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YOUNG PIANIST PRESENTS PERSONAL INTERPRETATION OF NOTED COMPOSERS

Artist Shows Ease in Appealing Performance

On Friday night Miss Muriel Kerr, the scintillating young pianist of Canadian origin, showed conclusively why critics everywhere have acclaimed her unique power of interpretation.

Definitely opposed to the individualistic school, Miss Kerr's style was that of the pure interpreter: it was not, dominantly, her personality that emanated from the seemingly enchanted strings but, in a dramatic way, that of the composer's. In fact, her own strong emotions seemed to weld into each composition as if into a mold, merging with each particular intention and mood there demanded. The audience, glimpsing only a trace of herself like a golden thread in the many and varied patterns that she wove, delighted besides by her easy versatility and accomplished but unobtrusive technique, applauded as much with awe as with genuine appreciation.

Able thus to adapt herself so completely to the mood of each separate composition, it is difficult to designate any of Miss Kerr's renderings as outstanding from the others, it being resolved to a matter of taste.

The opening number, Scarlatti's "Pastoral and Capriccio", was more purely than ever a crystal picture of swan clouds, erratic sun, and green, mountain meadows. Likewise with J. S. Bach's organ preludes E-flat and G-minor: persuasive, tonal, subdued—above all, Bach.

For the second part of the program, however, Miss Kerr played Chopin's relatively little known "Sonata in B-minor", and here, perhaps more than in the others, one felt more fully the presence of the artist, still elusive and like a faint silhouette on the composer's frame, but gaining steadily in a brilliance that added materially to the Chopin realm. In fact, one can truthfully say that if Miss Kerr were sometime to become a definite individualist, as here charmingly suggested, her success would suffer little impairment.

The third part of the program was given over to three numbers by Debussy and two by Rachmaninoff. "The Hills of Anacapri", "The Little Shepherd", and "Jardins sous la Pluie", all by the former, seemed admirably suited in their native tone and simplicity to Miss Kerr's pliant fingers, while the two preludes by Rachmaninoff were almost Rachmaninoff himself.

Persistently recalled by the audience, Miss Kerr gave four short, delightful encores. The colorful and popular "Flight of the Bumble Bee", its rendition flawless and scintillant, brought forth a tremendous ovation, but the equally famous "Maid with the Flaxen Hair" by Debussy was even more generously applauded by the enthused audience. The other two numbers were Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in G-sharp minor" and the "Etude in F minor" by Chopin.

No More Stars This Year

Handel's Messiah to Be Sung Next Thursday Eve

The singing of the "Messiah", which it is hoped will become a tradition at Houghton College, will occur Thursday night, December 19. This masterpiece of sacred music rings through many a hall at this time of year, and to most Houghton students the singing of the "Messiah" is as much a part of their college life as many of the better known extra-curricular activities.

Rehearsals have already begun, four having been held this week. We are sure that every student present will count it something gained by having been there. This famous oratorio has been sung here at Christmas every year for the last four years.

Dean Congratulated

Miss Marjorie Helen Paine was introduced to the family of Dr. Stephen Paine Wednesday evening at 7:45.

Marjorie tipped the scales at eight pounds, two ounces when she was given the opportunity. Mrs. Paine is reported as progressing favorably, and Dr. Paine is back in his official capacity with the school.

Purple and Gold Captains Elected for Future Games

During the past ten days members of both Purple and Gold sides have met and selected their captains for the coming seasons. The Gold men were the first to meet and they chose "Marve" Goldberg to lead them against the Purple during the rest of the year. "Marve", a track and basketball star, will make an aggressive and smart man to lead the Gold athletes.

The Purple men followed next and chose "Walt" Schogoleff to captain them. The "Teddybear" is an all-around star, having letters in basketball, baseball, and tennis, and is a logical choice to guide the destinies of the Purple.

In recent meetings "Milley" Shaffer and Vernita Green were chosen to captain the Purple and Gold girls respectively. Milley, who majors mostly in basketball, has had a fine class series season and her teams are sure to be a thorn in the side of the Gold co-eds. Vernita, having won letters as a track, tennis, and basketball star, has the quality of leadership which will enable her to successfully guide the Gold girls.

MISSIONARY NOTE

During the last month \$92.35 has been paid to the treasurer of the Y. M. W. B. on pledges for our college missionary, and for the Susu country. Wouldn't it be a splendid thing if between now and Christmas vacation another \$92 were paid?

JUNIORS THRU STALLING OF GAME SECURE LAST MINUTE DEFEAT OF H. S.

Junior Girls Forfeit Game to High School

On Wednesday afternoon, December 11, the junior cagers remained in the fight for the class title by nosing out a hard-fighting high school quintet 18-16. The game was slow and uninteresting and both teams played some very ragged basketball. Only in the final quarter did either team show much spirit, when the juniors rallied to come from behind and win.

The juniors came out to take a slight lead in the first quarter as both teams played carefully. At the end of this period the score was 6-3. During the second period the high school boys rallied sharply to outscore the juniors by six points and lead by 10-7 as the whistle ended their first half.

After the intermission the teams played defensive basketball and the scoring was even. At the beginning of the last period the juniors, evidently realizing their desperate position, began to rally. Point by point they drew up and passed the academy boys. Trailing by two points, Paul Paine was fouled and made both his shots good. However, the junior boys gained possession of the ball and Churchill won the game with a shot from mid-court. With about a minute and a half to play the juniors stalled and the final whistle found them ahead.

Paul Paine led both teams in scoring, accounting for seven points.

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Leading South American Missionary Coming Sun.

