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## Theodore Lettvin, Chicago Spring Revival Pianist, Here January 20th Features Noted Radio Minister



Pianist Theodore Lettvin

The Artist Series on January 20 will feature Theodore Lettvin, pianist. Mr. Lettvin, a native of Chicago, made a five-month tour of the United States and Canada last year. He was heard as soloist with the Pittsburgh, Tri-City and Springfield Symphony Orchestra and in recital at New York's Town Hall.

Mr. Lettvin won a scholarship at the age of fifteen to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he studied for the following seven years with the world renowned artist Rudolph Serkin. His career was interrupted for service with the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Besides his many solo and orchestral appearances throughout the nation, he acted as apprentice conductor to William Steinberg with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

### Business Course Is Contemplated

The Houghton College Education Committee is exploring the possibility of introducing a course in business administration. This action was stimulated by a report from fifty liberal arts colleges, surveyed last year, which revealed that business administration and economics held first place in students' choice of majors.

The course, which will include a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science Degree with a business administration major, will not be offered sooner than September, 1957. At present, the committee is surveying other Christian colleges to find out what their experience has been along this line.

The committee is of the expressed opinion that the rising enrollment for college entrance assures Houghton of a capacity student body in the future. Therefore, this course will not be added with the idea of increasing enrollment. Rather, it may be undertaken because it is apparent that a significant number of Christian young people, planning on a business career, would train at a Christian college if the business administration course were offered.

EMORY UNIVERSITY, GA. — (ACP) — From the Emory Wheel: Prof: "If I saw a man beating a donkey and stopped him from doing it, what virtue would I be showing?" Voice in the back: "Brotherly love."

## Dorah Burnell, Beloved Prof. Emeritus, Succumbs Late in December in Idaho

Miss Dorah Burnell, Houghton College professor of chemistry, died December 31, 1955, at the home of her sister in Boise, Idaho.

She entered Houghton College in 1926 as an instructor of chemistry and had served continuously until her recent illness. About 1932 she became associate professor and head of the chemistry department.

Born on December 14, 1889, of Mr. and Mrs. John Burnell of Friend, Nebraska, she attended the Different Rural School. After she graduated from the Nebraska high school at Friend in 1909, she entered the state normal school in Kearney, Nebraska, and received her diploma in 1916. Miss Burnell attained both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Nebraska in 1924 and 1925, respectively. She took graduate work during the 1940 summer school session at the University of Colorado.

After teaching in several Nebraska rural schools from 1909 to 1914, Miss Burnell served as principal of the Lodge Pole High School in the school year, 1916-1917. She was assistant principal in 1917 and principal in 1918 of the Sutton High School, also in Nebraska. She taught in the chemistry department of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1926.

Miss Burnell has carried on a most voluminous correspondence with alumni. She wrote to each of her major students as regularly as they would respond and visited them as often as she could during her summer vacations. The effectiveness of that close relationship was manifested



Dorah Burnell

when she asked her major students for financial help in purchasing new equipment for the chemistry laboratory. As a result of these letters, she was given \$1,114. Students will remember her as regularly attending every student func-

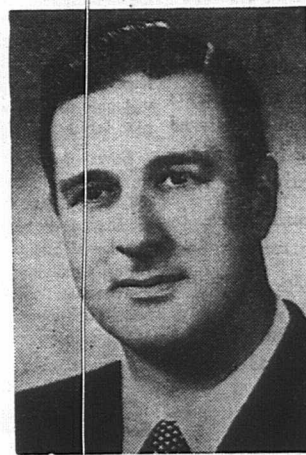
tion she could, often dividing her time between two activities in order to be present at both. She never missed a prayer meeting or special meeting at the church when she was well, and seldom missed a basketball game. She was an enthusiastic fisherman, keeping her bamboo pole at the head of her bed, for use when the opportunity afforded. She was present at all alumni gatherings.

The 1954 Boulder, the college yearbook, was dedicated to Miss Burnell for her ever-present influence and loyalty in all of the areas of college life.

Dr. Stephen Paine, president of the college, has said: "With Miss Burnell the sun rose and set in the welfare of the school. As a disciplinarian, she met every demand of the work with a characteristic disregard of hardship and a willingness to expend her-

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## Australian Journalist, Barr, Lectures Tonight In Chapel



Lecturer Morris Barr

Morris Barr, international columnist and journalist, will speak at the Lecture Series tonight. His topic will be "Late News." Mr. Barr will discuss a subject of international interest with which he is intimately acquainted and which has been "in the news" currently.

Mr. Barr received his education in Australia. He was a journalist on the Melbourne "Argus", committee member of the Australian Journalists' Association, senior lecturer for the Victorian Council of Adult Education and a radio news commentator. He writes a column on international affairs for a group of Midwest newspapers.

