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## Doings of the Sophomores

Do not think that because you have not heard very much about the present year's crop of sophomores that we are non-existent, or we are lacking in that quality sometimes known as class spirit, but more often designated as "pep."

The class election was held Thursday, October, 2, and the following officers were elected: President, Paul Steese; Vice President, Arden Burt; Secretary and Treasurer, Gerald Scott. A social committee was also appointed by the president, consisting of three members—Misses Dorothy Long and Ione Driscoll, and Mr. Francis Cott—who were instructed to start something immediately.

Following much discussion, the class decided to hold a hike and supper on Wednesday, October 8. Then ensued the usual preliminaries of rushing thru a petition to the authorities, and of securing a chaperone who would not restrict our liberties too much, and yet one to whom the aforesaid authorities could with impunity intrust the hope of the school, the noble sophomores. The petition went through swimmingly, and Professor Douglas was given the arduous task of curbing our exuberance.

Promptly at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon we started from the "Dorm" on our hike. After a circuitous route, we arrived at the "Spring," where in due time a supper exceeding even our wildest dreams was "handed out." To give the details of that repast would recall such memories that "ye scribe" would be utterly unable to continue this chronicle. Suffice it to say that rare beefsteak is, beyond the shadow of a doubt, our speciality.

Since not even the jolly "sophs" are immune from an infectious disease called "study", which is extremely prevalent in our hamlet at this season of the year, we returned to Houghton's suburb, the campus, at eight o'clock none the worse and a lot better natured from that trip into the "wilds".

Prof. Fancher in Economics: What reading appealed to you most, Tuesday night?

Johnson, highly excited: I liked the one with the bugs!

## NOTICE!

### Deficiency Examinations Oct. 31

All persons having deficiencies in any subjects either from last year or any previous year must take examinations on Oct. 31. It is necessary to report at the Dean's office at once submitting your name and the name of the subject in which you wish an examination, if you have any such incomplete work.

### Senior Breakfast

Amidst the busy days and nights at Houghton, are mingled times when care, anxiety and work are cast aside and with sportive rivalry each tries to out-do the other in dispensing fun and merriment.

But it takes high school seniors to beat other high school seniors. Some are even willing to put in a whole night to do it. When the merry party reached the place of breakfast, early on Wednesday morning, some were already there.

The breakfast was a success from all indications. So much so that even Mrs. Bowen forgot that time flies. After quantities of food had been consumed and a few toasts given, the happy party broke up feeling that the year was going so swiftly that they must improve each opportunity of being together.

### College Freshmen Organize

On October 15, 1924 the college freshmen became a definitely organized body. The class officers elected are:

President—Virgil Hussey  
Vice President—Joseph Newman  
Secretary—Harriet Remington  
Treasurer—Alta Albro

Already much class spirit has been displayed. This has been manifested by the first number that attended the first social function of the season,—a marshmallow and wiener roast held some time ago. Each one of the forty-five members of the class is looking forward to a year of class unity, social enjoyment, and high scholasticism.

Prof. Fancher: Mr. Williams, what would a thirty-second mortgage mean? Eddie: Not much?

## Harvest Day Program

The ladies of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society held their Educational meeting at the college building on the evening of Oct. 15. Over \$25 were contributed in cash and supplies at that time, more is coming in all the time.

Letters were read from Mrs. McLeister, General President and from Mrs. McCarty, Eastern Organizer. Two of the students furnished special music for the program. Alton Cronk rendered a piano solo and Louis Baker a vocal solo, messages from Mrs. Clarke, Conference President, President Luckey, Miss Bertha Grange and Mrs. Slade, President of the local society, concluded the program.

### Plus Ultra Picnic

Mrs. George Clark planned a delightful surprise for her Sunday School class, the Plus Ultras. The surprise was in the form of a picnic to Portage Falls on Saturday last. Soon after dinner thirty-one young ladies were wending their way to the beautiful park in automobiles piloted by Mr. Crouch, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Anderson. The afternoon was "just right" for a good time, and to all appearances all enjoyed themselves immensely,—perhaps the more so because those riding in the truck were obliged to walk on sundry occasions. A very acceptable picnic dinner at the middle falls and a noisy ride home in the early evening completed the delightful occasion.

