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Houghton Debaters Attend Conference

Houghton will have eight persons represented at the Annual State assembly which will convene at Albany in the state capitol on Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17.

Faculty supervisor of the debate group at Houghton, Dr. King, and Mrs. King will attend together with six students: Della Herman, Doris Goodrich, Grant Bogue, Richard Morris, Fred Kling, and Eldred Douglas.

The New York State Debate conference, which includes all colleges in the state participating in debate, has called this convocation for the purpose of giving the students an opportunity to practice parliamentary procedure as used in the state legislature's proceedings.

All meetings of this group will be modeled from the New York State assembly. On Friday morning, May 16, the assembly will organize, elect a speaker and a clerk. Then various committees will meet in the assembly rooms of the capitol to discuss and formulate bills, dealing particularly with problems concerning veterans and citizens of the state of New York. These committees will hold their discussions Friday morning and afternoon.

The following Saturday morning and afternoon, the assembly will hold debates in a regular legislative procedure.

W. Y. P. S. Elects 1947-1948 Officers

Officers for W.Y.P.S. for the new year were chosen in the student prayer meeting last week as follows:

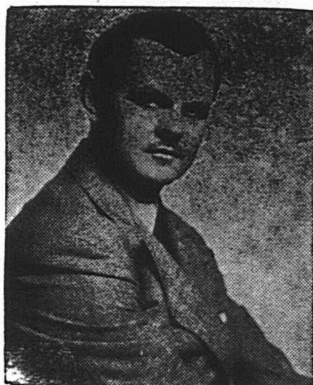
President, George Kilpatrick; vice-president, Paul Markell; devotional secretary, James Harr; morning watch secretary, Claude Williams; Y.M.W.B. treasurer, Harold Little; secretary-treasurer W.Y.P.S., Marge Miller; social chairman, Mary Lou Armstrong; Y.M.W.B. president, Luke Boughter.

Skinner, Steele Conduct Chapel

The chapel program Tuesday, May 6, will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Skinner and M. W. Karl Steele. They will present "The Gospel in Music and Art," in which they give the gospel story through music, art, and the spoken word. Besides their visits to Wheaton College, Nyack Missionary Training Institute, and Moody Bible Institute, they are now touring churches in New York State. Mr. Skinner is manager of the Maranatha Bible Conference.

The chapel speaker Wednesday, May 7, will be Dr. Clarence Benson. He is the author of the book, *The Earth, the Theatre of the Universe* in which he suggests answers to the difficult questions of science, especially in the field of astronomy. Dr. Benson is the general secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association and is interested in Christian education.

Accident Postpones Tibbett Concert



LAWRENCE TIBBETT

Word was received Tuesday that the baritone vocal artist Lawrence Tibbett has been injured in automobile accident, and will be unable to appear at his expected concert May 2.

Mr. Tibbett was riding in one taxi when it collided with another. He was thrown forward on his face, thus cutting his lip on a metal piece attached to the front seat. The injury was serious enough to interfere with his diction. However, his doctor has assured him that he will be well enough to perform in eight or ten days, and plans have been formulated for his appearance in a concert May 16.

Prof. Cronk has announced that if anyone is unable to attend May 16, they may contact him and their money will be refunded.

Think On These Things

by DOUGLAS GALLAGHER

Could we the depths of truth now plunge
And grasp the whole rich story,
Our souls should rise to Paradise,
Enraptured by its Glory.

Truth can never be fathomed by human speculation but only as the Holy Spirit takes us by the hand and points us to tremendous truths. In Eph. 6:11, we read, "Put on the whole panoply of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." If we are to be effective and effectual ambassadors for Christ, it is not only a privilege but also a prerequisite to appropriate God's boundless provision for us, namely, that we have on the whole armor of God. Ours is the prerequisite to have the loins girt about with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the feet shod with peace, the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. But you may ask, "What is the panoply of God?" Is it faith? Is it the Word of God? Is it a simple reference to the Roman soldier?

