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Sages Finish First Round on Top

Yearling Yeomen Victorious In Court Clash with Sophs

Sophomore Girls Display Beautiful Basketball to Defeat Frosh 25-11

Monday evening the sophomore quintet went on a shooting party but failed to bring home the game. The frosh made 28.3 per cent of their shots to score 35 points. The sophs took one and one third as many shots as the frosh and scored only 28 points, making 17 per cent of their attempts.

In the first and second periods the game was fast and hard fought, but the sophomores would have needed a funnel on the basket in order to score. In the first period the frosh allowed the second year men 3 points and in the second period only one point. During both of the periods the sophs had innumerable open shots under the basket which they failed to turn into points.

In the third and fourth quarters the soph offense began to click and the frosh were outscored but it was too late to repair the damage of the first two periods. In the third bracket of the game the sophs scored 12 and the frosh 11, and in the final quarter the soph score was increased 12 points and the frosh 4.

High scorer for the game was Jim Smith of the frosh five who also had the highest percentage. He made 14 points and had a percentage of 47.1. Runner up for scoring honors was Markell with 13 points and next was Sheffer with 12.

	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Markell	6	1	13	.333
Gannett	3	0	6	.200
Smith	6	2	14	.471
Chase	0	0	0	.000
Wells	1	0	2	.143
Sophs				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Pratt	2	0	4	.286
Van Ornum	2	1	5	.130
Sheffer	6	0	12	.200
Work	1	0	2	.250
Woolsey	1	0	2	.333
Houser	1	1	3	.125
Bennett	0	0	0	.000
Morrison	0	0	0	.000
Score by Quarters:				
Frosh	16	20	31	35
Sophs	3	4	16	28

The sophomore girls completely outclassed the first year lassies Monday evening when they defeated them 25 to 11. Expert passing and ball handling put the sophomores out in front early in the game and their lead was never threatened. As usual the soph forward wall of French, Newhart and Fancher proved to be an irresistible force.

When the frosh did get the ball the soph guards quickly recovered and sent the ball back into scoring territory. Jean French and Ruth Newhart led the soph attack with 12 and 10 points respectively and Gwen Fancher accounted for the other 3 tallies.

For the frosh, newly acquired Ruth Ortlip accounted for six points. Dorcyce Armstrong and Martha Woolsey each added two points and Janet Fyfe added a free throw.

The box score follows.

	FG	FT	T
French	6	0	12
Newhart	4	2	10
Daggett	0	0	0
Fancher	1	1	3
Fuller	0	0	0
Guards: Larson, Thornton, Leech, Waterman, Fowler.			
Frosh			
	FG	FT	T
Woolsey	0	2	2
Ortlip	3	0	6
Armstrong	1	0	2
Fyfe	0	1	1
Guards: MacDonald, Burt, Gebhart, Luckey.			

Academy Defeated In Closing Period

Walker High-Scorer With 12 Tallies

Friday night, the high school basketball five were defeated 24-22 by the theologs. During the entire game the academy lads fought an uphill battle against a superior theolog team. However, their efforts were no sufficient when the theologs started clicking.

What the theologs lacked in vigor was made up by their superior passing and shooting. Each of their three forwards contributed heavily to the scoring while the high school relied almost entirely on Walker's long shots.

The high school maintained a man to man defense during the entire game. Previously their attempts at zoning had met with failure. This time, the guarding was quite effective which resulted in a low-scoring game. The theolog defense was strong and it limited the high school to long tosses almost exclusively.

As usual, Walker was high-scorer for the game making 12 points while Lewellen scored six more for the high school. For the theologs, Hill made 10, closely followed by Hall with 8. (Continued on Page Three, Col. 1)

Fredenburg's

Faultless Forecast

Thursday, Dec. 19, 3:30
Senior men over high school
Saturday, January 4, 7:30
Soph men over junior men
Junior women over senior
Monday, January 6, 3:30
Frosh men over theologs
Wednesday, January 8, 3:30
Junior women over frosh



Senior basketball squad which emerged from the first round undefeated to lead the inter-class series.

Senior Fems Win Easily From Academy Sextet

Although fighting in the "never give up" fashion, the high school lassies yielded to the seniors' inevitable victory last Monday afternoon, December 16. A final check on the tally found the seniors with 16 points, while the high school had managed to acquire 9.

In the early part of the game, inaccurate passing and shooting were displayed by both teams. At the half-time the seniors led 6 to 2. However in the fourth quarter the high school lassies broke loose in a rampant manner. Shooting whenever in the clear, they chalked up 5 points while the seniors were held to 4. Significant conclusions can be seen in the fact that the seniors made 17 per cent of their shots while the seminary squad made 27 per cent.

The box score follows:

	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Luther	3	0	6	.167
Richardson	2	0	4	.154
Lovell	2	0	4	.250
Fidinger	1	0	2	.111
Guards: Wright, Geer, Pierce.				
High School				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Armstrong	3	0	6	.167
Smith	2	0	4	.154
M. Fancher	1	1	3	.400
Wright	0	0	0	.000
L. Fancher	0	0	0	.000
Guards: Hazlett, Barnett, Pierce.				
Referee: Kennedy				

Friday, January 3, the athletic association will sponsor several reels of movie films in the chapel. The films will include *Football Highlights of 1939*, *Skiing with Hans Schreiber*, *World's Fastest Game* and *Snow Thrills*. The last picture will show the stars of the various winter sports in action. The proceeds will be used to help finance the athletic banquet in the spring.

