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Howard P. Davis Returns From Bombs and Biscuits

Fate of Democracy Is Topic of Lecture

With the fate of Europe and, in fact, the entire world clouded with doubts and gun-powder smoke, the appearance of Howard Pierce Davis, distinguished editor and news analyst, at Houghton college on February 21, 1941 at 8 o'clock in the auditorium, is certain to arouse tremendous local interest. His topic will be "Whither Democracy."

Having spent the better part of the past decade in Europe, where he interviewed Hitler, observed the political and social manipulations which developed into the Second World War, and remained to witness the fall of Warsaw and the evacuation of Paris, Mr. Davis comes well-equipped to tackle his subject. During his stay on the continent, he served as contributing editor for *Newsweek* and for an intervening period spent in this country, he functioned as foreign editor for the *Boston Transcript*.

This summer Mr. Davis temporarily turned his attention to Latin America in order to be in a better position to analyze world affairs in relation to their effects on our neighbors south of the Rio Grande. First, as an observer at the Havana Conference, he broadcasted eye-witness accounts of a nationwide network and, on the request of Lyman Bryson, regular moderator of "The People's Platform," the CBS weekly forum of public opinion, took his place when the program emanated from the Cuban capitol.

Subsequently, Mr. Davis went to Mexico studying at first hand developments that must take an important place in our life.

A veteran of the lecture platform Mr. Davis has appeared on the platforms of many of the foremost clubs and universities in the United States. He is not an emotionalist in such vital matters and his audiences are always assured a calm analytical discussion, free of bias and prejudice.

Rival Orators Will Represent Groups

The Oratorical Contest, held every June, will no longer be a matter of individual participation, but will be carried out through representatives of the various clubs on the campus, according to Professor Stanley Wright.

By way of introducing this change Professor Wright presented the plan before a meeting of the Forensic Union last Monday night, and that club voted to sponsor delegates. The plan is that each person entering will secure the sponsorship of a club, trying for the honor of the club. Each club may have several entries for the preliminary eliminations, and anyone who wishes to enter the contest and does not belong to a club should join one, or see Professor Wright. If a person is affiliated with more than one club, he must decide for himself which club he will represent in competition.

The committee on Forensic Union representatives is composed of Allyn (Continued on Page Four, Col. 4)

COMMENTATOR



Editor and news analyst who will speak in Houghton College Chapel, February 21, on the war over Europe and its effect on America.

St. Valentine's Day Topic in Forensic

Lloyd Elliott Gives History of Cupid

Although Forensic humor had to be overlooked at this month's meeting of the Forensic Union, there was plenty of life and laughs in the program. St. Valentine's Day was the principal theme of the program.

Following the devotions, which were led by Harry Palmer, Paul Snyder gave a very fine rendition of two beautiful love songs.

From Horatio Morrison we learned of "The evils and virtues of Valentine's Day," in his four minute extemporaneous address. In the impromptu which followed, Vivien Anderson informed us that she was an "Anonymous Valentine." Then Elizabeth Carlson explained that, "My attitude toward Valentine's Day is different this year." How did Houghton gain first place in last week's debate tournament? Tom Gardiner confessed how it was done when he elaborated on the topic, "My Shippensburg debate Valentine and how she confused me."

The main feature of the program was the paper presented by Lloyd Elliott in which he gave a brief history of the origin of St. Valentine's Day. "Over \$6,000,000 each year are made from commercialization of that day," said Mr. Elliott. "Cupid is blindfolded and does he go to work"—on the suckers.

Prof. Stanley Wright explained the June Oratorical contest and stated changes which if made will make the affair much more interesting. The contestants will hereafter be representing clubs instead of being individual representatives. Parliamentary drill was conducted in a very orderly way, by Perry Hill. After a brief business meeting Paul Stewart gave critique. With the singing of the Alma Mater one of the most interesting meetings of the year was adjourned.

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 20
Music Recital
Friday, February 21
Lecture — Howard Pierce Davis — 8 p. m.
Saturday, February 22
Purple - Gold Game 7 P. M.
Sunday, February 23
Choir concert, Buffalo (2) and Williamsville
Monday, February 24
Art Club
Expression Club
Mission Study Club
Music Club
Philosophy Club
Tuesday, February 25
Students' Prayer Meeting 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday, February 26
Faculty Music Recital 8:15 p. m.

Debate Squad Ties Tourney

Shares 1st Place With Penn State

A much under-rated Houghton debate team finished in a first place tie with Penn State at the annual Shippensburg State Teachers College Debate Tournament held Saturday, February 15, 1941. Each school concluded three rounds of debating with five wins and only one defeat. Farmville College of West Virginia handed Penn its only defeat and Kutztown State Teachers College toppled Houghton in the very first round. American University, last year's champions, and Bucknell, one of the tournament favorites, were two of the schools that tied for second place. American University was eliminated by both Houghton's affirmative and negative teams who handed them their only two defeats. Bucknell's hopes received a severe set-back in the second round when they ran aground against Houghton's affirmative team. Going into the final round Penn State, Albright, and Houghton, were among the schools tied for first and Houghton's negative team faced Albright. (Continued on Page Three, Col. 5)