No. These may be partially correct but the Holy Spirit has far, far richer truths for us than we can ever comprehend. The Holy Spirit demonstrates that Truth is Christ, John 14:6; that Righteousness is Christ, Jer. 23:6; that

Peace is Christ, Eph. 2:14; that Faith is Christ, Heb. 12:2; that Salvation is Christ, Ps. 27:1. The panoply for the believer is Christ. We are to be clothed with Christ Himself. Paul says, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof," Rom. 12:14.

But this is just part of the truth to be found here. We are provided with the sword of the Spirit which is God's Word. The armor is for the defense; the sword is for the offense. How do we get the panoply? We get it by absolute obedience unto Christ as He takes control of our lives and by saturating ourselves with His Word. How often we say, "Now I have the armor, now I have the sword. I'm ready for the fray. Let me at the enemy." No, it's not as we expected because *the object in having the panoply and the sword is that we might pray aright*, Eph. 6:18.

Beloved, isn't it true that from whatever mountain peak of prophecy or door of doctrine, or window of wisdom, we view the wise and wonderful economy of God, we must of necessity be impressed with the obvious conclusion: man though wicked and unworthy is the recipient of God's unabounded love.

"Oh to grace, how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!"

Juniors Toast Seniors In Annual Inter-Class Banquet

On Saturday night, April 25th, at 8 o'clock, 257 members of the junior and senior classes attended the annual Junior-Senior Banquet, which was held at the Fillmore high school gymnasium.

Since the decorations were on a nautical theme, the setting was to represent the deck of a ship. The guests were led "onto the ship" over a gangplank. Surrounding the tables were stanchions and life-lines which helped to give the effect of a ship, while a realistic-looking ship's bridge, simulated on one wall, lent atmosphere to the nautical effect. Dressed in a naval uniform Norman Walker acted as officer of the ship. In one corner of the room there was an island constructed, and on the island was a twelve-foot light house which blinked on and off.

Jim Harr of the junior class was the master of ceremonies, with Bill Barker, vice president of the junior class, giving the welcome address and Dave Flower, president of the senior class, giving the response.

A play, "The Admirable Crichton", was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Young. Mr. Young took the part of four men and Mrs. Young took the part of three women. After only having two and one-half weeks' time to spend for rehearsal on the play, Mr. and Mrs. Young did a remarkable performance. A notable thing was that for not having costumes or scenery, they very capably effected a genuineness of atmosphere.

Dorine Olmstead was the junior soloist accompanied by Jeanette Balzar. Dorine sang "Oh, But I Do", which was dedicated to the senior class with appropriate words. Dinner music was provided by a string ensemble consisting of Gordon Talbot, violinist; Irene Titus, cellist, and Nancy Butters, pianist.

REGIONAL OFFICE MOVES TO SYRACUSE

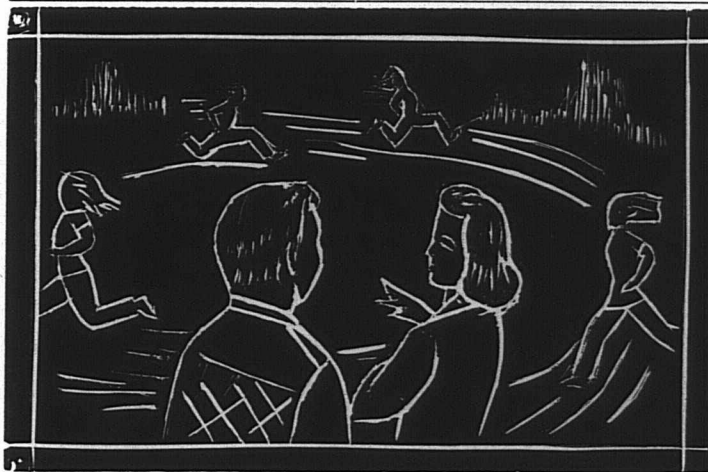
All veterans who have received recently the notice that their case file is to be transferred to the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, Syracuse, N. Y., sign the notice on the veteran's bulletin board so that we may forward this list to the Veterans Administration and have these files returned to the Regional Office in Buffalo.

The Veterans Administration has informed us that these were transferred to the Syracuse office in error.

