

THE HOUGHTON STAR

Vol. XXVII

Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., March 1935

Number 1920

SCHOLASTIC HONORS OF SENIORS ANNOUNCED AT CLASS PARTY

HARRIET PINKNEY IS VALEDICTORIAN OF THE CLASS; ELIZABETH HARMON, SALUTATORIAN

Rev. Dean S. Bedford Gave Challenging Message on the World Conditions.

While announcement of Senior scholastic honors was the feature about which the activities of the evening were centered, members of the Senior class who gathered about Miss Fancher's fireside as guests of their class advisors on Tuesday evening found other pleasures awaiting them. The guests numbered over forty, including President and Mrs. Luckey and Rev. and Mrs. Dean Bedford of Rochester whose friendly mingling with the students added to the intimacy of the occasion.

Prof. Whitney Shea acted as master of ceremonies in welcoming the group and in introducing the male quartet which sang previous to the remarks of Dr. Luckey who centered the attention upon the proximity of graduation and the necessity of facing difficult situations found in the world today. This serious trend of thought was continued by Rev. Bedford who chose to extend the challenge of world conditions to Christian youth in all walks of life as they go out to meet the problems. He presented the record of the True Historian as revealed through the fulfillment of the prophecy to Daniel by vision, which typified the increased power of man throughout the ages until the Rock not hewn by hands—Christ—will shortly destroy man's imperfect governments and set up conditions wherein He will accept control. He followed his thoughts through carefully showing the de-

(Continued on Page Four)

PROF. FANCHER SPEAKS CONCERNING RUSSIA

A very much appreciated Chapel address was presented to the student body last Thursday by Professor Leroy Fancher. The body of his talk centered around two main thoughts.

The first of these thoughts was that of thankfulness for a free country. Many phases of this aspect of America's life brought out, such as freedom of the press, speech, and worship. Emphasis was laid on the duty as loyal Americans to recognize the evils of Communistic activities in this country. The ends, as well as the means, of such propaganda were declared to be pernicious, and excerpts from the speeches of prominent men were read to demonstrate that the Communistic system of Russia, being foisted upon the public of this land, is not as successful at home as might be expected. Brief glances were taken into conditions in Russia, attention being called to the strict censorship maintained there upon all pictures and documents which leave the country.

While sympathy was expressed for the people as such, young Americans should know the folly of permitting Russian ideals and ideas to dominate this land. No personal resentment was shown to the Russians as a people, but their destructive program and propaganda in vogue were roundly and justly condemned.

(Continued on page three)

Pinkney, Harmon, Allen Receive the Magna Cum Laude Classification.

Even though the class have found time for participation in outside fields as debate, athletics, music and Christian work, they have maintained a high standard of scholarship proving again that both can be accomplished.

In comparing the standings of valedictorian and salutatorian of this year with former years it was found that the three years of 1931, 1933 and 1935 led the others. While the averages for the valedictorians in the first two years mentioned were slightly higher than the one for 1935 the average of this year's salutatorian leads all the other salutatorians and also the average for valedictorians of other years not mentioned.

This year three students, Harriet Pinkney, Elizabeth Harmon and Paul Allen are to receive the Magna Cum Laude diploma.

Harriet Pinkney, born at Castile, N. Y. was a graduate of Castile High School. While there she showed her talent and ability at literary work by winning various essay contests. Dramatics also received her attention during these years. In the year 1931, she entered Houghton College and has continued her excellent work. During her Freshman year Harriet won the first prize in the short story division of the literary contest and won twelve dollars in the Oratorical contest, was a member of the literary departments of both the Boulder and the STAR and belonged to the Intramural Debate team. This year she has been prominent in Expression, French, Social Science, Owls, and Forensic Union. Besides her literary work, she has taken time to sing in the college chorus and in chapel choir.

The new honor of Valedictorian is a fitting fulfillment of Miss Pinkney's scholastic attainments in college.

Elizabeth Harmon of Rochester, N. Y. attended High School in Rochester and took the first two years of her work at Chesborough Junior College. Here she participated in many school activities. In the fall of '33 she came to Houghton. This year she is a member of the Latin Owls and Expression Clubs, is a member of the STAR Staff, sings in the chorus and is class vice-president. Elizabeth is the Salutatorian of the Class of '35.

Paul Allen born at Rockland, N. Y. attended Walton High School and Walton Training Class. After this he taught district school for a year and in the fall of '31 came to Houghton. While here he has been a varsity and class debate man, Associate Editor of the Boulder Staff, President of the Student Council, Forensic Union, and Y. M. W. B. and class treasurer. He has played on class basketball teams and is a member of the Expression Club. Scholastically Paul ranks third in his class.

There are twelve students in the upper group who receive better than a B average for all their college work.

(Continued on Page Three)

DEBATERS COMING HERE MARCH 20th

Elmira Team to Meet Varsity on Houghton Platform

According to a letter received Thursday afternoon from Miss Geraldine Quinlan, coach of debate at Elmira College, the Elmira debaters are prepared to come to Houghton next Wednesday to meet the Houghton team on the question "Resolved that a system of socialized medicine in accordance with the principles set up in the Wilbur report should be established by the state or federal government." The Elmira team for this debate will be made up of two members, Miss Louise Harder and Miss Ruth Van Dusen. Since the Houghton girls have not done any work on the socialized medicine question, the representatives from Elmira will be met by Paul Allen and Malcolm Cronk. The local boys are to uphold the negative.

It is an interesting coincidence that in Miss Harder and Mr. Allen we shall be able to witness a duel of wits between the student council presidents of Elmira and Houghton respectively. Miss Van Dusen is president of the Elmira Y. W. C. A. This will be the first home debate of the season, and every Houghtonite should be there to support the team.

CHOIR SANG THREE CONCERTS SUNDAY

Last Sunday's choir trip was no exception to the both profitable and enjoyable week-end tours taken by this organization. The choir sang in Richburg in the morning, Hornell in the afternoon and Andover in the evening.

