

Class Christmas Parties to Bring Yuletide Cheer

Holiday spirit will be in the air Friday night, December 14, as Houghton students attend four class Christmas parties.

In the college dining hall, members of the senior class will be watching a television show, "The Night Before Christmas." A commercial for Dr. Fero, to be given by Dave Juroe and Bruce Waltke, is the opening skit on the program, following which Fannie Seifert is to appear with her "Recipe for Cooking Plum Pudding."

A skit, "Santa in Barkers," will provide an opportunity for Bob Denny, George Huestis, Art Rupprecht, and Jim Wagner to tell old Saint Nick what they want for Christmas. Ginny Sell and John Atwood are planning a musical show. A family scene from the home of Al Smith and devotions will close the program.

Commercials by Phyl Goodman, Joyce Scott, and John Putney are to be scattered through the program.

"We are trying to make this party a family affair for the wives and children of our senior class members," said Eileen McEntarfer, chairman of the program committee. Refreshments for the party are in charge of Lois Race, and Jean Wisse is chairman of the decoration committee.

The program of the junior class party, which is to be held in the new dorm, will include carol singing by the entire group, as well as movies. Dick Dunbar is general chairman. Sheila Fergusson and Hubert Jicha are planning the program, and Doris Waltman and Ruth Pickering have charge of preparing the refreshments. Decorating for the party will be

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Cliff, Jack, and Jean work on Christmas decorations for the dining hall.

Debate Team Wins Honors

Debating for the first time the topic, "Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a permanent program of wage and price controls," Houghton's varsity debate squad took second place honors at a tournament at Geneseo State Teachers college last Saturday.

Houghton's debate squad, consisting of Steve Castor, Ken Post, Art Rupprecht, and Jim Wagner, won five of its six debates. The affirmative team, Art Rupprecht and Steve Castor, completed the tourney with an undefeated record, while Ken Post and Jim Wagner, upholding the negative, lost only to the tournament winner, University of Rochester.

In the final tabulation, Houghton was the only school to place all four debaters in the "excellent" rating. On the basis of the total number of points, the University of Rochester won the debate tournament.

An added attraction of the tournament was the exhibition debate between debaters from Oxford university, England, and from Geneseo, on the topic, "Resolved: That the return of Winston Churchill to office was highly regrettable."

Art Rupprecht represented Houghton in the extemporaneous speaking contest, which was won by Hobart college.

Also representing Houghton at the tournament were Dr. Bert Hall, debate coach, and Carolyn Makey, Dave Seeland, and Doris Tysinger, all members of Houghton's debate squad.

Future debating expeditions include the Buckeye tournament, at Kent State university, the Carnegie Tech tournament, the Keuka tournament, and possibly a tournament at Bowling Green university in Illinois. The squads will be participating in dual meets both at home and away during the year.

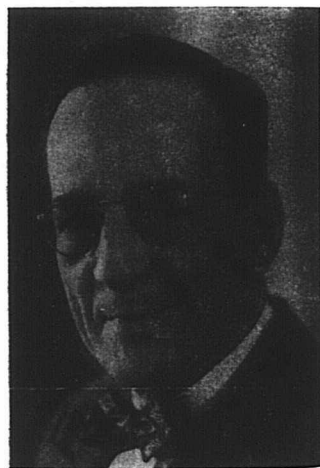
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MR. JOE RAMSEY

Ramsey to Be Second Lecturer

The "Land of Trembling Earth," filmed and narrated by Joe Ramsey, the second speaker of this year's Lecture Series, will be presented on January 11.

Mr. Ramsey, photographer of North American wildlife, will be showing natural color photographs of specimens seen in the famous Okefenokee swamp in Seminole.

Mr. Ramsey, son of a Lutheran minister from the Pennsylvania coal country, who spends the greater part of his time in traveling through the wildest and most unexplored regions of the U. S., has studied and photographed wildlife in every state of the union, except three, as well as in Mexico and Canada.

One of his more daring exploits includes the filmshooting of a mountain lion. This was accomplished only after he had crawled unarmed through a maze of thorn brush to within 20 feet of the gigantic cat.

Another expedition took him into the cave region of the Mammoth Cave territory where he discovered a tremendous cavern which has since become opened as part of the outstanding Diamond Caverns near Park City, Ky.

In view of his ingenuity and daring forays into the forests of the continent, Mr. Ramsey has become a recognized authority on North American wildlife and holds membership in several outstanding societies, such as the E. W. Nelson Ornithological society and the Carmen Mountain Hunt club of Mexico.

Ministerial Students to Receive B. R. E. Degrees in Class of '53

The Houghton college faculty has voted to begin awarding a new degree, the bachelor of religious education, to the class of '53.

