

## G. Wolfe Sends News From East



In a letter recently received from Rev. Gordon Wolfe, Houghton college missionary to Japan, he suggests three needs for which Houghton students may pray: an organ, a Bible Training school, and tract distribution.

In respect to the organ Mr. Wolfe states that, since they are planning to hold services in their newly erected house, the addition of an organ would be of much assistance to them. Organs can be purchased in Japan for 13,500 to 20,250 yen, amounting to \$50 to \$75.

"The native ministry is essential," Mr. Wolfe writes, but in order to have this, a Bible Training school for prospective Christian workers and pastors is needed. The Lord having pressed this need upon his heart before he reached Japan, Mr. Wolfe says he is now more than ever convinced that the Lord wishes for them to undertake the responsibility of establishing such a school. He requests prayer for the necessary funds and for sufficient helpers in this important phase of work.

The Wolfes have found that tract distribution pays. Mr. Wolfe says "Thousands have been eagerly received and read," and that many have written and interviewed him as a result of receiving these tracts.

Located at present in Toyko, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, who went to Japan in July, are spending the greater part of their time in the study of the language which is "exceedingly difficult." While he is learning the language, Mr. Wolfe is preaching with the aid of interpreter and also teaching Bible in English, for many of the young people speak enough English to be able to understand the language. To some, Mr. Wolfe says, the only attraction at first, is the English, but the Holy Spirit uses his word to bring conviction to their hearts and many have found the Lord through this English Bible class.

Mr. Wolfe expressed his appreciation to Houghton college for her support, and to the Houghton preparatory for their interest in Japan.

## C. A. Ries Stresses Liberty, Deeper Life, To IVCF Group

Dr. Claude A. Ries addressed a group of 65 Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship students at Cornell university, Sunday afternoon, December 5, on the subject, "The Law of Liberty in Christ." He stressed a knowledge of the truth experientially, loyalty to Christ, and love to one another. Following the message there was a question and answer period, the main thoughts of which centered in the deeper spiritual life.

Dr. Ries was accompanied to Cornell by Dr. George E. Moreland and was entertained at the home of Dr. Kenneth Wright, who spoke here recently to the Pre-Medical club.

In commenting on the IVCF of Cornell, Dr. Ries said "the group showed spiritual vitality, and were evangelistic—an encouraging sign."

## Church Raises Mission Funds

The missionary offering of December 5, taken at the Houghton church, totalled \$1482, according to the church treasurer, Mr. Howard Eyer. This amount is considerably below that of previous years, but it is expected that more will be contributed.

Seven missionaries represent this church on home and foreign fields, all but one of them Houghton graduates or former students. They are: Rev. and Mrs. Eldyn Simons, who have charge of the mission church at Oakland; Miss Roma Lapham, who works among the Mexicans at Vista, California; Rev. and Mrs. Marion Birch, Sierra Leone, West Africa; and Rev. and Mrs. Alton Liddick in western India. Miss Vera Clocksin, a missionary nurse who plans to fly to India, January 15, will be the eighth.

It is expected that increased giving will permit the sending of two more missionaries next year.

## CHAPEL SPEAKER REVIEWS BURMA

Dr. L. W. Spring, for forty years a missionary to Burma, emphasized in chapel, Thursday morning, December 2, and again in the combined class prayer meeting, Thursday evening, our need as Christians to live close to God.

Dr. Spring expressed a feeling of concern that the world does not see things as they really are. The newspaper reports of conditions do not correspond with letters recently received from Burma indicating a great upsurge in the number of converts to

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## Examglumitis -- Rx Class Parties

Exam-glum-itis has taken its toll among the students over the past week, resulting in the usual haggard expressions and low spirits. There is no cure for this contagious disease except to remove the causative organism, Virus X (short for X-amination)—an impossibility in this locality. The disease runs its natural course until holiday spirits start soaring shortly before Dec. 21 when it is completely abated, only to return in epidemic form immediately after Christmas vacation.

Palliative measures to give relief from Exam-glumitis are being planned by various classes and organizations. The sound of familiar carols floating from the chapel tower will give a real Christmas atmosphere to the campus.

On Dec. 17 there will be food and fun at the class Christmas parties. The seniors, staging their social in the music auditorium, will present a



DR. CLAUDE A. RIES

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## ZURICH PROGRAM MAKES POSSIBLE FOREIGN STUDY

Did you ever consider the possibility of a year's study abroad? Such opportunities are now increasing. Ernest Herbst, assistant to the Director of the American Council on College Study in Switzerland, reports that 53 men and women representing 35 colleges and universities are studying in Zurich under the council's auspices. They are members of the group known as the "Junior Year in Zurich." All of the students are majoring in the field of liberal arts. Science and engineering students are not eligible because of limited facilities in Zurich. They are accepted, however, in the junior year in the Basel group, also sponsored by the council, because the science facilities at the University of Basel are somewhat better than in Zurich.

Courses offered this year include German grammar and composition, German language and literature, government, history, economics, art, and music, as well as advanced courses in other modern languages. Tuition for the year is \$550. Veterans may make use of their G.I. benefits.