The youngest person ever to gain academic nomination in "Who's Who in Australia," Mr. Barr is a man of great versatility. He is recognized as a leading bass-baritone and has sung with major Australian orchestras and appeared in opera, concert and radio. He was also a professional player of Australian football — reputedly the toughest and fastest football in the world. He served with the Australian Army during World War II and was a member of the Far Eastern Liaison Office.

Don Bagley and the Student Senate express their thanks to the faculty and student body for the generous offering contributed for Roger and Ruthella Ryder. As of yesterday morning, the total amount was \$210.28.



The Salzedo Ensemble

## Local Board Decides To Boost Rent, Tuition Expenses Next Yr.

The Local Board of Trustees, which met Tuesday, January 3, has recommended, in face of rising expenses, that the tuition and room rates be increased for the coming year. The Board has also decided that the new site of the academy will be the Verville area.

The Board was informed by Dr. Willard G. Smith that costs for the school have increased from five to fifteen percent in the last year and that a recent survey showed that nearly every college questioned is raising costs from \$50 to \$100 per year. The purpose of this increase is to cover rising costs and to give the faculty salaries a modest increase.

Pres. Stephen W. Paine, and Dr. Willard G. Smith, college business manager, were re-elected at the recent Board meeting for another four year period, and it was recommended that a majority of the faculty contracts be renewed for the coming year. The trustees also authorized an architect to complete specifications on the East Hall wing in anticipation of a government loan.

## Aiken Speaks in Roch.

An address by Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) ranking minority member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, will highlight the 124th annual meeting of the New York State Agricultural Society January 18 in Rochester.

He will speak at the society's annual dinner in the Powers Hotel. Following a day-long session at the Rochester War Memorial. Being held in conjunction with the 100th annual meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society, this is the first meeting in the long history of the Agricultural Society not held in Albany.

## Salzedo Ensemble Performs in Feb.

The Salzedo Ensemble, which will give a concert of unusual novelty and interest here at the Artist Series on February 8, is one of the most unique combinations on the concert stage.

The group takes its name from the founder, Carlos Salzedo, a commanding figure in the world of music. It is composed of a harp, a flute and a cello.

The repertoire of the Salzedo Ensemble includes compositions not only for the full group but also for smaller groups such as a flute and cello duet and a harp solo. The group plays compositions ranging from the classic masters of the eighteenth to contemporary composers.

Carlos Salzedo has appeared as soloist with major symphony orchestras in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Rochester and Detroit. He is also a composer.

The other members of the Ensemble are Ruth Freeman, flutist, and Marcia Barbour, cellist.



## Can Houghton Students Give "Fair Analysis"?

"It's time for a fair analysis." With this slogan the Intercollegiate Association has launched its 1956 Roberts Awards for editorial writing on the alcohol problem. The complete information is posted in the arcade.

It is time for a fair analysis. College is traditionally supposed to be the period in one's life when he finds freedom from restraint, in thought, feeling and action. In the minds of many, such freedom from restraint is given no better than the contents of a bottle. If the problem of freedom is analyzed carefully, one sees that alcohol is a bond, rather than a liberator. No one can honestly deny that.

If the Christian student is really free, in thought and action, he does not hesitate to oppose bondage, for he knows a better way. Therefore, there ought to be many Houghton students participating in the intercollegiate competition. Here is a challenge for independent thinking and original expression.

## "Curtain Call!"

Time! The parenthetic drama within the pattern of eternity; the play within a play! God, the Writer, Producer, and Director, is in control, but Man is the actor, choosing to learn his lines, or to usurp, making the play a success or a failure. The time involved? The Writer has divided it into acts and scenes; as Director He determines the tempo, but the actors help determine the length of run.

"God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Science has called 365 of these days a year, and Man has called the beginning of his year January 1st. But there's nothing special about 12:01 a.m. of the 1st of January. It is an arbitrary time that Man has appointed for himself to celebrate the passage of Time.

Time is an exciting concept! The mind can't begin to grasp the meaning of Eternity. Catching the meaning of Time will keep one busy for a long while! Time is always new. Every moment we're clean, and unused, but a breath later it is gone, either used well or poorly. And even while we're wondering about it, more moments have passed, never to be ours nor anyone's again.

For Man's immortal soul, Time is not enough. It is dissatisfying and unnatural. It leaves so many things undone. It is meaningless, except for the certainty of Eternity which encloses it. Only because of man's depraved nature would he prefer the era of time, and this because of ignorance and fear of eternal reality. The Christian longs for Eternity, which is Reality. We tire of acting, and long to live. We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things not seen, with the Spiritual Eye, for "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the Spirit seeth all things, yea the deep things of God."

