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Charm, Skill Distinguish Vienna Boys

by PROF. SCHRAM

To both the old and young who attended the opening concert of this year's Artist Series, November 25, the evening was one of beauty and inspiration coupled together with the longing of again having the opportunity for the culture of such an art as displayed by the Vienna Choir boys. The sincerity of their singing, the quality of "freshness" in their tone and the masterful interpretation of the conductor, Victor Gomboz, drew the admiration of the entire audience.

The first portion of the concert was devoted to sixteenth and eighteenth century music which clearly portrayed the style of the great church music of that age. The *Stabat Mater* of Pergolesi gave each listener a musical thrill. With the clarity and precise diction of the choir, Conductor Gomboz clearly established his reputation as one of the outstanding men in his field. The boy soprano and the alto soloist shared equal honors in the evening's program.

To many, the portion of the program devoted to the Christmas Carols of many nations, was the high peak of the evening. It was quite evident that the young boys especially enjoyed the transcriptions that are attributed to Gomboz.

The *Kaiser-Waltzer* of Strauss made each listener feel as though he had received a free trip to Vienna. The boys themselves made no effort to contain their enthusiasm and evoked a spontaneous ovation from their audience. Herr Gomboz was most generous in rendering several encores and finally concluded the evening with the rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner*, the singing of which showed the ability of the capable young artist in making the least singable number on their program rise above its usual mediocrity.

Thelma Briggs Loses Mother

Mrs. Etta Briggs, mother of Thelma Briggs ('39), died Saturday night, Nov. 26, at her home in Corning. Her death was due to a chronic cancer ailment.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Flowers were sent by the student body and the senior class, as tokens of their sympathy.

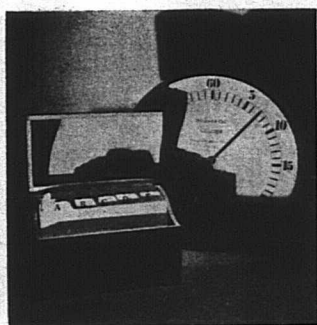
A group of seniors, including Edwin Holley, William Grosvenor, and Miss Briggs' roommates, Hilda Giles, Esther Fox, and Mabel Hess, attended the services on Tuesday.

The Homecoming of the Future

Having just been a participant-observer (see sociology) at the 1938 Homecoming, Houghton style, we pause and ponder the possibilities of Homecomings of the future.

Judging from comments made by the alumni during the past week-end many things are different from their undergraduate days.

When and if we join the throng of old grads who find their devious ways back to Houghton in November of each year what changes in campus and customs will we see.



Symbolizing the start of another debate season are the timer's clock and the usual rebuttal file, which made their first appearance as the sophs battled the yearlings

ALUMNI PRESIDENT



ROBERT LUCKEY

Old Graduates Are Now Incorporated; Paine, Hussey Talk

The Houghton Alumni Association has now become the Houghton College Alumni Association, Inc. The legal incorporation was effected some weeks ago through the efforts of Keith G. Farner ('25) attorney at law in Buffalo.

The transference of all the rights and obligations and property of the old alumni association, and the dissolving of that association was completed at a business meeting held in conjunction with the Home-Coming alumni banquet last Saturday evening.

Alumni officers and a Board of Directors were elected, the personnel of which is largely that of the officers chosen last June or of those preceding.

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Interclass Debate Sees Sophomores Meet Frosh Team

Big Business Discussion Is Issue for the Opening Interclass Battle

2-1 VERDICT GIVEN

With the results of Wednesday's debate encounter between the sophomores and the freshman giving the sophomores victory by a slight margin, the first of the semi-finals of interclass debate is past.

Next week's discussion will be between the seniors and juniors over the issue; *Resolved: That the United States should pursue a policy of isolation toward all nations involved in international or civil conflict.*

Today's encounter over the question of big business saw a good clash of issues with the affirmative, defended by the second yearlings, maintaining that the development of the big business system in the United States is socially and economically beneficial.

The negative, in disagreeing with this stand, pointed out that big business is a curse.

R. RENWICK WILL RETURN IN ROLE OF RICHARD II

Robert Renwick, the actor, who will be remembered for his recent recital of Shakespeare's play *Henry IV*, will appear in Houghton again on Monday evening, December 5, at 8:00 p. m.

Mr. Renwick has established himself with Houghton audiences as being most versatile and experienced in this kind of presentation. His recital this time will be *Richard II*, and will undoubtedly be fully as enjoyable as *Henry IV*.