In accordance with the suggestion of Ewald B. Nyquist, assistant commissioner for higher education and a recent visitor on our campus, the ministerial course which now leads to the A.B. degree will in the future result in the B.R.E. degree. Mr. Nyquist has indicated that the content of this program is such that it does not live up to the concept of the bachelor of arts degree. A further suggestion regarding the ministerial program is an increase in the number of hours required in the senior year from 14 to 15 in each of the two semesters.

It was also recommended that a ruling be put into effect which would prevent a student in the bachelor of arts program from minoring in such non-liberal arts subjects as Bible, Christian education, education or missions when the major is taken in

Bible or Christian education. Under the present system of majors and minors it is possible for a bachelor of arts student to include in his course of study many courses which are not really under liberal arts and sciences.

The faculty has voted to put these suggestions into effect beginning in September, 1952 for the junior class of that year (class of '54). This will not apply to the present juniors and seniors.

A further suggestion made was the requiring of an entrance examination, such as the Scholastic Aptitude test

or the American Council on Education test for, at least, those people who rank in the lower fifty per cent of their high school graduating classes. A minimum of twelve hours of foreign language in the bachelor of music program was also recommended.

—HC—

New Shrubbery Given College

Twenty-one new shrubs, obtained from the Middlesex-Rushville Central school to which an addition is being made, have been planted on the Houghton campus recently. The shrubbery had to be removed to provide room for the annex to the school buildings.

Mr. Elsworth Parker, a building contractor from Elmira, who is also consulting engineer for the new girls' dormitory, offered the shrubs to the college.

The shrubs, 10 Pfitzer junipers, 5 American arbor vitae, 3 Japanese yews, and 3 Mungho pines, have been planted around the buildings on campus.

—HC—

Senate Plans to Improve Hall

Organized at a recent meeting of the Student Senate, the Recreation Hall committee has held two meetings to plan specific improvements and programs for the Rec Hall. Reports from committee members indicated that definite progress has been made.

Most important of the projects undertaken by the committee was that of installing adequate lighting for the ping-pong area. The present lonely incandescent fixture will be replaced by eight four-foot fluorescent fixtures.

After taking a poll of student opinion, Dorothy Meyer submitted the names of several magazines to the committee for consideration. As a result of the committee's choice, the subscriptions to the following magazine

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Dean Brandt Extends System

After consultation with the Student Senate, Dean Brandt has decided to extend the men's sign-out system under the present plan until the end of this semester.

Because of the recent revivals and the great number of extension groups going out of town, the system could not be tried out under normal conditions.

The main points of the sign-out system will remain unchanged: All men must notify their house proctors when leaving town; destination and departure time must be noted on the provided cards when the time exceeds 7:30 p.m.

Dean Henry Brandt will answer any questions which may still be in the minds of the students.

—HC—

Rev. Angell and Prof. Shea Visit N.Y. City

The Rev. E. D. Angell and Professor J. Whitney Shea were in New York City December 3 visiting the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church. The Rev. John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor of the church, the Rev. Angell, and Professor Shea discussed the matter of counseling.

Monday evening the Rev. Angell and Professor Shea went to the Firestone Hour. According to the Rev. Angell, "the program was excellent." They returned to Houghton Tuesday evening.

Blue Spruce to be Decked by Senate

By the beginning of the next week the blue spruce in front of the south entrance to Gaoyadeo hall will be decorated with lights newly purchased by the Campus Improvement committee of the Student Senate. The committee bought 100 light bulbs, 100 light sockets, and 250 feet of outdoor wiring, at the cost of approximately \$50.00. If any lights are left over, they will decorate another tree some place on campus.

To add to the Christmas spirit, WJSL will play Christmas carols from the belfry of the Old Administration building every evening until Christmas vacation.

—HC—

Zionaires at Wyoming

The Zionaires sang on December 9th, at the First Presbyterian church, pastored by Dane Turner, in Wyoming, New York. They gave arrangements of "Redeemed," "Jesus Rose of Sharon," and "Haven of Rest," in the morning service and a "Chorus Medley" in the Sunday School hour.

Houghton Student To Attend Meeting

Houghton college is sending a representative to the third annual Student Missionary conference, sponsored by IVCF, FMF, and CNF, which is to be held on December 28-31 on the University of Illinois campus at Urbana. This conference is open to all interested college students.

The purpose of the conference is to acquaint students with the needs of the various mission fields and to answer such questions as: "Do you really believe the heathen are lost? What is the purpose of missions? Why do so many students volunteer for missionary service—and so few actually get to the field?"

There to supply the answers to these and other questions will be such eminent and learned men as Eugene Nida, Ph.D., secretary of translations, American Bible society; Northcote Deck, M.D., F.R.G.S., surgeon and pioneer missionary to Solomon Islands, member of IVCF Board of Directors and Missionary committee; and many others. All information will be presented on a college level, designed especially for a college group of students, in messages, small discussion groups, and personal interviews.

