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Russell House Royally Fetes Dorm Belles

The House of Russell opened its doors as a General Employment Agency for Miss Hatch and five other young ladies in search of "employment" in the amusement arts, Friday evening, November 18. "Applicants" were welcomed by Registrar Stockin and escorted by Butler Jones and General Manager Hollenbach to the office of the Medical Examiners, Strong and Stoll, Vocational Guide Russell and Psychologist De-Right. The applicants — Misses Burr, Falkins, Miller, Doris Anderson, Hunt and Hatch — all secured positions, after which games were played. Music by "Spike" Jones and his Squawkleeters was a special feature of the evening.

The party then retired to the Wakefield house, where a delicious repast of tuna salad and pie a la mode was served. Thus the evening ended.

One ominous note, a promise by the Russell House members to deposit their president, Ernest Hollenbach, in the bathtub, was the only discordant note of the proceedings. (This threat reached its fulfillment, as did the bathtub, on the evening of November 21, at the Russell House.

Thanksgiving Goes Back to Greeks

Students listened to an interesting chapel speaker from our own faculty the morning of Friday, November 24, when Prof. Gordon Stockin spoke, centering his remarks around a Thanksgiving theme.

Noting that the pagan Greeks and Romans observed a thanksgiving feast, he further discussed the history of this custom by outlining its development in the early period of American colonial life. Governor Bradford instituted a three day period of feasting and thanksgiving including both Indians and Whites. The first nation-wide thanksgiving, proclaimed by the Continental Congress, was observed by the Colonial Army at Valley Forge after Burgoyne's surrender to General Gates. In 1789 President Washington issued his famous Thanksgiving Proclamation which established a precedent for having Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November.

Professor Stockin also stated that we should be extremely careful to show the proper gratitude to those who are sacrificing to send us to college. Do we use the money they send us correctly? Do we appreciate their efforts to please us? Do we take part in the interests of the family rather than being bored by telling of our college experiences?

An important part of our gratitude is indicated in our index cards, since those are the most concrete evidence of our success or failure to those at home. It would be well for us to consider whether or not we have fulfilled the expectations of those who are interested in our welfare. We should take full advantage of the privileges accorded to us by a beneficent God.

SANTA CLAUS IS DEBUNKED

We thought that college students really didn't believe in Santa Claus, but we must have been wrong.

Thanksgiving afternoon, (Democratic Thanksgiving, November 23) Wesley Nussey, Park Tucker, and Ken Wilson drove off to the Buffalo airport. Santa Claus was scheduled to arrive by plane, presumably from the North Pole, courtesy J. N. Adams Department Store.

The fellows say they didn't know about Santa's coming until they were at the airport. However, when Mickey Mouse and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs arrived, Wesley got sore because Park wouldn't hoist him up on his shoulders.

They didn't actually see Santa Claus and so they couldn't tell him what they wanted for Christmas. They left before the old chap's arrival, journeying downtown to get a taste of night life. (It was now 6:15 p. m.)

Visiting WGR and WKBW, Wilson enviously watched Carl Hubbell throw himself literally into his sports report, while Tucker and Nussey so distracted an engineer in the control room that he forgot to change a record.

Ask Wesley about the crowd he attracted in front of a five and ten by regarding favorably a foot vibrator machine that gave one a "thrilling sensation" for 1c. No electric shock.

They forgot where they parked the car and walked all over the Pearl street district hunting it. At a White Tower the very courteous attendant finally asked Nussey if he were a big shot in the White Tower organization. "You know, white collar and all," the fellow apologized. "Besides," he continued, "There's a picture in the back room of the boss and he looks just like you."

"Any finger prints on it?" Tucker asked.

After an uneventful afternoon, the trio returned to Houghton.

Calendar

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
20	Shopping Days Left	1	2			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Buy Gifts at the Bookstore					

Thursday, November 30

6:45 Oratorio rehearsal

Friday, December 1

8:15 Chapel choir concert

Monday, December 4

6:45 Pre-Medic club, Student Ministerial Association, Latin club, Music Appreciation, German club

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 Prayer meeting

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 Music recital, basketball game.

Student Council Selects Number of Committees

The student council has selected the following committees to function during the year '39-'40. Membership on these committees does not necessarily mean membership in the student council since the names have been selected from the entire student body.

Committee on maintenance: Wilson Worboys, Hayes Minnick, Robert Foster.

Committee on bulletin boards: Ruth Shea, Don Kauffman, Myra Fuller.

Committee on publicity: Anne Madwid, Theodore Bowditch, Walter Sheffer.

Committee on discipline: Wesley Nussey, Marion Smith, Norman Mead.

Committee on extra-curricular activities: Jim Evans, Paul Krentel, Pearl Burleigh.

Committee on catalog and handbook: Shirley Stockin, Jack Haynes.

Committee on library: Mary Helen Moody, Thelma Havill.

Last Year's Choir



The Houghton College choir under the direction of Eugene C. Schram, Jr. opened its 1939-40 concert season on Sunday, November 26. The Sunday afternoon concert was presented at the First Baptist church of Warsaw, New York. In the evening the

choir sang before a capacity crowd in the Baker Memorial Methodist church of East Aurora, New York. This was the first time that the choir had appeared in their new robes which are made up of purple poplin gowns and celanese satin vestments.

According to the director of the choir, the first appearance of the choir this year is a better and more auspicious beginning than that of other years and prospects are bright for a good season. "The Song of Mary," with Laura Ferchen as soloist, was the highlight of the concert.