We are citizens of Heaven, who, while sensing with the physical eye those things which are seen, with the Spiritual eye, are concentrating on those things which are eternal, and not seen. May God help us, thus, to see things in the proper perspective and proportion. But while we are citizens of Heaven, we are actors in Time, and ought to, as such, to make sure we're filling, and filling adequately, the role that was prepared for us, and that we're learning our lines, and obeying our Director.

Curtain Time!

## MCS Begins 1st Miss. Contacts

We talked with them! The Missionary Communications Service has made contacts in many South American countries including Haiti, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Peru and Argentina. To the north, Labrador, Newfoundland and Canada have been reached. On the continent, we contacted Germany. The next attempt will be to reach Africa.

Actual missionary contacts have been made in Alaska, Haiti, Costa Rica and Peru. The Barnett family was able to talk with the Glenn Barnett family in Haiti.

So far the work has been along the line of moral support. In the future it is hoped that the station will be of service to the missionaries and their problems. Also in the future are plans for a missionary service in church with actual recordings of messages from missionaries received at the MCS station.

## Engagements...

### LOWERY-MARVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore T. Marville of Gibbstown, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter Violet to William Lowery ('57), son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lowery of Bradford, Pa.

### RHINE-TAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Taylor of Allentown, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter Janice ('57) to Mr. George T. Rhine (ex '57), son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rhine of Altoona, Pa.

Mr. Rhine is now a junior at the University of Pittsburgh.

### WITCHER-GOWDY

Mr. and Mrs. C. Don Gowdy of Fillmore announce the engagement of their daughter Carol Jeannette to Sheldon C. Witcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Witcher of Mt. Morris. No date has been set for the wedding.

### GREEN-KRECKMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kreckman of Houghton announce the engagement of their daughter Carol ('53) to Mr. William Green ('56), son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Green, also of Houghton.

## Lanthorn Program Brings 3-Act Play by Eastman To Houghton's Platform

The 1956 Lanthorn will start Houghton's second semester social program with Fred Eastman's three-act play, *The Tinker*. The Staff, headed by Alice King, is now casting characters for the February 3rd attraction.

The story is about the Whitneys, a New England family, who in their materialism and pride have estranged themselves from an alcoholic relation. Janet Swift will play Ethel Whitney. David's overbearing wife who henpecks her husband into spending beyond his income. Mary Jo and Dan Wilson will be the selfish and quarrelsome Whitney children. Virginia Aman will fill the role of Jane, Marjorie's college friend who catches Jack's heart. Jeremy and David are brothers. John Pogany-Powers, as Jeremy, has squandered his money on liquor.

A strange Tinker intrudes into the family's troubles and, by his message, helps the family become one again. Robert Miller plays the title role of the tinker. David, the father, has not yet been chosen.

## Seniors Are Eligible for Officer Candidate Course

Captain W. F. Sparks, the Marine Corps Officer Procurement Officer for upper New York State has announced that the college seniors graduating in January, 1956, are eligible for the officer candidate course and the aviation officer candidate course which convene in late March. Captain Sparks stated that students who are interested in applying should begin application now to insure completion prior to the deadline which is anticipated as February 1.

Students graduating in June may also begin application for the class which will convene in the fall of 1956. Further information regarding the Marine officer candidate course and the aviation officer candidate course may be obtained by contacting Captain Sparks whose office is located in Room 405, Post Office Building, Swan and Ellicott Streets, Buffalo 3, New York.

## In Medias Res



### CONSOLEMENT

Anyone want some slightly used Christmas decorations? Come to the Star Office. We certainly are in medias res and already it's only the beginning of 1956. But cheer up, exams will soon be over, and then we'll be ex medias res.

### CHAPEL DILEMMA

Been missing the words in the hymn during chapel lately? It's not only because you're still asleep, but because you don't have a hymnbook in your possession. Really, we've hardly seen a hymnbook there since Christmas vacation. Our question: are we supposedly still using the old ones? or are new ones on the way? If the latter, we hope there will be plenty of them.

### TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Expect the ground for the new dorm for men to be broken any day now. Dr. Paine received a bank check, supposedly for \$20. The machine which made the check also made the donor a little more generous than he thought himself to be. It came through to us worth \$1,000,020.00. Unfortunately the Fillmore bank did not have quite one million on hand that day, so we settled for the \$20 the check was originally intended for.

### IN MEDIAS APPLAUDS

After the Freshmen men's startling (well, not so startling now) basketball victory over the Sophomores, we heard an explanatory comment from a disgruntled spectator: "I know what happened. Trasher's blue knee pads clashed so sharply with the Frosh green uniforms, that the blinded Sophs couldn't see to shoot." We ourselves are agreeably astounded by the tremendous teamwork job this year's Frosh team is doing. If you missed the Senior girls' upset over the Juniors, you missed the game of a lifetime.