Starting in mid-morning, the choir reached Richburg near eleven o'clock and in plenty of time to prepare for a good concert. This they proceeded to do and at the appointed hour a very inspirational service was begun. The pastor, Rev. Mason, gave over the entire service to the choir. The choir groups followed in regular order but interspersed with testimonies from the choir. After the conclusion of the service, the choir was most kindly entertained in the church parlor by the women of the church who had prepared a fine dinner for them.

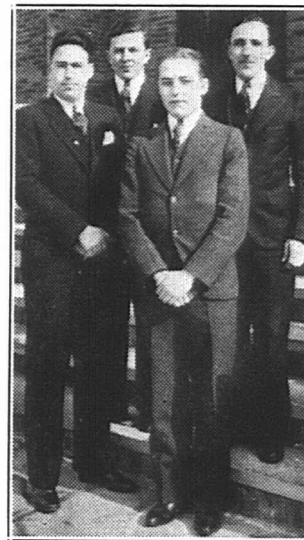
The afternoon concert in Hornell was attended by a large audience many of which are particularly well acquainted with the style of music which the Houghton College Choir sings. The interest displayed by the listeners inspired the Choir to do their best in this concert. The Hornell choir entertained the visiting choir at a very inviting luncheon after which they sang "Bless the Lord": "Salvation is Created" and Jesus Friend of Sinners" for the visiting choir. The Hornell choir is a good choral organization and worthy of much commendation.

The choir sang in the evening at a union service in Andover. The auditorium was well filled and the service inspirational.

Another day of song to the Messiah nearing its close, the choir returned to Houghton.

"When you trip up fall forward and get up farther along."

VARSITY DEBATERS TAKE VICTORY IN TWO COMBATS



THE DEBATERS
QUEEN, ALLEN, CRONK, BOON

BOULDER STAFF CONDUCT UNUSUAL CHAPEL

The Boulder staff took charge of student chapel Wednesday. They gave a very delightful, and entertaining program, judging from the hearty response from the audience.

Devotions were conducted by Marion Whitbeck after which the staff gave the audience a glance into the life of a busy Boulder. The platform was arranged to represent the Boulder office. Henry White entered briskly and "knocked off" a few lines on the typewriter. The editor "Wahoo" Vogel, then entered the office languidly, his condition evidently due to a lack of sleep. He seated himself at a table and yawned. He was disturbed by Miss Rickard, the Boulder advisor, who hurried in and reminded the editor that the copy should be in. Vogel agreed and, after she had hurried out, he proceeded to sleep. Ivone Wright, the assistant editor, came in and seeing him asleep in his shirt sleeves woke him up by humming, "Lazy Bones". Other members of the staff entered and a gloomy discussion or overdue copy began. "Steve" and "Arson" broke up the meeting by bringing in a telegram which "spilled" the news that the copy was all in. The dinner bell rang, and they all hurried out.

The second part of the program began with the completion of the dummy. The manager, Harold Boon entered the office looking as though business was not exactly "good". He put the Boulder dummy on the table and paced the floor. The other members of the staff trailed in for meeting. The new Boulder was enthusiastically examined by them and proclaimed "the best ever". The lack of subscriptions seemed to be the only flaw. Editor Vogel brought the program to a close by an appeal for student-support.

The program was cleverly done to awaken student-interest in the Boulder. Needless to say it accomplished its purpose.

KEUKA AND HARTWICK MET ON HOME PLATFORMS.

Ex-Ho'ntonites on the Team at Girls' College; Boys Spend Sunday at Paul Allen's.

The Houghton debaters returned Tuesday evening from their week-end raid, to report victory all along the line. The team, composed of Paul Allen, Harold Boon, Malcolm Cronk, and Merritt Queen, left Houghton Friday morning with Dr. Paine and his favorite automobile "Percy". Heading in the direction of Penn Yan, they arrived in time to allow them some time for a much needed review of their case for the negative side of the question, "Resolved, that a system of socialized medicine should be established by the state or Federal government." They then reported at the college and were most cordially welcomed. After having supper with the Keuka debaters, they spent another short period in session with the coach, and then proceeded to take the long end of a two-to-one count. The Keuka team, upholding the affirmative of the proposition, was composed of Mabel Amadon, Vernelia Crawford, and Sarah Challis. The first two named are former students of Houghton, so the debate almost amounted to an all-Houghton fracas. At any rate, the local boys put up a very smooth and concise performance, and really earned the decision. One of the judges was Dr. John Van Dusen of Hobart College, who was recently injured in an accident which occurred while he and the Hobart debaters were returning from their debate with the Houghton men. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cronk were present at the de-

(Continued on Page Four)

'HOLY SPIRIT' TOPIC OF CHAPEL ADDRESS

A discourse on the Holy Spirit was given by Prof. F. H. Wright in last Tuesday's chapel. He began by reminding his audience of Christ's appearance to His disciples after His resurrection and of His telling them to tarry in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. In His discourse in the upper room, Christ was most interested that His disciples should receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

In explaining the office of the Holy Spirit Prof. Wright said that He teaches all things, testifies of divine things, guides into all truth and illuminates the Word of God.

Errors made by those who consciously try to follow the Spirit but who only hinder Him were also taken up. One of the first errors is to substitute the phenomena of Pentecost for the fact. Second is the error of putting maturity in place of purity. Third, the error one makes in forgetting one's intelligence and then expecting the Holy Spirit to do everything, when one should bring his consecrated intelligence and let God use it for His work.

The address was concluded with an appeal for everyone to give his best intelligent service to God.

THE HOUGHTON STAR

PUBLISHED WEEKLY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR BY THE STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE

1934-35 STAR STAFF

EDITORIAL STAFF:

Editor-in-Chief	Keith J. Burr	Literary Editor	Harriet Pinkney
Associate Editor	Purla Bates	Religious Editor	Merritt Queen
Assistant News Editor	Orven Hess	Sports Editor	Lawrence Anderson
News Editor	Magdalene Murphy	Assistant Sports Editor	Henry White
Music Editor	Lorraine Brownell	Copy Editor	Loyal Baker
Feature Editor	Doris Lee		

BUSINESS STAFF:

Business Manager	Malcolm Cronk	Circulation Manager	Beth Harmon
Managing Editor	Willard G. Smith	Circulation Manager	Janet Donley

FACULTY STAFF:

Faculty Adviser	Rachel Davison
Alumni Star Committee:	Josephine Rickard, Whitney Shea, Zola Fancher, Mary Bain, Crystal Rork.