The people of Houghton and the surrounding community and the student body of the college on Sunday and Monday of December 16th and 17th will have the opportunity to hear one of the greatest missionaries of the age. Rev. Harry Strachan known as the St Paul of the 20th century, will be guest speaker at the Houghton Church in the morning, afternoon, and evening, and in chapel Monday morning, and will give an address before a group Monday afternoon. He will have as his general theme, "Thrilling stories of missionary endeavor in the land of the Southern Cross".

With the assistance of his wife he founded *The Latin American Evangelistic Campaign* which has its headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. This is an independent, interdenominational work founded to reach the unevangelized millions of Latin America through aggressive evangelization.

The personal experiences of this man are indeed like those of the apostle Paul. To many students and townspeople he is not a stranger, inasmuch as he spoke in chapel two years ago. May our prayers and presence make this service a source of inspiration and blessing.

The Rev. Mr. Strachan has just closed a series of meetings at Wheaton College.

AUDIENCE NOTES GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN FIRST OF LOCAL CONCERT SERIES

Ministerial Ass'n Brings Christmas Story in Music

To the strains of an old Gospel hymn Professor Ries, Clifford Weber, Miss Johannsen, the quartet composed of Glen Donelson, Bill Foster, Alton Shea, and Kenneth Eyer, representing the Ministerial Association, marched to their respective places on the platform.

The quartet and Miss Johannsen were dressed as choristers, Mr. Weber was attired in a black robe.

The platform was simply but beautifully arranged, a large window in the rear gave the cathedral effect desired.

The program was opened with a prayer by Professor Ries. Mr. Weber then read the beautiful old but ever new Christmas story. The story in the reading was divided into a number of parts and after each a selection of music was heard. The quartet sang some beautiful Christmas carols and the trumpet trio played more of those old familiar melodies we love to hear at Christmas time. Miss Johannsen, as guest soloist, sang "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro Yon, which was very well received. The program as a whole was very impressive and all present enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

Federal Aid Students Are Instructors in CCC Camps

Eight Houghton College students have been accepted to teach in the night school held at C.C.C. camps 37 and 49 in Letchworth Park each Wednesday evening, transportation being provided by the respective camps.

The captain of camp 37 has instituted this night school as an experiment to see what the C. C. C. boys will do when given a chance to learn. If his experiment proves successful, it will be continued throughout the winter with perhaps a few additional courses.

Though technically under the supervision of the camp educational adviser, the student teachers plan their own methods of teaching and have full charge of their respective classes, the lecture method having to be used almost entirely because of the lack of text books.

The experiment was inaugurated Wednesday evening, December 4. Thus far the boys have expressed themselves as well pleased with the interest and general attitudes exhibited by the C.C.C. fellows. Sociology and Public Speaking have the largest enrollment.

Teachers and subjects are as follows:

Camp 37: Sociology, Howard Andrus; Journalism, George Failing; French, Patsy Brindisi; Algebra, Clyde Meneely. Camp 49: Sociology, Bruce Fairfield; Public Speaking, Gordon Curry; Physical Geography, Gerald Smith; Agriculture, James Prutsman.

Added Instruments Make the Orchestra nearly Symphonic

When things get off to a good beginning, they usually go places. Such is the case of the college orchestra this year. With thirty members in this up-and-coming organization, it has reached a place of being symphonic in character, having almost complete instrumentation.

An unusually enthusiastic crowd gathered in the chapel Thursday evening to hear the orchestra in its first formal home concert of the year. The audience was very expectant and gave a generous outburst of applause as Prof. Cronk entered the chapel.

"Raymond Overture" by Thomas opened the concert. This number has a very stirring beginning, proceeds through some distinctly melodious passages, and comes up to a thrilling and brilliant climax. Although this composition was performed at the Boulder concert, the enthusiasm and sheer enjoyment were as great, or even greater, at the latter as at the former concert.

The gold star number of the evening, as far as exceptional music goes, followed in Dvorak's immortal "From the Western World" in four movements: Allegro risoluto; Lamento; Scherzo, molto vivace; and Allegro. Although it did not seem as if this part of the program was received as well as the overture, it is definitely known that when one really becomes acquainted with this great work, it never ceases to thrill him. It might be noted that this was no doubt the first time that most of the audience had heard it. Houghton will, therefore, have the distinct privilege of hearing it repeated at least twice this year.

After a short intermission the players again assembled and Prof. Cronk directed them in selections from Bizet's ever-popular opera "Carmen". The first number, the famous "Toreador song", struck a sympathetic chord in the hearts of the listeners, and it is safe to say that many a foot found it difficult to keep still and many a vocal chord to keep from vibrating. The second number, "The Guard Mount", was in a fascinating march rhythm and definitely established the happy mood of the opera. In the final selection, "Gypsy Dance", there was a very interesting opening flute duet, played by Harold Skinner and Zilpha Gates. The tempo began to quicken, the music grew louder to end in one grand climax.

The last offering, Ferde Grofe's universally popular "Mississippi Suite", met with the definite approval of the listeners. This is a lighter type of music and always appeals to college people. The suite opened with the majestic "Father of Waters", proceeded to the sprightly "Huckleberry Finn", the plaintive lullaby "Old Creole Days", and the festive "Mardi Gras", representing one of the great celebrations of the romantic South.

Such an excellent performance could not help but call for an encore and this came in selections from Sigmund Romberg's "New Moon".

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Editorial

The arrangement and selection of schedules for the last semester of 1935-36 brings us closely to the realization of the Christmas holidays. After the final tests, only three weeks will remain before the fact that this school year is nearly half over. To the seniors this will mean the beginning of the final stretch leading to graduation. To the freshmen it will be but the beginning of greater things ahead—leading to three more years of opportunity for knowledge and advancement.

But most of the student thoughts now are on Christmas and the long-awaited vacation. Next Friday students will all be scurrying to their respective homes to spend the holidays with parents and loved ones.