QUICK BLAZE RAZES SHED

Houghton's customary evening calm and usual air of placid industry and self-complacency was rudely shattered by the shrill of the fire whistle from the neighboring village of Fillmore the evening of Monday,

November 20. An air of suspense and suppressed excitement became increasingly noticeable as the rumor spread that something was afoot and that all was not as it should be. Finally, it was generally noised abroad that the source of the excitement was a burning toolshed across the river from Fillmore and that the conflagration could be seen from the high school building. Soon many heads were protruding at various angles from the second story windows in vain attempts to allocate more specifically the destination of the fire engines.

When the firefighters returned, they revealed that the blaze had completely consumed a small woodshed on the farm of Mrs. Gertrude Bowen. The fire had progressed too far to permit any more than a slight checking, when the first fire engines, Fillmore and Houghton, had arrived, since those who had seen the fire had had to go some distance to reach a telephone. The total loss is not known but the shed contained some wood and a complete set of mason's tools.

The fire was caused when some one was removing gasoline from a drum by the light of a lantern. The Houghton Fire Department is to be congratulated on being the first to succeed in getting any water on the fire.

Permission Granted

At a recent board meeting permission was granted to run advertisements in the Star that are of a current nature. Also it is permitted when it is contrary to the policy of any company to advertise in a college yearbook. Formerly this was prohibited for fear of interfering with the Boulder.

Wilson Holds America Is Best After All

Jim Wilson held his audience spell-bound Friday evening, November 24, as he related some of his experiences during his recent trip around the world. For an hour he transported us to strange lands, from Tangier to Java. He told us of his journey through Morocco in a fourth class railway coach filled with turbaned natives during which he helped catch chickens escaped from a peasant's basket as the train rounded a curve, and of playing *Old Black Joe* on a harmonica for the amusement of the natives.

After stopping a few hours at Fez and Algiers, Mr. Wilson crossed the Mediterranean to Sicily and Naples, where he "bought" a little girl's hair to prevent its being cut off by a hair buyer, and took the grateful girl to a marionette show. He visited a peasant village perched precariously on a mountain top, and inhabited by three thousand people, not one of whom owned an automobile. While in Naples he was arrested by an overzealous Fascist for taking pictures of various tradesmen at work. When the magistrate learned that Mr. Wilson was an American citizen, he apologized profusely, said that Italy was a free country, and ordered the Fascist to take Mr. Wilson to photograph the royal palace and the new post office.

Mr. Wilson returned to Africa on a ship crowded with Europeans eager to escape from Europe because of the Czechoslovakian crisis. On the ship was a German refugee who offered to give his entire fortune of \$12,000, which he had smuggled across the frontier, for American citizenship papers.

He told of seeing Egypt's starving (Cont. on Page Four, Col. 3)

"Heed God's Call" Says Rev. Bowen

Rev. Arthur J. Bowen, Secretary of the South Africa General Mission, spoke to us in chapel on Nov. 20. He said that we should make it our aim in life to spend much time in secret with Him; should labor to be accepted of the Lord (II Corinthians 5:9), and should make it our ambition to preach the gospel where it has never been preached before (Romans 15:20, 21). The missionary task is not for a select few, but for all. The Africans, for instance, though winsome and affectionate, are deep in degradation and demonism; and their lives are as precious to God as ours are.

Rev. Bowen then recounted experiences he had had in Africa, the difficulties he had encountered in reaching the house of a certain chief, to whom he broke the Good News of Christ's love.

He concluded with the thought that William Carey was disappointed that his son became an ambassador, when he could have become a missionary; and Spurgeon said to his son that if God called him to be a missionary, he should not shrivel up into a king.

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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving Thoughts

Now that Thanksgiving is over, let us reflect on what we have done. Many of us scurried home Wednesday evening, ate enough for two days in one meal, possibly attended church once, and then returned to school hoping to get rested over the week-end.

Our activities in the final analysis were centered around self. Except for a few sanctimonious thoughts, we forgot how the rest of the world is living. We thought like Christians and acted like pagans. Millions cried from hunger; we suffered from indigestion. Many were slaves to a social cast; we grumbled because we weren't given some petty recognition. Men groped blindly for life; we having it, slept in smug complacency.

And so, another Christian festivity has passed.

Houghton college is a Christian institution. This statement can be made without much fear of internal or external contradiction. Nor do we need to fear at present the surrender of our Christian traditions. They will stand intact! What we must most fear is a gradual devitalization — a devitalized Houghton!

We have our euphonious prayers. It is human to do as the Pharisee did when he placed his feet on soft carpets, turned his eyes to decorated ceilings, and said a prayer of self-commendation. But it is devitalized religion! It ignores the sinner who smites upon his bosom because of his wrong doing; it forgets the poor who are clothed with rags; it sends the youth of tomorrow to reformatories; and it detracts from Christ. "Woe unto you scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites."

Better would it be to surrender our traditions, change our ethical code, than to become devitalized.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." W. B. N.

Why Chapel?

Why do we have chapel services? Why do you attend chapel?

We have chapel services so that the material issues of the day might be broken by reflection upon the spiritual. We have chapel so that students may hear good speakers, enjoy helpful programs, be inspired by challenging thoughts. The half-hour pause makes the morning seem not quite so long, and everyone appreciates a time when they may listen or not — especially to a teacher — as they choose.

Good speakers, and challenging thoughts? Yes, that is the ideal. Some school years better approach that ideal than others. For some reason, this particular semester has fallen short, and, in lieu of a well-prepared chapel program, it seems that the always-available course of hymn and scripture is served, and if there is nothing else in the bag, short chapel can always be announced and an opportunity presented to mobilize class meetings. Class meetings can thus be very valuable assets, because most classes will meet on the slightest provocation.

