr. Lauren King and Dr. Claude Riei, who comprise the program com mittee, announce that the exercise for the fourteen students will be held in the church at $8: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , January 24.
The speakers, music, and other plans are as yet indefinite.

## College Purchases Now In Progress

New Ford Truck
The college has purchased a new of 15,000 pounds to replace the old one damaged in an accident some weeks ago. They were given a deduc. tion of $\$ 300$ on the price of the new truck as a gift to the college,
and were allowed $\$ 250$ on the old one by Luckey and Sandford, auto mobile dealers in Hume.
The truck made its first trip to Albany to pick up a tractor which had been given to the school by the
state. Mr. Robert Hausser who went along to see if anything else of value could be secured, found that three could be secured, found that three
trucks could have been filled with trucks could have been filled with surplus material offered by the gov-
ernment and worth thousands of dollars.
Here is some of the material which the college secured free of charge: mately $\$ 300$; $\$ 200$ worth of welding rods; $\$ 30$ chains valued at $\$ 50$; lab rods, radio equipment; thousands of rubber bands for the school office; two cases of insect repellent; slide pro cases of insect repellent; slide projectors; spare parts; tool boxes; and
a few small tools. All of this material is controlled by the State Education department which secures the surplus from the government and distributes it to schools and colleges in the state.

## Navy Uses

 Invention Of Ex-Prof The Navy's Specialty Devices rcently directed to make a device invented by former Professor Marvin . Pryor for demonstrating the prinvice will be used for navy instruction at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. This information came in a recent letter from Professor Pryor, who is reaching in Albany State Teachers' college. He and his assistant JohnSmith worked on the idea while he taught here. When at Amherst college he developed the present model.
Mary Pryor, his daughter, is sophomore in college, intends to complete a libarry course. Allan, his son, taking part in a Gilbert and Sullivan opera.

## Literary Contest

Poets, story tellers, and essayists-
11 are wanted to write for the literary contest, which closes March 1. Ideas

## Houghton College Band

 Gives Sacred Concerts
## The Houghton College band went <br> hey were entertained with refreshments in the parsonage by the young

 on its second trip last weekend, giving sacred concerts in Buffalo, India Falls and East Aurora.With Millicent Tropf as narrator they presented the "Story of Salvation at the Buffalo Youthtim rally on Saturday night in the Firs Baptist church.
On Sunday morning a program of solos, duets, and band numbers in addition to the "Story of Salvation" Indian Falls. After a dinner served by the women of thar church the band returned to South Buffal where they had charge Bufal where they had charge of an after noon service in the Woodside Meth-
odist church. Supper was served to odist church
them there.
In the evening they gave the same church in East Aurora, Methodist

Putting into action plans made by e Houghton College Development ommittee, President Paine and Mr. last week meeting Houghton College Alumni chapters. The purpose of the trip was to confer with Alumni chairmen in connection with the new dormitory fund campaign

## ence next spring.

The Hourhton College Development committee, a group consisting
of representatives of faculty, alumni, of representatives of faculty, alumni,
the church, and friends of the college, the church, and friends of the college,
laid the plans for a series of appeals laid the plans for a series of appeals
for funds to be made every six for funds to be made every six
months. It was in connection with months. It was in connection with
he second of these appeals, to be made next April and May, that President Paine and Mr. Richardson cisited eight alumni chapters in up-
The following alumni chairmen
The were conferred with: Hazen Britten, Albany; Paul Welch, Utica; Hollis Stevenson, Plattsburg; Marshall Ste-e-town; Edward Willitt, Syracuse Pau! A. Steese, Rochester; and Waler Lewis, Brandon, Vt.
President Paine, reporting on his trip Tuesday in chapel, said that the tudent body and faculty would be asked to shoulder a portion o
spring's drive for $\$ 100,000$.

## Olean Times-Herald

Features Houghton
The Olean Times-Herald ran college picture feature of Houghton included were: President Paine at his desk; the FMF with their packages of literature for missionaries on the field; students with Dr. Luckey working on WJSL equipment; the print shop; store; the debating team working with Dean King; the Star staff at work: the Luckey Memorial; and the a cappella choir practicing.
Two Times-Herald staff members the pictures and secure the in mation for the feature. people of the church.
The band played to a combined audience of nearly 1500 youth and adults during the four services of he weekend. They were enthusiastically received, as was witnessed by the response of the congregations in giving their praise to the members of the band.
"It would be difficult to say," Proessor Alger commented, "what number seemed to be enjoyed the most ince the varied program is planned to appeal to any type of audience. rom the youngest child to the most experienced musician. Above all, from the response it appears that everyone received a blessing from the narration-an adaptation of Milton's Paradise Lost and selected verses of Paradise Los
Scripture."

