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## TOURNAMENT, TOUR OCCUPY DEBATERS

### Here, There, About

by MARY HELEN MOODY

The latest Wheaton paper records the fact that Dr. Stephen Paine will be the speaker at the Commencement exercises of Wheaton this June. It further states that Dr. Paine will be among the four recipients of honorary degrees at Wheaton this summer. He will receive the degree of doctor of law.

Marion College Journal contributes two items of interest to the column this week. In mentioning the March 8th debate with Houghton it says, "Marion has not had the privilege of having forensic relations with Houghton in recent years and therefore this meet should be interesting."

Also of interest to Houghtonites is the reference to William Foster speaking in the chapel of Feb. 17 at Marion. William Foster graduated from Houghton in '37.

In the *Keukonian* it was reported the Student Forum decided that electricity in the dorm should be turned off at 12:30 every night excepting Friday and Saturday. This is supposed to improve the health of the students. The *Keukonians* are also just as noisy as Houghtonites apparently for the Forum states that if the noise in the dining room and during quiet hours is not lessened it may have to be taken up by the Administration. This has a much more formidable sound than the speeches of our dean on the subject.

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### Academy Group Announces Five Rank Above 90

Warren Woolsey and Ruth Fancher were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the high school class of '39 at a party given by the faculty, Saturday evening, March 11. The affair included juniors and seniors and was held in the Music Hall auditorium.

Striking features of the honors announcements were: (1) the fact that five out of the thirteen members of the class had averages above 90% and (2) the narrow margins separating the upper six honor ratings.

Regents averages announced were as follows: Warren Woolsey, 93.4; Ruth Fancher, 93; Beatrice Gage, 92.7; Gwendolyn Fancher, 90.4; Janet Fyfe, 90.3; and Vera Clocksin, 89.1.

Although last year's valedictorian, David Paine, surpassed the average of this year's top ranker by 1.2%, the class average this year was much superior to that of last year and to most years on the school record.

At the party, several games were played before the announcement of honors. Afterwards, refreshments were served.

### ELECTION RESULTS

A last minute election bulletin on the results of Wednesday's Boulder election saw Jesse De-Right and Roy Klotzbach voted into the editorship and business manager position, respectively, of the 1940 production by comfortable majorities.

The election was held in a combined meeting of the sophomore and junior classes. Total votes cast numbered 133. Nominations were from the Executive Literary Board, who will meet in April to propose candidates for *Star* positions.

### Solution to Nation's Problems Discussion By Frank P. Johnson

Frank Preston Johnson, roving newspaper man, feature writer and public speaker, comes here April 6, to tell how the factories of the future may come to depend largely on farmers for raw materials. Further, he points out actual instances of this today in the great industries built around the production of news-print paper, rayon, corn-alcohol used in gasoline, and by-products from such diverse commodities as peanuts, soybeans, and milk, to mention only a few.

He carries with him an exhibit of many of these new products, which is set up and displayed from the platform.

Mr. Johnson shows first these new fields of opportunity, then he declares that in these new and growing industries is the new frontier in America today—not a frontier of limitless plains and high mountains and red Indians, but a frontier of science and industry that promises just as rich rewards as did the Golden West of our forefathers. He claims that new processes and discoveries already in sight can find industrial uses for the productive capacity of forty million American acres, and new jobs for five

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### HAROLD SKINNER SHOWS VERSATILITY ON VIOLIN

Mr. Harold Skinner, accomplished musician and outstanding senior music student, presented a most enjoyable program of violin music at his senior recital given in the chapel on Thursday evening, March 9. Accompanied by Miss Barbara Cronk, Mr. Skinner played as his second group the "Concerto No. IX in A minor op. 104" by *de Beriot*. The three movements which he played were done in artistic and pleasing manner with Mr. Skinner displaying excellent technique and good tone.

The last group was comprised of shorter compositions of charm and interest. Especially appealing was the "Meditation" from *Thias by Massenet*. Also included in this group were "Chansons Arabes" by *Rimsy-Korsan*

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### Mid-Western Trip Chalks 1500 Miles And Five Schools

#### SHEFFER SAVES A PENNY

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan Are States For Debates

To quote the Elliott-Willett-Sheffer-DeRight (with Prof. Hazlett) combination which made last week's men's debate tour to the mid-west, prime achievement of the six days out came, fittingly, Saturday night, March 11, at Oberlin.

The much discussed anecdote concerned Mr. Sheffer's financial feat of saving one whole copper penny by virtue of a little forethought and planning. Most versions of the story are concise, and run like this: Walter desired to send some post cards to the folks at home. He had accumulated four. Saturday night he wrote them, sealed them in an envelope on which was a three cent stamp, and thereby scored one-up on Uncle Sam.

But such an accomplishment was not the only highlight of the 1500 mile journey which included University of Dayton, Marion college, Wheaton college, Kalamazoo college, and Oberlin. Outstanding as well were those mid-western meals whose quantity and variety were amazing, and whose prices were the answer to chancellor-of-the-exchequer Willett's prayer, as he valiantly attempted to uphold Mr. Boon's records of former years in "balancing the budget."

First day out gave a somewhat gloomy weatherman's augury for the balance of the trip as ice and snow obscured the beauty of the scenery of Mr. Sheffer's hometown of Youngsville, Pa. Walt's knowledge of the locale was not without its compensations, however, when the college Ford inadvertently turned up the wrong side of a one-way street in Franklin, Pa. "That's O.K.," chirped Walt. "My uncle is chief of police here." And he was!

Before stopping for the first night at Sharon, Pa. within a hundred yards of the Ohio line, the boys had

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### Elmira Concerts Occupy Choir on Sunday

One time that Prof. Schram could not prevent the choir's sliding was Sunday morning, March 12. In fact he had no effect upon them or even himself as they literally fell into line about 6:00 a. m. in front of the bus. The ice proved to be a real barrier all the way down to Elmira, but the warblers finally skidded into their places only twenty minutes late.

