

LET'S MAKE THIS COMING SPRING VACATION "TALK UP HOUGHTON" WEEK.

# The Houghton Star



"WE CAN NOT TRUST ENOUGH IN OURSELVES, NOR EVER TRUST TOO MUCH IN GOD."  
—John Smith

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## INASMUCH . . .

The following is an open letter to the Student body of Houghton College, from one of the recipients of aid through the Inasmuch Group. This is one of the first letters received from the Russian Occupation Zone of Germany.

When I was a child I heard a report in Sunday School which made such a deep impression upon me that I still feel it as if I heard it yesterday. Christmas gifts were distributed to the children. A group received beautiful pictures of instances in the life of our Lord with the direction, "When you get home put these pictures on the wall over your bed immediately." A very poor-looking little girl began to weep. Asked why, she answered with these four words, "We have no wall." This was in a time when poverty was great in our land, but when such a single case made impression and help was sure to be obtained.

We have no wall! We have no bed, no room, no stove, no coal or wood, no food, no home—children do not know whether they have parents, and fathers and mothers do not know if their children are still alive. This is the sort of world in which we live. This is the cruel sort of world that is our home-country, Germany.

Did you ever try to think deeply what this can mean? Do you understand what it costs to come "home" to a town in a foreign land, lonely, needy to the uttermost, perhaps old, sick, forgotten, and in despair? Think of such circumstances when you think: Germany!

I do not want to touch political questions, causes and guilt. My purpose in writing these lines to my friends in the U.S.A. is to thank them heartily for all the help and love they have shown by their gifts, their thoughts, prayers—and their understanding.

"We have no wall!" If you knew what we have not. . . people, rich and easy during their life, no longer have shoes to go out in, and there are no warm stockings for cold days

### CHAPEL

- March 23  
Pres. Paine
  - March 24  
Dr. Edward Young
  - March 25  
Greenville College Choir
  - March 26  
Dr. Robert Luckey
- ### ACTIVITIES
- Tuesday, March 23  
Student Prayer Meeting
  - Wednesday, March 24  
Honors Banquet  
Latin Club  
Greek Club  
Expression Club  
Student Council  
Women's League  
Mission Study
  - Friday, March 26  
Vacation 12:30

### CIVIC GROUP PLANS

The Civic Improvement committee convened in the Luckey Memorial building on Monday, March 8, to prepare plans for the improvement of the appearance of Houghton's campus and vicinity.

The landscape project for the lot near Barker's store is to be completed this spring. Saturday, April 10th, will be clean-up day for all properties not on the campus.

in unheated rooms with stone floors! Can you understand what it meant to me to have been able to give, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, by your love and kindness, warm clothing, food, pretty dresses, shoes (which are the most greatly needed article), stockings (which we cannot buy), thread to sew or mend. . .

Could you but see once the joy in the eyes of those who have received your gifts! Every case would be worthy of being written up for the giver. There was a smart little boy of three years. I put in his little pocket a corner filled with pudding powder. "Thank you," he said, "and I will bring back the paper." He knows that we have no paper.

Albert cannot come to school. He has no shoes, and the only pair he had cannot be repaired because the shoemaker has no leather, no nails, no thread. So, one week, the elder sister lends her shoes.

Mr. F. has only one suit and he has very dirty work. Sunday he cannot go out; his clothes must be washed and dried. He needs a suit and trousers. How great is this help.

I met Mr. A. I had just wanted to give him a coat. I was astonished that he had a rather good one on. "My old military coat must be mended today, so I borrowed this one. My own is so shabby that I can hardly put it on anymore." He received the best article that I had, and he merited it.

Thanks, a thousand thanks to all who sent these gifts. And thank you especially who sent your gifts so clean, sometimes quite new, really no alms, but gifts, out of which the love speaks.

How can peace on earth get reality? Here is a way. You make our days brighter, our lot easier; you help that our faith becomes stronger. You help us to see God's love through your love.

I am lucky to thank you in the name of those I have been enabled to help by your help.

God bless you!

Lina Lejeune,  
Town of the Wartburg.  
Where Luther translated the Bible  
My address: Neulandhaus, Hainweg  
33. Russian Zone

## King Explains Soph Testing

Dr. Lauren A. King, Dean of the college states that the sophomore tests administered March 10 and 11, cut across course lines in an effort to determine general education attainment of students preparing to concentrate in specific fields. Some colleges use the results of these standardized tests to sift from their student bodies those inadequate for further study.

Houghton expects to discover from the ratings on these tests three general items. First, how Houghton College compares with other colleges in general education facilities. Second, each sophomore student has an opportunity to measure his achievement with that of the other sophomores of the nation. He will receive a personal profile sheet indicating his scores and commenting on their significance. Third, Houghton will be better able to guide students into major fields and recommend certain vocations.

## POLL REVEALS 276 FULL-TIME PREPARATIONS

The poll taken recently by the Foreign Missions Fellowship group disclosed some very valuable information. The most important fact was that eighty-five students have definitely felt called to serve the Lord in a foreign field. One hundred twenty-eight students indicated that they were considering foreign missionary service but could not state positively whether they were called to service in the home or foreign field. However, every field in the entire world was at least mentioned. The poll also revealed that there were sixty-three students who felt that the Lord has called them into full time Christian service on the homeland.

