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ORCHESTRA PLAYS 'THE CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS', FRIDAY

Friday evening a large audience gathered in the chapel to enjoy another concert by the Little Symphony, under the capable direction of Professor Cronk. The orchestra "season" in Houghton seems to be winding up, there being only one other concert in the series. Friday night's appearance had been looked forward to for some time with keen anticipation, for it was to be the featuring of Carl Vanderburg and Walter Ferchen, duo-pianists, in Saint-Saens' *Carnival of Animals*. The concert-going audience remembered with pleasure the "Carnival" presented last year with Gwendolyn Blauvelt and John McIntire as soloists.

The program opened with *Raymond Overture* by Thomas, which has been featured in a previous concert. This composition begins in a noticeably lively manner, then assumes a little less gay mood as muted violins take the pleasing, smooth-flowing melody. Later the melody is given to the flutes and clarinets while the violins do a sprightly pizzicato. Thrilling crescendos and lovely diminuendos add to the sheer beauty of the composition. This number has appealed to Houghton audiences at both of its major presentations and in this, probably the last of the year, it was supremely enjoyed.

The second number, the *Menuet* and the *Tambourin* from Gretry Mottl's *Ballet Suite*, was particularly pleasing in its simplicity. Here again the muted violins carried the light melody. In *Tambourin*, as the name implies, the tambourine contributed to the gay, light-hearted mood of the number.

There was a wave of expectancy which swept over the crowd as Professor Cronk appeared to conduct his somewhat diminished orchestra and his solo pianists in the famous *Carnival of Animals*. In the *Introduction and Royal March of the Lion*, the pianos did a most descriptive walk up the keys, suggesting the majesty of the King of the Beasts. *Hens and Cocks* were amazingly portrayed with the fowl-like "cut-a-cut", which called for spontaneous applause. In *Wild Asses* the pianos did a bit of playing "a la virtuosi". Contrasted to this was the slow plodding of the *Tortoises* with the melody in the violins and interesting chords in the first piano. Then followed a most amusing "clump-clumpety-clump" of the *Elephant*, very well portrayed by contra basses. Generous applause followed this number also. *Kangaroo* was a sprightly little number, while the *Aquarium*, immediately following, suggested the gliding movements of the water people. It seemed that one could even hear the occasional ripple of the water, pictured by the xylophone. There was an evident bit of humor in the next number, *Personages with Long Ears*, as the violins did a most interesting "hee-haw". *The Cuckoo in the Depth of the Wood* was most interesting with its call coming from James Buffan's clarinet. In *The Aviary* one could recognize the calls of the various birds. *Pianists really needs no comment*, since Walter Ferchen and Carl Vanderburg have established their pianistic reputations in Houghton. How-

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CORRESPONDENT MAKES REVIEW OF RELATIONS OF JAPAN WITH NEIGHBORS

Thursday's chapel was given over to Mr. M. T. Yamamoto, American correspondent of the *Japan Times and Mail* of Tokyo, who spoke Wednesday night on our regular lecture course program. Mr. Yamamoto's address was on the subject "Japan's relations with her neighbors". His views, as brought out in his talk, are as follows:

1. "How great is the probability of war between Japan and Russia?"

Answer: "We are not concerned with what the Soviet leaders intend to do within their own domain. What concerns us is the activity of the Communist International in outer Mongolia and on the Manchoukuo border where the boundary line, at some points, remains in question. Frequent clashes on the Manchoukuo border are primarily due to the activity of the Communist International. If the Communist International in the far East were backed by Soviet leaders, Japan and Russia would be driven into strife, for Japan would not tolerate having the peace and security of East Asia endangered by Communism." At present there are 60,000 Communist International fighting the National Government of China.

2. "Why is Japan so much interested in Manchuria?"

Answer: "The fullest answer to your question must be sought in the history of the relations of the far Eastern nations—Japan, Russia, China, and Korea. In a word, however to Japan it means, from the political point of view, the front line of defense against aggression from the Asiatic continent; it means, from the economic standpoint, an important source of food supply and of raw materials needed for her mills and factories.

3. "Is Japan seeking to annex Manchuria?"

Answer: "Certainly not. What Japan is seeking in Manchuria is an orderly government, security for life

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Houghton Debates Alfred

The men's varsity debate team met Alfred University in a return debate before the Exchange Club of Wellsville on Wednesday evening, April 22. Houghton College, represented by Merritt Queen and Harold Boon, upheld the affirmative of the Supreme Court question. They were opposed by Miss Gailor and Mr. Folsom of Alfred University. The members of the Exchange Club expressed their appreciation very sincerely for this friendly debate on such a pertinent question. No decision was rendered.

Card of Thanks

Houghton College Student Body
Houghton, New York
Dear Friends:

We wish to acknowledge our sincere appreciation of your expression of sympathy and kindness in our hours of sadness.

Next to the sustaining, loving care of the Heavenly Shepherd is the sympathy of friends in such a time.

May God bless you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,
J. S. Luckey

with Harold, Ruth and Robert

HO'TON DELEGATES ATTEND THE STATE DEBATE ASSEMBLY

For the third consecutive year Houghton College has sent a delegation to the New York State Debaters Conference, which was held this year at the University of Buffalo, Friday and Saturday, April 24-25. They were accompanied by their coach, Dr. Stephen W. Paine. The aim of the conference was to familiarize the representatives with the problems of state and give them practical experience in governmental procedure. The general assembly was declared in session at 10:00 a. m. Friday. After an address of welcome by the Dean of the University, a message from the Governor was read by the clerk. With the election of a permanent speaker and clerk the Assembly adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Saturday. The remainder of the morning and the afternoon was spent in committee meetings.

Three major problems had previously been assigned to the colleges for solution and many of the schools represented had submitted recommendations to be considered. The Houghton delegates worked on the following Committees: "State Traffic Regulation", Marvin Goldberg, Arthur Lynip, Patsy Brindisi; "Constitutional Amendments" (including Child Labor), Merritt Queen, Ellen Donley, James Bedford; "Crime Prevention", Harold Boon, Hazel Fox, Lois Roughan, Esther Fancher. Emerson York and Everett Elliott attended the General Assembly on Saturday morning.