We have no quarrel with the chapel committee. We can see their position, to our sorrow. In a small institution like this we are always aware of the other fellow's difficulties and are too understanding and sympathetic to request any action.

We have had good chapels — even this semester. Some of the speakers have been members of our own faculty and we thought their talks were good — if they were good.

Thanks should be given to Prof. Pryor for his work in making it possible for whatever is said to be heard. Let's hear some good things! We like Prof. Cronk's improvising at the piano before chapel, and wish that he would studiously play thus informally until the hymn is announced. At first, it would probably be a labor of love, but, in time, perhaps it might serve to quiet the students as

S. F. M. F. Hears Mission Report

The regular meeting of the S. F. M. F. Monday evening, November 27, opened with a devotional period conducted by the president, Henry Ortlip. A trio composed of Evelyn Bryant, Dorothy Falkins, and Ruth Newhart sang, "Somebody Else Needs Him Too."

Marjean Bennett read a letter from Marie Phinney, a missionary to Japan, who wrote concerning the work of the churches in that country. Perry Hill then commented on Japanese missions in general. He told of a bill effective next year which would recognize and tolerate the religions of Buddhism, Shintoism, and Christianity. Under this law, all other sects must also register. Only one-tenth of one per cent of the Japanese population is Christian.

Keith Sackett reviewed the work of the Presbyterian mission among the Koreans. He said that these people display a great zeal in preaching the gospel and in a willingness to sacrifice. The establishment of Bible Institutes and the distribution of copies of the Bible are emphasized.

The closing prayer was offered by Alan Gilmour.

Doc Paine Speaks To N. Y. C. Alumni

This past week-end found Dr. Paine in New York City and Schenectady, N. Y. performing the functions of a president whose duties are diversified.

Saturday night, Nov. 18, Dr. Paine was the guest of the New York City alumni chapter which meets in the Susan Prince Tea Room, Lexington Ave. Sunday, Nov. 19, he traveled to Schenectady where he spoke morning and evening in the First Presbyterian church. After the evening service he returned to his home on the campus.

they assemble.

Why do you attend chapel? Easy to answer: you have to. Let the faculty base the effectiveness of the semester's chapel programs on this criterion: how many students have refrained from utilizing their five chapel cuts? — K. L. W.

Advertising Houghton

With Houghton's enrollment passing the five hundred mark, its output is gaining increased notice. The class of '40 will be the fifteenth to graduate with A. B. degrees. In the future, there is every indication that Houghton college will have little basis for the designation "one-horse."

A factory whose products receive world-wide distribution cannot be hidden. It will have world-wide recognition, and the type of recognition depends on the type of advertising its products give. The products of Houghton's educational factory are its students.

Thus far Houghton has been advertised well. This has been due, less to brilliant press-agenting, than to the impressions left by its graduates. In every class to graduate have been persons who have made a definite mark in the world.

A college cannot make a man educated. It can supply him with certain advantages and give him various forms of advice which he may utilize, if he feels like it. It is always possible for him to get by with nothing to show for the money some one has spent, presumably for his education. Such a graduate goes out to join the members of the WPA fraternity and to lament the fact that he wasted four years, perfectly good ones, going to college.

Four years is too short a time to educate anyone except a genius, who doesn't need formal education. But four years can be the beginning of an education which will keep on saturating a graduate with culture and wisdom throughout his life.

Cardinal Newman believed that a college student wasn't learning properly, unless his whole mental make-up was at work every time he got hold of new information. In other words, he had to think if he was to get his money's worth in college. A better test of whether we are being educated is not easy to find.

A student who *thinks* won't try to get by after he has carried off his degree. He won't be able to hide either his own accomplishments or the name of his Alma Mater under a bushel. He will be another good advertisement. — D. T. K.

String Miller Stars In Skit before Club

An unusual and entertaining meeting of the Expression club was opened Monday evening, November 26, with devotions led by Jesse DeRight. Reversing the usual order of procedure, the business meeting was held at the beginning of the program.

An amusing skit presenting Anne Madwid, Arlene Wright, Ernest Hollenbach, Betty Flint, and starring Paul Miller, illustrated the incorrect way to tactfully leave after making a social call. Four orders of music, two each by Ruth Wright, and Charles Foster and Frank Hauser were presented. An impromptu entitled "Why he who laughs last is worth two in the bush" was given by John Smith, and even though he talked for three minutes he still claimed that he didn't get the point. Paul Stewart gave a reading the moral of which was "don't use big words." Ernie Hollenbach, who had charge of the meeting, called upon Jesse DeRight to give a reading. Jesse replied with the very gruesome story of the murder of a poor potato bug. With this, a very interesting meeting of the Expression club was adjourned.

Here and There

They laughed when I put iodine on my pay envelope — they didn't know I had a cut.

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is.

—Wall Street Journal

Scott Speaks at Andover

Claude Scott was the speaker in the evening service in the Christian Missionary Alliance church of Andover, N. Y., on Sunday, November 26. Special music was provided by a trumpet quartet made up of John Gabrielson, Michael Sheldon, Norman Marshall, and Ray Alger.