This being the final edition before vacation time the *Star* staff wishes to take this opportunity in extending Christmas greetings to all of its readers.

"Just ten more shopping days 'til Christmas" is the daily news reminder that greets us with the fact that we are soon to hang up our stockings around the family hearth and feel the warmth of Christmas cheer. Though knowing that it has been coming we are again surprised with its sudden appearance.—

L. A. A.

To some of us it means our first return to mother's knee since we left for school. To a greater number of us it means the pleasant experience of another vacation at home. But to all alike the family fireside has unyielding bonds. Let's not think then of the possible irritations of a fall's work but draw the band much tighter that binds us to our own—

But Christmas is more than reunion. It is the birthday celebration of the Infinite God pressed into finite clay that we as children of the world may be born into a new race. How, then, shall we properly celebrate this birthday season?

With the singing of the Christmas carols we also hear the ringing of the New Year's bells and we are aware that another year has been written over our names. How fast they pass! Yet one glance and we see that change has taken place. Each year brings new joys, sorrows, opportunities, and responsibilities. And soon we will be returning to school to trace a new years course. What shall be its story to tell.—

J. N. B.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

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This group was first played at the Boulder concert and pleased the audience greatly. Such favorites as "Stout-hearted Men", "Lover, Come Back to Me", "One Kiss", and "Wanting You" will never cease to hold a place in the category of good semi-popular music.

It is most interesting to note the progress made by the orchestra in the past few years under the capable direction of Prof. Cronk. He is so vitally interested in that group of young musicians and takes such keen delight in making things go that they inevitably make marked advancement. From now on it seems to be merely a matter of a couple of years until Houghton can boast of a veritable symphony orchestra.

CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. Harry Strachan of Costa Rica

Monday, Dec. 16

6:45 p.m. Forensic Union
Music Club

Tuesday, Dec. 17

7:00 p.m. Christmas program at Church
8:00 p.m. Christmas party at Gaoyadeo Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 18

7:30 p.m. Seniors vs. Freshmen

Thursday, Dec. 19

8:15 p.m. Christmas Chorus

Snow Before Christmas

White as a very young nun at the altar,
White as candles that burn on the Eve before Christmas;
White of snow-berries, linen, and mistletoe,—
White of damask, with crystal and silver;
Gentle and white as the heart of a girl at her wedding
Or the hair of a very old lady whose eyes
Have grown kind with the years;
Recalling the white of a Baby's swathed clothing,
And a Mother's pale face still drenched in the glory
Of meeting God, with His Son on the curve of her arm.
by H. G. A.

"When nights are darkest, and days most dark, when the sun seems farthest from the planet and cheers it with lowest heat, when the fields lie shorn between the harvest-time and seed-time and man turns wistful eyes back and forth between the mystery of his origin and the mystery of his end—then comes the great pageant of the winter solstice, then comes Christmas."
by A. J. N.

Every Unrepentant Life to Culminate in Real Sorrow

"The end of the road for everyone is either repentance and return to God or utter loss of the soul," declared the Rev. Mr. Pitt last Sunday night in his sermon on "The Prodigal's Return".

Defining what repentance is, the pastor pointed out that it is a right-about-face or reversal of the mind and heart. Repentance and belief are inseparable to the person seeking a return to God.

"The perfect picture of repentance said Mr. Pitt, is the parable of the prodigals son (Luke 15:11,32). This son did not strike a bargain with his father in any way.

"Like the lost son who was determined to get home at any cost and who wanted no more than bread and water is the lost sinner who realizes that by being honest with himself and repenting, he may find God.

Anna Houghton Daughters

The Anna Houghton Daughters met last Friday at the house of Mrs. Zola Fancher with Mrs. Bowen as assistant hostess.

The time was spent in preparing Christmas gifts to be sent to the workers at Zion's Hill Mission in Taulbee, Kentucky, the Hepsibah Orphanage at Macon, Ga., and to needy families near by.

The Gaoyadeo girls, under Miss Hillpot's direction, are sending a box to the out station of Zion Hill's Mission.

Science Club Considers Indian Lore of Vicinity

Monday evening the Social Science Club held its regular monthly meeting in the auditorium of the Music Building. President James Bedford opened the meeting with devotions, followed by a musical selection in the form of a piano solo by Ruth Myers.

Doctor Douglas, the speaker of the evening, spoke very informally on the topic of *Local Indian Lore*. He first of all surprised the audience by stating that most scientists were agreed that America was not settled until recently (recently being within the last 25,000 years, historically speaking). He went on to say that the American Indians may have crossed the Mississippi into the eastern states no earlier than 10,000 years ago. Locally, almost the first information we have of them is the report of the defeat of the Erie Indians by the Iroquois at a place which might have been the Big Bend in the Genesee River near Houghton. By 1700 New York State was definitely Iroquois. The facts before then are somewhat mixed because the Iroquois seem to have used several Algonquin sites for their villages, one being located across the river from what is now Houghton. Dr. Douglas passed around several Indian relics which he had unearthed in the vicinity of Houghton.

Inattentiveness Makes for Loss in God's Fellowship

There seems to be little doubt now that Houghton is in the midst of a revival. In corroboration with recent evidences of it, the Rev. Mr. Pitt chose as his topic for last Sunday morning's sermon, "Whence Revival?"

He made several definite points. "If Christ is out of our religion," he said, "we have no religion. Revival," he continued, "promotes the restoration of fellowship to Christ. Multitudes of people have not this fellowship because they refuse to listen to the Word of God."

"Then, too, revival opens the scriptures to us, the Scriptures which are the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). But men cannot feed on the Bread of Life until they have returned to fellowship with God."

"The ultimate prerequisite for revival is obedience," emphatically stated the pastor. "If we obey God, we shall know His doctrine (John 7:17). Gypsy Smith obeyed God and for over sixty years God has shown him His truth."