WELL-KNOWN ARTIST CHALK TALKS ON 'GOING'

Mr. H. W. Ortlip, artist father of Mrs. Aileen Ortlip Shea, and well-known to Houghtonites, presented the chapel service Friday, Nov. 25, in the form of a chalk talk. He spoke of the present day "Age of Going," stating that it is possible for us to go without reaching any destination unless we "cut loose the shoreline."

One of his illustrations portrayed a pair of folded hands. Mr. Ortlip mentioned the fact that not only is it necessary to have hands in a prayerful attitude, but that it is also necessary to be in an attitude of prayer to take us back to the Christ of the Cross who is not on the Cross but in Heaven.

Miss Marjorie Ortlip assisted her father with the effective singing of "I Come to the Cross," accompanied by Mrs. Alton Shea.

CALENDAR

Friday, December 2
Basketball — sophomores v. s. freshmen
Monday, December 5
3:30 Basketball — senior v. s. freshman girls
6:00 Ministerial Association banquet
8:00 Renwick's Shakespearean Recital
Wednesday, December 7
3:30 Basketball — senior v. s. freshman men
7:30 Basketball — junior v. s. high school
Friday, December 9
Myron Taylor, Tenor. Artist Series
Friday, December 16
Christmas Oratorio
Tuesday, December 20
Christmas vacation begins at 12:00 noon

Alumni Close Week End of 'Back Home' With Clever Program

by ALICE PALMER

Starting promptly at 8:55, P. M. Nov. 26, the alumni program was led under the Houghton spotlight by our own master of ceremonies, Prof. Stanley Wright. For an hour or more, Houghton collegiates were brusquely shoved into the background as they beheld with growing humble admiration the skill of those who have ceased to darken Houghton's doorsteps.

Although Professor Wright forewarned us of a hastily thrown together program, any of us who hoped to gloat over our superiors' failure were doomed to disappointment from the first as we pricked up our ears to Prof. Alfred Kreckman's interpretation of "Cadenza" from Grieg's Concerto in A minor, which until then probably meant less than to us of the ignorants.

Memories of a few days past were stirred by the remaining good limb of "The One-Legged Turkey" as presented by Ellen Donley, but a lady in lavender soon dispelled such gustatory notions with informing us musically about "My Heart at Thy Dear Voice."

In spite of the declared vacation, we found ourselves learning quite a number of things, as for example how to cram for a History of Ed exam through some better informed "friend", one among Mr. Orrel York's ideas of education after a decade. We became initiated to the desirable concept of the ideal teacher as a mold of lives, which Mr. Mark Bedford gave us. Unpremeditatedly we eaves dropped on an informal tête-à-tête between Professor Wright and Rev. John Wilcox and heard some valuable advice to prospective ministers.

An encouraging lesson in daring for the meek Rebecca Mary Plumbers among us was Mrs. Edith Pocock's enlightening offering of "The Hundred and Oneth." More em-

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Alfred University President Is Also Here for Address

"Education and Government" Senator's Topic; Cites Need of Subsidy

COLLEGE CHOIR SINGS

The third annual Founder's Day Convocation of Houghton College was held Saturday, November 26, in the College Chapel. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the Honorable Joe Hanley, New York state senator from the 44th district, by Dr. Stephen W. Paine. Dean Ray W. Hazlett presented the candidate for the degree.

After the invocation had been given by Prof. Claude Ries, Dr. Paine introduced Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, the president of Alfred University, who delivered the Founder's Day address, "The Sacred Remembrancer." He reminded us of the reasons for which our institution was founded and stated: "If these things don't make us better people, then they are worthless."

The Houghton College choir under the direction of Prof. Eugene C. Schram, Jr. rendered three numbers: "God Is a Spirit" by Jones; "Oh What a Beautiful City" by Dawson; and "Ave Verum Corpus."

Senator Hanley's address was entitled, "Education and Government." He said that the main reason why the government should provide money for education is that the government exists for the people—"this is our government; we make it and we support it."

He pointed out that education is self-control, and that mass movement is safe only when it is intelligent. Senator Hanley stated: "Education is the cheapest insurance policy the state can take out." In conclusion he remarked concerning Houghton

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Gaoyadec Dorm Has Open House

On Saturday, November 26, from three to five o'clock, the girls of Gaoyadec Hall had open house, followed by a tea in the reception room. Most of the rooms were opened to alumni, faculty, and fellows.