This poll was in no way a waste of time and effort, for, as a result of reading the questionnaire, one girl felt led to go home and pray that the Lord would show her exactly what He would have her do, with the result that He did in a definite way.

All students who have felt called to the mission field or to service at home are invited to attend Foreign Missions Fellowship prayer meeting held at 6:45 P. M. on Tuesday in S-24. This meeting is open to any others who are interested.

For the benefit of all prospective missionaries, a shelf of books on the subject of mission boards has been prepared in the library by F.M.F. members.

## Third Activity Concert Features Mary Canberg

Mary Canberg, violinist, will be the guest artist at the third of the Student Activity Concerts on Friday, March 19 at 8:00 p. m.

Miss Canberg's opening number will be "Sonata in D Major" by Handel.

Wieniawski's "Concerto in D minor" will follow. Miss Canberg's next group will consist of "Adagio and Fugue in G minor" by Bach and two Paganini numbers, "Caprice No. 14 in E flat" and "Caprice No. 13 in B flat."

The recital will continue with two Kriesler arranged compositions, "Minuet" by Porpora and "Prayer" by Rachmanif, followed by the famous Kriesler original "Tambourin Chinois."

## M. A. GERHARDT PRESENTS RECITAL

The junior recital of Mary Anna Gerhardt, pianist, will be presented in the Houghton College Chapel on Thursday, March 25 at 2:45 p. m.

The opening group will consist of a chorale by Bach, "Awake the Voice Commands," and a sonata by Edward MacDowele, "Sonata Tragica, Opus 45, in G minor."

The recital will continue with "Etude, Opus 10, No. 4" by MacDowell and "Tango" by Virgil Thomson.

"Trois Etudes, No. 2" by Frederic Chopin, followed by Virgil Thomson's "Spinning Song" and Chopin's "Etude, Opus 10, No. 5" make up the remainder of the program.

## DONALD BUTTERWORTH SPEAKS FOR CHOIR

Professor Donald Butterworth announced that the week-end trip of the choir to Syracuse was very favorably received by the audiences. The choir, traveling over 300 miles, administered in song and testimony to 1300 people in the four concerts given.

Saturday evening the choir furnished the music for a Youth for Christ rally in the Auburn Trinity Baptist Church where Dr. Cook, pastor of the West Avenue Methodist Church, Rochester, N. Y., was speaker. The Sunday morning concert was sung in Syracuse at the Willet Memorial Wesleyan Methodist Church. The afternoon concert was given in Geneva Baptist Church, and in the evening it was given in the Canandaigua Baptist Church. Rev. Floyd Moffett, pastor of the Canandaigua Baptist Church asked Professor Butterworth for a return engagement next year.

Among the more humorous incidents of the day was the "Mr. Butterfingers" introduction by Rev. Moffett. The mistake was realized only after the choir began to laugh. Professor Butterworth said that he had some difficulty keeping the singers in one group. Alda Anderson and Elva Jean Barr were left behind in Syracuse and had to take the Greyhound Bus to Geneva. Fred Hanley and



Connie Varney forgot their robes in Syracuse twice within three hours. It must be spring.

## College Band Gives Concert in Belfast

The newly organized Houghton college band, under the direction of Professor H. Raynard Alger, gave its first public concert in the Belfast Central High School on Friday, March 15 at 3:00 p. m.

The program opened with the march "Gloria" by McCoy which was followed by "Dauntless," an overture by Holmes.

After having played the well-liked "American Patrol" by Meacham, the band, playing Littgow's "Invercargill" presented Miss Myrtle Miller, majorette.

"Komm Susser Tod (Come Sweet Death)," by Bach, "The Best Loved Southern Melodies" arranged by Hayes, and Purdy's "On Wisconsin," constituted the remainder of the program.

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## Deadline For Bus Reservation On Tues.

Bus transportation is being arranged as in previous years for spring vacation by the College Business Office. There will be buses leaving Friday, March 26, for Rochester, Olean, Buffalo, and Wells-ville. All reservations for the buses must be in the hands of Mr. Wallace Mason on or before Tuesday evening, March 23.

The remainder of the program is comprised of "Adagietto" by Mahler-Newlin, "Scherzo" by Dubensky, "Improvisation" by Kalalewsky, and Sarasate's "Zapateado."

Mrs. Margaret Hill will be at the piano.

Originally from Michigan but more recently from New York City, Miss Canberg has been playing professionally for the last ten years.

She obtained her first two years of college education at Michigan State College; she then transferred to the Julliard Graduate School of Music. While attending there, she was under the tutorage of Hans Letz. At present she is coaching with John Corigliano, concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Miss Canberg traveled in all England and most of Europe in her concert tours during the war. She played in Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Wales, Scotland, and Great Britain. Also, she has toured all the United States, particularly the hospitals in the South and in the East.

Sacandago Bible Camp, near Amsterdam, New York, was the scene of recitals given every evening by Miss Canberg. Mrs. Margaret Hill, who was also attending last summer's conference, accompanied her. During this time, Miss Canberg and Mrs. Hill presented weekly radio programs from the camp.

## DEBATE TEAM PLACES THIRD

Houghton's debate team traveled to the State Teachers' College at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and placed third among those teams who went through the entire tournament held there on March 13. Houghton lost debates only to those teams who finished undefeated. The affirmative was defended by Della Herman and Rudolph Rabe while the negative, supported by Haldyne Spriggins and Meredith Sutton, came within one point of winning all of their matches. They beat Dickinson and Penn State but lost by a point to the University of Pittsburgh.