Entered as second class matter at the Post Office, Houghton, N. Y., under the act of October 3, 1917, authorized October 10, 1932. Subscription rate, \$1.00 for year—including thirty issues.

Editorial

Every other Thursday night an Owls Club meeting is held. And just as often someone is heard to remark—what sort of a club is that, bird study? In case you too seek enlightenment, the Owls is the only purely literary club on the campus. Its nucleus is the *Star* staff; its purpose to create and spread enthusiasm in literature. By constitution membership is limited to twenty; there are now fifteen members. This presents an opportunity for five people to join. As members are largely from the Senior class (two Juniors, one Sophomore) the largest opening is to underclassmen. Are you interested in literature; would you like to belong? The Owls formally opens its membership to you at this time. How to get in? Present a script to one of the members—an original essay, story, poem, sketch, play, description, etc. The club is already making plans for this year's *Lanthorn*, to contain prize winning articles in the Literary contest, and other manuscripts worthy of permanent record. It's an honor to own a *Lanthorn*; it's a greater honor to help create it! Again the only condition is the submission of well-written scripts. We would like twenty-five manuscripts before March 28th. Who shall our new members be?

H. M. P.

Rev. Royal Woodhead Speaks to Light Bearers

The Lightbearers held an inspirational and profitable service last Sunday afternoon. A lively song service was led by James Hurd, after which Olsson Clark took charge of the prayer and praise meeting. Each testimony was definite, pertinent, and expressed a deep joy in serving the Lord. Every one present received a great blessing from God through the soul-stirring song, "Lord, I Want to be a Christian," sung by the High School boys' quartet.

Rev. Royal Woodhead of Fillmore brought a short message on "The Devil and his Devices". The text was II Cor. 2:11, "For we are not ignorant of his devices."

First, the devil is an intelligent personality. Since he is of heavenly origin (Isa. 14:12), he knows about heavenly things and attempts to keep people from enjoying them. He is reasonable in his suggestions, and he has an understanding of each one's peculiar personality, therefore he knows each one's weaknesses. Besides the devil is a powerful being, even though he is not all-powerful. He has power to bring disaster, as in the case of Job, to change his appearance, and to get control of organizations even Christian ones.

Some of his special devices are inflation or pride, overwhelming one with a sense of defeat, bad examples of professing Christians, appeal to the word, feeling, and afflictions.

One can defend oneself from the devil and his devices by putting on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:14-18), by not tempting the devil by placing oneself in his territory, by

seeking to be obedient to the word of God, and by thinking on spiritual things. Finally, "Be ye strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."

The lightbearers have been having some spiritually good times lately, and they welcome everyone to their services.

"And ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," Acts 1:8.

The first eight chapters of the Acts of the Apostles deal with the early church in Jerusalem; the next few chapters deal with the spread of the Gospel in Judea and Samaria; and the rest of the book relates Paul's missionary journeys to "the uttermost parts of the earth."

Thus the eighth verse of the first chapter of Acts is considered the key to the whole book.

NOTICE ALL!

Beginning now, the Owl's Club is open to applicants for admission. The Club, in solemn convocation assembled, will receive manuscripts of any type, subject to rules laid down by the Literary Contest as conformity with the ideals of Houghton College. Entries will be judged on merit, and selection to membership made accordingly. We invite everyone to submit his work to the program committee—composed of Magdalene Murphy, Doris Lee and Elizabeth Harmon—or to any other member of the Owl's Club. Competition should be extensive, and we advise you to apply at an early date.

ALUMNI NEWS

WASHBONS

Early in their married life George and Helen Washbon united with the East Hill point of the Houghton Creek Church. They were active and loyal members and their home became particularly noted as an "open house" for ministers who chanced to come their way. Among these, on many occasions, was Willard J. Houghton, who was a close friend of the family. When, a little later, Willard Houghton's dream began to materialize in the form of the "Old Seminary" building, a mile up the valley from the present campus, the new school could be seen from the windows of the Washbon farm home on East Hill, just across the valley.

While Houghton Seminary was becoming established the Washbon family circle was also expanding, until the second generation numbered five members. It was inevitable that the existence and growth of the new institution should have a great interest for these growing young people. George and Helen Washbon were never privileged to further their own educational opportunities at the Seminary, but they stood loyally by and made it possible for all five of their children to benefit by the opportunity, even after the home was moved farther away to the town of New Hudson, halfway between Rushford and Black Creek.

It was not until the children had all completed their schooling and had left home that the elder Washbons retired from the farm and purchased the home in the village next door to the old white church, which they occupied until Mrs. Washbon's death in 1927. During these last years in Houghton they continued to manifest the same lively interest in the affairs and welfare of both Church and School that had characterized practically their whole life.

Dora, the eldest of the Washbon children was the first to enter the Seminary as a student, in 1893. She recalls having some years previously attended a Commencement program of the institution (her first such occasion) at which one of the graduates was a young man by the name of James Luckey, a name later to become closely associated with the name of Houghton. After a year at Houghton Dora taught in district schools until her marriage to Charles Sicard in 1898. Since have followed many years of faithful service for the Church, in the tradition of her family, as a pastor's wife.

The second daughter, Eva, attended Houghton 1899-1900. She too school for several years, before marrying Samuel Dietrich and settling down on a farm near Cattaraugus, N. Y. The Dietrichs have been in the years following active and faithful lay members of the Cattaraugus Wesleyan Church. Their family consists of two daughters, Louise and Melva.

Achsa Washbon graduated from the Seminary in the Class of 1906, a class especially famous by virtue of having been the first to be graduated in the new building (present Administration building). It was rather an active and able class and is generally considered, by its members at least, as famous for still other reasons besides this mere accident of time. (For further details interview Professor Stanley Wright). Subsequently Achsa became Mrs. John S. Willert and has served faithfully and effectively in support of her husband's distinguished career in the service of the Church. They live in

Syracuse and have one son, Edward.