Feeling that candlewick counterpanes and gossamer curtains were not enough to lure in visitors, many of the girls passed around cookies and candy. Someone with his mouth full of popcorn remarked, "They ought to do it every week."

A truly sincere remark came from a boy who was wistfully looking into all the rooms: "I wish I could live in the dorm." The sightseers were so well fed that few of them took tea in the reception room at five o'clock.

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Frances Pierce, Dorothy Paulson

EDITORIAL

CHAPEL HASH!

The radical philosophy that democracies accomplish little and accomplish that laboriously might have been given a firm impetus so far as Houghton is concerned by the student body meeting of last Monday.

Two observations are necessary: (1) a spirit of discourtesy to both the presiding officer and floor speakers smacked of the juvenile; (2) there appeared an unwillingness to consider the problem presented from an impartial viewpoint with respect to the interests of all.

We like to term ourselves "college caliber" but we have little right to claim that distinction until we can boast at least a semblance of mature judgment. It is a sad commentary which remarks that we find it much easier to let others think for us than to think for ourselves.

In regard to the outcome of the affair, upperclassmen come in for fully as much criticism as freshmen or sophomores. According to the final motion passed, the annex rooms to the chapel were to be emptied first as a trial measure for one week. Not the least to blame in disregard of this are seniors who show themselves poor enough sports not to give the plan proof, but rather insist upon creating a rebellion in support of minority interests.

"Priority rights" immediately raises its head above the melee of voiced opinions. While agreeing that upperclassmen, and seniors especially, should be treated with deference, we maintain that "brains before brawn" should be the resulting slogan of three years personality development. Perhaps it is about time we were more willing to swallow our pride (sometimes a big pill) and admit, that to serve the best interests of all, is the best evidence of matured thinking.

Unless upperclassmen are willing to take the lead in this matter, becoming adjusted to a changed and trying situation, underclassmen cannot be expected to respect or appreciate our lack of good sportsmanship. The big man is the one who can make his submission appear to his own advantage.

Considering the problem itself involves careful analysis. Of one thing we are certain: another student body meeting should not attempt to solve the matter. Partizanship is too strong. Logically, then, it falls into the hands of the Student Council.

What should be their plan of procedure? First: to give the plan adopted a fair trial, it must be made certain that only those seated in the annex rooms go out first. Second, seniors should await the given signal as to when to start. Third, if the trial plan fails, the Council should make itself responsible for drafting and enforcing a sensible plan, and make us like it.

And if the Council declines, then it is time the faculty arrived at some settlement of the matter.

E. J. W.

'Tut' Is for Once Surprisea

When the senior class president as "foxed" into a little "get together" at the dorm Tuesday night, Nov. 22, he came prepared to spend a quiet meal with his three table mates. Instead he was conducted to the center of the big H in the annex where all the seniors stood waiting to celebrate with him a birthday banquet.

Following the dinner the program opened with a solo by Mr. Wayne Bedford entitled "The Song of the Open Road". He was accompanied

at the piano by Mr. Richard Chamberlain. Then, after a reading by Mr. George Hilgeman, Mr. William V. D. Grosvenor, the toastmaster, made a speech (which according to the scroll programs, was not a speech). In response to the oration, Mr. Harlan Tuthill gave a hearty thanks. As a climax, Miss Frieda Gillette and Mr. Willard Smith, the senior advisors, gave a few words of appreciation for the class of '39.

Says Mr. Tuthill: "Nice little foursome that was. I'm glad I didn't go home for dinner."

HERONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Herschel Clarence Gamble

What's his theme song? Here it is:

"The fish it never cackles 'bout
Its million eggs or so
The hen is quite a different bird
One egg and hear her crow."
They say this happened when Herschel invaded the Gamble Poultry farm, in Adams, N. Y. on May 31, 1916.

Herschel attended high school at Henderson, New York where he was active in baseball, basketball, a cappella choir and dramatics. After two years of diversified work he entered Houghton in the fall of 1935 and while here has participated in all types of athletics. After graduation he plans on teaching social science.

Herschel states, "I truly appreciate what Houghton has done for me; for the willingness of the faculty and town folks to help me, when it seemed as if I couldn't have otherwise continued in school. I shall always remember their kindness and helpfulness in days to come and appreciate the fact that Houghton College was my dear old Alma Mater for what I think have been the best four years of my life."