Indians Win From Perry in Overtime

The Houghton Indians added another highly-prized scalp to their belts when they nosed out Perry 32-31 in an exciting extra-period clash on their home court at Fillmore the evening of Tuesday, December 10. In the five minute overtime, Williams and Eyer each tossed in a bucket to more than match a double-decker and a free throw by Perry.

At half time the smooth Perry aggregation was leading 15-8 and the well-filled Houghton stands were groaning in anticipation of the current season's first defeat. But in the third quarter Houghton added 11 counters to their own tally and held Perry down to a single bucket. The action-packed final stanza was hard. (Continued on Page Three, Col. 4)

Juniors Holloway and Driscoll Lead Scoring for First Round

The fans have already washed their hands of the first round of the class series, the respective coaches and captains are spending minutes on end formulating new methods, and the scorers have surrendered all the statistics to the files. Working on the premise that you onlookers like to have thrills dissected and analyzed, the *Star* has prepared a minor recapitulation of the games to date, along with outstanding features and amateur criticisms. So hang on to your prejudices; we're off.

Present standing in the league:

	W	L	Pct.
Seniors	5	0	1.000
Freshmen	4	1	.800
Sophomores	2	3	.400
Juniors	2	3	.400

Theologs	2	3	.400
High School	0	5	.000
High-scorer in the men's division:			
Holloway (junior)	83		
Tuthill (senior)	69		
Markell (frosh)	62		
Prentice (senior)	61		

High-scorer in the black-sox league:

Driscoll (junior)	78
French (soph)	71
Fidinger (senior)	55
Newhart (soph)	51

Standing in the women's division:

Sophomores	4	0	1.000
Juniors	3	1	.750
Seniors	2	2	.500
Freshmen	1	3	.250
High School	0	4	.000

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Seniors Take Frosh Rivals

Tuthill, Prentice Overtime Stars

Phil Chase, High-Scorer

Frosh Runners-up As 1st Round Ends

The climax of first-round play was reached Friday night when the two undefeated rivals, the seniors and the frosh, matched set-shot artists, pass-work, and dribble demons in order to acquire an undisputed lead of the current class series. The seniors emerged victorious after a bitter five-period quarrel by the slim margin 38-36. Not since the immortal series between the classes of '42 and '40, has a game produced so many dignity-destroying thrills, or such a verrier degree of superiority in the winning team.

The victorious Redskins displayed a brilliant brand of ball-handling; passing the frosh defense dizzy at times. This edge in floor-work, however, was largely nullified by extremely bad luck on shots. Tuthill, Prentice, Evans all poured continuously a stream of shots that skirted the edge of the rim and dishearteningly dropped away. Meanwhile, a yearling squad, that couldn't match the upper classmen in passing, cutting, faking finally fed the ball to Phil Chase who (Continued on Page Three, Col. 5)



BOB FREDENBURG

With the new grading system and the general downward trend of indices this year, the basketball series is suffering. Nearly all the teams have been hard hit.

When the players are ineligible for 10 weeks as they are now, by the time their ineligibility is over, basketball season is over. If there were more basketball games after the semester exams it would furnish an incentive for the ineligible players to raise their marks. As it is, no such inducement is present.

A change which would help the scholastic standings by providing an additional reason for raising marks, and also help the athletic program would be to have a check on indices at the five weeks. Those who had raised their marks sufficiently would then be eligible to play in the last round of the series.

The attendance at the Indians (Continued on Page Three, Col. 2)

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The Timely Star

Bethlehem's brilliant heavens and Jerusalem's calm fields provided an appropriate setting for the enacting of the greatest event since the world began. A Saviour was born! There is a serenity and beauty about the story that sets it apart from all others as a message of peace—peace between God and man through Christ; peace between man and man. The angels concluded their tidings with the benediction, "On earth, peace, good will toward men."

How fortunate that the Annunciation Star shone two thousand years ago when there was nothing to dim its significance. If it should appear this Christmas over, say, England, it would be blotted out in the blinding glare of knifing searchlight beams. Perhaps it might be thought a new "mystery weapon," a death ray. If over Germany, or France, sirens would shriek while planes took to the air droning up to meet the new invader accompanied by the staccato barks of anti-aircraft guns. Over Italy, Greece, Rumania, China, Japan, it would be the same.

Suppose the star should appear over America. If it could be seen at all above the quivering heavenly glow of artillery and tanks in the making, it would no doubt be regarded the work of saboteurs. A hurried call is sent out for Martin Dies. Surveying the new menace, he takes in the situation at a glance, and mutters a stock curse containing such words as "subversive" "un-American," and "Trojan horse." All thus under control, he happily returns to Washington.

Fortunate, then, that the star shone opportunely over Bethlehem. Fitting, too, that the message of peace came to humble shepherds who had a naive conception of peace. To them peace meant—no fighting. Today, men cry peace, peace, and there is no peace.

"Peace!" we cry, and trade fifty destroyers for military bases. "Peace!" we shout, and conscript a peacetime army. "Peace!" we insist, and appropriate more billions for armaments. "Peace"—it's wonderful.