According to the usual custom, a debaters' banquet was held at 6:30 Friday evening in the new Norton Hall. This was informal in nature and each college represented was called upon to speak. Merritt Queen represented Houghton College.

Saturday morning the Assembly again convened. Here the recommendations of the committees were submitted with additional amendments to the general Assembly. After much debate and parliamentary complications, each problem was disposed of and the Conference adjourned at noon.

Senior Honors Announced

Donelson, Glenn *Valedictorian*
Goldberg, Marvin *Salutatorian*
Magna cum Laude, Marvin Goldberg

Cum Laude, Ivone Wright, Glenn Donelson, Lena Hunt, Harriet Sartwell, James Bedford, Marion Smith.

Those maintaining 2 average:

Donelson, Glenn
Kenyon, Dorothy
Goldberg, Marvin
Wright, Ivone
Banta, Dean
Hunt, Lena
Sartwell, Harriet
Bedford, James
Smith, Marion
Gibbs, E'sie
Luckey, Valgeane
Plants, William
Stevenson, Emily
Lytle, Florence
Hotchkiss, Frances
Perry, Ray
Boon, Harold
Paulsen, Vivian

CAMPUS HOME INVADED IN THE DEPARTING OF A MUCH BELOVED FATHER

Another campus home has sustained a great loss in the death of a beloved parent. William B. Lusk, father of Mrs. J. W. Shea and Chester Lusk, passed away peacefully early Saturday morning, April 25, after a brief serious illness.

Mr. Lusk was just 69. Originally from McKeesport, Penna., he has been for many years a resident of Akron, Ohio, until his retirement from business last summer. Since that time both Mr. and Mrs. Lusk have been living on the campus at the home of Professor and Mrs. Shea. Mr. Lusk was above all a Christian, a devoted follower of Christ, and until recently active in church life, giving of his best for the salvation of men. He was truly a father and husband, and his passing leaves a big gap in a devoted family and a large group of relatives and friends. A wife, three sons, a daughter, three brothers, and three grandchildren remain to mourn his loss. A great company gathered to pay their respects to his memory at the funeral in Akron Tuesday. He was buried in Mt. Peace Cemetery, Akron.

Mr. Lusk's last hours were marked by a glorious spirit of triumph.

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Sunday Concerts

This Sunday afternoon the Houghton College Choir will make their second appearance in the Lutheran Church of Jamestown, which concert should prove to be an outstanding one. Last year an audience of approximately 1800 enthusiastically received the program.

In the evening they will sing in the First Presbyterian Church of Springville. In this town the churches have united for the concert; thus this should mean a large crowd also.

There will not be many more choir concerts this year. The season draws to a close, but the 1935-36 choir has had a most interesting year and the few concerts still to be sung promise to be successful ones.

FUTURE DEBATES

The debate teams will within the next ten days finish up their season with three post-conference season debates. A two-man freshman team composed of Everett Elliott and Frederick Schlafer will meet the Chesham team at North Chili on Friday, May 1. They will uphold the negative of the Pi Kappa Delta question.

On Wednesday, May 6, the men's varsity of St. Bonaventure College will meet the Houghton varsity on the Houghton platform. The subject for discussion again will be the Pi Kappa Delta question. The sides to be upheld by the teams are yet to be decided.

A home debate with Nazareth College is pending and it is expected that the debate which was postponed on March 20 will be held next week or the week following.

Card of Thanks

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Prentice
Justus

AMID BEST WISHES OF JUNIORS, CLASS OF '36 MAKE SKIP

As President Luckey said at the banquet on the evening of Skip Day, no class in Houghton has seen a more significant four years of change, and certainly no class has so thoroughly enjoyed a Skip Day—and night. Or at least so the Seniors are all convinced. From the first moment when word went around, the trip was everything that any senior had anticipated—and more. No one seemed to have a complaint about the lack of excitement, and some of the high spots of that departure will be remembered a long time. Such pictures as Florence Aiken majestically wading through an eddy of juniors, and Marion separated from Clifford in the confusion, may be seen only once. But the class at last got away, with Dr. Paine staying behind to gather in the "kidnappees", and with Allen Smith, Dick Farwell, and Merritt Queen on the trunk rack of the bus. Such dickerings as Prof. Bain carried on through the bus window when Andy Vincent at last caught up—trying to swap Jim Bedford for the three juniors in the bus. Was he out-dickered? No!

Then the night in the hotel at Salamanca and Jim Bedford casually strolling in the middle of Prof. Bain's frantic phoning to the home base. About two o'clock Marion Burns was brought in by a couple of car loads of repentant juniors. They had taken her to Hornell!

Quiet had no sooner come to the hotel than Silas Molyneux was up and dressed. Milking time and the force of habit again. If he couldn't sleep, neither would anybody else. A jolly breakfast, though, and then, in a drizzle, two cars and the bus pulled out towards Erie and Presque Isle. President Luckey and Willard had arrived in the morning and sometime in the night the other missing ones had been rounded up.

Dr. Paine's crew bought the lunch in Erie and the class met on the sandy beach of Lake Erie for sandwiches, cookies and ginger ale. There were other incidents there that some of the class will never forget. For instance! President frying wieners with the same concentration he applies to a math problem, and Prof. Bain with a sandy ginger-ale bottle in one hand and a seraphic smile. Vogel didn't look so unhappy either, with his arms full of loaves of bread reciting "Roll on Thou Deep and Dark Blue Ocean" to the very placid lake...

Another trip—and in the luxurious Mongolian room of the Jamestown Hotel at Jamestown the class gathered for a chicken dinner. Seniors certainly take the prize for appetites! Such quantities of food as disappeared would have abashed any mere underclassman. An impromptu program closed the dinner with short but pertinent speeches and a violin solo by Ivone Wright.

Skip Day ended with a mutual feeling of well-fed, tired contentment and a long, jolly ride home.