Marion Alice Phillips

On July 31, 1915, a new town-crier made her appearance in Barker, New York. Marion claimed, when asked "when, where and why" she was born, that she had often wondered. She went to high school in Barker, and then felt the need of a higher tailoring, so decided upon Taylor University. English, speech and education were the fields upon which her attention was focused. Marion was graduated from Taylor in 1937.

Her presence in Houghton is explained by a desire to take education in New York state in order to complete teaching requirements. She expects to finish her work in January.

When questioned concerning her extra-curricular activities, Marion answered, "Basketball, wiping glasses, Expression club, Forensic union and Oratorio society." In a few words she described her feeling for Houghton: "I love it here. Everything is trite — has already been said — but I agree."

Harold Edgar Skinner

On July 7, 1916 at Ashville, New York, Harold Skinner was born. The summer was probably hot because we know how Harold was destined to be better fitted to withstand the winter cold than the summer heat.

Before coming to Houghton, he took his high school training at Chautauqua, New York. Harold says that if they had had a football team he would have made the team — as drawback.

He has been interested in music as long as he can remember. While

Capital Punishments -- Life Imprisonment Theme of Forensic

A debate "Capital Punishment versus Life Imprisonment," typifying a general court room scene was the main theme of the Forensic Union, Monday evening, November 22. The defense was upheld by Daniel Engle and prosecution by Alan Gilmour before the jury composed of twelve members of the club. The jury was unable to come to any definite conclusion, for both the defense and prosecution had equally good arguments.

A very interesting extempore "The Cheapness of Human Life," was given by Willard Cassel. The two-minute impromptu were very amusing, as given by William Olcott on "War is Justified Murder," Mildred White on "Methods of Capital Punishment," and Howard Barnett on "Mercy Killing Should Be Legalized."

The first and second orders of music were vocal solos presented by Yvonne Duxberry, accompanied by Doris Veazie. Parliamentary drill was ably conducted by Kenneth Hill, forensic humor by Allen Mc Cartney, and the critique was given by Frederick Schlafer.

New members were accepted during the business session.

College Quartet Will Miss Loyal Friend

There's going to be a smiling face missing when the college quartet goes to Buffalo. No longer will the boys' most ardent admirer be on hand to greet them with his youthful enthusiasm and joy. He's gone on ahead. He left on the eve of Thanksgiving. He was crushed beneath the wheels of an automobile as he darted into the street on his sled. Red-headed, freckled-face, "Sonny" Loeffler is now in the presence of his Lord and Saviour whom he loved.

Sonny was only nine years old, but his boundless energy and mischievousness (Continued on Page Four)

in high school he studied flute under Norman A. Gifford who was a pupil of George Barere. He also studied piano under Leola M. Fairchild of Jamestown, N. Y. Miss Fairchild had been a scholarship student at the Paus Conservatory of Music. Thus, Harold had an excellent musical background before coming to Houghton.

While here, he has majored in public school music as well as playing in the orchestra for four years and singing in the chorus. Harold says, "Houghton college is giving me a fine musical education plus an opportunity to continue the development of Christian character, the foundations of which were laid by parents, relatives and friends."

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Hi Toots!

by "Hi TOOTHILL"

I submit just this one final thrust from exam week. I don't know whether this is original or not, but Cliff Blauvelt says Miss Gillette compared him with Napoleon. He went down in history.

The history of ed. class of Prof. Willard Smith again comes in for honorable mention. It was getting rather stuffy in the class room so Dick Chamberlain put in a request for some fresh air. Someone observed that Dick always sleeps with his window open.

Everyone seemed to be favorably impressed with the Vienna Choir Boys. I must say that's about the first time I ever heard justice done to the "Star Spangled Banner." Generally there is a scraping noise like the last croak of a bullfrog with adenoids and tonsillitis whenever the congregation comes to the high notes of "the land of the free."

Lois York is the prognosticator of a new diet. In her scrap book which she keeps for the education of would-be French students, she prescribes in French the names for tomato juice and crackers — *jus de tomate et petards*. The tomato idea is all right but those petards — they're fire crackers.

It was very appropriate that the European Diplomacy class should discuss Turkey on the day after Thanksgiving. One ought to be able to discuss Finland any Friday.

This one is for all prospective physicians, surgeons and nurses. The following report was given by the head nurse to the chief of the medical staff at a large hospital. "Births this morning — two future presidents, three future admirals, four future cinema stars, and one whose mother loves him."

ALUMNI PERFORM

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boldening still was the vocal picture of the Viking of old which Mr. Theos Cronk gave in "The Viking Song."

