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STUDENT BODY GOES WAR CONSCIOUS

Jubilee Quintet Is Here for Concert On Farewell Tour

Colored Singers Applauded For Many Encores; Second Visit

FERCHEN AT PIANO

A large attendance of students, faculty, and friends of the college enjoyed the concert in the chapel, Friday evening, Oct. 21, given by the Utica Jubilee Singers on their farewell tour. For thirteen years these singers have presented concerts throughout this country and abroad, leaving a friendly feeling with those who heard them. They come from the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute for colored people, at Utica, Mississippi.

As the opening selection of the first group they sang, "I'm Seeking for a City," followed by "One Morning Soon," the negro spiritual, "The Old Ark's A Moverin'," and "I'll Be Ready When the Great Day Comes". They continued with a request number "Steal Away to Jesus". Mr. Rolston, accompanied by Mr. Saxoin, sang a baritone solo, "Waterboy" and as an encore "When Its Twilight On the Trail".

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", opened the second part with the plantation melodies, "My Old Kentucky Home", "Short'nin Bread", the "Negro Love Song" and "Honey", completing this group. For an encore

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The Snuffing Model A Brings You What You Want When You Want It

by ALICE PALMER

Woe unto the man that has ever called "Cronks" a typical country store, for here we have a rare specimen, the wonder and envy of the whole countryside.

For instance, have you ever seen, heard, or read about a general store with a delivery department? No, that snuffing jalopy isn't a junkyard walking; it's the model A that brings you what you want when you want it.

And will you show us the general store that has a real meat department, or a refrigerator system, or a credit arrangement that will trust you with a smile as you "charge it"?

Till you've been beyond the veil of the stockroom door, you haven't seen anything yet. Therein lies the secret of popularity and success in spite of keen competitive forces. The "just fresh out of that, ma'am" of the average country store is a rare statement at Cronks, for they not only have everything you need to build your house and live in it, but

Sprinting Here Via a Ford She Talked Running

At two-thirty on Tuesday, October 18, after "running up" from Rochester, Betty Robinson, Olympic sprint champion, gave a lecture in the chapel on her experiences in the Olympic Games in Amsterdam in 1928 and in Berlin in 1936.

Miss Robinson began training in high school when the second-floor corridor was turned into a track after school hours. Since there was no girls' track team, she ran with the boys.

In March, 1928, she joined a track club in Chicago, and later in the Spring went to Newark for the Olympic tryouts, with the result that she made the team. In Amsterdam, Miss Robinson was the only American girl to reach the finals in the 100 meters race. She won the race making it the first time in twenty-eight years that the United States held first place in this event.

She trained for the 1932 Olympics but an accident resulted in keeping her out of competition for two years, during which time she finished high school and attended Northwestern University.

In spite of the trouble she was having with the leg that had been broken, she tried again successfully in 1936 for the Olympic team. She says that, although the victory she won at Amsterdam in 1928 meant much to her, the trip to Berlin meant still more because of the difficulty she had had in obtaining it. She hopes to participate in the games in Finland in 1940.

Introducing the speaker was Prof. Stanley Wright, whose witty presentation was a fitting send off for Miss Robinson's sallies.

Attorney General Assistant Urges Finding Objective

Office Is under That of J. Edgar Hoover, G-Man Head, in Capitol

Houghton College was greatly honored Monday morning by having as its guest chapel speaker, Paul Ray Russell, son of Mrs. Georgia Russell of Houghton.

Mr. Russell's varied life includes two years at Houghton, 1916-17, besides working at other institutions including studies in Washington, D. C. He has taught school, was mayor of a city in Florida and is now located in Washington where he is special assistant to the Attorney General.

His office is immediately under that of J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. How interesting and educational would be his suggested visit to that department where she kept Dillinger's glasses, jugs, in which ransom money was stored, and other objects which are evidence of the careful work of specialists—G. Men. There are approximately 600 special agents, 90% of whom are lawyers, and all of whom are picked and trained men as contrasted to general officers of the law.

After refreshing our minds with the background of the judicial system, he stressed the importance of specialization in any field. College education, he stated, is helpful and

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WET OR DRY? A SHAVE OR NOT? AT GERRY'S BARBER SHOP

by GEORGE HILGEMAN

Perhaps the most unusual person in Houghton is Gerry McKinley. Unlike the rest of us, he begins at the top. He's a snip, a cut-throat, a little shaver—a barber to you.

"It comes to me somewhat by heredity," says Gerry as he peers out of the jungle which he is attempting to reclaim. "You see, my pop earned his way through school by trimming underbrush too. Clippers on the side?"

"Nope," says I.

"Well," says he, "I never thought too much about it until last summer the idea became more tangible. During the torrid hours of the summer days, instead of plunging 'neath the depths of the cool, refreshing waters of the old swimming hole, I spent my time at Vaughn Barber School at Rochester, learning how not to leave scars on poor unsuspecting victims. It was hard at first to face them—especially when half of their face was gone—and tell them I was sorry. But I'm pretty used to it by now. Wet or dry?"