We have here a paradox: we apply the Christmas message to individuals, but we deny its efficacy for nations. We admit that Jesus—this same Jesus born that first Christmas Day—taught that we should turn the other cheek, but we argue that such a course is foolhardy. When we turn the national cheek, we don't call it Christianity; we call it "appeasement." The world sees this inconsistency, and waits for something more than theological sleight-of-hand to justify the faith with the works.

God, help us not to celebrate Christmas, but, this year, to believe Christmas.

—K. L. W.

Gifts at Christmas Time

With no desire to over-sentimentalize the Christmas spirit, the entire *Star* staff wishes you a most pleasant and profitable vacation. Each one of you can, we feel, have a measure of this Christmas spirit throughout the entire new year; it is yours for the taking.

We experience, at Christmas time, a sense of merry conviviality and good comradeship that is most pleasant. We gather round our respective festive boards with all of the joy of familial reunion and harmony expressed in our collective faces and actions. We count our varied blessings with all of the enthusiasm of a child finding a few bright pennies for the first time. We forget for a time the cares of the world; we become optimists *pro tem*. Everything will work out for the best.

Then the vacation ends. We put our tree decorations back into their attic storage boxes, and slip our Christmas spirit and New Year wishes into a mental envelope marked "Christmas Season, Next Year." We come back to school. The European situation, semester exams, the current of national affairs, personal problems weigh us down once more. We count over blessings on the fingerless hands, maimed by the swollen magnitude of our misfortunes.

BETWEEN



YOU AND BEA

Now that big events like Friday the thirteenth and P. Wesley Scrimshaw's birthday are out of the way, we begin to think seriously of Christmas. And Christmas does bring its problems. What'll I get her? What would he like? But far outdistancing mere seasonal enigmas, is our chronic question—omniscient, perpetual, and which we might sum up:

"Do you have a faculty for making love?"

"No, we have a student body."

But don't take too much stock in the exactness of that little couplet, for the surprise engagement so ingeniously announced at the faculty Christmas party shows that there are possibilities in the first line as well as the second. Mrs. Schram has been trying her hand at court-ing this week too. And Dr. Small says that in England if anyone has difficulty with "such things as marriage or parking" (we're still wondering how he meant the latter) he goes to the registrar. It would appear that in Houghton the Scotch have taken up the custom. Allyn Russell made a singular confession last Wednesday night when in his weekly news round-up he referred to the Duchess of Windsor as "the woman I love."

Saturday soirees: The Hazlett house girls entertaining a corresponding number of fellows... a sophisticated affair in the music building auditorium... the Boulder staff patronizing Stone Briar... the music club holding out in the rec hall... the Markey cottage "stag-et'ing".

Dr. Small asking that the mike be removed so that he could speak undisturbed... the Cott house girls deliberately wearing colors that screamed at each other... Ginny and Ella and Corfu's math prof... Mac Morgan making some of our Artist's Series soloists look sick... Mark Armstrong back again... the college quartet of a few years back making Sunday night supper a special event... Bill Calkins wearing the blue dress with the oranges at Friday's game. How they got it from the dorm is still a deep dark secret... Roy Klotzbach and Margery Caughell at church Sunday night... Dick Fee and Dot Paulson, ditto... three strange fellows waiting in the reception room after church Sunday night.

Did you hear about the event that gave the inspiration for the new song title "There I Go?" Dr. Jekyll was walking along a street one day when Mr. Hyde passed him. The doctor looked up and remarked, "There I go."

Black Talks on Sabbath

In a thought provoking sermon, the Rev. Mr. Black spoke on "God's Day of Rest," Sunday morning in Houghton's church. Mr. Black emphasized implicitly that Sunday, God's day, should be spent in worship to Him.

Tracing the Sabbath day from its beginning, Mr. Black noted "The Sabbath is but one day younger than creation."

We are optimists no longer.

Realities need to be faced, it is true. Grim practicability does rule our lives. But does it need to "get us down?" The extreme of pessimism is as bad as a superjoy, but there is a good middle way.

May each one of you, our readers, have and appreciate, not only at Christmas and New Year's Eve, but throughout the entire twelve months, the feelings and the attitudes expressed in our wish to you:—A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

—J. P. D.

Open Letter

Dear Editor:

For several months now, I have been trying to follow the pattern of a virtuous man by keeping my inward seethings inward. However, when an Eveready flashlight salesman approached me after Monday night's game; and tried to sell our sophomore team ten of his favorite products, I decided that I could remain silent no longer.

Now it is true that the reason for all the soph losses can be laid to the inefficient lighting system, since the much taller players of the other teams can confine their passes to the upper regions of light out of our range of vision; but we have no desire for alibis. We would rather win.

I realize that twenty-watt bulbs have their purpose, or they would not be placed on the market. Women, I am told, as well as moi-couples, love "that subdued lighting effect." Perhaps it does enhance cozy cushioned corners, or the rugged contours of bookshelves; but the only artistic features of interior decorating in the Bedford gym are the curves of the balcony—another exasperating menace—which of themselves do not merit a condition of semi-darkness.

Many other would-be athletes who dabble at basketball between studies, have expressed similar opinions to me. In fact, Jim Evans is very firmly convinced that he would have an average of three less fouls per game if he could tell when the referee was looking before he pulled his dirty stuff. The recent injuries to Woolsey and Wakefield might have been avoided, if they hadn't stumbled over others while feeling their way around. One tragedy of Monday night's game occurred when Houser missed a pass, mistaking Jane Wood's head for Van Durnum's over on the sidelines.