In spite of the bad weather, all three concerts were well attended. All arrangements were managed by Rev. David Rees of the Wesleyan church.

After singing at the Oakwood M. E. church, the group was assigned to individual homes for dinner. Numerous reports of strawberry short cake

### CALENDAR

Thursday, March 16  
7:00 Student Piano Recital  
Prof. Kreckman's Class  
Friday, March 17  
2:00 Debate with Albany State  
7:30 Final Purple-Gold Women's  
8:30 Varsity vs. Alumni Basketball  
Monday, March 20  
6:55 Forensic Union  
6:55 Music Club  
Tuesday, March 21  
Mid-semester examinations Begin  
(see Schedule on page 2)  
Friday, March 24  
Spring Vacation Begins  
Tuesday, April 4  
Classes Resumed  
Thursday, April 6  
Frank Johnson, Lecturer

### A Duo Piano Career For Lhevinnes Just Began 40 Years Ago

Houghton will have an opportunity to hear on April 14, the most distinguished exponents of two piano art, Josef and Rosina Lhevinne.

The Lhevinnes have been married forty years but they have known each other a good deal longer than that. Both were born in Moscow. They met as pupils of the Moscow Imperial Conservatory of Music.

Josef graduated brilliantly at the age of eighteen, capturing the coveted gold medal as the outstanding student in Safanoff's class. Five years later Rosina duplicated this record by graduating at the same age, also a winner of the gold medal award, the first gold medal ever won by a girl. The two were married eight days later.

In the meantime Josef had won the Rubenstein prize and had been playing all over Europe, both in recital and as guest artist with all the major symphony orchestras. He had already won for himself the reputation of being one of the great pianists of the day. Rosina, while still at the Conservatory had been making many successful public appearances. She too had appeared as soloist with orchestras, an especially memorable occasion being her appearance with Arthur

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### Group at Slippery Rock Takes Three Of Its Six Rounds

#### ENCOUNTER ICY ROADS

Roughan and Havill Win Two; Smith and Wise Take Single Decision

Slippery Rock, Pa. lived up to its name with no trouble at all the weekend of March 11, to say nothing of the perilous condition of the roads between there and Houghton. But for the four debaters, accompanied by Miss Frieda Gillette who made the trip to the Western Pennsylvania Debate Tournament held annually at Slippery Rock State Teachers' College this meant only another night away from Houghton.

At the scene of the tournament were 12 colleges including Houghton, all debating the issue familiarly known to debaters as "pump-priming". On the battle front for the immediate locale were Lois Roughan, Thelma Havill, Margaret Smith, and Leon Wise, debating affirmative and negative respectively.

Two-man teams and three rounds each were the order of the day. Colleges met by Houghton included: Geneva, Shippensburg State Teachers' Grove City State Teachers, Westminster, Slippery Rock and Seton Hill.

Out of a total of six encounters, the Houghton teams wrangled three victories to make their average .500. This topped last year's record of two out of six, but did not equal that of two years ago when Houghton and Geneva colleges tied for tournament honors with six wins out of eight encounters apiece.

The tournament this year was won by Geneva college.

Enroute home, slippery roads forced an overnight stay for debaters and Miss Gillette in Falconer, N. Y.

### 'FERDINAND' AND TAYLOR VIE FOR RECOGNITION IN BOULDER CHAPEL

To the strains of a brass quartet composed of Carleton Herman, Robert Strong, Arthur Mann, and Ray Alger, the Boulder chapel began on Wednesday, March 8. The program progressed with Park Tucker acting as Master of Ceremonies, and with a display of past issues of the *Boulder* as a background.

Speeches by Paul Wolfgruber, business manager, Clifford Blauvelt, photography manager, Kenneth Hill, subscription manager, and Frank Taylor, the advertising man from Rochester, relating the duties of each respective office and pointing out the main points of interest that students would not want to miss by not subscribing to the 1939 *Boulder* constituted the first part of the program.

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## EDITORIAL

PLEASE DO NOT READ THIS —

— if you have a lot of leisure time or if you haul down nothing lower than B's. We congratulate you; you may turn to the next page.

But — if you sometimes wish the days were thirty-six hours long — if you can't seem to scrape up enough time to attend even your class prayer meetings — if you have ever spent a day without much to show for it — you may possibly find a helpful idea here.

Probably none of our suggestions for saving time are wholly original, but they are all workable. Before you label them as rot, please try them for a couple of days. After that, throw away all of them that don't bring results. The suggestions are:

1. *Try scheduling your time.* A schedule isn't a dopey notion found only in freshman comp books; it's a bright idea that saves time for its users.

2. *Spend less time on less important things.* Cut down your studying time. Decide how much time you should average in preparation on each subject, schedule it, and *follow the schedule*. When you work in a time limit, you concentrate better, remember better, save time that you have been wasting.

3. *Decide what comes first.* If you agree that time spent on friendships, clubs, reading, is time well spent, devote some time to these things on your schedule. Spend the most of your time on the things that you think are most important.

That's our sermon. Forget it if you want to, but remember that time tears on; that you possess nothing more valuable. School will be out before you realize it. What will you have to show, this summer vacation, for the time you have spent in Houghton?

— D. T. K.

## SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS

## TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:00—9:00 Classes scheduled at 9:00 TTS  
9:30—10:30 Classes scheduled at 11:30 TTS  
11:00—12:00 Classes scheduled at 1:30 MWF  
Introduction to Busines  
1:30—2:30 Public Speaking (all sections) Room A 25  
English Seminar  
Chalk Talk

2:45—3:45 Music Appreciation  
Hygiene for Women

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:00—9:00 Classes scheduled at 8:00 TTS  
Astro-Physics  
9:30—10:30 Classes scheduled at 10:30 TTS  
Freshman Theory  
Comp. & Rhet. (Dean Hazlett's section)  
11:00—12:00 Classes scheduled at 9:00 MWF  
Voice Methods  
Comp. & Rhet. (Dr. Small's section)  
English Prose  
Vertebrate Embryology

1:30—2:30 General Chemistry (Sec. A & B) Chem. Room and A 25  
Instrumental Methods  
Hymnology

2:45—3:45 Freshman Bible (Sec. A & B) Rooms A 25, S 44, S 45, S 46  
Orchestration

4:00—5:00 Classes scheduled at 10:30 MWF

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:00—9:00 German 2 (Sec. A & B) Rooms A 25 and A 31  
9:30—10:30 Ethics (Sec. A & B) Rooms A 25 and A 31  
11:00—12:00 Classes scheduled at 8:00 MWF

English Lit. (Hazlett's and Rickard's sections)

1:30—2:30 Comp. & Rhet. (Miss Rickard's sections — C, D, E) S 44, S 45, S 46

2:45—3:45 Zoology 2 (Sec. A & B) Room A 25

Art Appreciation

4:00—5:00 Classes scheduled at 11:30 MWF  
English Lit. (Dr. Small's section)

## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:00—9:00 General Physics (Sec. A & B) Room A 25

9:00—10:00 First Aid Advanced Philosophy

## Frosh Encounter Thrills and Flats In Niagara Jaunt

Our Freshman debaters, Janice Crowley, Emily Markam, and Norman Mead experienced some thrills on Friday, March 10, when they went to meet the Niagara University frosh, in a non-decision debate. The topic for discussion was the regular freshman question on an alliance with Great Britain.

The party including Ed Holley, driver, Wesley Nussey and his brother George set out from Houghton about 1:30 but soon returned after encountering a flat tire on the road near Canadea. When the repairs had been made they started out again and arrived at the University in time for dinner given them by the Niagara team.

After the debate the group went to see the Falls illuminated, but got there just two minutes after the colored lights had been turned off.

The return trip was one they will probably not forget for a long time. The car stalled several times, once because of a wet distributor. Not much later the engine must have been "hot under the collar" for it boiled over. This occurred about mid-night. What an hour to have to look for water. Well—Emily lent her rubbers to Norman, who made about a half dozen trips to a nearby stream.

The tired but jolly group finally reached Houghton with no more difficulties at 1:30 A. M.

## BOULDER —

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Taylor pointed out that the advertisements were responsible for half the cost of the book and urged the importance of students telling merchants where they were from when they purchased goods. He said cards were going to be printed for this purpose but asked that in the meantime everyone let the clerks know.

To the surprise of the audience it was found that "Hitler" and "Mussolini" were getting bolder and bolder and even in far-off Barcelona the center of interest was Boulder. Ferdinand, the bull, then made his personal appearance with the aid of Vance Carlson and Durwood Clader, and those noble Spaniards, Signor Grosvenor and Signor Owen Fox made a brave attack. (All this occurred to the lovely notes of "Ferdinand the Bull" a la Louella Fisk.)

The riotous scene after the capture of Ferdinand was still by a solo rendered by Richard Chamberlain which closed the program.

## PRE-MEDIC ELECTS PAUL WOLFGRUBER PRESIDENT FOR THE COMING YEAR

Paul Wolfgruber will direct the Pre-Medic club for next year. His election and other vital business matters were transacted in the regular meeting of the club held Monday evening, March 6.

After devotions were led by Charles Kaine, the meeting resolved into its business session. Several matters of importance were discussed, including the reading and unanimous adoption of the new constitution, which it is believed, will improve the already fine organization of those students interested in the activities and opportunities offered by the club.

Next in importance was the report of the nominating committee and the election of officers under the new constitution. Those who were selected to direct the activity of the club during 1939-40 were Paul Wolfgruber, president; Gerald McKinley, vice president; and Georgia McGowen, secretary and treasurer.

## Seminary Principal Is Guest Speaker To Palaeolinguists

Sticky fingers, greasy faces, and loud laughter seemed to be the outstanding characteristics of the annual Latin Club banquet, held Monday evening, March 6 at the Belfast Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Bowen was the speaker of the evening; her topic was "Shades of Caesar". In a unique speech, she carried on a conversation with Caesar and told him how the modern trend in education was causing his writings to be unappreciated.

The typically Roman meal was served by two capable "servi", Norman Mead and Carlton Cummings. All thought of etiquette was abandoned as the guests ate with their fingers and licked them off afterwards. Incidentally it takes some ingenuity to eat buttered peas gracefully with one's fingers.

The program began with the election of Dr. Woolsey as the "rex bibendi", the person to regulate the drinking and act as master of ceremonies. Doris and Marion Taylor rendered "titillations" on a baritone and a trombone. Ardith Brandes and Velma Stroud delivered a clever dialogue between two Roman "servi".

The committee chairmen for the banquet were: food—Ruth Wright; decorations—Anne Madwid; program—William Bisgrove.

## LLEVINNES —

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Nickisch.

The music world awaited from her a career no less brilliant than that of her husband. But she had determined that there should be but one career in the family, and that should be Josef's. Abruptly she halted her public appearances, though she kept up an active private interest in her music. Often the young couple would play two-piano works for the entertainment of their friends.

After a few months of married life Cesar Cui, a close friend of the Lhevinnes finally prevailed upon the two to appear together at a charity concert. On this occasion the Lhevinnes gave the first performance of a new suite for two pianos by Arensky. This concert revealed them to be such superb masters of the difficult art of ensemble playing and aroused such overwhelming enthusiasm that they were besieged with pleas to continue their joint playing professionally. So each season since then they have supplemented Josef's solo tours with a number of two piano recitals. Rosina was determined that the joint concerts should not infringe on her husband's individual career. They should always be something extra, she decided. Even now at the concerts in which they appear together she insists that Josef give at least one number alone. That is how their concerts are something apart from the usual duo-piano programs — they are concerts for both one and two pianos.