The story of the walk to Emmaus (Luke 24) was the chief foundation for the sermon. Psalm 103 was read. This was the same scripture used in Gaoyadeo prayer service on Sunday morning. A like coincidence occurred when the morning sermon was based on Romans 12, and when the afternoon vesper reading was Psalm 23.

A CORRECTION

In the Dec. 6 issue of the *Star* the announcement of the Wright-Fuller wedding is printed. This article needs the following correction.

Gerald and Reba, with others, on a pleasure trip, were prevented from entering Canada because Miss Prudence Sheffer, who was driving her mother's car, did not have her registration license with her. This was due to the fact that Mrs. Sheffer had recently traded cars and had failed to send the new registration license to her daughter. The reference to the possible fine or jail term should not have included Gerald or Reba, since they were but passengers in the Sheffer car. —F.H. Wright

God Views Only Two Classes of Individuals

"It is the iron justice of God's law that made me choose whom I would serve," said Mr. Ray Perry in the Tuesday evening prayer service. Quoting from Matthew 5:1-12, he applied the scripture to the individual life, saying that there are steps of grace for each one. Furthermore, he pointed out the two types of people represented—the multitude and the disciples. A distinct division is made between the mob and the family, between Christ and the world. He reminded the students that Christ speaks only to the disciples, to the family, to His followers. In what category are we? We do not grow by feasting—we must work and pray in order to make our Christian life effective. In conclusion he quoted, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

An inspirational testimony service followed, which was brought to a soul-searching climax by Miss Rickard's testimony. She put the question to each one: "What are the reasons why we cannot have revival now?" She said, "We cannot have a revival now because... We cannot have a revival until... and left the answer to the individual heart.

"As the ten spies who returned from Canaan were dismayed by the giants they found there, so the reasons we are offering why we can't have revival are the giants that keep us from that blessing. But why can we not have the faith of the two spies? Why can we not go up and take the land?"

Miss Johannsen Presents Voice Students in Recital

Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 Miss Johannsen entertained about thirty of her pupils and their friends at a recital tea in the auditorium of the music building. In the first part of the program those present were privileged to hear several vocal numbers presented by the students. This informal gathering helped greatly in bringing them together and served as a "premiere" for at least two of the singers.

The numbers were as follows:

Moon-Marketing	Weaver
Josephine Hadley	
Slumber-Boat	Gaynor
Elizabeth Hill	
Little Gray-blue Dove	Saar
Elsie Hodgkin	
Come Unto Him	Handel
Ruth Wright	
Si mes vers	Hahn
Marion Brown	
Little Damsel	Novello
Esther Brewer	
My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice	Saint-Saens
Louise Campbell	
I Heard You Singing	Coates
Jeannette Frost	
Caro mio ben	Giordani
Gordon Clark	
Gesu Bambino	Yon
Ivone Wright	

Accompanists for the recital were: Gwendolyn Blauvelt, Richard Chamberlain, Carl Vanderburg, Walter Ferchen, and Beatrice Bush.

After the program the guests remained for tea, Miss Johannsen being assisted in this capacity by some of her pupils. All in all it was a success both socially and musically, and it is evident that all those present appreciated the painstaking work of Miss Johannsen.

Dormitory News

The Gaoyadeo Social Committee is planning a pajama Christmas party. The treasury will provide small gifts for each girl. A program and refreshments will be presented in the main reception room. The time is not announced.

ALUMNI CORNER

Former Student Ministers
among the Omaha Indians

This interesting letter from George Laug (college 1917-1919), missionary to the Omaha Indians, portrays George's spirit of devotion to the Lord Jesus, characteristic of his student days. He has seen several years of service as missionary to Japan under the Dutch Reformed Church.

The Omaha Indian Mission,
Macy, Nebraska,
November 25, 1935.

The Faculty and Student Body of
Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y.
My very dear Friends,

Though I spent but two years at Houghton College, my freshman and sophomore years, I feel peculiarly attached to our school. Therefore when, some months ago, I was asked to write to you about our work among these Indian people, the request could not be forgotten or denied.

Now, dear friends, as I tell you briefly of our work among this people, I do so with the sincere hope that there may be found in your hearts an urge to pray for them as your own.

We came to Macy, Nebraska just over a year ago to take up this work among a sadly neglected tribe of Indian Americans, the Omahas. In bygone days this tribe roamed at will over the broad prairies and along the rivers of the whole state of Nebraska and even a part of Kansas and Colorado. They were not a warlike people, as their northern neighbors, the Sioux tribe, were known to be, but provided for themselves and their families through the capture of buffalo and the harvest of wild fruits and Indian corn. In 1854 they sold much of their land to the federal government and retained but a small strip in this northeastern part of the state, later sharing a part of it with the half-tribe of Winnebago who are now located just north of them.

Soon after this adjustment, the Presbyterian Church began missionary activities among them and sent their first missionary, the Rev. William Hamilton, to work here. He labored and prayed through the heat of the day and bearing all scorn and indifference stayed with them until about 1891. Following him came others who did nobly in the name of the Lord. However, for a period of nearly twenty years before our coming, this Church had sadly neglected this field. Both in activity and in material upkeep we found it in a most pitiful condition as the work was transferred to our Church. The church and manse had fallen into decay to a degree that I must not enlarge upon but simply assure you that it was pathetic. More than this, the souls of our Omahas were caught in the swirl of post-war American life with none to care for them as they should.