## Richardson,

 Paine TravelProf. Charles Finney To Direct Handel's Messiah
del's annual performance of Han- Charles H. Finney, its director for del's Messiah by the Oratorio society his first year, announced that the will be presented on Saturday and first part of the choral work, the Sunday, December 17 and 18, at Christmas portion, will be presented $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the church. Professor in its entirety, thus setting a precedent. In addition to the portion of the Messiah, various other pieces will be sung. They are: "Sleep, O Sleep, Son Jesus," by David M. Williams; "Peacefully Sleep," an Austrian ca:ol arranged by Mr. Finney; "Shepherds' Carol" by William Billings; and "Joiga," a Christmas carol fantasy arranged by Charles Finney for chorus and orchestra. The soloist for th; Williams' piece will be Frances Seifert.
The college orchestra, also under the direction of Mr. Finney, will accompany the chorus of about 125 voices, including faculty members and townspeople. Professor John Andrews, the regular conductor of the orchestra, will be concertmaster. The soloists in the Messiah parts are as follows: soprano, Mildred Stratton, Alice Romito, Joan Schlaitzer, Esthe: Miller; contraltos, Sally Benton, Ruth Russell; tenors, Dean Gilliland, Virgil Hale; basses, Floyd Torman, Edwin Foot, Stanley Clattenburg.
Tickets will be good until 7:25, after which empty seats will be given to anyone desiring them.

## Ortlip Draws Chalk Scenes

## With the strains of Christmas

 carols in the background and the front of the church decorated with evergreen branches and trees and a blue crepe paper sky, Prof. H. Willard Ortlip in the Sunday evening church service drew three chalk scenes of Christ.The first depicted the shepherds in the felds with the heavenly light shining over Bethlehem. The second showed the Virgin and the Chrst child in the stable, the doorway of the stable being drawn in the form
of a Cross. The third showed Christ appearing in the clouds of glory
with the marks of the Cross on His hands and forehead.
The music was furnished by the church and radio choir. Miss Betty Erhard, Edward German, Alice Romito, David Naglee, and Nina Borisuk provided special music. Richard Schnorbus, dressed in the garb of a prophet, read prophesies concerning the Messiah from the Book of Isaiah. The fulfillment of these prophecies as found in the New Testament was read by the Rev. Alton Shea.

Dean Speaks At Messiah College
Dr. Lauren A. King, college dean,
has been invited to speak, Friday, Dec. 16, at the morning chapel service at Messiah college, Grantham, Pa., on the subject "Movie Attendance." In the afternoon he will speak at a faculty meeting on the "Value of Dramatics in the Christian College Program." A forum conside ing the same topic will follow.

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## Season'sigreetings

Keeping from being trite at this season of the year is particularly d nicult. We could write about snow-covered roof tops, the singing it carolers, or the merry voices of small children on Christmas morring.

Perhaps we could deplore the commercialism now cemented $t$ tie holiday season in the minds of most people, the carousing and irresponsible action that occurs, the utter irrationality of presenting expensive gifts to friends and relatives upon the occasion designed for the celebration of the entrance of the Son of God into this world in the form of human flesh. Or we might object to the surplanting of the Prince of Peace by a legendary figure with a snowy beard, red cheeks, and a chuckle as the center of Christmastime.

However, somehow we feel that you are not unaware of the c.mmercialism nor inert to the dangers, but rather, that you are active in observing the real purpose-the Birth in a manger. As you remember the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the inn, you also look forward to His second coming when He will come not in mercy and pity, but in might and power to be crowned and not crucified.

Instead of looking at the tinsel and the wrappings, you will behold the Babe of Bethlehem. Rather than constantly think about gifts and sledding parties, you will set your minds on those things which are above. The hymn writer expressed it:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descended Our full homage to demand.
King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood.
Lord of lords, in human vestureIn the body and the blood-
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.
Therefore, you know what we mean when we wish you all a very merry Christmas.