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CHANCES FOR ISOLATION FROM EUROPEAN WAR HAS OPINION QUITE EVENLY DIVIDED

CALENDAR

Oct. 31 Junior Recital
Oct. 31 Hollowe'en Party sponsored by the Student council
Nov. 2 Efram Zimbalist, Violinist, Artist Series
Nov. 4 Varsity-Freshman basketball game
Nov. 8, 9, 10 Mid-semester Examinations
Nov. 25 Vienna Choir Boys

Love Appeared At First Sight With Zimbalist

The musical and social world were astonished and delighted at the announcement, back in 1914, of the marriage of Alma Gluck, internationally popular singer, and Efram Zimbalist, world famous violinist. It would have been more astonished and probably equally delighted had it known the circumstances. For Mrs. Zimbalist insists that the violinist "picked her up." Certainly their meeting was as romantic as any in the pages of a fiction magazine.

It happened in this wise, according to Mrs. Zimbalist. Mr. Zimbalist does not commit himself beyond a complacent smile. Miss Gluck, then a star of the Metropolitan, was standing at the prow of a ferry boat plying between New York and New Jersey. The hour was early evening, and Miss Gluck was absorbed in the sky line and the contemplation of the concert in Montclair at which she was to sing.

Suddenly someone touched her arm and said, "Aren't you Alma Gluck?" She turned and there beside her was the famous violinist, known among his associates as a "very shy and retiring young man." It appeared that he, too, was to appear at the Montclair concert, so he accompanied the beautiful singer not only to Montclair but from Montclair and to her front door step.

For nearly three years thereafter the shy Mr. Zimbalist was a familiar figure at the stage entrance of the Metropolitan. But Miss Gluck had her mind on a career and not on marriage or men. It was three years before the retiring young man convinced her she could do both. And, as every one knows, Mrs. Zimbalist later decided she preferred home life to a career.

Jay Patton Is Called Home Suddenly by Father's Death

On October 13 Mr. James W. Patton of Jamaica, New York died of a heart attack. Mr. Patton was the father of Jay Patton, a Religious Education major in the class of '42. Jay was called home October 8, and will not be able to return to us this year. He will be missed greatly by the many friends he made while at Houghton.

Germany Is Held Responsible For the Recent Crisis By Majority

SOME OBJECTORS

Do you believe the United States will be able to keep out of war in Europe? According to a poll taken Tuesday morning, the United States has about a fifty-fifty chance. Out of a total of 367 votes cast, 189 decided "yes" as opposed to 178 who felt that we could not escape being drawn into war in Europe.

But there were only 69 men who held that opinion as against 91 who believed war would be inevitable. The women, however, voted "yes" 120, "no" 87. Sophomore women broke even with a vote of 22-22. Fresh fellows had the greatest rift with a total of 21 affirmative and 39 negative.

Would you go to foreign soil to fight if the United States declared war? Only 74 would respond to the call while 258 decided that they preferred to keep the home fires burning. Of the senior women just one volunteered her services in contrast to 24 who refused.

Nevertheless, if the United States were invaded by a foreign power, 295 would rally to the defense of their country, and 46 refused to have anything to do with war in any shape or form. Junior and senior men cast like ballots. Both had 24 affirmatives and 4 dissenters.

According to 39 as opposed to 296, any man refusing to go to war is a slacker. Only one senior girl out of 26 voted "yes". There were two from the junior girls, the sophomore boys, and the senior boys who were of the same opinion.

As for objecting to a brother or

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New Storage Space Adds Print Shop Improvement

The college print shop, technically known as the Houghton College Press, has received several improvements during recent weeks.

Mr. George Kellogg, school carpenter and an expert cabinet maker, has built a group of shelves and cabinet combined in the stock room. This addition relieves the congestion which was part occasioned when the new Cleveland folding machine was installed last year. At that time, due to lack of space, it was necessary to store paper across the hall in a portion of the Boulder office.

The issuance of a college bulletin every month is making a great demand on the production efficiency of the shop. To obtain the benefits of quantity purchase, 100,000 envelopes and 3 tons of paper have recently been added to stock, and the new alterations provide a more effective means of caring for this addition.

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EDITORIAL

TOO BUSY?

How often, Christians, do we, because of the multiplicity of tasks confronting us in college, become lax in our Christian life, thus not only harming ourselves but also defeating Christ's purpose in our lives?

We busy students, doing these many tasks, legitimate in themselves, need to watch that a clear channel is always open for an ever-fresh inflow of divine life, day by day. Let us fail to meditate upon the Word and commune with God in prayer, and this channel will become obstructed; but let us spend time daily in private devotions before Him, and the divine impartation of His life will surge continually through our lives.

R. N. L.

FOR WHAT?

Violins playing softly and enticingly, waiters treading as quietly as possible, best suit and dresses being worn — for what? Friday night in the dorm? But no one can hear the music, since the increasing babble of voices drowns out even the most ambitious strain. Is this being courteous or considerate?

A student with a sudden inspiration impulsively leaves his table to impart an "all important" thought to a friend somewhere in the dining room, and returns to the table as unceremoniously as he had left. There are a few laughs but for the most part there is blank astonishment.

Onlookers were amazed one morning when three people arose and left a fourth to finish his breakfast in solitude. After all, the first and basic rule of etiquette is courtesy and as such it should be more carefully cultivated.

In accord with this, when anyone is speaking in the dining room, whether the head waiter, the dean of women, or the leader of worship, courtesy demands that we give our attention. Need it be given grudgingly?

Do these criticisms and observations seem too caustic? That is not the intention. Our home training is being reflected in our actions in the dining hall. Are we satisfied with the impression we are making?