Perhaps the cost of a system sufficient to dispel the present lemon-hue would approach \$130, but this would prove a good investment when one considers that the benefits would be spread over many years. And I believe those benefits are deserved, for basketball is the only regular major means of entertainment open to students who have renounced the worldly type of entertainment available outside of college sponsored activities.

David Morrison

—HC—

Open Letter

Dear Editor,

In the past few weeks I have noticed a growing feeling of discontent among the student body over the library rule which states that only reference books shall be used after 7 o'clock in the evening. This was made as I understand it, to keep the library from becoming overcrowded and noisy in the evenings, and to allow those who really do want to study to do so.

I agree with the aim of the rule, but it does work a hardship on those students who do not have a good room in which to study. There is so much noise in some houses that the boys cannot study, even when they want to. But the new rule keeps them out of the library where they could do some work. Also, if you sign a reserve book out for 9:30 early in the evening, you cannot stay in the library and wait until you can get it. Instead you have to either stay out in the hall or go to your room, which in my case is quite a distance.

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ALLEGED HUMOUR



By

WOOZE

Daffynition

Oomph: What you say when you get hit in the stomach?

Tree: What a twig is shorter than but not as bushy as.

Then there is the story about the girl who was called the "belle of the campus" because she toll'd on her roommate.

Oh, Fruit

"Who was that peach I saw you with last night?"

"She's no peach; she's a grapefruit."

"How come?"

"I tried to squeeze her and she hit me in the eye."

Dirty Joke

1st Bird: Don't you know better than to sit on that chimney. You're getting all dirty.

2nd Bird: Soots me all right.

Candide II

Optimist: I can see good in all things.

Pessimist: Can you see good in a fog?

A Small Matter

"Would you mind removing your hat, sir?" queried the barber as the absent-minded professor climbed into the barber chair and settled down.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," replied the prof, "I didn't know there were any ladies present."

Retort Discourteous

Neophyte: Have you an opening for an ambitious reporter?

Editor: Yes, and don't slam it on the way out.

I Can; Canoe?

"Did you have much fun on your canoe ride?"

"No, all he did was hug the shore."

Gobs of Fun

The captain was questioning an applicant for a job in endeavor to ascertain just how much he actually knew about ships and the sea. He was receiving wrong answers most of the time and finally he asked in desperation, "Now answer me this: where is the mizzen mast?"

"I don't know," replied the aspiring seaman, "how long has it been mizzen?"

Take It Easy

College men are a lazy lot, They always take their ease; Even when they graduate, They do it by degrees.

That Food Again

Math Instructor: What do we mean when we say that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

Stude: Dorm doughnuts.

Higher Learning

Professor: I won't begin today's lecture until the room settles down.

Bright Stude: Go home and sleep it off, old man.

Chemical Theme Song

Sing a song of sulfide, Beakers full of lime, Four and twenty test tubes Breaking all the time. When the hood was opened, The fumes began to reek. Isn't that an awful mess To have two times a week.

Wife: (at 2 a. m.) Is that you coming in, John?

John: It better be.

"You look sweet enough to eat," he murmured passionately.

"I do; where shall we go?" said she hungrily.

Music Notes

By Frank Houser

Merry Christmas, folks! It's time for Herbert to shoot me the sherbert, so now we can "dish" it out again. An extended trip into the cooler brings forth a dipperful of icy comment (a new French delicacy!). A .5 average and a dateless Friday night do I wish upon all those who were so conspicuous by their absence Saturday night when Mack Morgan, Rochester's gift to the vocal world, gave Houghton the finest concert in many, many a moon. Orchids to Houghton's Music Club for their fine efforts in bringing the best in musicdom for our cultural edification. It was almost another "artist series"; the only lack was a crowd and the only difference was the price of admission! Well, I'm beginning to feel chilly because of the back draft opinion from my cooler, so I'll warm up to something.

Presto! It's a yuletide log and with it comes Christmas Spirit. Pulling this enormous log are Houghton's musical knights and I do mean Houghton's. Prof. Schram leads the group as he puts forth every effort to give impetus to the yuletide spirit by the great task of presenting the incomparable oratorio by Handel, "The Messiah." Working night and day, (even dreaming, Prof. admits) does Houghton's voice department head mold together the Oratorio Society. A more inclusive program is presented this year because of the addition of several solos and choral group members. (Come early if you want a seat!) Another zealous puller is the maestro, Professor Alton Cronk, who gives his "two bits" by training the orchestra to be good accompanists to the choir and thus ease the job for Mr. Schram. But there are more laborers pulling than can be numbered, now. Ye olde Christmas spirit moves faster now as the log feels the added strength given by "Teddy" Hollenbach with his Music Club, and the Art Club combining efforts to give a "swell" chapel program. Wow! they're coming thick and fast now. All of sudden does the realization come that the Christmas spirit is the result of the work of many Houghtonites. . . Prof. Pryor with his decoration and technical assistants, the dorm girls with their decorative work in the dormitory, the art students with their beautiful "stained glass" efforts, Reverend Mr. Black and Prof. Schram with the vesper services, Houghton residents with their porch and window lighting displays, etc.