## Vacation Weddings Announced

## Springstead-Seyfert Mrs. Daniel Johnsen of Bayport,

 Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyle Springsteadof Rochester announce the marriage $\begin{gathered}\text { The marriage will take place on } \\ \text { Dec. } 23 \text {, at } 7: 00 \text { p. m. in the Pat- }\end{gathered}$ of Rochester announce the marriage of their daughter, Jo Anne Shirley to Mt. Frederick C. Seyfert Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fr
also of Rochester.
The marriage will take place on Dec. 30 at 8:00 p.m., in the Asbury First Methodist church in Rochester
Miss Springstead, a '49 , graduate
of Geneseo State Teachers' college, is now employed as cataloger in the
Houghton College library. Mr. Seyfert will be graduated from Hough ton in Jan. 1951.

## Kidman - Johnsen

 Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kidman of Rachester announce the marriage of thei- daughter Ethel Marie to DanielKenneth Tohnsen, son of Mr. and
chogue First Baptist church.
M ss Kidman who graduated from Houghton in June, 1949, is teaching at present in the Cuba Central school.
Mr. Iohnsen is a graduate of Aral Bible Training school in Johnson City and now a student in Houghson

## German - Howland

Muba, N. Yr. annome C. German of Cuba, N. Y, announce the marriage
of their daughter, Evelyn Dorothy (49) to son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Howland of Cortland, N. Y. The marriage will take place De comber 24 at $4: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Cuba ccmber 24 at 4:00
Methodist church.

## LETTERS 路 TO THE EDITOR

## Dear Editor

Chivalry is not yet dead-just seriously wounded. Some of us might be in a like state if something isn't one about the mail rush. Why ould not the Student council pass a uling which provides one way traffic by the mailbox during the congested mes?
My letters mean a lot to me, but d be willing to take a little more ime in gett.ng them. If the situation goes unchanged-why
Purple-Gold women?

Sincerely, Bernie

Dear Editor:
That $X$ in the $X$ mas greeting, far from being the symbol of an unknown quantity, is the Greek letter
ch, the initial of Christos. If only all persons were informed as to its meaning, it would be a good symbol, for it suggests the death on the cross of this Christ who came to give himself for the sins of men.
Hiowever, because of the almost total ignorance of the meaning of the $X, I$ never send an $X$ mas ca-d want Christ intelligibly central
Christmas greetings. Chr:stmas greetings.
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Yours for a Chrissian Chistma

## Jear Editor:

Thanks to the Business Office foraking the liberty of attaching an ad ditional fee to our already enlarged tuition. Most of us had a conference with the business manager last Sep tember in regard to a systematic plan for payment of our bills. If we are
following this method, is it fair to be penalized with the deferred ac count fee? It seems that we should have at least received a warning pre vious to the "as of Nov. 15."

## Dear Editor

For the past three years the mer mention of Houghton's band has brought an inevitable sneer from the student body. We met the new pro posal and plan for the band's plac in the college's religious program with much the same attitude. However circumstances having permitted my hearing an evening service conducted by the band last evening. I'd like to offer the student body a different ide of the merit and worth of this or ganization.
Mr. Alge: and the members have done an excellent job this year. Th hand has precision, unity, harmony and tone which is a pleasure to hear They play well, and they play to-
gether. The soloists are musicians gether. The soloists are musicians
whose skill, both when alone and en semble, adds strength and beauty to the whole. More than this, Mr. Alger and Mr. Tropf have succeeded in building a program which, while it carries a positive and clear emphasis on the gospel, in no way depreciates the quality of music-the their music is good music. When their music is good music. When College band we have Houghto College band we have absolutely nothing to be ashamed of, rather we they are Christians, and proud because they are musicians.