Our first move was to re-locate the buildings and put them into a very neat and attractive condition. This my friends, was done with comparative ease. It really is remarkable what a few workmen can do within a few short months. But our major task is not accomplished so readily. We are now struggling at this task of winning men to Christ. How urgent and yet how very trying it oftentimes proves to be! We came here with the words of Romans 1:16 ringing in our hearts as a tried and proved reality, and we are still convinced that we are not and truly need not be "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"... Our task is to work and pray that the Holy Spirit may open

their hearts that they may believe.

Our work resembles that of any ordinary established pastor on a large parish. We minister to Indians and white men totalling about 2500, of whom about 1300 are Indians. Without us the overwhelming majority would never hear any of the Gospel. We are called upon to cover an area of well over 100 square miles among the hills and bluffs of the Missouri river area. Our program for the week is rather full with Sunday School and a preaching service on Sunday morning and an evening service for young people either in the form of a young people's society or a preaching service. On Monday evenings we hold a Men's Bible class and recreation period from 7 until 10. On Thursday and Friday evenings Mrs. Laug and I go out into the country to hold neighborhood Gospel meetings for those who cannot well come to our church. On Wednesday evenings we have the Sunday School teachers gather at the manse for careful and prayerful study of the lesson. Three of our teachers are Indians. On Thursday evenings we have the regular mid-week song-service and Bible Study at the Church.

The days are occupied as well as the evenings since the numbers and the territory are large. Little by little we can see evidences of the Lord's blessing upon these labors. The attendance at services is fairly good and you would rejoice to note the testimonies of those who are finding great riches in the Christian life such as they never dreamed were there. With this growth on the part of Christians we see others being drawn to want to know our Jesus too.

We are rejoicing at this stage of our service to testify that we know there is nothing so powerful and effective as the definite, positive Gospel of redemption in Christ Jesus. I would rather be an ambassador for Christ than occupy any other office.

The work is going ahead but I must mention one of two difficulties before bringing this letter to a close. Indifference and general indolence among the Indians may be well known to you and I assure you that we are finding them real obstacles. The degradation of moral tone is appalling also and the very repulsion of beastliness and the lust of the flesh sometimes cause a missionary's heart to ache. But this is not all.

Together with these sad conditions is the rather unfavorable Government policy toward the Indians. The policy now seems to favor letting the Indians do as he pleases in practically every respect. Under this policy the practice of peyote drinking is spreading and tolerated under the name of Religion as the so-called "Native Church". This peyote, or cactus bud, is smuggled in from the arid regions in our southwest and used as a tea largely and given to very sick members, often proving fatal. Peyote worshippers gather in tents early in an evening, about five o'clock and continue beating a drum and sing ing and praying and drinking the peyote tea until about eight o'clock the following morning. Such a practice should absolutely be forbidden as it is ruinous to the health of all concerned and also a counter-eit by which the Evil one deceives these darkened souls and keeps them in bondage.

I must not continue. There is so very much of detail that can be appreciated and entered into only as one spends months and years among this people, but is not particularly essential to you at this time. We are going forward. We love to hold up our Lord before them. In Him we rejoice and are assured of great blessing both in our personal lives and upon the work. Be assured that

MALCOLM CRONK REVIEWS
RECENT HOUGHTON VISION

"All my ways are in His hands and once in a while he gives me a glimpse into the future. This confidence brings to one a calmness and a restfulness of soul and mind that would otherwise be utterly impossible. Oh how real Christ is in the every-day experiences of my life..."

"I have Houghton for breakfast, lunch, and dinner; I have it in between times and in my dreams. I am increasingly positive that Houghton is on the right road and that her future is freighted with a unique and far-reaching ministry to this world. The possibilities of Houghton seem to me to be almost limitless and, if God is kept in control, to be very probable of realization. Daily I am seized with new inspirations that are beginning to take definite form in my thinking. I go to students' prayer meeting with you all every Tuesday evening and to church prayer meeting on Thursday evening, and God pours out on my soul of the blessing that He is giving you people in your worship. I attend your Sunday services with you and feel the mighty impact of an awakening spiritual atmosphere. I sense throughout the Christian Church the imminence of a great spiritual awakening, and I feel that Houghton is destined to have a great share in its spread and growth."

December 3

"It would be utterly impossible for me to tell you how much I appreciated the privilege of being home over this last week-end. In the first place, I know that it was in the will and purpose of the Lord that I should be there, for He so marvelously opened the way for me to come. During all my stay there I was conscious of the real presence of God and of His help and direction in all that I did. It is such a source of comfort and consolation to know that He is working and that His purpose will ultimately be worked out.

"It was surely a joy to see the old gang and to enjoy their fellowship once again. They are a grand group and so many of them real Christians. Aldy looked especially good to me, and to hear his positive testimony on Sunday evening did me a lot of good.

(Malcolm explains a plan for the future which will be divulged later. Concerning it he says:)

"The aim or objective that seems best to express what I have in mind is this: *To Foster A Personal God-Consciousness through Experiencing the Living Word.* The ultimate end in view is that this shall become a part of that great program which shall result in making Houghton as great a spiritual center as she is now an educational center."

Harold Elliott Is Nominated
Place in Honorary Society

"Harold Elliott has been nominated for membership in the Gibson Anatomical Society. Membership in this society is honorary and is based not only on high scholarship but on a demonstration of special aptitude in the work. In order to be eligible at all one must stand in the upper eighth of the class." (Mr. Elliott '34) is a sophomore in the Medical School of the University of Buffalo.)—A communication from Evan Molyneux ('29) 716 Linwood Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

both Mrs. Laug and I shall highly appreciate your prayers for this work and people.

Your as Old friends and daily co-workers,

Geo. W. Laug

Willett Albro Responds to
Call of Class of Thirty

My mind seemed a bit heavy tonight and to lighten the load, I picked up a Houghton Star. Among many other things I read the following quotation:

"It isn't the things you do, dear, But the things you leave undone That brings you the bitter heart-ache At the setting of the sun."