### SCIENTIFICALLY SPEAKING

We've thought of a good way for the college to cut down expenses: paint the radiators black. In Physics we have been impressed with the FACT that black radiators radiate heat at a much faster rate than any other color, resulting in a greater saving of fuel. Well, it was a good thought, anyhow.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What percentage of the percentage of the student body which manages to preserve its sanity during exams is going to preserve its sanity after the grade comes out, and what percentage of the percentage of the student body which doesn't manage to preserve its sanity during exams is going to commit hari-kari after grades come out?

### DEFINITION OF THE WEEK:

Unintelligible: the above mess.

## Campus Calendar

- Jan. 13, Friday — Lecture: Morris Barr; Basketball, 2-4
- Jan. 15, Sunday — Thirtieth Anniversary Organ Recital: Prof. Finney, 4:00 p.m., at Church.
- Jan. 16, Monday — General Recital; Basketball, 1-4
- Jan. 18, Wednesday — Basketball, 2-3
- Jan. 20, Friday — Artist Series: Salzedo Ensemble
- Jan. 21, Saturday — Reading Day
- Jan. 23-28, Mon.-Sat. — Final Examinations
- Second Semester
- Jan. 31, Tuesday — Registration
- Feb. 1, Wednesday — High School Program; Beginning of Classes
- Feb. 3, Friday — Lanthorn Program
- Feb. 8, Wednesday — Artist Series: Theodore Letvin
- Feb. 9-19, Thurs.-Sun. — Special Meetings: Dr. Myron Boyd

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### LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler





# Burgess, First Citizen, Relates Reporter Solves Town Meeting: French Election Early Genesee Lore & Times Mystery of the College Holiday

BY PATTIE TYSINGER

There are two trees of which Mr. Glen Burgess is very proud — his family tree and the unique oak tree which stands in the yard of his home just outside of Houghton. As I interviewed Mr. Burgess, I was talking to a man who has followed the growth of Houghton and surrounding communities. He has a wealth of historical stories, and I listened, intrigued, to his warm relation of Genesee Valley folklore.

His eighth great-grandmother, Hannah Duskin, came over on the Mayflower. During an Indian raid, her husband and children were killed. She was taken prisoner by the savages. One night while her Indian guards were drinking, she escaped and returned to the Plymouth Colony. She later remarried and Mr. Burgess is a descendent of this line.

In 1812 his great grandfather came to the Genesee Valley and purchased land from the Senecas. His first home was the old Indian Council House which was then situated across the river about three hundred feet west from the present historical marker. He moved the council house nearer the trail and had to replace many of the logs. With Civil War booty, Captain Letchworth of this area bought the old council house and moved it to its present site in Letchworth Park. Many other logs had to be replaced so that actually there is very little left of the original Indian-hewn timbers.

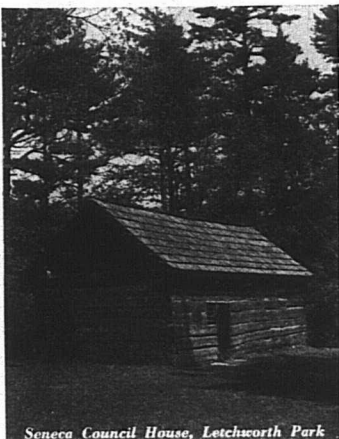
From the next generation Mr. Burgess has stories to tell of his grandmother being chased by wolves while berrying. She was a good neighbor to the Indians, for they came to her to borrow flour, tea, coffee and sugar. At that time the Genesee Valley flats were known as Pine Bottom Land. Much timber was burned to make land for farming. A grandfather established the first lumber mill on Portage Falls. There the logs were bound into rafts and sent up the river to Rochester. Many Houghtonians know the story of Mr. Burgess' grandfather who wielded a Christian influence as a boatman on the Genesee Canal. There was competition among the boatmen as to whose barge could reach Rochester first. This pious man tied his barge up from 12:00 p. m. Saturday night until 12:00 p. m. Sunday. He had perfected the system of carrying four mules on his barge in order to have a fresh mule to pull the barge every four hours. He always managed to reach Rochester first. Mr. Burgess had in his possession the autobiography of his grandfather written before his death in 1917.

As Mr. Burgess' great-grandfather lived in the old Council House, which has great historical significance, the present Mr. Burgess as a child lived with his father in the tavern, widely-known rendezvous of the canal boatmen, now occupied by the Finney family. He can remember a great storm on July 6, 1902, when three feet of water ran between the church (now the Rec Hall) and his home.

In 1903, his father moved his family to the Elmwood Farm. The farmhouse is one hundred years old this year according to the inscription on one of the corner stones. Mr. Burgess moved there in 1938 at the death of his father and has carried on his insurance business there. For the past two years he has limited his business to life insurance and hospitalization and spends much of his time taking care of his seventy-one acre farm.