Sincerely,
John A. Woodhams

## An Appreciation

We wish to express our deepest ap preciation to the faculty, Luckey Me morial staff, and friends for the beautiful flowers they sent at the time of our recent bereavement.

| Leon and Thelma Johnston | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Friendship high sch } \\ \text { nus of Houghton. }\end{array}$ |
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## "Think On These Things"

## By Mark Anderson

"Who are you to criticize the servant of Another? It is for his Master to say whether he stands or falls
and stand he will, for the Maste and stand he will, for the Maste has power to make his stand." (Rom.
14:4 Moffatr) With as large a number of believers living in as close proximity as we do at Houghton, it is highly improbable that some criti-
cism of one another does not exist. cism of one another does not exist.
It is said that the sin of Americans is that of confessing the sins of their neighbors. While romantic love may be blind, I say that Christian love cannot be; we can Cho cannot be; we cannot avoid being aware of what those around us are. This generally issues in criticism. If it is constructive criticism-well and
good, for such is an integral part of prog:ess. However, if it is negative thus constituting judging it is Scrip rurally prohibited.
There are various reasons why udging is forbidden by Scripture Perhaps one of the chief reasons is
that we lack authority. "When God acquits, who shall condemn? Will Chrst?-the Christ who died yes, and rose from the dead! the Christ who is at God's right hand 8:34 Moffatt) Fleads for us!" (Rom conclude that Christ is the only one who is qualified to judge us. But further-the one thus qualified does nt spend His t me judging but
p.ead ng for us! A good lesson for p.ead ng for

As Oswald Chambers so aptly puts : "Discernment was meant for in-

## Introducing

Arthur H. VanCampen,
ent of the class of ' 51 .
Art is a straight
Art is a straight ministerial student who judiciously balances theory and practice. Last summer he conducted a series of special services at he interdenominational church in pamont of which he this year the church, al hough not established, is a growing missionary effort.
In addition to his other activities Art belongs to the Student Ministeria association, a further aid in his prep-
aration for full-time Christian service fter graduation
Family? Of course. Mrs. Van Campen, who is a registered nurse, nd lohn. Frank, and Mary Fllen, apartment number 5 .

## Hausser Represents College At Bolivar

Mr. Robert Hausser, head of the public relat ons department, was Houghton's representative at the ed. ucational conference held in Bolivar Central school, December 7.
Between 500 and 600 students and epresentatives of 40 schools atended the conference.
According to Mr. Hausser, the question most often asked by the tained to the chances for athletics and extra-curricular activities the type of people attending Houghton, the ex. people attending Houghton, the ex-
penses and the poss bility of working one's way through Houghton, the scholarships available, and the courses that are offered. He said that about eight students attended each conference.
Mr. Hausser was assisted by Robe Burns, mathematics instructor in the
Friendship high school and an alumFriendship high school and an alum-
ercession, not criticism. Judging then is not the mission God has appointed us to. God has appointed one nan, Jesus Christ, by whom He will udge the world.
A second reason is that we possess only partial knowledoe. We do not, nor could we, know all of the factors in any given case. How many of us have come to some invalid, uncharitable conclusion regarding another's Christianity, only to find out later hat we had only part of the facts involved. Some things we frequently verlook are: the person's background, amount of time that has elapsed since conversion, influences hat particular individual has been abjected to since conversion, and the uestion, "Was it Christian or not?" It will be objected that these factors in no way justify infirmities or faults. True, but they do explain them. We have no business setting ourselves up as "amateur providences" making an individual accountable to us. Shortcomings are to be settled between that individual and God, not you and God.
A third reason for our not judging is a general conclusion from Scripture. It is this: you are looking in tive of the natural man is perspeche sees lagly only about him. But the believer things his perspective changed by cosens -it is now upward vertical Wherseas formerly he was , pormerly he was aware of and occupied with the things of time and eternal and spiritual "While we lob eternal and spiritual. While we look not at the things which are seen, but (II Cor. 4:18).
The faults of others are pretty meager fare in terms of soul food and never made anyone spiritually "fat." Let us be so occupied with the Lord Jesus Christ that the faults and infirmities of others will pale in to insignificance. Let us "run ou appointed course with steadiness, our eyes fixed upon Jesus as the pionee and perfection of faith." (Heb. 12:1 Moffatt).

## Party Held Spanish Style

S. 42 had the flavor of Old Spain whei the Spanish club invaded it n Dec. 7, for their annual Christmas

The party began at 7:30 p.m., with Ken Post, program chairman, leading the group in a mixing game where the girl found her partner for the evening. Each couple was then required to unscramble a list of scrambled Spanish holidays The winners of this contest were blindfolded and given a stick to break the "Pen eta," a drum-shaped box, full of candy and gum, hanging from the ceiling This is in keeping with an old Spanish custom.
A unique feature of the party was he Spanish quartet (Connie Wil. liams, Ken Decker, Marie Montaldi, Christmas carols in Spanish.
The refreshments were hot choco late and cookies.