### Room-For-U Class Camps Out

The largest boys class in our Sunday School is the Room-For-U Class. There are about forty boys, some high school and some college who make up its membership. The dominating purpose of the class is to develop its boy's spiritual life, but the social side is not altogether neglected. To aid in developing their social, physical, and spiritual natures, from time to time the class goes on hikes, camp out over night, have evening meetings in someone's home, and each Sunday they meet in the capacity of a Sunday School Class

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## The Lecture Course

With unprecedented support our lecture course has begun as an assured success. Financially guaranteed at the time of the first number, we anticipate full remuneration for our unusual investment. The general appreciation of the first number, the Suwanee River Quartet, paves the way for the succeeding numbers of the series.

November 4 brings to us the Westminster Quartet of Boston, a genuine singing organization. December 3, C. Oliver Moore, a lecturer of merit; January 16, Pitt Perker, cartoonist, or picturizing philosopher; and February 11, Lincoln Caswell, impersonator of "Honest Abe." Sometime during the spring months we expect to obtain Doctor Southwick of Emerson College, either for a lecture or a program of selective readings. The final number of the series is the popular May Festival. How can you afford to miss a single number?

### An Unusual Game Juniors Retain Title

When the former Junior High School team of Houghton Seminary were reunited this year in the College halls, the old class spirit arose, and their undefeated basket-ball squad again temporarily organized. A challenge was flung at the dignified college Seniors who accepted, determined to lift their worthy school-mates from the elevated roost upon which they had perched. Friday evening, October 17, was designated as the period when the battle would be fought.

An unusual evening was granted. The blue sky overhead, the stars which hung easily in the clear firmament, and the slight twinge of the October air, lent inspiration to the players and enthusiasm to the fans. Everyone was set for the struggle, and, when the members of the two rival teams ran in to their respective positions after the preliminary had been staged, tension ran high in the balcony.

The whistle sounded, the ball shot skyward, and the lanky centers each put forth every effort to gain the tip-off. For about five moments the game

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## Editorial

[Editor's Note—According to the ruling made in the U. L. A. meeting in June, authorizing the editor to select editorial writers, we have appointed three who will submit material for the editorial department. Professor J. M. Molyneux has kindly consented to act in this capacity, also Miss Alice Hampe and Virgil Hussey. There are other sources among the students and elsewhere from which we shall draw from time to time.—The Editor.]

### Intercollegiate Friendships

The world renowned baseball series between the pennant winning teams of the United States' national leagues has come to a close, and with them baseball excitement has waned. It will not be again revived until the winter is o'er, and the season for America's greatest sport is once more at hand. But with the coming of fall inspirations the elevating atmosphere, the autumnal paintings and the bending fruit trees, other contests have appeared within the athletic sphere which claims the interest of thousands of people. Football is the present sport of the land. The papers are watched daily for the football scores, and as a result of these, money—some lost and an equal amount won—flows like water.

But that in which we are most concerned is the colleges which promote these athletic features. Are they rivals in nothing but football? Do they practice intercollegiate friendship, or are they general enemies? Ah! we are inclined to believe that the latter phrase is the truer. If the matter was care-

fully analyzed, it is almost certain that within the various college ranks great rivalry and even hatred for other schools would be found to exist. However, we do not wish to convey the idea that football or any other intercollegiate sport is the root of all this evil, for many times, yea perhaps in the majority of cases, other causes claim our attention. Nevertheless, no matter what the reason, this lamentable situation should not exist. For how can we further the great cause for which we are all fighting if a scholastic revolution is staged? How can we promote the highest interests of education without cheerful co-operation?

We are working for the same golden end, that of gaining practical knowledge. We wish to become a success, and yet we place more stress upon the grievances which we hold against other institutions than upon the mutual duty of all colleges—the interpretation of the golden rule.

Let us practice friendliness. Let us remember our mutual interests, and let us work for their fulfillment. Let us mingle with other schools, in sport-life, if you like, not as enemies, but as friends and companions.

### An Unusual Game

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was intensely exciting, both squads fighting with vim and vigor. Then something happened which brought the entire proceedings to a most sudden and unexpected standstill.

From one end of the spacious court a peculiar, weird, unknown sound, not unlike the blast of a whistle. Necks were craned, muttered exclamation were heard from the balcony and sidelines, and curiosity was the prevailing element. The cause of the delay was at last found when the basket-ball was seen rolling drunkenly toward the sidelines. It had been thus carelessly treated when Dave Rees, stellar guard of the Junior aggregation, with a startled exclamation and a horrified look, had suddenly thrown it aside. He seemed inclined to believe that the leather pellet was demon possessed, while in reality, it was only suffering from a longitudinal fissure caused by the intense pressure of air within. Keith Farner, senior forward, declares that after the ball was dropped he saw Dave gazing sadly at his fingers, evidently expecting to find a few of them hopelessly mutilated.