Missionary displays, book tables, 80 missionary representatives, good music, and international fellowship will be featured. At least 1320 students from college campuses throughout the country are expected to attend. The theme of the conference is, "By all means proclaim Christ from every campus to every campus, and to every country."

The cost of the conference is \$27, including a \$5 registration fee. There

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From the Editor's Desk . . .

SHARING CHRISTMAS . . .

Dare we suggest for our forthcoming vacation days any contemplation that even remotely smacks of scholarly endeavor? "Don't," we hear some beg, "put any damper on the sheer bliss of my hayrides, tobogganing, parties, dinners, reunions, and plain loafing; don't impede, in any way, the flow of joy and peace of my carol singing, candle-light services, pageants, and hearing of the Christmas story. "No, indeed, far be it from us to propose anything that might possibly detract from our enjoyment of those gloriously free days.

But, if there was some way by which we might implement our enjoyment, deepen it, and best of all, preserve it for those dull months ahead, how appropriate would that be for each of us to know!

If there is a way, it is through a kind of self-imposed—in keeping with the vacation spirit—organization of expression. We mean a retrospective arrangement of expression.

Specifically? Well, one might try capturing the enjoyment of those vacation days, with their infinite variety of moving experiences, in some written form—a poem, essay, or short story, for instance. This vacation may be the time for recollection of emotion in tranquility."

Let no one, at this point, interrupt: "I am a pre-med student, a chemist, or a mathematician. I cannot compose a literary work." Lawyers, doctors and other non-literary professioned men are contributing a great deal to modern poetry. The elements essential to literature are, in general, few: emotion, thought, imagination, and form. The first three are common to all mankind, including students. The fourth element is acquirable. We owe it to ourselves to order and make permanent our holiday experiences—and other experiences may be just as worthy of permanence—to give them retrospective arrangement. And others deserve to share in our expression—its the spirit of Christmas to share these things. A poem, essay, or short story composed in this spirit offer us a chance for creative self-expression, give an opportunity to give to others, and may even be worth a prize in the annual literary contest.

THANKS "SANTAS"

With the Christmas season well under way a familiar cry is once again heard from many: "If Houghton were only a big city." This cry comes from those who see little resemblance between the jingling bells of the Inn and the tinkling of Salvation Army cups on street corners, the window display of the print shop and the display of Lord and Taylors, or the nudging in the books store with the pointy elbows of Macy's many shoppers.

In fact, to some it even seemed as though nature had forgotten Christmas at Houghton. It took her a good part of December before giving us the traditional white setting of Christmas. But when she did make her decision she included red noses also.

We are, however, indebted to the many "Santa Clauses" on the campus who are helping to create an atmosphere of Christmas cheer. We appreciate the decorated dining hall, the attractive window displays, and the many twinkling Christmas trees about the campus. To the administration also we express our thanks for allowing us to leave a half hour earlier than usual.

Merry Christmas.



News Spotlight

by Art Rupprecht

National socialism in a new guise is on the rise again in Germany. Adopting the Badenweiler, the favorite march of Adolph Hitler, a new group led by one Otto Ernst Remer is on the move to "take over all that was good in national socialism, and that completely."

Much the same as Germans after the first World War were embittered over the loss of Danzig and the Polish corridor, the people today resent

by black shirts. The name Fuehrer is avoided, but Leiter, meaning virtually the same thing is substituted. Many of the National Socialist organizations have been copied, especially the Hitler Youth under its new title the Reichsjugend.

The plan once again is to draw up a small group of trusted followers who will remain reliable party stalwarts at any cost. New members are not to be selected at will, but will have to have at least three sponsors. There are, furthermore, no membership files to be kept.

The danger is that the group will be allowed to organize much as the German army shrewdly did after the First World War. The membership is not to be large but is to serve as a basis for rapid and well-organized expansion. Brig. General Desmond Young in his book *Rommel—The Desert Fox*, in discussing the organization of the German army following World War I says, "The intention of the Treaty of Versailles was to allow Germany a sufficient force for the maintenance of internal order. The effect was to provide the Commander-in-Chief, General Hans von Seeckt, 'the man who made the next war,' with a hard core of professionals round which he could lay the foundations of the army of the future. They were the reinforcement, the steel frame, on which the concrete of conscripts could quickly be poured."

The danger is even greater in Remer than in Hitler in that it is not necessary for Remer to rise from obscurity as did Hitler. Remer at the war's end was a major general, one of Hitler's most trusted, and now is commonly referred to by the German people as "the Hero of July 20" the day on which he was personally responsible for the breakup of the coup d'etat against Hitler in 1944. Attempts are being made to put Remer in jail, but the decision as to his fate lies with the people, whether they have learned their lesson as a result of Hitler's succession to power and subsequent downfall.

"Houghton... Clean And Wholesome"

The following appeared in Henry W. Clunes' column, Seen and Heard, in the Rochester Democrat Chronicle of December 9, and is reprinted by permission of Mr. Clunes.