Library Has Books Interesting to All

By Florence Jensen

People today are more critical than ever of college students, especially those who never had an opportunity to go themselves. We are expected to know about everything listed in the catalog and more. If we don't, well it's a reflection upon the school we attend. All our knowledge isn't learning facts alone, but are supplementary with experiences which make them real in our minds. One of the best ways to accumulate information that will prove enlightening and interesting is to do "outside" reading. Yes, you know what that means, because Prof. assigned it for his class. But that's not what I mean. There are other books in the library which you will find most informing and at the same time entertaining. No doubt some of you have read of the Med- (Continued on Page Four, Col. 2)

Violinist of International Reputation, Benno Rabinof, Gives Well-Received Concert

Audience Enthused by Brilliant Style and Tone; Violinist Accompanied by Berthe Rich at Piano

Winter in all its fury bombarded Houghton last night, but it failed to force an entrance into the secluded recesses of the chapel. There, in marked contrast, a hushed, expectant audience became acquainted with a fine interpreter, one who gave Houghton music with a meaning! Benno Rabinof, celebrated concert violinist, was that welcome visitor last night. With his fine pianist, Berthe Rich, Mr. Rabinof collaborated musicianship and showmanship to saturate his listeners with ecstasy.

Mr. Rabinof's first offering, Beethoven's *Sonata in C Minor*, an excellent interpretation of what Beethoven meant, was conveyed in a strikingly coherent manner. It may be said that our guest artist overcame the exceedingly difficult task of not only holding

Sophomores Win Class Debate War

Juniors Take Second Place

The class of '43 won its second consecutive inter-class debate championship by defeating the juniors Wednesday, February 19. The question for discussion for the championship debate was Resolved: that capital punishment should be abolished. Mr. Fredenburg and Mr. Woolsey of the sophomores upheld the affirmative and Miss Hallings and Mr. Boone argued for the maintenance of the status quo. The sophomores and the juniors won the right to participate in the championship debate by defeating the freshmen and seniors respectively.

Mr. Fredenburg and Mr. Woolsey felt that capital punishment should be abolished for it has many inherent weaknesses; it is not an effective deterrent to crime; and the errors of justice are irreparable. The juniors contended that capital punishment was justifiable for it is the only method of eliminating the menace of criminals; other methods have neither proven sure nor efficient; capital punishment is more humane than life imprisonment; and the expense of life imprisonment is too great.

Since its entrance into Houghton college, the class of '43 has completely dominated inter-class debating activities. Last year, as freshmen, they handed the class of '42 a defeat which entitled them to meet the class of '40 in the finals. This debate resulted in the second victory for Mr. Woolsey and Mr. Stewart. This year the sophomores strengthened their hold on the leadership in defeating the class of '44 and finally secured their second class championship and maintained their perfect record by toppling the class of '42 for the second time in as many years.

Miss Lois Bailey acted as chairman and awarded the debate to the sophomores according to the ballots handed in by judges; Miss Roughan, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. Fredenburg and Mr. Woolsey will receive proper emblems from the Forensic Union designating them as inter-class champions.

the attention of his audience, but also that of completely enamoring his listeners while playing the lengthy sonata. Nothing but acclaim can be said of the coordination between soloist and accompanist. Several times prominent piano passages received just attention by the violinist. Balance and cooperation were perfected in this interesting duet form. Commendable also were Mr. Rabinof's attainments of feeling and emotion in this early section of the program.

In section II of the night's program, this master of the violin rose to sheer heights of emotional beauty. In *Poeme* by Chausson, Benno Rabinof portrayed an exquisite insight into the mood of the composer. The feeling given this delicate tone poem revealed the violinist to be a true musician with both technique and interpretation. One had the impression that the violinist himself experienced the passion of emotional experiences of the composer in expressing his idea. The audience will long remember Mr. Rabinof's deeply moving expression of this lovely ethereal melody.

Sections III and IV brought forth a new emphasis on technique as Mr. Rabinof displayed such flexibility and ease that the violin and bow seemed a part of the artist himself. Although the physical hand was lacking, there was a spiritual tie between master and instrument.

Teachers Invade College for a Meet

The annual teacher's conference and association meeting of the first supervisory district of Allegany County convened here on Monday, February 17. The teachers and principals were welcomed by Dr. S. W. Paine. The Houghton College Band under the direction of Professor Robert Homan provided a peppy preliminary to the actual business of the meeting. Superintendent of Schools F. L. Tutill presided over the conference throughout the day. The program for the early forenoon was composed largely of reports from various delegates to the state convention held at Syracuse. One of the outstanding problems discussed at the state convention concerned the revamping of (Continued on Page Four, Col. 4)

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To Have and to Hold ?

This week has been set aside for the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights, the first ten articles of amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It is indeed fitting that this should come at the anniversary of George Washington's birthday. It is more fitting, however, that our attention should be drawn to this expression of our freedom at a time when that freedom is being endangered.

We are the only great nation in the world where these great democratic principles are at work, though even now their security is uncertain. Yet are we awake to their significance? Are we aware of the privileges we, as free people, are entitled to? Unless we know what freedom is how can we effectively defend it?

Freedom of speech, of religion, of the press, the right to life, liberty, and property are still ours. It has been said that it is only under stress that America can be awakened into action. Certainly we are under stress now. It is not too late to secure that freedom which is ours and for which we have fought and died.

Now is a good time for all of us to re-read and burn into our consciousness the Bill of Rights, and to awake to the emergency before us, that this nation, born in freedom, shall not be lost.

— H. A. M.

Seating List ?