Mr. Burgess is certainly no stranger either to present-day Houghton or to her history. He told me that he used to dig potatoes and pick up chestnuts by the bushel on what is now our campus.

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Seneca Council House, Letchworth Park

BY ALBERT WILLIAMS

Did you ever wonder what happens at Houghton while the students are all away for Christmas vacation? Well, I did; so I decided to find out. I moseyed over to Luckey Building where students were flocking up the stairs to the library. Crowding my way downstairs, I entered the business office where Mrs. Lindberg sat, hastily taking dictation over the telephone.

When I told her I was trying to find out what Houghton was like during vacation, she relaxed against the back of her chair and smiled faintly. "It's quiet. The staff did have a party, though, in Dr. Paine's office the Friday before Christmas." Then more than two hundred of the townspeople attended a tureen banquet in Gaoyadeo." The telephone cut off our conversation.

The Public Relations office, I learned from Dr. Luckey, was as busy as ever. Taking advantage of the slow

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## Finney Commemorates 30 Years of Organ Playing in Recital

On the occasion of the completion of thirty years of organ playing, Charles H. Finney will be presented by the Houghton College Departments of Music and Speech in a vesper program of twentieth century organ music, on January 13, at 4:00 p. m. in the church.

Mr. Finney, a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists since 1942, is chairman of the division of music and art.

Cornelia Hunter was Mr. Finney's first organ teacher in Vineland, New Jersey. He went on to study at Wheaton College under Robert Schofield, receiving his A. B. in organ in 1932. He immediately went to Oberlin where he studied under Laurel Yeamans and received his B. Mus. in organ in 1935.

Among the numbers on the program will be Edward Johnston's *Evensong*, the first organ piece he studied, and

Henry Muler's *Thou Art the Rock* (Byzantine Sketches) which will be played by request.

Two performances of pieces written for the occasion are included on this program; William Allen's *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, dedicated to the performer, and Charles Finney's *Three Settings of 'Trust and Obey.'*

Also dedicated to the performer is Seth Bingham's *Gabriel's Salutation* from 36 Hymn and Carol Canons.

The climax of the program will be Healey Willan's *Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue*. (There is a four page dramatic introduction, followed by the eight measure passacaglia there, which is stated alone in the bass, and then its eighteen variations. The Fugue, also on the passacaglia theme, is characterized by increasingly close strettos.)

All numbers on the program are to be given in Houghton for the first time, except the request selection.



Prof. Charles Finney at the organ in preparation for his thirtieth anniversary recital at the Houghton Church.



## France Holds Its Liveliest Balloting Ever This Month

BY HAROLD HOLLAND

January 2 was *le jour J* — D-Day on the French political calendar. In public schools and town halls throughout France, about 26 million men and women or 82 per cent of the qualified voters went to the polls to cast ballots for a new National Assembly. The last one was dissolved a little over a month ago by Premier Edgar Faure in a test of political strength with his one time friend, former premier Pierre Mendes-France. The short, intensive campaign carried out by the major contestants has been described as the most animated in years.

On the lists were some 5,000 candidates representing twenty-seven political parties, including a score of splinter groups. The strongest of the parties is the Communist party, which had consistently held the support of a fifth to a quarter of the electorate. However, the two most serious contenders for the majority of the 597 Assembly seats are the left-center group headed by Mendes-France and the right-center group under Faure.

The Mendes-France faction includes the Socialists, most of the Radicals of Mendes' own party and the left-wing Gaullists. M. Faure's faction includes the remainder of the Radicals and the Independents and the Popular Republicans. Also, a new movement under the leadership of Pierre Poujade made impressive strides in the pre-election campaigning and also at the polls.

The Algerian question came to dominate the campaign because young French Reservists had been called up for service in Algeria. Algeria is important to France, first of all, as an important market for French exports and, secondly, because many French people feel that if Faure lost North Africa, France would lose her rank as a great nation. Almost equally important in the campaign was the issue of constitutional and election reform to insure more stability in French governments.

M. Mendes-France pinned his election hopes on the North African issue. He told his audiences that he would hold free elections in rebellious Algeria and start negotiations with those who emerge as genuine representatives of the local population. He warned that North Africa could easily turn into another Indo China — only worse. M. Faure, in addition to the settling of the North African situation, advocated constitutional reform for France. He urged automatic dissolution of any Assembly if it overthrows a government in the first two years of its tenure.

After the ballots were counted, what was the result? The unofficial returns available as this article is being written are as follows: Premier Faure polled about 193 seats, which was considerably less than expected and due partly to the inroads made by M. Poujade. M. Mendes-France received about 156, including 88 for the Socialists. The Communists polled 151, a gain of 52, and the Poujadists, a right-wing semi-Fascist faction, 49.