Their life has not been entirely strewn with roses. The outbreak of hostilities in 1914 caught them in Germany. They were still Russian citizens, and so they were interned. Eventually they escaped to Scandinavia and thence to America, where since his first visit in 1906 Lhevinne has been well known as a concert artist. They are citizens of this country now and both of their children were educated here.

Some dozen years ago Josef and Rosina Lhevinne were invited to join the family of the Juillard Graduate School and since then have devoted part of each year to teaching.

"We both feel," said Mrs. Lhevinne very earnestly, "that teaching —



by "Hi TOOTHILL"

Someone took occasion to write a feature in the *Star* of two weeks ago about the antediluvian fire apparatus which now holds down the floor in the basement of the Ad building. Their are one or two facts in connection with the "inferno machine" which haven't been mentioned. In the first place, the gong on Engine Number 2 serves to announce to those within hearing distance that the commuters have finished their "business men's luncheon." And in the second place, one Richard "Tim" Tyler, a Canadea representative of this luncheon group, recently delivered the annual report of his department in which he stated that this fire equipment is for use only in case of false alarms.

It has been my unique privilege as a senior to take Freshman Bible with the capricious youngsters of the Class of '42, and they have shown me the failure that I have been. For four long years I have tried hard to learn to sleep in chapel, but somehow I have never met with success; yet the freshmen early showed an ability to adapt themselves to their environment. Various types of snores are available. One of the fellows who sits near me has a special type of soft, vibrant, and undulating inhalation which gently wakes him up on the fourth series of z-z-z-z's.

Other members of the class, like Freshman President David Paine, can not afford to be caught napping. Dave says that he would settle for a good grade of pillow, if the Student Council would agitate for such a reform. Still a third group would be satisfied if Bible class would again convene in A 25 instead of in the chapel. It is easier to sleep when one can rest his head on a desk.

Several students have found it convenient to take issue with Mrs. Schram for her 50 to 1 ratio between student body and faculty. This comparison can be taken two ways. If we assume a student group of four hundred incumbants we are left with a very small faculty of some thirty or thirty-five members, multiply by fifty, and visualize an enrollment of over fifteen hundred—a student group fulfilling the fondest dream of any board member for "A Greater Houghton."

Naturally you haven't forgotten last week's bull fight in Boulder chapel. Did you hear the "moose" kick the bucket after he charged across the arena and out the exit? You no doubt remember Toreador Fox totting the slaughtered and slightly dismembered bull back home in a wheelbarrow. Well, what he actually did was to carry the carcass across the seas to one Houghton College Dormitory. How do I know? Didn't the authorities serve up Spanish Rice the same day? Bits of Ferdinand were slightly discernible among the grains of rice.

Things are not always what they seem. Said Barber "Giuseppe" Mc Kinley at one of last week's games, "Jack Crandall doesn't look natural somehow. Oh, I remember, I gave him a haircut this week. 'I suppose Gerry will be suing me for libel or damage to his professional standing very soon now."

giving what we have to young American musicians — is the best way we can repay this country for what it has done for us."

## Campus Flag Pole Once More Erect By Welding Collar

The flagpole, which was one of the gifts of the class of '38, received some harsh treatment from the storm on Feb. 27. The heavy wind which accompanied the storm, caused the pole to break at the first joint.

Due to the wooden pole which is located in the hollow center, and the ropes which anchored it to stakes driven into the ground, it was held in an upright position until it could be mended.

Instead of buying a new pole, an iron collar was welded around the pole at the broken joint. It is believed that this will make it much stronger than it was formerly.

Howard Andrus, class of '38 president, was in charge of supervising repairs and was assisted by John Hopkins, also a last year's graduate.

## You Can't Break a Law But One Can Break You

Dr. Paine gave his second talk on Psalm 19 in chapel on Tuesday, March 7. The first talk concerned God demonstrated in his creation as being beyond our comprehension of time, space, power, and reason, and this second one dealt with God's relations with man.

After mentioning the fact that God strangely enough dwells with the humble and contrite of heart rather than the worldly-wise. Dr. Paine discussed God's law as set forth in verse seven: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." A law, he said, is a fixed principle upon which nature operates. That God's law is perfect is illustrated by the regular rotation of earthly elements. A law cannot be broken; if someone disobeys a law, it is he who suffers rather than the law.

The concluding point Dr. Paine pointed out was that according to II Corinthians 5, Christ came to earth to bring us into harmony with God's law.

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The *Asbury Collegian* publishes a debate about the seating arrangement in the dining hall and about various social privileges. Both sides of each of the questions are fairly represented. Would a debate in the pages of the *Star* be successful? It might be an experiment that would prove interesting if good arguments were used and not too many brick-bats thrown.

According to the *Fiat Lux* of Alfred University, Karl Bolander, color and design expert is appearing at the assembly to speak on fashion and style change. Mr. Bolander was scheduled to appear in Houghton Jan. 30 but because of illness was unable to appear at that time.

From the *Wheaton Record* come two choice attempts at poetry. "Muse and Misuse":  
'Tis Spring and moribund saps awake,  
As Winter's snows disperse.  
Some into buds will duly break,  
And others into verse.  
More Muse:

A studious student named Joe  
Studied eight nights in a row;  
Come the day of the test,  
He passed with the rest,  
Which just goes to show.

The *Ithacan* reports that Carl Sandburg eminent poet-lecturer was to lecture at Ithaca College.