A great amount of comment has been occasioned by the seating list which recently went into effect. Heretofore the students had accepted the seating list as inevitable, because of the fact that certain individuals would not take the trouble or show consideration enough to eat at the same time every day. Then, too, there was unnecessary crowding on the stairs in an attempt to get a table for friends and One and Only's.

The week following examinations, however, during which there was no seating list, showed the falsity of the first two assumptions. There was always room for everybody, and there were approximately the same number of people at the early serving as at the late one. Even the crowding on the way to the dining hall did not seem as bad as usual.

And then the new seating list went into effect. Student opinion was, as usual, vociferous and vehement. But in addition to usual complaint was a demand that, insofar as seating lists were supposed to widen contacts, and keep student from "specializing" with a few individuals, the people at tables might be changed, so that there might not be repetition there also.

Of course, we realize that it is a difficult matter to make out a seating list, and still more difficult to please everybody. We are simply reflecting student opinion here because it is so unusually persistent, and because we feel that there is a substantial element of truth and logic in it. Somewhere between there must be an answer satisfactory to both sides, if we would take the trouble to find it.

— J. P. D.

Up to Date ?

All authorities on Pan-American relations and United States economy are definite in their statements about the chances open to United States businessmen and investors among our southern neighbors. The war in Europe has given us trade which we must take and keep if we want to remain strong economically and militarily within this hemisphere. Charles Morrow Wilson, writing in the January, 1941 issue of *Harpers*, asserts that here is the answer to not only defense against economic penetration but also the solution to our own internal business decline. And admittedly we will need something, after this war has ceased to stimulate our industries.

And does this have no meaning at all for Houghton college,

BETWEEN YOU AND BEA



Abraham Lincoln's birthday came and went and you hardly noticed, did you? The visiting old grads whose high schools were celebrating were the only reminders that the day is still recognized. If it weren't for our high school principal's birthday, we'd probably even forget that the printers still use red ink on the twenty-second.

Though Dan Cupid's arrows fly daily, he made a holiday visit last Friday. A regular shower of roses, candy and perfumery deluged Gaoyadeo and the outlying dorms, to say nothing of the stamped and addressed sentiments that dismayed Mary and Mr. Ingersoll with a Christmas rush in miniature. Casey Kahler did a wholesale business opening people's eyes to their faults with joke valentines. In some instances the stain on the word "joke" was tremendous.

Corners and reception rooms buzz while wild conjectures as to new faculty intervention upon the association question hourly attain fresh magnitude. Love, like religion, thrives on persecution. From Romeo and Juliet to Houghton College 1941 we have seen that affairs maintained against the will of those in authority, though less convenient, are always the most persistent and romantic.

Casey and Baldy persuading the little "man" from Detroit, Mr. Fritz by name, that they carried guns in their back pockets while counting the bookstore cash . . . Tommy Gardiner trying to listen to his opponent's constructive speech while a most disconcerting coed was acting as chairman. I guess no one was more surprised than the debaters themselves when they tied for top place. Jonesie hasn't recovered yet . . . Pearl Erick showing that it's possible to take care of two men at once — successfully . . . Ed Hall and Mel James with a box of potential perfume. They carried their white-striped captive outside of town and let him loose. According to Mel, even with encouragement, the animal gave none of the results for which we think they were secretly hoping.

The room was darkened respectfully. A doleful dirge, marred by occasional sobs, rose from a dim corner. Wide-eyed women viewed the remains — of Millie Procter's goldfish, Grumpy, which died slowly last Saturday afternoon of an unidentified disease. The body was formally displayed in a silver casket, and following the last rites which were duly solemnized Wednesday night by close friends, was confined to a vault to await burial in the spring. Grumpy is survived by two brothers, a sister, and numerous friends and relatives in five and ten cent stores throughout the country. Miss Procter wishes to extend thanks for the seaweed and many expressions of sympathy received during her bereavement.

— HC —

He is no wise man that will quit a certainty for an uncertainty.

— Samuel Johnson

out of the path of world events and even, except for one small factory, out of the scope of even inter-state trade? We fear that it does not have the meaning it should. Leading educators have said that the language of international commerce for the United States will in a few years be not French, not German, but Spanish. And, although we know little of the administrative problems involved, we suggest that Spanish, if taught here, would be a popular department. Several people have already expressed to us a desire for such a course, and it certainly is in line with present-day trends. But this is just a suggestion, which may have little or no value.

— J. P. D.

Music Department Faculty Program

The Music Faculty will present the following concert in the chapel on Wednesday, February 26, 1941, at 8:15.

Sonata Op. 100. No. 2 Brahms
John M. Andrews

Where'er You Walk. Aria from "Semele" Handel
A Thought Like Music Brahms
Lef' Away (Negro Wail) Guion
Eugene C. Schram, Jr.

Prelude, A Minor Debussy
A Moonlit Terrace in Spain Debussy
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11 Liszt
Alton M. Cronk

Andante and Rondo Haydn-Goeyens
Robert Homan
Et in unum Dominum
Duet from the B Minor Mass
Bach
Professor and Mrs. Schram

Mazurka Op. 19 No. 1 Wieniawski
Piece en forme de Habanera Ravel
John M. Andrews

My Phantom Double Schubert
None But the Lonely Heart
Tschaikowsky

The Herb Forgetfulness Fielitz
The Violet Mozart
The Last Song Rogers

Mrs. Grace C. Schram

Tarantelle Liszt
Alfred D. Kreckman

— HC —

Student Council Makes Suggestions

Just about this time of the year the usual hue and cry is raised as to what the student council is doing. Consequently, there is no time like the present to parade its virtues before a decidedly critical student body.