Sophomores who in the upper half of the class will have completed two

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## Faculty Banquet; Hear Hausser Discuss Finances



Mr. Robert Hausser, field agent of Houghton college, addressed the college faculty at their banquet at Valley Inn, Warsaw, N. Y., on Dec. 1, with the topic, "We Work for Funds." He explained what is done to acquire finances for the school. Mr. H. Leroy Fancher, professor of German, expressed appreciation to Mr. Hausser after the address.

The theme of the banquet, "We are laborers together with God," (I Cor. 3:9) was carried out in the printed program where "We" was used repeatedly. The tables were decorated with flower arrangements in the school colors—purple and gold.

Others who took part in the program were: Dr. S. W. Paine, president of the college, who led in devotions; Dr. C. I. Armstrong, pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church, who offered grace; Mr. Donald Butterworth, instructor in voice, who sang two selections; and Mr. Willard Smith, business manager, who acted as toastmaster.

The banquet was planned by the newly formed committee for faculty organization and programs, which is headed by Dr. Crystal Rork. Committee members are: Dr. Claude Ries, Prof. M. McConn, Mrs. E. Lennox, and Mrs. B. Moon.

## Seniors Perform In Joint Recital

Phyllis Redding, pianist, and Elaine Backlund, soprano, will appear in a joint recital tonight at 8:00 p. m. in the college chapel. In Mrs. Redding's part of the program will be music from Bach, Liszt, Chopin, Niemann, Turbi, and Lexuona. Mrs. Backlund accompanied by Miss Beatrice Fletcher, will sing selections from Mendelssohn, Liszt, Debussy, Mozart, Watts, Beach, and others.

Both Mrs. Redding, pupil of Professor Alfred Kreckman, and Mrs. Backlund, pupil of Professor Donald Butterworth, expect to teach music in the public schools next year after being graduated from Houghton.

## Wright Depicts Diagnosis Of Pulmonary Diseases

Dr. Kenneth W. Wright, chief tuberculosis surgeon at the Herman W. Briggs Memorial hospital, Ithaca, discussed diagnostic procedure in pulmonary disease in Pre-Medic club, December 1.

With the aid of slides and movies Dr. Wright also interpreted methods of curing tuberculosis by using streptomycin, by collapsing lungs, and by

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## FINNEY COMMENTS ON HOME CONCERT

"I was tickled about it," exclaimed Professor Charles Finney concerning the Houghton college orchestra's first home concert of the year, December 3, under the direction of Professor John M. Andrews. Professor Finney added that he liked the spirit of the orchestra, and he also pointed out the fact that it could be better if it were larger and if there were more rehearsals.

After the varied program including music from Wagner, Maganini, and Beethoven, the orchestra repeated three selections from Still's, *From the Black Belt*, for its encore.

Following their third concert, given at Belfast Central school, December 2, Mr. Ernest Gilliland, president of the Houghton camp of Gideons, dedicated and distributed sixty-four New Testaments to the fifth and sixth grade pupils. Two years before testaments had been given to the older students.

## EXTENSION DEPT. CLIMAXES TERM

In the last weekend of the semester for any widespread extension work Houghton students and faculty members furnished music and speakers in churches of ten communities.

President Stephen W. Paine, accompanied by the college ladies' quartet, held services in the Wesleyan church in Buffalo. The college men's quartet was also in Buffalo, singing in the Riverside Baptist Church, where the Rev. Hyman Appleman is preaching.

One person accepted Christ in the Waterloo Wesleyan church, where services were conducted by Paul Jennings, speaker, a vocal trio, and an instrumental duet. This group also held a Saturday night service in the Baptist church, Waterloo.

The Royalties broadcast over "Chapel of the Air Waves," Sunday afternoon, in Batavia. Sunday evening they were in the Evangelical United Brethren church, Ebenezer. In the Christian and Missionary Alliance church, Corning, the Gospel Envoys held all-day services. Richard Schnorbus preached in the Pike Pres-

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## Inn To Reopen December 20

Prof. Frank H. Wright, dean of men, has announced that the Twin Spruce inn will be ready for re-occupancy by December 20. A new hot water heating system with oil burning furnace has been installed at a cost of \$3100. The building has been insulated throughout and also been papered and painted. Hardwood floors have been laid in all rooms in the new part.

The Inn, which was swept by fire the night of October 18, housed twenty-four men students, who have been temporarily accommodated elsewhere.

## CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 13  
Oratorio—Church—7:15 p. m.  
Personal Worker's Class—S-24—6:50 p. m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 14  
Student Prayer Meeting—7:30  
Wednesday, Dec. 15  
F.M.F. Prayer Meeting—6:45—S-24  
Expression Club—Music Hall—7:30 p. m.  
Class Basketball Series  
Science Club—S-27  
Y.T.C. Music Hall and Ministerial Association—S-24  
Art Club—Art Studio  
Thursday, Dec. 16  
Class Prayer Meetings—6:45  
Friday, Dec. 17  
Annual Christmas Parties  
Saturday, Dec. 18  
Annual presentation of Messiah—8:00  
Sunday, Dec. 19  
Annual presentation of Messiah—8:00 p. m.  
Monday, Dec. 20  
Class basketball series  
Tuesday, Dec. 21  
Christmas recess—12:30 Noon.  
CHAPEL  
Friday, Dec. 10  
Rev. Phillips, Angelica.  
Tuesday, Dec. 14  
Dr. Stephen W. Paine.  
Wednesday, Dec. 15  
Art chapel—Mr. H. Willard Ortlip.  
Thursday, Dec. 16  
Christmas recording program.—Dr. Robert Luckey.



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## Committee For Progress?

"Heavy mist of insubstantial words. Through it one could hear the faint humming sound of platitudes being rolled together, of logs being rolled, of white wash being slapped across naked raw spots of international dispute." This was the characterization made by the *Time* reporter in the December 6, issue, of the meeting of the delegates to the UNESCO (United Nations' Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) meeting in Beirut, Lebanon.

The substance of this article was that this committee of the UN is making little progress toward realization of its high flying ideas. Julian Huxley, chairman, after giving a 115 page report of the year's many begun-but-not-completed activities, found himself less his \$15,000 yearly stipend. In his place has been installed present Foreign Minister of Mexico, Jaime Torres Bodet.

To what may we attribute this importance in such an august body? John Henry Newman in his *Idea of a University* conveys his belief that every university must focus in one emphasis; all other emphases being merely aspects of this central idea. He believed the one concept capable of thus uniting such an institution to be theology.

When the unifying concept becomes as nebulous as is that held by UNESCO, the difficulty in making progress toward lofty aims obviously becomes an impossibility. Finding this unifying factor in such a hierarchy of ideals is like trying to find a trace of similarity in all the objects in a pawn shop. It can't be done! There is a very real danger that any program which attempts to become inclusive of every race, language, or religion, will ultimately submerge the distinctive elements of all its participants. This is the danger facing our own country if she goes all the way with UNESCO.

We have criticized UNESCO thus far only by the standard of organizational weakness. To the Christian, however, there are definite implications that UNESCO has failed by another standard, i.e. the utter disregard of the supremacy of the moral force which Christianity is. A moral force for which man has striven to find an adequate substitute, but has failed.

## Scribblings

(from our reporter's notebook)

Included in campus improvement projects this year, as stated by the business office, is the redecoration of the halls of the Old Administration and Science buildings. Plaster patching is now in progress, and the walls are to be painted, the above-wainscoting height white ivory, and below, a warm color tone.

Bernard Crocker, a student at Houghton college from 1944-46, was recently elected to membership of Tau Beta Pi, the national honorary engineering fraternity.

He is a student in the School of Engineering at Michigan State college, East Lansing, Michigan, and expects to complete his requirements for a degree in Electrical Engineering in the spring of 1949.

Mr. Crocker was married to Miss

Marjorie Lincoln, of Milburn, New Jersey, in September, 1947. Mrs. Crocker attended Houghton during the 1945-46 school year.

A press conference will be held Tuesday, December 14, at 4:00 p. m. in Dr. Paine's office. Why not avail yourself of this opportunity to air your questions about your school?

Despite the announced policy that no Christmas trees are to be cut on college property, a considerable number are taken each year, says Willard G. Smith, college business manager. Since the college is vitally concerned with the reforestation of the land at the rear of the campus bordering the creek. Mr. Smith expressed the hope that students, faculty, and townspeople will co-operate by getting their trees from other sources.

## Library To Open Extra Study Rooms

The library staff makes the following announcements concerning provisions which are being made for better study conditions.

Room S-24 is open MWF at 9:40 for students who have no place to study and ordinarily go to the library. Miss Mary Graham, head librarian, finds that the library reading room is used mostly during this hour and requests that those students who do not wish to use library material will take advantage of S-24 at this time. Other rooms are scheduled as follows:

10:40 - 11:30	MWF-S-24
	TTS-S-20
1:50 - 2:40	MWF-S-24
	TTS-S-20
2:50 - 3:40	MWF-S-21
	S-20

The use of typewriters is allowed in carrel 2. This provision has been made for students who want to type library material not available for use outside of the library. Carrel 2 is also open to seniors when carrel 6, which is especially reserved for seniors, is filled.

Official recognition should be made of the very generous, Christian gesture made on the part of the Erie, Pennsylvania, W.Y.P.S. and Sunday School in donating the sum of \$34.00 to the fellows made homeless by the Twin Spruce Inn fire early in October. Both the victims and the remainder of the student body sincerely appreciate this display of genuine unselfishness.

## Wright Speaks to Pre-Med

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removing lobes of lungs or the entire lung.

Citing some cases with which he was familiar, Dr. Wright explained that though streptomycin is not always effective, yet it is usually beneficial to those treated with it. Specimens of tubercular sputum for microscopic view and lungs affected with tuberculosis were on display.