## PRINT SHOP FOURSOME SING IN FRIDAY CHAPEL

The chapel service Friday morning, March 10, was as a preparation for the coming Easter season. Miss Rickard, by means of scripture and song, reviewed first the birth of Christ, then His being despised and rejected on the earth and finally crucified to save us from sin. Next she reminded us of His resurrection and our complete consecration to Him.

Interspersed between the Scripture readings and meditations by Miss Richard were several quartet numbers rendered by the Print Shop quartet, consisting of Raymond Carpenter, Victor Murphy, Stephen Ortlip, and Keith Sackett. The three hymns sung by the group were: "Jesus, Rose of Sharon", "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", and "Christ Arose".

## MEN TOUR —

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managed to cajole more favorable weather from what authorities were in charge and ice and snow no longer accompanied spinning wheels. The next morning saw sunshine and dry roads, the first of four days of spring-like atmosphere.

Tuesday night at the University of Dayton, after an eventful day which included 250 miles, a glimpse of the huge hangar from which emerged the dirigibles *Akron* and *Macon*, lunch in Mansfield, Ohio, and a flat tire nowhere between somewhere, Elliott and Willett talked Oregon style with the Dayton boys before the Knights of Columbus in a downtown hotel. Entertainment included a campus tour, men's dorm accommodations of rooms with single beds and private baths, and sumptuous self-served meals.

With DeRight at the wheel Marion, Ind. became the stop on Wednesday for lunch, dinner, overnight, breakfast, and incidentally, dual debates. Using Marion debater's own definition, Elliott and Willett in the afternoon encounter met the Marion "brain-trust", while the Sheffer-DeRight duo took on the "beef-trust" in the evening. The result, according to the critic judges, favored both "brain-trust", and "beef-trust" in spite of Elliott's oratory and DeRight's desk-pounding.

Particular tie-up with a Houghton environment was seeing Miss Roma Lapham, Houghton graduate now teaching at Marion. Said Roma: "Be sure to remember me to all my Houghton friends." And the boys promised, even threatening to post the greeting in Cronk's window and the adjoining post office.

150 miles to Wheaton was the objective on Thursday and was accomplished by 2:30 in the afternoon thanks to wide and straight Indiana and Illinois roads. While Prof. Nystrom of the Wheaton Speech Department, somewhat taken aback by the early arrival, gallantly opened up his own home and telephoned hither and yon to get in touch with the boys' hostess, opportunity came for exploration of the campus and town.

In spite of this, Elliott's sense of direction evidently refused to function when, after the evening's debate at Plumb Studios and sodas at the bookstore, he dashed down the campus to a side street where the car was not. Much signalling by Sheffer in a stentorian hog-calling voice failed to attract the erring wanderer, but a few blasts from the Ford's double-barreled tooter had a better effect. For the balance of the evening, however, Hverett insisted that he was right and the other fellows wrong.

Chicago's rough streets, its magnificent university, and Willett's driving combined to give the boys plenty to think about Friday morning at the start of the trip to Kalamazoo, Mich. Benton Harbor, Mich., was the fortunate city to entertain the team for

## Alger and Duxbury Present Effective Recital Renditions

An afternoon recital was given on Wednesday, March 8 by the students in the division of music at the college chapel. The program was characterized by a spirit of sincerity on the part of the performers, and of keen interest on the part of the audience.

The latter group were entertained by numbers varying from the Schumann lied "I'll Not Complain", to the coloratura solo "Villanelle" by Eva Dell'Acqua, to the Delmas "Choral and Variations", a composition for trumpet and piano whose harmonic concept is distinctly in the modern vogue.

While the program left the listeners with a general impression of favor towards the efforts of the recitalists there were two selections which were especially appreciated: "Kramer's Pleading" which was presented very sympathetically by Yvonne Duxbury, and Edwin Franko Goldman's "Fantasie" on American patriotic tunes played as a trumpet solo by Ray Alger. Mr. Alger's pleasing tone and splendid technique made the rendition of the solo an effective one. The complete program follows:

Lucille Moore	
Thoughts of Home	De Lamater
Herschel Reis	
Simple Confession	Thome
Doryce Armstrong	
Song of the Mountains	
Charles Wakefield Cadman	
Mark Armstrong	
Fantasie	Goldman
Raynard Alger	
Pleading	A. Walter Kramer
Yvonne Duxbury	
Adoration	Borowski
Richard Sandle	
This Day	Robert Coverly
Mildred Proctor	
Choral and Variations	Delmas
Robert Homan	
I'll Not Complain	Schumann
Theodore Gast	
Villanelle	Eva Dell'Acqua
Mrs. McNeese	

## Houghton Garage Owned By Postmaster Ingersoll Looted By Desperadoes

The usual unperturbed routine of events at Houghton was recently disrupted by a robbery—not a sensational robbery of the fire truck or the post office—but only a mediocre robbery, that is to say a robbery in which the thieves showed neither originality nor thoroughness (maybe they need a college education). Houghton and Fillmore were visited by thieves (probably identical ones) Thursday night, March 9.

The visitors' arrival was announced so that no welcoming committee could greet them. Apparently they had another bad habit besides stealing, because they stole tobacco with a little money at the Fillmore garage.

At the Houghton garage, owned by Postmaster Royal Ingersoll, a window was removed to provide access to the interior. Selection of the two best water heaters in the Houghton garage suggests that the thieves knew exactly what they wanted. The lesson is that although "beggars can't be choosers," robbers can.

lunch, where Prof. Hazlett, now adept at one-arm eating tactics managed to show the other boys how to take care of a really good-sized meal. Not to be outdone was Sheffer, who consumed DeRight's lettuce salad with gusto, and was not adverse to demonstrating how to eat French fries al-

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## Sunday Services

Prof. F. H. Wright Preaches  
The Rev. Frank Wright filled the Houghton pulpit Sunday morning, March 12, in the absence of the pastor, who is conducting evangelistic services in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Lansing Michigan.