And, say! who's that sittin' on the end of the log getting a free ride? Why that's the master musician himself—the best jingle bells outside Kraft Music Hall! As music augments Christmas involubly, thus does this grand old soul and his invaluable help. "Nope, tain't Yehudi—it's his dad, good old Santy Clause himself."

So long, readers! With music to the front may you have a better Christmas than ever.

THEOLOGS . . .

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Buck	0	0	0	.000
Lamos	0	0	0	.000
High School	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Hamm	0	0	0	.000
Karker	0	0	0	.000
Prutman	1	0	2	.111
Walker	5	2	12	.280
Bartleson	0	2	2	.333
Lewellen	3	0	6	.231

SPORTS . . .

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games will suffer through the new ruling passed by the faculty. This ruling states that girls who have a grade point of less than 1.5 will not be granted permission to leave town to attend these games. At the discretion of the dean of women, girls with a grade point over 1.5 may obtain permission to go to the town team games.

Bill Butts, Irene's brother, is making the sport headlines in Pennsylvania this past week. Attending P. M. C., he plays football and baseball. A southpaw pitcher, he has been accredited with up to 14 strikeouts per game. He captained the football team and missed only 22 minutes of play in nine games, received the most valuable player award in 1938, has won 15 letters in high school and college, and has been picked on two all-state scholastic teams.

LETTER . . .

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away, until 9:30. So there you waste about a half hour going back after your book. Also, it is hard for one to find a room in the building in which to study, for most of them are locked up before seven o'clock.

Many times in the evening there are only eight or ten people using the library, even though the lights are all burning, and the librarian has to stay. It seems like wasting the library facilities, and incidentally electricity, to be doing this. Many of the students feel the same way as I do about this, and we wish that something could be done. If the library itself could not be opened for study, why could not some room, such as A 25, be set apart for the use of those who find it difficult or impossible to study in their rooms, and who do not need to use the reference books?

Harold Ebel

HIGH SCORERS . . .

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Reasons for the success of the senior men are several. Up to date they have displayed brilliant passwork with a well-organized offense. The only solution left untried in regards to stopping long Peter Tuthill is an anti-aircraft battery. Captain Jud Prentice, who seems to shoot best when off balance, also has been pouring in the points. In addition, the Redskins have the premier playmaker on the local court in Jimmy Evans, a ball-player's ball-player. Last but not least, the senior defense is well night impenetrable closer than the foul line.

The juniors may well be termed the hard-luck team of the series. Injuries, illness, and ineligibility have nearly ruined the chances of an aggregation originally boasting top talent in all departments. They still have Mike Holloway, leading scorer, Marve Eyler, last year a varsity man and hard-fighting Lew Wakefield with which combination they may yet turn in several surprises during the remainder of the series.

The sophs seem to be the dilemma team, the puzzle of all the grandstand experts. Boasting the fastest team among the classes, they continually play beneath their maximum ability. At times their passwork has a fluid beauty; but if so they can't hit the backboard with their shots. Again they will amass a team percentage on shots of about 37 per cent, yet throw away three out of four passes. With a better-organized offense, and a little effort at cooperation, they may produce a team long remembered in the annual class series.

The frosh have a strong, consistent though not miraculous combination, and will finish high up in the standings. A better balanced line-up could be desired, but their type of offense

FORENSIC . . .

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Resolving itself then into the parliamentary drill, the meeting was turned over to Lloyd Elliott who accepted the gavel. A bill to prohibit parents from telling their children that there is a Santa Claus received the greatest attention, and another proposing support of Joe Louis in his Monday night fight received some discussion. Neither was passed. Mr. Willard Castle (stein) took the role of a tailor and exposed some subtle strategy employed by untrustworthy clothes salesmen. Forensic humor assumed a didactic aspect in this skit, but the audience failed to see anything but the humor, it appeared.

Harry Palmer presented the critique for the program. The meeting closed with the singing of the Alma Mater.

gets by without it. They have been efficiently coached by Bob Homan. Height is their major asset, and lack of speed their major deterrent.

The high school has one of the best ball handlers in school in Harry Walker, but do not have a strong supporting cast. However, the academy presents a better line-up than was offered last year, and their games are plenty interesting from the spectator's viewpoint.

In the black-stocking league, the soph girls present the best array of talent seen here in several years. Exceptionally fast, they display such deceptive passwork and adept ball-handling that the opposing guards are reduced in affectability to the least common denominator of space occupied. In addition the soph guards are way ahead of their contemporaries. Although they were a close second to the departing class last winter, they merit the designation of most improved team of the year.

Mainstay of the junior line-up is Doris Driscoll, sharpshooter par excellence. They also have a fine duo of guards in Murch and Fulton. The seniors in turn can be proud of Fiddinger and Wright. However the brilliance of the Stalwart baggregation overshadows these two teams by far.

The frosh women have fair material but they lack experience. The academy girls lack both in size and general knowledge of the game. A few items of major interest: The highest scores attained this year have been made by both the sophomore boys' and girls' teams. They amassed 59 and 57 points respectively in contests with the seminary. The highest individual total was earned by Harry Walker of the academy in the same game that the sophs set their scoring record. He scored 23 markers. Doris Driscoll also set the girl's single game record with 29 points.

Hall Speaks in W.Y.P.S.

The W. Y. P. S. Service on Sunday evening, December 15, was in charge of Bert Hall, who spoke on "Peace." In introducing the topic, he showed that Christmas time is always a time of peace and good-will. This peace is not something vague but it is for each one of us, for the scriptures show that it has been promised, produced, preached, presented and possessed by the ones who have gone before.