Bringing our pride somewhat back to normal, came the realization that while much of Houghton talent is being spent elsewhere, Houghton can boast of having acquired considerable, too. We refer to none other than our music-loving Schrams and Dean Hazlett, with their vocal and violin solos.

To our delight Professor Schram's improviso choir turned out to be a most acceptable substitute for the real M'Coy.

This evidence of what has gone before us presses a certain button of pride, arousing in us a determination to more than toe the mark; and so, confident of what another year will prove us to be, we say, "Come again, alumni."

Library Publishes List For Student Help

Distributed with the *Star* this week is a small folder published by the library staff. It contains an annotated list of summaries of some of the newer books added to the library collection.

The purpose is to acquaint students with new material offered and act as an index to reading. Miss Wright, head librarian, is largely responsible for preparing the summaries.

Further Recognition For Poetic Writings Received by Russell

Lynn Russell, poet son of Mrs. Georgia Russell of Houghton, has recently attained further recognition for his work by the publication of a poem "Completeness" in *The Golden Gate Anthology*, latest collection of outstanding contemporary poetry from the presses of Tudor House, publishers.

This particular piece appeared first in the *Tampa Morning Tribune*. Among other publications where Mr. Russell has had his work printed are *Florida Poets*, *Second Book of Florida Poets*, *Miami Muse*, *Davis Anthology of Newspaper Verse*, 1935, 1936, 1937, *Eminent American Poets*.

Mr. Russell is listed in *Who's Who Among American Poets*, and *Biographical Dictionary of Contemporary Poets*. From *Who's Who Among North American Authors*, we get the following sketch: LYNN RUSSELL: Publicity Work; b. Eagle Harbor, N. Y., May 9, 1905; s. Rev. Joseph Duane and Georgia (Allen) R.; educ. Houghton Sem. and Houghton Coll.; Genesee State Normal Sch.; Albany State Coll.; m. Maude Lee Poole, 1935; Author: *Hills of Gold*, 1927; *The Little Spanish Princess and Other Florida Poems*, 1937.

Among the various periodicals in which the poet has had work published are: *The Pathfinder*, *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, *Albany Evening News*, *Miami Daily News*, *Tampa Morning Tribune*, *Jacksonville Times-Union*, *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, *Albany Knickerbocker Press*, and *Fort Myers News-Press*.

Mr. Russell is at present residing at 219 South Willow Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

NEWS FLASHES

Norva Bassage ('38) is teaching French and Latin in Savannah, New York.

On November 24, Josephine Scincke ('37) became the bride of Gordon Curty (ex '38) pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Kellerville, Pennsylvania.

Margaret Brownlee ('38) is principal of the Cranberry Lake school.

Leland Webster ('38) is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fine, New York.

Robert Crosby ('38) has charge of the Orthodox church, Fyler Union, New York.

Mrs. Blanchard ('38) is the primary teacher at Short Tract.

Allan Smith ('37) teaches at the Stony Brook school for boys, Stony Brook, L. I.

Chester Lusk (ex '39) is an undertaker's assistant in Syracuse, New York.

Theos Cronk ('32) works on the Administrative staff of the Westminster Choir School.

Leola Van Dusen ('36) teaches Rural Music in Wyoming and Allegany counties.

Frances Hotchkiss ('36) teaches Music at Cuylersville, New York.

Betty Ratcliffe ('37) teaches at the Dalton Junior high school.

Ellen Donley ('38) is teaching English and Library at Canisteo, New York.

Evelyn Scheimer (ex '40) is a private secretary at the Periodical Publisher's Service Bureau, Inc., New York City.

ALUMNI BANQUET — (Continued from page one)

viously active in alumni affairs and the Luckey Memorial Campaign.

Robert Luckey ('37) was again chosen president, and Roscoe Fancher ('35) vice president. Josephine Rickard ('25) was elected secretary, and Virgil Hussey ('26) treasurer. The first three offices were filled by the alumni at large, and the last, that of treasurer, by the Board of Directors, who met after the dinner on Saturday evening.

The Board of Directors consists of the following persons: Paul Steese ('27) and Mark Bedford ('25), elected for three years; Keith Farnier ('25) and Virgil Hussey ('28), elected for two years; and Rachel Davison ('25), Charles Pocock (ex '24) and Willard Smith ('35) elected for one year. At the Board of Directors' meeting, Mark Bedford was elected chairman.

The Directors decided on an official alumni seal and after consultation with those now serving, elected a committee of three to appoint a committee to supersede the present Luckey Memorial Committee.