By

J. P. Q.

DeRight



PUISSANT PUNDITS

Prophet Joe

On Thursday Joey smiled with glee
And soon was much less thinner,
For he had got his belt around
A great big Turkey dinner.
When Friday came, he still was full,
But still he thought it fine
Upon left-over turkey legs
And warmed-up squash to dine.
On Saturday he looked askance
At tasty "chicken" stew,
Because it tasted very like
A turkey that he knew.
On Sunday noon he smiled again,
For happy was his plight —
But cranberries and such kindred fare
Appeared again at night.
On Monday he sipped chicken soup;
It really wasn't foul,
And over Tuesday's dressing fine
He never raised a howl.
Now Wednesday's here; Joe College
laughs; —

I never saw the beat!
"It's sandwiches today," he cries.
"I bet that they're pressed meat."

Why doesn't some one get up a
petition to have the office send index
cards, not only to the parents, but also
to Santa Claus?

This week's puzzle problem: Why
did John Merzig get a grade-point
index of 2.00 in his association
course?

A persistent report has reached our
ears that the reason marks were not
given out by the office sooner was be-
cause of Thanksgiving. (This re-
port has been substantiated in the
subsequent release of the grades.)
Of course it might be worse, but an
E or F is no worse than a D as an in-
dex number. Before coming to
Houghton, I always wondered about
the psychological principle that the
end was the place of greatest empha-
sis (I had forgotten the painful em-
phases of childhood days) in writ-
ing. This fact was very clear to me,
however, at the end of the first ten
weeks, when I realized that the back
of many books were reserved for the
indices.

As some vile sophomore recently
remarked, "Why are the Indians dry
these days?" I didn't know, so he
informed me that the Indians (In-
de-A ians) are not indices (in-de-
C's, or in-de-seas) Excuse me for ex-
plaining it, but if I didn't, I wouldn't
get it either.

'God and His Kindness' Theme of Prayer Service

The students' prayer meeting Tues-
day, November 21, was set aside as a
special Thanksgiving service. The
song service was directed by Lester
Paul with Lloyd Elliott at the piano.
After a brief time spent in prayer, a
song of Thanksgiving was sung by
Hal Homan. Then Bob Foster spoke
on the topic "What We Have to be
Thankful For". Roy Albany, the
next speaker, asked "To Whom Are
We Grateful" and Mildred Bisgrove
reminded us of "The Greatest Gift".
Between these brief messages oppor-
tunity was given for personal testi-
mony and many there were who availed
themselves of the chance to thank
God for His kindnesses, especially for
His "Unspeakable Gift."

Anna Houghton Daughters

The Anna Houghton Daughters will
meet Friday, December 1st, at the
home of Miss Moses.

Music Notes

By Mark Armstrong

Frequently someone demands, in effect, "Why all this high-faluting nonsense about your music of the long-haired variety? Why not give the memory of a concert chunk of verve and vim, instead of embalming it in formidable phrases of massive polysyllables in writing the review?"

Certainly it is an altogether disconcerting experience to turn from lines of crisp, concise journalism to the arty hash of a staid and stuffy music critic. This unlovely creature is prone to imagine himself the high and mighty oracle ordained to interpret the murmurings of the Muse to men more vulgar and less privileged. He sends forth his judgments like a regular Daniel, or even like a rural justice of the peace. He pads what he writes with a heavy verbiage so that it reads like an unabridged dictionary, and thinks of it as "style." He piles up adjectives in a huge heap around a musical composition that is so hapless as to reach his ears, and refers to this feat as "penetrating analysis." (He's really quite a guy, you see.)

This unfortunate condition may not always prevail. The day may arrive when a review will have be-

come a "revue," which will be a vivid streamlined summary of music news. The critic will go to concerts armed with a candid camera to get the prima donna as she hits high C. Then there will be a worm's eye view of the big basso in order to show off his accordion chin to best advantage. The photo you will be looking at will not be a volcano crater coughing up smoke and ashes, but simply a close-up of the tenor's mouth as he exhales a breath of steaming cold air at intermission time. A composition of hyper-modernistic tinge will be written up in surrealistic style to demonstrate the swirling eddies of confusion which dissonance stirs up in the unconscious mind. (The future critics will be quite the guys, too, you see.)

An old legend that dates from the Cornish folk lore of the thirteenth century is considered by many to contain at least a half-truth. It relates how playing an oboe gradually sets one awry, and sends him piping on the way to the nice new state insane hospital. It seems that the instrument's tone has a quality of haunting plaintiveness which lingers in his ear until it slowly, perhaps, but surely, always, drives him haywire. The next time you go to an orchestra concert note the critics' predilection for the oboe, remember that the chances are his father was a professional oboist, and his mother the heiress to a fortune made from the reed industry, and understand.

Torchbearers Hold Services at Local Church Sunday Eve.

The Torchbearers, an organization open to persons primarily interested in soul-winning, had a platform service on Sunday evening. Helen and Bertha Reynolds and Ruth Cowles sang two numbers carrying out the spirit of the meeting. Olson Clark sang a solo, "Why Should He Love Me So?" Scripture (John 1:35-51) was read by Vera Clocksin. Members of the Torchbearers gave personal testimonies showing the organization's true interest in the adopted verse, "Go out into the highways and hedges and bring them in." Then Ruth Cowles, Ronald Bowerman, and Harry Palmer showed how Christ won them and used their lives in personal work. Giving the challenge, in consideration of past and future, to "make no mistake," to "hold high the torch," Miss Cowles proved how truly the motto "Transformed by Grace Divine" has been real in her life. How changed his life became as he accepted Christ and finally let "For me to live is Christ" be his true life motto, was Ronald Bowerman's testimony. To let Galatians 2:20 live as life verse was shown by Harry Palmer in telling of great blessings in personal work. The appeal to walk with a revealed Great King was given in conclusion to this meeting of helpfulness and blessing.