In the song service, a girl's trio composed of Katherine Walberger, Harriet Kalla and Virginia Rigbsby furnished special music; also, John Edling, violinist, and Robert Long-acre, cellist, played two instrumental duets.

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fought to the final gun, but neither squad could break the deadlock.

The extra period opened rather quietly, each team feeling out the other in anticipation of some unusual strategy. After a couple minutes had gone by, Eyler tossed in a long one and Houghton was ahead. A free throw by Perry brought them within reach of victory, until Art Williams flipped one in from the corner. Brammer matched him, but the game ended before either could score again.

Perry used a three-two zone which Houghton had difficulty penetrating, especially throughout the first half. Houghton employed both a two-two-one zone and man-for-man. Indian passwork was rather sloppy, but by virtue of their defeat of Perry they bid fair to finish high among the top teams. A contributing factor to Houghton's victory was the team's latest addition, Art Williams, fast and foxy forward, who was high scorer with twelve points. Fox, of Perry, was runner-up with eleven.

Houghton	FG	FT	T
Williams	5	2	12
Paine	3	2	8
Fancher	0	1	1
Eyler	2	0	4
Mix	2	1	5
Wakefield	1	0	2
Perry	FG	FT	T
Fox	3	5	11
Tompolski	1	0	2
Olin	1	1	3
Brammer	3	2	8
Butler	2	0	4
Philips	0	0	0
Burt	1	0	1
Waldbridge	0	1	2

In the second team game Perry was victorious to the tune of 23-20. Unusually exciting for a preliminary game, the two teams traded the lead several times. In the last quarter, however, the Perry cohorts consolidated their gains and retained their lead to the end. Blackie was high scorer with eight points and Prutman was runner-up with six.

Frosh Fems Beat Academy Lassies

The frosh fems overrode the academy lassies to the tune of 19-2 on the Bedford Gym court the afternoon of Wednesday, December 11. The yearlings had the ball in their possession most of the time, but the expected scoring spree failed to materialize, for the high school zone defense kept them shooting from quarter-court.

Janet Fyfe seized the scoring honors with five points and her teammates Doryce Armstrong and Ruth Ortlip came close behind with four. The academy lassies failed to score any field goals, but Mary Armstrong and Peggy Fancher each dropped in a free throw.

Freshmen	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Fyfe	4	1	5	.200
D. Armstrong	2	0	4	.118
Woolsey	1	0	2	.092
Ortlip	2	0	4	.250
High School	FG	FT	T	PCT.
M. Armstrong	0	1	1	.086
L. Fancher	0	0	0	.000
M. Fancher	0	1	1	.092
A. Wright	0	0	0	.000

SENIOR-FROSH . . .

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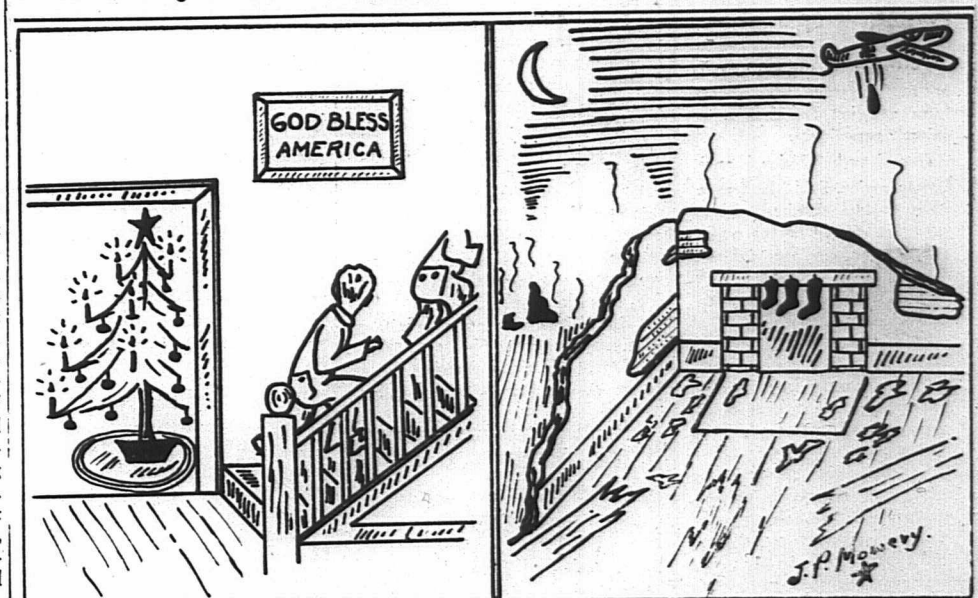
began to drop with an exhilarating monotony shot after shot from the ten-second vicinity. This pop-shot wizardry, interspersed occasionally with successful pivot shots by Frankie Markell kept the frosh breathing distance ahead of their opponents until the last quarter, when senior luck took a slight turn for the better. Gradually the Redskins pulled up even, with lanky Pete Tuthill netting the final field goal on a set shot from quarter-court in the last second of play.

In the overtime period, the seniors quickly piled up a seven point lead in the first two minutes, when the frosh began to peck away, finally approaching to within two points of the Redskins' final total.