Driving through the Village of Houghton one recent afternoon, a man in the car with me remarked that a Rolls Royce was standing in front of one of the village stores. A Rolls isn't a common vehicle in Allegany County. I thought my companion mistaken, and I turned my car around in order to satisfy my own curiosity. Sure enough it was a Rolls Royce; a huge, black limousine of rather ancient vintage, with a crank, to start it with, strapped up just below the radiator.

I drove my own small sedan up to the curb and parked it next to this old aristocrat of motordom, and we waited to see what would happen. Presently a little man, his arms burdened with packages, came out of the grocery store, placed the packages on the rear seat, opened the front door and got in behind the wheel.

He did not use the starting crank. He stepped on something inside, there was a loud thudding of the motor, then it smoothed out, smooth as cream, and the driver pulled away from the curb and was gone. The license plate indicated that the Rolls Royce belonged in Allegany County.

"Quite an equipage," my companion remarked. "Must be of the Edwardian era. Let's get a pack of cigarets."

We entered the grocery store in front of which we had parked. "No cigarets," the pleasant clerk said with a smile. I was surprised at that.

We went across the street and tried another store with the same result; then a third.

A smoker who despises cigarets—and often I despise myself for my failure so far to resist them—I tried still another place of trade, but apparently there wasn't a cigaret for sale in town.

We speculated about this, finally made inquiry, and got the answer. Houghton is the seat of Houghton College, a Wesleyan Methodist institution. The Wesleyan Methodists want nothing of tobacco. I liked the village of Houghton. I think it must be a clean and wholesome place in which to live. The two fold division of Germany into East and West. Instead of brown-shirted bullies, Remer is surrounded

Chapel cut:

Miss Bess Fancher: "Carefulness about details does not make one a Christian, but a Christian is one who is careful about details." Chapel, December 13, 1951.

At Christmas Take . . . Just a Glance

BY DOW ROBINSON

The *Prairie Overcomer* notes the illustration of a woman window shopping at the Christmas season whose conversation was overheard as she inspected a display of a creche. "Isn't it disgusting," she said, "they even have to drag religion into Christmas." Perhaps this is an extreme example, yet it serves to reveal the trend throughout "Christian" America in its celebration of the incarnation of the Son of God.

Yet the Word of our God poignantly sets forth the eternal utterance: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins (I John 4:10).

The mere fact of the existence of a billboard picturing the manger scene with the caption, "Christmas is Christ's Birthday," (*Life*, Dec. 10, 1951) further suggests the vast gap between America's conception of Christmas, with its tremendous increase of sales and profits, and the simple Biblical narrative of the Christ of God who stooped to conquer.

In Coach Well's chapel talk of December 7, this thought stood out vividly in my mind: "True love not only gives what it has, but it also gives itself." Then God began to show me His love in the light of this phrase.

God has given us Himself. Paul speaks of Jesus (Gal. 1:4) as the One "who gave Himself for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."

God has given us all the glories and riches of Heaven. You and I are now the most wealthy folks in the universe. Paul says, (Rom. 8:32), "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." For Peter describes our riches as "incorruptible, undefiled, never fading, and reserved in Heaven" (I Peter 1:4).

True love not only gives all it has, but also gives itself.

God has not only actually given visible expression to this attitude of true love, but He also expects the same attitude on our part. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). . . . Not only give what you have, but also give yourself to God.

You may have stopped practicing certain habits; you may, by sheer will power, have given up questionable practices, but God's hand will be heavy upon you until you give yourself unreservedly to Him—"Herein is our love made perfect" . . . "that we may not be ashamed at His coming" . . . "that we may have boldness in the day of judgment."

Paul, with pathos in his voice, cries out (Rom. 12:1), "I beseech, I implore you by the mercies of God (what higher object could he appeal to) that you present, offering, your bodies a living sacrifice."

An unknown saint penned these words: "Your love for the Lord is not measured by the things you are willing to do for Him, but by the one thing you are not willing to do for Him." How is your love measured?

As you travel your several ways to homes all over the States, parents, relatives, old friends, and church members will be looking at you to see if there actually is any reality in Christianity. Your life is going to be a display window of God's grace to a needy world. God has given you all things—even Himself; and this sin-permeated world needs what you possess.

Will you not renew your consecration, your dedication, your abandonment to God and His perfect will in order that He can give Himself and all He has to peishing men and women?

True love not only gives what it has, but also gives itself!

See You There!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:45 p.m. Campus TV Revue

7:30 p.m. Church Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 p.m. Christmas concert, Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 p.m. Anna Houghton Daughters Christmas dinner

7:30 p.m. Basketball game, Jrs.-Srs.