Consideration of others instead of the big "I" will do much to improve the situation and avoid another such onslaught as this.

L. M. R.

Paine Speaks on Formal Attire vs. Toleration

President Paine, in his chapel talk Friday morning, sought to reveal the spiritual motives of religion as higher than their material expression.

Taking his scriptural setting from the story of Jesus and the woman at the well, found in John 4, Dr. Paine showed how "Jesus was no stickler for form, or externalities but heart of the truth."

He pointed out that at most religious differences down through church history had arisen over externalities. "As long as we're human, there are bound to be differences. However, a difference does not imply a division."

President Paine in considering the problem of formal dress urged that Christian charity be shown mutually from both those who wished to wear formal and those who did not, and that personal convictions and respect for the convictions of others be regarded.

Committee Submits Its Report on Wednesday Student Group Chapels

The committee appointed by the Student Council to work with the Calendar committee on student chapel dates has submitted the following events:

- Nov. 2 Mission Study
- Nov. 16 Pre-Medic Club
- Nov. 23 Athletic Association
- Nov. 30 Soph-Frosh debate
- Dec. 7 Junior-Senior debate
- Dec. 14 Expression Club
- Jan. 4 Art Club
- Jan. 11 Final interclass debate
- Jan. 18 French Club
- Feb. 1 Latin Club
- Feb. 22 Star
- March 1 Student Council
- March 8 Boulder
- March 15 Social Science Club
- April 5 German Club
- April 12 High School
- April 19 Senior Class
- April 26 Junior Class
- May 3 Sophomore Class
- May 10 Freshman Class
- May 17 Lanthorn

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WAR POLL

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Heart's going to war, 92 had their country at heart while 230 felt rather the need of a help-mate in preference to the nation's safety. The most tender-hearted of the girls were the freshmen and sophomores with 52 and 38 respectively who raised objections as contrasted to 26 and 5 prompted by patriotic motives. Perhaps it is only coincidence, but the freshmen and sophomore men backed up their feminine classmates and voted 40 and 33 to 19 and 13 respectively. Other classes proved more cold-hearted.

Germany easily ran away with the honor of being the country which was believed mainly responsible for the recent crisis. There were 51 who refused to accept this and offered a total of 11 alternatives to back their arguments. Ten said that the blame could be held at the feet of no one country. Fourteen, however, felt that Great Britain was responsible, and 7 condemned the Allied Powers. Other countries in order of their judgment were Dictator Nations, Italy, Japan, the United States, France, all nations, Russia, and the Jewish people.

The poll is a part of an attempt to discover the sentiment of the average American student regarding war. Complete results of the national vote will be printed as soon as final reports are received.

Something Is Wrong--You Think of George

If something goes wrong with your car, the first person you think of is George Crouch, who is always willing to help you out of your mechanical difficulty.

For the last six years, George has been faithfully looking after the automotive difficulties of Houghton. His parents moved to Houghton from Savona, N. Y. a few years ago so that his sister might attend college. Thus it was that George established himself in business here.

Previous to his garage experience, George worked for his father who has a trucking business. In those days, his father ran model T trucks because of less initial expense and less maintenance. A connecting rod broke on one of the trucks, and a garage charged \$30 for a replacement. George thought this was too expensive, so when the next rod broke, he fixed it himself, and says, "I've been fixing cars ever since."

George's business is about equally

PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Robert Wayne Bedford

It is not in the least out of the range of probability that some future publication entitled *Who's Who in American Music*, may list the name of Robert Wayne Bedford; born August 17, 1917; son of Rev. Dean Bedford and Mary Bedford; at Newfane, N. Y.; B.S. Houghton College, 1939; Choir Director (Place not yet disclosed).

Interested in choral work and choral singing, Wayne has taken an active part while in Houghton in nearly all major choral productions, and has proven to be one of the outstanding solo baritones of the a cappella choir. Perhaps it was his high school career which provided the background, for there (in Rochester N. Y. now) he sang in the Rochester Inter-high school choir and won the state high school voice semi-finals for Monroe High School, his alma mater.

Wayne's ambition is to enter the field of choral direction which is likely to involve further preparation after his graduation from college. No doubt if you were to ask him why he came to Houghton his answer would be "Just chip-off-the-old-block stuff, I guess."

Miriam Belle Foss

It doesn't matter when she was born, but November 5, 1918 was the actual date. Although it isn't important where she was born, Brooklyn New York was her birthplace. Even the fact that she was graduated from Kingston High School with two scholarships is relatively unimportant. What really matters is the fact that Miriam Foss entered Houghton College in September, 1935 and her personality has been brightening our halls of learning ever since.

"My full name is Ruth Miriam Belle Foss", "Mim" said solemnly when a Star reporter cornered her in the arcade, "and the funniest thing that ever happened to me was when I became a Senior."

Miriam has been a member of Chapel Choir, Expression Club, Forensic Union and W. Y. P. S., and is a Star reporter. She is planning to teach English and Mathematics when she leaves Houghton.

Zilpha Robertson Gates

Twenty-one years ago on July 3, in Ellington, N. Y., little Zilpha Gates made her first appearance in this world. Apparently satisfied with her surroundings Zilpha has remain-



by "Hi TOOTHILL"

Prof. Cronk is a very good friend of mine, but—I need material for this column this week so I give you this one item as a sidelight on the Betty Robinson lecture of last Tuesday.