The by-laws of the new Alumni Association as read at the alumni banquet will be published in the next alumni bulletin.

Following the dinner words of greeting were expressed by President S. W. Paine. Mr. Virgil Hussey then spoke concerning the Luckey Memorial. Interspersed throughout the program were selectoins by the college quartet. Prof. S. W. Wright was toastmaster for the occasion.

One of Worst Sins, States Densmore, Is Ingratitude

Thanksgiving was the keynote of the student's prayer meeting, Nov. 22, led by the boys of the York house.

"One of the worst sins of the world today is that of ingratitude," Mr. Bruce Densmore, the speaker, said. Like the nine unappreciative lepers, many fail to return thanks to God for spiritual and temporal blessings, he said. "Thank God," Mr. Densmore admonished, "because He has given you everything and because He has given everything. His only begotten Son, for you."

CONVOCATION — (Continued from Page One)

College: "You are making a remarkable record as a character builder."

The academic parade preceding and following the Founder's Day program included several new faculty members in the procession. Music was furnished by a string ensemble under the direction of Prof. Cronk.

Due to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not as large as at previous convocations, though many alumni were present in the audience.

Following the convocation was the Founder's Day Luncheon in the college dining hall. Several class reunions were also held at this time: class of '25 and '36 at the dining hall; class of '37 at the home of Miss Rork; and the class of '38 at the College Inn.

Hiram Lasher (ex '41) is now taking the Veterinary course at Cornell University.

Melvin Bates ('38) attends Genesee Normal.

Gladys Scott ('38) is the rural school teacher at Machias, New York.

Kay Jones ('37) teaches English and Library in Willsboro, New York. Wesley Churchill ('37) is the science teacher in Wilson, New York.

Rev. Davis Famed For 'Trailer Home' Speaks on Africa

The Rev. Ralph Davis, known to Houghton students for his famous "house on wheels" and for 35 years of association with the African Inland Mission returned to the college chapel hour Monday, November 21.

Speaking of his work in Africa he said, "I can assure you—I wouldn't for anything miss the joy and pleasure of working out there."

Mr. Davis characterized the African people as being bound by fear. "The hold that Satan has over his own today is a hold of fear," he said. "The African is not an animal, but he is an animist. They all worship spirits."

He then described the African demon worship and native witchcraft. "All this is done on the basis of fear," he continued, "but it is the glorious Gospel that can set them free."

In conclusion Mr. Davis said that there are 100,000 people in a certain African area who have never heard the Gospel and half a million in another without a witness. "When the King of Kings comes will his flag be representative of every kindred, tribe and nation? Will the black be there?" The flag should be in full when Jesus comes. They are bound in fear and we have a message: "Fear not—I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

'God's Picture of a Fool' President's Chapel Topic

President Paine in his chapel talk Tuesday morning, November 22, used as his text Psalm 14, which presents God's picture of the perfect fool.

"A fool," said Dr. Paine, "is one who makes a faulty reckoning concerning reality. The greatest fool is the one who omits the greatest factor."

"The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." This statement, continued Dr. Paine, is one which the rank and file of present day people are saying, not so much by their words as by their actions.

He quoted several authorities to the effect that scientists and evolutionists do not base all of their statements on solid facts—that much of their evidence and findings are faked. They do not want to allow God in the picture.

In closing, Dr. Paine said that whenever you put God out of the picture, you are committing the greatest folly of all times and individuals in general are doing this very thing at the present time.

How About an Indian Thanksgiving

Another Thanksgiving has gone into history but the lingering thought takes us back three centuries to the first commemoration of the day. Indians and Pilgrims alike gathered together for the first homecoming.

The Indians were indeed happy because the white men had given them beads and trinkets which would liven the dull, dreary winter days which lay ahead. Too, they now had handsome, shining "fowling pieces," which were perfectly harmless except when loaded, and also, they had learned the science of air conditioning for their teepees. The condition that it be warm inside was simply that it be warm outside.

The white folk had broadened their education in the new lands. They now knew that arrows flying wildly by were seldom a sign of Dan

Sunday Services

Wilcox Speaks

The Rev. John Wilcox, alumnus of Houghton, and president of the Rochester Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, preached both the morning and evening sermons on Homecoming Sunday, Nov. 27.

Using Romans 5:21 as his text Mr. Wilcox in the morning service stressed the need of Christians having hot hearts compelled by divine grace. "The worst embarrassment to the church of Jesus Christ," he stated, "is the lack of fervor. A godly passion for right and a godly passion against wrong cannot be separated from true righteousness."