Chase's brilliance from the outer regions earned him high scoring honors with 21 points. Peter Tuthill's spurt in the final quarters again put him at the head of his class with 15 points.

Frosh	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Smith	1	0	2	.063
Markell	2	3	7	.250
Morris	2	0	4	.089
Chase	10	1	21	.406
Wells	1	0	2	.169
Adams	0	0	0	.000
Seniors	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Tuthill	6	3	15	.333
Prentice	6	0	12	.179
Marsh	2	0	4	.154
McKinley	0	0	0	.000
Evans	2	2	6	.200
Sackett	0	1	1	.333

T'was the Night Before Christmas . . .



Mack Morgan Outstanding In Musical Presentation

Music Club Gives Christmas Party

With enthusiastic applause sounding forth from zealous admirers, a music club program was brought to a successful close Saturday night, December 14, after Mac Morgan accompanied by Miss Nielly had thrilled each and every listener to the point of ecstasy. These Rochester musicians gave what might be termed another artist series concert—only better.

A disappointing number of people turned out for this concert, but it did not dampen the ardor of Mr. Morgan and his accompanist in giving their best. In an informal manner these artists held their audience in a way of expectation as they so easily displayed their technical ability and accuracy of interpretation. One thrill after another proved this duo to be genuine artists.

It was interesting to note the look of wonder and awe on so many student's faces as they were completely absorbed in the passionate vibrations of the soul reaching tones that only a true musician can present. Mr. Morgan translated to the audience in a language of tones a message of spiritual proportion in several of his numbers. Opening the program with Shakespearean songs, then proceeding to English folk ballads, and then reaching the climax with an aria entitled "It is Enough," Mr. Morgan then did the almost impossible by retaining the climax through the rest of the program when he gave some of the more modern composers works which began with nineteenth century Italian love songs. Thereafter he presented the modern "Without a Song," a modern Negro spiritual arrangement about "Daniel," the emotional appeal to femininity of the audience, "Because," and then finally, "God Bless This House." About the time Mr. Morgan finished everyone felt like starting all over again. The program had been an immense success, especially because of the variation coming through magnificent technical display by Miss Nielly when she played "Rondo Capriccioso" by Mendelssohn. In retrospect one might say that seldom in Houghton's history has a vocalist been presented combining technical ability, true interpretation, warmth of voice at any volume, and beautiful and colorful tones with an infectious personality.

Following the program a delightful get-together was held at the recreation hall where games occupied the interest of the music club members after which refreshments occupied the same music club members.

Frankly Now . . .

Question: Should the nations of the Western Hemisphere form a union for defense against aggression?

Interviewed: Wesley France, history major. Said Mr. France, "Yes. The United States would be the major power for defense, but we need to have the other nations cooperate with us. The only way a foreign nation could attack us is by getting bases in this hemisphere, and if some union were formed, there would be no unprotected place. The South American countries are particularly susceptible to penetration and fifth column activities, and this needs to be guarded against."

Boulder Staff Receives Awards Saturday Night

Saturday evening, December 14, the staff of the 1940 Boulder held a banquet at the Stonebriar Inn as a final get-together for those who published last year's book.

After a steak dinner, the crowd gathered around the fireplace and told stories of actual or fancied happenings of their college careers. Professor Smith in particular was very active along this line, as was Glenn Jones.

At the close of the evening, Jesse DeRight said a few words to the staff, thanking them for their cooperation and hard work. Prof. Smith, the faculty advisor of the group, then presented the awards to the staff, after which the gathering adjourned.

Ralph Black was also presented with a special silver award, handengraved, as a token of his service to the staff. The banquet was very informal, and the staff agreed that it was an excellent end to their Boulder experiences.

The awards this year are the same in design as those of last year. An attempt has been made to standardize the awards, so that they will now be the same each year. This will tend to make the old staff members able to recognize any Boulder staff member of any year.

Those receiving awards this year were Arlene Wright, Ruth Shea, Francis Pierce, Evelyn Geer, Allan McCartney, Ralph Black, Glenn Jones, Harry Palmer, Roy Klotzbach, and Jesse DeRight.

Faculty Committee On Movies Active

The committee on visual instruction has been pleased by the student reaction to the article which appeared in the *Star* last week. Already several clubs are planning to make use of some of the outstanding educational films suited to their needs. At least two clubs have arranged to present films at their student chapel programs.

The committee is striving to schedule very profitable programs for the dates which have been reserved for sound films: January 11, 25, and 31; March 8 and 22. The problem that faces the committee is that of financing this program. At present there is no budget provision for this activity. Hence the committee is dependent upon the interest of the students to make the continuation of this type of program possible. The conditions under which these films are rented forbid the charging of admission. However free-will offerings will be taken in an attempt to raise the funds needed. If the students who are interested will plan to contribute a dime each time, the committee can sponsor the highest type of educational films.

Before each program a definite announcement of the films to be shown will be made either through the columns of the *Star* or on the bulletin board.

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Double Choir Gives Christmas Vespers

Richardson Does 'The Song of Mary'

Christmas Vespers, a service of Christmas music, was presented in the Houghton church, Sunday afternoon, December 15, 1940, by the combined Houghton college and church choirs under the direction of E. C. Schram.