Local News Item: Professor Cronk of the music department got up and gave his seat to two ladies.

France had her Napoleon, but the seniors have their Bill Grosvenor. Wee Willie was on the receiving end of many a long pass and punt in the last of the Sages' speedball games and was quite largely responsible for the good appearance of the ossifying senior squad. If you ask Bill for the secret of his success he might reply something like this: "Plenty of sleep, dog biscuit, and a superiority complex."

Another anticdote ('sa short, funny tail) involving Maestro Cronk but this time the joke is not at his expense. In a recent orchestra rehearsal of the *Mountain Song* by Lamar Hardy, the Maestro asked the violins to "sing it", in other words, make it sweet and lilting. But Eleanor Fitts doesn't hear well, so she decided to "swing it." When interviewed by the staff correspondent she remarked that she might be able to "Fitts it up."

I ought not to allow Betty Robinson's Houghton debut to slip by without another remark. "Winchell" Tuthill has it on good authority that our presiding elder, Prof. Stanley Wright was so favorably impressed with the young athlete's appearance that he plans to attend the 1940 Olympics and act as a sort of "shock absorber" at the end of the 100 Meter Dash. His slogan is (quote) "I should like to have you run for me."

But I understand that the professor was not by any means the only one favorably impressed. A frequent comment on the matinee was, "Did you see the lecture?"

There's not a student of Houghton who has taken General Chem. under Miss Burnell's direction who can say he has not been petrified, or at least greatly concerned, by her yearly demonstration that a large bell jar can no longer remain composed on the top of a table when hydrogen and oxygen contained in the jar are chemically hitched by a lighted match. That baby earthquake last week was Miss Burnell and her bag of tricks. But you become more or less immune to such experiences. Maybe it's a sort of torpidness or insensibility that finally diffuses through the victim. One afternoon I heard an explosion out in the lab. and the accompanying spattering of bits of glass. A moment later a fully acclimated freshman walked up to the stock room door and soberly remarked "another Pyrex test tube, please."

But that's nothing. They tell me you haven't really done graduate study until you've been blown out of an experimental room immediately preceded by the door of the said room. "Life is real, life is earnest."

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they selected "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers."

After a brief intermission, the singers returned with "You Must Have True Religion", "Kentucky Babe", and the humorous selection "Chicken". Mr. Saxon sang the tenor solo.

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Banker Heard Here In Missionary Talk Tell's India's Need

The Rev. Mr. Floyd Banker, missionary to India and alumnus of Houghton College, described the life, customs, and government of the people of India, especially as they are related to missionary effort.

"The brightest aspect of missions in India today is the hope of the seventy million untouchables who have begun to realize that Hinduism offers them nothing and that they must accept another religion," he affirmed. As a result of this mass movement against Hinduism, thousands of these untouchables are turning to Christianity each year, Mr. Banker stated. "The missionary does not endeavor to change the customs of the Indian, but rather," he declared, "to implant a heart religion within him."

Fancher Describes Trip For Chautauqua Alumni

Gretchen's Kitchen, Jamestown was the scene of the fall meeting of the Chautauqua chapter of Houghton Alumni. The chapter was delighted to welcome President Paine and his wife and daughters, even though they had to leave immediately after the dinner for the Harvest services at Levant. Prof. LeRoy and Mrs. Fancher remained for the meeting at which the out-going president, Hugh Thomas, presided. The newly elected president and secretary are Arthur and Verena France. After the business session came the high point of the evening: Prof. Fancher began his interesting recital of various phases of his trip to Germany.

When asked what interested him the most, Prof. Fancher replied, "The places where Luther had been." He sketched briefly his delight in visiting the Luther shrines such as the church where he sang, and where years later, Bach was christened; and the room where Luther cloistered himself when translating the Bible. Here a huge ink stain on the wall is reputed to have come from the inkwell Luther hurled at the devil. But not much of the stain remains as souvenir hunters have taken the plaster.

RUSSELL

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necessary—but it is the specialist who reaches the top.

Preparation and thoroughness, according to Mr. Russell, are more momentous than brilliancy. He showed the necessity of thoroughness in preparation for his work by citing the example of a case where a taxpayer, supported by outstanding lawyers, demanded the return of a quarter of a million dollars from the government. As a result of Mr. Russell's investigation into the Treasury department, he was able to prove that a means was used which was not in effect at that time but which came into effect a few months later.

Finding an objective in life is necessary for a healthy happy life. Mr. Russell impressed us with the importance of breaking away from aimlessness—of finding our goal and working definitely toward it's fulfillment. Mr. Russell's inspiring and educational remarks were closed with 1 Cor. 9:24—27.

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"Until" and an encore "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen". He was accompanied by Walter Ferchen ('38).

NEWS FLASHES

Elizabeth Bryant, ex '38, is attending State Teacher's College in Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

Martha Bantle '38 is taking a library course at Geneseo Normal.

Mary Sinclair, of Houghton Bible School '37, is assisting her father in his work as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Uniondale, Pennsylvania.

Katherine Schehl '37 is teaching in a grade school outside of Webster, New York.

Dr. Harry Kitterman, a former Houghton student and brother of Mrs. Zola Fancher has been awarded the honor of membership to the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons. He is practicing now in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Lora (Foster) Lynip '38 and Arthur Lynip '38 are located at Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn. She is instructor in piano and voice and he teaches the following subjects: Freshman Composition; Sophomore Poetry and Mythology; Senior English Literature; Elementary Economics and American History.