## CONGRESS TO ACT ON GI INCOMES

Look for Congressional action this week on the bill to raise the monthly income ceilings of GI Bill trainees and students.

Joint committee work of the House and Senate has been completed and prompt approval of the revised bill is expected. Figures finally arrived at are \$210 a month for single vets (was \$175); \$270 for vets with one dependent (was \$200); and \$290 for vets with two or more dependents (was \$200).

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## We Can Live Harmoniously

This semester has been marked by more frequent dorm meetings of all women. During these meetings old rules are renewed and new rules are imposed in an attempt to maintain smooth administration and to facilitate the function of the college as a whole. The imposition of numerous rules will often surpass the spirit of cooperation in its effectiveness, but it will never do so and maintain the attitude of good will which should be present upon the campus of a Christian college. The very imposition of a regulation may easily breed antagonism toward that regulation and the authority for which it stands. All will probably agree that as few rules as are absolutely necessary constitute an ideal situation.

Oftentimes the women upon whom these restrictions are placed are not to blame for an occasional violation of a restriction. Oftentimes a man, in total ignorance of the situation, will cause a woman to violate some minor regulation. He does not do it purposely. He simply is not fully aware of the involved system of rules governing the dorm life of women. In such a case as this the woman often prefers punishment for infraction to risking the appearance of impoliteness or discourteousness by trying to explain the laws by which she lives.

We might say that the discourteousness in this case lies not in the woman but in the man. It is his duty to know what the women can and cannot do and to, when possible, help her in obeying regulations.

At present, however, adequate means of understanding these rules are not being made available to the men. We would recommend that the Dean of Women, conduct, early each year, an assembly of all men, for the purpose of explaining to them the women's rules and regulations, knowledge of which would further enable them to maintain the role of the perfect escort. We feel that the establishment of an annual assembly would alleviate the necessity for such an imposing set of regulations, alleviate attitudes of antagonism to authority, and foster a spirit of peace and harmony between the governed and the government.

## Club Spirit Is Possible

No one likes to belong to or be in any way affiliated with a dying organization. Although it is natural for us to enjoy belonging to clubs, the functions of which are secret, none of us enjoys belonging to clubs that no one knows exist. These two statements may teach two lessons; first, advertise your club, and second, don't let interest lag.

Too often an organization cabinet or program committee is prone to feel indifferent towards the success or failure of the organization. They allow meetings to take place employing only a small amount of their potential interest and they allow the name of their group to slip from a position of public prominence. Immediately attendance drops off, quorums are not present, and the cabinet goes into a dither concerning the destiny of the group. Attendance campaigns are staged, publicity and programs are revised and rejuvenated, and things return to a normal state.

Let's see if we can't place our clubs and organizations on a high activity level and get along without these periodic slumps with which we have too often been afflicted. They are unhealthy and unnecessary.

## Editor's Mailbox

Dear Editor:

A certain writer to the Editor's Mailbox seems to be in a quandary concerning the non-continuance of dessertless meals. I, for one, am in favor of sacrificing for a good cause which I'm sure the Inasmuch Group represents, but I would remind the writer that a majority of those present at the student body meeting did not constitute a majority of the school. I maintain that one-hundred and twenty students cannot represent seven-hundred and sixty students on such a matter. Every man, or at least a large majority, must be there to speak for himself. (I would suggest a closed-ballot because I think it would represent a fairer opinion.) So—in the light of these things, I would say that we have had too many dessertless meals, and if the Inasmuch Group wishes to continue with the plan, they should do it in the proper way.

Dear Editor:

Regarding the recent agitation in the Star's "Rut" concerning beards, please consult *Time*, March 15, page 36. In the article "On the Chin," Alf. Cole says, "After all. . . it's the principle of the thing. A man has a right to grow a beard any time he wants." For accurate news reporting, the reader will concur that *Time* is the best by Farr.

Dear Editor:

What's going on around here? When the idea of giving up desserts was suggested to the student body, it was proposed that the dessert given up be ice cream. All well and good! Then came the revolting developments.

1. We get the dessert taken away on Friday, the one night the dining hall takes on some semblance of civilization.

2. We arrive at Sunday's noon meal only to be greeted with that "tasty" ice cream we had given up on Friday!

Dear Editor:

If Houghton possessed a beautiful Gothic chapel with a huge organ, our daily chapel services would undoubtedly be held in that chapel. We would approach such a place with reverence and in a spirit of worship. All talking above a whisper would cease as soon as we entered the doors of the sanctuary.

As you well know, Houghton unfortunately does not possess such a chapel. Unfortunately also, our entrance to the chapel which we do possess, is not characterized by a spirit of worship. It is characterized rather by loud talking and confusion.

Members of the faculty have asked the student body from time to time to enter the chapel reverently. They have suggested that we spend the time just prior to the singing of the first hymn in prayer and meditation. Students, ought we not to obey those in authority over us? (Heb. 13:17)

On March 9, Hans Burki told us that we grieve the Holy Spirit by the way we enter our chapel services. Is this the impression we want to leave upon visitors to our campus?

Houghton, as a college, does have traditions. One of these traditions seems to be a noisy chapel entrance. Let us, students, cling to those traditions which make for righteousness, but let us also let go of this practice and any other practice or tradition which is hindering God's cause.