Floyd Washbon attended Houghton 1902-1905. Later he pursued a special course in dairying in the Agricultural School at Cornell, was for some time a milk tester for the State, later superintendent of large blooded dairy herds in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Delavan, Illinois. He married Lucy Lafferty, of Little Valley, N. Y., and they have two children, Margaret and Donald. At present they live on their dairy farm near Cazenovia, N. Y.

Floy, the youngest of the second-generation Washbons, graduated from the Seminary in 1910. After leaving Houghton he studied at a business school in Elmira, where he met May Benjamin, whom a little later he married. He worked for some time for the Erie Railroad, and then for a period of years was employed in a managerial capacity by the Standard Oil Company. For some years past he has been sales manager for the Ecco Refrigerating Cabinet Co., throughout the New England States. He makes his home at present in West Medford, Mass. After a busy week on the road in the interests of his company, he devotes his Sundays to special Christian service as a member of a male quartet which is much in demand in the churches of the Boston vicinity, or in deputation and evangelistic work with Gideon groups. With the latter he is frequently charged with the presentation of the main message of the service.

The third generation has so far been represented in Houghton by only two individuals, children of Dora Washbon Sicard.

Helen Sicard entered college here in the fall of 1916, continuing through 1918. For the next two years she did clerical work in the office of the Wesleyan Publishing House, in Syracuse. She returned to Houghton for the year 1920-21, then spent a year in Marion College and one in the University of Michigan, where she was graduated in 1923. After three years of teaching in High Schools in New York State she married Gilbert A. Benson, of Falconer, N. Y., and went with him to Shanghai, China, where he was employed by the National City Bank of New York. They now live in Rangoon, Burma, where Mr. Benson is the manager of his company's branch bank.

Lynford Sicard attended Houghton Seminary during the years 1919-21, during which time and for two years previous, Charles Sicard was the Pastor of the Houghton Church. After graduating from the Aberdeen S. D. High School, and attending for three years the State Teacher's College at Aberdeen, he spent a year at Wheaton College and was graduated in 1931. The following fall he joined the Houghton College faculty as Instructor in French. The following year he was made Assistant to the President, in which position he is at present serving.

There are still several other young members of the third generation who will undoubtedly appear in due time to carry on the Washbon family tradition.

A Word from "Ken" Wright

136 Nichols Ave.
Syracuse, N. Y.
Feb. 18, 1935

In answer to several inquiries which have come to me either directly or indirectly as a result of the chapel talk of Jan. 4 relative to the matter of fraternities, I would like to write a few words for this corner of the

Star. I am thoroughly convinced that Houghton is right in the stand she takes in not permitting chapters to be organized there. Moreover, I would not advise anyone to join one after leaving Houghton for another institution. In fact, I would caution against even taking the step I have taken.

I have become a "pledge". This means I have promised to join a certain fraternity if I join any. This gives me the privilege of sitting in on lectures and review classes sponsored by that fraternity; the fraternity keeps me in touch with my grades and standing at the office, and I am no longer a candidate for "rushing". I have an obligation as this fraternity to join it when and if I join any, but I do not necessarily have to join any, though of course it is expected of me. A "pledge" is by no means an initiated member, though such a one has taken one step in that direction.

Of all the problems which one has to solve in the freshman year at Syracuse Medical School, the question of the fraternity is one of the most serious. Becoming a "pledge" by no means solves it. It is obvious that there is much to say on both sides of the question. So far I have derived some real benefit from my affiliation, and incidentally haven't paid a cent for it. (This Utopian state of affairs, however, may not last forever.) But in deciding for or against a fraternity, even though it may be a strictly medical-fraternity for instance, involves a moral and spiritual problem. No Fraternity is worth compromising for. "Pledging" will make it more difficult to decide against becoming a member. For this reason it is very advisable to decide for or against the fraternity before "pledging".

Yours truly,

Kenneth Wright

Hokum Quire

SUNDAY, MARCH 10.

Left, with much ado about nothing at 9:15 ... Where's Bedford? ... Mr. Queen's presence made outstanding by his absence ... and so we leave: no handkerchiefs, no tears no nuthin'—whassa matter, youse guys? ... no excitement—Kopler asleep ... we reach Richburg; Gib and Steve go to Sunday School, like nice little boys—(Notice, we said like) ... and so we break the silence of three weeks and sing a Sunday morning concert to the peepul ... much enlightened by the presence of Mable and John Farwell and Vivian Bunnell in the audience ... we eat ... Si: "Oh, this's the place where we get all the pie!"—and to think there wasn't any this time ... exit the choir, with Bob Luckey doing a swan dive as he rounds a corner of bus ... practically fell for Eileen ... Hornell—Brockett entertains the fellows with organ solos ... nicky audience, graced by more ex-Houghton people—Jeannette Smith and Harlan Lane ... the herr professor dons his purple gown, to the great glee of all concerned ... we are entertained by the A Capella choir of the church, which, among other numbers, sings "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" ... nize ... we tear off for Andover ... dressing room difficulties ... Loraine: "Is my hair presentable?—No, I don't mean I want to give it away; does it look all right?" ... Micky makes flying leap downstairs ... Steve: "Ha-chacha ... fan mail coming in from three concerts—how'm I doin'?" ... rapid-fire dressing and a wild rush for the bus ... intricate seating arrangements take form ... Kopler: "Anyone wants change seats with me?" ... we establish a record and pull in at 10:15 ... and so to bed ... an' another choir trip in past history.

Evangelical Student

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 6:33

"Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."—Matt. 7:7, 8

These March Days

If we are normal human beings, we have a tendency to become afflicted with that malady recurring annually about this time of the year which is commonly called *Spring Fever*. We have felt the restless urge to be done with the cold, desolate dullness of winter in its less pleasant aspects. To be sure, we may have thrilled to the sparkle of pure snow under a clear blue sky or we may have bucked the freezing blasts cheerfully in contemplation of the warmth and companionship awaiting us indoors.