It reminded me that some time ago I was requested to write a brief note to the Star to prove that the class of '30 was still alive. In order that one less thing shall be left undone, I determined to do it.

In glancing through the Star I was reminded of many things that happened years ago but that seem as yesterday. There was an article by Miss Gillette in which she urged the student body to make the most of their opportunities in striving for the higher and nobler things in life. In thinking over the article it made me feel that if there is one thing above all others that the students of Houghton College remember about the faculty, after they have been out on the job a few years, it is the realization that they are definitely interested in the improvements of human lives.

Turning to the sports page I read and then lived over in my mind the high-lights of the Purple-Gold contests, and I began to feel young again. The desire to fight for the "Purple" is an abiding reality.

I reviewed the "Campus Parade", and there read about a typical strenuous day for the college man, and with an amused smile reminiscently crossing my face I saw in the foreground a certain "Andy" Warden from the Class of '30, almost '31, who could carry out what I would call a real strenuous schedule. Read a sketch from his diary which was published in the 1929 Boulder, and see if the Class of '36 has anyone who can compete.

I am now teaching Social Studies in Chautauqua High School, Chautauqua, N. Y. My memories of the past are pleasant. I am enjoying my present work immensely and my hopes for the future are high, even though those awful Democrats are in power.

Sincerely,
W. W. Albro
St. Elmo Hotel
Chautauqua, N. Y.

Pastor Appreciates Work
of Miss Mary Carnahan

"Since August 1 Miss Mary Carnahan of Syracuse, a graduate of Houghton College, 1935, has been assisting us in the work at Forest Dale. Her work has been a blessing to the homes and lives here, and the church desires to publicly acknowledge her good work in our time of need. She left us Nov. 13 to take work near Lacona, New York, and at a reception in her honor we bade her Godspeed. We feel sure that there are some converts today because of her interest, consistent living, and inviting them to Christ."

Rev. Walter F. Lewis, in the
Wesleyan Methodist,
Dec. 4.

Mrs. Belle Lang Accepts
Position as Proof Reader

Mrs. Belle Lang, daughter of Mrs. G. A. Russell, has accepted a position as proof reader for the Westcott and Thomson Company of Philadelphia, Pa. She recently completed the proof reading for Winston's new dictionary.

Engagement Announced of
Miss Margaret Lewis '30

The following article, taken from the New York Times of Nov. 18, concerns Margaret Lewis, who was graduated from Houghton High School in 1930 and who returned here for her freshman year of college:

"The Rev. Dr. Fredrick Lewis of the Throop Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn and Mrs. Lewis have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret Williams Lewis, to the Rev. Cameron L. Mosser of Perkasie, Pa. The wedding will take place on the afternoon of Dec. 23 in the Throop Ave. Presbyterian Church.

"Miss Lewis was graduated from the Biblical Seminary of New York last June. Through her mother she is a granddaughter of the late Muddock Howell of Montclair, N. J. and a descendant of Edward Howell, who settled in Westhampton, L. I., and of Captain Silas Howell, one of the founders of Cincinnati.

"She is descended also from the Rev. Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, pastor of the Center Congregational Church of Hartford from 1683 to 1732 and founder of Yale University; from Governor John Haynes, first colonial Governor of Connecticut; from Governor George Wyllys of Connecticut; Governor Thomas Dudley of Massachusetts; Governor Benedict Arnold, Colonial Governor of Rhode Island; and from the Rev. Abraham Pierson, one of the founders of Newark, N. J. She is also a descendant of Mrs. George Alcock, sister of the Rev. Thomas Hooker; of Lieut. Thomas Phelps, who served on General Greene's staff; and of Colonel Jacob Arnold of the Light Horse Guards, whose home in Morristown, N. J. was used by General Washington as his headquarters. On her paternal side she is a granddaughter of the late Colonel Hiram W. Lewis of Wichita, Kan. and is descended from Elder John Strong, prominent in the early history of Massachusetts.

"Mr. Mosser was graduated from Taylor University in 1932 and later from the Biblical Seminary in New York. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister by the Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery last June. Both Miss Lewis and her fiancé are now teaching at the Triangular Mountain Institute in Mount Heron, Va., Mr. Mosser serving also as pastor in the same institute."

Pres. Luckey Requests Aid
in Increasing Student Body

"Why not make Houghton College the greatest college of its kind in Eastern United States?" asked President Luckey in chapel Tuesday. The consensus of opinion of the association committee, President said, was that more colleges of our standard are needed today. We are in a new epoch of our institution and it is up to the students to support and help their Alma Mater all they can. One way of doing this is for each one to bring a new student to college next year.

Our college compares very well with the larger colleges of today. In the larger colleges the freshmen and sophomores are taught by instructors who are students working for advanced degrees and hence are not as efficient as our trained teachers. Fifty per cent of college life is the social life. In a small institution the social life is far superior. Only in the line of libraries and laboratories do the larger colleges excel us. So why not expand? Let us make 1936-37 the best year yet!

CAMPUS PARADE

Did you know that twelve of them have been staged this school year featuring the campus clowns, celebrities, and miscreants. True, they're not the American Legion type, with blaring bugles, prancing steeds, trilling fifes, rolling drums, and gay flags. Our weekly trek from the church steps to the dining hall of a Sabbath noon resembles rather the mad charge of soldiers storming a hill. (It must be understood, however, that the solemn desire of each of us is not to thrust a bayonet into some enemy but rather to stick a fork in a succulent, roasted chunk of fresh ham.) The crowd streams out and splits—some taking to the macadam road and treacherous steps while others cut behind the Inn to take their elevation gradually. Many are the opportunities to whet up an appetite and play the good Samaritan along the way, especially since winter has begun to assert himself with ice and snow. Now and then a car must be pushed up the slippery hill—not to mention the many girls. Yes, it makes a gala beginning for a new week, a gay interlude between the pulpit and the gravy—this weekly hike of the student body.

