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## Here, There And About

by MARY HELEN MOODY

In the *Ithacan* for November 23 the suggestion is made that if any student or faculty member would like to try his hand at writing an editorial, the *Ithacan* would be only too glad to publish any efforts along that line. Good idea for some of those people who always have an idea as to what editorials should say and how it should be said.

According to the *Wheaton Record* at least one professor advocates apple polishing: "Anyone who isn't wise enough to do intelligent apple polishing, isn't wise enough to be in college. Apple polishing, properly defined, is making oneself known to one's professor in a favorable light. More and more we are recognizing that education, aside from giving technical knowledge must teach one how to properly sell himself. How can one sell himself to his professors unless he makes himself and his work known to them in an intelligent and agreeable manner?"

In the *Hill News* we read of an innovation in the curriculum whereby all students are invited to attend a writing lab conducted from 7 to 9 one night a week. Here the students receive instructions in writing of term papers (they have such creatures other places too) and in other writing fields. All of which puts us in mind of the English Studio on the 4th floor of the Ad Building which is at present more legendary than otherwise. It is hoped that it will materialize into a valuable asset to the English department.

According to the "College Review" of *The Hill News* the University of Vermont answers the question "why do students come to college" somewhat differently from tradition which gives fraternities, sports and college life as the main reasons. When 464 Freshmen gave the reasons for their choice they said that the courses of study offered decided the question for them.

Also in the *Collegiate Review* mention is made of the number of courses offered in University of Illinois. If

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## Stage Set for Another DRACULA

"Open your eyes. Now say something to me with your eyes. Say yes. Close your mouth. Smile. Turn your head a little to the right, now to the left. Click. Look up at me. Close your mouth. Smile. Click. That's all. Thank you."

This is known technically as a senior's nightmare—a horse that is very hard to ride last Friday afternoon and evening as John Photographer kept striking the mare with his whip—the portrait camera.

It was like taking the third degree in a precinct station. They put you on a red plush piano stool, then on goes the battery of lights, the villain hunches behind his artillery, covering his scrutinizing gaze with a black shroud. He aims the 6 inch how-

## The Class of '41 Is "In the Red" They're 'All Wool'

Make Hurried Dash for "Ad"  
Building As Lunch  
Time Nears

BY MIRIAM SNOW

It was Saturday (December 3, 1938, to be exact). A feeling of excitement hung over the campus. Sophomore students kept their minds on their classes with difficulty and were seen to smile frequently over nothing at all. As they hurried thru the halls they inquired breathlessly of each other, "Have they come yet?" Upper-classmen and freshmen, whispering among themselves, said that maybe the sophomores were going to show their true colors at last.

As the hands of the clock drew slowly nearer and nearer the lunch hour, a few pessimistic sophomores shook their heads doubtfully and declared that "those icy roads will hold him up." At about 11:55 hungry students were surprised to see their sophomore friends turn their backs on the dining hall and race madly toward the "Ad" building. "What's up?" some demanded.

Upstairs in A-30 all was bedlam. Cries of—"Where's mine?", "How do I look?", and "How does the zipper work?" filled the air. The odor of new leather predominated. Somebody giggled, "They'll smell us coming!" Students slapped each other

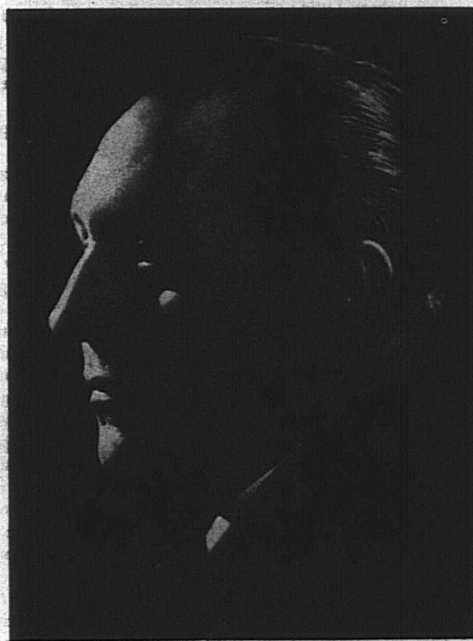
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## TENOR IN SPRING SEASON AT MET APPEARS FRIDAY

Known as an Excellent Concert Pianist  
And Oratorio Artist As Well  
As Operatic Star

ENACTS ROLE OF "THE RABBI"

Myron Taylor, tenor, a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company's spring season, will appear at Houghton College on December 9, 1938. Mr. Taylor has not only made a name for himself in opera, but is well known as an excellent concert and oratorio artist.

Mr. Taylor began as a concert pianist and was teaching piano at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music when it was discovered that he had an exceptionally fine tenor voice which he started to cultivate.

After singing a year in operatic productions at the Eastman School of Music under the direction of Eugene Goossens he went to Italy for operatic experience and studied with Alfred Martino, conductor of Royal Opera in Rome, singing numerous professional engagements there. Later he went to Munich, Germany, to study German lieder and to Paris to enrich his knowledge of French song literature.

Upon returning to America, Mr. Taylor was engaged by the Art of Musical Russia to sing the difficult role of the Astrologer in "Coq d'Or". He was selected by Dr. Walter Damrosch to sing Vogelgesang in a special production.