Credit for the planning of the entire trip goes to President Luckey. Dr. Paine, Layton Vogel and Harold Boon, who, the class united in agreeing, gave them one of the best times of their whole four years.

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Editorial

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW

Another senior skip day has come and gone into the history of Houghton College. However, the activities of this day will live long in the memories of both the junior and senior classes, for it proved to be probably the most exciting and spirited class tussle in the history of this famous day.

With this trying ordeal of dodging juniors now behind them, the seniors realize more the fact that commencement is just around the corner. In just two weeks will occur the annual junior-senior banquet at which time the two classes will officially "bury the hatchet" and visit side by side. Following this only two weeks of hard work remain—a period in which we shall all be struggling and hoping for "exemptions".

And then—caps and gowns . . . diplomas . . . tearful goodbyes . . . and "I'll see you at home-coming."

L. A. A.

HOUGHTON TO YOU

Is there a place for the small Christian college today in our complex, mechanistic and sordid society? Can Houghton offer any contribution in the making of "full men" when our nation is swarming with universities that turn out the finished product of an arts degree upon an over-production basis as castings are turned out from molds? Yes, by some, we come under the category of "small farm colleges". Hence, as new books demand an explanation for their existence, so we must state our purpose in life.

Only by comparison are we best equipped to appraise our Alma Mater. By such an experience we will find that we have an experience, we will find that we have everything to gain and nothing to lose through the years we spend within her walls.

But this is not enough. Our appreciation must be evidenced by the kind of characters we become. Our school does not ask that we become presidents, senators and millionaires but rather genuine articles of Christian living and intellectual curiosity. "By their fruits ye shall know them," for as fruit appears it is a foregone conclusion that life is progressive. Such, then, is the lofty purpose of our school which demands your cooperation and mine in proving to the world that the small Christian college is essential to any sound society. We must be boosters but not braggars, and bricks but not blocks.

J. N. B.

Houghton Debaters Win Decision over Hartwick

Houghton was host to Hartwick College representatives Thursday, April 23, who debated the Supreme Court question against the Houghton varsity debate team. The verdict of the judges for the occasion was two to one in favor of Houghton, who upheld the affirmative side of the question.

The visitors, Mr. Olson and Mr. Edwards, debated against Mr. Boon and Mr. Queen. The Hartwick coach, Mr. McClure, accompanied the delegation.

This is the second time Houghton has met and defeated Hartwick, and one of the few times Houghton debated the question with the five-four clause included.

PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Robert Fredrick Miller

Before the dam was built at Rushford, that territory was known as East Rushford. Here Robert was born on January 26, 1915. He attended the Rushford High School and was graduated in '32. In the fall of that year he matriculated at Houghton. Being a commuter, he has not had the time to participate in many extra-curricular activities but has been active in the German club, pre-med club, chapel choir and chorus. He played in the orchestra during his first year. His major work is General Science. Robert does not desire to teach school but to continue work in the field of medicine. A statement from Robert reads:

"Although I have been a commuter during the entire four years of my college course and perhaps have not made the contacts that I would have had I lived here, nevertheless, I have made many friends and have enjoyed participating in some of the extra-curricular activities which Houghton College offers."

—HC—

Japanese Correspondent

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and property and trade; and Japan hopes to find that security in the government of the newly established state of Manchoukou.

"Manchuria is larger than France, Germany, and Italy combined. The population is composed of Japanese, Koreans, and Russians. Eighty-five per cent of the people engage in farming. Under the Portsmouth Treaty of 1905, Japan was given jurisdiction over more than 1,000 square miles in Manchuria. Japan is determined to protect those rights."

4. "What do you think of rumors of war between Japan and the United States?"

Answer: "I think some small politicians on both sides of the ocean are actively engaged in a propaganda to gratify their own selfish ends. The causes of most modern wars are economic. There is not basic conflict between the economic interests of U. S. and Japan. The predominant portion of American-Japanese trade is not competitive, but complementary. Japanese articles of competitive nature sent to America constitute only five per cent of the entire Japanese export to U. S. Further, we do not care to meddle in the affairs of U. S. or Europe. In the Orient, however we will continue to bend our efforts toward building up a far East brighter and happier to live in, not only for the Japanese but for all other peoples living in that part of the world."

5. "Is Japan seeking to dominate China?"

Answer: "Who wants to dominate 400,000,000 Chinese? Only fools and propagandists assume that Japan entertains such a wild notion. China is our next-door neighbor. Her condition is of vital importance to us. The sole desire of Japan is that China will soon attain political unity, eradicate Communism, and proceed on the path of progress and prosperity."

—HC—

Dean to Visit Europe

Miss Gudrun Kartevold will sail Tuesday, June 9, for Oslo, Norway on the S. S. *Bergensfjord*. She will attend the World's Sunday School convention there. In the course of her stay, Miss Kartevold will also visit relatives in Norway. She expects to return on the S. S. *Stavangerfjord*, August 4 to 14.

The Rev. Mr. S. O. Sigmond, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church Brooklyn (of which Miss Kartevold is a member) has had a large part in making arrangements for this quadrennial convention.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY

May 5 Students' Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY

May 6 Pre-Medic Dinner—Dr. Becker, Olean; guest speaker Debate with St. Bonaventure at Houghton

THURSDAY

May 7 Orchestra Concert at Belfast

FRIDAY

May 8 High School Junior-Senior Banquet
Sophomore Class Entertains Senior Class
Student Recital

SATURDAY

May 9 Oberlin Alumni Chapter Dinner

MONDAY

May 11 Recital—Ivone Wright

TUESDAY

May 12 Students' Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY

May 13 Recital—Prof. Cronk and Prof. Andrews

THURSDAY

May 14 Recital—Leola Van Dusen

FRIDAY

May 15 College Junior-Senior Banquet

COMING EVENTS

May 16-17 Houghton College Young People's Rally

May 18 Club Meetings

May 19 Annual Missionary Day—Speaker, Rev. A. C. Snead, Foreign Secretary, Christian Missionary Alliance
Students' Prayer Meeting

May 20 Track and Field Day
Anna Houghton Daughters' Reception for Seniors of all departments

May 21, 22, 23 Genesee Country Music Festival

May 22 Orchestra Concert

May 25 Club Meetings

May 26 Students' Prayer Meeting
May 30, 31 Y. M. W. B. Convention

June 2-8 Commencement Activities

God Presents No Message to the Indifferent People

"God has no message for the indifferent. But if you are in earnest, come where Christ is, come to Him." In the evening service, the Rev. Mr. Pitt emphasized the responsibility of man in coming to God. "In the first place," he said, "Christ invites only the interested." Taking for his text Matt. 11:28, he explained that the call is to those who, in the words of the Master, are "heavy laden" with their much seeking after God in a religion of self-righteousness.