## FOR HIS GLORY . . .

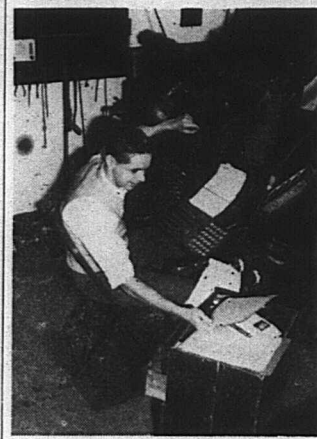
Dear Jim,

This past week I was thinking about a question you asked me last summer. You wondered just what good all my learning was doing me in preparation for the ministry, and I told you the answer was too involved to go into right then. But, to tell the truth, Jim, that question has been bothering me lately. Here I am a senior at college, and I can't see just how all my studying is going to benefit me definitely for the Lord's work.

I often prayed on the order, "God help me in my studies . . . in Jesus' name, Amen." For the past three years, I was always sure to say "in Jesus' name," at the close of my prayers. But, when I'm honest with myself, I don't think I've been very much concerned about the glory of Christ as I prayed.

I learned that Christianity was good for all parts of a person's life, so I considered my studies a part of the Lord's work. But that's about as far as it went. I don't see how my actual practice was any different from that of a person who never professed to be a Christian.

Last year during the time of final exams at the end of the first semester, I felt a lot of pressure in my studying. I prayed that God would help me to do well. And I said "in Jesus' name" at the end of my prayer each time. But I wasn't trying for that A in zoology for Christ. I was going to show my room-mate that I



The editors humbly dedicate this column to the *Star's* many avid readers who have found themselves staring question marks at the initials S.M. which have been turning up in the recent issues of this scandal sheet as author of certain italicized comments. The proud wearer of these initials is pictured above and his name is Sam Mack. Those persons who know Sam (pronounced to rhyme with bomb) need read no further. To those persons who don't know Sam however, we introduce him as the best linotype operator who ever set a scratch sheet or consoled a weary STAR editor.

Sam was first seen in Houghton one day last winter as he came crawling out from under a pile of debris after a ceiling fell on his head at the Twin Spruce Inn. "This could easily develop into something serious," said Sam as he packed his toothbrush, collected 57¢ room rent refund, and moved to Jackson's. Jackson's immediately sold the house to Mac-Millens and moved. Sam conferred with the local rent control board in the dean of men's office and was told he had squatter's rights. So he sat down in the middle of his empty room with only his suitcase to keep him company and waited for Mac-Millens to move in. They fumigated and did. Sam says that from the way

## SIGNED (S. M.)

they looked at him he assumed it was the first time they had ever bought a house and got a man with it. Sam says he likes living at Mac-Millens' because it's not like some of the places in town which Sam compared to "living in a bowling alley."

Some of Sam's fellow students claim that he's the only person they've ever known who could pass German by speaking Long Island with a German accent. Sam denies this but does admit that he passed voice by convincing Prof. Mack that they were distant relatives. Prof. Mack denies that.

Three times daily Sam dons a false beard and rushes off to the local beanery. He stays only long enough for a sandwich, (if they don't have sandwiches Sam builds his own; doesn't make any difference as to the ingredients, hash, peaches, or lima beans, because Sam claims that he "was raised on a box lunch" and can make a sandwich out of anything) after which time he rushes back to the shop and resumes banging out type at the supersonic rate of 5500 ems an hour, just 500 ems an hour faster than is required for a doctor's degree in typography.

So far he hasn't been guilty of interposing any of his personal commentary in the church bulletin but give him time. Anything can happen and it usually does. You can count on Sam to get in the last word.

● Walker's gonna be mad, daddy. He's been trying to get his picture in the STAR for four years now. Cheer up, Walker. Cheap publicity is better than none.—(S.M.)

## Former Student Addresses Chapel

Miss Vera Clocksin, '43 a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, now a missionary candidate for India, addressed the chapel December 1. She narrated some of her experiences in connection with her call to the foreign field, and marvelled at the grace of God in electing her, "the least of the apostles. Sounding a warning note, she remarked, "We usually do what we say we don't want to do," with reference to her decision early in life never to become a missionary.

Supported by the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church, Miss Clocksin plans to fly on the "Ambassador", January 15.

## IRC Sees Films

The members of the International Relations club saw two sound movies: "Highlights of the United Nations during the 1947-1948 year," and "Hungry Minds;" and two filmstrips: "To Serve All People," and "The Economic and Social Council," at their monthly meeting, December 1.

After the pictures Warren Ball led the meeting in a discussion of the UN and its problems. The filmstrips were furnished free of charge by the UN, Lake Success, N. Y.

## STEVA PRESENTS CLUB PROGRAM

Millicent Steva provided the program in the meeting of the Expression club, December 1, with selections ranging from "My Sister's Best Feller," expressed in the words of the nine year old brother, to passages from Macbeth. She included Shakespeare's sonnets 29 and 30 and Juliet's lines in the balcony scene in "Romeo and Juliet."