Rest of Faith

Prof. Whitney Shea gave a Bible study on "The Rest of Faith" at the W. Y. P. S. service on Sunday evening, Nov. 27. The study was divided into three parts: the rest of faith through the word of God, righteousness as the main object of life, and assurance in the word of God. In closing he urged each one to enter into this rest of faith. Special music was furnished by Wayne Bedford.

Spiritual Therapeutics

"Spiritual Therapeutics" was the subject chosen by Rev. John D. Wilcox at the evening service, Nov. 27. Taking his text from John 7:37, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink," he showed the results of thirst in both the material and spiritual sense. In conclusion, he presented to us the Christ who is still standing ready to give unto the sin-sick soul, the water of life.

Personnel —

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Dorothy Helen Smith

The extra-curricular activities of Dorothy Smith would furnish a sufficient major for some students, but she is not only a member of the Social Science and Expression clubs, the Oratorio society, Forensic union, band and the basketball and track teams, but is completing a major in social science and English.

Dot was born in Buffalo on March 7, 1918. She began her education in the Portville grammar school at the age of six, and later attended the Portville high school from which she graduated with honors. While in high school she was a member of the Glee club and editor of the school paper for two years, as well as being active in sports.

Dot says of Houghton, "I am grateful for the opportunity of receiving a Christian education and for so many Christian friends. Among the many privileges God has given me, I consider that of attending Houghton College one of the greatest."

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Ourselves As God Sees Us

by ROBERT LYTLE

Thanksgiving day as proclaimed by our government is past. Yet the thanksgiving day of the Christian is never in the yesterdays, for as tomorrows never cease becoming today, so unendingly should each day that a Christian lives become one of praise and gratitude to God for His unlimited blessing. George Herbert perhaps envisioned such a life of constant thankfulness when he penned these words:

"Thou hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart!

Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be
Thy praise."

How many of the Torchbearers' Bible study groups have you missed? Each time you have failed to attend one of these meetings conducted by Dr. H. S. Miller you have been the loser, for the study of the Holy Spirit and His work has been profitable to all. You cannot afford to miss any more of them.

The four people who sit at one of the tables in the dining hall, we are told, are trying to increase their knowledge of the Bible. Each day they memorize a verse of Scripture which previously they have not known. Then as they eat, they share their verses with each other. Thus they are sharpening their swords that they can better wield them against the enemy of their souls. Perhaps those at your table would profit by thus hiding the Word of God in their hearts.

President's Proclamation of Thanksgiving Read in Service

A wholesome and genuine spirit of Thanksgiving prevailed in the service on Thanksgiving day morning, November 24.

The order of service consisted of the reading of the President's Proclamation by Professor Ries, and a scripture reading of praise by Dr. Woolsey. As a literal fulfillment of the passage read, Dr. Woolsey asked for a few from each age group mentioned in the scripture selection to give a word of testimony and praise. Following this, the service was opened to general testimony and songs of praises.

Bible School Club Holds Demonstration of Poor Etiquette Rules

The Bible School club at its second regular meeting of the year, Nov. 21, presented a unique program on "Manners for Christian Workers."

Two outstanding features, in addition to the musical numbers and routine activities, contributed to the evening's entertainment. The first, a courtesy skit by Ruth Hendricks and Mary Foster, presented an appeal for instruction in and practice of the principles of etiquette. The second, was an extemporaneous scene in which Dorothy Falkins and Edward Gitchel demonstrated by intentional errors the lack of proper table etiquette.

The critique was given by Prof. F. H. Wright, after which the club surprised Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holley with light refreshments in honor of their sixth wedding anniversary.

Cupid, that Indians grandishing sharp stones in a short handle were not out after kindling wood, that the best way to stop "red skins" from burning a field of corn was not to

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PURPLE ALUMNI MAINTAIN THEIR BASKETBALL SUPREMACY

Dark Squads Take Men's With the Score of 60-35

The Purple slashed out a couple of victories in the renewal of the annual alumni court feud last Saturday afternoon, Nov. 26. The male quintet romped through their foray to win easily by the score of 60-35, while Purple "lassies", after a bad start, defeated their opponents just as decisively by the score of 18-3.

DRISCAL, POOL STAR

As there were not enough alumnae girls to fill up the ranks of both teams the varsity girls were called on to afford competition. Noticeable in the ranks were the figure of our worthy Dean of Women, Miss Driscal, and Miss Pool. It might be well to note here that Miss Driscal was high-point woman, with 7 points to her credit.