Secondly, the will of man is involved because Christ calls us to His place, "the place of service, of absolute surrender to God. Christ's was the place of a servant, of one under a yoke," for He said, "I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30) The solution of all our problems may be found only in His "Come unto Me." In conclusion, Brother Pitt asked, for each needy one, "Am I willing to take that position? That's what it means to come to Christ. Why not come now?"

A spirit of conviction rested on the service, and on a number of faces was written spiritual hunger and desire as the pastor gave the altar call.

Two numbers were splendidly sung by a male quartette, consisting of Messrs. York, Willett, Ferchich, and David Paine. Their first song was preceded by the words "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God," read by Alvin Paine. The music added much to the service.

CHAPEL CHOIR PRESENTS FIRST CONCERT, SUNDAY

Sunday afternoon marked the first appearance of the chapel choir in a vesper service given in the Houghton Church. A medium-sized crowd turned out to hear the singers who have practiced faithfully three hours a week for approximately seven months. The Chapel Choir is built on the same plan as the Houghton College Choir and serves to a certain extent as a "feeder" for that organization. The group was robed similarly to the first choir, the girls being dressed exactly the same, the difference being in the boys' apparel, which difference retain shrdlu which consisted only of the purple robes.

The first group consisted of "Like As the Hart", Palestrina; "In Joseph's Lovely Garden", arranged by Clarence Dickinson; and "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" by Ippitof-Ivanoff. In the second group there were: "Requiem", Bantock; "Just As I Am", Bradbury; and "All in the April Evening", by Robertson. The last group was made up of two numbers: "Lullaby on Christmas Eve", Christiansen; and "Allelujah! Christ Is Risen", by Kopolyoff.

Between groups, Professor Bain read suitable Scripture passages.

The general comment concerning the program was to the effect that it was a fine performance and Prof. Bain is to be commended for his untiring efforts in bringing to these forty students this valuable musical experience.

Faculty Members Represent Houghton at Holiness Conv.

The National Association for the Promotion of Holiness is the corporate name for the group of Christians who believe in and desire through this agency to promote scriptural holiness in the churches. This association is further organized into State and County associations. It is strictly inter-denominational. The only article of faith to which is asked to subscribe is "We believe in entire sanctification which is that act of divine grace through the baptism with the Holy Spirit by which the heart is cleansed from all sin and filled with the pure love of God. It is a definite, instantaneous work of grace wrought in the heart of a believer, through faith in the cleansing merit of the blood of Jesus Christ, subsequent to rejuvenation and is attested by the Holy Spirit." If the reader will examine the "Standards of Faith," (Houghton College catalogue) he will find that Houghton College subscribes to the above statement.

The convention this year met at "God's Bible School" in Cincinnati, Ohio. Houghton College was represented by the writer, accompanied by Prof. C. A. Ries, Mrs. F. H. Wright, and Mrs. Aubrey Arlin. There were about seventy-five delegates present. On Tuesday the educational phase of the work was under consideration. Dr. J. A. Huffman holds the chairmanship of the educational committee. It was the duty of the writer to lead the discussion group No. 1, which group was composed of those interested in graduate work in Holiness Institutions. The remaining days of the week were devoted to a consideration of holiness in its other aspects. The evening services were evangelistic. This was a great convention which stated its convictions in no uncertain terms. An invitation was extended to the convention to come to Houghton next year. We sincerely hope they accept.

F. H. Wright

ALUMNI CORNER

Theos Cronk '32 Chosen
for Westminster Faculty

The Houghton Star
Houghton College
Houghton, New York

Gentlemen:

I am sending this note to you as I know that you are vitally interested in your former students.

A graduate of your college, Mr. Theos Cronk, is graduating from Westminster Choir School this year. While he has been in the Choir School, he has been so outstanding in his work that we are taking him on the staff of the School as assistant to Mr. Harry Krimmel, the Treasurer and Business Manager. Mr. Cronk's personality and his work at Houghton played a big part in securing this appointment for him at Westminster Choir School for next year.

Mr. Cronk would not tell you this so I thought that I would write and tell you.

Sincerely yours,
J. F. Williamson

As Skip Days Come and Go

'Way back in 1925 the first Senior class to graduate from Houghton College with degrees was all set for a big class breakfast up by the spring, but alas! When they arrived at the spring their friends, the juniors, were there ahead of them. However, the seniors did not turn back. They climbed over the next hill and there ate and planned. The thought occurred to them—"Why not skip school today?" Therefore, as soon as they arrived back at the campus they scrambled into automobiles and went to Rock City, stopping in Olean to get provisions for their noon lunch. The day was spent at Rock City where they felt rather secure—one might imagine—from their junior friends. They ate dinner in Olean that night and then hurried back to Houghton because the day was Tuesday and they feared that they might be conspicuous by their absence from prayer meeting. Coming into the prayer service a bit late they heard their friends praying for the "absent seniors". So ended a happy first Skip Day in Houghton College.

The Skip Day of '26 was a planned affair. The class went to Watkins Glen, stopping along the way at various points of interest, including the prison at Auburn.

The class of '27 also took a motor trip on their Skip Day and covered considerable territory in western New York. They ate dinner at the home of Charles Howland, a member of the class, in Venice Center.