Sincerely,  
Bob



## Internationally Speaking

There's big news in China today. The Communists have been waltzing through Central China like squirrels in a nut shop. Mukden and all Manchuria are gone, and 60% of China's best troops have gone with them. U.S. military experts had given Nanking "ten days to three weeks."

In the cities, the prestige of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is lower than a fourth-of-July crew cut. The Chinese people feel about him as they did about Herbert Hoover in 1933. Their loyalty is now not one of intelligence but of emotion.

The Communists are gaining strength, not because the people advocate Communism, but because they are just tired of war. 1948 is the 17th year of conflict, external and internal. If the Reds take China it will mean the loss of the war in the Pacific, a war that cost the U.S. \$136,000,000,000 and nearly 118,000 lives. Since the end of the war, America has poured in two billion dollars in attempting to bolster the Nationalist government.

Dr. J. H. van Roijen of the Netherlands delegation to U.N. expressed the fear that if China goes Communist all other Asiatic countries will sooner or later follow suit.

The fall of China will have terrific repercussions. Marshall Plan dollars will be of little aid to Europe. The East is a source of raw materials and a good market for finished products, but a Communist Indonesia would shut off its trade with the Netherlands. Malaya produces trade dollars at the rate of 200 million a year.

Time magazine states:

"The grand strategy of the Kremlin was based on the belief that Europe could not recover if East Asia went Red. Europe apparently did not know that, and neither did those Washington leaders who spoke of Europe as a 'better investment' than Asia. It was the same investment."

Meanwhile Chiang Kai-shek and the government remain firmly entrenched in Nanking. Rumors of evacuation are staunchly denied by the Gimo. However, it appears that a last stand is being considered. But the surprise to many observers is that Nanking still remains and the "ten days to three weeks" period is up. The Nationalist army is hanging on tenaciously. It fought the Reds to a standstill at Suchow and is shifting to

## Spanish Club Meeting Celebrates Christmas

Amid gay decorations, characteristic of the Yuletide season, El Club de los Quijotes celebrated Christmas with the South American custom of breaking the *pinata* at their meeting, December 1. The *pinata*, suspended from the ceiling, was filled with popcorn and candy which showered on the floor when it was struck and broken with a stick by a blind-folded aspirant.

South American foods, sent via air mail from Puerto Rico, especially for this meeting, by Maria Alvarado's parents, were served. Rather gingerly the Spanish enthusiasts nibbled at the *pasta de guayaba* (a fruit paste), *dulces de rancia* (orange marmalade), *dulces de papaya* (candied melon), and *queso* (cheese) which were served on familiar American crackers.

A play was presented by Senor Andrew Berger, its author, and Senor Everett Prentice, illustrating the difficulties a North American tourist can face in Mexico, especially at Christmas time.

Everett Prentice gave a reading *en espanol*, comparing the various Christmas customs in the different South American countries. The group also sang the Spanish versions of the familiar Christmas carols.

BY ROBERT NÜERNBERGER

the south for another try. The Gimo has pulled his way out of hopeless situations before. He may again.

Now is the time for some real action, but the arm-chair delegates as well as the U.N. are undecided about the course of action. There are four possible solutions: further aid to Chiang, aid to his generals directly, complete withdrawal from China, formation of a coalition government.

Aid to Chiang would mean more money per year than has been appropriated thus far. U. S. aid this fiscal year is scheduled at \$400,000,000, a fraction of that given to Europe. Some say Chiang could have completed extermination of the Reds if he had had more backing.

What sense is there, ask others of pouring more money into China? The only practical method is the use of American troops, but if U. S. armies see action, the Russians will throw in theirs which will mean an all-out war between the U. S. and the U.S.S.R.

It is known that many of Chiang's generals are no longer fit for military service because of their corruptness. It is of no avail to have U. S. funds misused. The belief is that capable leaders, if given munitions directly by the U. S., could stop the Communists. The difficulty is that this would mean a virtual resetting up of many commanders as war lords which the Reds could gobble up one at a time.

Withdrawal from the struggle is also senseless. Nationalist China would fold up like a lazy fan.

Sentiment is in favor of a government of both Communistic and Nationalistic leaders. Chiang opposes this—the risk of Red control is the obvious drawback.

U. S. action is not yet determined. Until a new policy is determined the present aid to Chiang will be continued. Time is getting short and the open door to China may soon be a closed issue.

## Talk Of Many Things

BY MIKE KAY

Cheer up ye mournful people, the inevitable has come. Crosby has decided that I will never become literate and has fired me. She has achieved one of her purposes though. It has been her intention all year to keep changing the writer of this mouldy column. Before my entries she had trouble finding someone to write because people were all afraid that their efforts would fall far short of what had been already accomplished. Now people all over the college are wanting to show what they can do. After this column today even Josephine, the dorm cat, will feel capable of writing.

One reason for Crosby giving up hope is that her theories are not proving sound. By forcing me to write this snow every week she hoped I might regain sanity. It is the old idea that what drives a well person insane should drive an insane person back to health. It failed though for now the readers are becoming unbalanced.