Dropped in on Miss Davison the other day with a problem. What are the possible different combinations of our breakfast standbys?

1. Prunes, oranges, bananas, apricots, grapefruit, tomato and pineapple juices. (7)
2. Wheatena, oatmeal, cream-of-wheat, corn meal, corn flakes, grape-nut flakes, bran flakes, all bran, pep, wheaties, krispies. (11)
3. Plain rolls, gems, date muffins, cinnamon rolls, the weird "x" roll, bacon, toast. (7)
4. Milk, coffee, and postum. (3)

The answer totals up to one thousand six hundred and seventeen. Enough menus there to keep us going for nigh on to five years of breakfasts. But man is not a logical being. Thus even in the face of such evidence, I would plead for the return of the egg which may be fried, boiled, poached or scrambled. Bring on the pancakes with syrup and bacon grease. Let's have doughnuts. What is President Layton F. Vogel in his position of high trust doing to rectify this situation? Taxpayers, voters—deluge him with letters. Let him know how you feel about an egg fried hard on both sides. Then and only then will we have action.

Snow's here and with it thoughts of a Christmas just two weeks away. As the cold nips fingers and ears, its' the weather that becomes the principal conversational theme. "Will the roads be open on that morning of the twentieth? What if it's icy, drifting, or forty below?" But while we wait, the belated write home for mittens and mufflers to be pulled out of the mothballs and mailed. Others receive unexpected and mysterious packages. Food? That it. But no, they're only "woolies" packed by loving hands and mailed to her freshman son to protect him from the wintry blasts. Someone has said, "I'd rather die than say 'yes'".

The hectic noon hour is the time to see the waiters with the lid off. Morning and evening the pace is more leisurely—but at twelve-thirty, with the boys working on a gaunt stomach, nature is not so mild. Hurd, a staccato click-click of leather heels, comes charging from the kitchen, swinging a tray of steaming limas. Notice the gleam and twinkle in his eye and the wicked smile. He's just chiseled four dinners. Then comes Goldberg of the rhythmic tread with a slight fromn. What's up? Why, he caught Jimmy in the act. Now Lynip trips out through the swinging doors with the benign expression of one who has just done a good deed. Art gave the cooks a hot tip on how to ladle soup without dripping it over the edge of the bowl. Perhaps we should take a peep at Foster's flashing smile, as this is a most unusual contrast from the prevalent lean and hungry look. He's just gotten a letter from some aunt with a dollar bill tucked inside the envelope. Says Bill, "Why, bless her old soul!"

In the Tuesday evening prayer meeting why is it that the fellows and girls segregate themselves just in the reverse of what they do in daily chapel. Habit should direct one to the same spot. Thus the editor interviewed three professors for some clue.

Miss Davison—"I couldn't tell you. I do know that at the ringing of the bell the girls from the dormitory walked over in a body and that there were no Sunday night dates. We went to church with a chaperon."

Miss Rickard—"I've always wanted to know, myself. I've been here fifteen years and it's always been as now. You'll have to dig farther back than me."

Prof. Stanley—"I guess its always been so. A matter of custom."

Is there a plausible explanation to this riddle?

Bill Muir was telling the boys of the fight he had in Rochester the other day. Said the editor of the yearbook: "I knocked him down, but he got up again. I knocked him down a second time. He staggered to his feet. And so for the third time I swung and laid him low, but as he still persisted in getting up I was forced to break his crutches and throw away his pencils."

Junior-High School Game

(Continued From Page One)

Dave Paine played a stellar game for the losers as he held the ever-dangerous Schogoleff to two field goals, both in the first half, and two baskets from the charity stripe. Captain Schogoleff and Luckey carried the burden of scoring for the winners, each splitting the meshes for six points. With the possible exception of the first game of the series, it was the most ragged exhibition of basketball we have seen thus far in the season. If either team had an edge in teamwork and floorwork, it was the academy cagers.

LINE-UPS

HIGH SCHOOL	FG	FP	TP
Sellman f.	1	0	2
Clark f.	1	1	3
Taylor f.	0	0	0
P. Paine c.	2	3	7
D. Paine g.	1	0	2
Eyler g.	1	0	2
	6	4	16
JUNIORS	FG	FP	TP
Schogoleff f.	2	2	6
Fairfield f.	0	1	1
Foster f.	1	0	2
Luckey c.	2	2	6
Halstead g.	0	1	1
Eddy g.	0	0	0
Churchill g.	1	0	2
	6	6	18

SPORT SHOTS

The yearly controversy concerning the best eleven football players in our major colleges is at full heat now as there have been the usual number of All-American football teams picked by several authorities. We have noted several but will not comment upon them except to point out that on practically every one is Jay Berwanger, ace backfield man from Chicago. Almost single-handed he has kept his team in the grid picture and surely deserves this honor which has so universally been granted him.

For the first time in history the Knute Rockne Memorial Trophy has been awarded to a football team from the Southwest. The committee set this precedent when it handed the prize, symbolic of national championship, to Southern Methodist University. Minnesota ranked second in the standings, Princeton third, and California and Stanford were tied for fourth place. Southern Methodist has thus won another valuable trophy in addition to being selected to oppose Stanford, Pacific Coast champions, in the Tournament of Roses game at Pasadena, on New Year's Day. The Methodists proved their mettle last Saturday when they trounced a fine Texas A & M team in a pouring rain. Led by Bobby Wilson, mentioned on several All-American teams, the "aerial circus" has been through an undefeated season, winning twelve straight games. This is a record that can be surpassed by very few if any colleges this season and makes SMU a good bet to defeat Stanford in the colorful Rose Bowl spectacle. However, Stanford lost only one game, a close 7-6 decision to UCLA and led by Bobby Grayson, All-American full-back, and Monk Moscrip, All-American end and place-kicking specialist, they will give a good account of themselves against the Mustangs. The ticket office has already hung out the Standing Room Only sign with SMU a 7-5 choice to beat the Indians.