The Seniors of '28 were bold—they left at ten o'clock the night before the Skip Day. Their trip included Thousand Islands as the major point of interest.

Again in '29 the Seniors went to Watkins Glen and it was their misfortune to have a rainy day for skipping. They visited Cornell University on their return trip.

Without exception the best planned Skip Day getaway was made by the class of '30. They left Houghton early in the morning without any interference. They ate breakfast at a resort on Lake Ontario and spent the day at Niagara Falls.

In '31 the Seniors went to Lewiston where they took a boat trip to Toronto.

The class of '32 went to Rochester and thence by boat to Coburg, Canada.

By '33 the result of the depression was being felt pretty keenly and so the senior class did not plan an elaborate trip. However, the day was spent at Letchworth Park and practically every member of the class was

present to enjoy the sports and the three meals together.

Skip Day for the class of '34 was very cleverly announced at dinner the night before by the head waiter who happened to be a junior. The class left town about midnight the night before while the leaving was good. The remainder of the night was spent in Letchworth Park where they had breakfast together the next morning. Then separating into two groups, part of the class started out on a motor trip and the other part left for Bliss to go by train to Rochester. From there they went by boat to Coburg. Arriving back in Bliss that night, they found their automobiles in need of repair because of the sport of some of their college friends.

The class of '35 decided that a trip by bus to Watkins Glen would very nicely meet their demand for an enjoyable Skip Day. A couple of the girls were taken for an early ride by two juniors who had to chase the bus in order to get the girls on it for the trip. The class came to Keuka Lake towards night where a banquet was held at Penn Yan.

In this little history of the Skip Days of Yesterday, the account of some is rather brief due to lack of information but you who were members of these classes will need only a sentence to turn your memories back there on that most eventful of college days—Skip Day.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brandes of Belfast, N. Y. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Willet W. Albro. The wedding will take place in June.

For the past two years Miss Brandes has been teaching Latin and French in Rushford high school. Mr. Albro teaches history in Chautauqua high school. Both are graduates of Houghton and by those of us who know Willet and Ruth best wishes for a happy future are hereby expressed.

Married: Stephen Todd ('33) and Mildred Lamberton ('34) April 16, at Mooers, New York. They will make their home at Almond, N. Y. after September. Mr. and Mrs. Todd recently visited here.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fero ('31 and '30) of Mooers, New York were recent visitors on the campus.

Thomas Armstrong '32, teacher of mathematics in Silver Springs high school, has accepted a similar position in the new consolidated school at Pavilion, N. Y. Mr. Armstrong—or "Tom"—to the old McKinley Gang and others—will assume his new duties in September.

Kathryn Johnson '34 has a position to teach Latin and French in Rushford high school for the coming year. For the past year she has been teaching in Findley Lake high school.

Gladys Taylor ('27), matron of the Door-of-Hope Mission in Utica was in town Monday.

Alumnae Lose Father

Mr. Daniel B. Moore of Centerville was instantly killed Monday afternoon when his automobile was struck by a freight train near Freedom. The funeral of Mr. Moore was held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from the home.

Ruby and Pearl Moore, daughters and survivors of the deceased, both attended at Houghton. Ruby, who was graduated from college with the class of 1928, is a teacher in Canisteo High School. Pearl, a graduate from the Seminary in 1930, took one year of work in college and has since then been keeping house for her father, a widower.

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to these two girls in their sad bereavement.

Dr. Graflin Makes Second
Visit to Houghton Campus

Wednesday morning Dr. Graflin, who appeared as a chapel speaker early last September, again delighted the student body with his droll humor and unique manner of presenting pertinent truth. Dr. Graflin's varied experience and keen observation of human nature lends to his addresses a reality which few speakers attain.

Referring to the third chapter of Corinthians, he pointed out that we are saved to serve and that we serve to share. There are three types of service: the service that lives, the service that gives, and the service that loves. For each of these points the speaker gave specific illustrations from real life. There was the young man who by his Christ-like life rendered untold good in the lives of those about him.

"It's well to have a baptized purse, but there is yet a greater service than the giving of money. Give yourself!" said Dr. Graflin. But we must give generously, lovingly, not grudgingly. Service is not without its reward. We share the wisdom of God, the strength of God, the glory of God—He asks us to bear no more than we can carry.

Village to be Host for
Conf. Missionary Meeting

A rousing missionary rally is to take place on Memorial Day, May 30, and the evening preceding under the auspices of the Lockport Conference Y. M. W. B. Best of all and for the first time, it meets at Houghton, home of the beloved founder of the organization, the late Rev. George H. Clarke.

A full program is already assured, including such headlines as

Rev. E. F. McCarty, Foreign Mission Secretary of the Wesleyan Church, who has recently taken his second trip around the world.

Rev. and Mrs. Price Stark, on furlough from Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Gibbs, on furlough from Japan

As a center around which to build the program the following themes have been chosen:

Motto: The Living Word for a Dying World

Hymn: Oh Zion Haste

Scripture: Mark 16:15,16

Plan to see the world anew from God's viewpoint of this day.

T O N I G H T

Mysterious night! When our first parent knew

Thee from report divine and heard thy name,

Did he not tremble for this lovely frame,

This glorious canopy of light and blue?

Yet 'neath the curtain of translucent dew,

Bathed in the rays of the great setting flame,

Hesperus with the host of heaven came,

And lo! creation widened in man's view.

Who could have thought such darkness lay concealed

Within thy beams, O Sun! Or who could find

While fly and leaf and insect lay revealed,

That to such countless orbs thou hadst us blind?

Why do we then shun death with anxious strife?

If light can thus deceive, wherefore not life?

Joseph Blanco White

This sonnet, read at the funeral of the late supreme court justice, Hon. Holmes, seems most appropriate here.

Missionary from Africa Is
Speaker at Mission Study

Thirty-five students and faculty members gathered in the Music Hall Auditorium Wednesday afternoon to hear the Rev. P. F. Metzler, guest speaker for the Mission Study Class, relate his experiences as a missionary in French Equatorial Africa. After the opening prayer, Wayne Bedford brought a message in song. The Rev. Mr. Metzler then began his address by showing his collection of curios from the mission field.