If you wonder why writing a simple little column where you can throw anything that comes into your mind is hard, listen. If you write anything on sports you're infringing on the back page; if it's funny it belongs in the rut; if it's religious there's a column for that too. The only things left to write about are that belt of quick sand under the dorm and your mother-in-law.

Speaking of eating, do you people realize that every time we have a beef dinner at the dorm it requires a half of a cow? Furthermore, you eat 6 bushels of potatoes a day, use a case of napkins every five days, and

## The Call Of A Missionary

BY CONNIE JACKSON

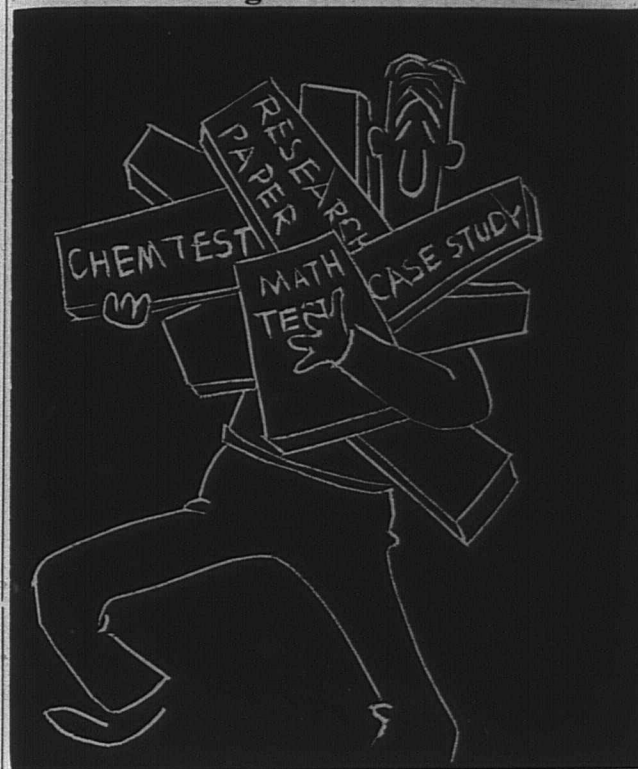
"And there ahead of me were two full-grown tigers walking side by side, rubbing shoulders in the moonlight," Dr. L. W. Spring, told the small group of excited listeners in an interview Friday afternoon. The returned missionary from Burma had found himself all alone on a still mountain trail in the middle of the night, caught in the horns of a frightful dilemma—should he run or proceed toward the animals? After an urgent prayer to God for divine protection, he made his decision. Wheeling his bicycle beside him, he headed straight for the tigers. Apparently the metal of the wheels glistening in the moonlight frightened them, for they took one look and dashed off into the underbrush.

It was while he was studying for the ministry, in Rochester Seminary, that Dr. Spring first considered missionary work. Two great men of God, John Mott and Robert Spear, presented an appeal that challenged the heart of the young man. Within him was the strong conviction that he should heed the call of the field. When his mother heard of his decision to go to Burma, she was deeply disappointed. For many years she had wanted him to enter the ministry in this country.

His first station was among the Kachins in Bham. There he and his wife founded a much-needed school for boys. The native people could not comprehend the love and interest that the Springs had for their children. Often mothers would beg to leave their little sons and daughters with the missionaries so that they would have the opportunity of being reared in a Christian home. Later Dr. Spring enlarged the school to include girls, too. There had been splendid Christian boys graduating

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## T'was The Night Before Christmas



## THE RUT

BY "GARTLEY"

It seems that jokes are at a premium these days so Burr has taken a week off. That's her reason, but the real reason is that she has retired to a sanctuary. No, not a bird sanctuary, though there is cause for one to believe that she might wind up there. Ole Dan'l Web. says that a sanctuary is a place of immunity from the law. Why should a punster such as Jan who is renowned as a connoisseur of stale jokes take refuge from the law. Well, the fact of the matter is that she is away trying to pawn a dozen door knobs she "just happened to have on hand."

Have you heard about the two rabbits who met up in Nichols' woods last week? The one rabbit said to the other, "Say," he says, "you sure are getting thin." "It's like this," says t'other rabbit, "I was sitting behind a tree last week when I hears voices. One voice suddenly says, 'I want you honey,' I thought it said 'bunny' and I've been running ever since."

Heard in the inner reception room. Inhalator ready? Stroboscope! Syringe! Blotter! Ruler! Scalpel! Needle! Thread! O.K. Millie pick it up kid! Carefully now . . . easy does it . . . not too fast . . . slowly, ever so slowly . . . THERE, Eureka you've done it again! Now keep it going . . . knit one, pearl two, knit one, pearl two. Another Argyle by Coffin continues to make its way into the world.

Yes, knitting has entered the Rut stage on Houghton's campus. Why there is one girl over in the dorm who has all her dates classified according to foot size. Another girl when caught in the act of putting her arms about a fella declared that she was just getting his waist measurements. What would she have done if she were knitting a turtle-neck sweater?