8:00 p.m. Senior recital, Mildred Stratton and Florence Crocker

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Paine

7:30 p.m. Student body prayer meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. Chapel, Mr. Bohaw

7:30 p.m. Basketball game, Frosh-Sophs Ministerial Association, Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

No Chapel, classes run on Saturday schedule 12:00 noon VACATION BEGINS



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'Twas One Day ... 'Till Vacation

"These are the times that try men's souls," wrote Thomas Paine back in the days of the American revolution, and these words ring true today at Houghton during these times of testing. French tests, English tests, Greek tests; ugh, what an existence. To take our minds off the serious aspects of college life and get us in the mood for the days of fast approaching vacation, I submit this very unliterary attempt at poetry.

Just one day till vacation, and all through the school,
What a racket and rumpus, goofing-off was the rule.
The Stockins were there, the dear prof and his frau,
I asked was he happy? "No more classes—and how!"
Some students were nestled all snug in their sacks,
Exhausted from studies, I've heard tell of such quacks.
And Doc Paine in his p. j.'s, Dean Brandt in his cap,
Were just settling down for a long-awaited nap,
When across our dear campus there arose such a clatter,
They sprang from their beds to see what was the matter.
They raced to their windows, a fifteen foot dash,
Tore open the shutters, now boys, don't be rash;
The moon on the ruts in the quagmire of mud,
Gave a lustre like midnight to that black sea of crud,
When what to their wondering eyes should aspire,
But the school six by six plowing on through the mire.
With a great big old driver, he eats too much lunch,
I knew it was Oscar, his last name is Munch.
Less rapid than turtles his coursers they crawled,
One hundred ten horse power, how that engine squalled;
Now Walte, and Rupperecht, and Harris, and Price,
Were all in the back of that truck, oh how nice;

Rec Hall

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zines will be placed in the Rec Hall: *Life*, *Holiday*, *Readers' Digest*, *Time*, and *His*.

Miss Blake, faculty advisor to the committee, is investigating possibilities of refreshments being served by Anna Houghton Daughters on Saturday nights.

Bob Denny, Senate representative on the committee, is acting as a tournament chairman. Bob said that a ping-pong tourney will start immediately after Christmas vacation, to be followed up by tournaments in shuffleboard, checkers and chess.

Bette Hatch is in charge of obtaining pictures and murals for the walls of the Rec Hall. The committee hoped that this might be the means of making the rooms more attractive and homelike.

Christmas decorations are in the hands of Billy Fountain, who has procured hemlocks and lights for the project.

Ed Danks, another committee member, has donated an old radio, now being repaired by the physics department. Ed also has charge of repairing damaged furniture.

Steve Castor was in charge of procuring new equipment and painting news lines on the shuffleboard courts. After the Christmas holidays, a complete new set of ping-pong paddles will be placed in the Rec Hall.

The girls were there too, there was Gaetjen and Funk,
And Erickson, and Forquer, those girls sure had spunk;
For the night was quite rainy, the wind how it blew,
The truck now was stopped, the wheels stuck like glue.
Those kids how they howled, the truck was still stuck,
It had met quite its match, in a deep hole of muck.
Ah now they were moving, up hill and down dale,
Those kids kept on squawking like a flock of scared quail.
You ask why such noise, were their brains all quite shotty?
"Why no," I reply, "the Star staff's on a party."
Tomorrow's vacation, no studies, no books,
We'll soon be away from our teachers' dear looks;
No English, no German, three full weeks of rest,
Twelve sack hours a day is quite all I request."
Go on home you kids and just have lots of fun;
You'll be sad soon enough, finals start Jan. 21.
P. S.—Eileen Griffen still wants to be a Jim teacher.

—HC—

Lanthorn Urges Campus Poetry

A new idea for the poems of the annual literary contest struck one of the English instructors recently. Why not, she asked, write poems on some feature of Houghton campus or Houghton life?

The idea was suggested to her mind by the annual booklets of the Cuba Poetry Club, one of which was devoted to the Genesee country and one to the carillon of Alfred university.

For the Genesee country booklet, Professor Hazlett wrote three sonnets called "Portages." Other poems were entitled: "In the Beautiful Valley," "The River," "Genesee River Bank," and "Letchworth Falls."

What are possible campus subjects? Any one of a number of persons might rate a poem. "Humorous poetry?" you ask. Perhaps. The Boulder still stands, and so do the river and the hills, from the top of which the sun smiles at hardy breakfasters. "Those Lovers," might suggest a little satire—or pity. "Dress-up Night," "Sanroma," "The Symphony," "27 to 24" (the score at the end of the third quarter), "Thanksgiving Day at College," "Sixty Hours and Ten Minutes until . . ." (i. e. Christmas), "Where Men Meet God," "And the Spirit Moved."

There is no use listing further suggestions, except that perhaps the prize winner of the contest and the author of the new college song wanted this year may be one and the same person.

—HC—

Klub Korner . . .

Instead of its ordinary type of meeting, next Wednesday, December 19, the Student Ministerial association will have a meeting for the entire student body.