First of all, the high light of the student council social season is the student body Hallowe'en Party. That, I think you will all agree, was a success. Next on the list is a boon to all you who impulsively chase each other around the library and are forcibly ejected. This is the warning slip. If you haven't seen them yet, it's because you're so good in the library. Also, the student council is worried about the shadeless lamp in the library.

Then come the numerous recommendations to the faculty.

One, that the Boulder be placed on the activity fee so that the editor can guess what the financial score will be. Faculty objection was sustained.

Two, the Recreation Hall be open on the Friday nights when there is not a "pay program" in the chapel. No definite decision, but it doesn't look so good.

Three, a loosening of the 11 o'clock deadline on Friday nights after 10:30 programs. On the table until the Dean returns.

Four, that somebody do something about the election of members to Who's Who, the classic gripe of the school year. And let it be said for the benefit of all. They are chosen according to the rules laid down by the organization itself, according to the Honor Committee.

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ALLEGED HUMOUR



By

Wooze

"This suspense is killing me," said the horse thief, as he hung from the limb of a sycamore tree.

Suitor: I want your daughter for my wife.

Father: No, sir; I don't think I want to trade.

Stude: I'd like to have my mustach dyed.

Polite Barber: Certainly. Did you bring it with you?

"My ancestors came over on the Mayflower."

"It's lucky they did; the immigration laws are a little stricter now."

Critic: The picture of the horse is good, but where is the wagon?
Artist: Oh, the horse will draw that.

"Why did they hang that picture?"
"Perhaps they couldn't find the artist."

Affable Waiter: How did you find that steak, sir?

Guest: Oh, quite accidentally; I just moved that piece of potato and there it was, underneath.

Waiter: Your coffee, sir; it's special from South America.

Diner (sarcastically): Oh, so that's where you've been.

"Well, miss" said the traffic officer to the perfectly sweet motorist, "I suppose you know why I stopped you?"

"Don't tell me," she replied, "let me guess. Yes, I know. You're lonely."

Lady Driver (after collision): But I insist it was my fault.

Gentleman Driver: No, my dear lady; it was my fault. I could tell your car was being driven by a woman at least three hundred feet away and I could easily have driven over into the field and avoided this.

"You hammer nails like lightning."

"You mean I'm a fast worker?"

"No, you never strike twice in the same place."

The round, red sun was rising in the East and they were about to hang him. Always the inveterate golfer, he piped up, "Mind if I take a few practice swings first."

"Does she have her own way?"

"Does she! Why, she writes her diary a week ahead of time."

He: We're coming to a tunnel.

Are you afraid?

She: Not if you take that cigar out of your mouth.

"Does your husband ever give you compliments?"

"Well, sometimes he says, 'You're a nice one.'"

Her: You've got a bad cold.

Him: Yeah.

Her: How'd you get it?

Him: I slept in a field last night and someone left the gate open.

The Bread of Life

By Lois Bailey

One who is consciously a hypocrite is the most despicable of creatures. Such exist in the field of Christianity as in any other area of living. However, intelligent people quickly discover them for what they are.

It is another type of deceiver that brings a greater harm to the Christian religion. This is the self-deceived — one who professes Christ's name but is unconscious that he does not possess Christ, one who claims to be a follower of the Cross but is unconscious that he fails to exemplify that Cross daily, one who calls God his Father but is unconscious that he loves his Heavenly Father less than his earthly father. One may be a clever-thinking theologian, an ardent observer of Christian practices and customs, even a fervent worker in the religious field and still lack the "power of the Gospel" in his life. He may have a "form of godliness" and at the same time lack "the power thereof." His prayers may be neatly stated, his testimonies prompt, his moral record impeccable. His form of godliness may rate an A. At the same time his heart knowledge of salvation may be scanty and his enthusiasm for revival services merely perfunctory.

He is likely to take one of two attitudes toward other Christians — either a narrow intolerance or an extremely broad, weak tolerance. Under the first attitude he is harsh, exacting, very ready to criticize, and extremely formal. He reveals nothing of the love of the Christ who, to the disciple's accusation — "We saw one casting out demons in Thy name and we forbade him, because he followed us not," replied "Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is for us." Under the latter attitude of lazy tolerance, this professed Christian sets no standards. Good intentions take the place of positive action. As one speaker put it, he "becomes so broad-minded that he's as flat as a pancake."

From the lips of Christ Himself we have a most graphic indictment against the "self-deceived hypocrite." Paraphrasing the story, it runs thus. On that last Examination Day, many professing Christians will stand before the Great Teacher to be given their final grade. This being an oral examination, they stand forth to give an account of their homework.

"Lord, Lord, we preached in thy name. We testified occasionally in prayermeeting. We read our Bible daily. We even condemned sin by Thy authority. Our good works and religious activities were not only many but also mighty. Lord, we are ready to receive our degree."

Then comes the awful reply from the Great Teacher (Matt. 7:23). "I do not know you. You were never in my classes. Your name is not listed in my class book of those Born Again. I cannot give you even 'Passing'. I never knew you. Depart from me."