What do these figures mean? Just this: no faction has received a working majority to take control when the newly-elected Assembly convenes on January 19. One-fourth of the Assembly seats will be occupied by Communists. Together with the Poujadists, they will control 36 percent of the seats. M. Faure and his "new deal" rival, M. Mendes-France, are deadlocked in the center, each hoping to make some kind of alliance so as to obtain a working majority.

The most recent proposal is a statement from M. Faure that all moderate

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## Procrastinating Populace Beware: Solution to Problem May be Below

BY CAROL HAZLETT

There is a very deplorable situation present on our campus — a situation which must be scotched before the whole campus falls to ruin and degradation. We, all of us on campus, have sunk into a deep lethargy. We have been killing time. You all know the penalty for murder. The execution date has been set — the week of 23-28. But fear not. I shall make a few modest proposals which, if followed, can lighten our punishment.

First, let us organize a clock-watchers' league. It is common knowledge that no clock at Houghton College has exactly the same time as another. You can see how this is a deliberate trap for time-killers to be tardy for chapel and class, but did you realize that this condition can cause much more disastrous results?

Let me show you how. Recently a woman student unwittingly set her watch by radio time. Coming up the steps of the Old Ad building at three minutes of nine, she heard a terrible cacophony in the chapel. "Oh no," she thought, "they've started chapel early again." Immediately — she began to run up those precariously icy steps (a thing which no one in her right mind should be forced to do). Suddenly she slipped and ran another pair of stockings, besides, incidentally, breaking her knee cap.

Yes indeed, the results of faulty clocks can be disastrous and expensive. Did you know that stockings cost more than ninety cents a pair?

What can be done? The logical answer lies in the clock-watchers' league, composed of all those who constantly seem to have nothing else to do. You can find such people all over — at the coffee machine, in the gym, at the bookstore, in faculty lounges — everywhere, in fact, where people are wasting time.

What would be the duties of such a league? It would be up to each member to license all clock and watch owners. This licensing would serve to check up for discrepancies in time, but also of seeing that no alarm clocks are surreptitiously placed in the pulpit of the chapel. Secondly, it would be the duty of the league to check each clock every fifteen minutes to see that the owner does not go by radio time, but that he goes by Houghton time. This is a very necessary part of the league's duty, for Houghton College time is run by a very complicated system. Tardiness due to time-killing would be stopped, for no one would now have a legitimate excuse for tardiness.

A second condition is present in Houghton — the condition of dilatoriness. The remedy? Organization of an anti-procrastinators' league composed of all those who always get

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## Alumni Join Purple and White Settles For No Students For Less Than Class Championship Tour of Europe

Twenty-seven people have expressed definite interest in taking the European Tour, Dean Fern stated.

This is more than the required number of twenty which was needed to make the tour possible. Fifteen Houghton College students are included in the group. The remaining are area alumni. The scholastic standing ranges from a high school senior to a high school principal as well as area teachers.

July 3 is the departure date from New York City aboard the S.S. AROSA STAR, which will arrive the 13th at Southampton, England. The itinerary includes London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Cologne, Milan, Venice, Rome, Naples, Nice, Paris and Le Havre. They will set sail August 20 for Montreal, arriving the 30th.

The total price is \$1038 with the \$250 deposit due at the end of January. The balance is due thirty days before departure.

## Miss Burnell Dies

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self unstintingly. She loved her fellow-workers, her former students, and the present student body, and thus she gave herself for the cause and for her friends."

Dean of the college, Dr. Arthur Lynip has stated: "Probably in the history of the school, there has been no teacher more enthusiastic for every aspect of student life than Miss Burnell. It was clear that she felt that God had accepted her life for His service and that it was a high privilege for her to give all of her talent and every atom of energy to the promotion of His cause at Houghton. She was a capable teacher and personal friend to all of her students."

Miss Burnell is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. D. Thompson of Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Charles Redman of Seattle, Washington.

Miss Burnell's health had been impaired in the last four years by an eye ailment. She was taken seriously ill during the summer of 1954 while visiting with her sister in Boise, Idaho. She retired in January, 1955.

## Burgess Relates Genesee History

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Another interesting fact was that Copperhead was originally buried across the "little run" — only a few feet from where I live (the old Russell House). For the benefit of the new students, Copperhead was the last of the Seneca tribe in this part and his bones now rest beneath the Boulder, located at the top of the college hill on the southern tip of the Triangle.

Among the prized possessions of Mr. Burgess are his collections of arrowheads, skinning stones, an Indian pipe and battleaxes which he found along the river.