As we leave the chapel, the piano is played. I would suggest that soft music be played before each chapel program to place us in a mood of worship. Let the first few minutes of the chapel programs be just as God honoring as the first hymn and prayer.

## On Looking Upward . . .

BY MYRON BROMLEY

Last night two silent, silver moonbeams slipped through my open window and whisked me away to their home. There I wandered with the light step of imagination across vast craters and jagged mountains all glaring white in the burning sun of a long lunar day. As our bright globe with its familiar seas and continents dropped under the horizon, a lonely workman appeared. Below the crest of a wide, scarred pit this friendly creature and I sat down to chat. My home, I said, was the shining planet visible from the ridge above, and I was headed toward the sunlit peaks ahead. He in turn pointed to his large-wheeled handcart and its load of shovels, picks and blasting drills.

"I am headed in the opposite direction," he told me, "to level the mountains and make of this trackless country a smooth, gleaming plain, as the Almighty hath appointed." My wonder at his simple tools and the immensity of the task made him sigh and confess that little progress had been made, but that he hoped to fill one more small crater before his death. "They have done much more where you will travel, but few have come thus far. Some day perhaps they will bring their great machines and explosives even here to finish our destined mission. Tell them, if you reach the capital city, that here the task is not even begun." The old man mused for a moment and then rose to trudge over the rocky hill with his cart.

## All To Register With Librarian

Open shelf books, in the main, are one-week books. This is an innovation this year in response to requests from instructors to make certain books more accessible to their students. The collection on open shelf is subject to change in accordance with changing demands. Since there is a variation of loan term, it is especially wise to check the due date stamped in a book when you take it out.

The librarian requests all students who have not yet registered in the library to ask for registration cards at the loan desk in the reading room as soon as possible. Library registration is new this year in Houghton but already has served a practical purpose even though as yet incomplete.

The card calls for printed name and also signature. Between the two fairly accurate identification can be achieved even with the Smiths. Houghton address, telephone number, and college or preparatory classification complete the items tabulated.

Besides identification of signatures and location of individuals who may hold vital materials, these cards also provide a convenient place for recording special privileges or restrictions as the case may be and become an invaluable aid in acquainting the staff with the patrons.

## Numbers

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Room drawings for next semester were held in Dean Beck's office Monday and Tuesday of this week. The lucky number one went to Irene Titus who chose to live at Power's House. Mary Jane Stewart, who drew second, picked room 232, a corner room on the second floor of Gaoyadeo. The third drawer, Dorothy Ellenberger, chose a room in Murphy House.

Wondering at this single, odd old fellow who undertook such a huge project, I flitted uncannily over many ranges of lunar crags to a broad, level valley. Huge crawling rock-moving machines and gigantic explosions marked the expanding rim of this artificial plain. Finally my winged dream set me down at the edge of a great city where towered university buildings rose against the sky. Behind the nearest college hall a student lay flat on a glaring stone surface; his eye was at a microscope lens, and in his hand was a tiny, motor-driven polishing wheel. Curious at his painstaking application, I asked him why he was engaged where such a fine finish had already been achieved.

"Oh," he responded to my query, "I'm majoring in microscopic polishing. This is my degree project in sub-granular surface polishing, but I plan to go on in research and some day"—his voice dropped—"some day I hope to achieve a surface optically flat within a light wavelength. We've never perfectly polished a square inch, you know, so most of us graduating now figure there's no use in moving mountains around until we get this old city area down to a fine shine. Those distant blasts you hear are the old school macroscopic leveling boys at work. They say the ancient revelation said something about the Almighty's command to make the whole moon a shining surface, but we emphasize the shining. The other departments have given up the whole thing as a wild, hopeless dream. Some of the bluestockings think that there's some planet we're supposed to light, but only a few erratic old codgers claim to have been down under to see such a place."

Before I could protest to the student, imagination wafted me back to the lonely, struggling old man with the cart and shovel and pick. "Tell them," I seemed to hear him say, "that here the task is not yet begun." The bright moonbeams stole me away to my room where I lay gazing at the speck of brightness I fancied to see where the old man had been working at the margin of the moon. A white gleam illumined the motto on my wall, "Go ye into all the world."

## PAINTER'S UNION INVADES OFFICE

Flash—Splash! The Star Office—Casey's Den—was painted Saturday, March 13, by a group of painters, members of the "Local Genesee Painters Union." The cabinet appointed a committee to select the color scheme and to secure the most widely experienced painters in the student body.

When Casey inquired of Professor Smith what colors were available, he was informed he could have his choice of ivory, ivory, or ivory. (Casey settled for Ivory.) The committee, after receiving the editor's report, decided to do things in a traditional manner, instead of following the current two-tone trend set by Dean Beck. Someone suggested that the pipes and radiator be left a "natural dirty yellow," but the editor, being a conservative, insisted that Dean Beck was the only one who could initiate "new trends and get away with it."

The committee, Dave Kaser, Charles Shickley, Kay Perry, Charles DeSanto, and Mitz, rather than pick a favored few from the many skillful volunteers, painted the office themselves.

Mitzie called strokes from his vantage point on the window-sill. The office, despite its new interior redecorations, is not to be open to the gaze of the admiring throng.