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## Richard II Presented By Renwick of Cuba In Chapel on Monday

Not by any deserving merits of our own, we were again favored Monday, Dec. 5th as our chapel walls resonated the rarely delightful sound of revived Shakespearean dialogue, through the one man theatre, Mr. Renwick, whose acquaintance we so proudly own.

We can't help feeling a bit grateful for the programs and thoughtful words of explanation offered in recognition of our sadly lacking knowledge, with the happy result of being mentally elevated to a ringside advantage in a more appreciative understanding of "Rich. II". In Mr. Renwick's vigorous adaptation of Bollingbroke's and the Duke of Norfolk's mutual accusation society, we could picture with little difficulty those two worthies aching to get at one another's throats. We observed that the whole play pivoted about weak Richard's assumption of the woman's privilege in changing his mind about that promising duel, which regrettable step led him humbled and betrayed to his downfall.

But a word about Mr. Renwick himself whose active presence has stirred no little curiosity in our minds about him. Dramatics has probably been his escret passion since he could

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## Prof. Schram Directs Biggest Oratorio Yet; Orchestra Assisting

The first oratorio to be given under the leadership of Prof. Eugene E. Schram will be the Messiah, by Handel. This annual presentation will take place on Friday evening, December 16.

Although the chorus is the largest this year that it has ever been, and includes a good faculty representation, there is a shortage of tenors. However, the quantity as well as the quality of the bass section might seem to be a redeeming feature.

The solo parts have not been definitely assigned as yet, and everyone is anticipating the results. Accompanying the chorus will be the "Little Symphony Orchestra."

## New Organization Of Social Science Teachers Banquets

Who said History is dull? Anyway, certain teachers we could mention found it a very enjoyable pursuit when they partook of what a Social Studies Banquet had to offer at Wellsville last Thursday evening, December 1.

Gracing the table were the teachers of social studies in the high schools of Allegany and Steuben counties and Houghton and Alfred colleges. The Alfred representation consisted of Dr. Norwood and several other professors of the History and Economics departments. Houghton was especially well represented as Professor Shea was the speaker of the evening speaking on the subject "What's Behind the Wagner Act". Others from Houghton were Professors Fancher, Frieda Gillette, Rork, and Wilard Smith and Mrs. Shea.

The organization having just seen the light of day has not as yet received

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## Sophs Hire Rink Restaurant For Big Class Party

Active members of the "Floor Polishing" squad of the sophomore class, Saturday night, December 3, feel qualified to tell you just how it's done.

Amidst flashes of red and gray, as the sophs initiated their new jackets, the class of '41 left for Wellsville about 3:30 to test their equilibrium on roller skates. It was the first time on roller skates for some, but many came close to exhibiting professional ability, both standing and sitting.

The "super colossal" performances of the evening were presented by Glenn Jones and "Blackie". Miss Driscoll disclosed the fact that skates were by no means new to her, while Professor and Mrs. Schram exhibited no mean ability at the art. Professor

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## New Plans Under Way in Council

An improvement in the manner of exit from chapel was one main item of business considered at the Student Council meeting of Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2. In regard to this, it was moved that persons in Rooms A31 and A32 leave first; that no meetings be held in these two rooms; and that persons should move away from the foot of the stairs on the first floor allowing room for others to come down.

Other items of business included the discussion of plans for the new skating rink, a more adequate waiting room for fellows in the morning, a pamphlet giving the interesting historical background and traditions of the college, the repairing of the recreation hall for winter use, the posting of the road from Buffalo to Houghton, and the changing of the time for worship in the evening.

As a result of Council action the Board has voted three additional bleachers for spectators to be placed in the gymnasium before the Purple-Gold series.



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# EDITORIAL

## OUR VIEWPOINT

Of all the student organizations on the campus, there is probably not one receives greater criticism than the Student Council. Now that you know the theme of this dissertation, many of you will want to stop reading because you feel this is just going to be "old stuff." You never could see any reason for the existence of such an organization, or at least as it does exist, and yet to you it seems to stagger on.

Primarily, the Council exists as a representative body between the faculty and the student body. It is evident that co-operation by all concerned is necessary for the greatest results. The Council has been criticized because it lacks authority and is a puppet controlled by the faculty. It can readily be seen that in all matters involving the expending of funds, faculty action must be final. On the other hand, experienced Council members would all agree that there has been the best of faculty co-operation on all reasonable suggestions submitted by the Council.

A common complaint which is heard is the lack of accomplishment of anything that has value. It is easy to accept changes and improvements as a matter of course without giving credit to the proper place.

Those who came last year or before can remember when the display of our faded old flag called attention because of its unusualness. A new flag now flies daily. We could not forget the persistent attempts of the boys last year for a skating rink even though the weather failed. The handbook received some needed revision last spring. Investigations have been carried on in regard to new projects, some of which are under consideration now and will come to fruition in the near future. Besides the more important items, there are smaller matters that require attention and yet have less significance, such as bulletin board supervision.