He also has a copy of the Life of Moses Van Campen, an early state surveyor who was captured by the Indians. It was a custom among the Senecas to have their prisoners run the gauntlet. In this ceremony Indian braves and squaws with long poles lined up on either side of a set course between some point and the council house. As the captive ran through the line, he was beaten with the poles. If he reached the council house alive he was set free. Mr. Van Campen was

## Purple and White Settles For No Less Than Class Championship

The class of '56 has done it again. For the second straight year the giant Purple and White five has captured the class Basketball championship. Finding little opposition from the underclassmen, the Seniors, led by the great one-two combination of Roeske and Janowsky and the unheralded five play of Jay Butler, steamrolled to the crown with four straight victories and two more in sight. Even though they are prone to be slow afoot, the champs easily make up for it with tremendous shooting and rebounding and their great height advantage.

## Architect Assists Chapel Committee

The building committee for the chapel auditorium met January 6, with Clifford Broker, the architect.

The revised plans, which dealt primarily with the chancel area, were approved by the committee. The chancel will provide space for two hundred fifty singers and a small orchestra. On the sides will be rest rooms, an artists room, and a storage room. There will also be balconies on both sides, one for a radio control room and the other for an organ.

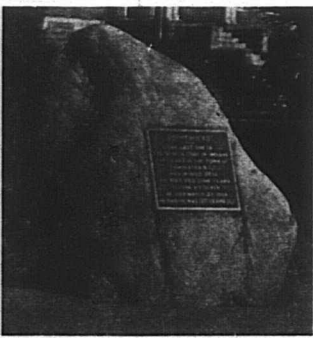
The main auditorium, including the balcony, will have 1200 permanent seats.

The design of the front of the building was a major point of discussion, and Mr. Broker will attempt to redesign it in compliance with a proposal made by the Orlips.

At the present time, there is a net sum of approximately \$60,000 in the chapel fund. In the month of December about \$13,000 came in, with \$4,000 from industry and \$9,000 from individuals.

Edward Burton, assistant to the president, has recently been in Michigan soliciting funds. Stanley Wright is the fund chairman for the campaign which will begin about March 1.

Edward told that if he ran the gauntlet successfully, both he and his companion would be released. At the offset of the course he kicked the first fat squaws on either side "in the belly" before they could touch him with their poles. They both fell to the ground and as they rolled over and over the other Indians found this so amusing



The Boulder — Copperhead's resting place.

that they forget the ceremony. Mr. Van Campen ran untouched to freedom.

Now for the second tree. On the way to Fillmore sometime, stop by and examine the figure of this rare tree. The trunk ends in a maze of intertwined branches which gives the appearance of six or eight trees combined in one. In 1939 a ranger from the Federal Department of Forestry visited Mr. Burgess in order to study the strange oak tree, which is a landmark in this valley. He estimated that the tree was 110 feet tall with 112 feet spread and probably 275 to 300 years old.

Just this past summer a professor from Cornell and an Australian friend, tree experts, took several photographs of the tree. By careful computation they estimated the tree to be 120 feet in height and in spread. They remarked, "This tree beats anything in its preservation, its spread its height and especially its symmetry."

good "race horse" basketball didn't have quite enough speed, and they had practically no height to offset the rebounding and shooting strength of the Seniors. The Blue and Gray has been so far the big disappointment of the year. Led by Gordy Beck, the best all-around player in the school, the Juniors have had their share of bad luck, but have not come close to playing the type of ball they are capable of playing. Still, they have an excellent chance of coping second place. Also, battling for the runner-up spot is the Freshman team. This year's Cinderella team has played surprising ball. Led by Big Don Trasher, the Green and White has upset the applecart twice. They eked out a 52-50 win over the Juniors, and, after having been beaten by the Sophs in their first game, came back to nip them by two points in the return engagement. However, Don Charles, their playmaker, has been lost for the last two games, and it is questionable whether Trasher can carry the lead by himself. The Sophomores have only a slim chance of finishing out of the cellar. John Miller and Bruce Price have been their best men but the team has seen a few bad moments including the heartbreaking loss to the Juniors in the last seven seconds.

This season has seen its share of excitement and thrills, the pretty offensive plays and the occasional fine if unexciting zone defensive play. But it was essentially the same old story: the team with the most good big guys usually wins — and it did.

## France Holds Lively Vote This Month

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French parties form what he calls a "temporary union." Both he and Mendes-France would step down in favor of some agreeable leader from among the Moderates. Four such possibilities under consideration are Guy Molles, the Socialist leader; Christian Pineau; former premier Paul Radelier, and former President Vincent Auriol.

M. Faure had hoped, by dissolving the previous Assembly, to get one more capable of dealing with urgent problems at home and abroad. What he seems to have gotten was one distinguished by division more profound than its predecessor, which leads us to ask, "What is wrong with France?" Saul K. Padover in a recent issue of *Foreign Policy* states that "the root of France's trouble lies in the lack of that spirit for which the French has a fine word: *civisme* — the sense of citizenship with all its duties, obligations, civic responsibility and community cooperation. This spirit has long been lacking in France, a country whose people are primarily individualistic and only secondarily civic-minded. "At home the well-developed civil service can manage the local affairs of France, but it is the international and colonial crises, such as in North Africa, that is the root of the trouble."