Prof. Wright, speaking on "The Supremacy of Christian Faith", defined faith at the compendium of all things which Christians believe.

"Our Christian faith", he stated, is supreme above all others because it is continually calling us back to God; because it is the only religion to have a dynamic, moral, motive power—a power to transform lives; because it alone gives us the only hope for our tomorrows; and because it furnishes a reciprocal to man's highest aspirations."

## JESUS TRIUMPHANT

William Grosvenor spoke at the W. Y. P. S. service Sunday evening, March 12, on "Jesus' Triumphant Entry" taken from Luke 19. But he pointed out that it was an entrance upon which Jesus went because of: 1. the spirit of hatred and misunderstanding of the people; 2. Christ was alone, and 3. the people were blind to future events. In closing he showed that Jesus, is weeping today because He sees the destination before us if we do not seek the guidance of Him.

Special music was furnished by a trumpet duet consisting of William Grosvenor and Ray Alger.

## Platform Meeting Held

A platform service was presented at the evening service, March 12. Each of the four speakers, namely: Allan Gilmour, Joy Palmer, Lester Paul, and Robert Lytle gave their testimony as to how the Lord had saved them and filled them with the Holy Spirit. All of the group are preparing for Christian service.

## Student Pastors, Andresen

Leading, Have Prayer Meeting

The student pastors were in charge of the student's prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, March 7.

"Have you not noticed", asked Henry Andresen, who represented the group, "that where the cross is preached and is held prominent, only there do we have new lives?" It is not our philosophy which saves us, he continued, but the cross and its message, for without the cross there can not be the redemption of the life.

## RURAL CHURCH PROBLEM STUDIED AT MINISTERIAL

"The Rural Church of our Nation" was the topic of the Student Ministerial Association's meeting in the music hall auditorium, March 6. Professor Stanley Wright and Miss Anna Fillmore were the speakers. Because of lack of time, Patsy Brindisi's discussion of "Surveying the Field" was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Prof. Stanley Wright, addressing the group on "An Appreciation of the Rural Pastorate", stated that the charge presented several challenges—the beauty of nature, the spirit of the people, the vastness of the field, and the opportunities for unusual service.

"The Characteristics of Successful Rural Teachers" was discussed by Miss Fillmore. She emphasized the need of a Spirit-filled life, of humility, of enthusiasm. "It is imperative", she advised, "that a leader have a love for people and an interest in people."

The president of the association, William Grosvenor, presided; the critique was given by Professor Frank Wright, and two numbers were sung by the Gospel Messengers.

## Ourselves As God Sees Us

by ROBERT LYTLE

Twenty-seven million nominally Protestant children and young people of America we are told in the *Moody Monthly*, are not affiliated with any church or Sunday school. Then of the nominally Roman Catholic and Jewish youth who are without the influence of the church or synagogue are added that number would be raised to thirty-six millions. Think of it, thirty-six millions—over five times the population of New York City—thirty-six millions of spiritually uneducated youth in America.

No wonder that there is so much crime among American youth. Listen to the words of Judge Fawcett, a veteran justice of Brooklyn, "More than 4000 out of 8000 prisoners sentenced by me in the thirty years on the bench were under twenty-one years of age, but only three of these were members of a Sunday school at the time they committed their crime."

At the seventh annual convention of the International Council of Religious Education, held in Chicago, in February, the problem of the moral and social needs of American youth was seriously considered. Among the many constructive suggestions to be used for the betterment of the young people, both the millions outside of the church and the fifteen millions who attend church schools, the best two as accepted were as follows: (1) the production of movies with moral themes, and (2) the requirement that children in public schools recite or listen to the Lord's Prayer every day.

Worthwhile as these suggestions may be—especially that of introducing prayer in the schools—the real need among our American youth is for Bible teaching and evangelism in colleges and schools of the land. The League of evangelical Students at Columbia university recognized this need and after having gained the permission of the police, they inaugurated an outdoor evangelistic preaching program on one corner of the campus at 116th street and Broadway. At the very first service there were 150 Columbia students who gathered to listen to the 45 minute message. Literature and portions of the Gospel of John were distributed among those assembled.

At one of these noon meetings when about 150 students were present, there were 50 who by upraised hand signified that they were believers, and after the invitation at least ten hands were raised declaring that they for the first time were confessing Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

But how does all this, you may be asking, pertain to us here at a Christian college? Just this—all of us will soon be leaving Houghton, some to enter universities and graduate schools, some to become pastors. Many of us will have places of leadership among American youth. And are we in these positions of influence going to expand our efforts to decrease the 36,000,000 of spiritually uneducated American youth?

## SKINNER PLAYS —

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koff transcribed by Fritz Kreisler, "Air for the G String" by J. S. Bach and "La Gitana" by Fritz Kreisler.

Mozart's "Sonata No. 7 in F major" was Mr. Skinner's opening selection, and the skill which he evinced in this composition was noticeable throughout the whole recital.

Mr. Skinner in addition to his fine work on the violin is also an excellent flute player and all-around musician. He expects to continue in the field of music after his graduation this June.

# Gold Men Break 8 Year Jinx in Series Win

## Basket by Tuthill in Last Ten Seconds Clinches Gold Champion Hopes By Count

Close Score Raises Purple Hopes Until Last Few Seconds

PURPLE, GOLD FEMS TIE

Crandall, Olcott, Taylor Are High Point Scorers

The high point of interest of the final game of the men's color series for '38-'39 was the last 2 minutes when the Gold gladiators fairly tore down a comfortable 7 point lead held by the Purple men, climaxed in the final ten seconds when that tall towering Tuthill boy, "Pete" by name, dribbled the length of the floor on a relayed rebound from the Purple backboard to give the Gold men the one point lead needed to clinch the championship. A capacity crowd fairly brought down the rafters of Bedford gym as the Gold basketball culminated this year's color series by clinching the men's title and tying up the girls' division. The victory for the Gold men makes them the first Gold gladiators to hold this in 8 years.