Mills-Kauffman Wedding Is at Houghton Church

Lynda Mary Mills (ex'40) and Daniel Harold Kauffman ('39) were married in Houghton Church at 12:30 Saturday, October 22. The Rev. Earnest Black officiated.

Ushers were Kenneth Burr ('35) and Gerald Beach ('39). Edith Preston ('42) was bridesmaid and Donald Kauffman ('40) best man.

After a week's trip through the Adirondacks the bride and groom plan to make their home in Houghton.

Bible School Elects; Holds First Club Meeting

Scott President

The following officers and committees for the year were elected in a recent short business meeting of the Bible School:

President—Claude Scott
Vice President—Marjean Bennett
Secretary—Mary Foster
Treasurer—Anna Ross
Social / Committee—Miss Anna Fillmore, Ruth Hendricks, Claude Scott,

Program Committee—Miss Havreth Owlett, Dorothy Falkins, Mark Beecher.

Miss Gillette Speaks

"In his contacts with humanity, one of the requirements of the Christian worker is that he make practical applications of society's code of ethics for social and business conduct, by which the world often judges." Such was the intimation of Miss Frieda Gillette as she addressed the Bible School club on "Cultural values", at its first regular meeting of the year, Monday evening, October 16.

Other features of the program were a piano solo by Miss Anna Ross and a vocal duet by Miss Dorothy Falkins and Mary Foster with Miss Ruth Hendricks at the piano. Prof. F. H. Wright presented some pertinent parliamentary pointers. After the critique by Miss Anna Fillmore, Mr. Claude Scott, acting chairman, led the group in its closing prayer.

The last group consisted of "Rise, Shine, Give God the Glory", "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel", "Do You Call That Religion", and There Is A Balm in Gilead." As final encores to an interesting program, they sang, "Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name," and "Little David, Play On Your Harp".

PERSONNEL

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ed in Ellington since.

In high school Zilpha added her "fluty" talent in the band and orchestra. Also she was president of the Girl Reserves, took part in dramatics and belonged to the Library club.

Zilpha entered Houghton in 1935 to begin her college career. Her ability of leadership might be illustrated by the fact that she held offices in Latin and French clubs, Dorm council and was secretary to the Dean of Women for two years. Other extra-curriculars in which she participated are band, orchestra, Star staff and Boulder staff. This year she was elected president of the Smith house. She is majoring in languages preparing to teach Latin, French or English.

When asked to give a statement, Zilpha replied, "There's nothing to say that everyone else hasn't said a dozen times."

Robert George Gibson

Robert Gibson regrets that he has spent only two years in Houghton College. As he thinks ahead to the coming June his regret enlarges. For he realizes that at that time he will leave his Alma Mater never to return here again as a student.

Robert George Gibson was born in Buffalo on May 26, 1917. He was just a natural baby, who later grew into a natural person. He lived in Buffalo all his life and attended the Bennett High School where he played hockey and held a place on the track team.

After leaving high school, he went to work, holding several different jobs. The most interesting of these was in a delicatessen store.

George's desire to acquire an education was great enough to cause him to go to night school for two years, after which he transferred to Houghton to finish his studies. He is majoring in social science and hopes to teach that curricula when he graduates next spring.

Bob likes Houghton. He made the statement that Houghton was very uplifting, and this was due to the spiritual mindedness of the faculty and a majority of the students. He feels that the motto of the church should also be the motto of the school. "In Houghton men see God."

Willis Russell Gilbert

A Memorial Day reminder to the world—that was "Russ", born on May 30, 1916 in Central Square, New York. His family moved to Phoenix, New York, in time for "Russ" to spend his grammar school career there. "I remember the first day of school well," he says, "it was not fear of the big bad wolf, but instead my fear of the big bad dog in the next block that caused my mother to escort me back and forth all that first month."

He survived, in spite of his fears, to enter Phoenix High School from which he graduated in 1935. He entered Houghton in '35 and has majored in general science and minored in mathematics.

Russel has been prominent in athletics, playing speed-ball, basketball, and baseball for four years. He is a member of the Pre-Medic club and has been a member of the Chapel Choir. Russel expects to teach upon his graduation from Houghton.

In regard to his Alma Mater he says, "I am glad that I came to Houghton and have been here the four years, because of the contacts and friendships I have made."

Hilda Jane Giles

It was back in 1918 at Plattsburg, New York, when Hilda Jane Giles had her first narrow escape, just missing April Fool's Day by a mere 22 days.

Hilda attended grade school at Plattsburg Normal and after graduation she entered the Plattsburg high

Sunday Services

As Enoch Walked

"When God wrote Enoch's epitaph, He used four words—Enoch walked with God", stated Rev. E. W. Black Sunday morning discussing the sphere and nature of the walk with God. Enumerating the conditions of this walk he continued, "We must go the way God is going, we must walk a walk of separation. To conquer sin and walk with God is the way to grand destiny."

While We Slept

"There are three kinds of sleep—physical, mental and spiritual," said Bruce Densmore in W.Y.P.S. Talking for his text "While men slept," he said, "The enemy never takes a

Master Your Destiny

"The Lure of Sin" was the theme of the Sunday evening service. "He who pursues sin pursues it to the death of character, conscience, reason and hope," Mr. Black stated. "There may be a shallow, superficial pleasure in sin, but there is no good of any kind. You are the master of your destiny. Pursue righteousness and reap life or pursue sin and reap death."