The association will sponsor two movies to be shown in the college chapel at 7:30. The films are Moody Bible Institute's "Dust or Destiny," and the "Stoning of Stephen."

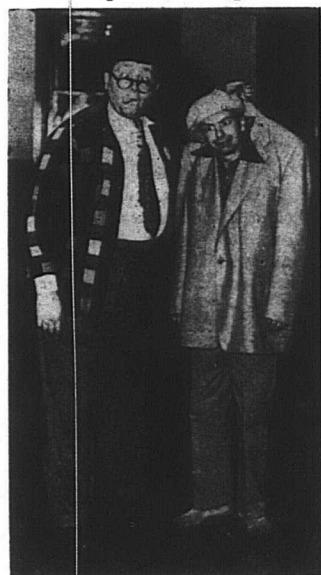
All students are urged to attend the showing of these two God-centered productions.

Jim Vaus Re-Visits Campus; Presents Gifts

Over \$100 worth of surplus science equipment was presented by Jim Vaus to the science and radio departments of Houghton college on Tuesday. The equipment will be used in the science labs and in the operating rooms of WJSL. Two panels were received by the radio station which alone amount to almost \$100.

The presentation of these gifts was made during a surprise two-day visit to the college campus by the ex-wire

Campus Glimpses



"LITTLE" JIM AND RALPH REEB

tapper for Mickey Cohen. Mr. Vaus had just come from a city-wide campaign in Fall River, Massachusetts, and was on his way to meetings in Ontario, Canada.

During his stop over here, Mr. Vaus spoke to the Tuesday morning chapel where he emphasized a fuller dependence upon the God of the scriptures and less confidence in human power and ability.

—HC—

Parties

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done by Barbara Ashcroft, Miriam Peachey, Jim Welker, and John Wilson.

The rec hall, decorated to carry out the theme of an old English Yuletide celebration, will be the scene of the sophomore class party. Program chairman Elaine Smith has planned carol singing, group games, a few skits, and a grab bag. The program planned stresses participation by everyone attending, rather than entertainment of the majority of those attending by a few members of the class.

The following people are heading committees for the sophomore party: Elaine Smith, program; Dick Castor,

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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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is a chartered bus leaving from Buffalo. The round trip expenses will be approximately \$21. For those from New York and vicinity, special rates are obtainable on the train. The cost would be somewhere around \$40 for all expenses. There are also students going by car from points all over the country.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Wesley Gustafson, director, Student Foreign Mission Fellowship of Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, 1444 North Astor, Chicago 10.

Evergreen Tales

BY MISS RORK

Probably in our own country the Christmas tree is most traditional. Yet it did not originate with us. In fact its origin is difficult to trace. I have chosen to tell you of four legends concerning it.

"On the night of Christ's birth all the trees went to the manger where the tiny evergreen was crowded into the background by the larger trees. Stars from the sky settled on the tiny evergreen and it received the smile of benediction from the Babe."

"A child wished to be carried over a stream. The man who carried him felt the burden grow heavier and heavier until they reached the opposite bank, where he discovered he had been carrying the Christ. From that time on he was called St. Christopher or Burden Bearer. He was instructed to plant his staff in the ground, and it became an evergreen."

"In the midst of a crowd of converts, St. Winfrid hewed down a giant oak which formerly had been the object of druidic worship. As it fell backward there stood just behind it a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the stars. Winfrid said to the people, 'This tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are evergreen. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ child; gather about it, not in the woods but in your homes. There it will shelter gifts and rites of kindness.'"

But one writer, Martin Luther, is credited with lighting the first Christmas tree in Germany, following a walk through the forest on Christmas Eve. The stars shining through the branches impressed him so much that he wished to show his family a sight like it. So, it is said, he cut down an evergreen, took it home, and decorated it with candles.

It is a known fact that the first decorated tree in England was introduced in 1847 by Prince Albert, German-born husband of Queen Victoria. The custom spread throughout England. Jenny Lind is said to have decorated one of the first trees in America at Charleston, South Carolina about 1850.

I have not been able to discover if the National Christmas Tree was lighted by any president before Franklin Roosevelt in 1941.

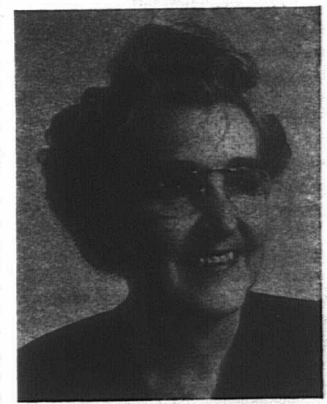
One of the nation's most impressive Yuletide services is held each Christmas day at high noon at the foot of the giant General Grant sequoia in King's Canyon National Park, California. This living tree, called the Nation's Christmas Tree, is forty feet thick at the base and towers to a height of two hundred sixty-seven feet. Its decorations are glassy icicles and gleaming snow. Large numbers of people gather each year for the ceremony of song and prayer.