# How To Preserve Democracy

A Guest Feature

by Merrill Jackson

The American people have always cherished personal freedom. From Patrick Henry, who wanted liberty or death, to F. D. Roosevelt, who struggled for the "four freedoms," our leaders have fought to expand human liberty.

While the American constitution and the resulting governmental system give us only an approximation of actual rule of the people by the people, they have been the chief champion of democratic life in our country. It is disquieting to realize that while this system is meeting subversive attack from avowed enemies of the constitution, substantial numbers who count themselves friends of American democracy add their influence, often unwittingly, to the weakening of the efficiency of their way of life.

I would suggest eight ways in which democratic minded people dilute the efficacy of their own desired pattern of life and tug American democracy farther and farther away from the idealistic conception of that principle.

The first method is through ready susceptibility to propaganda prepared by one political faction or another. It is necessarily true that an individual's political outlook be extensively influenced by the environmental factors to which he submits himself, one of the chief of which is the literature with political implications which he reads. But it is not imperative that he limit his reading dealing with social, economic and political conditions and problems to information written by one, any one, pressure group. It is hardly democratic in eventual result to become steeped in a one-sided view alone, because the possibility of unprejudiced voting is thereby lost. The alternative is to pick newspapers, magazines and books for information sources which reputedly are as unbiased as possible. Then dip further, if one so desires, into material representing all political outlooks, determining for one's self the views for which he wishes to stand. A vote is to find out what the people think, not what pamphleters and some editors are paid to write.

In the second place one can undermine democracy by abstention from voting because of a lack of interest in civic decisions to be made.

This is a shirking of the responsibility one has as an American citizen. The Athenians' vital participation in their city affairs offers us a splendid example of healthy social consciousness.

(However, to vote on an issue of which one is completely ignorant is diluting the ballot results so that accuracy in determining the public's mind becomes impossible. There is no virtue in ignorant voting.)

But, extending this thought, one finds it true that he endangers the American system by remaining complacently ignorant of important issues facing the nation, even if one does not vote on these questions, for thus one fails to use his influence in the direction of his would-be convictions, while other socially alert individuals may be carrying matters in the opposite direction. *Social unconsciousness* deadens democratic society.

In the fifth place, some Americans hurt themselves by allowing a powerful faction to intimidate them. This is done both individually and collectively. Here again the votes of these persons become harmful to their democracy, for the personal desires of the people at large are not attained when false votes alter the ballot results.

Then, closely related to this is another evil. To curry favor by giving away one's vote is a betrayal of trust. By so doing one sells his own birthright.

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## Band Presents Concert

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The band this year consists of thirty-five pieces. Its members are: Harry Wilcke, Dean Gilliland, Bessie Hall, Joyce Bardwell, Lois Buthfant, Joyce Clifford, Alyce Banker, Joanne Walker, Florine Donelson, Phyllis Park, clarinets; Robert Noble, Ralph Nast, Willard Everett, Walter Heron, Nancy Ross, Marabel King, trumpets; Tarbell Lamos, bass; Howard Evans, Robert Dingman, Richard Hamilton, baritones; Ignazio Giacovelli, Phyllis Goodman, saxophones; Joanne Lord, Mary Lou Armstrong, flutes; Cleora Handel, Percussion; Richard Earle, Richard Dillion, Shirley Hunter, Paul Nast, bassoon; Ted Muller, Glenna McClure, Phyllis Martin, Edwin Foot, Rufus Phipps, trombones; and Mrytle Miller, majorette.

## THE QUERIST

by joe

This week THE QUERIST and I are all tired out, but we had a very interesting time.

The question under scrutiny is, "Are you in favor of some form of compulsory military training?"

The poll was conducted in the following manner. THE QUERIST asked 100 veterans, 100 non-veterans, and 100 of the fairer sex. The 300 people queried include people of all sizes, shapes, and descriptions. The non-veterans asked include both college and high school students. The results were as follows:

Veterans for	80
Against	20
Non-Veterans for	69
Against	31
Women for	68
Against	32

In other words, the veterans were in favor of some program of compulsory military training 4:1, the non-veterans 7:3, and the women 7:3; an over-all total of 11:4, or about 3:1.

Below are some representative statements from both sides of the issue. (These statements are from people included in the poll.)

Dr. Gillette—"In view of present day circumstances, yes."

Phyllis Martin, '51—"Yes, because another war is looming. We should be prepared. This measure would prepare our men and thus make our nation ready."

Paul Cauvel, (vet.) '50—"No. It isn't the physical build-up it is supposed to be. Also, the modes of warfare change so rapidly that one doesn't use much of the training one gets. Military training is degrading both to the individual and to the cities where the units are established."

Professor Shea (Vet.)—"I am definitely in favor of some program of compulsory military training."

Ed. Neuhaus, (Vet.) '50—"Yes. I think it should apply just to teenagers however, and cover a period immediately following high school graduation."

Pierce Samuels, '49—"In general, no. But I would be in favor of some sort of compulsory training for the mind as well as the body, but not for the purpose of killing."

Professor Fancher—"I don't like it, but I think it is necessary for the kind of a world in which we live."

Lou Gabler, (Vet.) '50—"I sincerely believe that a military education can be given to students while

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## CLEAN UP MAN

by KAL



Ow! I guess those fellows wanted that extra butter after all!