Students Testify in Thanksgiving Chapel

Chapel on Wednesday morning before Thanksgiving was in the nature of a praise service conducted by the Student Ministerial Association. The thirty-fourth Psalm was read in devotions led by Marjorie Roberts. Charles Foster led the singing of a Thanksgiving hymn. While Dorothy Falkins, Ruth Newhart, and Evelyn Bryant sang, Eldyn Simons, portrayed Calvary. A ten minute period for testimonies was opened by Lloyd Elliott, vice-president of Student Ministerial. This opportunity was taken by many students to give thanks for blessings from the Lord and for Calvary. The thanksgiving spirit was furthered as a peaceful harvest scene, drawn by Mr. Simons, was revealed while the student group sang the Doxology.

Some men grow under responsibility, others only swell.

—Reader's Digest

SANTAYANA: TOPIC OF ACADEMY CLUB

Monday evening, November 27, the Philosophy Club met with the vice-president, Seymour Rollman, occupying the chair.

The life and philosophy of Santayana was ably discussed by Mr. Vance Carlson. After this part of the program the necessary business was taken up. The members voted to change the name of the organization from Houghton Philosophical club to the Academy. The requirement for becoming a member of this club is a 100 word thesis. This club in the future should make its appeal to many students who seriously desire an outlet for their wandering thoughts. It was urged that each member tell his or her friends about this newly formed club. Vance Carlson is going to popularize the academy by well known posters.

Thanksgiving Service

A service devoted to the giving of thanks to God for all His kindnesses was held in the church on Thanksgiving morning. The theme of the service was expressed in Psalm 103:1, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." The Rev. Mr. Black, in exhorting us to praise God, said, "In counting them up, you will see that your blessings outnumber your troubles ten to one." Lester Paul, who lead in the congregational singing, sang a solo, "Trust in Him." Thus did the people seek in prayer, in testimony, and in songs to praise God acceptably.

Bible School Holds Election of Officers

At a meeting held of the entire Bible School the following officers were elected: president, Claud Scott; vice-president, George Kilpatrick; secretary, Mary Foster; treasurer, Anna Ross.

Senior class officers are: president, Marjean Bennett; vice-president, Claude Scott; secretary and treasurer, Anna Ross. Those of the junior class are: president, Elton Seaman; vice-president, Grace Wilson; secretary, Edna Robinson; treasurer, Theodore Reed.

Chalk Artist at Chapel

Instead of the usual short chapel Monday, November 27, the student body was presented a chalk-talk by Mr. Ordip, the father of the Ordips in Houghton. While Mr. Ordip was drawing the first picture, one of a harbor which the face of Christ overlooked, the Houghton college quartet of 1936 consisting of Robert Homan, Charles Foster, William Foster and Alton Shea, sang "God Is Our Refuge and Strength." The second picture showed a ring in a box and alongside was a letter of acknowledgement to "Dear Bob . . ." in which the writer admired the box, but made no mention of the ring. This was to illustrate that we all too often make acknowledgements to God for our "box of clay" but hardly ever thank Him for our eternal soul. During the drawing of the third picture of a man who is desolate and "in a far country" away from God, Miss Marjorie Ordip sang, "I Will Arise and Go." The next scene was one of a house with the windows lighted and a traveler approaching. At this time a trio of the three Ordip sisters—Marjorie, Aileen and Ruth, sang, "In My Father's House." The last scene was a most impressive one with the face of Christ in the foreground comforting a "stranger" and in the distance "His Father's house."

Wright Leads Service

Gerald Wright, speaking in the Students' Prayer Service on Tuesday, Nov. 14, gave a challenging talk on "Soul-winning." He referred us to Jesus as a soul-winner, for He dealt personally with men and women. Many of the disciples were brought to Christ through personal contact. "In the blood of Jesus Christ there is power to save from all sin. If we believe this, we should do all we can to tell others about Him. We feast our own souls, but do we give any thought to the souls of others? If we each would do our part, we would see a revival in our college."

W. Y. P. S. Discusses Peace

"What things make for peace" was the theme for Y.P. on Sunday evening when the Moses house had charge. Theodore Bowditch, spokesman for the house, led group singing. Prayer was offered by Lester Paul and Thomas Walker. Ralph Patterson acted as accompanist for a special song number, "Jesus, Blessed Jesus," sung by Wesley Nussey. To clarify victorious Christian living, Willard Cassell, Albert Wagner, and Herman Smith considered different aspects of Romans 14:19: "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

Verna Crouch in New Job

Miss Verna Crouch, '28, is teaching this year in the Commercial department of Messiah Bible College, Grantham, Pennsylvania. Previous to this Miss Crouch was employed as teacher in the Margaret Barber Seminary. She completed her necessary work for her B. S. in Commerce at Albany, last June. Miss Crouch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crouch, Houghton, N. Y.

Marcus Wright Now Librarian

The name of Marcus A. Wright, '38, appears in *The Chronicle*, a paper published by the Syracuse School of Library Science, among a list of those who have secured positions.

Mr. Wright graduated from Syracuse School of Library Science at the close of the summer session this year. He is now employed in the Home Library, Johnson City, N. Y. To his credit Marcus has a Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude.

Temple Builders

By Henry Ordip

It was a day of "small things." To a discouraged leader, whose duty it was to direct the labors of a people who were looking at the external appearances as a means of measuring progress and greatness, the Word of the Lord came saying, "Not by might; nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings crying Grace, grace unto it." Zech. 4:6, 7. With the aid of a comparatively small number of returned captives, the governor, Zerubbabel, had been commissioned by God to rebuild the temple.