Extension Department of W.Y.P.S. Plans Big Year

Although they have not been too busy as yet, the Extension Department of the W. Y. P. S. has big plans for the year. A few services have already been held by such groups as Jack West's print shop quartet, the trumpet quartet and the girls trio. Since other dates have already been made, it is hoped that before long three or four groups will be sent out each Sunday.

Mr. Erwin Enty, the head of the department, desires to use as many young people as possible and encourages the formation of new quartets and groups to assist in this work. Since more workers are needed, if anyone, not having filled out a membership blank, desires to do such active Christian work, he should see Mr. Enty immediately.

school, where she was not only a member of the Glee Club and Athletic Council, but belonged to several other clubs. When graduation time came, and the averages were figured up, it was found that Hilda was the valedictorian of her class.

Since she has entered Houghton, Hilda has been a member of the Expression club and was in the chapel choir for a year and in the A Cappella for a year and a half. She was feature editor on the Boulder staff in her junior year and the vice president of the Latin club this year.

When asked what Houghton had meant to her, Hilda replied, "How can the infinite things Houghton has done for me and means to me, be expressed in once sentence?"

Wm. Van Doren Grosvenor

On July 14, 1917, the news was trumpeted throughout Peckville, Penna. that William Van Doren Grosvenor had been born. Since then "Bill" has done his own trumpeting.

At Blakely High School, where he received his post-grammar school education, he was a member of the band, and orchestra, manager of the

Ourselves As God Sees Us

by ROBERT LYTLE

DECLENSION

For years Christian students have decried the spiritual declension that has followed each series of evangelistic services. During the meetings when the prayers of consecrated Christians have ascended to a loving Father, when the presence of the Holy Spirit has been unusually manifest on our campus, when Christians, aroused to action by the impress of the Holy Spirit, have been working ardently for salvation of unsaved friends, when souls have been seeking and finding the Saviour of all mankind; the spiritual tenor of the student body has been at its acme. But invariably after the evangelist has departed and routine is again resumed, there has been a spiritual laxity, a spiritual slackness, both collectively and individually. Souls that have taken advanced positions in grace, drift back; Christian students no longer are burdened for unsaved friends; the fire of spiritual zeal, fanned into a glowing flame during the services, dies down to embers.

FORWARD STEP

Many have deplored this declivity of spirituality, but only recently has a definite step been taken to remedy it. Upon the promptings of the Holy Spirit a new organization, open to all earnest Christians, has been founded that the spiritual fervor and zeal to witness for Christ might be more constant. The goals of this movement, yet unnamed, are instruction and actual experience in personal work.

NOT STAGNANT

Running water is never stagnant; an active Christian, always striving to aid others to Christ, seeking and obeying the guidance of the Spirit of God, never becomes torpid, never falls back. Shall we not therefore utilize this new organization whose aim is to aid us to be active Christians obeying the leadership of the Holy Spirit, so that we shall not become stagnant, so that we individually shall allow no spiritual declension in our own Christian life?

Mrs. Birkel, Missionary to China, Addresses Students' Prayer Service October 18

Mrs. A. H. Birkel spoke at the Student's Prayer Meeting which was conducted by the Y. M. W. B. on Tuesday evening.

She brought a very interesting and instructional message on "The Part of an American Woman in China", concentrating her thought on the missionary interest. Although she agreed that the men do have a place, she felt that the woman's part is very important. Special music was furnished by a girl's trio composed of Mary Foster, Elizabeth Cheney, and Ada Stocker. Joy Palmer led in the devotions.

Student Council Takes Up Matter of Recreational Needs, Facilities

A discussion of recreational activities occupied a greater part of the bi-monthly Student Council meeting, Thursday, October 20. It is hoped that ping-pong tables, shuffle board, or some such game can be installed in the recreation hall for the use of the students this coming winter. Plans are also being made for a skating rink.

SENIORS CHALK TWO VICTORIES CLINCHING THIRD PLACE

High School and Freshmen Bow to Passing of Seniors

Ahead by 2 Points

On Monday, Oct. 24, the seniors earned their first win after two losses, defeating the high school 24-22. It was a hard-fought, well-played battle for the teams were vying to see which one would climb from the cellar position.

They ran neck to neck in the first twenty minutes of competition ending with a tied score of 9 to 9. In the third frame the passing combination of Murphy, Crandall and Gilbert caused the experienced senior eleven to barge ahead leading at the end of the quarter 20-15. The high school boys fought hard and fierce in the final stanza but little would the "Sages" weaken. Highest scoring men were Gilbert 10, and Crandall 6 for the Seniors, and "Bill" Crandall 6, McCarty 5 for the Seminary.

Hold Lead to Win

Senior "Speedballers" found themselves Thursday, October 20, when they climbed third place position by overpowering the yearling squad 28-19.

Although they were forced to play with ten men during the first half, the upperclassmen, taking advantage of the absence of Dave Paine and Marve Eyer from their opponents team, played mainly offensively resulting in a substantial lead of 15 points being piled up. The restoration of the Frosh team in the second period with the added long punting power and irresistible pass-work of its new players, showed them to have the edge in ability but not enough to catch up on such a large lead.