Our criticism has been wholly just or unjust. For lack of knowledge, you have had a right to wonder if anything ever was done. Perhaps for lack of the best support and co-operation from you, your Council has not accomplished what it might. Watch for future reports of the Council members. Watch for future reports of the Council members and activities as published from time to time in the *Star*. pull in the same direction. **A COUNCIL MEMBER**

## ANOTHER SUGGESTION

The use of a microphone and amplifier in the recent senior-junior debate evoked favorable comments from several of those seated in the rear of the chapel. Its presence was an experiment for the benefit of Prof. Pryor's class in *Sound*, but, experiment to side, it appeared to work well enough to warrant an investigation into the possibility, or at least feasibility, of some sort of a permanent outfit.

Perhaps the Council might take this under consideration also.

## LETTERS To the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The conduct of the Student body in the recent chapel Forum concerning the problem of leaving the chapel has been severely criticized. This criticism is not, however, wholly justified. True, the prevailing spirit was one of confusion and indifference unbecoming to college students but it is hardly fair to expect a group of people to be presented a problem, discuss and analyze it, and realize a workable solution in approximately 20 minutes. Then, too, the Student Council is a representative body, chosen by students and with faculty recommendation, to promote the general welfare of the college. It is also the main artery of undergraduate opinion and should reflect the philosophy of the student body at large. Therefore, this matter did not need to be presented for a popular vote, as the Council was already in a position to act on the matter. But since it was submitted to a referendum vote some hint of the proceedings should have been suggested to rectify the situation before, offering such a problem to such a group.

This is neither a defense nor a condemnation of any person or principal. But since human opinion in general follows the line of least resistance and destructive criticism is just that, our judgments should result from impartial rather than petty prejudices. **W. O.**

## By Way of Reply

Dear W. O.,

We heartily agree with the majority of your criticism regarding the student body meeting of ten days ago, and feel that the student body have a right to be defended in their actions to some extent. In our editorial we were censuring not the spirit of confusion and indifference, so much as the general disregard of the rights of others.

The chairman of any group as large as the student body meeting has a superhuman task on his hands, and needs definite co-operation. It was our criticism that underclassmen failed to give that co-operation during the meeting and upperclassmen chose to disregard attempts at co-operation afterwards.

No doubt it would have aided matters had we known at the time of the meeting that the Student Council had already passed recommendations on the problem and were merely trying to give us a chance to express our opinion. Though it may be true that the matter did not need to be submitted to popular vote yet had the Council arbitrarily set up the system there

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## PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

James Henry Prutsman

A frosty morning, dark, mysterious; a cozy looking little truck swiftly approaching a back door of the dormitory; the driver, a tall blond young man—ah!—that's Jim Prutsman bringing milk from the college farm to help fill a few dozen human silos who find some attraction or other at the dorm three times a day.

Jim was born in Troupsburg, N. Y. on June 23, 1915. During his high school years, he played baseball for three years and took a part in two plays. After graduating in 1932 he went to Alfred Agriculture School for a year. The next year and a half of his life was spent as a milk tester for the Western College Steuben Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

In the spring of 1936 the Prutsman family took over the college farm and Jim started school as a General Science and education major. Although he helped on the farm and couldn't take part in as many extracurricular activities as he would have liked, Jim has participated in Pre-Med club, Chapel Choir, and varsity baseball.

Mr. Prutsman states: "I will never be able to estimate the contributions which Houghton has made to my life."

Loran Leslie Taylor

Loran Leslie Taylor, another of our seniors, a talented trumpeter, was born in Collins, New York, Aug. 14, 1915. Eden high school gave him his start in trumpet playing which he has continued in extension work as a member of the trumpet quartet.

The pre-med course has been his major here in Houghton with chemistry, general science, and math claiming most of his attention. However, his extra curricular activities were not neglected as membership in the orchestra and choir have been his during the four years here.

We might remark that Loran has been working his way through college selling popcorn and during the last year, developing films.

Loran says, "Houghton is developing and has developed characters of the highest; that is why I will always cherish and revere memories of my four years at Houghton."

Paul Milton VanOrnum

On March 22, 1917 a very important thing happened in Parishville, N. Y., and something that Paul Van Ornum will never forget, because on that day Paul arrived in this cold and harsh world to carry on. Being a natural boy, Paul soon started school, attending a number of them in his day. First he went to Tupper Lake then to Chateaugay and finally graduated from St. Regis Falls high school in 1935.

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## History of School Built into Gym

When Houghton began, it was a high school in a small brick building on the hill beyond the post office. The school grew so rapidly that a brick kiln was made in the pasture, next to what is now the president's house, and the bricks for the present dormitory and administration buildings were baked there. After the seminary had moved to the present campus, the chapel of the old brick building "down town" was used as a gymnasium; but it was too narrow and was in an inconvenient place for the students.

As a result, at the Alumni Banquet in the spring of 1913 Professor H. C. Bedford, formerly president of the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, South Carolina, made a pro-

posal that the material of the old building be used in the construction of a new gymnasium.

The co-operation of the citizens of Houghton, and particularly of the students of the seminary, was so enthusiastic that work was begun immediately. There was quite a ceremony to turn the first furrow—the plough was pulled by students instead of horses, while Professor Bedford held the handles amid much gaiety and shouting.