## Ejau-Roddy

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Ejov of Englewood, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter, Claire Jeanne to Mr. Philip I. Roddy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Roddy of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. wait!

## Thoughts of Home

## by Connie Jackson

As my feeble brain staggers under the threatening load of tests and as I creep painfully around, weighed think wistfully of home. Ah, yes, home. Utter peace and quiet for two glorious weeks-breakfast on a tray n bed, sudden new respect from my brother and sisters who are duly impressed by my status of sophomore, and a joyous reception from my doting parents. Sounds nice, but let's face it. The novelty of having me around won't last more than two or three days. Even so, I can hardly
raffic lights and policemet used menac.ng look in poincemen with ing for people like me to joywalk Nope, Houghton's traffic system deas "or prepare me for anything like this. "My dear, how are you?" I hear
familiar voice behind me-it' familiar voice behind me-it's oublesome little Miss Knox! "Home from college!" she announces dramatically, as everyone within shouting disance turns around to see what kind f a monstrosity has come 'home from college.' "What subjects are you taking, dear? You look so tired. Are you engaged yet-met the right young man? It's lovely, just lovely to see you again!"
"Just lovely, Mi
"Just lovely, Miss Knox," I agree grimly. "I'm not engaged," hoping she heard the not before it was a. 1
accepted fact at church that I was accepted fact at church that I was flashing a ring. "And I'm takırg soph lit, botany-
"That's nice, dear. Don't work to ha"c. Hope you drop in to see me." And off she trots, looking pertly around for new victims. Same old Mrss Knox with her inevitable line lends a festive air-like something ut of Dickens.
ut of Dickens.
Yes, it's great to be home-to see all the good people who ask you what you're studying but wouldn't know the difference if you said fishing, carpentry, and baby-sitting; to be one of the family again and share w th them Christmas carols and a ;enu'ne Christmas tree. Have fun, errytidy. It's only a week before

## DICK'S DOODLES

Houghton may be immune to a lot of things that schools ordinarily have difficulty with, but pink cotton candy or no pink candy-the little cloud of unfinished assignments seems to hover over many a lad and lassie who, as is experienced by the staggering walk and blank expression on their faces, pend many an hour thumbing through the pages of a short assignment. You can't pick up a magazine being reminded of a term paper that解 ought to get more attention. Either de dily news you $k$ are wo he daily news you keep wondering ow Chaucer wo
I suppose that just being able take it all as part of the day's work is the evidence of a mature mind. Be that as it may, many a scholar under the academic pressure has, in social situations, sounded almost as foolish in his discussions as did the couple in this story which I should like to
"O Kitty, you are so sweet, and love you so. Tell me you love dearie."
"I do love you, Horace why, never supposed I could love any-
body so much."
"O little girl, I only wished you dares to disagree!
Why have a date? tself at times. might give due attention. school be like!
loved me half as much as I love you." Half as much? Why, dear, love you more than you love megrest deal more-'
Now, don't be silly, pet. It would be impossible for you to love me as nuch as I love you. Of course, "Of
"Of course you don't! You love me, I know, but not as much as I love you."
"Now, Kitty, be reasonable."
"I will if you'll admit that I do love you best."
"How can I admit what isn't true?" "Well, you might say it was so st to please me.
"Oh, no, dear, I can't do that." "Because you don't love m "Ough!"
"Oh, the idea!"
"If you love me the best, you'd ay anything I asked you to, whethe "Was true or not."
"Would you do that?"
"Of course I would."
"All right then, you admit that love you best because I ask you to
"O Horace, how horrid you are How can you be so cruel to me?" "There, there, don't cry. I.
admit that you love me best, but only admit it because you ask me to." "Then that's all right."
"But, don't you see, Kitty, when I say that because you ask me to, and you won't say it when I ask you to, that proves I love you best after all."
"There you go on again! I do
hink you're too mean for anything!" think you're too mean for anything!" "Well, never mind, let's forget the whole thing and be friends. You do love me best I'm sure.
"Oh, no, I don't, Love. You love me best!"
"No, my Horace, you love me
best-"
Amusing isn't it? But how true t is-"What fools these mortals be," especially when the academic walls little man with the bow n' arrow.