## THE RUT

BY JAN BURR

"Usual length, unusual stuff—no oaks!" reads my assignment from the boss this week. I don't cedar reason for this, but I guess I'd better spruce up, for if hemlock the door on me, I wood balsam and just pine away. Oh woe, I fear I'll be evergreen at this job.

The *Rut* prints the first complete, unabridged copy of the appellation worn by Bob Smith's vehemently reverberating vehicle, namely: Charlescamburambusdistictusputabagmarybertieburchad Supercalifegeliticespidalidoshus Smith. A Smith of extinction.

Have a candy bar—the pause that refreshes.

To the girls of Gaoyedeo (with apologies to Poe)  
Hear the warning of the bells  
Madding bells  
What an awful pandemonium their nightly ring foretells  
Tho' you've just begun your washing  
And your hair will be a sight  
Beat that proctor to your room, sis—  
And quick! put out that light!

Quotables of the week

Posy-peddlin' Dingman, as he dusts out mailboxes: "Those people back there are making a clear 25c profit on me. I haven't had a letter yet."

Ron Budensiek, after rugged chem test: "Well, guess I might just as well flunk out now and avoid the rush later on."

## Courses Added To Meet Science Requirement

Two new courses are planned for the zoology department. The first semester course will be plant biology taught by Dr. Crystal Rork, and in the second semester an animal biology course will be taught by Dr. George Moreland. These two courses are designed primarily to meet the science requirement for students, as these courses will be of a general nature study and less technical than the general zoology course.

### Notice!

Any student desiring first class mail forwarded during spring vacation to any place other than their home address indicated on their registration card should leave such address in the official slot.

## BURKI DELIVERS CHALLENGING TALK IN COLLEGE CHAPEL

Mr. Hans Burki, a native of Switzerland and a member of the Wheaton college faculty, was the guest speaker for the March 9 chapel.

His message centered on the theme of a walk in the Spirit as necessary to a life in the Spirit. "If you quench not the Spirit and grieve not the Spirit," said Mr. Burki, "you will be filled with the Spirit." He emphasized the importance of a complete yielding of all things—time, personal life, studies—to God, and he challenged the student body to make that decision.

During his stay of two years in America, Mr. Burki has been speaking in Christian colleges and Youth for Christ rallies across the nation. Last semester he taught German at Wheaton college. He is continuing graduate work for a doctorate at the University of Zurich. Mr. Burki is returning to Switzerland in about two weeks to continue giving the gospel ministry to needy Europe. He will personally visit those on the continent to whom the various groups in Houghton have been sending packages.

His life is characterized by a statement he made in the January, 1948 issue of *HIS*: "What the dying world cries for are not the Christians who make out of this faith a good business or sweet fellowship or merely a word matter, but redeemed men and women with overflowing, constantly renewed (fresh) eternal life by the life-touch."

## Hall Gives Pointers For Christian Living

Speaking before the Torchbearers on March 14, Professor Bert Hall pointed out that, "The only thing that will give the Christian a life of power is the recovery of self-discipline." He explained that the trouble with Christians today is that they have adopted the present auto and air age, and have no definite course.

He presented seven points that might aid Christians in attaining a self-disciplined life. They were: fasting, a definite hour for prayer and reading, bodily exercise, study schedule, personal work, aloneness, and silence. Stating that these were just suggestions, Professor Hall said that maybe these points would help the individual in finding God's will concerning the matter.

During the devotional part of the meeting, John Rommel presented a scripture verse memorization program that is designed to aid the Christian in "Soul Winning." Four groups of vital verses have been compiled, and each will be taken up one at a time. About 75 people attended the meeting.

## Rel. Ed. Workers Take Time Out For Taffy

Friday evening, March 12, the Week-Day Religious Education workers were entertained at a "taffy pull" sponsored by Miss Ethel Foust, who is in charge of their work. The party, which was held in the Rec Hall, featured games conducted by Eleanor Klekot and chorus singing led by Jane Canfield.

Lowell Mix, 8, and Jack Mix, 7, sons of Mrs. Mabelle Mix, demonstrated the memory verse program being sponsored among the classes. Miss Gladys Taylor, Bible Club missionary, spoke briefly, expressing her appreciation for the work being done.

The "taffy pull" and the serving of refreshment concluded the evening's entertainment.

The Chief, meandering into the office: "That's funny—there were at least a dozen things I wanted to do this morning, and the only one I can think of now is to go to the Pantry . . . So long . . ."

Charlie DeSanto: Got a big scoop! The people down in that chem lab are raising a big stink about something.

One's parents: "Those 5c fines on your bill—what in the world are you getting away with for only 5c?"

Woodman spare that oak tree,  
Quoth young Lord Lochinvar,  
But not that redwood forest  
Which is the worst by Farr.

Theorem of modern geometry:  
The shortest distance between two dates is a good line. (We might add, however, that a good line is often stretched over the longest distance between two points.)

Got an awful lot of trees planted in the *Rut* this week. Will they think I'm giving them a shady deal, or is this Oak-ay, boss?

## VETERAN BONUS BLANKS AVAILABLE

A limited supply of application blanks for Ohio's veterans bonus are available at the Allegany County Veterans' Service Agency . . . Veterans may now purchase any item of government surplus personal property, the WAA has announced. A year ago it abolished time-consuming procedure for certifying vets, but excepted aircraft, commercial laundry and railroad equipment. New list has no exceptions. . . . Eligible Navy vets may now apply for the Good Conduct Medal. Details are available at the County Veteran's Service Agency.