The work on the gymnasium proceeded gradually, according to the funds available. It is made of the light-colored brick of the former seminary building and veneered with newer, darker brick. In one place brick is left in plain view.



# Hi Toots!

by "Hi TOOTHILL"

I gathered from last week's student body meeting that the juniors and seniors would just as soon march out of chapel ahead of the delegations in Rooms 30 and 31; and I also gathered that the frosh and sophs would just as soon not have them—so where does it get one. Fritz had his hands full for a few minutes trying to bring order out of chaos of Houghton's "town meeting". I think at last I've discovered why we so strongly advocate representative government—we want a chance to make a noise of our own.

The outstanding oration of the congress was the resolution of one lobbyist that "The Student Council ought to settle his question. That's all they're good for." This brought down great guffaws from the "400". Equally outstanding and just as reasonable was the motion of the head waiter that this libelous rascal be thrown out. Action on this motion would have been interesting if not decisive.

To reverse one Lou Lehr's classic utterance, I maintain "People are the craziest monkeys." Why—oh why, when one puts one's head—and shoulders—out of an open window, thus assuming an angle of some thirty degrees with the vertical, does some lunatic have to come along and bat him vociferously on the southern exposure. If you asked him why he did it, he'd just shrug his shoulders and look vacant and helpless. If you've got to hit someone, here is the correct procedure. Accost him in the hall, face him directly, look him in the eye, and hit him on the head with a recent edition of Webster's International Dictionary. He may think you're trying to start something, so tell him you "didn't mean a word of it" and walk away—having satisfied your lust.

One day last week I looked by chance at the large electric fixtures in the chapel—then I stared! They were clean. The assortments of plain and fancy bugs reclining on the bottom of the globes were gone, and in their place nothing but clean glass.

But I must have been dreaming—or maybe the chapel speaker diverted my attention to him for a moment and therefore my observation was not reliable. Anyway, this week, in one of my moments of better perception, I noticed, that the aerial zoo was still there. Now I can rest in chapel. All is as it was.

Somebody always spoils things. From where I sat in chapel I could see that three of the participants in the frosh-soph debate were wearing red ties. This gave me a clue for a feature story. I would uphold the merits of a red tie as an instrument for furnishing morale to public speakers. But when the fourth haranguer arose to the occasion—lo, he was wearing infidel blue. He was plainly a non-conformist.

This put an end to my original point—for his side lost the decision by a vote of 2 to 1. (The one vote upholding his case was for the red tie of his colleague.)

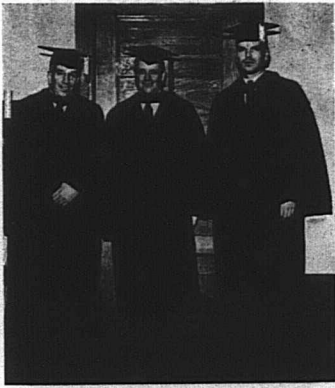
In that same debate Jesse DeRight made some kind of a remark about the favorable opportunities for advancement in Houghton for the fellow who is really worthy. The chorus of boos from the stag side of the house would seem to discount that assertion. Undoubtedly there were those present who think that they are

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## Three Figures Are Prominent on Founders' Day

Senator Joe R. Hanley who received the degree of LL.D. at the recent Founder's Day Convocation is pictured with Dr. Stephen Paine, president of Houghton, and Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, president of Alfred University. Dr. Norwood delivered the Convocation address.



## Five S's to God Are Shown by Rev. Olney

"I don't come as a Baptist pastor but as a Christian," stated Rev. H. O. Olney, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of Buffalo, in chapel Friday morning, Dec. 2.

The theme of his talk was the five steps to a life that pleases God, each beginning with the letter "s". They are the natural divisions of the books of Romans.

The first is to get rid of Sin. Romans shows the court scene and indictment on the people. Religion without a change of heart is worthy of death.

The second is salvation. This shows how to get rid of the sin. One finds the source in the grace of the Father and the means in the grace of the Spirit.

Thirdly is separation which comes from yielding your members servants to Christ. The secret of victory over sin in life is surrender of the self to the spirit.

The fourth is Sovereignty or owning God's sovereign right to rule your life.

The last step is that of Service which is accomplished by presenting your body for an acceptable living sacrifice to God.

## SOPHS SPLURGE

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sor Stockin also seemed quite adept at retaining an upright position. We hope, however, that the singing of "Stand Up" to Profs Schram and Stockin was not done ironically.

After skating for about an hour and a half, the members of the class enjoyed a lunch at the rink, but they were soon engaged once more in the 'Kentucky Steal' and 'Ladies Choice'. Sometime later they left for Pickup's Restaurant where all of those who could comfortably sit down, enjoyed a delicious dinner.

It was a happy group that heard the "All aboard for Houghton" as the festivities of the evening ended.

## LETTERS

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would likely have ensued a general undercurrent of insubordination.

In defense of the student body president it should be stated that he did try to give us some "hint of the proceedings" but we were all rather slow of comprehension, and after that a bit blinded by partizanship. The only remedy which might have been feasible would have been a bulletin board announcement as to the subject of the meeting, and we wonder just how many of us would have read that.