The incident was extremely funny, and the referee could hardly make himself heard above the roar of the onlookers. At last, however, he succeeded in

announcing that the game could not continue since the damaged ball was the only one obtainable at the time.

The score stood 5 to 2 in favor of the Juniors when the accident interfered. Pete Steese and Irwin Enty divided honors for the Juniors, while Fred Bedford caged the one, lone basket of the Seniors.

It was a great game; but we hope to see a greater sometime in the future when the two rivals clash again. The old-time Juniors still retain their title as champions. Who will usurp their throne and rob them of their crown?

### Become Acquainted

"When you get to know a fellow, know his joys and know his cares,  
Where you've come to understand him and the burdens that he bears,  
When you've learned the fight he's making and the trouble in his way,  
Then you find that he is different than you thought him yesterday.  
You find his faults are trivial and there's not so much to blame,  
On the brother that you jeered at when you only knew his name."

The College Junior Class unanimously decided that the first social function of the year should be a friendly gathering to become acquainted. On account of the former unfamiliarity existing, class spirit has seemed to have been at a low ebb. We as a class are endeavoring to raise the standards of class spirit to one hundred per cent so that we may meet the obligations and responsibilities as they arise.

On Wednesday evening, October 15, the Jolly Juniors wended their way with well filled lunch baskets to the "World Renowned Spring" which has many times been the scene of such a joyous party. The environment would not be complete however without the inspirational campfire.

After the extraordinary appetites of the members of the class had been satisfied, a business meeting was held. A general discussion followed concerning the united interests of the class. The spirit of the evening was enlivened by the snappy stories of Professor Douglas, our chap.

### HOUGHTON LOCALS

Mrs. Lillian Burr spent the week-end at Belfast.

Clinton Donahue and Clyde Lupton spent Sunday in town.

Velma and Nellie Houghton spent the week-end at their home in the village.

Mrs. Crandall and children spent a few days in Rochester recently.

Donald Schumann spent Sunday with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robins.

Ethel Kingsbury spent the week-end with Katherine Jennings at her home near Angelica.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cronk attended the funeral of William Daniels of Penn Yan Tuesday.

Several from here attended the revival meetings at the Wesleyan Methodist church of Machias.

Mr. Fred Daniels was called to Penn Yan Saturday, by the death of his brother, William Daniels.

Lloyd Tingley has returned to his home at Gipsy, Pa., from the Franklin hospital. Mr. Tingley is improving rapidly.

Edmond Peck and friend, Alfred Scholtes of Syracuse spent Sunday with Mr. Peck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Peck.

The camp-ground has been receiving some much-needed improvements. The road has been repaired and the grounds cleaned up generally.

Ruth Rockwell has returned home from the Warsaw Hospital where she was operated on for appendicitis. We are glad to hear that she is rapidly improving.

### Athenian Society

The Athenian Society met on the evening of October 20 to enjoy an oratorical program.

Miss Helen Davidson read with good expression, "The Path that Leads to Home." Miss Edith Warburton followed with a musical reading entitled "Cured" which pleased the audience very much. Miss Hildreth then sang Margetson's "Tommy Lad." The burst of applause following this perfectly assured Miss Hildreth that the appreciation was unanimous and genuine.

The society was disappointed that Mr. Edward Williams was not present to give the oratorical medley arranged for by the committee. However, at the action of the chairman of the committee, two impromptu speakers. Miss Laura Baker and the reporter were chosen "to stand in the gap." Miss Baker nearly put the society into convulsions over the ridiculous situations of "The Inventor's Wife." The reporter sketched briefly an experience of his own in the Adirondacks, which might be entitled "Camping Under Difficulties"

There is something else, different and interesting, coming next Monday evening. Let's go.

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### Neosophic Society

The program was in charge of the French classes. Mildred Turner and Florence Long read French stories. Florence Fish sang a solo in French. An interesting dialogue was rendered by Alice Huntsman and John Paddock. A decidedly amusing song by Florence Fish, Alice Huntsman, Elsie Bacon, and Olive Benning concluded the program.

The Neo's are planning a party for Friday evening and sincerely hope nothing will overthrow their plans this week.

The beloved of Jehovah shall dwell in safety by him; He covereth him all day long, And he dwelleth between his shoulders. Deut. 34:12.

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### Chapel Services

As we entered chapel Friday, we were confronted with these words: "If one had started the day Christ was born, visiting one village each day until now, he would still have to live eighty years to reach the last village of India."