Oh, ye that name Christ's name, take account of yourselves. You may be as moral as Nicodemus and still fall below the standard of Calvary. You may give your substance in service for others (1 Cor. 13:3) and still it may profit you nothing in the final analysis. Morality and self-sacrifice are commendable and right but "one thing is needful" — to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth from a heart that will give a living sacrifice to the God whose salvation brought a new birth to your soul.

Hypocrisy is the homage which vice renders to virtue.

— La Rochefoucauld



Revival Services

Sunday Morning

Rev. David Anderson spoke again Sunday morning, the final day of the annual mid-winter series of evangelistic meetings. His message, "Christ's attitude toward sin," concerned sanctification, and in speaking he recounted six theories of sanctification, relating the views of the various denominations relative to this doctrine.

All churches agree that there is inbred sin in man even after he is saved, and sanctification makes it possible for him to have nothing to do with sin. Consecration is man's part; sanctification is God's part when man seeks holiness. As a dentist would not put a filling in a decaying tooth before cleaning the whole cavity to free it from harmful matter, so God does not want to sanctify man before he is free from the harmful element of sin.

Various interpretations of the term sanctification have resulted in these theories. In the Catholic church purgatory cleanses from sin by punishment. Another doctrine says that all change comes at the time of conversion. Again, death is a sanctifier (but Jude's epistle is addressed to the sanctified and those called by God). Next, growth is considered a means of sanctifying, but it refers to maturity rather than to purity. Further, deathbed grace is said to sanctify. Finally, sanctification comes by faith in the power of God to take away sin and purify men's lives. This is the true doctrine.

A mixed quartet composed of Glenn Barnett, Rachel Boone, Ruth Wright and Dick Elmer sang the special music of the morning.

Sunday Evening

The special mid-winter evangelistic services which were held at the Houghton church closed Sunday evening, February 16. The evangelist, the Rev. David Anderson, of Bradford, Pa., brought his final message on "The Second Coming of Christ." Showing the reality of the promise of the second coming of Christ, Rev. Anderson described the glories which are waiting those who are ready. At the close of the altar service, a testimony service was held in which many witnessed to the definite help received during the meeting.

Weekly Meetings

Throughout the two weeks the evening services were given over to a special evangelistic effort to bring souls to Christ. His messages on the themes of salvation, holiness, hell, and the second coming were all given with the purpose of the salvation of souls. Each message was brought in a very sincere and soul-searching manner and showed an insight into the needs of young people.

His chapel messages were given over to instruction in an effort to explain to the students the simplicity of the way of salvation. His message on "The Watch" will not soon be forgotten in its application to the Christian. Also remembered is the "Quiz", which showed the value of mathematics, astronomy, geology, music, etc. in understanding Christ.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man; kites rise against, not with, the wind.

— Mabie

Dean's Office Publishes High 10th Among Frosh

Following the precedent set by numerous other colleges, the Dean's office is issuing a list of the highest tenth of the freshman class in respect to scholarship. Those winning a place on that list for the first semester of the current year are as follows:

Ortlip, Ruth	2.735
Birch, Marilyn	2.558
Woolsey, Martha	2.531
MacDonald, Clarice	2.500
Anderson, Elizabeth	2.438
Fyfe, Janet	2.438
Hamilton, Margaret	2.387
Tallman, Areta	2.365
Hutchinson, Ida May	2.346
Wagner, Carl	2.313
LaSorte, Antonio	2.294
Luckey, Bonalyn	2.294
Perry, Keith	2.281
Clements, Wallace	2.264
Lang, Richard	2.250
Davis, Claire	2.218
Sutter, Joyce	2.211

Letter from Africa

Dear Houghton Friends,

The Lord has given us another inspiring trek. "In the bush" we find people eager for the gospel. Dec. 4 a teacher, two Bible School boys, a school girl and I started to visit our friends of last year and to find some others.

Our first stay was in a town we missed last year for it had burned, but the people heard of us, so this year were there *en masse*. When we were preaching about Jesus, there was disturbance. I had to stop. The teacher said, "Oh ya, they want to imitate you and learn the name of Jesus." It was pitiful to hear their attempts at that very strange word. Right then we decided to shorten our trip and came back to these people. Later we had two days with them so hope they know a little more about Him. That was Simamaia. Pray for them. They are very primitive and many of them still afraid of white folks. I begged to take one little girl to the doctor. Finally they agreed, but when it was time to go, she was gone. "Granny" had carried her to the bush where she would be safe.

We went on to Bafodia. Our messenger had gone astray so the chief was not ready for us. However, he gave us a royal welcome and said he hoped we would stay a month. One of his first questions was: "When are our workers coming?"

This time we lived in the government rest house even though it was contrary to the wishes of the people. They begged us to live with them in the town so they could "know us better." Last year we did and enjoyed it for the three days, but thought two weeks might not be pleasant. However, we spent each forenoon, late afternoon and evening in the various homes.

The children were still singing the choruses they had learned before. This time they learned several others and some Scripture. One night we were talking about serving One Master, not charms. A man near the chief said, "Must we take our charms down?" The chief said, "Yes, as soon as we know fine." Another time when I was telling about the resurrection, the chief asked if Mohamed ever rose from the grave!

All About Books

BY WARREN WOOLSEY

For the purpose of developing what he calls the "theme-eye," Professor Hazlett has assigned a series of ten literary efforts of varied natures; satires, character sketches, poems, squibs, personal interviews and the like, to be written at the rate of one a day. The principal end he hopes to gain is the awakening of the students to possibilities of subjects for writing all about them if they only learn to look for them. This acute perception of literary subjects he designates as the "theme-eye."