The sum and substance seems to conclude that all of us can well afford to be more considerate of each other's rights, and that if we expect to become good citizens of a democracy, we must begin to practice now.

The Editor

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Star appreciates the submitting of any letter which thus gives us a general student viewpoint upon campus situations,

## DEAN HAZLETT PRESENTS SOME PERTINENT FACTS

Thursday morning, December 1, many students left the chapel thinking a little more seriously than usual because of the rather pertinent talk given by Dean Hazlett.

At first, one might have thought that Dean Hazlett had come to the chapel without anything to give to the student body, except two scripture verses, which he himself said that he wished someone would tell him how to connect. As he went on, one saw plainly that he had carefully and cleverly planned his remarks.

Taking his first scripture verse, Dean Hazlett showed that everything is judged according to a standard. The Ten Commandments, given by God to Moses, are man's religious and moral standard. Science has its standard of weights and measures in the gram, kilo-gram and centimeter. Our school has a scholastic standard, which must be upheld, or else—?

Then taking the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, Dean Hazlett connected the idea of standards with "When I was a child—but now that I am a man." He stated that more is expected of us now than when we were children in the grades; that people of college caliber should act as such, rather than as high school students. Humor has its place, but our "wise-cracking" can sink to a level of childishness, and as a result people gain the opinion that we are "half-baked."

In closing, Dean Hazlett said that we have a moral obligation to be intelligent. Ignorance is the greatest crime, and when enlightenment comes we should act and conduct ourselves accordingly.

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you should take all the courses offered, it would take you 150 years to complete your study.

The *Asbury Collegian* recently conducted a survey of the occupations of the student's parents. Of 61 occupations that were listed 107 parents were farmers and 77 were preachers. The other occupations included such unusual ones as upholsterer, bee keeper, toll bridge collector, sheriff, etc. We imagine that if such a survey could be taken in Houghton the result would be enlightening.

All of which shouldn't remind us of a story from the *Patriot* but it does!

He: "I've got a perfect news story!"

She: "A man bite a dog?" (quite bored.)

He: "Naw! A bull threw a Congressman!"

and urges the student body to continue to make use of this medium of expression. However, to be perfectly fair it is necessary that all letters be signed with initials which are not fictitious. Send us some more comments, but change the subject. This question is now declared officially closed.)

## Helen Herr Frye, Instructor Here 1937-8, Married

Miss Helen Louise Herr, instructor of voice last year at Houghton, was united in marriage to Mr. John George Frye Thursday, November 24, 1938 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Frye works in the metropolitan area of New York City as salesman for the Carbon-Carbide Chemical Company, the third largest company of its kind in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Frye will make their home at 64 Hansburg Ave., Newark, New Jersey.

## SHEA SPEAKS

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ed a name, but plans are to name it at the next meeting to convene the first Thursday of February.

This group of History sharks look forward to four meetings yearly, at which times, discussions will be held and outstanding speakers will be featured.

## "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" Queries Tucker in Service

"Who is on the Lord's side?" Mr. Park Tucker asked in the student's prayer meeting, November 29. Each one should ask himself this question, he said, for every Christian needs, not only to be on the Lord's side, but willing to witness for the Lord at any time.

The prayer meeting was in charge of the boys of the Murphy house.

## PERSONNEL

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In the fall of 1935 Paul entered Houghton College with the hope of acquiring some more knowledge. While he has been in college he has been very active in the Pre-Medic club and this year was elected its president.

Paul is majoring in science and has a minor in math. When he leaves Houghton next June he hopes to secure a job teaching.

When asked how he liked Houghton, Paul remarked "Houghton has been like home to me."

## Vera Frances VanSkiver

On December 20th, 1916, Vera Van Skiver chose Jasper, New York as her home-town. Here she received her pre-college education, sang in the Glee Club, played in the orchestra and shot baskets for the home team. When the senior class gave plays Vera was chosen for the leading parts. She graduated from high school as salutatorian of her class.

Vera entered Houghton in 1935 to train for the teaching field, choosing Social Science as her major, and English and Bible as minors. "I have come to realize the need for Christian teachers in the teaching profession," Vera said as she spoke of her future. "I feel that they can do a great deal toward influencing the lives of young people, today."

Vera's extra-curricular activities in Houghton have included Orchestra, Chapel Choir, Basketball, Social Science and Expression clubs. She says of Houghton, "I am deeply grateful for the friendships made here, and for the opportunities of the spiritual life of Houghton."

## Sunday Services

### Wonders of Faith

"The Wonders of Faith" was the topic of the Rev. Mr. Black's message on Sunday morning, Dec. 4. Pointing out that all Christians are short in faith and do not exercise what they have, he continued by showing that the ground of our faith is the word of God, its reward is salvation both now and in the life to come.

### Freshmen in Charge

Freshmen conducted the W.Y.P.S. service Dec. 4 with Paul Krentel as chairman and Lloyd Dunkel leading the music. Three talks were given by Miss Betty Overbaugh, Carl Fulkerson and Allyn Russell. Subjects varied from a discussion of the poor widows mite, to the place of John in the New Testament history, and to a description of Peter. Special music was furnished by Rot Alger with his cornet.

### Coming of Christ

"The coming of Christ has been held out as a blessed hope ever since the time Adam sinned," Rev. Black said Sunday evening.

Showing that this is not only the hope of the church and creation but the consummate hope of the nations as well he concluded "This purifying, hope, however, brings a demand for preparation. We should live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world."

## EXTENSION DEPARTMENT ACTIVE IN COUNTRYSIDE

Whether many of us realize it or not there are many gospel-hungry and thirsty souls in the neighborhood of our campus, and it is interesting to note that the campus religious organization is aware of the fact.

The extension department, this year under the direction of Rev. Erwin Entry, liberal arts senior, sends out regularly groups of musicians and student speakers who have found soul satisfaction in Christ and are glad of the opportunity to tell others.

Among the groups recently going out have been the Print Shop quartet and Manager West. Their personnel consists of Carpenter, Dunkel, Murphy and Ortlip. Also active is the popular trumpet quartet: Jones, Taylor, Sauerwein and Grosvenor with Willis Elliott as speaker.

A group of Sunday School workers travels regularly to Miss Marietta Fancher's work at Big Tree near Buffalo, and another group conducts Sunday School in the schoolhouse between Portageville and Nunda. Services are also held at the Angelica County Home twice every month.

Besides these should be mentioned the numbers of student pastors, and the more occasional services scheduled by the extension department in churches of the surrounding region.

## RENWICK RETURNS

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recite, "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Attending Union College for two years brought him but little dramatic gain, so Stetson University in Florida was his second choice where he majored in dramatics and secured his sheepskin. His training in theory has had a thorough practical supplement not only in college but as the Cuba Little Theatre where he directed, acted, and even painted scenery and contributed music for productions. This past fall has found him well-occupied in treating colleges and theatres of this section of the country to his talents, with hopes, which we don't hesitate to reassure, of greater recognition and opportunities.

We await with even keener expectations, the fulfillment of Mr. Renwick's promised return to give us "Henry V."

## Ourselves As God Sees Us

by ROBERT LITTLE

Why are you and I here on this earth, Christian? Merely because we were born of our parents? Or is there a more significant reason?

Listen to God as he answers the question, "I have created him for my glory." The antecedent of him is "everyone that is called by my name." Does that not include every true Christian?

Paul in writing "to the saints which are at Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus" three times responds to the question when he reiterates, "that we might be to the praise of His glory." We are then not, primarily to bear fruit, but to glorify our Lord and Saviour. Glorifying God is the principal product of the Christian life; winning souls, one of the by-products, for by exalting God we shall simultaneously bear fruit.

But how are we to Glorify God? Christ told His disciples that the Holy Spirit should glorify Him. True, but the Spirit magnifies the Father through us. Yet He can not extol God in and through us if each of us is living his own life, carrying our creator in us only when we are dead and He lives in and through us. Hence, if we are to exalt God aright, thus fulfilling our mission in life, there must be an exchange of life—His life instead of ours, His will in place of ours. Then the question will not be: What shall I do to please God but rather what is His will? And when His will is known, there will be no hesitancy in fulfilling it. Hudson Taylor spoke of his experience of the Spirit-filled life as "a loyal and loving acceptance, a joyful meeting of His will in things little and great."

Thus, only as His Spirit, living in us, accomplishes His will through us, shall we perform our mission in life—that we might be to the praise of His glory.

## SFMF DISCUSSES WORK OF MISSIONS IN CHINA; BIRKEL IS SPEAKER

Missions in China was the topic of discussion at the Students Foreign Missionary Fellowship meeting Monday Nov. 28. A good survey of most of the important societies working there was given.

The most interesting of the several talks was "Personal Experiences in China", given by Evelyn Birkel, daughter of missionaries to China. She told some of her observations and experiences in traveling in China. The boats are very crowded and one is very likely to find himself in very strange company. On one occasion, Evelyn found herself quite close to some chickens which the Chinese seemed to rate as first-class passengers. She told of customs peculiar to the people and gave the listeners a good "taste" of a Chinese atmosphere.

The other speakers were Keith Sackett speaking on "The China Inland Mission and its work", Francis Whiting, on "Presbyterian Missions in China", and Henry Ortlip concerning the "Work of the National Holiness Missionary Society in China." The talks revealed the fact that God honors faith in His Word and obedience to His command therein: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature."



# SOPHOMORE MEN WIN FROM FRESHMAN, LOSE TO JUNIORS

## Closely Contested Score Results In Advantage of 47-37 for Sophs

Driscoll and Thomas Lead Frosh Women's Scoring

Friday evening, December 2, witnessed two court forays full of excitement and a good display of a superior quality of basketball. Having the edge all the time, the frosh girls took the first game by the score of 19-13. Turning the tables the tall sophs came out on the better end of a 47-37 score after a closely-contested but loosely played boys game.

The preliminary game opened with the frosh "hoopsters" getting off to an early lead. Time after time, the freshmen capitalized in the fine passing and floorwork of their forward combination with Thomas and Driscoll doing most of the shooting, allowing the first half to end with them leading in a 14-6 score.