Bitner decided that the Rut needed to have all the Bilge Water pumped out last week and contracted the job out to a reputable firm. Several items were found which may belong to someone. These may be picked up

in the Star office between the hours of 12 p. m. and noon. The following are a few of the items that we would like to get rid of first:

One can of tomatoes. Size 5' 10", wt. 110 waist . . . (the rest of the label is water soaked.)

Two one gallons cans of Genessee River Water. Good for backaches, tired eyes or substitute for gas.

One thousand used sheets of paper all used. The initials (S.M.) in the upper right hand corner.

Dave Kaser. Someone please get this item off our hands this week, as he has been talking of too many things at the same time.

Three hundred romances all on rocks. These will be thrown out Saturday as there may be a new supply in next week.

One broom handle with finger attached. Note on finger says "return to Pat Douglas."

One record. Title: "Hash, Beans or the Same."

Three back issues of the Star. Note clipped thereon says, "Congrats on winning name contest."—M. Sutton.

One body, originally found near mail boxes about ten-thirty one morning. Owner please claim before Monday as that's the day we open all unclaimed mail.

One G.I. coat. Hey that's mine. I guess that is a good hint. "Well," as the chicken said when she laid the three yolk egg, "I'm glad to get that off my chest."

Or as the Mint Jelly said to the vegetarian, "You'd better take it on the Lamb."—(??)

## Extension Dept.

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byterian church in the morning service and at the Methodist Sub-division rally in Belfast, Sunday afternoon and evening. The Victory quartet provided the music for the rally. The Ambassador brass trio assisted in the East Bethany Presbyterian church, Sunday morning, where Rev. Harold Burgess, Houghton alumnus, is pastor. Students also furnished music for revival services in the Wesleyan church at Oakland.



## FOUL LINES

---By Swish

Well people, it is a well known saying that all good things have an ending. That also applies here. The powers at the helm of the Good Ship Star have barked out observations to the effect that any column dealing with sports news should editorialize on said news and should not be used for any vitriol the editor might have thought up in his wilder moments. In other words, it should keep its head up about the *Rut*. So goodbye Salad Bowl, Benchwarmer, and Faculty Blisters, Blighter, and apologies to Chief Barnett, Miss Gillette, and anyone else who got into the way, and make way for the straight stuff. From now on it is going to be Plain, Pertinent, Poop.

Oh, oh, I better leave out those asterisks, too.

The walls of odd (misprint,—should be old) Bedford witnessed the strangest sight in many a moon last Saturday night when the Faculty Five tangled with the Junior Jerks (enough of that—Bitter). The few hardy souls who forsook an interesting evening of study and ventured into the gym will vouch for that state-

ment. From the beginning tip-off, the game had all the earmarks of a rat-race. Pass after pass bounded off the walls or went straight to opponents. The Juniors got the bright idea that they would score 100 points and proceeded to dump in 22 markers in the first quarter. The Faculty had other ideas, however, as did the Junior second team, and the major part of the rest of the game was devoted to seeing whose head they could hit with the ball.

The concentrated cheering in that game was worthy to note, too. Some of the brighter wags in the gallery kept the crowd entertained by pointed yells directed at the players and at individual fans. At one point, when half the contestants were prostrated on the floor in a dirty pile, they sent up this cheer:

"First and Ten, do it again!"

They had some basis for their quip too, because those students who saw both the half-time frolic Friday night and the whole-time farce Saturday evening declare that they could see no difference basically. Those of you who did not see that show on Friday missed an excellent rendition of How Basketball Got Its Start. (Those of you who did not see the fracas on Saturday missed a forecast of How Basketball Is Going To Get Its Finish.) Even the referee got in on the fun. Prof. Hall threw a body-block on him down in the corner that would have knocked a less hardy individual like George Ratterman cold. Needless to say, the ref took it in the spirit with which it was given.

An afterthought: The game could have been named The Battle of the Bulge by the looks of Wally Mason. No reflections on the agility of Mr. Mason either, because he gets around as fast as the best of them.

All of which goes to prove something said by this department at the beginning of basketball season—the faculty should have stayed in the House League.

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## Preliminary Grading On Athletic Field Is Almost Complete

The preliminary rough grading of the new athletic field is practically complete, and next spring the construction of a drainage system will be undertaken. The cost of this is expected to run between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and a similar sum will be required for the final grading and seeding. Already almost one-half of the \$2,723 which has been collected has been spent; an additional \$4,104 has been pledged.

If the work is to be carried on without delay, the Houghton college alumni must give \$5,000 before next spring. A contract for one or both projects will be let only when there are sufficient funds on hand to completely cover expenses.

## Americans To Study In Oslo

The University of Oslo has announced that it will again hold special summer classes for American students from June 27 to August 6.

Official headquarters in America for the summer session has been established at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, where catalogs and applications may be secured.

The courses which will be conducted in English, cover the sciences, the humanities, and a general survey of Norwegian culture. A maximum of six credit hours may be taken in the six weeks course and in most cases the credits are transferable.

Approximate expense for the six weeks at the University is estimated to be about \$300 and transportation last year on the "S.S. Marine Jumper" amounted to \$320 to \$400 for the round trip.