Unless you received a notice that it has been changed, your file is still in Buffalo.

High School Honors

Prof. Wesley Moon announced the high school honors at a party held Friday evening. Elizabeth Edling will be valedictorian with an average of 94.42. Second and third places go to Max Nichols and Annabelle Russel with averages of 86.24 and 84 respectively.



Girls Track? No, just practice for Sadie Hawkins Day.

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Spirit of Criticism

While standing in the crowd before the mailboxes, leaving the crowded library, or picking up your fork to eat those semi-weekly beans, you feel that certainly something could be done about it. And it is altogether too easy to voice your feeling in the form of a criticism of the person you feel to be responsible for the situation.

Criticism is an excellent way of fostering improvement, if done in the spirit of understanding. But to feel that the solution which comes to you the moment you notice the need is the answer is a bit over-optimistic. If it were that simple, it is quite probable that the one you are criticizing would have thought of it too.

The next time you feel the urge to criticize, stop yourself and put yourself in the place of the one you are about to criticize. If you find a solution to the problem, write it down and then try to tear it apart. If it still holds up, take it to someone who can do something about it. I am confident that if your answer is valid, you will find the object of your criticism only too glad to accept it. If you have failed to consider some part of the problem, certainly you will not be thought less of for your attempt.

It is my feeling that with this attitude we can have a better mutual understanding of our problems and shorter road to the solutions.

F. E. R.

Put It In!

Perhaps the greatest mystery of educational institutions is that students think they can mix together one pound of laziness, one pound of procrastination, two pounds of chatter, one-half of day-dreaming, and one teaspoon of studying, and turn out a cake marked "Four-point (or even three-point) grade index." As each student looks retrospectively upon this past year, he should make a *qualitative* analysis of his life at Houghton. If he has put large quantities of wasted time into his attempts, plus unfaithfulness and half-hearted work, he has undoubtedly gained the result which those qualities would bring. If he has combined absences from church and prayer meetings, neglect of his devotions, and a reluctance for testifying and vital Christian living, then he has certainly not benefitted from the spiritual advantages Houghton offers. On the other hand, opposite ingredients bring opposite results.

Each student should also make a *quantitative* analysis of his life here. Just as defective materials will not produce a blue ribbon cake, neither will one ingredient alone produce a cake at all. If a student has not put anything into the various extra-curricular activities on our campus, he can't expect to receive the social poise and training that are to be gained in those fields and those alone. A student can't take studying alone; neither can he take extra-curricular activities alone, and gain a well-rounded college experience. It takes all the required elements in balanced quantities and of high quality to produce the kind of training every student wants. Staring at a ruined cake—or even at a good one—will do no one any good, however, unless he profits by the experience. As each student realizes that he is getting out of college *exactly what he puts into it*—no more and no less—he should determine that from now on his ingredients will be chosen with more discrimination, for each student's record and life here at Houghton has been and will be only as perfect as *he* makes it.

M. H. K.

WALLACE TELEGRAM

It is worthwhile noting that the Editor of the Houghton Star has received an invitation to an exclusive intercollegiate press conference with Henry Wallace at Columbia university in New York City.

ERB - WOODHEAD

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Erb wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Royal S. Woodhead Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Royal S. Woodhead.

Spring Comes To Sanville

by MARI LYNNE AND RUTHIE

The HILLS were GREEN, the RHOADS were getting dusty, the ESTABROOK was PHILLED with COOL, BROWN water. The air was CLAIRE as a BELL. A perfect set-up for a KASER of spring fever. The sweet WILLIAMS and the alfalfa were coming through the ground. The grapes were VINING and the ROSIE BUSHes and other FLOWERS would soon be in BLOSSOM in all the DALES and BOWERS. The HELFERS and KOUWEs were running WILDE and the HORACES were lapping water from the TROPFS. The ROBBINS and LITTLE BROWN BOYDs were HARR at work KETCHing bugs. The GARDNER had begun his HUGHES task. The SORO of winter had passed and BLISS was now in VOEGE.