The territory covered by the Mid-African Mission, of which Mr. Metzler is field representative, is part of French Equatorial Africa below the Sahara desert and near Lake Tchad. This territory is also the favorite hunting ground of Africa.

The terrible need and spiritual hunger in this region was graphically portrayed in the message. Eighty thousand souls in one district alone were anxious for a missionary and at least thirty missionaries are needed to enter present openings.

The Mid-African Mission is a faith mission. Reliance has been on the Lord only for the continuance of the work. Mr. Metzler has for the past fourteen years relied solely on the Lord for his supports, and though many times tested, he has never found God to fail.

To bring again before his audience the need of the Gospel in this land, Mr. Metzler described the slavery in which the women of this district are held. Their condition is little better than that of cattle. It took four years before even one of them could come to believe that even God could love her.

He ended with a plea that we remember this country in prayer and especially ask God that thirty more missionaries be sent into this district of Africa. May we each remember this request in our prayers.

Orchestra Concert

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ever, throughout the entire composition they displayed a rare technique and gave a polished performance which bespoke hours of diligent practice. In *Fossils*, the xylophone symbolized vividly osseous and ligneous formations. One of the most appealing numbers of the group was Professor Andrews' interpretation of *The Swan*, appreciated to the fullest extent because of its familiar melody known the world over. One could easily vision a stately swan gliding smoothly over the waters of some belid pool. *The Finale* brought to a climactic close this splendid presentation, after which the solo artists were called back twice. It is hoped that they will be heard together again.

After a brief intermission, the augmented orchestra returned to play *Hispania Suite* by Stoessel. In *Sequitilla* a blare of trumpets brought the number to a grand climax. *La Media Noche* was most melodious, tinged with tender romance, while *In Old Castile* was a spirit of merry revelry and an underlying feeling of the grandeur of old things. *Jota*, a melodious little number, concluded this group. Tambourines, castanets, and an occasional clang of a cymbal added to the spirit of the composition.

Particularly noticeable was the addition of the bassoon, played by Mrs. John Andrews, née Lila Scarborough, who appeared as soloist with the Little Symphony at its second concert of the series.

Professor Cronk was called back several times but would not consent to an encore. The last concert in the series will be presented May 24th, when Ada Becker Seidlin, head of the piano department of Alfred University, will be featured in Grieg's *Concerto in A minor*. It is hoped that a capacity audience will turn out to this, the last, and possibly the most outstanding concert of the year.

TOUR OF JAPAN GIVEN AS
LECTURE COURSE NUMBER

"Poisoned hearts make violent hands," said Mr. Yamamoto, representative of the Japan Times, at a lecture in the chapel Wednesday evening. He went on to advocate that only common sense and a spirit of cooperation can alleviate the acute feeling between Japan and the United States. He believes that it is everyone's duty to create a better international atmosphere, to have a better knowledge of the other's problems, difficulties, aspirations. "Keep the Pacific true to its name" was his admonition.

After these words he took the audience on an imaginary tour of Japan. Pictures of high grotesque idols, magnificent temples, beautiful modern theaters were what one saw. The students especially were interested in the Imperial University of Japan with its 7,000 students and 600 teachers. One had an intimate picture of Japanese industry—rice-raising, silk-making, and tea-raising. Ceremonial days were explained—March 1, Doll Day for the girls, and May 5, Boys' Festival Day. He said that Japanese life is based on the family not on the individual. In conclusion, he told the audience that in his native land old and modern civilization exists side by side.

Young People's Service

"Have we given all? If so, have we left the disposal of our all with Him?" This was the challenge of the message of Mrs. Gibbs before the Young Peoples' Group last Sunday evening. She cited as a type of the true giver the lad with the loaves at the feeding of the five thousand. "He gave it all," she said. "Then, after giving it all, his responsibility ceased." What he had committed unto Christ, that he left with Him, not worrying over the outcome and not drawing back from the dedication of all that he had. As the Lord broke that bread, so we must not be surprised if He breaks us, for "it is the broken things that the Lord passes out" and is able to use to His glory.

"For two reasons," Mrs. Gibbs continued, "He has a right to all: He both made us and bought us." If our time, our money, our tongues, our voices, our thoughts, yes, our whole lives are committed definitely to Him, she concluded, "ours is only to watch; He will do the multiplying."

Miss Ruth Larson conducted the service.

L I F E

Grey clouds scudding ominously
Across a level horizon
Haunt the earth with nervous expectation.

A threatening rumble foretells
The advent of an approaching storm,
And, as the muffled roar continues,
The grey clouds grow darker
Boisterous black clouds overhead
Vomit great bursts of cutting rain.
Tall proud trees bend, cowering
Before the onrush of a mighty wind.
Impetuous leaves scatter wildly,
An! children playing at follow-the-leader

Rush indoors with frantic terror
To gaze with open-eyed panic
At the turbulent thrashing on the window-pane.

Vanquishing grey-white clouds slink
away fuming
Before a dazzling streak of glorious
sunshine.

Twinkling drops on the grass
And the fresh odor of oozy earth
The only reminder of a storm now
past.

The earth smiles in poignant tranquility.
Life! Magdalene Murphy

CAMPUS PARADE

Skip Day fulfilled all fondest expectations. As a climax to several false starts and a week of sleepless nights for the orange jackets, the seniors boldly sauntered out the dining hall doors, nonchalantly but with a furtive look about the eye. Some of the junior gentry were waiting outside with ropes, brass knuckles, and a knowing grin. These worthies—some in rubber boots and overalls, others in sweatshirts—went to work on them as they came out. Purely a cold business proposition it was, but an appreciative mob of howling undergraduates did not pay any admission. One just enjoyed the wrestling, the clowning, and the stump speeches. Yessir, it was a gala affair with President Luckey and Dr. Latham on the steps watching the bunch surge from rumpus to rumpus about the lawn. Waiting cars commandeered for the occasion bundled certain of the rougher element away in the dusk, but after a couple of hours of this gay, hot-headed fracas the dignitaries got off the campus and into the bus.