Senior recourse to long range pass-work accounts for the victory, for with Grosvenor and Gilbert on the receiving end following Herschel Gamble's smashing tactics, the freshmen were never allowed to build up their organization of ability to its proper degree of effectiveness. Ralph Black took high scoring honors by laying down 9 points for his team during the afternoon.

BARBER

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"Wet, please," says I.
"The college owns the barber shop," says he, "but I put in all the new equipment. Maybe I can sell it to the college for a hundred and fifty smackers."
"Maybe not," says I.
"Shave?" says he.
"N-nope," says I gettin' kinda scared.
"Yep," says he. "I'm planning on working in the print shop next summer and keeping the skull shop open for the village folks. If I do well, I'll probably get in someone to help me next year, but I don't know yet. That will be thirty-five cents—kinda cheap for such a good job."
"Yep," says I, "it sure looks good. Here y'are."
"Good-bye," says he.
"Good-bye," says I.

HONORED AT SHOWER

Miss Lynda Mills, ex'41, was honored Thursday P. M. with a variety shower at Miss Bess Fancher's home.

The twenty-one guests enjoyed Lynda's searches for the alarm clocks which revealed the hiding places of their presents. Dainty refreshments were served.

Forensic Takes Program For Discussion of Love

"Don't You Think It Was Wrong?" was the title of the solo given by Richard Chamberlain, accompanied by Doris Veazie, as first order of music at Forensic Union, the evening of Oct. 17. Wrong to do what, you ask?

The topic for the evening was "Love", but love was not severely criticised by Vance Carlson in his humorous declamations entitled "Married Men Make the Best Husbands". Nor was Frederick Schläfer pessimistic in his four minute extempore, "Americans Are Too Pre-occupied with Love", as he related seeing a sign which read: "Don't kill your wife with hard work; let electricity do it."

Impromptus revealed the fact that Robert Torrey has not too seriously considered how he would propose, Hilda Luther believes love grows on one, and that Martha Markham has some quite definite ideas on bringing up a husband.

Serious essays included "Advice to the Lovelorn" or a commentary on recent expert findings on the subject of marriage, as given by Durwood Clader, and "Strange Marriage Customs," a brief research by Seymour Rollman. The critique was presented by Leon Wise. Parliamentary drill was in charge of Park Tucker.

The business session, chairmaned by president Willett, saw the amending of the constitutional order of the monthly programs to place the impromptus earlier in the evening's schedule. A large number of new members were also received.

Frosh Recital Continues Second Section Monday

A talented group of Freshmen music students appeared in the second of a series of class recitals held in the chapel on Monday evening, Oct. 17. Throughout the program a general feeling of musicianship prevailed. On the whole the performances were of fine caliber. The program was as follows:

Rustles of Spring	Sprining
Margaret Mann	
Thou Art Like a Flower	Schumann
Laura Ferchen	
Etude-Opus 10, No. 4	Chopin
Ralph Patterson	
Prize Song from "Die Meistersinger"	Wagner
Richard Sandle	
The Butterfly	Lavaller
Erma Hoffman	
Sing Me to Sleep	Green
Yvonne Duxbury	
Berceuse (from Jocelyn)	Godard
Daisy Hyde	
Spring Song	Mendelssohn
Edwin Upson	
Invictus	Bruno Huhm
Mark Armstrong	
Praeludium	Mendelssohn
Ruth McLaren	
Curious Story	Heller
Adele Covil	
The Lilac Tree	George Garlan
Elizabeth Carlson	
Prelude in C sharp Minor	Rachmainoff
Mildred Bisgrove	
Dedication	Schumann
Lloyd Dinkler	

FIGHTING HIGH SCHOOL LADS BOW TO CHAMPS BY 31-14 SCORE

The clever front line combined with superb punting from the backfield made the undefeated juniors a victor over the high school eleven Wednesday afternoon Oct. 19.

The game afforded plenty of thrills and spills and it was closer than the 31-14 score indicated. The high school never stopped fighting. Led by two of the smoothest players in the school, McCarty, and Stone, desperate academy boys made the first half a real battle. The clever pass work of the juniors, led by Olcott and Torrey was probably their biggest asset.

Joe Randall, the high school's goalie suffered a gash on the tongue during the game, making it necessary to take two stitches.

PERSONNEL

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basketball team, and business manager for the school paper.

Entering Houghton in '35, William chose for his major—Theology, and for his minor—Greek. He has been a valuable addition to the band and orchestra during his four years here. As a member of the trumpet quartet he has travelled many hundreds of miles, representing the college extension department in carrying the Gospel in music to the country round.

He says of Houghton: "The inspiration received here has made an impression on my life that can never be erased."

Josephine Rachel Hadley

Extra-curricular activities have played a large part in Josephine Hadley's college career, particularly from the musical standpoint. Three years of college choir, three years of band, Music club, and now in her senior year, the orchestra is her record.

Miss Hadley began her climb toward the realization of musical ambitions at Conewango, New York on April 22, 1918. Her elementary and high school work were taken at Chautauqua, home of the famed Chautauqua summer resort, and while in high school, "Jo" was a member of glee club, band and orchestra. Finally, as a postgraduate she took time off to win her letter in basketball.

When 1935 rolled around, there was Josephine again, just another frosh with just another green cap for just another freshman week at Houghton College. Undaunted by perpetrations by the then-sophomores, "Jo" has survived four years of professorial instruction under the technical guise of being a public school music major, and is now trying her hand at practice teaching youngsters in the district school to sound their "do-re-me", etc.