## Pre-Med Students View Anatomy Films

A group of pre-med students were shown films by Dr. S. I. McMillen and Dr. George Moreland, on upper-body muscles and on dissections of living and dead models showing the chest cavity, and the functions of the heart, diaphragm, and lungs.

The meeting was held in S-30 on March 15, and was presided over by Calvin Tingley. Jay Wenger served as projectionist.

# Sportscriptions

By Jagg

Like the last heavy snow storm, basketball has faded under a blaze of warm enthusiasm. The last two games of the year were enjoyed by a larger group of spectators than had been congregated together all year. At Friday night's game between the Varsity and the Alumni, the balcony at Bedford was packed. The largest crowd of the year witnessed the Houghton Indian-Roberts Raiders' game at Fillmore. Where is the lack of school spirit?

Instead of interest fading as the basketball season progressed, there seemed to be a propelling force of competition until the last atomic blast of spirit was felt at Fillmore. Even the so called "Black and Blue" league finished with a high competitive spirit. In the final games, the Faculty team had been defeated but once and the battle between the Twin Spruce team and the McKinley House team for second place had to be won indirectly. The vastly improved Hazlett House team climbed into a tie with McKinley house by beating them in the last game of the league schedule. The final standings of the house league is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Faculty	11	1
Twin Spruce	8	4
McKinley	7	5
Hazlett House	7	5
High School	5	7
Hazlett Barn	2	10
Hume	2	10

With the basketball season finished again for another year, our attention will be drawn to volleyball and swimming. Volleyball season will have been started and the initial games are to be played sometime today and tomorrow. The swimming meet has been put off until after Spring Vacation to enable those who are to participate to gain more endurance and precision. Coach Wells plans to hold the meet either Wednesday, April 14th, or Friday, April 23rd. This meet will be held in the afternoon and should prove to be highly competitive since a large number of students are entering the contest. If the swimming meet is successful, the

## Prof. Moon Elected Secretary To Board

At the first meeting of the newly organized local advisory board, Wesley Moon, principal of the Houghton preparatory school, was elected secretary. According to the constitution, the secretary is elected for a term of one year.

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Athletic Association may include swimming in the future sports program of Houghton. If this does happen, it is possible that the swimming meet will be run similar to the track meet with the requirement of a given amount of points to earn a Varsity letter.

Thinking along the spring sports activities, I became acutely concerned about the conditions of the track and of the tennis courts. Something will have to be done to remedy the wet conditions prevailing most of the spring. A fairly good asphalt tennis court would rectify the difficulty of trying to dry a clay court. Upkeep of the asphalt court would be practically nil and therefore costs after the building of such a new court would be cut down. Serious thought now about the spring sports program together with an active part in helping improve conditions will give us a chance to enjoy the short stay here in Houghton after the Spring Vacation.

It will not be too long after we return to school after vacation that the Athletic Banquet takes place. The Athletic Association has been working on the details and will soon complete plans for this annual affair. Along with these plans the Association has authorized a uniform rule for the Sportsmanship Award. A more practicable award will be given the ones who win this award the first year. A sport jacket is to be the award the first year and a trophy if the same person wins it the second year. The Adam's Sportsmanship Trophy will not be given this year.

## Indians Blast Roberts Jr. Hoop For 65 Tallies To Visitors' 50

After a slow start the Houghton Indians gained momentum and swamped the Roberts Junior College quintet, 65-50 at the Fillmore High School gymnasium on Saturday, March 13. This Indian victory avenged an earlier defeat suffered by the local boys at the hands of the collegians from up north.

Ian Lennox rang up a two-pointer in the opening minutes. Phipps followed with a bucket. Roberts came through with three successive baskets. From here on both teams matched point for point and when the initial quarter buzzer sounded the Indians were in the lead 11-9.

In the second period the Indians applied the pressure and bombarded their opponents basket for 19 points while holding Roberts to 8 markers.

### The Querist

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in high school rather than sending them away from 'mommie and daddy' for a period of time amongst hardened, 'Regular' men."

Joyce Rupprecht, (vet.) '50—"Yes. Because Christianity has failed to evangelize two-thirds of the world, it may be necessary to defend ourselves against people who would aggressively destroy the cause of Christ."

### Barker's

We have a splendid assortment of notes and stationery.

## VARSITY WOMEN TOP ALUMNI LASSIES TO TUNE OF 48-20

The Varsity women broke loose at the outset of the recent Varsity-Alumni clash and led their former Houghton sisters all during the game to emerge on top with a score of 48-20. This made it two victories for the fast playing gals. Their 48 points set the goal which the varsity men barely reached.

The first period insurgence saw the Varsity streak forward to gain a 9-point lead. The smooth playing combination consisting of Lewellen, Armstrong and Thompson could not be matched by Mrs. Wells, Mrs. McKnight and Miss Shreffler. Mrs. Wells scored the only 4 points for her team while the Varsity forwards collaborated for 13 points.

During the next period, the Alumni upped its output, but so did the Varsity; the former increased by 8 points, and the latter by 10. Going into the 3rd quarter, scoring lagged on both sides as the respective guards put on the pressure. Mrs. Wells got through for one basket and Miss Shreffler threw in a gift shot. The Varsity forwards helped their cause with seven points to their credit.