Teaching the "A" section, he naturally receives fairly creditable work and occasionally some of it is good enough to rate public attention. This column is dedicated to the development of the appreciation of literary values in Houghton and is obviously the most logical place for noteworthy compositions to receive an airing.

Two of the best of these many daily themes are these character sketches by Alice Willis and Harold Crosser. Their quality is obvious. Graphic description characterizes Miss Willis' portrait of her younger brother; the denouement in the last line is the strong point of Mr. Crosser's analysis of Berry.

Berry

By Harold Crosser

Berry Lee powdered her nose as often as bells rang — and that was quite often. She complained about bells regulating her life, but anyone and everyone who had ever made her acquaintance vouchsafed otherwise. A bell only served to slow her pace or caused her to remember her vanity case.

Her face was the baby sort — innocent and playful — (The beauty operator was quite adept with alluring lashes and dashes of eyebrow pencil). Cluttered over her head was a fine array of ringlets. She was prim — no one said otherwise — and her smile was the captivating kind. But she was also complacently smug, and when *Princess Berry* minced by, one had the idea he ought to scrape and bow.

Berry was worldly wise; the bright sayings of the day were on the tip of her tongue, and she was never caught off guard by any rebuke or slighting remark. A friend of hers was a marionette to be manipulated by strings subtly hidden, while an enemy was her special delight. As often as not she flouted convention;

A strong energetic fellow said, "If anyone goes to hell, God will say, 'What, you no hear that white woman in your town?' Many such statements encourage our hearts."

Conference met just after our trek. The chief sent a man to beg for workers. Three young inexperienced men volunteered, but we felt we could not send any of them, without an older man. The teacher who had accompanied me is opening a school for his own people. That too is pioneer work so pray for him — Phino Karnara. We do feel sad though about Bafodia. Pray for those people.

Thank you all for good letters and Christmas cards. I am sending postal cards or short notes to all of you, but read this for the news.

We do appreciate your prayers. My heart rejoiced at conference to hear the deep spiritual tone in the teachers' testimonies. The Lord is helping them for which we praise Him.

I am now in Freetown having a rest and a good time. It is quite a change from "the bush."

Your representative in Africa,
Ione Driscoll



more often, she defied laws that obstructed her petty intrigues. Her mind was always full of feminine conspiracy, and webs she wove were fine entangling — strong webs that humiliated the one enmeshed.

But every human being has a weak point in his armor and Betty was no exception. Any man could make her harmless with an ice cream sundae.

Little Brother

By Alice Willis

He is a very little boy, with sparkling eyes and a tawny lock of hair that persistently bisects his freckled forehead. Today he is wearing a tattered shirt, a triangle of sunburn showing through its largest hole, and an exceedingly brief pair of shorts that end far above his scarred and knobby knees. A battered sun helmet, so large that his eyes have disappeared beneath its rim, covers his head. From his thin shoulders hangs a sinister black cape, emblazoned with skull and crossbones.

He is fastening to various parts of his slight person a number of formidable objects: an air rifle, hatchet, bow and arrows, telescope, pack filled with sandwiches, and a small accordion. The load bears him down and hampers his progress, but none of it can be left behind, for every item is essential. The helmet may prevent a bad case of sun-stroke, brought on by the tropical sun. The cape is the only sign by which we know that after nightfall he becomes "The Scarlet Wasp, avenger of the helpless." Protection against bears, Indians, Nazis, and other forms of danger lies in the assortment of weapons. With the telescope he will make the astronomical observation that "the Chief" trusts him, and him only, to bring back safely to civilization. His only provisions, which must be brought through nameless dangers to the aid of the besieged city, are the sandwiches. The cumbersome accordion will bring satisfaction to the artistic side of his soul. He can indulge in this luxury only in the "wide open spaces," for his mother has forbidden him to produce any of the heart-rending wails around the house.

The little boy straightens his back and trudges off across the fields, whistling a tuneless song. He is no longer a child, but has become an adventurer setting out to conquer the world.

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bright College and by defeating them were able to remain in a first place tie with Penn state.

This year the tournament innovated the Oregon style of debating and the results were satisfactory. For the 1942 tournament the colleges voted almost two to one for the continuation of the Oregon style.

The debaters who brought victory to Houghton College were Mr. Glenn Jones and Mr. Jesse DeRight, upholding the affirmative, and Mr. Thomas Gardiner and Mr. Paul Stewart, representing the negative. Coach Elliott is proud of his team and feels that Houghton had one of the best cases of any of the many schools that were represented at the tournament.

Houghton's affirmative team proposed a permanent union, for all present policies had failed; that such a union would solve the problems of today and of the future; and a permanent union is the only adequate proposal available. The negative team contended that our basic pro-

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SPORTS SCANDAL

By Bob Fredenburg

Grantland Rice has said: "It's a good thing to be able to take it — if it doesn't become a habit."

Anyone who has been reading this column occasionally has been taking their share because they haven't had a rest from 'yours truly' for some time. This week we are bringing you the only four letter man in school, Jim Evans.

The basketball situation in Houghton seems to have struck a mid-season lull. It is, however, a welcome rest to those many students who have seen or played an over-dose of ball games. This let-down is the inevitable result of the unevenness of the Purple-Gold teams in the present series. The Purple girls really pulled an upset in hanging a defeat on the supposedly invincible Gold. The chances of the Gold men pulling a similar upset, however, seem quite remote.

We have noticed that the calendar committee has allotted time for five Purple-Gold games. Suggestions are now in order as to what shall be done the last two of these nights. The best suggestion seems to be to turn the Frosh-Varsity game into a series of three games. With Harry Walker now added to the already strong combination of Markell, Smith, and company, this should provide some real action. It would also give more notice to the Varsity and the consequent passing out of letters.

The coming Varsity-Alumni clash should be quite a battle this year with many of the alumni active on surrounding town teams. Mix and Crandall are playing regularly with the Houghton and Fillmore fives respectively; Frank Taylor is playing with the Lima Pincos, which play some of the best teams in the Rochester area; "Willy the Worm" Olcott put on a real exhibition in leading his Pike teammates to a decisive victory over the Gainesville towners; and, numerous other alumni are actively playing in other sections.

Basketball enthusiasts are already anticipating a photo finish in next year's class series. The return of Dave Paine, who will play with the class of '43, should make them strong contenders. The class of '44 apparently doesn't need any strengthening.

The followers of this column would undoubtedly be disappointed if there were not at least one squawk against the "status quo." This time it will be a repetition of a complaint which has been voiced by many, but heretofore left out of print. "Why have so much volleyball crowded into such a short time?" "Why have a volleyball series at all?" "Who cares to play in or watch these volleyball games?"

Many are the arguments in favor of either curtailing, or abolishing this unpopular interlude between the basketball and baseball seasons. It is hard for many of the players and spectators (?) to get to these afternoon games. The players are about the same as those in basketball and baseball, and many of them would appreciate a vacation between sports. Too many games are played in too short a time. The games are usually terrible anyhow... Think it over, but remember that we don't expect much can be done about it either.

The recreation hall will be open during girls' basketball games and during the second team games.

Houghton Indians Scalp Advertisers

Papooses Lose
To Perry 2nds

The Houghton Indians successfully invaded Perry the night of February 13, returning jubilant over an easy 36-20 victory. The Indian second team dropped their preliminary game for their second loss of the season. The score was 30-23.

In the main game the Indians moved ahead steadily and surely. From the outset it was apparent that they were headed for ultimate victory. Heap big brave, Dave Paine, was back in the line-up and his little brother, Paul, was dropping in the buckets with almost monotonous regularity.

When the Advertisers played Houghton the first time, the Indians won only after an extra period and then by a single point, but, although they were on their own stomping-ground, the Perry sharpshooters had poor luck finding the basket. The Indians missed their share, but they didn't need them as desperately.

High-scorer was Paul Paine with fifteen points and runner-up was Perry's Fox with nine.

The Papooses submitted to their second loss of the season (The first was also administered by Perry). They could not seem to find themselves. The large Perry court did not lend itself to zone defense easily, although Perry used it. Their offense failed to click. Tompolski was leader in scoring with twelve points and Black and Philips tied for second place honors with ten apiece.

BOOKS . . .

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ici family — Catherine de Medici who was the mother of five kings and a queen! *Biography of a Family* by Milton Waldman might interest you. American history students take notice of Kenneth Roberts' new book *Oliver Wiswell*. Have you been biased in your support of the Revolutionists? Here is a novel which sets forth the loyalist cause in the American Revolution. In connection with American history you might like to know about *Everyday Things In American Life* (1607-1776) by William Chauncey Langdon.

One of the most popular words in use today is *race*. What did you immediately think of when you read it? Probably it was "Jew", immigrant, or refugee. Lois Adams' *From Many Lands* is a strong, if indirect, challenge to plans of European dictators to use our 'racial tensions' in producing the United States nihilist upheavals which will destroy our democracy and independence.

Modern warfare has us puzzled — and worried. We wonder at the fortitude of the various countries to resist the attacks. The well-known commentator Priestley, in his *Britain Speaks* answers such questions as "What is life like when bombs are a daily — hourly — commonplace?" and "How do parents accept the necessity of evacuating their children?"

The adventurous-spirited individual ought definitely to read *I Married Adventure* by the famous Osa Johnson. "Her story is more exciting than any novel; it is an addition, permanent social and exploring history." But above all don't miss *Trelawney* by Margaret Armstrong. "Ardent alike in friendship, passion, and love of freedom, Edward Trelawney lived a life of almost incredible adventure. And his biographer brings out all of its dramatic color."

Surely life would be monotonous and dull without some humor, so I leave for your perusal *Laugh With Leacock* by Stephen Leacock.

Purple Pharaohs Subdue Golden Lion ; Purple Fems Upset Dope and Gold Girls

Driscoll Sinks 29
To Lead Purple

Friday afternoon in the second feature of an all-fem bill Doris Driscoll of the Purple defeated the Gold women 31-29 in an overtime period. Driscoll scored 29 of her teams 31 points to set a new record for the number of points scored in any one game.

The Gold inherited the two soph forwards, Newhart and French, who scored 15 and 12 points respectively. If the percentage of shots made determined the winner the gold would have won by a small margin as the goldy-locks made 24.6% of their attempts and the winners made 23.0% of their shots.

The purple took a four point lead in the first period, but the Dandelions overcame this before the half to lead by two points. The third period saw both teams equal in scoring and the board at the end of the quarter read 22-24 gold. In the fourth stanza the purple tied the ball game at 29 all.