Things had gone nicely until the following night at twelve midnight a bunch of hoodlums masquerading as musicians struck up the band with *The Old Gray Mare* as the Woolley bus rolled in. People who had been in bed at the other end of the town noticed the efforts of the drummer and the cymbal player. They had that swing. The former has a couple of blisters, too, from the drumsticks. Guess he didn't use his diaphragm right.

Everybody is busy, pushed and hurried and nobody seems to mind or care. It must be we humans take on a new vitality and a capacity for work or play just as all nature is rejuvenated each year. Anyway the campus of a sunny afternoon teems with unfettered life. Activity is its label. Between golf balls, tennis balls, baseballs, soft balls, and shot put balls, the sphere family of the sport world is well represented. A guy seems to be drawn asunder between the things he wants to do. Prof. Frank would say that here's where the freedom of the will and the power of choice comes in. Whether to die for dear old Siwash on the cinder track or act dead on a nice soft bed, whether to get that research done and in or to be a man-about-campus and eke out a highly entertaining afternoon now at the diamond, track, or tennis courts—this is the burning question of the hour. To be or not to be.

Summer is sneaking up on us, school's going to be out and we'll have a July and August to earn some money in. Certain wiseacres say competition in the business world is keen, yet it would be fun to whang out a news story on a Corona for a metropolitan daily, wait tables on an ocean liner, or be one of the boys who helped build some new Boulder dam. But no, it'll probably be licking labels in a canning factory or wrapping up two pounds of hamburger for Mrs. Jones. "Young man, are you sure this is freshly ground? I'll have no left-overs!" Away with such work! Let's hit the open roads as jolly good bums instead. Travel on your thumb, eat oranges in Florida, and see America first.

SPORT SHOTS

Glenn Cunningham, world record holder in the mile run, and America's chief middle distance hope in the coming Olympics, last week dispersed all rumors that he is burnt out by setting a new record for the 1000 yard dash in the Penn Relays Carnival. The Kansas Flyer beat a fast field to the tape as he turned in his record smashing performance.

In the Drake Relays, Jesse Owens, Ohio State negro star, gave notice that he is still a man to be reckoned with in the spring track meets and Olympic tryouts. After a winter lay-off, the dusky sprinter, who holds three world records and has tied another, came through with a win in the 100 meter dash and made it a double by winning the broad jump. After a slow start, Owens came up fast in the dash and led his nearest rival by two feet as he broke the tape. A twenty-three foot performance was enough to win the broad jump.

The Major league baseball season has gotten off to a good start and we can now look over the respective teams and see whether or not they have lived up to advance dope about them. At the present writing the New York Giants are setting the pace in the National loop but are being rushed by Chicago and St. Louis, especially the latter who have just won two games from them. One of these was a seventeen inning 2-1 victory turned in by Bud Parmelee former member of the New York club. The Cincinnati Reds have been the surprise team of the league so far and are now tied for second place with the Cubs.

In the American circuit, Tom Yawkey's gold-plated Boston Red Sox are out in front, a game ahead of the vastly improved New York Yankees. The Sox have shown tremendous power at the plate but have exhibited for the most part mediocre pitching. The Yanks have shown power at the plate in addition to

some good pitching. Gomez, Dickey and Gehrig seem to have recovered from their slump last season and are making the Yanks a different ball club. Connie Mack's Athletics have surprised everyone and if they continue to show their early form in the future they will cause several headaches for the other managers. Detroit, world's champions, now occupying fourth place just behind Cleveland, have got off to a slow start but will be in there all the way, especially when the weather warms up a bit. The four teams mentioned seem destined to finish in the first division with the other four fighting for the other places.

The International League season so far has been one of upsets. First of all the Rochester Red Wings, pre-season favorites to cop the pennant have returned home after a disastrous road trip, occupying last place. Their slump seems to be unexplainable but is due mainly to poor infield work and some mediocre pitching. Buffalo, rated as at least a first division club, also hit the skids on the road and are resting in seventh place as a result. The Newark Bears, conceded to have a good team but not an exceptional one, have put on a spurt which has given them eleven wins and two losses and firmly entrenched them at the head of the league. Baltimore, Montreal and Toronto occupy the rest of the first division in that order. However, now that Rochester and Buffalo are opening home sands, it seems certain that they will be able to climb up and greatly improve on their early showing.

The injury jinx which they have successfully avoided for so long has finally caught up with the World's Champion Detroit Tigers. In two hope-shattering blows on successive days two of their most valuable players have been forced out of the lineup, one for at least a month and possibly longer and the other for several days at least. The first blow came when Hank Greenberg, big

first baseman, who was voted the most valuable player in the American League last season, broke his wrist in a collision with a Washington player. He will be out for at least a month and probably more. In order to fill his place the Tiger management have secured Burns, St. Louis Brown's first sacker, in return for Elon Haggsett, relief pitcher, and some cash. The next blow came today when Manager Mickey Cochrane injured his leg and was carried from the field. This leaves the Bengals with a crippled team to defend their pennant in the face of much stronger opposition than any they have faced in the past two years.

With the weather continuing in clement and with the excitement of skip-day, local sports have not yet begun in earnest. The tennis courts have been open since Saturday and have been crowded but baseball practice has not yet begun. With good weather the coming week should find the athletes getting down to serious work and possibly witness the first baseball game of the season.

Since this is our final issue of the *Star* a few words of farewell are probably in order. We have greatly enjoyed working to bring to you in your college paper sports news, local and otherwise, and sincerely hope that we have pleased you. So we say "so long, sports fans!"

Literati

MORNING

Summer night was blending into the still, sweet simplicity of morning. The dimming moon faded steadily into the brightening hue of the sky and the sun rose leisurely and majestically to take its place. As the sun made its way over the lap of the hill it spread its reddish gold robe of light over the heavens and the rippling waters of the lake.

Everything was peacefully silent except for the lapping waters, which licked a steady tattoo of time for this Wapia and the joyful bird which sang its morning hymn of praise.