Joe Louis, Detroit Brown Bomber and latest negro heavyweight sensation, will meet his severest test tonight in Madison Square Garden when he steps into the ring against Paulino Uzcudun, the Bounding Basque. The young negro, rated by many as the best boxer and hardest puncher since Dempsey, will have to throw 'em plenty hard to stop the Spanish woodchopper by a knockout since Paulino has never been knocked down during his twelve years in the fistic arena. The Spaniard has fought them all, too, including Sharkey, Schmeling, Schaaf and Baer, every one packing a terrific wallop. A sell-out crowd is expected to witness the bout, although Louis is a top-heavy favorite.

With the opening of the annual major league baseball meeting, the most lively trading in many years is being carried on. The main deal was the one which involved Jimmy Fox, Athletics ace clouter and first sacker. He and Johnny Marcum, pitcher, were sent to the Red Sox for Rhodes, pitcher, and Savino, catcher, and a nice sum of cash. Another deal sent Johnny Allen, Yankee pitcher, to the Cleveland Indians in exchange for pitchers Pearson and Sundra. The Detroit Tigers added batting and fielding strength to their outfield with the acquisition of Al Simmons from the White Sox. Other deals are in the air but have not yet been satisfactorily completed.

The second million-dollar prize fight within a year seems assured now that Max Schmeling, ex-champion, has signed to meet Joe Louis negro sensation, in a Milk Fund bout some time next June. The Black Uhlan, on the comeback trail, will find the Detroit Negro boy, former Golden Gloves champion, a big ob-

stacle in his path. With the winner the logical choice to meet Jimmy Braddock in a championship match and with the tremendous popularity of Louis, a capacity crowd seems certain to pack the Yankee Stadium for the scrap.

The most important game of the current class series is scheduled for next Wednesday night, when the seniors square off against the freshmen in the series wind-up. A victory for the fast-stepping frosh will mean a sweep of the series and undisputed possession of class championship. Should the seniors win, three teams will be tied for the top spot, as the seniors, juniors, and frosh will each have three victories against one defeat. The freshmen will be weakened by the loss of the injured Whybrew, but with the return to school of Dunkel, they will be equally as strong as they were when they nosed out the sophomores. Although beaten by a team which the frosh stopped easily, the seniors, with three years of series experience behind them and with a strong determination to win the title, will give the yearlings plenty of trouble. It will be a toss-up from the starting whistle and you can pick the winner. The girls game has no bearing on the girls' championship which has already been clinched by the sophs. Series standings to date are:

	BOYS		
Freshmen	3	0	1,000
Juniors	3	1	.750
Seniors	2	1	.667
High School	1	3	.250
Sophomores	0	4	.000
	GIRLS		
Sophomores	4	0	1,000
Freshmen	2	1	.667
High School	2	2	.500
Seniors	1	2	.333
Juniors	0	4	.000

Susu Inspection Arouses Favorable Consideration

The Susu Country, for which Ho-ton students are getting a burden of prayer, is receiving attention from our missionaries in Africa. Rev. F. R. Birch and Rev. Chas. Carter have recently been up there looking the situation over. Decisions will be reached when Mr. Mc Carty arrives for his inspection.

A new motor road, which is now being built, will go straight through the territory. This will make communication easy. The Roman Catholics have already entered the bounds of the tribe and have done some translation into their language.

The King's business requireth haste. The encouragement Houghton can offer through prayer and gifts will mean more than we imagine.

VILLAGE NEWS

Warren Foss of Houghton village suffered the third finger of his left hand to be amputated Monday, December 9. The amputation was the result of an infection which was brought about by a severe cut while buzzing wood.

Mrs. Luva Armstrong, mother of Mrs. H. M. Dentler, has left to spend the winter with her sister in Santa Anna, California.

A party of four, namely Curtis, Charles, and Earl Crandall and Dr. Robert Lyman, have been on a hunting trip into Potter County, Pennsylvania. It is reported that two of the group have been successful in getting deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Vedder have returned from Rochester where they recently buried Mr. Vedder's sister. They plan to remain in Houghton throughout the winter.

Mrs. Opal Gibbs is reported confined to her home through illness.

After leaving Houghton College to return home December 2, Verdon Dunkel returned to school Monday, December 9. His home is in Michigan.

Among recent additions to the stock of the Houghton Inn are purple and gold pencils with the college name on them, and a supply of fresh eggs. The eggs are rumored to be from a coop of ten chickens owned by the Eyler. Mr. Eyler claims to have obtained eleven eggs one morning. However, there is no official report on this matter.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TUESDAY SERVICE

Instead of the usual Tuesday evening students prayer meeting a Christmas service will be held at the church from 7 to 8 o'clock. The service will be in charge of the church choir, assisted by the public speaking department of the college. The special features will include the singing of Christmas carols, an antiphonal choir, a soprano solo by Miss Johannsen, and a brief message by Professor Stanley Wright.

Ho-tonites Visit Buffalo

A section of the Churchill Tabernacle accomodating fifty was occupied by Houghton on Sunday evening. Twenty-five others had to sit elsewhere. The occasion was the last service held by Gypsy Smith. The College quartette, consisting of Carl Vanderburg, Glenn Donelson, Wm. Foster, and Alton Shea, sang "Blessed is He That Readeth" and "Near the Cross".

"We do not need to be ashamed of our quartette," was one comment by a listener.

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