The former temple which Solomon had built 500 years before had been the symbol of distinction and pride to the Jews because of its great size and beauty. But the beautiful temple with all of its golden splendor, had been completely demolished by the Babylonians, about 80 years previously, leaving nothing but a heap of ruins.

In spite of opposition of the hostile neighbors, the returned captives had finally succeeded in building a wall about what had been the former city, having finally resorted to dividing the laborers into two groups; those armed for fighting off attacks, and those prepared to build.

After having completed the wall about Jerusalem and having laid the foundation for a new temple, the renewed attacks of the jealous neighboring tribes soon brought a halt to the work on the temple.

The years went on; the people built their own houses and became settled individually, but the house of the Lord lay in ruins. For this reason we find the prophet Haggai saying, "It is time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste." And further, the prophet explained the neglect of God's house as the reason for the sad temporal plight in which the people had been finding themselves: "Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house." Hag. 1:9.

So the people heeded the word of the Lord and set forth to build the temple. As soon as the people started to obey, the encouraging came from the Lord unto the people saying, "I am with you." Hag. 1:13.

But, there arose murmurings and discouragements among the people. Some who had seen the former temple were discouraged with the meager prospects of the one under construction. These were looking at the externalities, at the size and costliness of the temple. But God, Who looks deeper than the external, declared to this people, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." (Hag. 2:9) Because it is not by might (that which characterizes strength in man's mind) or power (the visible forces which accomplish things in the world) but by my spirit saith the Lord. And truly Zerubbabel did complete the temple, overcoming all of the obstacles by the help of God's spirit. Thus preparing the way for the "desire of all nations" who should come.

Today, we, as Christians, are building a temple. Many of us are, at times, discouraged at the outlook of our tremendous task and at the slow progress we seem to be making toward its completion. Some are looking to externalities as the fundamental means of help. (These are looking to material wealth, human talents, organization etc.). But God is still saying, "Not by these externalities which appear most essential in your eyes, but by my spirit."

And in this dispensation of the Holy Spirit, this passage of scripture

Sunday Services

Sunday Morning

"Kindling a Fire" in the spiritual sense was the theme of Rev. Black's sermon Sunday morning. He pointed out three suggestions found in the Acts 21:2; a word of warning, a note of encouragement, and a call to duty. He declared that we are apt to get cold, to drift along in sin, and to love the things of the world. Three means of warmth or returning to God are Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with the saints. When we ourselves have thus been warmed by the Spirit of God, we should seek in turn to kindle a fire for others through holy zeal and personal evangelism.

If You Ask Me

Jesse DeRight sent one of his jokes in to a joke contest sponsored by a boys' magazine. After some time, growing impatient, he wrote the magazine asking if the editor had gotten his joke yet.

He received the following reply: "No, but he's trying hard."

If all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence everyone must take an equal portion, most people would be contented to take their own and depart.

—Socrates

has more weight than ever. There is no other power for Christian service than the Holy Spirit. All of our building, if not directly by the blessed Holy Spirit, is vain.

Paul in I Cor. 9 likens Christians as laborers together with God, among whom he likened himself as a wise masterbuilder having laid a foundation which is the only foundation, namely, Jesus Christ." He admonishes every fellow-laborer that he "take heed how he buildeth thereupon." Some, he states, are building hay, wood, and stubble which shall not stand the test of fire. Others are building gold, silver and precious stones. These shall stand the test because they have been wrought through the Spirit.

Paul not only states that we are builders, but that we are also the "building" and "the temple of God." In Ephesians 2:20-22 he states that we "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

In the days of Zechariah as well as throughout this present dispensation, the Holy Spirit is the only means of effective spiritual accomplishment. And if we desire our lives to count for God, we must be filled and possessed by the blessed Holy Spirit, (the same power which brought Jesus from the dead) otherwise our talking is vain and our efforts are futile.

We need the Holy Spirit in his fullness, if we are to build effectively. Christ's word is, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8. There is no power though, apart from purity. The Holy Spirit requires clean vessels. Sir Galahad said, "I have the strength of ten because my heart is pure." "Purity is power." When the Holy Ghost comes in his fullness, he purifies the heart. We must have Him, if our building would be permanent. (Acts 15:9)

Are we going to be real temple builders, or are we just going to pretend to be builders using hay, wood, and stubble. Oh, let us be genuine and whole-hearted in this business. There's too much work to be done for us to waste any time. Let us yield our all to God to receive his equipment to become effective builders for him.

Sophs Topple Freshmen In Initial Court Encounter Of Current Class Series

Final Tally
Shows 15 point
Lead for Sophs

The seniors coasted to an easy victory Saturday evening over the inexperienced high school team. In the main game the sophomores upset the pre-game dope when they defeated a favored frosh five.

Dave Paine paced the sophs to their 38 to 23 victory with 18 points. Kennedy led the losers with 8 tallies. Attired in new uniforms, the sophs took an early lead. The yearlings threatened several times but were unable to catch the second year men. Suffering from recent defeat, a change in the frosh line up was expected to put them again in winning form, but the frosh are famous for upsetting pre-game figures. A large number of fouls marked this game. Ellis, Wakefield, Sheffer and McCarty went out with four fouls. A total of 24 were charged against the class of '43 and the sophs were charged with 14.