## Chapel Speaker

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Christianity since the war. His purpose was to give us an idea of how Christianity is going forward in spite of all attempts to hinder its progress. Dr. Spring based his report on recent advances in Burma because of the great overturn since the war.

## The Calling Of A Foreign Missionary

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but no girls of their caliber that they could marry. At the end of eight years, three hundred boys and girls had graduated from the high school. Many of these went on to college or into government work, maintaining a high standard of Christian testimony.

As the years progressed, Dr. Spring's field grew by leaps and bounds. Before he left Burma to go to America, he was the superintendent of 125 native schools and four station schools. He traveled inland to the small outpost by elephant and motorboat. For twelve years he was the only missionary on 150 miles of coast.

Burma, ravaged by years of war, needs young people says Dr. Spring.

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## Seniors Overcome Sophmores In Men's Basketball 35-31

BY MITZ MAEDA

In the most hotly contested game of the year the 1947-48 champion senior quintet eked out a close 35-31 victory over their sister-class sophs on Friday night December 3.

The favored fourth year men were matched point for point in the initial quarter by the black and gold but

## Senior Girls Lose to Undefeated Sophs

The soph girls kept their undefeated record intact as they won a hard-fought 30-26 victory over their sister class seniors on Friday night, December 3.

The second year women held a slim 7-4 lead at the end of the initial quarter largely due to Carville's 6 points. At the half-way mark it was still the sophs in the lead 13-9. At the three quarter mark the little sisters still held a 21-15 margin. In the final quarter the seniors outscored their opponents but the sophs came out on the long-end of a 30-26 count.

Russell and Carville were the offensive leaders for the sophs with 12 and 10 points respectively. Lou Armstrong scored all seniors points, 26.

## Examglumitis-Rx Parties

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ity: singing, skits, and—Schnorbus.

As we go to press, the dorm party plans are still nebulous. The dining hall is slowly being transformed into a winter wonderland for the formal Christmas banquet. The Boulder crew will decorate the reception room.

Depending on the clearance of the recreation hall, the Anna Houghton daughters will hold their annual Christmas dinner for the faculty and staff and their children on Dec. 13. Their alternate plans include a party with a Christmas tree and carols in S-24.

The devotional theme and sacred music of this beautiful season will have their proper place in all these events. The presentation of Handel's *Messiah* on Dec. 18 and 19, by the Oratorio Society and orchestra, will climax the week's program.

## Juniors Tally High Score; Conquer Faculty Team 62-42

The juniors came back from their defeat by the seniors with a 62-42 victory over the hapless faculty on Saturday night, December 4.

In chalking up their third win of the year the green and white tallied the highest offensive score of the year and also accumulated the greatest number of personal fouls, 25.

Perry and Strong led the juniors in the opening period with 5 points apiece to pile up an early 22-9 lead. This quarter was marked by the fast-breaking of the junior team and their tight man-to-man defense which the faculty could not penetrate. In the second quarter the third year men increased their margin as every man on their team hit the scoring column. At intermission the faculty trailed 40-19.

In the third period the faculty ran wild as they dumped in 21 points while holding their opponents to 8 counters. At the close of this quarter

the former held a slim 12-9 lead as the buzzer sounded. In the following period Dave Buck led his team in the offensive column with five points while Bob Underwood tallied up the same total for the seniors. This half ended with the champions leading 18-16.

After the intermission both teams employed a tight defense which neither one could penetrate. Beach led the seniors with 6 markers in this hectic period while Buck dumped in two field goals for the underdogs. At the three-quarter mark, the seniors were in the lead 28-25. In the final period neither team could seem to score.

The Seniors staged a 2 minute "freeze" and when the final gun sounded the seniors had their unblemished record intact 35-31.

In winning their third straight game of the year, the seniors were led by Les Beach's 13 markers while Dave Buck kept his team in the game with 11 tallies.

## Frosh Notch First Win Against Profs

The frosh men finally hit the winning column by trouncing the faculty 52-35 Wednesday night December 8.

In handing the faculty their fourth straight set back the frosh piled up a 14-6 margin to lead at the close of the first period. This offensive was headed by Dave Turner's 8 counters. Jim Harr led the faculty in the second quarter with 7 points, but the first year men were consistently hitting the hoop and held a 28-17 lead at half-time.

In the third quarter the frosh pulled ahead by sinking 14 points while holding the faculty to 5 markers. Larson and Hunsberger were the big guns of this period scoring 6 and 4 points respectively. The final period was the only one in which the frosh were outscored. Doc Bob led his fellow professors in this quarter to rack up 13 points to the maroon and white 10. This brought the final score to 52-35.

Larson's 15 points gave him the scoring laurels of the evening followed by Turner's 12. For the losers Prof. Harr was the leader with 12 markers. Mason bucketed 11 for a losing cause.

## Foreign Study in Zurich

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The American Council on College Study in Switzerland has prepared a 16-page announcement containing full details of the year abroad which can be obtained by writing to the Council's American office, 1123 North Eutaw Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland.