

Williams Begins Mid-Term Revivals Here, Feb. 8th.

The Rev. H. W. Williams from Collingswood, New Jersey, a preacher in general evangelistic work of the Wesleyan church, is to be the speaker at the coming revival meetings February 8 through the 19th.

In his early life Rev. Williams studied for a business career at Ryder Business college in New Jersey and received his CPA degree from that school. (Incidentally his father is now in the business profession and audits all of this college's books.) However, after his conversion he attended Asbury college and seminary and then entered the ministry. His last pastorate was in Jersey City, but for the last eight years he has been holding meetings throughout the country.

The evangelist is not a stranger to Houghton for this makes the third series of meetings at which he has spoken here.

At the present, Rev. Williams is speaking in Canton, Ohio, where all weekday and Sunday services are broadcast.

Stockins Suffer Fire Damages

A fire at Prof. F. G. Stockin's house, Tuesday, Jan. 31, damaged the rear of the structure and portions of the interior.

Extensive damage was done to the roof, the shed and other portions of the back of the house by the flames, and smoke and water brought some damage to the interior of the dwelling. Actual cost of the fire is uncertain until an insurance inspector completes an analysis and estimate.

Mary Brunner, a college senior, discovered the fire at 2:30 in the afternoon and immediately notified the Houghton Fire department, who finally extinguished the flames at about 5 p.m. Several students rooming in the building had to seek quarters elsewhere temporarily.

Apparently the fire started when Professor Stockin brought into the shed attached to his house a trash box in which he was carrying out trash to be burned. In some way sparks remained in the box and were fanned into flame by the drafts in the shed.

Not only were there no injuries resulting from the fire other than the suffocation of their cat, but Professor Stockin's thesis and library were saved.

Choir Visits Cuba, Olean, Bradford

The A Cappella choir presented three concerts in various surrounding communities on Sunday, Jan. 29. The first was at the Cuba Methodist church, before a congregation of approximately 100. The afternoon concert took place at the large Trinity Methodist church of Olean. About 200 people attended the performance. Numbered among them were many Houghtonians. The First Presbyterian church of Bradford, Penna., was the scene of the final concert, before a capacity crowd of approximately 450. The choir's next trip will take place on the weekend of March 4 and 5, when they will sing at Nunda and Niagara Falls.

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WJSL Presents Talent Program

Station WJSL will hold a spotlight in the Winter Festival on Saturday night. A program including the opera *Carmen*, a talent show and a truth or consequences program.

The program will open with a presentation of the opera *Carmen*, as enacted at the Gaoyadeo Halloween party. A talent show is planned to follow the "opera," a total of \$110 in prizes to be given winners.

In the individual class, Barker's is offering as first prize a man's or lady's wrist watch; the Inn is offering a \$10 meal ticket together with \$5 worth of flowers from Campbell's for second prize; and the Bookstore will award \$10 in prizes. Parker pens and pencils, cash, and miscellaneous prizes will be awarded the three groups of two to four persons rating highest.

Following the amateur portion of WJSL's presentation will be a truth or consequence program. Admission will be 25 cents. Free refreshments will be served during the evening.

Fourteen Seniors Receive Baccalaureate Degrees

Fourteen seniors received their baccalaureate degrees, Jan. 24, in the first winter commencement held at the college. An honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed on Rev. Rhett C. Mullinaux, speaker of the evening. Dr. Mullinaux is president of Central Wesleyan Methodist college, Central, South Carolina.

"The Christians are the answer to the mid-century cry of a needy world," Dr. Mullinaux said in his commencement address.

"War, science, education, and political theories have tried, but all have failed in their attempts to redeem the world," he said. But he asserted, "Real Christianity has succeeded wherever and whenever it has been tried."

"Morbid fear now fills the hearts of mankind," Dr. Mullinaux told the graduates. Citing for them many examples where minorities have accomplished the seemingly impossible, he challenged them with the statement "that you will, by example and practice . . . put forth your best efforts . . . to help save the world from

New Policy For Teachers Adopted

On Jan. 1, 1943 the New York State Education Department adopted a new certification policy, requiring 30 hours of approved courses on the graduate level for teachers of academic subjects in New York state. Because of the shortage of teachers, college graduates have been issued temporary certificates which enabled them to teach academic subjects without graduate work.

Several months ago the office of Teacher Certification announced that temporary certificates would not be issued after Mar. 1, 1950.

However, according to an announcement received this week by the registrar the department will issue renewable certificates to college graduates who have not had the 5th year of preparation. These renewable certificates will be issued until Mar. 1, 1951.

To obtain such a certificate the prospective employer must submit a statement of evidence that said employer is unable to employ a satisfactory teacher having 5 years of preparation.

Any senior who has his name on the inactive list of the Bureau of Appointments should notify Miss Davison through the official box if he wishes to apply for a teaching position in New York on the basis of this announcement.

Boulder Winners

Neil Arnold First
Francis Seifert Second
Bernice Sergey Third

The three winners of the Boulder photography contest are Neil Arnold, Francis Seifert and Bernice Sergey.

First place was captured by Neil Arnold for his shot of the chapel tower; Francis Seifert received second prize for her picture of the purple football team; and the Boulder staff awarded third prize for a class party to Bernice Sergey.

Having begun early in December, the contest lasted until just before Christmas when the Boulder staff

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Houghton Celebrates With Festive Weekend

This afternoon Houghtonians will begin a festive weekend which promises to be paralleled only by homecoming last fall.

Starting with a winter afternoon of skating and hockey on the athletic field, which has been converted into an ice pond, the program will continue after dinner with a mock trial and two hours of motion pictures on winter sports in Sun Valley.

Since there will be no classes Saturday, breakfast will be served in two servings at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., the menu including pancakes, the flour being donated by Pillsbury Company; maple sirup, donated by the Vermont Maid Company; Mr. Eyer's home-made sausage; and Shur-fine coffee, donated by Chester Barker. "All you can eat," is the motto accompanying this stellar meal.

Since there is insufficient snow, sculpturing has been cancelled and substituted for by indoor decorating and exhibits which will be judged

from immediately after breakfast until 12:00, when a lunch of hot dogs and cocoa will be available in the dining hall for taking out.

Competitive sports of the afternoon will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. when cross-country ski and snow shoe racing, tobogganing, ski racing, ski-joring, ski classes, sled riding, figure skating, and speed skating (men and women) will be offered for the participation of all. Dinner Saturday evening will feature baked ham served banquet style, possibly in seven courses.

If there is insufficient snow for snow sports an alternate program planned for Saturday afternoon includes contests, hiking and treasure hunts. During the evening, Houghton's radio station WJSL will provide two hours of entertainment. Chaplains of the four classes will be in charge of devotions which will terminate the weekend Saturday evening.

Students are requested to wear sports clothes for all events beginning with dinner Friday evening. Faculty and staff members are requested to do the same and to join in the weekend activities.

This festival is an all-college function, not administered by one particular group or class, but planned by students representing many organizations. It is designed to include fun and relaxation for the entire student body, said Robert Hausser, originator of the affair.

Students who represented groups on campus and who have worked to make this weekend a success are: Marion Webber, secretary of the festival; Brayton Gifford, William Masters, Millicent Tropf, and Henry Koval, advertising; Donald Bailey and Roger Rounds, skating party; Ruth Krein and Ellen Hobbs, snow sculpturing; Oliver Dongell, hockey; Jean Gross and Frances Bassett, refreshments Friday night; Marie Montaldi, Alice Bonesteel, and Margaret Schickley, breakfast; Robert Dingman, Charmaine Lemmon, Glenna McClure, Leonard Jeffreys, and Donald Eckler, program; Orville Lawrence and Chester Rudd, sleigh-riding; Orville Lawrence and Betty McMartin, torchlight parade; Ruth Streeter and Robert Macy, sports Saturday afternoon; and John Gilliland and Ken Post, baked ham dinner.

CHAPEL

Friday, Feb. 10

Dr. King

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Dr. Paine

Wednesday, Feb. 8—

Friday, Feb. 10

H. G. Williams

ACTIVITIES

Daily—

Morning Watch—7:30 a.m.—S-24

Friday, Feb. 3

Basketball game—Juniors vs. Sophomores—7:30 p.m.—Bedford Gym.

WINTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, Feb. 4

WJSL—Talent Show

Monday, Feb. 6

Oratorio Rehearsal—7:30 p.m.—Chapel

Tuesday, Feb. 7

College Prayer Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Chapel

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Revival Meetings begin—H. G. Williams, Evangelist

Feb. 8-19

Revival Services.

Fund Raising Campaign Ends

A special drive to contact the alumni regarding the fund raising campaign for the new girls' dormitory, will be terminated Thursday evening, Feb. 9, when Mr. E. Warren Richardson and Mr. Robert E. Hausser will meet with the Grand Rapids chapter of the Houghton College Alumni association.

Since Dec. 5, Mr. Richardson, assistant to the president and campaign director, has been visiting various chapters, at times joined by Dr. Paine or Mr. Hausser. A chairman for each chapter was chosen to head the drive. He contacted a group of alumni who met with Mr. Richardson on the date specified for that particular group.

Among the twenty-two chapters visited are: New England (in Boston), New York city, Philadelphia, Washington (in Baltimore), Buffalo, Houghton (Tuesday, Jan. 31), Detroit, Ohio (in Akron), Pittsburgh, Watertown and Albany.

Band Trip Includes Gospel Tabernacle

The Gospel Tabernacle in Erie, Penna., was the scene of much activity Saturday evening, Jan. 28, when the Houghton College Band presented "The Story of Salvation." After the pews, which accommodate 600 people, were filled, the people took advantage of the extra chairs and any standing room available. However, there is still a limit to how many can stand in a given space, so an estimated one hundred people were turned away, according to Rev. Frank Collier, director of "Youth Sings."

The trombone solos of Stanley Morse were especially well received by the young people in attendance.

On Sunday morning, the band traveled to Wesleyville, Penna., where they again played to an audience of approximately 500 people in

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Winter Festival Sets Land Mark

The festivities of the weekend of Feb. 3 and 4, create another notable land mark in the history of Houghton college. Certainly, it is the hope of everyone that the Winter Festival of 1950 will not be the last to make its appearance upon this campus, for this is one of the needed breaks in student activity so necessary for the development of our non-spontaneous school spirit.

All recognize and appreciate the efforts of the president of the college, the rest of the college staff and other interested persons to increase the facilities of the institution in order to provide a more complete education for the attending students.

Invariably, the land marks in the history of a college are considered to be the dates of completion for buildings and other facilities. However, in the minds of students and the memories of graduates, other land marks also stand out in importance: dates of enjoyable entertainment and periods of active enthusiasm for the school and its activities. It is with this latter type of land marks that the present festivities belong. Mr. Robert Hausser and the publicity office deserve and receive praise for their efforts in the development of both the Winter Festival and Homecoming and the resulting school spirit.

Yet, their efforts would have been totally inadequate without the planning and participation of students; for, although the publicity office initiated the idea and made the general plans, full development of these plans was completed by leaders of student organizations. Students create school spirit, themselves.

Much has been done by students, this school year, to increase the value of Houghton and to create school spirit. The Missionary Conquest and the establishment of station WJSL are outstanding land marks on the annals of the college. Aggressive student leadership must be continued and exercised, if Houghton is to have a strong school enthusiasm and further land marks.

Congratulations, Houghton Firemen

One of the fundamental elements of human nature is to criticize. The hoses had hardly been laid at the fire this past Tuesday before many students were leveling their criticism against the efficiency of our fire department.

Granted, we do not have a system of fire protection which could in any way compare with that of many cities. Houghton does not have the necessity for a fleet of trucks and a staff of full-time firemen. Nor would we have the finances to support such a group.

The town of Houghton has three hundred residents. The eight hundred college students brings this total number living in Houghton to approximately 1100. Very few towns of that size have a better system of fire protection than we have. Most small towns have volunteer fire departments whose members (if they could walk a straight line) would not be able to find a fire hydrant.

Our fire department, composed entirely of volunteers, has done an excellent job of protecting you and your residence ever since you came to Houghton. Most of its members are just as busy as you are—very few of them are not in some way connected with the school. Nevertheless, these firemen train on their own time.

Wouldn't it be wise, then, to praise, rather than criticize, our fire department? It is not as big, nor can it be as efficient, as the system of the large city. But Houghton Fire Department, comparable in size, equipment, and efficiency to the fire department of any town whose population is under 5000, has done a wonderful job of protecting you and me.

Engagementtitus

An infectious virus, which is well known on college campuses, spread among students of Houghton during the Christmas vacation in the proportions of a plague.

The blight, commonly known as engagementtitus, has struck 11 members according to the most recent reports. Many others are in the incubation period or other further developed stages which preface the complete development of the infection. A desire on the part of the afflicted to experience the fullest stages of the disease, is one of its peculiar symptoms.

According to reports, engagementtitus most recently has struck the following:

Collins - Gifford

Mr. Joseph A. Collins of Jersey City, N. J., announces the engagement of his daughter Dorothy Leanne to H. Brayton Gifford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gifford of Port Chester, N. Y. The wedding will take place on Sept. 9, 1950.

Burkett - Gainer

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Burkett of Jersey City, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Edna ('51), to Mr. Dale E. Gainer ('52), son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gainer, Delton, Mich.

Holzman - Wood

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Holzman of Paterson, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Marilyn to Cary E. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Wood of Holland, N. Y.

Plans are for a September wedding.

Wheaton - Willink

Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Wheaton, Chemung, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Jean ('50) to Alvin J. Willink ('49), son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Willink, Clymer, N. Y.

Mr. Willink is now attending Bonebrake Theological seminary, Dayton, Ohio. A summer wedding is planned.

Havens - Zimmerman

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford C. Havens, 270 Gorham Street, Canandaigua, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Esther, to Mr. George J. Zimmerman of the Lafayette Highway, Canandaigua, N. Y. No date has been set for the wedding.

Anderson - Bantle

Mrs. Charles L. Anderson, Arcade, N. Y., announces the engagement of her daughter, Marion Louise, to Mr. Ronald Arlen Bantle, also of Arcade.

Straw - Mathews

Rev. and Mrs. George M. Straw of Curwensville, Penna., announce the engagement of their daughter, Labutius Selma to Mr. W. Philo Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Mathews of Roxbury, Conn.

Benton - Sanville

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Benton of Lockport, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah W. to Mr. Elmer G. Sanville, son of Mr. Stoy Sanville of Delanco, N. J.

Miss Benton and Mr. Sanville were both members of the mid-year graduating class of Jan. 1950.

Timmerman - Streib

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Timmerman of Cohocton, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter Darl to G. Royden Streib, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Streib of Kadoka, South Dakota.

Schreffler - Troutman

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schreffler of Oil City, Penna., announce the en-

gagement of their daughter, Vivian, '47, to Perry J. Troutman, '49, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Troutman, of East Aurora, N. Y.

Only One Check To Cover GI Insurance

Veterans were advised today that they will receive one check, and one check only, covering their G. I. insurance dividend on National Service Life insurance, no matter how many G. I. insurance policies they have or had in force. Mr. Edwin G. Sayers of the Horneil Veterans Administration office stated that the VA is anxious to clear up the impression some veterans have that they will receive a separate check for each G. I. insurance policy insuring them now or in the past.

Mr. Sayers said the one-dividend-check-per-eligible-veteran plan is necessary in bringing together the accounts of the veteran so that deductions of sums veterans owe the government may be made.

These deductions include: (1) underpayments by veterans of their G. I. insurance premiums; (2) unrepaid loans made by veterans against their insurance which has since been allowed to lapse; (3) overpayments made to veterans on U. S. government (World War I) life insurance; (4) overpayments made to veterans on their federal veterans benefits; (5) money paid by the government to private insurance companies at the request of veterans as premiums on their life insurance policies while they were in the service, as provided for in the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief act of 1940, as amended; (6) overpayments in connection with veterans' readjustment allowances; and (7) veterans' indebtedness resulting from allotment overpayments made by the Armed Forces.

Miss Schreffler is employed as assistant librarian in the Benson Memorial library, Titusville, Penna., and Mr. Troutman attends Northern Baptist Theological seminary, in Chicago.

The couple plan a late summer wedding.

Markell - Cessna

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Markell, 457 Fifth St., Struthers, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter Opal, '52, to William Cessna Jr., '51, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cessna Sr. of Glen Campbell, Penna.

Plans for the wedding this fall are to be announced later.

Pause to Ponder

STANLEY SODERBERG

Life has one exit but many entrances. As the buds and blossoms of spring break the bars of their caloused prisons and breathe the fragrance of the invigorating air and revel once again amid nature's richest habitat, so we may rise at the beginning of a new year to newness of life, enlivened and enlightened by past experience, by an unquenchable hope, and by the grace of God. Forgetting the things which are behind, let us press on . . . ! The old adage says "Opportunity knocks but once," but I have seldom found that to be so.

Opportunity oftentimes has more patience than we give him credit for. He is frequently snubbed, to be sure, but his skin is tough, his heart is stout, his eyes are keen, looking over and beyond our snailishness and short-sightedness—easily disappointed but not so easily discouraged. To the downhearted and dejected let me say that the streams are full of trout, the sky white with geese, and to have missed one is a sure sign that you must try again. "Where there is life, there is hope." "Where there is smoke, there is fire." "Perseverance wins the crown," my mother used to tell me, and I think she was right. What if the bottom rung is shattered; there are nineteen more and success is still at the top.

Crooked Twig Is Prophet

But do not carry such optimism to an extreme. The skunk is a beautiful animal but he has his bad points. Whether we like it or not, opportunity grows old along with us and his days are usually but one-third of our three-score and ten—generally speaking, of course. His voice does not always speak with the same assurance as it did at first, his knock is less pronounced, his favors less sparkling. But do not give up in despair. Tarnished silver is still silver, and gold ore will bring in the shekels—if you are still willing to roll up your sleeves and apply a little elbow grease. Past failures do not presuppose future failures.

But, the byword for the new year must be "Excelsior." Let the dead Past, inasmuch as it may be counted that, bury its dead. The fruit of our irrevocable mistakes must be placed in the hands of Almighty God. Opportunity for higher, holier living has never been buried but beckons us to a new and greater life. The backward look is justifiable only as it stimulates the inward, upward and onward look. Our own hearts place meaning into the dawn of the mid-century. They write the words that our lives read. The goal, despite failure and mistakes, is still the glory of God; the reward is still the heaven-crown and Christ's "Well done." Where prospects are high the dawn is always welcome; and the prospects, friends, for us, are as high as the promise of God.

"Let us then be up and doing
 With a heart for any fate,
 Still achieving, still pursuing,
 Learn to labor, and to wait."

Schiedel-Fitton

The marriage of June Schiedel ('52), and Walter Fitton, editor of the mid-century *Boulder*, took place on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 4:00 o'clock in the Olney Presbyterian church in Philadelphia.

Paul Meyerink ('51), was best man and Ruth Schiedel, sister of the bride, was maid of honor in the informal ceremony.

Music during the ceremony included "At Dawning" and "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Evelyn German Howland ('49), as well as a duet "The Sunshine of Your Smile" sung by Evelyn and her husband Joseph Howland ('51). Joe also assisted as an usher.

After the ceremony the newlyweds went to Washington for a brief honeymoon. Upon their return to college they will reside in Belfast.

The Terror of a Mouse

By CONNIE JACKSON

Ordinarily mice don't faze me. Before this year, in fact, I could look one of the creatures quite calmly in the eye and know with a feeling of confidence that before long he'd be gone on to mouse Elysium. Then I'd set a trap or rather, get my brother to set it, (I'm not mechanically inclined), and the next morning, sure as shootin', there'd be a victim mangled in the clamps.

But Houghton mice are clever! Before I met up with one of their clan, I had the definite idea that the average mouse was a dimwit. I'm inclined to believe now that the Houghton species are masterminds who spend all days conniving how to keep haggard scholars (ha!) sleepless, and all night practicing their schemes.

The first meeting of me and the mice was dramatic, to say the least. I was in my usual coma with two pillows over my head when my roommate whammed me on the back. "Jackson, do you hear something?" she bellowed fiercely. Frankly, dealing with a pugilist in the middle of the night doesn't make me too happy. "No," I groaned underneath my pillows. "Go back to sleep, lug."

The First Episode

"Listen!" she demanded tensely. I listened. There was unmistakably something over in the corner. Only it wasn't a m-e-e pattering of mouse feet; it sounded as if the whole orange crate were being dragged across the room.

"O.K. Jackson, do something!"

"Who? Me?" I replied feebly, crawling down under the covers.

Finally, after visions of having Grendel himself as our nocturnal guest, I decided to grapple with the beast. I armed myself with a hair-

brush and approached the crate warily. What looked like an animated loaf of bread came catapulting out and writhed on the floor while I watched tremblingly. Before I could bang the mouse on the head, he escaped from the bread wrapping out into the hall.

Another Encounter

The next encounter was even more hair-raising. Alone in the room, I was stretched out on the bed absorbed in Soph lit. I was just beginning to understand Chaucer's brand of English when I heard one of the mice at work right under the bed. Huh, I'll act bored, I decided and yawned audibly. That didn't startle him. The more I listened, the louder the patter of feet seemed, until I could have sworn there was something the size of a mountain lion beneath me. "O.K. This'll fix you," I muttered and hurled a coke bottle under the bed. The result was astounding! The mouse came bounding out, dashed across the room, and began crawling straight up the wall. I didn't stick around for any more acrobatics, let me tell you!

Finally, after numerous tiffs with Houghton mousedom, we reverted to traps. That was after one of the animals dashed out of my next door neighbor's bed. (She makes her bed faithfully now.) The trouble with traps was that they caught more toes than mice. We'd innocently go in the closet for something and bang! the trap would spring!

Yes, the dear creatures pop in on us still. If it weren't that I have no affinity for guns, I'd sleep with a loaded .22 beside me—just in case. I guess the only practical solution is to tickle 'em behind the ears and treat 'em like pets!

Journalism Students Place Articles In Their Home Town Newspapers

During Christmas vacation newspaper editors from Maine to Ohio were confronted with stories by journalism students—Miss Rickard's assignment prepared for the hometown paper must be fulfilled.

Some of the students were given regular assignments by the editors and all these stories were published, as were also several free lance articles. Two students Arlene Belland and Lucille Ames, were given promises of future publication.

The students whose articles were published are: Lillian Hutchens with a story captioned, "Ridgeway Fire Department Rated Among Best," published in the Ridgeway, Penna., *Record*; Mary Ellen Kick, "Spelling Methods Used in Schools Today," Mansfield, Ohio, *Record*; Betty Budde, "Projected Reading Plan for Invalids," Scranton, Penna., *Times*; Joanne Bingham, "Christmas of 75 Years Ago," New Brighton, Penna., *News Tribune*; Clara Bowers, "Greenbrook Largest Producing Poultry Farm," Caldwell *Progress*; Helen Smythe, "Christmas Portrayed at Chase," Baltimore *News Post*; Jeanne Hotaling, "Valuable Lincoln Collection Housed in Local Library," Sandy Creek *News*; Robert Oppenheim, "New First Baptist Pastor Takes Pulpit Today," Elmira *Sunday Tele-*

gram; David Seeland, "Summer Boats Like Summer Birds Go South for Winter," Jersey *Journal*, Jersey City; Roland Given, "Two Oil Wells Help Church to Defray Its Expenses," Buffalo *Evening News*; Ransom Graham, "Short History of Belfast," Belfast *Blaze*; Roberta Gordon, "Telephone Building Progresses," Piscataquis, Me., *Observer*; Dixie Scoles, "Exhibits in Museum Preserve Richland City Lore," Mansfield, Ohio *News Journal*. Several pictures were published with Miss Scoles' story, pictures taken at Dixie's direction by a photographer furnished by the *News Journal*.

Articles in Star

Many of these same students have helped report for the *Star*. Among them are Charlotte Owen, Janice Straley, Jack Henry, Helen Smythe, Roberta Gordon, Jeanne Hotaling, Robert Whitesell, Marjorie Tite, Clara Bowers, Joanne Bingham, Merrill Reside, Ruth Calhoun, and Dixie Scoles.

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Graduates Look Ahead

What are they going to do—those 14 members of the January 1950 class? Here is a partial report.

At a party given by Miss Bess Fancher following commencement exercises, Sally Benton and Elmer Sanville announced their engagement to be married sometime this spring. Friends of the couple, both from Houghton and from Philadelphia, and Miss Benton's family were present. Miss Benton is applying for a position as a music teacher and Mr. Sanville expects to start work on his master's degree in the fall, at the University of Pennsylvania.

John Woodhams and Jay Wenger plan to work this next semester and will enter medical school in the fall, the former at Western Reserve Medical school and the latter at Temple university.

Browne to Succeed Taylor

Teaching French and history seems desirable to Douglas Silvermail, former president of the French club, and in preparation for this he may do some extra work in language at Robert's Wesleyan college in North Chili.

Martin Browne, pastor of the Hume Baptist church, will continue in this capacity and will take over the position formerly held by Gladys Taylor as missionary for the Bi-county Bible Club committee. He would also like to enter seminary in the fall.

Jenkins Enters Princeton

Several of the graduates have very definite plans for attending school next year. George Johnson will enter Gordon College of Theology and Missions in Boston, Ralph Taber enters St. Bonaventure's to study banking or chemistry, and Harold Jenkins plans to enter Princeton seminary. Kikue Omine has begun study for her masters' degree at Albany State Teachers college in preparation to return to Hawaii to teach.

The future plans are indefinite for Elmer Ritzman, Dale Anderson and Ralph Black, who have decided to work this next semester until their plans materialize. Mr. Ritzman hopes to teach in a military academy, and Miss Anderson may prepare for graduate work. Mr. Black's possible choices are State Teachers' college or seminary.

When asked for her plans Mildred Pavelec said the long range plan was to be a laboratory technician, but her ideas for the immediate future summed up the dreams of all study-weary graduates—"just fish and play golf."

Anderson Elected

Tom Anderson was elected the new president of the French club at the last meeting, Jan. 11. He is to succeed Doug Silvermail who was graduated in January.

THE NEW TESTAMENT
in the language of the people
CHARLES B. WILLIAMS

The Word-Bearer Press

Welcome to Worship!

First Baptist Church
Rushford, N. Y.
R. Ralph Standley, Minister

Evening Services

February 5

7:00 p. m.—

Young People's Meeting

8:00 p. m.—

"The Function of the Holy Spirit"

Gospel Gleanings

By MARCUS ANDERSON

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." I Cor. 16:9. Moffat translates the passage thus: "For I have wide opportunities here for active service—and there are many to thwart me."

This verse enunciates a principle which is basic in all Christian service. It is this: with each opportunity for service there is a companion fact, a difficulty. Notice that Paul does not use the conjunction *but* which expresses an objection or restriction; rather he uses the conjunction *and* which connects things of equal rank. We conclude, therefore, that a difficulty is of equal rank and value as an opportunity. To which it otherwise is to say we want our wishbone

where our backbone is. To exclude difficulties would cheapen our victories and make life less meaningful. Every difficulty overcome makes the opportunity realized that much more precious.

Prayer Not Pessimism

Paul in effect here says that difficulties call for *prayer*, not *pessimism*. As someone has so well put it, "The pessimist sees the difficulty in the opportunity while the optimist sees the opportunity in the difficulty." Either one or the other will gain the ascendancy, depending on the perspective of the individual. A. W. Tozer aptly says that when we are pessimistic, what appears to be a mountain in the distance may only be a beetle on the window sill. Hence we see that what we deem big is really only a matter of perspective. Elijah, in good physical condition, felt equal to all the prophets of Baal. Elijah, in a state of fatigue, under the juniper tree asking God to take his life, reveals a spirit strikingly similar to that of a whipped dog.

Paul's perspective by the Holy Spirit enables him to say *wide opportunities* and many adversaries. The word for wide means a large sphere of action which requires much labor. The coming meetings present broad opportunities for spiritual growth but passivity will have no part in appropriating them. You may be the key to a chain reaction of spiritual influence that the Holy Spirit wants to unleash on this community. It will take effort—honest, sincere, real effort.

Choice Precedes Blessing

We don't drift into blessings by sheer chance; we receive them as the result of choice, and choice involves effort.

To my mind Paul emphasizes the opportunity in relation to the difficulty. Some might want to ask, "What determines such a positive perspective?" The answer is consistent devotion and communion with the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul had a constant realization by means of the Holy Spirit that in Christ he was equal to anything: "In Him who strengthens me I am able for anything." Philippians 4:13, Moffat.

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Backboards

BY STEVE

As I look back on the basketball games that have taken place since the last edition of the *Star*, I am certainly glad that the paper was not being issued. Without exception every game has been a surprise, and at least two of them could be classed as upsets. As a result any predictions, no matter how carefully calculated, would have pretty sadly embarrassed their source.

After the Christmas holidays the rejuvenated juniors ran away with the seniors, 72-33. Max Nichols racked up the highest individual score of the season with 24 points.

League Leaders Upset

In the Soph-Frosh game, the Sophs were clipped by eight points, as the Frosh sank six consecutive one-hand shots from beyond the foul circle. The ironic element of that game was that the Sophs could have won by merely increasing their foul average from 40% to 68%. So now I say to the Sophs: "Practice your foul shots."

More recently the seniors pitched a scrappy man-to-man defense against the slightly confused Sophs. It provided a more effective game that was rough and tumble from the start. The upperclassmen amazed everybody as they went into the last two minutes of play leading by five points. Somehow the Sophs managed to tie up the score, and forward Dick Price sank a foul shot to win the game, 34-33, with one second to go.

Frosh Swamped

Not quite as nerve-racking, but equally surprising, was the junior-frosh game Friday night, January 27. The juniors walloped the favored freshmen by 19 points, 52-33, in a game which any self-respecting house league team would have been ashamed to play.

The Frosh squad looked rather perplexed against the juniors' man-to-man defense. Max Nichols and Bob Vining controlled both backboards, to score 12 and 11 points respectively.

When we take a quick glance at

team standings, we find that, in spite of the upsets, they have remained approximately the same. With the Sophs still in first place, the juniors have picked up steam and moved from third place into a tie with the Frosh for second place.

Predictions

There is now remaining in the interclass series one game which promises to be the key battle. To the Sophs, a win means the inter-class championship; while to the red-hot juniors, a last chance remains to earn a tie for first place resulting in a play-off for the championship. In this same game, Max Nichols and Al Johnson, with 73 and 69 points each, will battle for first place in individual scoring. The junior court-men are favored to win, for they have been rolling up from fifty to seventy points in each of their last three games, while the Sophs won their last three games by only a single point, and actually dropped one to the Frosh. Defensively and offensively the juniors lead the league by several points.

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Junior, Soph Girls Continue Victories

January and the hardwood of Bedford gym have proved to be the setting for some rough and tumble combats of Houghton's women athletes.

On Jan. 6 the senior and the junior girls fought hard and long resulting in a score of 31 to 21 and a senior triumph. The Sophs trounced the Frosh on Jan. 11, to the tune of 30 to 23.

The next game of the girls' interclass series on Jan. 13, between the seniors and the sophs, brought victory to the girls of the class of '52 by a one point lead of 32 to 31. Lynn Gravink managed to boost the Soph total by adding 22 points to the score.

The juniors won a hard-fought battle over the Frosh, on Jan. 27, with a final score of 34 to 18.



Juniors Oust Freshmen Men

Bedford gymnasium and a big crowd watched the juniors trounce a favored freshman team by a score of 52-33, Friday night, January 27.

Both teams spent the first period recovering from their between semesters lay-off, and the quarter ended with the score 6-5 in favor of the juniors.

In the second quarter, the juniors opened up the Frosh defense to raise their score to 18 points, while the Frosh, on the contrary, were completely stymied by a man-to-man defense against which they could score only 2 points to raise their total to 7 counters at the half.

The third quarter found Max Nichols and Bob Vining particularly effective under their offensive backboards to boost the juniors to a 22 point lead over the first-year men, 40-18, at the beginning of the final period.

The Frosh found their range a little late in the last stanza, to leave the total score standing at 52-33.

Looking over the boxscores, we find that Max Nichols led the victorious juniors with twelve points and Bob Vining trailed just behind him with eleven counters. Ed Danks was high in the scoring bracket with eleven points.

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Freshman Girls Top Opponents

In Bedford gymnasium Wednesday night, Feb. 1, the Frosh girls topped their senior opponents 20-12.

A spirited offense by the upperclassmen gained them the lead for the first half 9-8, overcoming the freshmen lead, 6-5, at the end of the first quarter.

However, pressure put on by the Frosh in the third period gained a lead for them, 15-10, and clearly displayed the senior's loss of Ellen Tompson, who was out with a sore finger.

Top scoring honors are shared by Fancher for the seniors and Young for the freshmen at 8 points each.

Frosh Quintet Defeats Seniors; Don Strong Scores 20 Points

The Frosh cagers racked up their second win over the seniors in a hard-fought game, 54-48 at Bedford gymnasium Wednesday night, Feb. 1.

The seniors maintained the upper hand during the first quarter, as Guest scored 12 points to pace his team. However, their supremacy was conditioned upon their ability to shackle the efforts of Bud Lewis, Paul Dekker and Ed Danks to control the boards.

On several occasions, the alert senior zone defense broke up passes to pivot man Dekker, before Zike scored one of his one-hand longshots which of course drew the zone defense farther apart toward the front court. Their best offense was a productive fast break. The score read at the end of the quarter: seniors 16, freshmen 11.

However, the second quarter proved itself to be a complete reversal in form, as the Frosh finally took to the attack and with a proficiency of shot-making sank 18 points. Their point producing efforts were quite well divided, as Dekker, Lewis and Dick Doel joined in the heaviest barrage demonstrated by either team during this canto. The hapless senior quintet scored only two baskets during this fruitless time. Now the Frosh were reversing the order on defense also, as they succeeded in bottling up Guest and Strong, the big artillery for the upper class all evening, as they changed the half-time score to 29-20.

The third quarter was quite evenly matched on the score board and rather ragged at times, as both teams were tiring under the fast-moving struggle of the first half. The seniors continued to fight toward regaining the lead once more, but the Frosh matched them point for point, and

the upper classmen found their previous effectiveness lacking. Thus, the Frosh maintained a 12 point lead entering the final quarter, 42-30.

Strong was the scoring star for the seniors, as he sank several baskets in his team's futile attempt to regain the lead. They succeeded only in cutting the margin of victory to six points, while several key players on both sides fouled out. Among them were Keith McPherson, Bob Dingman, Joe Guest for the seniors, and Wilbur Zike for the Frosh. However, several of the remaining first string Frosh operatives had four fouls.

Paul Dekker gained 14 points to lead the victorious Frosh to victory, while Don Strong scored 20 points for the first 20 point scorer in several games, and Joe Guest added another 17 to keep his team always in a place of strong competition.

BOX SCORES

FROSH:		G	F	P
Danks		3	1	7
Fountain		0	0	0
Lewis		5	1	11
Dekker		6	2	14
Doel		3	3	9
Wheeler		1	2	4
Zike		3	1	7
Kalowsky		0	2	2
Totals		21	12	54

SENIORS:

	G	F	P
Strong	10	0	20
Guest	5	7	17
Nast	0	0	0
McPherson	1	0	2
Dongell	2	0	4
Dingman	1	2	4
Jones	0	0	0
Kalterbaugh	0	0	0
Inkster	0	1	1

Totals 19 10 48

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Band Trip

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the Methodist church. The young people of the church provided the dinner for the band members.

In the afternoon concert at the Baptist church, in Corry, Penna., the band again witnessed to an audience which taxed the capacity of the church and the laymen's ingenuity in finding enough chairs and space to place them. "It was gratifying to know that we had played to the largest audience ever witnessed by the members of the church," said Prof. Alger, the conductor.

The Sunday evening concert was presented at the mission covenant church, Jamestown, where a large audience was in attendance.

"The minister hoped there would be at least 500 people," said Prof. Tropf, manager of the band, "but he was certainly surprised when the people filled the 1,000 seat auditorium." This was also the largest audience the minister had seen in the church during his ministry.

Appointment list for haircuts by Mr. Dryer will be placed in Arcade until 12:30 p. m. of day of appointment

Boulder Pictures

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judged the winners out of several hundred photographs received. The remaining pictures, many of which were of the homecoming festivities, may be used for informal shots in the Mid-Century Boulder.

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