However, although we may feel delight in all seasons of the year, there is to be noticed a decided exhilaration and sprightliness of step and countenance with the advent of the first spring days. Everywhere the joyousness so happily sung by the returning birds is evident. All life seems possessed of the desire to be up and doing. The young leaves and flowers seem fairly to burst their hard coverings in their anxiety to accomplish the work which God has assigned to them. The young animals everywhere seem to crave physical activity while we begin to tire of the artificial pleasures of the winter and long to get out into the sunshine and accomplish something worthwhile.

We may sense an unusual pulsation of life and its activities about us. We may find that seemingly bothersome details settle into their rightful places and importance with the renewed lease on life about us. It may even occur to us that the quiet winter resting period but preceded this outburst of vitality that we might be more appreciative of it and that we and the rest of God's world might be better fitted for direct participation in its activities. Yet with all the action as a whole is so right, so well synchronized, and in its rightful place that a restful but vital quiet permeates our very beings.

Spring Fever—

A high school student has caught the spirit and rather poignantly expressed some of the desires which bubble up within us with an attack of—

SPRING FEVER

BY WILMA ERLICH

"I want to get out in the country
Away from the dust and grime;
And wrap my arms round a crooked tree

And climb— and climb— and climb!"

"I want to get out in a new-ploughed field—

Where the world and the sky are big;

And fill my hands with the steaming earth

And dig— and dig— and dig!"

"I want to get out in an open place
Where my soul can see the sun;
And drink deep draughts of the scented air

And run— and run— and run!"

"I want to get up on a high, high hill

Beside a bubbling spring;

And lift my arms to the God of Life
And sing— and sing— and sing!"

"I want to get out 'neath a forest's dome

Oh, far and far away;

And kneel beside a purple pool

And pray— and pray— and pray!"

In Another Way—

Is there not here some direct application for each of us to make to our own spiritual lives? Our lives may be likened to the drab coldness of winter with its bright spots of happy experiences and its gales of tough problems.

One with Christ, we know that we can proclaim His sovereignty in our lives, for our former dulling sins have been wiped out and our whole selves and entire wills have been given to the Lord for such work as He would have us do. With our lives completely yielded to Him, we are filled with the Holy Spirit who in turn fills us with the desire to be up and doing the will of the Lord. With Him directing our activities, the problems seem less bothersome for we need not carry them alone, for He is using them to enrich and strengthen us in His way. We find that He has a definite plan for each life that is completely yielded to His will, and that when we trust and obey Him until we are ready for something He desires done, at exactly the right time He will show us the place He would have us to fill.

There is a definite responsibility and opportunity for every soul who will to engage zestfully and practically in serving his God and his fellow-men. In so doing, he finds himself in the warm spring sunshine of God's love, under whose influence he expands, develops and engages in happy active service.

Suggestions for our Christian activities and manner of serving our fellow beings may be found in Gal. 6:2 Eph. 4:32, Matt. 25:40, Col. 3:17 Matt. 6:33, Matt. 7:7, 8.

INQUIRY

People are wondering—just why should "Walt" Schogoleff make "Wes" Churchill a present of a certain card of congratulation—daintily painted and altogether quite fetching? We'd like to know more of this particularly intriguing case.

Also—Mr. Boon claims that Mr. Queen is well-versed on what happens when the horses start too soon. Mr. Queen merely grins in strained fashion and continues his search for a laundry.

And again—a certain young couple is very curious. When you've had the ping-pong table for an hour, is it nice for someone else to come along and want to take it away? This is a very deep problem—food for the culture committee.

And finally—will someone please enlighten us as to what attraction the inner recesses of the Boulder office have for certain people around here? We didn't know there were so many people of so many different classes on the Boulder staff.

"OUR DESIRE"

BY GERALD WRIGHT

It has been said that four or five years ago the average attendance at the Light Bearers' services was about one hundred young people. The audience consisted more of college than High School students, but it was always under the leadership of a "Light Bearers" member.

Malcom Cronk, former member and president, says that it was the most popular spiritual organization at that time. It was noted for its spiritual aid and inspiration.

We, the Light Bearers, realize that this organization is not what it formerly was, but it is our greatest ambition to see our services grow spiritually and in attendance. In the future we will try to make our services more interesting.

For success we need the attendance of the college students. We hope all feel welcome to attend our Sunday afternoon services and leave your prayer and testimony.

REV. DEAN BEDFORD SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

Few speakers are anticipated with more enthusiasm by the student body than the Rev. Mr. Dean S. Bedford, pastor of Brighton Community Church, Rochester. After chapel, students who ordinarily do not fully express themselves were heard confessing, "I thoroughly enjoyed chapel this morning."

The story of the raising of Jairus' daughter and the healing of the woman with the issue of blood, recorded in Mark 5:15-45, served as the basis of the message.

"Before we can get a short range view of Scripture, we must look at it from a distance," declared Mr. Bedford. These two stories are distinctly dove tailed. To understand the one, it is essential that we have the other. Christ's compassion responded to the passionate appeal of a father whose daughter lay at the point of death, while the Master seemed not at all concerned with the worthiness of the man, nor with the unconventionality of his prayer. God always harkens to the heart-cry of a humble man.

"Jesus went with him," and the multitude followed, an idle, curious crowd, devoid of faith and consecration. They went to see and be seen, even as do hundreds of those who follow Christ today in church life.

Postponement of meeting the father's urgent need was occasioned by the woman with an issue of blood. Like many sinners, she had spent her life to be freed from the ailment and again like them, she had sought in the wrong places. But now she had faith that she had reached the right physician. She touched the garment of Jesus, who immediately turned and challenged, "Who touched Me." Though jostled in the throng, He recognized the touch of faith, and required of her the story of her affliction and its healing, firstly, for her own assurance, and secondly, to teach the father a lesson in patience.

Servants arriving said that the child was dead, but Christ said, "She only sleepeth." "The Lord Jesus is utterly unreasonable when we try to reduce Him to the logic of the human syllogism," declared Mr. Bedford. "God can say, 'He sleeps, for in Him is the hope of a glorious awakening.'" The surpassing compassion of a loving Christ, although delayed, met the need of a father and mother, when He said, "My little lamb, arise," and the woman's need was a confession for herself and for others.