The second half started out with the playing being mostly centered around the frosh basket giving them a 10 point advantage at the beginning of the final period. In the last quarter there was a lull in the effectiveness of the frosh attack but both teams seemed tired from their fast type of playing. The sophs fought valiantly to break down the frosh lead but were unable to do so. In the last few minutes both teams benefited from free throws with one point apiece and at the final whistle Ruth Richardson, a soph addition, found the hoop to make the final score 19-13.

Driscoll and Thomas led the scoring attack with 8 points each and Shirley Fidingier of the sophs was next with 7 counters.

### Sophs Ahead at Half-time

As the main event got under way the frosh took the ball and Dave Paine split the drape from the mid stripe to make the first tally. Both teams exhibited a series of well executed plays but the yearlings dominated the first quarter with an attack built around the long range guns of Eyer and Paine. This attack gave them a 15-10 lead as the second quarter started but during this period the soph machine began to go into action and accompanied by frosh wildness, found themselves with a 23-20 lead at the half.

In the second half the sophs opened up and capitalized on their height to work through the yearlings defense. Jim Evans did commendable work with his one-handed shots.

The sophs started the last quarter with a nine point lead under their belts and with three more quick baskets which caused some wild shooting on the part of the frosh sharpshooters. In general this wild shooting was ineffective but Dave Paine emerged twice from the corner scrambles with his one handed shots to split the meshes. As the minutes passed the fighting grew harder and harder and finally Paul Mullens gained two points for the frosh with a shot from mid-court. Marty Martin retaliated for the sophs and the game ended in a mad scramble with a 47-37 scoreboard reading.

High scoring honors for the men's game went to Paine and Tuthill with 16 and 13 points respectively.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of sympathy from the Senior class and the Houghton College Student Body.

Thelma Briggs

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cial performance of the "Die Meistersinger" at the Metropolitan Opera House. Then followed several operatic appearances with the Russian opera group in some of the larger cities, also with the Detroit Opera Company in "The Dybbuk" both in Detroit and New York.

Mr. Taylor's most recent success was in the difficult and exacting role of "The Rabbi" in Max Reinhardt's production "The Eternal Road", which ran twenty weeks at the Manhattan Opera House in New York. His performance was singled out from the big cast and one reviewer wrote, "His characterization both vocally and visibly sustained its superlativeness throughout."

In oratorio and concerts Mr. Taylor has been widely acclaimed for his fine voice and compelling interpretations. Indeed a musical treat is in store for the college when Mr. Taylor appears in concert here next Friday night.

## CAN A DEAD MAN RETURN EXPRESSION CLUB DRAMA

"Can a dead man return?"

Houghton's gifts to drama, Bruce (Burymore) Densmore and Vance (Arliss) Carlson, ably assisted by Anne Madwid, Esther Fox, William Olcott, Wesley Nussey, Wayne Bedford, and Merle Ploss, attempted to answer this gruesome question in a skit "The Inn of Return" presented by the Expression Club on Monday evening, Nov. 28. The incident was based on an ancient legend that, at a certain country hotel no traveler, having once been a guest, had ever failed to return a second visit. The difficulty, however, lay in the fact that one of the guests had been murdered in connection with a jewel robbery. Could he—would he—return?

Dr. Darby (Bruce Densmore), a physician, strongly suspects the hotel clerk (Merle Ploss) of having committed the crime. Therefore, under conditions exactly the same as on the night of the murder two years before and with the same guests present, he puts his theory to the test. He arranges with his actor friend (Wayne Bedford) to impersonate the dead man, and under the shock of the supposed appearance of the corpse, the clerk confesses. The mystery has been solved, but the question remains—The dead man did not return or did he?

## SOME CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS . . . . .

1. Book Ends
2. A Parker Pen
3. A Collegiate Pillow
4. A Wall Plaque
5. Schraft's Chocolates
6. Watch bracelet
7. An Electric Shaver
8. Box of Stationery
9. A Diamond

ALL but No. 9 can be obtained at the Book Store now.

Shop early! Avoid the Christmas rush!

## Frosh Women Take Seniors By One Point

Bedford gym was the scene of a major sport classic Monday afternoon, Dec. 5, when the hard fighting freshman women gained an 18-17 victory over their arch rivals, the senior belles, in a thrill packed game that extended into two overtime periods.

During the larger part of the first half the frosh kept the ball in their possession; however scores were at a premium against the "Sages" tight defense. The score as they entered the second half was 3-3.

The experienced Senior team began to click in the first minutes of the third quarter as they pushed ahead of the bewildered frosh 9-3. Slowly but steadily the young coeds' offense worked, gaining points to end the quarter still slightly behind 7-9.

Again in the first minutes of the fourth quarter the senior forwards demonstrated their scoring ability and took the lead 14-7. The Frosh hoopsters with a persistence and determination rarely seen in a first year team tightened their defense and evened the score to a 16-16 tie as the final whistle sounded.

In each of the two overtime periods Doris Driscoll scored one point with foul shots for the freshman girls. According to the rule book the team that scores the first two in the overtime periods automatically wins; therefore the frosh girls became the victors of (quoting Burns) "the hardest game I ever officiated at."