In a grove near the shoreline three white canvas tents stood. The brightening rays of the rising sun began to pierce these tents and dance about their dim interiors. They worked their magic spell and laughed softly as their victims began to stir.

One, awakened suddenly by the full rays of the sun in her face, pushed back the covers gently and slipped out onto the cool, bare earth. She poked her head out of the tent and the beauty of life and the glowing world brought a quick smile to her vivid, youthful face. She reached for a bathing suit which was hanging on the tent rope, and soon slipped forth from the tent, ready to enjoy the full benefit of God's world.

Stopping at the edge of the water, the girl poised on her tiptoes, head tilted back, breathing deeply the fresh invigorating air and surveyed the gorgeous, gleaming world with the appreciation of one who loved life.

Without warning she slipped in and disappeared under the water. Rising to the surface again, she started out in a straight line for the raft, cutting the water with rhythmic strokes.

Another girl appeared on the shore and calling a greeting softly to the swimmer, plunged in and pushed the waters from her in eager pursuit.

Then suddenly the Utopia was transformed into bedlam. By twos and threes the girls came from the tents hurrying, laughing, shouting, splashing into the water. No longer did the water beat its steady tattoo against the shore, but the round golden disk in the heavens told that the hour was seven.

M. H.

VILLAGE NEWS

Professor S. W. Wright and the Rev. Joseph Pitt left Houghton Thursday morning, April 30, for Canada where they will attend the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist Conference. They expect to return Monday, May 3.

Mrs. Herbert Babbitt returned from her home in Nevada Saturday because of the severe illness of her father, Mr. Milo Thayer. She had left Houghton only a few weeks previously.

Professor and Mrs. S. W. Wright recently visited Mrs. Wright's cousin, Mrs. Mason Hollenbeck, near Jasper. Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck suffered the loss of their house by fire two weeks ago at which time Mr. Hollenbeck was severely burned.

The college is host this week to several important guests. Among the number are: Dr. Samuel Grafflin, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. who lives near New York and has been here before; Dr. Latham, of Chester, Pennsylvania; the Rev. Mr. Monro, a Maryland pastor, who travels with Dr. Grafflin.

Miss Kartevold and Harriett Sartwell were in Utica over the week end. Miss Sartwell was engaged in making school contacts.

Anna Houghton Daughters

The Anna Houghton Daughters held their meeting at the home of the Misses Gillette and Rork on Friday afternoon.

A nominating committee was elected, with Miss Ella Hillpot as chairman, who are to report at the next meeting for election of officers.

Mrs. Bowen paid a tribute of love and respect to Mrs. Luckey, a former president, in an informal account of her life and residence here in Houghton.

Resolutions were adopted as published in last week's *Star*.

Miss Rachel Davison gave an interesting review of the book—"God's Trombones" by Johnson.

Current events were given by Miss B. Fancher, which included a letter from Miss Jean Trout of Addis Ababa.

At the close of the program tea was served by the hostesses.

Mr. Lusk's Death

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He testified to the comfort the Word brought to him—especially parts of the Psalms and Isaiah 53. He joined in as the nurse sang "Constantly Abiding" and his face lit with bright joy. When Rev. Pitt called and prayed with him, the room seemed filled with the Divine Presence. Being near him, one could not but remember Wesley's words as he spoke of the early Methodists, "Our people die well." What a witness to the mighty power a Saviour who can transform the hour of trial into one of victory, the valley of the shadow into an abundant entrance. O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? A home has lost a father; the church, a member with a burning heart; and the earth some of its salt; but there remains the inspiring memory of a life that has counted. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

CORRECTION

Due to an oversight on the part of the reporters of the Choir tour, the name of Elmer Davidson was omitted. It was largely through his influence and effort that the Choir's visit to Boston was made possible. Mr. Davidson gave the greater part of a day as a guide on a sight-seeing tour of Boston.

FRESHMAN STAR STAFF

This next week inaugurates the series of class editions of the *Star*. The first edition will be under the supervision of a thoroughly capable freshman staff, which is listed as follows:

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The Freshman issue will appear Friday, May 8.

March Morning

WALTER WHYBREW

(Just for the sake of contrast and to recall a happy memory.)

The sun was climbing above the eastern hills, shedding its rosy beams over a glittering fairyland of ice and snow. The air was still and a deep peace pervaded those morning hours.

Creeching from the hills on the eastern edge of the valley the broad beams of the sun touched with its magic fingers the ice-crusts trees. In the background a shimmering haze slowly lifted, uncovering the marvelous beauty of Nature's handiwork. A million pin-points of light glittered from the ice, while in the open fields the snow lay soft and white.

The warm breath of a southern breeze gently caressed the laden branches, causing a whisper as of a mighty symphony, Nature's symphony, playing an adagio movement from the Symphony of Winter.

Here and there a brave little bird added its solo tones in a flute-like welcome to the glorious sun. An occasional crash of falling ice formed a contrast in a fortissimo passage and the drip-drip-drip from the roof-top added its rhythm to the rest.

As the sun rose higher the glitter from the ice grew stronger and the pianissimo of the symphony grew into a forte as more and more ice crashed from its lofty perch before the warmth of the creeping rays.

Winter is struggling in its last attempt to avert oblivion but Spring is slowly pushing forward, reaching a little farther each time. Winter is staging its rallies, throwing all its force into a last minute stand, threatening to overcome the youthful Spring. But what a glorious resistance the stubborn old fellow is making!

A SICK BOY

BY ANNE SMITHE

(Poem entered in the 1936 Contest. Published with pseudonyms.)

His face is flushed. His head is hot. He looks so wan and weak. He smiles his wistful boyish grin, And tries so hard to speak.

He lies too still. It isn't right. He shouldn't be in bed. He should be playing captain With armies made of lead.

His blocks are piled in neat array. His electric train is still.

A row of circus animals Is marching on the sill.

But when he's up and out again, And mud's tracked on the floor I'll have forgotten he's been sick And scold him all the more.