"A great thought or a great idea actually enlarges that soul into which it is taken," concluded Mr. Bedford.

FANCHER'S CHAPEL

(Continued from page one)

The second division of the talk centered around the spiritual citizenship of which every true Christian is proud. Some of the advantages of the heavenly Citizen were cited and although throughout the entire talk emphasis was laid upon one duty as an American, it was pointed out during the summation of this second point that it is a far greater privilege to be a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven than to be a part of the United States—greatest of all nations.

The duties of Christians were shown to be quite as important and necessary as the privileges. An illustration of a trip to Maine was used to point out the fact that once the pearly gates of the Celestial City have been attained, one should forget all the trials and troubles of the journey which, though seemingly so great here, will appear as trivial then in bringing out the two points of



Variorum

Two more weeks before the Literary Contest closes! Have you a story, poem or essay to submit? Freshman will enter nearly one-hundred per cent. Upperclassmen ought to have a fifty-per-cent representation. Try your hand at something; you might win!

Perhaps you have wondered, as I have, why literary contests are held. Why should students try to write literature—has not all great literature been written, all great ideas expressed long ago? In Europe—France, England, Germany, perhaps, this is true. Literary forms and traditions are all distinctly set. Young writers can not escape traditions or seek recognition through originality. But great thing about America is that our literature is even now in the making. "The future of American literature rests in the hands of the finest of our contemporary writers."

Our literature is still in its vibrant youth. The years separating us from our crude, colonial beginnings are few. Literary interest, at first alive only in Boston and New York, has spread south and west infecting the whole land with the creative urge that produces literature.

Granted that we should try creative writing, why should it be confined to the three specific fields—short story, essay and poem? Perhaps our answer is that the first is American; the second international; the third universal. Perhaps it is the influence our finest creative artist, Edgar Allan Poe, who "wrote some of the most treasured poems of the language, perfected the short-story form, and set standards of criticism that exerted world-wide influence."

American taste prefers the Short Story as its favorite literary child of today. It suits the tempo of our age as no other form of writing seems to do. The short story is America's contribution to the literature of the ages. Poe, Hawthorne and O. Henry are three of the greatest short story writers of all time. To rival them Europe presents Guy de Maupassant, Robert Louis Stevenson and Rudyard Kipling. Undoubtedly the large number of our modern writers who are producing short stories will give the form even greater place in our literature.

The essay, on the other hand, is distinctly cosmopolitan. Although the genial Montaigne originated the form, some of its greatest masters have been English, as Bacon, Addison, Steele, and Lamb. Our first essayists were Henry David Thoreau and Ralph W. Emerson. Why should we be interested in the essay? Partly because it is a sort of personal conversation with an intensely interesting personality; a record of a portion of the infinite amount of talk in the world. Some essays are written for the benefit of others; more for the pleasure of self-expression. The charm of familiar essays is in their diversity. Some of America's most charming literary figures have contributed to the essay form—as G. K. Chesterton, Stewart E. White, Vachel Lindsay, Stephen Leacock, Rob't Schaeffer and Christopher Morley.

The address in brief, Professor Fancher left the following impressions: "I'm thankful that I am in a land of freedom, but I'm a million times thankful that I'm a citizen of the heavenly land."

Sometimes we regard poetry as ephemeral bits of fairy dust, beautiful but useless. Yet "poets and singers have contributed as much to the world's progress from the beginning of time, as the soldier and sage and statesman." Poetry is an open door to new experiences—it was first produced by groups singing about the camp fire. Later it was sung by minstrels and troubadours to the accompaniment of the lyre, or other musical instruments. Its appeal is tremendous to all ages and types of men, since it sings itself into their hearts. The poet sees beauty, pathos, humor that we are unaware of. Modern poetry—largely lyrical—expresses a single emotion of its writer. Perhaps the three greatest living poets writing with English language are John Masefield, A. E. Housman and the Irish William Butler Yeats. In our country Robert Frost is one of the rarest voices among living poets.

Essays and stories are too long to be printed here, but perhaps this poem by England's poet-laureate will give you the inspiration you've been waiting for.

The Wanderer's Song

"A wind's in the heart of me, a fire's in my heels,
I am tired of brick and stone, and rumbling wagon-wheels;
I hunger for the sea's edge, the limits of the land,
Where the wild old Atlantic is shouting on the sand.
Oh I'll be going, leaving the noises of the street,
To where a lifting foresail-foot is vanking at the sheet;
To a windy, tossing anchorage where yawls and ketchers ride,
Oh I'll be going, going, until I meet the tide.
And first I'll hear the sea-wind, the mewling of the gulls,
The clucking, sucking of the sea about the rusty hulls,
The songs at the capstan in the hooker warping out,
And then the heart of me'll know I'm there or thereabouts.
Oh I am tired of brick and stone, the heart of me is sick,
For windy, green, unquiet sea, the realm of Moby Dick;
And I'll be going, going from the roaring of the wheels,
For a wind in the heart of me, a fire's in my heels."

SENIOR HONORS

(Continued From Page One)

work or 26.23 per cent of all the class. Ranking second in this respect is the class of '32 with 22% in the corresponding upper group. The classes of which records could be obtained have the group obtaining B average or above between 12% and 22% of the class.

We believe this class should be congratulated and their achievement should inspire other classes to continue to hold the standard high.

The following list gives the names of the upper group of this year's seniors:

Harriet Pinkney
Elizabeth Harmon
Paul Allen
Loyal Baker
Doris Lee
Ethel Doty
Magdalene Murphy
Keith Burr
Florence Smith
Grace Smith
Ernestine Austin
Alma White

"A man's reputation is what his fellow men think of him.

A man's character is what God knows of him."

—Van Dyke.