The townspeople had just turned off their ARMSTRONG heaters for the summer. The PARSONS baby was out in her WALKER while her father was cultivating their one SPEAR of grass under the LINDEN tree. In the FARR WEST end of town a BALL game was in progress. The grocery store CLARK was SPROWLed lazily in front of the store eating a HAM sandwich. Every WOLF, COON, and CHUCK was basking in the RAYs of sunshine. The BOYCE had taken their KLINGing "lovelies" to the BEACH for a picnic. "SUMMERS on its way!" said the TAYLOR.

Without warning, a COWLES SWIFT wind swept through the sub-ERB, blanketing everything with INCHES of snow. The BLISS of summer now had passed and SORO was now in VOEGE. Oh the PAYNE of it!! PANICH? It was a HOWELL.

Spring had come to the village of SANVILLE.

Inquirin' Reporter

by LOIS ROBINSON

Our inquirin' reporter has been around questionin' some of the profs. There was a variety of answers to the question:

"What improvement would you like to see take place in Houghton?"

Dr. Emerson—"I'd like to see a new library and new science building."

Miss Rickard—"I think we need 50 new trees planted on the campus."

Dr. Luckey—"The thing we probably need most is a new dormitory."

Miss Pool—"Better housing facilities for the faculty members are a great need."

Miss Burnell—"I feel that we need a new chapel more than anything—then a science building."

Prof. Shea—"We need a summer youth conference on the camp ground."

Mrs. Cronk—"The students need a place other than the library to sit and talk. We need a student lounge."

Dr. Woolsey—"The front bank should be landscaped."

Dr. King—"A larger college income would settle the whole question."

Prof. Stockin—"New trees and sidewalks would be a pleasant improvement."

Sports Zuips

by DINKY

If you have forgiven me for yesterday's "alleged" column, I will try again. Cheer up, this is the last literary effort.

The season of "smacking the apple" is actually upon us. Saturday saw the Gold trim the Purple to the tune of 5 to 1, on the Fillmore high school diamond. Cooper went the full length for the Gold with Perry doing the catching. Inch started for the Purple with Walker (the one and only, Norman Gartly) taking over in the fourth inning, just after Dave Paine belted a circuit clout into right center field. Markell was on the receiving end for the Purple. The game was sparked by a few doubles and a triple, not to mention (hold your breath) a few ERRORS.

Poor baseball sense was shown by the Purple team on several occasions, once costing them a couple runs. It was a pretty good game though, for the first one. Cooper chalked up seven strikeouts while "Big" Inch got eight and Walker managed to befuddle Flower enough to get three good ones past him. The game was called halfway through the sixth inning.

Be sure to come to the remaining games. Break down and try to show some school spirit. Your team, regardless of your color, has a good chance of winning and as far as I know there has never been a team that has been hurt by support. How about it? Transportation will be provided to the games. The busses leave the girls' dorm at three o'clock on game days.

Here is the latest news on the volleyball series. On the 21st the frosh men defeated the juniors, and on the following day the senior women outclassed the sophs. The 25th saw the seniors trim the preps and on this past Monday the high school boys retaliated by downing the soph men. My favorites for the series are, naturally, the freshmen.

Now for some news that a lot of you have been waiting for. This Saturday, May 3rd, is the day for the inter-class track and field meet. Some of you have already been practicing and lots more are going to participate (we hope). Don't be afraid to come out just because you haven't done any running before. If you like to run that is reason enough. Be sure to sign up for the event you want to take part in, on the list in the arcade.

Saturday's meet should be a good preview of the Purple-Gold meet to be held on the 16th, Sadie Hawkins' day. Come on, you fellows and girls. Get out there Saturday and get in condition for the big event. Girls, you are going to have to run pretty fast to catch that favorite boy of yours. And you, bud—if you are a pale male, slow as a snail, and afraid of a frail—you had better learn to run or find a dandy hideout (like the boys' locker room). The thing is—who doesn't want to be caught (by the right one)? You do too, Sandy!! You can't kid us.

Bye young'uns.

Ponder for five minutes before discrediting—

The thing is—What is it—between who's at bat and who's out of her mind.

It must be nice to have someone come all the way from Indiana to offer you a job—Ask Betty Tutton for the details.