Box Score:

Sophomores				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Ellis	3	0	6	.212
Paine	6	6	18	.363
Wakefield	1	3	5	.500
Eyler	0	1	1	.059
Foster	1	2	4	.250
Ebel	0	0	0	.000
Russell	0	0	0	.000
Knapp	2	0	4	.500
Larkin	0	0	0	.000

Freshmen				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Houser	0	0	0	.000
Kennedy	3	2	8	.333
Donelson	2	2	6	.444
Sheffer	0	0	0	.000
McCarty	2	2	6	.250
Miller	0	0	0	.250
Bennett	1	1	3	.333
Pratt	0	0	0	.000
Van Ornum	0	0	0	.000
Morrison	0	0	0	.000
Work	0	0	0	.000

Referee: Law

Weaver led the seniors in their attack on the high school basket which ended in a 53 to 21 victory for the upper classmen. When strings stopped moving, Weaver had accounted for 24 points. Seaman came through with 8 points for the high school. The academy lads were without the services of Bill Crandall, their usual high score man.

Box Score:

High School				
	G	F	T	PCT.
Scott	0	0	0	.000
Seaman	0	1	1	.143
Prutsmann	2	0	4	.133
Seaman, R.	4	0	8	.313
Turnbull	1	0	2	.062
Beach, N.	2	0	4	.062
Theobald	0	0	0	.000
Beach	1	0	2	.500
Hazlett	0	0	0	.000

Seniors				
	G	F	T	PCT.
Olcott	7	1	15	.333
Blauvelt	5	2	12	.500
Weaver	10	4	24	.550
Slater	0	0	0	.000
Mix	1	0	2	.333
Hill	0	0	0	.000

"Silence is golden." But sometimes it is yellow.

—Reader's Digest

We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end to them.

—Seneca

ACADEMY BOWS TO SOPH QUINTET

The black and orange sophomore horde overran the plucky high school bantams by a twenty-nine point margin the afternoon of Monday, November 27. Although the final tally read 54-25 with them on the lighter end, the academy lads put up a good scrap against overwhelming odds. Arnold Prutsmann, high school captain, led both offense and defense turning in a good day's work in any man's basketball game.

The high school employed their usual zone defense, while the sophs played man-for-man. The sophs broke up the bantams' defense by ranging themselves with the two forwards in the corners and the other three back. They then passed the ball rapidly with an occasional fast break which worked effectively enough to net them fifty-four points.

The high scorer was soph captain, Red Ellis, who piled up eighteen counters, while Marv Eyler was runner-up with eight double-deckers. Arnold Prutsmann was high scorer for the academy with a total of eight tallies.

The box score follows.

High School				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Prutsmann	3	2	8	.333
Turnbull	2	0	4	.285
N. Beach	1	0	2	.083
A. Seaman	1	0	2	.090
Towner	1	0	2	.333
R. Beach	0	0	0	.000
Hazlett	0	0	0	.000
Theobald	0	0	0	.000
R. Seaman	1	0	2	.333
H. Seaman	2	0	4	.666
Hamm	0	1	1	.250
Reed	0	0	0	.000

Sophomores				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Ellis	7	4	18	.611
Paine	1	0	2	.200
Foster	1	1	3	.333
Wakefield	5	1	11	.750
Eyler	8	0	16	.470
Larkin	1	0	2	.055
Russell	1	0	2	.200

Four Receive Summa's

Since for the first time indices have not been posted, a common question to be asked is, "Who are our high point students?"

Among the Summa Cum Laude, Elsie Eyler and Thomas Gardiner rank first each with 3,000. Claribel Saile and Jesse DeRight follow closely with 2,923 and 2,906, respectively. There were forty-three with the Magna Cum Laude and fifty-eight with Cum Laude.

A ranking for the men's dormitories will appear in the next week's Star.

Faculty Pick Who's Who

Six students from the class of '40 are to be included this year in the list of those representing Houghton College in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Those chosen are: Thelma Havill, Lenoir Masteller, Lester Paul, George Failing, Paul Wolfgruber, and Wesley Nussey. These students have been chosen by a faculty ballot in accordance with requirements as decided by *Who's Who* character. Choices are based upon extra-curricular activities, scholarship, potentialities of future usefulness to business and society.

High School Bantams Trail in Junior Dust

The junior boys easily downed the high school aggregation Tuesday afternoon. The final score was 42 to 9. Both teams employed a zone defense, but the high school defense was considerably weaker than that of the juniors since the academy boys were without the services of their scoring ace, Bill Crandall. The high school lads made 7 per cent of their shots while the juniors were successful in 31.8 percent of their attempts. Marsh and Carlson both chalked up 10 points for the victors and Prutsmann led the losers with 5 points.

Box Score:

Juniors				
	FG	FT	T	Per.
Tuthill f	3	0	6	.333
Bantle f	1	0	2	.200
Buffan f	2	0	4	.200
Marsh c	5	0	10	.555
Carlson c	5	0	10	.416
Churchill g	0	0	0	.000
Minnick g	1	0	2	.500
Prentice g	1	0	2	.500
Klotzbach g	0	0	0	.500
Evans g	1	0	2	.500
Barnett g	2	0	4	.250

High School				
	FG	FT	T	Per.
Reed f	1	0	2	.083
Theobald f	0	0	0	.000
Prutsmann f	2	1	5	.130
Hamm f	0	0	0	.000
Beach, N. c	1	0	2	.111
Turnbull g	0	0	0	.000
Towner g	0	0	0	.000

Referee: Burns

Wilson...

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peasantry and India's teeming millions without enough to eat. The Javanese, crowded on the surface of a tiny island, are forced to fight a bitter battle for the mere necessities of life, while here in America fertile land lies idle.