Food for Thought

Doc Paine was discovered in the telephone booth the other day, the receiver in his hand and a meek and attentive look on his face. Prof Shea, who had been waiting patiently "in line" for quite some time, finally ventured this plea:

"Say, Paine, excuse me, but I'm in a hurry. You've had that phone for 20 minutes and haven't said a word. And Doc, his finger on his lip, replied: "Shhh! I'm talking to my wife."

To the kind friends who sent in notices of consolation to the editor of this column: we were neither indisposed, ill or deceased last week. The only thing wrong with the column was that we tried to please everybody and as usual, succeeded very well in pleasing nobody.

None too originally, but most appropriately, we pen:

A school paper's a great invention:
The school gets all the fame;
The printer gets all the money,
And the staff gets all the blame.

Quote gentleman: See that man over there? He's a namby-pamby sap, a dim-witted horse thief, a false alarm, a thus-and-so nonentity.

Lady: Would you mind writing that down? He's my husband and I'd like to use those terms on him sometime.

DIZZY DEFINITIONS

The plural of spouse is spice.
The law allowing just one wife is called monotony.
Wind is air in a hurry.
Subjects have a right to partition the king.
A deacon is the lowest kind of Christian.
The Salic law is that you should take everything with a grain of salt.
The Pharisees were people who liked to show off by praying in synonyms.

A certain outstanding (?) member of the girls' dorm was headed for the bathroom equipped with soap, towel, and bath-mat, when she was accosted by a neighbor: "Going to take a bath?"
"No" replied the enterprising co-ed. "I have a contract to teach the cockroaches how to swim!"

Willard: I have a sliver in my finger.
Muir: Been scratching your head again?

All those with any objections to offer, please check in brackets and mail to Editor:

- () I don't like the Editor's attitude.
- () There weren't any jokes about me.
- () I couldn't get the point.
- () I never have liked the paper anyway.
- () My joke wasn't printed.
- () I couldn't read it in History class.

GLIMPSES

Presenting: Lois Munger.

Miss Munger admitted under strict questioning that she was born in Gainesville, on February 25, 1915. She was allowed to leave Gainesville High in 1931, among the wails of her classmates. She came to Houghton in the fall of '31, and has since been one of the most popular members of the class. She has participated in numerous extra-curricular activities, including the French, Latin and Expression Clubs, chorus and chapel choir. Approached for this interview directly after a test in philology, Miss Munger declares herself unable to pen any intelligent words whatsoever, but persistence finally gained us this statement: "If I had a book of smart sayings, I could add much more."

Presenting: Lovedy Sheffer

Lovedy first saw light in Franklin, Pennsylvania, on October 26, 1913. She graduated from Youngsville High School in 1931, receiving the Balfour key, presented for scholarship, loyalty and achievement.

Since coming to Houghton in the fall of '31, Miss Sheffer has shown herself particularly outstanding in athletics, playing on class, Purple and Varsity basketball teams. She was Purple captain this year, and has played a faithful and efficient center for four years.

Besides this, Lovedy has been a member of the chorus, chapel choir and Music Club, and has been an active worker in Houghton's Christian organizations. Speaking of herself:

"I am deeply grateful for Houghton College—her ideals—and especially for the friendships which I have been privileged to obtain during my four years sojourn here. I also appreciate the many opportunities I have had to testify, both here and in surrounding communities."

Presenting: Ethel Doty.

Ethel began a series of varied experiences on November 25, 1912, in University Park, Iowa. She attended Houghton Seminary for a year and a half, then went with her missionary parents to India, where she graduated from Wellesly Girls' School. She came to Houghton College in January, 1932, and is one of those rare individuals who finish college in three years and a half. Since coming to Houghton, Ethel has been a member of the WYPS, Pre-Medic Club, Music Club and YMWB. She did some particularly excellent work in pageantry and participated in the June oratorical contest twice. She also has had the experience of being Biology laboratory assistant for two years.

She presents the following statement for the press:

"Houghton has meant a great deal to me both in forming lasting friend-

ships and in a deeper experience in the things of God. Houghton has also been a great factor in my adjustment to American Life."

Presenting: Willard Houghton.

Mr. Houghton was born, so he says, in Cattaraugus, New York, on February 13, 1912. He graduated from Cattaraugus High School in 1931 and made his debut in Houghton College the next fall. Since his entrance, nas has played basketball, baseball and tennis, and has been both president and vice-president of the Athletic Association (though not at the same time) In the absence of the Freshmen class president, he officiated in that capacity also, in the spring of '32. After much deep thought, he came across with this statement:

"My namesake has been a great place to go to school. P.S. I didn't want to make a statement, but the staff insisted."

MARKEE'S GIVE PARTY

The aftermath of a gay coffee splash at the Markee cottage revealed that at least one tongue has been silenced. It is that of a certain dinner bell used there. As the lively party progressed it was feared that no good would come from it, but not until the festivities died down was the dispossession noted. A hoarse cry marked the finding of the loss; the sixteen male guests immediately skeddaddled.

The affair was all action from the start. A scavenger hunt, the first order of the evening, showed too well that the celebrities were out for a good time at any cost. Even honor groveled in the dust as certain trophies of the chase were proven invalid and, later Mr. Moxie was seen to be openly winking at Lucille Wilson. One might also think that Mr. King lost his usual bashfulness as he violently grasped Miss Heidel in the immediate presence of the entire assembly. Two ordinarily sedate young women came almost to swords' points, once, when Miss Scinecke resented Miss Bay's complete possession of two men.

A halt had to be called so refreshments were announced. The wild scramble which followed was led off by Mr. F. H. Wright and his sidecar. Silence, broken only by audible gulps ensued, and it was at this time that the silver dinner bell was noticed to have been lifted from its accustomed resting place.

A probe has been ordered to discover the whereabouts of the antique but no results have been announced as this issue goes to press.

DEBATE TRIP

(Continued From Page One)

bate, having made the trip over from Houghton during the afternoon.

The purple pirates now trekked to Walton, Paul Allen's old stamping ground, where they spent Sunday on the Allens' pleasant "Woodlawn Farm". Sunday evening the boys provided the "arousements" at two services. First they took the regular meeting of the Walton Epworth League, where Paul Allen presided. Merritt Queen gave the message, and the others filled in the chinks. Thence they proceeded to the Christian Alliance Mission in charge of Rev. Howard Warren, a Nyack chum of Harold Boon's. Here the boys again took things over, the piece de resistance being furnished by "Dannel".