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the victims of a merciless and biased clique. But let it be said that you must take your light out from under the bushel basket to have it seen—or at least you must have some small flicker of light that someone else can take out from under said basket for you.

The girls were quiet on this point. I take it that the college has duly recognized their aptitudes and abilities and rewarded them freely.

Only eighteen more days until Christmas. Santa Claus will be at the Book Store for the duration of the season to help you select the plaything that will string her along for at least two more moons. Or if the time has come to put her on the shelf, how about giving her a bottle of Listerine from the assortment to be found at Cronk's Department Store—corner of Main and Lemon Alley on the great Jebuvian Highway.

For economy, be sure to get the large size.

## Juniors Take Over Sophomore Quintet By One Point Lead

by ALLYN RUSSELL

An underrated sophomore basketball five came within one point of pulling the surprise upset of the young basketball season last Wednesday afternoon, November 30, but a junior aggregation that was pushed all the way finally managed to win lady luck's favor and the ball game 30-29.

The sophs gave their arch rivals a slight dose of their own medicine in using the zone defense and therefore with both teams employing this system long shots were a feature of the game.

Trailing at the end of the first quarter 8-6, the class of '40 took a lead which they never relinquished although twice in the last half it withered down to one point.

Shortly after the midway of the third quarter the sophs found life in double deckers by Evans, Tuthill, and Marsh which brought them within one point of the lead. The juniors quickly retaliated in the early stages of the last heat and apparently had the situation well in command until "Marty" Martin kept the soph's hopes alive, flicking in two long shots the score reading 28-27 juniors. Junior forces took time out which proved to be a wise move, for directly afterwards "Cliff" Blauvelt deposited a two pointer in the hoop, increasing his team's lead to three points. "Marty" matched the shot seconds before the game's close and the juniors were in possession of the ball at the final whistle.

Pete Tuthill was top scorer with eleven points. Teammate Marsh followed with ten and juniors Olcott and Blauvelt each pulled down nine markers.

## E. Hollenbach President Of New German Club

Houghton students may have a unique privilege, if the expectations of Der Rheinverein (German Club to you) are realized. The club held a short business meeting on Friday afternoon, Dec. 2, at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers and drawing up a tentative program for the year.

Giving a brief outline of plans for the year was president Ernest Hollenbach who expressed the hope that the club might become an outstanding organization.

It was decided that meetings would be held the third Monday of every month in the high school study hall.

The following officers have been elected for the year:

President E. Hollenbach  
Vice-president Myra Fuller  
Secretary-Treasurer Letitia Higgins  
Program Committee Florence Barnett  
Glenn Jones

## JACKETS COME —

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on the back enthusiastically. Somebody said, "Just wait till my mother sees this!"

In about ten minutes a long line of red-jacketed figures filed into a reserved section of the dining hall and took their places. Other students stopped eating to gaze in admiration at the jackets. "They're all-wool," boasted the proud owners, "Feel of them!" So—the class of '41 is "in the red," and do they love it!

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## SPORTLIGHT

by VICTOR MURPHY

Upsets seem to be in the wind during the current interclass basketball, but although approaching the saturation point, do not precipitate. The closest approach to it occurred recently when a step-ladder form exhibited by the second year men almost brought about the downfall of the trophy tracking Junior Juggernaut. Cliff Blauvelt's squad is forming a reputation for steadiness on the floor—an invincible resistibility toward all attacks which is spurring the others to aim their big guns at third year monopolizers. Every team's hope lies in that second chance.

The freshmen men, tasting of defeat in their initial encounter, exhibited nevertheless a team full of fight, marked with flashes of brilliance which, with the steady effect to be garnered from future games, ought still to keep them well up in the running. High School basketball blasters, indignantly refusing to be left out of the reckoning, are planning to punch holes in the various zones set up by their college opponents. Any who have seen Bill Crandall and Bruce McCarty shaken loose know that there is something there for which to watch out.

Over on feminine street we are greeted with one of the most spectacular games to be played for many years on Houghton hardwood. Monday afternoon's Senior-Frosh battle left the stands breathless with its super display of fast cutting, guarding, and shooting carried over into two extra periods. The pre-game speculators who gave the senior girls preference were not disappointed in their ability, but realized that there was another team with breath taking speed and zip who could turn the tide quite capably. Credit must certainly be given to a yearling outfit who ably carried the battle into their territory in a score knotting, second half splurge. The dope bucket is undoubtedly on its precarious edge with freshmen women moving immediately into top form.

## No'ton Fire Department Miss d Its Big Chance

The Houghton Fire Department doesn't have many opportunities to make itself known but it missed a good one the morning of December second, that is, if the smoke that issued from the shop when the door was opened by Mr. Glen McKinley, father of our student head-shearer, was any token. However, the fire had been and gone before it was discovered so there really wasn't much need for the redoubtable volunteers. Speculations as to the cause of the fire were naturally indulged in by Mr. McKinley. The fact that Gerry, diminutive barber of the campus masculinity, had turned on the oil heater before he left in the morning plus the fact that the same heater was in a state of disruption left only one conclusion to be drawn. Heater plus explosion equals fire.

Due to the window frames and curtains being burned the damage was estimated at about \$40. Fortunately we still have a barber shop in good running condition.