A predominating note of the entire address was his appeal to our patriotism. He said that the more one travels among the common people of other lands the more he appreciates the advantages of living in a land where freedom and peace are the rule rather than the exception. It is up to us, a new generation, to maintain the high standards of liberty and equality of opportunity established by our forefathers, from which we have been slipping in the past few years.

The lecture was told in an interesting manner, with many spots of humor, but it gave us a clear picture of the plight of the common people in the undemocratic nations and showed that what we call hard times would seem unparalleled prosperity to them.

Sports Calendar

Monday, December 4

Seniors vs. frosh men

Wednesday, December 6

3:30 p. m. Senior vs. frosh women

7:00 Sophs vs. high school women

8:15 Juniors vs. soph men.

MANY ALUMNI ARE GUESTS ON CAMPUS

Thanksgiving weekend brought to Houghton a number of its well known alumni.

Rev. and Mrs. William Foster, of the classes of '37 and '35 respectively, came all the way from Michigan to spend Thanksgiving with friends. They had with them Mary Ellen who made her first visit to Houghton. It is unofficially announced that she is proud of her parents' Alma Mater.

Harlan Tuthill, who is doing graduate work at Cornell, visited former halls of learning. He reports that Bob Luckey and Jack Crandall are both doing very good work. As for himself he says, "It will take me years to learn all Cornell could teach me."

The men attending Syracuse medical school made one of their frequent visits—just to look around. Miss Katherine Anderson, now attending Geneseo Normal, was here for a short time. Miss Hilda Giles, who is teaching at Angelica attended the program Friday evening.

Out of the west came Mrs. John Huff, better known to us as Marie Looman (ex '40), and Leon Wise (ex '41). Marie brings good reports from Hope, Michigan where she is living. Leon, who is employed in Detroit, Michigan, is remembered by the students for his editorials in last year's *Star* and for his class activities.

Other alumni were reported on our campus, but their stay was so brief that your reporter was unable to talk with them.

Dan Cupid Raids Campus

Close upon the heels of Houghton's Indian summer, and for some time before (he's always under foot) a little fellow has been sneaking around the campus. He must be an Indian, say some, because he doesn't wear much clothes, and carries a bow and arrow. He seems to use paint on occasion too, but I don't think it's an Indian. (Looks more like a Greek to me.) And there is no "closed season" on deer for him—he's been very successful in his hunting and he's still strong.

They tell us, too, that a certain physics lab assistant has been very happy at dinner recently, just padding along. If he doesn't pull in his neck, Stupid Dan will hit him on the knob.

Well, love may be blind, but I don't think that a blind man could do as badly as Stupid Dan has been. He's even been taking pot shots at the faculty. Most interesting to see the disputable physical question of the ages about to be settled on our campus, when an irresistible blonde meets an immovable bachelor, what will happen.

And a certain junior physics lab assistant remarked (in the same field, which will keep this discourse in line a lot) that his father had got a deer. Quote: "I've got one, too." Dan's aim is certainly a-paulson.

Said Church: "I'm thinkin' of asking some girl to marry me. What do you think of the idea?"

Said Carter: "I think it's a great idea, if you ask me."

BLEACHER



GOSSIP

By Al Russell

Good omens seem to be the current fad during the local basketball season. The juniors failed to hit the win column until they had adopted an official mascot and now it is the second year men who are relying upon a good luck jinx. Headed by their newly acquired omen, Harold Ebel, Red Ellis and Co. were unanimous in their opinion that Harold turned certain defeat into victory last Saturday evening. With three soph men banished from the hardwood court because of low grades, Red started on the ivory hunt for new material and came across Mr. Ebel. Although modest in his attitude toward his own playing ability, Harold was nevertheless fitted into an official class outfit—shoulder pads and eye guards and all. Jumping center on the starting team against the frosh's six and a half foot "String" Miller, Harold lost the tip off but in so doing won a bottle of pop from "String" who had promised said reward, if Harold would "ease up" and let him obtain the initial tap. By his merits of last Saturday evening Harold will definitely head the sophs for the rest of the year. If they should by chance pull down the laurels—Harold will receive all medals!

Now that all the cage teams have passed in review before critical gallery crowds, it might be well to cast a glance at the standings. At the conclusion of last Monday's encounter, we find the seniors and sophomores heading the men's division while a yearling squad tops the feminine ledger. The senior women have yet to be defeated but up to date have played only one game. Below are the standings as they read through the sophomore high school tilt.

Men		
Class	Won	Lost
Seniors	2	0
Sophs	2	0
Juniors	1	1
Frosh	1	2
High School	0	3
Women		
Frosh	3	0
Seniors	1	0
Sophs	0	1
High School	0	1
Juniors	0	2

Splashes: Dave Law from Cuba, N. Y. handled the frosh-soph tilt in efficient style, substituting for Joe Pal-one Saturday night... We wonder if the Athletic Association isn't going into the "Red" on their candy selling venture. Well, they're at least making an up-hill fight. Several local sportsters including Doctors Douglas and Woolsey, both of whom have received degrees from Cornell, were pleased with Big Red's victory over the University of Pennsylvania which climaxed an undefeated, untied football season last Saturday p. m. . . . The releasing of report cards caused more than one court player to drop his basketball activities. The girls' freshman outfit lost one of its best forwards, while no less than three sophomore men were forced to lay away their suits for the rest of this semester. No chance, fortunately, for the sophs to lose their mascot—he has a two point six! . . . Vic Murphy '39, last year's official sport's editor and member of various sport teams while in Houghton, attended the frosh-soph tilt. Miles Weaver's 24 points last Saturday night were the season's high. . . .

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