At Hartwick College the debaters were greeted by Paul Crumley, an ex-Houghtonite, and given the keys of the city. The argument at Hartwick was occasioned by a difference of opinion on the question, "Resolved that the private manufacture of arms and munitions should be forbidden by international agreement." The hilltop men, Mr. Frank Blackmer

Maurice Harrison, and Captain George Haithwaite, were of the affirmative persuasion, while the invaders thought "no". After a more or less protracted discussion, three impartial witnesses declared that in the opinion of two of them, the visitors had the better of the tangle. Hartwick auditorium was filled to capacity with an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. The boys spent the night with the Allens and headed Houghton-ward Tuesday. Except for the first day, the trip was favored with shady and moist weather.

SENIOR PARTY

(Continued from page one)

terioration which has resulted when man has neglected God and been allowed to have governmental power in his own hands. This will not be corrected until Christ takes the supremacy, which will be soon. While the discouraging aspects of current conditions were presented as a challenge, encouragement was given that we cannot exist too much longer.

The unexpected announcement of honors by Miss Fancher called attention to the high grade of scholastic attainment achieved by members of this year's class. Harriet Pinkney, Elizabeth Harmon, and Paul Aller received especial distinction as those to be graduated with *magna cum laude*.

This climax of the evening's activities preceded the serving of ice cream and cake attractively served. The school colors of purple and gold were novelly featured in the refreshments.

In conclusion, Keith Burr, president of the class, presented a clever "book report" of the autobiography of John J. Senior, who may have been almost anyone in the class. This led easily to the singing of the Alma Mater following which the guests bade their hostess and friends good-night.

Special appreciation is due Miss Fancher who was largely responsible for the delightful atmosphere, and details of the evening's program, to Prof. Shea, her associate, to Rev. Bedford, and to the Boys' Quartet composed of Messrs. Hess, Barker Cronk and Smith, and the Girls' Trio with the Misses Harmon, Brownell and Munger whose contributions added greatly to the success of the evening.

FORENSIC UNION SPONSOR GREENEST PROGRAM

Saint Patrick and the Freshmen formed the double features of the greenest program yet sponsored by the College Forensic Union at its March meeting held on Thursday the 7th. That the atmosphere might not become too spicy with live young wit, seasoning of various sorts was offered by the upperclassmen.

The devotional reading by the President, Paul Allen, upheld the merits of wisdom. Carl Vanderburg opened the evening's program which of necessity underwent several last minute changes with a piano solo which was well received. The extemporaneous which was decidedly not Irish was given by Harold Boon who harped back to his old, familiar subject for debate when he chose as his topic of current interest which might be discussed, the general subject *W. Rowena Peterson* displayed her Celtic heritage with a stanza of Irish brogue and a rambling (she herself is responsible for the word) essay on *Emerald Isle Fancies*. Herbert Stevenson chose to give for his boot-report an account of Count von Luckner, the Sea Devil about whom Lowell Thomas has written. Three maidens in green,—Doris Bain, Beatrice Bush, and Rowena Peterson—brought a suggestive Targ with their singing of *My Wild Irish Rose*. The impromptus were not given by mem-

bers of the Freshman class but rather by other outstanding figures. Alden VanOrnum, president of the student body, bass drummer in the Band, director of the lecture courses, and head waiter at the Dormitory, spoke from personal experience on "Some Experiences of Small Boys with Irish Caps." Dr. Stephen Paine, dean of the College, the debate coach, and participant in the joys and sorrows of debate tours spoke on "Our Recent Trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo"—referring, of course, to the experiences earlier in the week. William Foster, last year's Freshman president, theolog, and trumpeter spoke on being *Snowbound*, which he has yet to experience. Arthur Lynip presented the Forensic Humor, paying particular attention to certain noteworthy members of the Freshman class and John McIntire offered the criticism.

The business session was brief save for certain routine matters and the adoption of additions and changes to the constitution and by-laws of the Union.

THE VARSITY PLAY H. S.

In Preparation for their annual clash with the Alumni, Captain "Dick" Farnsworth and his varsity cagers squared off against Paul Paine's high school team in a practice game Friday night.

The Varsity starting line-up composed of Schogoleff, Donelson, Luckey, Goldberg and Farnsworth is practically a new combination as "Dick" is the only one of last year's ten lettermen in school. The game throughout was a rough and tumble affair with little good playing displayed. Lack of practice on the part of both teams was probably responsible for this.

Coming out fast the Varsity took an early lead which they never relinquished. At the end of the first quarter the score was 9-5 with the High School trailing. The Varsity, led by "Walt" Schogoleff, continued their onslaught during the second period and at half-time had lengthened their lead to 18-8. After the intermission the Farnsworth contingent continued to outshoot the High School lads and as the period ended were on the long end of a 26-12 count. In the last period Capt. Farnsworth began tossing his substitutes into the game and the High School rallied to the extent of outscoring the Varsity 9-7 in the final period. However the margin which had been piling up against them was too great and the final count was 33-21.

"Walt" Schogoleff led the Varsity attack and was high scorer for the game netting 15 points. "Jack" Crandall was runner-up for scoring honors and led the losers' attack with 10 points.

In a preliminary girls' game the "Hornets" stung the "Yellow Jacks" to the tune of 20-4. Watson led the winners' attack with ten points.

Varsity			
	FG	FP	TP
Schogoleff f	7	1	15
White f	0	0	0
Donelson f	4	0	8
Luckey c	1	0	2
Gibbins c	2	1	5
Goldberg g	1	0	2
Churchill g	0	0	0
Farnsworth g	0	0	1
Houghton g	0	0	0
Total	15	3	33
High School			
	FG	FP	TP
Crandall f	5	0	10
P. Paine f g	2	1	5
McCarty f	0	0	0
Thompson-c	0	2	2
D. Paine g	1	0	2
Wright g	0	2	2
Total	8	5	21