But each community and nearly every home in our beloved country has its Yuletide tree. Varied indeed are the trees that are used: pines, spruces, firs, hemlocks and, in some vicinities, even palms. Your tree should mean a bit more to you this year if you know its name. The pines have their needles in bundles: white pine, 5; Scotch pine, 2; red or Norway pine, 2, but longer than the Scotch. The

balsams and spruces have sharp-pointed needles while those of the fir (balsam) and hemlock are blunt-pointed.

My choice of indoor Christmas trees—until such time as it is necessary to clear up the needles—is the lacy hemlock with its attractive small cones. The most beautiful Christmas tree of my remembrance is a Giant Douglas fir on the Cornell campus.

Our campus, with the lighted tower on the Old Ad building, with the Christmas decorations on the hills above, with the lights in the homes



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about the campus, with Dr. McMullen's lighted spruce, and with Dr. Gillette's lighted balsam, is quite festive in appearance. Yet Saturday evening as I walked from the library to the Science building, I thought of that Douglas fir on Cornell campus. If we were to have a campus tree, which one would you choose? If I am informed correctly, it is very likely one will be lighted before you read this little account of the Christmas tree.

—HC—

Crocker and Stratton To Give Joint Recital

Miss Florence Crocker and Miss Mickey Stratton will present a joint Senior recital on Monday evening, December 17, in the college chapel, toward fulfilling the requirements for their B.A. degrees in music education.

Miss Crocker, a violin major, accompanied by Robert Merz, will play the *Sonata No. 1 in D major*, by Beethoven, and *Wieniaski's Concerto in D minor*. Also, she will be playing two shorter works by the French composers, Le Clair and Ravel.

During her junior year, Miss Crocker traveled extensively with the girl's quartette, and she is now the concert mistress in the College orchestra. In the future she plans on teaching for a few years and then possibly taking her work on the mission field.

Miss Stratton, a voice major, also accompanied by Mr. Merz, will be featuring two arias: "Je suis Titania," by Thomas, and "O Tremble Not," taken from Mozart's opera, *The Magic Flute*. Miss Stratton will also give her interpretation of "Rejoice Greatly," taken from Handel's *Messiah*, and "La Sciate Mi Morire," by Monteverdi.

"Liebestraum," by Brahms, "Fruhling Wird Es Doch Einmal," by Norning, and works by Gounod and Hahn round out the program.

During her school career, Miss Stratton has participated in extension work and performed as soloist in the a cappella choir. She plans on teaching in high school in the future.

Coming Out Next Week!

THE 1952 INFO

Prep Plans Party

The Christmas party plans of Houghton Preparatory are almost complete. With various kinds of entertainment, the party will be at the Houghton Recreation hall on December 18, 1951.

The program will include some numbers given by the high school orchestra, a play, and refreshments.

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Dribbles

BY DICK PRICE



The expected thrill of the sophomore game didn't materialize into the pulse stimulator that many had hoped for. With the juniors establishing a fairly firm trench in first place, it's beginning to look as if they might not face any serious opposition during the remainder of the season. Dekker's 27 points was a new high for recent years, but still fell 10 points short of the all time record for the school, which was set I don't know how many years ago. Had Dekker remained in for the full 40 minutes, he would undoubtedly have clipped the 10 points difference to a substantially lower figure, and could have eclipsed it. With half a season to go, he may pull the trick yet.

All four teams will be in action again next week, as the frosh and sophs will tangle on Monday, and the juniors and seniors will thrash it out on Wednesday to open the second round of play.

Over in the House League, the Dry Bones are doing all right against their younger and more agile opponents. And from the style of play of the general run of Class League games, the pros might be doing okay there. However, with the amount of practice they get (?), this would probably be unwise.

Considering the enthusiasm accorded to last year's policy of sponsoring out-of-town basketball games, it would appear that such a move would be accepted favorably by the student body again this year. It seems that

a combination of factors preclude this action at the present time, although there is a possibility that there may be one such game following the Christmas holidays. Last year, this occasioned some discussion as to whether or not this was a step toward intercollegiate sports. It seems safe to predict that it will more likely be your sons than yourselves who will experience this revolution in the athletics policy which is now in effect.

Junior Team Takes Lead in Class Series

The juniors downed the sophs 53-41 last Friday to take the lead in the class basketball series.

For the first few minutes of the game, the sophs couldn't seem to get under way. But Lewis' foul shot followed by a set shot by Chuck Paine broke the ice for the sophs as they struggled vainly to keep up with the juniors.

The first half saw the juniors try a fast break that they just couldn't make work. At the end of the half, the sophs were trailing by ten points.

In the third quarter, with two minutes to play, the sophs received a crippling blow. Bud Lewis fouled out. Despite some good ball playing, the "green and white" just couldn't give that extra push to forge ahead. The final score was 41-53.