Another year had passed and it was again the time for our annual Harvest Day. As usual, the services were in charge of the Women's Missionary Society. We began by singing the Doxology. Well we might sing, "Praise God from all blessings flow," for truly, as a school, his blessings have been abundantly showered upon us throughout the past year.

Mrs. Slade, the president of the society, conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Clara Williams, who has been interested in our school from its beginning, gave us a heart-to-heart talk on our personal responsibility. "Death doesn't touch my emotional nature as life touches it. I am concerned when I think of the possibilities, the happiness, and the unhappiness, that are wrapped up in every young life. It is an awful thing to live, to know that every word and action of mine has a bearing upon other hearts and lives. Thank God there is a power beyond ourselves to hold us. The prayer of my life is, 'Bless me, Lord, and make me a blessing.'"

We could not help but catch the vision of service as Mrs. Shaffer told us of the great need of home workers. She emphasized the fact that unless men and women stand in the trenches at home, there will be no one to fill the gaps in the foreign fields. "God calls Sunday School teachers, mothers, and business men, as truly as he calls preachers and missionaries."

Mrs. Clarke followed with a stirring challenge to our young men. Her subject was, "Missions as a Man's Task." In January 1900 Houghton sent out her first representative to the foreign field. Today we find Houghton torch-bearers in Africa, India, Japan and South America. But we are made to wonder when we realize that less than one-third of these are men. "The world would have looked with scorn upon us if we had pressed our women into the front ranks during the late war and yet that is what is happening on our mission fields. Women have their place in the work of God. But is it woman's task to open new work, to build houses, to make roads. Yes, it is a woman's task if there is no one else to do it. But it is a one hundred per cent man's task. 'Do you carry on.'"

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**Alumni Notes**

Paul Ray Russell, formerly of Houghton, was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Oct. 16. Again on Oct. 18 he took the oath before the Court of Appeals. This entitles him to the right of practicing law before the Supreme Court of the United States after three years practice. Mr. Russell has been in the Treasury Department at Washington since 1918, and was graduated from the George Washington University in June 1924. He was a member of the high school graduating class of 1916 and later took some college work here.

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and the teacher, Professor L. H. Fancher, brings out the truths of the Bible lesson.

Last Friday evening it was their privilege to exercise their physical and social capacities. Therefore, a large number of the class piled into Mr. Crouch's truck and started for Crystal Lake, where the summer camp of the summer camp of the Buffalo Boy Scouts is located. The eats and two or three of the boys went ahead in "Mother" Long's car.

The advance guard arrived at the camp site before dark and soon had a roaring fire blazing on the spot where the scouts had their council fires. The shades of evening had fallen when the truck with its human cargo arrived—the fun began. About thirty hungry boys flocked about the campfire making their wants and desires known in no uncertain tones. But their appetite was not to be satisfied so soon, nor so easily; for, as is usually the case, one or two articles had been forgotten, making it necessary for those in charge to delay the evening meal until a trip had been made to Freedom, a town about three miles distant.

But patience—if there was any involved—had its reward; for about 8 o'clock the commissary department served, cafeteria style, an array of appetizing eatables which would gladden the heart of the most fastidious. Not the least of these dainty morsels were a pan of elegantly baked beans which were still hot, a large dish of potato salad, plenty of boy-made sandwiches, and other minor articles; all of which were partaken of heartily and much enjoyed by each one. Another car load of boys arrived in time for lunch, bringing with them a quantity of roasting corn which was used to good advantage.

After each one had reached the limit of his capacity, the party contented itself with gathering around the campfire and misusing Pat, Mike, and Isadore. This amusement, however, played out after a few hours, thus offering opportunity to serve the desert, consisted of cake and pop corn. Then it was deemed time to retire.

Through the kindness of the caretaker of the grounds, the boys had secured the use of a good-sized room in one of the buildings. Into this room the crowd poured until it ran over—about six slept out-doors. Bedlam reigned supreme for about an hour; then authorities thought it best that the place become quiet so that those who cared to, might sleep. Gradually the shower of shoes and other articles of clothing ceased and in a half hour all was quiet save of night birds outside, and the brays of nightmares inside.

About daylight Saturday morning the camp was astir again. By the time the boys had their clothes sorted out and put on, breakfast was ready and in spite of the repast of the evening previous, all ate heartily again. The camp was cleaned up soon after breakfast and the boys boarded the truck for the return ride, arriving in Houghton about nine-thirty.

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