Letitia Catherine Higgins

Miss Letitia Katherine Higgins was first introduced to the world on Nov. 2, 1917, in Moores, New York. "Tish" needs no introduction to the student body since everyone has heard of her ambidextrous tennis playing. Besides winning the Girl's Tennis Championship in both singles and doubles, she also excelled in basketball, being varsity captain. She belongs to the Social Science, German, and Expression Clubs.

Now "Tish" doesn't spend all her time in extra-curricular activities, even though she usually is found on the tennis court, for she does do a little studying. She is taking a major in Social Science and plans to teach.

Juniors Win The Pennant

Championship laurels were placed on the heads of junior athletes Friday afternoon, October 21, in the final interclass out-of-door battle this fall as they forced the hard fighting sophomores to play second fiddle to the tune of 21-11.

With both squads working at a definite disadvantage on a slippery field caused by a drizzling rain, the subsequent lessening of efficiency caused a lowering in the caliber of play. From the beginning the "Torrey-men" took a lead which they did not relinquish throughout the afternoon. It was, nevertheless, no easy job, and not till the last part of the game could accurate prediction be made concerning the outcome.

Junior defensive ability kept Kieth Sackett, Jim Evans, and Justus Prentice, the outstanding sophomore players, completely bottled up each time scoring position was reached, for repeatedly the ball was intercepted and booted down the field out of danger by Bill Olcott. On the other hand, the fancy ball handling of Frank Taylor, Cliff Blauvelt and Bob Torrey was not stopped and accounted for the effective scoring ability of the thrills from the afternoon's encounter—"yellow shirts".

A small but cheerful sideline of spectators received their share of laughter in spite of the rain.

Humorous Skit Featured On French Club Program

A humorous skit entitled *La Guernison de Pierrot* was the main feature of Le Cercle Français, held Friday afternoon, October 21, in the high school study hall. The characters of the skit were:

Gilles—Claribel Saile
Pierrette—Thelma Havill
Pierrot—Betty Flint
Doctor—Velma Stroud

The educational interest of the program was a brief talk by Zilpha Gates on French cathedrals and universities.

Ardith Brandes, the president of the club, announced the program committee for the year as follows: Velma Stroud, Thelma Havill, and Louise Baldof.

The remainder of the program consisted of singing of French songs and playing French games. The meeting was closed by the singing of the *Marseillaise*.

In high school "Tish" also majored in extra-curricular activities, taking part in orchestra, band, glee club, school plays, and playing on the county basketball team. As a more serious person she was active in church work, president of the Senior Class, a member of the student council, and on the literary staff of the school paper.

"Tish" came to Houghton to keep up the family tradition since nine of her relatives attended Houghton. "Tish" likes Houghton very much but can't think of anything to say—that is, anything that hasn't been said before.

George Arthur Hilgeman

He comes from way out "thar in de west", where they say men are men; in Fort Wayne, Indiana to be exact. Although "Bilgie" lived out there only two years, yet he shows that the statement is true—Men are men.

George is one of our outstanding



SPORTLIGHT

by VICTOR MURPHY

Interclass speedball wound up with a flourish (a wet one too) last Friday with, according to the consensus of opinion, the best team on top. It cannot be said that the series was without its share of excitement. Nip-and-tuck contests were in evidence, for each team shared the uncertainty of its games not knowing when an "off" might turn up. A glance at the final standings shows a fairly accurate order of ability which leads one to predict that a duplicate list might easily fit into the coming basketball series.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Junior	4	0	1.000
Sophomore	3	1	.750
Senior	2	2	.500
Freshman	1	3	.250
High School	0	4	.000

Wednesday and Friday speak of Purple and Gold with its desired heightening of speed, accuracy, and ability which ought to prove closely contested. Purple ranks include two Crandalls, Gilbert, Olcott, Blauvelt, Taylor, Sheffer, Martin, Shaffner, Sackett, Eyer, Prentice, Krentel and Knapp, while the Gold boast of position fillers in Brown, Torrey, Mix, Evans, two Tuthills, Weaver, Paine, McCarty, Marsh and many others who will join to form effective teams for both sides.

It has been said that this year there has been less support for the teams on the field than usual. Only a handful are present as spectators at afternoon games, and cheers are almost unheard of. Is the afternoon a poor time to hold them? Are the games uninteresting? Do studies monopolize your time? It seems certain that if most of you were at home you would be on hand to support the home town football team, but here you pay no attention to the boys who are struggling to maintain your class prestige in athletics. We would appreciate any explanations or suggestions concerning the cheering section on the sideline plus criticisms of the athletic program as a whole if you have them. If you don't, why not come out and give your class members a boost? I'm sure they will appreciate it.

men on the campus. If one doubts this, just glance at his record:

Sergeant at arms, corresponding secretary for Forensic Union.

Varsity debate manager for 1938-39.

President of Expression Club for 2 years.

Feature editor of the *Star* for 2 years and News Editor for 1938-39.

A member of the College Choir for four years.

Member of the W. Y. P. S. for four years.

Purple Manager for 1938-39.

One might think with all these activities in so many varied fields that "Bilgie" must be quite an ancient. Far from it! If his birth record is true, he was born July 13, 1918.

Upon leaving Houghton, he is planning to attend Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas. He will study there for five years and as "Bilgie" says, "come out a Doctor, I hope."