It was in the last period that the Varsity really began to roll in high gear. M. Smith, Ruthie Hoffman, E. Smith, Mrs. Bert Hall, and Mrs. Bob Luckey, playing at guard posts, could not quell the terrific forward surge executed by Mary Lou and her cohorts. When the smoke finally settled, the Varsity women had 19 more points as compared with their opponents 5.

Mary Lou Armstrong copped the scoring laurels with 20 points, closely followed by Winnie Lewellen with 18 points. Mrs. Wells, as high scorer for the Alumni, boasted 11 points.

The Houghtonians registered first blood with Nichols under-the-basket, but Fredricks and Updike dumped in a brace of field goals, Phipps retaliated with a set shot and Markell rammed in two charity tosses. In the closing moments of this quarter the Indians pulled away from their rivals and held a 30-17 margin. The first half ended with the starting five of Phipps, Markell, Hazlett, Lennox, and Nichols each having contributed six points to their total.

A rejuvenated Roberts five led by the sharp-shooting of Holcomb and Alley dynamited the Indian hoop for 11 and 13 points respectively. But this proved in vain as Phipps, Markell, Hazlett and Nichols dumped in 30 tallies between them. In the waning moments of the contest Roberts narrowed a 24 point margin to the final count of 65-50.

### BOX SCORE

Indians			
Phipps	7	3	15
Markell	5	7	14
Hazlett	5	4	12
Nichols	5	2	12
Lennox	3	4	8
Knowlton	1	1	3
Fancher	0	1	1
26 22 13 65			
Roberts Junior College			
Cormack	1	0	2
Fredricks	2	4	4
Alley	6	6	14
Horwood	1	5	4
Updike	2	1	4
Holcomb	6	4	15
Winger	0	1	1
Gabriel	1	0	2
Hendricks	2	0	4
21 21 8 50			

## Varsity Men Score 48 To Alumni Quintet 23

Never able to overcome the deficit incurred in the opening minutes of the game, a stubborn Alumni basketball team fought back in the closing portion of the contest last Friday night as this year's Varsity men bombarded their way to a 48-23 victory before a jubilant and colorful crowd. The Alumni, boasting such players as Rumsey Reynolds, Doc Bob, Dave Flower, Red Fenton, Jack Crandall, Bert Hall, and Al Smith could not stem the offensive onslaught of their seasoned hardwood opponents.

In the first quarter both teams concentrated on playing a wary game. Doc Bob broke free to pour in the only 4 points for this period while Jenkins, Lewellen and Walker collaborated in their efforts for 5 points.

The next period saw this effort tripled as the Alumni were held to a brace of field goals and a charity

### LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR VACATION

The library will close at 12:40 Friday noon, March 26, and reopen at 7:30 Wednesday morning, April 7, after spring vacation.

Books may be reserved for vacation use in the same way as was provided for Christmas vacation. Leave a request slip with a staff member at the loan desk on which you specify *Vacation reserve*. The first such request on a title takes precedence over previous ordinary reservations.

All books charged before March 20 will be due by March 26. Beginning Monday, March 20 books may be taken out for vacation, due back April 7, except that two-week books taken Thursday, March 25 or Friday, March 26 will be due April 8 and 9 respectively.

Not more than one class reserve book may be reserved by the same individual, but there is no limit on other reservations except competitive demand, and there is no limit on the number of class reserves that may actually be taken if they are available when the time comes.

### Preserve Freedom

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Seventh, blind party affiliation, an example of which we have seen in sections of the South, is likewise a factor which threatens to cut into our democracy. Through it parties depart from their legitimate function as organizations of free voters and become dictators of Americans' choices.

And, in conclusion, voting for what one feels to be majority opinion, which many feel to be a benevolent gesture, (rather than voting for one's own opinion) is merely another method of strangling true democracy, for thus ascertaining the actual majority opinion is no longer possible.

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### BOOK STORE

toss. Jim Smith took the lime light by ringing up 8 of the total 15 points for his team. Lewellen and Walker assisted by dumping in 7 points between them.

The first period of the second half saw a revitalized Varsity, sparked by Perry's 6 points, surge ahead for 16 more points while the Alumni swelled their score with their largest quarterly output—namely nine points. Doc Bob and Jim Fenton each added a 2-point-er while Jack Crandall tallied 4 more on his account. Bert Hall executed the charity toss. On the other side of the ledger, Jenkins and Iggy boasted a brace of field goals with Walker adding one more.

Again in the closing period it was the Varsity's game as they stretched the lead by an additional seven points. Jenkins, who was high point man of the game, put in 6 of his 11 point total with Les Beach assisting for 2 points. Jim Harr shined at the foul line by tossing in 4 out of 5. The Alumni advance was stopped at 5 points; Flower accounting for 4 points and Doc Bob for the other. This was the final Alumni scoring as the game was halted by the whistle.

### BOX SCORES

Varsity			
Harr	0	4	4
Jenkins	5	1	11
Beach	1	0	2
Iggy	2	0	4
Smith, J.	4	0	8
Perry	3	0	6
Lewellen	3	1	7
Walker	2	2	6
Alumni			
Reynolds	0	0	0
Luckey	3	2	8
Flower	3	0	6
Fenton	1	0	2
Crandall	3	0	6
Hall	0	1	1
Smith, A.	0	0	0

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