The girls' contest got under way with the Gold "lassies" capturing an early lead which they held at the half-time, leading 18-15. The last half started with plenty of scrap on both sides. The good style of basketball was particularly noticeable. The Purple "Fems" promptly tied the score but the Gold girls, not to be outdone retaliated to lead at the final quarters by 25-21.

The final quarter was hard fought with the one hand shots of "Tommy" Thomas helping the Gold and the long range ability of "Gerry" Paine aiding the Purple in the last minute drives. But the superior teamwork and defensive ability of the Gold won out and the Gold women tied up the current series by defeating the Purple to the tune of 32-26. "Gerry" Paine held high scoring honors with 17 points to her credit; while Shirley Fidinger upheld the Gold end by tallying 12 points.

Amid the strains of peppy band music and wholehearted cheering the main event of the evening began. Gold drew first blood when "Hi" Tuthill started off a good evening for himself by sinking a corner shot. From here on the fellows played good ball and the score see-sawed back and forth until half time when the Purple "yeomen" held a 14-11 lead.

In the last half the Gold changed to man-to-man defense which was new to both teams. The Purple hoopers gathered an early lead in the third corner but a late quarter rally by the Gold tied the score at 18 all.

The final quarter started with wild passing and shooting on both sides as the strain began to tell, and the spectators began yelling with real fervor. As a result many fouls were committed but everyone was satisfied. Paced by "Cliff" Blauvelt and by good teamwork the Purple "yeomen" staged a determined drive and had piled up a comfortable 7 point lead with only 2 minutes left to play. The Purple seemed to be sailing along nicely when the Gold big guns apparently woke up and began bombarding the Purple backboard. With 21 seconds to play the Purple men called time out but when the smoke had cleared away it was found that

### VOLLEYBALL

Friday, March 17  
3:30 Frosh vs. High School Men  
Monday, March 20  
3:30 Frosh vs. High School Women  
6:30 Senior vs. Frosh Men  
Tuesday, March 21  
3:30 Soph vs. High School  
Wednesday, March 22  
3:30 Junior vs. Soph Women

## H. S. Girls' Team Athletic Honors' Party Monday

The victorious high school squad of girl basketball players were presented with appropriate awards for their efforts Monday afternoon, March 13, at 3:00 in the high school study hall before the student body of the Houghton Seminary.

Dr. Paine spoke briefly to the girls who had taken part in the interclass fray against college competition commending them for the fighting spirit with which their team was characterized in spite of the seeming overwhelming obstacles which had to be overcome to bring them out on top. "In the preparation for life, said Dr. Paine, "athletics is invaluable in the learning to work together, and in the learning to keep down selfish motives and desires for the betterment of others."

The blue and white letters which he presented were given to Captain Gwen Fancher, Billie Paine, Beatrice Gage, Janet Fyfe, Rita Wright, Martha Woolsey, Ruth Fancher, Doris Armstrong, and Doris Eyer, as were the small Basketball emblems presented by Coach McNeese. Mr. McNeese lauded the girls on the full development of spiritual, mental as well as physical growth during their high school days.

After the singing of a selection by the high school girl's quartette, the team presented to their coach, Harry Hoyt, a token of their appreciation for the work which he did in helping to guide them to victory. Quite appropriately was the gathering adjourned by Warren Woolsey, student body president, by giving to Mrs. Bowen, their principal, a belated birthday present which proved their allegiance to their beloved leader, and their appreciation of her cooperation in the activities in which they take part.

one point lead. In the last minute each of the Tuthill boys had sunk a long shot and "Jim" Evans had laid up one of his famous one hand shots.

As play was resumed the Purple had possession of the ball and in a wild mixup got into their territory. On a rebound from the basket tall Frank Marsh tipped the ball to equally tall "Pete" Tuthill who dribbled the length of the floor to drop in the winning bucket just as the whistle blew and the Gold held a 29-28 lead. theirs smashed, and then all settled Pandemonium broke loose in the balcony as the Gold spectators realized their dream and the Purple saw back to recuperate as another year's

### MEN TOUR —

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though DeRight became much perturbed when the demonstration took on the proportions of real thing-and DeRight's french fries at that.

At Kalamazoo in a room in the library building which would have done justice to a board of directors meeting the audience snoozed in comfortable chairs while Elliott and Will-ett accused the negative of injecting a bit of rodomontade into their case, and the Kalamazoo boys returned with "definite facts and figures" to prove their contention for a system of "granulated economics".

Twenty miles northwest was the evening's destination at the home of Leon Wise who had evidently informed his mother that debaters like to eat. Only drawback to the bountiful entertainment was the fact that soft beds had to be left at six a. m. and in the awe-inspiring breakfast bringing sorrow to the hearts of Sheffer and DeRight whose capacity was not sufficiently awakened to be equal to the occasion. But Prof. Hazlett managed to save the team's reputation.

Outside the atmosphere looked anything but promising, for sheet ice covered the roads, and Oberlin was 260 miles away. Nor was the ice left behind until 130 miles had been covered, necessitating a delayed debate at Oberlin, postponed an hour and a half by a telephone call from Fremont, Ohio, while poor weather conditions made staying overnight at Oberlin most advisable.

Saturday night must have had its effect upon the boys, for DeRight and Elliott spent the better part of an hour playing with a Lionel electric train at one of the men's houses, and Sheffer departed downtown to mail postcards and consume voluminous milk-shakes topped off and interspersed with ice cream. A Chinese dinner in honor of a college festival was not the least of the evening's enjoyment, while breakfast at the Oberlin Inn was superb.