Experts Discuss Main Problems of Dating
pych cluo chose an excellent topic to attract visitors to its meeting in the chapel on Thursday night, December Dean King acted as moderator or rof Wright, Walso of Miss Beck, oob Nigh, Wima Wollenwever, ortt. apology that he thought there was o need for convincing the audience
ar in agreed possibly be the ultimate might pressure at times may goal. Socia cause. Then too, social parly a might also be considered ajoyment

Whom should one date? Likenes of interests constitutes one vital fac pearance plays emphasized that ap also. She said that a girl int part be attractive should give heed to thre habits-neatness, cleanliness, three orderliness-to which the fellows and

How often should one date? Prof Wright considered that once weekly tor a freshman would be sufficient, in his studies firmly in his first yea Prot. Wroht also mentioned tha some couples date so often that it i difficult to say when they are not dating. Presumably, such a sublime state of felicity would rightfully be long to seniors. What must orad

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## Just in Passing

Home! The very word is music woman queen, and every child a to my ears. I know of no word in happy subject. One has well said, the king's English that integrates "A dog is a lion when he is at home" the many emotions, and calms the im- and so he is-and so are we. Our petuous and uneasy mind as does cottage is our palace, and the smoke this word. My soul is aroused ard from its chimney is better than the enflamed with thoughts of feeedom, flames from another man's hearth. ruth, righteousness, and courage, but Fried poratoes and bread may be the these are words suggestive of toil, evening's portion, scanty fare to be day-time words, chanters of an un- sure, but what of it-it is home, and inished symphony, shrill, disquieting; hominess has a flavor of its own am certain that they would cty unequaled by the Orients most costly ropelling were they personified, spices.
forward march," "fight the 300 d ight," "endure," "be ready." But not so with the word "home." A ton of peace and restfulness is housed in "home." The busy birds repair to their nests at eventide to chirp ov the labors of the day, and then lose their tiny eyes in sweet repose, ree from care and want-for they are home. The restless beasts are ver on the alert while it is light, but then the welcome shades of darkness dens "exempr forir holes and dens "exempe from plaible haunt' they are home.
Yes, that inexplicable something we all "home" somehow casts a mystical spell over us a as quilt of fluffy
snow over a defenceless woodland. now over a defenceless woodland. $t$ is "enchanted ground" though we re most natural there; a "chief noursher in life's feast"; a balm for roubled hearts and turbulent spirits.
Peace and rest at length have come, All the day's long toil is past; And each heart is whispering, "Home Home at last!'
Home-the nearest place on earth Heaven is home. It is our Eden

## Winter Festival

The first Winter Festival Houghton's history will be held on the week-end of the 3rd and 4th of February. Plans are now being made for contests, a parade, and competative sports events. There will be room for everyone to participate.

Home! It is where kindred spirits meet and where each one is undertood. The sores and bruises of a day's friction with a cold and heartess world are bathed at home. Even the dog appears capable of sympathy, I mean. Family squabbles are an integral part of family life, for after all, we are human; yet, where but in the home are the stings forgotten with such rapidity? Forgiving and dienceng at home is not forced obe low is a natural result of an overfilled cup, so forgiving and forgerting is the natural overflow of a heart verfilled with love.

Though put to the test,
Home is still best.
Home! Say what you will; it has magnetc powers which attract be cause it answers to the longings of the heart. This is natural, and hence should be expected. The absent heart is the complement of the home and vice versa, and separation creates void which can be filled by nothing equal to the sum of its perts. equal to the sum of its parts. Yes, home-humble yet happy; small in space but spacious in spirit; a port for weary hearts and minds, and a paradise of perpetual nourishnent and spiritual refreshment.
Well, friends, as the curtain decends upon this most eventful year, wish you all safe journeying, a joyous and memorable homecoming, a stimulating vacation, a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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## Dribbles