## Individual Scoring Races Place Beck and Banker in Hoop Lead

BY JOHN PERCY

In this year's individual scoring races, both the men and women's point-getting championship has narrowed down to a two-player race. Among the men, Gordy Beck with 83 points and a 20.8 per game average has the slim lead of 7 points over Phil Janowsky with 76 points and a 19 point per game average.

The women's scores have settled down to even a closer duel between Alice Banker of the championship Sophs and Jimmie Gilliam of the last place Seniors. Banker has netted 66 markers for a four-game average of 16.5 points, and Jimmie has swished 63 points for a 15.8 points per game average.

A few interesting things can be noticed about the scoring this year. Janowsky has the individual game high of 31 against the Frosh, while Beck dunked 30 against the Sophs. Judy Miller of the girl's Freshman squad hit 39 when they played the Senior girls. Charlotte Yoder is at this time tenth in scoring, but probably will finish much lower; but she's under a handicap: Charlotte has and will play only one game this season.

Here are the top ten scorers:

Name	Points	Average
Gordy Beck	83	20.8
Phil Janowsky	76	19
Don Trasher	59	14.8
Bill Roeske	51	12.8
Johnny Percy	51	12.8
Johnny Miller	49	12.2
Chuck Gommer	49	12.2
Harold Brumagin	45	11.2
Jay Butler	44	11
Theron Rockhill	41	10.2

### Women

Alice Banker	66	16.5
Jimmie Gilliam	63	15.8
Judy Miller	57	14.2
Marge Harbers	47	11.8
Sylvia Carver	44	11
Mary Nichols	44	11
Marty Cronk	42	10.5
Mary Gilligan	42	10.5
Marian Wallace	38	9.5
Charlotte Yoder	27	27

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down on regular routine, the office lays plans for the spring mail campaign to contact alumni with need of the new fiscal year. Also, time means extra work in the development area of the P. R. office, for many gifts are sent to the school at that season. Dr. Luckey estimated that nearly \$10,000 came in during vacation for the chapel fund.

After heckling my way back upstairs, I got in line before the Registrar's desk. Miss Miller told me that the Registrar's staff catches up during the Yule season. Miss Miller added that it "seemed good to see the campus covered with untracked snow."

Dean Lynip's schedule was much the same, his secretary told me, except that our dean left the quiet of Houghton to spend Christmas on Long Island.

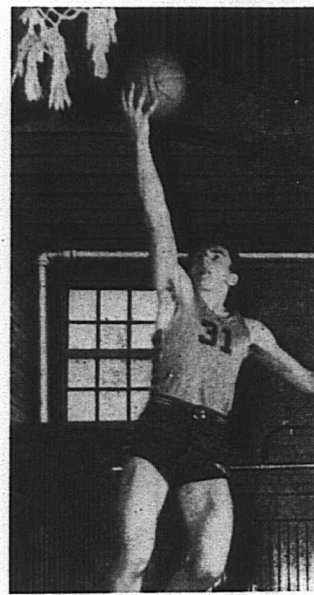
Houghton does exist without us, I concluded. Even in our absence the staff continues to work and prepare for our return.

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Gordy Beck, top men scorer.

## Candidates To Take Civil Service Exams File For Eligibility

College seniors and postgraduates will have another opportunity on February 10 to try for a career in the Federal service, the Civil Service Commission has announced. The second nation-wide test under the Federal Service Entrance Examination program will be held on that date. January 18 is the deadline for filing applications.

Persons who cannot meet the January 18 deadline should file as soon as possible thereafter to obtain consideration for future examinations in this continuous program, the Commission said.

Students and postgraduates interested in Federal management internships should file for the February 10 examination, stating their interest. They should be permitted to take an additional written test on February 10 and an oral test later. Additional information may be obtained in Dean Lynip's office.

## Time Defender Warns Lax Procrastinators

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their work in late. It would be their duty to keep a file on all persons or campus. The dossier would consist of all appointments, test dates, number of papers due and daily homework schedules for each individual. Special attention would be given to absent-minded professors and teachers who give too much homework. Each day a notice would be sent to every person reminding him of his work, warning him to do it, then ordering him to do it, and finally imposing severe penalties and fines upon him which would be used for the advancement of the association of the clock-watchers and anti-procrastinators' leagues. It would also be their duty to circulate among the students, picking out all those time-killers who have work to do and sending them to the work house — the library — for hard labor.

With such organizations, I can see no reason whatsoever why these crimes cannot be prevented. Then and only then will we be able to face that fatal week of execution.