Seventy voices blended into the praise of the nativity of the Christ, and the deep mellow notes of the organ, played by Miss Mildred Bisgrove, conveyed the atmosphere of reverence for the season. Against the tone waves of the choir, Miss Ruth Richardson excelled in her rendition of "The Song of Mary." The service was brought to a beautiful and inspiring climax with the singing of the anthem, "Joseph Came Seeking a Resting Place." The call to worship was given by Rev. Mr. Black who also read the scriptural story of the birth of Christ. The string trio, which presented the "Cantique de Noel," was composed of Belva Baxter, Marion Kiefer and Ruth Bartlett. The hymns, "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Holy Night" were sung by the congregation.

Prelude
"Come Redeemer of our Race"
"In Dulci Jubilo"
Processional
Invocation
Choral Response: "Lead Me Lord"
Vesper Hymn
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
French Carol
"Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus"
Spanish Carol
"The Three Kings"
Offertory
"A Rose Breaks into Bloom"
String Trio
"Cantique de Noel"
Evening Hymn
"Holy Night"
The Meditation
German Carol: "While By our Sleeping Flock We Lay"
Spanish Carol: "The Song of Mary"
Anthem: "Joseph Came Seeking a Resting Place"
Choral Benediction
Recessional
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Postlude
"Toccata and Fugue in D Minor"

College Band Plays in Conductor's Home Town

The Houghton College Band gave its first concert of the year at Forestville, home town of conductor Robert Homan, Tuesday evening, December 10. The success of the concert indicates more concerts in the future.

The percussion section did its best to make the *Introduction to the Third Act of Lohengrin* by Wagner its high spot on the program. Ray Alger's superb work in his solo, *The Commodore Polka*, brought forth a well-deserved burst of applause. Using some of the ever-popular numbers such as *Shortnin' Bread* and *Pavanne* as well as some of the college songs and marches, the program was well-balanced.

ENGAGED



The engagement of Miss Marjorie Ortlip, Instructor in Art, and Gordon Stockin, professor of Latin (on leave), was announced at the faculty party held last Saturday evening at the Recreation Hall.

Christmas, Theme At Forensic Union

Double Quartet Furnishes Music

Forensic Union was called to order Monday evening by its president, Jesse DeRight. After the roll call by Marion Smith, the secretary, the first order of music, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was sung by a mixed octet composed of music students. At this time, Allyn Russell arose to deliver a four-minute extempore concerning "The Greatest Single Christmas Gift." "Al's" delivery and imagination captured the attention of the audience to an amazing water-football game in Florida, in which "Al" kicked a twelve inch perch forty yards through the goal posts, gaining thereby a 197-194 victory over the rival team. "Joy to the World," the second order of music sung by the octet, renewed the serious aspect of the meeting.

The first victim of that dreadful forensic scourge, the impromptu was Margery Caughell, who enlightened the Houghtonites on "The Technique of Christmas Shopping." Phil Chase, who denied his skill in decoration for Christmas, spoke next about "Yuletide Decorations." Wesley France wound up the impromptus with "Who Invented Santa Claus," wherein he bemoaned the lost confidence in that venerable hero.

Paul Stewart presented a short analysis of the economic aspect of Christmas. First he asked for a show of hands indicating the belief that December is the best month for trade. Finding a majority in the affirmative he remarked that he, too, had believed that until he came across the statistics. Thereupon he quoted figures for various items showing that December usually takes a medium course economically in spite of the Christmas gift rush.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Messiah" To Be Given By Oratorio

Orchestra Will Accompany

The annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah* will take place Thursday evening in the Houghton Church under the direction of Prof. Eugene C. Schram Jr., director of the college a cappella choir. This year, he reports, a larger number of singers from the student body and community will participate in the principal event of the Oratorio Society. Under Mr. Schram's leadership also will be the Houghton College Little Symphony Orchestra which will augment the *Messiah* chorus in a performance using approximately the same selections from the work as were used last Christmas. Soloists of the evening are students chosen from the college music department. Jane Woods and Virginia Black will sing the solo parts for sopranos; Margaret Mann and Mildred Proctor will do the solo Sauerwein will sing the tenor parts; and Theodore Gast and Paul Snyder will sing the bass solos. With this program, the forecast for the *Messiah* presentation is for a happy send-off for and a cheerful beginning of the 1940 Christmas vacation.

Mr. Schram also announces that publicity has reached towns throughout a fifty mile radius of Houghton, entering two hundred individual churches. All are urged to attend this famous musical production for the Christmas tide. Come and bring a friend.

Hazlett House Holds Early Christmas Party

The Hazlett House was the center of great merriment and excitement last Saturday night. The girls had opened two rooms and decorated with evergreen boughs, red bows, and poinsettias. In one corner was a beautiful Christmas tree.

There was a great variety of games. Everyone laughed to see Eddie Danner stagger into the door after walking around a cane ten times. Another fact was revealed when the game of "Likes and Dislikes" was played. Miss Hatch included in her "likes" the name of Fred Hill. Believe it or not, but Fred's list was headed with "The Dean of Women."

The entertainment was topped off with a mock wedding, in which Ted Bowditch joined in matrimony, "for twenty minutes or until you can find someone better," Professor Clader and Miss Julia Georges.

Of interest to Houghton students is the fact that Gerald F. Beaven has recently been elected to the co-editorship of Hartwick College's "Hilltops." Mr. Beaven for two years was a student in the Ceramics Dept. at Alfred U. and was often a visitor on the local campus.

—adv. Allyn Russell

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