Early in the overtime period Driscoll sunk a bucket to put the purple ahead and complete the scoring. The purple forwards stalled for the remainder of the period allowing the gold forwards only four shots while the dark hued girls took and equal number.

This somewhat unexpected win by the purple fems ties the women's color series at one game each.

Purple	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Driscoll	13	3	29	.302
Greenwood	1	0	2	.059
Lawrence	0	0	0	.000

Guards: Gebhardt, Leech, Armstrong, Thornton

Gold	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Newhart	6	3	15	.272
French	6	0	12	.285
Fidinger	1	0	2	.091

Guards: Reynolds, Waterman, Wright, Murch

Score by quarters:	Purple	Gold
1st	10	16
2nd	16	22
3rd	29	29
4th	31	29

Referees: Kennedy, Smith

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blem was that of economic penetration rather than military invasion; that by the extension of our present policies we can meet this problem; and that a permanent union would have inherent defects.

Mr. Jones demonstrated much ability in giving an effective constructive case and when cross-examined gave some clever answers. Mr. DeRight did a superb of cross-examination and often had his opponent admitting ignorance of the subject, giving contradictions and inconsistencies. A last minute switch on constructive work and cross-examination by the negative team proved most effective as Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Stewart swept through three rounds undefeated. The switch resulted in Mr. Stewart's giving much added oratory to the constructive work and some evasive answers in cross-examination; and Mr. Gardiner's doing most commendable work in cross-examination. Never once did Mr. Gardiner permit his opponent to get the best of him.

On March 1, Houghton's debaters will journey to Slippery Rock for its second tournament of the year. This tournament will use the formal style of debating and Houghton will be defending champions from last year.

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Frankly Now . . .

Question: Do you think the purple-gold basketball series should be discontinued?

Interviewed: Shirley Fidinger, senior; No, it gives the better players on each team a chance to play together.

Bob Clark, sophomore: No, as long as there are no inter-collegiate athletics here the series should be continued. Without there would be none except the championship class games.

Kay Murch, junior; Yes, there is no spirit shown in the series the way it is now.

Kenneth Lord, purple manager; No, the series gives an opportunity for combinations to play together which otherwise would never be possible.

Purple Midgets Win From Gold Seconds

Monday afternoon, February 17, the purple second team followed the example set by their big brothers and annexed the second of the purple-gold second team men's game by a 32-28 score.

The game was marked by roughness as is typical of the "black-and-blue" games.

The purple squad consisted of Fenton, Wakefield, Chase, Clark, Lord, Marshall and Sackett. Opposing them for the gold were Woolsey, Cummings, Foster, LaSorte, Miller, Lewellen and Fredenburg.

Kallina and Serven partially officiated.

TEACHERS' MEETING . . .

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the social studies program to eliminate the danger of leaving the teaching of democracy and American ideals until the senior year of high school. A talk on the necessity for maintaining the fundamentals of American life by Mr. Tuthill ended the morning session.

Since this week has been instituted by the New York State Department of Education for the observance of the Bill of Rights Week the program of the afternoon was devoted to short talks and discussion of ways and means for instilling in the pupils the principles of democracy. Miss Frieda Gillette delivered the main address of the afternoon on "Our Relations as Individuals to the Bill of Rights." The conclusion reached was that we must preach, teach, and demonstrate what the Bill of Rights means to us in order that a belief in democracy may be preserved.

ORATORY . . .

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Russell, Katherine Walburger, and Warren Woolsey. All other clubs are urged to make some provision for selecting representatives in the near future, as work should begin at once on orations.

Tuthill Scores 13;
Walker Collects 12

The Purple Pharaohs again subdued the Golden Lion the afternoon of Wednesday, February 12. The Lion roared ominously several times and twitched its tail angrily, but superior Purple personnel proved to be a factor too difficult to overcome. The final score, 52-40, does not tell the whole story, however, for throughout most of the game the Gladiators trod close on Pharaoh heels.

As a whole the brand of ball-playing exhibited in this game was probably at least the equal of the best displayed in any game this winter. The Purple cohorts were more cautious than their rivals; they worked the ball in carefully and scientifically with mechanical precision. The Gladiators spurred ahead in sporadic gains, scoring most often on fast breaks.

Elongated, elusive Pete Tuthill was high-scorer with thirteen points and versatile Harry Walker was runner-up with twelve.

The box score follows:

Purple	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Smith	1	1	3	.333
Holloway	3	2	8	.384
Prentice	4	0	8	.400
Walker	6	0	12	.316
Sheffer	4	1	9	.454
Eyler	2	0	4	.333
Markell	4	0	8	.400

Gold	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Tuthill	6	1	13	.304
Houser	4	1	9	.333
Marsh	3	1	7	.307
Mullin	1	0	2	.077
Van Ornum	1	0	2	.250
Evans	3	1	7	.444

Score by quarters:	Purple	Gold
1st	11	21
2nd	21	33
3rd	32	52
4th	40	40

STUDENT COUNCIL . . .

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The current brain child and the thing in process of perfection now is to elect a Sophomore assistant to the editor of the *Boulder*. This would both facilitate the work of the editor and leave somebody who knew something about running the *Boulder* for the next year.

So you see, the student council keeps itself busy. If you have any constructive ideas, bring them around. We can recommend them to the Faculty, but it is obvious that we can't guarantee results.

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