by $\mathrm{Steve}^{\text {tev }}$
A couple of Wednesday nights ago, will venture out a little farther on the the frosh men's basketball team very prophetic limb and pick the frosh the frosh men's basketball team very prophetc limb and pick the frosh
kindly pitched the sophs into un- over the seniors by a mere seven disputed first place. The game points. could scarcely be called a thriller, could scarcely be called a thriller, However, after losing such a sad
(nor even for the sake of making (not even for the sake of making game to the freshmen, we might susseven point margin doesn't accurately
pect that the juniors might be slight-
ly show how firmly the juniors were the other hand might not be quite so show how firmly the juniors were the other hand might not be quite so
tounced. At the end of the third t-ounced. At the end of the thard aggressive after two consecutive wins trailing a sad fourteen points behind $\begin{aligned} & \text {-all of which could change the pic- } \\ & \text { ture considerably. Regardless of the }\end{aligned}$ the frosh.
But the juniors had a mean com bination of forwa-ds to contend with bination of forwa-ds to contend with only to a good game Monday night, -namely Paul. Dekker and Bud Lewis. for both had tweaty points. Not only were they devastating of under the backboards where they to more than their share of rebounds. Even so, the frosh had more than a little trouble bottling up the potentia Max Nichols, whose fifteen points led the junnors.
Since last week's The Frosh girls managed to sne not too devastatingly inaccurate, I by the seniors on Dec. 14, in the basketball series, by a close score of

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In a meeting last Monday night,
the Southwestern New the Southwestern New York Basket Houghtilals organization chose practical examination which all can didates must pass before becoming a regular official.
Consequently, six prospective of ficials, havng already passed their written examination will officiate a urdays of 1950 , Jan. 7 and Jan. 14 Since the practical examination de mands that each candidate officiate two games, two will referee each of the three games on the first Saturday and an identical procedue will be nd an identical procedu
followed the next Saturday.
Houghton college has only one representative among the hopefulsMilt Troutman, who passed successfully the written examination.
If this plan proves advantageous the organization as well as for Houghton college, it may be initiated 7s an annual program.

## Class Held For

 New MembersA special instruction class for junior high students who wish to become church members is to beg.n soon after the new year.
The class is to be taught by Miss Martha Woolsey, the pastor's assis tant, who felt that there was a need tant, who felro knowledge of the church and the knowledge of the church and
meaning of church membership.
Topics to be discussed are: "What I: Really Means to Be a Christian," "How to Grow in the Christian Life," and "How to Be a Victorious Christ ian."
Any junior high student interested Gene

## Frosh Men Win Over Seniors

 Wednesday; 50 Fouls CommittedOn Wednesday night, Dec. 14, at foul route. Each team sank 8 free Bedford gym the Frosh basketbail throws which made a rather poor Bedford gym the Frosh basketbail ream fought their way to a 44-41) record battle royal as a total of 50 fouls was committed-29 by the seniors Although a ragged game at many and 21 by the frosh. The seniors Wimes, it was enjoyed by a good sized were at a disadvantage in the last was'tied five times throughout the quarte:- as four of their starting wase and neither team was ever players went out of the game via the $\begin{aligned} & \text { game } \\ & \text { ahead by more than } 4 \text { puints. Ed }\end{aligned}$ Danks was the big gun for the frosh
 through the hoop to lead the senior Freshmen Girels a: they scored 16 field goals.
 Dixie Scoles, music, Claire Steinhaus, Schultz; recreation, Miss Caroly Krehbiel; and devotions, Forrest Crocker.

Arthur Van Campen has been
over-all chairman of the junior party
which will be staged in the recrea
t.on hall. A program by Schnorbus,
"Christmas at Home;" and the "Christmas at Home;" and the movie, "The Christmas Carol," will
be presented by the juniors for their
entertainment. Richard Schnorbus Old Tucker House and Gladys Fancher planned the pro- High School J.V. gram with Stanley Clattenburg in Bowen Bears charge of music; Margaret Schickley, Twin Spruce decorations; Corrine Hong Sling, food; and Edgar Brill and Helen Lewis, devotions.
"White Christmas" will be fea tured in the dining hall where the sophomore class will have their party. The committees and chairmen fo this affair are decorations, Ruth Fink: devotions, Robert Denny; re freshments, Elizabeth Bjorkgren; clean-up, Leo Powell; program, Alton Bennett. Also Christmas baskets are to be distributed by the class.
All who plan to attend class parties should dress informally in prepara tion for fun.

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