The juniors' main advantage throughout the whole game was control of the backboards. Even after breaking his glasses, Wilbur Zike kept nabbing those rebounds. Dekker and Danks were also in there getting those rebounds for the juniors.

Prep Party

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The play is called "The Christmas Gimme" with a cast of 15 students. It tells the story of some greedy young people who are taught the real meaning of Christmas in a different way.

The orchestra, under the direction of Miss Caroline Giles, will play some of the Christmas favorites in a medley and some other numbers suitable to the occasion.

The orchestra, with ten instrumentalists, will also play for opening exercises at Sunday School in the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church on Sunday, December 16.

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16 Wednesday
18 Friday

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1 — seniors; 2 — juniors; 3 — sophomores; 4 — freshmen.

Frosh Defeated

The junior girls managed to trim the hapless frosh in a vigorous contest on Wednesday. When the final buzzer sounded, the score board registered a lopsided 43 to 18.

The scoring champ for the frosh was Lorraine Hall, who dumped in 9 counters for her team. For the juniors, Jan Straley shoved in 18 points while Barbara Bean was in second position with 17 to her credit.

The juniors gained a lead of 9 points at the close of the first quarter which helped to keep them away out front during the remainder of the game, and to upset the frosh by a large margin.

Alumni Canvassed

Mr. Arthur Northrup, Houghton's field representative, is now busy organizing the last of this year's series of alumni chapter meetings. For the next few weeks Mr. Northrup and his staff will be contacting alumni in the Houghton area. This chapter, which covers Perry, Angelica, Arkport, Friendship, and surrounding towns, is the largest the school has. The campaign will not cover students, faculty, or staff members of the school.

A circular letter was sent to the members of the chapter, asking them to make this a "White Christmas" for Houghton. As a follow-up, Mrs. Northrup and twenty other solicitors will make personal calls on about a third of the alumni.

The campaign will also include calls on forty or fifty business firms within a hundred-mile radius of the school. Mr. Northrup plans to point out to business men that taxes are reduced when they contribute to educational institutions such as Houghton.

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Convocation Presents Outlook for Next 50 Yrs.

"The Outlooks for Mankind in the Next Half Century" was the theme of the Niagara Frontier Convocation, sponsored by the University of Buffalo, December 7-8.

Consisting of speeches and panel discussions held at the university and at Kleinhan's Music hall, the convocation was attended by some of the Houghton college and Houghton preparatory school faculty members.

One of these, Miss Bessie M. Fancher, commented, "I was impressed by the great number of people who are seriously considering the problems that are facing us, and who are desiring to have expert opinion upon the solution of these problems."

Leaders of our nation in government, science, medicine, business and industry, religion, the arts, engineering, law, and education discussed the question, "Is it to be peace, freedom and prosperity in the atomic era, or annihilation?" The phases of this question with some of the men who discussed them are as follows:

"What new horizons for business and industry in the next 50 years?" —Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, head of the wartime atom bomb project; Harry A. Bullis, chairman of the board, General Mills Inc. and Vice President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

"Can we have peace with freedom during the next 50 years?" —George V. Denny, Jr., originator of "Town Meeting of the Air," and Dr. Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

"What progress in health in the next 50 years?" —Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Dean of the Temple University Dental school; Dr. George Jacher Berry, president of the Association of American Medical colleges.

"Will the creative arts thrive or deteriorate during the next 50 years?" —Ben Shahn, painter, and Alexander Schneider, violinist of the Schneider String Quartet.

"Will technology transform our lives in the next 50 years?" —Dr. George R. Harrison, dean of the School of Science of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Maj. Alexander P. DeSeversky, Russia-born airplane designer, who devoted his life to the advancement of American air power.

"What moral and spiritual values will survive the next 50 years?" —Dr. Louis A. Wilson, president of the University of the State of New York and State Commissioner of Education, and Dr. Robert C. Wallace, principal and chancellor of Queen's university, Kingston, Ont.

"Can democratic government survive the next 50 years?" —Robert I. Millonzi, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission; Philip Halpern, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and the Honorable Charles S. Desmond, associate judges of the Court of Appeals.

Willes V. Moot was general chairman of the Convocation committee.

Juniors Defeat Frosh Men by Narrow Margin

The Frosh came close to scoring an upset in their game with the juniors last week. Led by Chuck Hershelman and Marshal Umlauf the freshmen just about played rings around the junior regulars only to lose 44-36.

The deciding factor in the game was the greater height of the juniors. If it had not been for the junior second team, the game might well have gone to the frosh.

Bill Fountain, Ron James, Bob McClure, Don Peterson, and Al Johnson played sparkling ball. Starting from a 7-7 tie at the beginning of the second quarter, they went on to establish a sizable lead by the end of the third quarter when they allowed the first team to come back in. No sooner had the regulars come in than the frosh started to rally, but they were a little too late. And so the game ended with the juniors winning by the slimmest margin they have had this year.

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