When the car finally rolled up campus hill Sunday evening, a few minutes too late for DeRight's suggested impressive entrance into the dining hall with a quartet rendition of "Come Back to Dear Old Houghton", one thing was uppermost in everyone's mind: sleep, and more sleep. Asked by your reporter for a statement the team answered: "Well, we have a fine string of moral victories."

### JOHNSON COMES —

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million men within the next few years. In this talk he answers four tough questions that have been puzzling both economists and politicians for several years. Here they are:

What will promote economic security and industrial peace?

What will relieve the burden of taxes caused by unemployment?

What can be done to create new opportunities for idle men?

What hope is there for today's youth?

To find the answer, Johnson has visited scores of industrial plants, colleges and experimental laboratories, and has attended the national Chemurgic Conferences held at Dearborn, Michigan, to learn the trends of the new day that is coming in industry and agriculture. New jobs in new fields is the theme of his talk, and it could never be more timely than today.

Purple-Gold men's series went down to history.

## Purple Succeed In Winning One Game From Men's Series

GOLD WOMEN WIN

The Purple Pharaohs with their backs to the wall as a result of two straight defeats, rebounded with a well earned 40-32 victory Wednesday evening, March 8 to put them back in the thick of the annual Purple-Gold contests. The Gold "fems" made it an even break for the evening by eking out a narrow 29-27 decision in the preliminary contest. Both games were played on the Bedford gymnasium court before a good mid-week crowd.

The Gold women went "right to town" in the first quarter of their fray with a sensational scoring attack that netted them sixteen markers compared to the Purple's five. The Gold damsels coasted along in the 2nd and 3rd quarters outscoring their rivals by one point in each frame, 8-7, and 5-4; but in the final stanza the Purple women broke loose with double deckers from all angles that made the outcome a question mark till the final whistle. With only five minutes to play and the score 29-18, in favor of Gold, Gerry Paine of the Purple squad sank four two pointers to erase the sizeable Gold lead and move the Pharaohs within two baskets of victory. But the rally was started too late, the game ending 29-27 with the winners in possession of the ball. Gerry Paine was high marksman rolling up 11 pointers, while Higgins and Fidinger each chalked up 10 for the winners.

The main fray proved to be Purple most of the way. The Pharaohs had their shooting eyes and displayed a better brand of ball than they had shown in the two previous encounters. The Gold put up a good scrap throughout but apparently lady luck, had labeled it a strictly Purple contest. "Cliff" Blauvelt annexed the first point of the game on a foul toss giving the Pharaohs a lead which they never relinquished. The Gladiators found their rivals' zone defense effective throughout the first quarter, and they were forced to rely upon long distance heaves. After ten minutes of action the score read 11-6, Purple advantage. The teams played along evenly through the second frame, "Pete" Tuthill and Torrey bucketing doubles for the Gold, and Olcott and Taylor converting back-court passes into double deckers for the Purple. After the intermission the Pharaohs increased their 19-11 halftime lead, outscoring the Gladiators 15-8 on some fine pass work and nifty shooting. The final heat saw the Gold strike a scoring combination, doubling their opponents score, but by that time it was too late and the Pharaohs coasted to their first win of the series.

A trio of Pharaohs, Crandall, Olcott, and Taylor marked up 12, 11, and 10 points respectively for the winners while "Pete" Tuthill was tops for the losers with 8 counters.

### CARD OF THANKS

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the many tokens of kindness and sympathy during the recent home-going of my father. Mother and the rest of the family join me in this and want to assure you that they were all greatly appreciated.

Marion E. Smith

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## SPORTLIGHT

by VICTOR MURPHY

With the unpredictable happening in the third Purple-Gold basketball game, last week's sport's column came in for its share of derision in that too many hasty conclusions seem to have been made. Looking back it can be seen that this criticism was not without grounds, for although the Gold team did pull through in the end, it was only by the skin of their teeth, not with the decisiveness which entered into the prediction.

The long discussed Purple monopoly has finally reached its breaking point, coming perhaps in the most spectacular game which has been witnessed in Houghton for many moons. Not soon will be forgotten Pete Tuthill's last second dash down the open floor to plunk the deciding basket. To Gold rooters it seemed too good to be true, for such games until then had belonged only in books and magazine stories. Even Harlan Tuthill was forced to say, "Shake the hand of the brother of the guy who did it". The spectators had even begun to leave the game conceding it to the Purple with a tie-up in the series. It remained for a little superior height to be the deciding factor between two teams who were playing so evenly matched that a deadlock seemed inevitable.

David Paine, the Roger Babson of Houghton's statistics, has made a compilation of facts concerning the men's series which brings forth several interesting points. High point men are Crandall and Olcott with 33 tallies for the series, Pete Tuthill, runner-up with 30, and Bruce McCarty with 26. Percentages of shots made line up as follows among the fellows who played part of all the games.

	FG	FT
Crandall	26.9	35.7
Taylor	25.0	50.0
Olcott	20.5	14.3
Blauvelt	14.6	36.4
Eyer	13.3	40.0
McCarty	26.2	57.1
P. Tuthill	25.5	54.5
Marsh	23.5	57.1
H. Tuthill	19.1	33.3
Paine	18.4	57.1
Mix	16.7	83.3
Murphy	8.3	100.0

When these are totaled for the respective teams a candid conclusion might be that the Gold team took the series by means only of superior free throw ability, for all other figures turn out remarkably well-balanced.

	FIELD GOALS	Tried	Made	Per-cent
Purple	265	53	20	
Gold	266	56	21.1	

	FREE THROWS	Tried	Made	Per-cent
Purple	65	23	34.4	
Gold	66	33	50.0	

The Fiat Lux also contributes an item concerning the University of Texas. It seems that the student employment bureau has a tight-rope walker available for engagement.