All through the game the Purple "fems" had the advantage both in passwork and shooting. The Purple cohorts started very lamely but in the second their passwork began to click and, under the leadership of "Millie" Schogoleff and Driscal, began to connect with the meshes to take a definite lead. At the final whistle the dark-hued warriors had an 18-3 lead. Commendable for the losers was the fine showing of last years flash, Ellen Donley.

DING DONG BATTLE

From the initial toss-up to the final whistle the men's game was a ding-dong battle with wild passes and inaccurate shooting waxing plentiful. All through the game the score was colored with a purple hue. In the first stanza the Purple alumnae played like sure winners and started the second quarter with a 12-2 lead.

In the second quarter the tide turned and the Gold cohorts came to within 4 points of the Purple leaders.

But the second half was a pitiful sight to behold as Schogoleff and Nelson went on a scoring spree backed by fine passwork, which made the Gold defense look like paper. In the final minutes the Gold called on the services of Benjamin who amassed 15 points in his favor; but it was to no avail as the final score was 60-35.

This yearly event has always been successful both from the standpoint of players and spectators, but this year's foray has been rather disappointing. We have heard many times the opinion that the Gold could put out much better teams than were put forth this year, and we are looking forward to bigger and better basketball next year.

DEBATE STARTS

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ness is both undemocratic, and introduces several specific evils into our modern society.

Jesse DeRight and Leon Wise were sophomore contestants and were opposed by Norman Mead and Melvin James.

Judges for the affair were: Prof. Frieda Gillette, Prof. Willard Smith, and Prof. Claude Ries.

The senior-junior battle of next Wednesday will bring together four experienced varsity debaters and should provide interesting and exciting entertainment. The sages will be defending their possession of the trophy.

A re-appearance of the timer's clock and the debater index file calls to mind that the debate season is beginning to gather momentum, and following the final of the interclass combats on January 11, the varsity schedule will swing into the forefront.

ORGANIZE OLD GRAD COURT CONTESTS



Walter Schogoleff



Ellen Donley

Two stars of past Houghton court combats were the directing forces in hastily whipping alumni quintets into shape for their annual battles.

QUARTET FRIEND

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ness made up for his lack of years. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye that made you feel that something was in store for you—pleasant or otherwise, you didn't know until it happened.

Sonny earnestly believed that no one could surpass the quartet either in their singing or as regular fellows. And the boys couldn't help but love him in return. But now he's gone.

After that pack of seemingly ceaseless energy had been so suddenly snatched away, Sonny's dad remembered how much his boy had thought of the quartet, and requested Bob, Hal, Walt, and Dave—the quartet as Sonny had known it—to bring message in song at the funeral. It was the hardest singing the boys ever had to do, but for their little pal they were willing to do their best. So Saturday they travelled to the home of his cousin, Shirley Fidinger, where the service was to be held. There the four lads sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Wonderful Peace"—that peace that Sonny is now enjoying.

HOME COMING

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knob came off in our hand to the audible amusement of the inmates.

Forgetting for the moment our status as an alumna we may hasten to the dining hall to get a table, only to find a cafeteria service where the food is replenished by fellows who might have been waiters under the old regime but are now "brawny bruisers" of football fame.

It's rather doubtful that many of us will see such changes however. It is a recognized fact that Homecoming is well patronized from beginning to end by graduates of the previous June. But apparently alumni of a decade ago are a bit foggy as to the why and whereabouts of their Alma Mater only recollecting it long enough to show up for the alumni banquet.

However, no matter how many material changes there are we hope there will be no change in the warmth and kindness with which Houghton receives her alumni each year.

Senior Women Give H.S. Fems Drubbing In Win of 22 to 12

Living up to their top-rank rating, the senior co-eds dished out a defeat last Wednesday afternoon Nov. 22 to the speedy high school squad with a score of 22-12.

A slight edge in the ability of the upperclass girls was felt from the beginning of the game for in spite of the splendid guarding of Gage and Wright the long shots of the seniors shoved the scoreboard in their favor 11-6 before the end of the half. Suffering the loss, through a sprained ankle of their captain, Gwen Fancher, the high school girls centered their attack around Billie Paine whose pivoting and shooting ability was an outstanding feature of the afternoon.

Velma Stroud, flashy senior forward, took high scoring honors with 10 points, while second place was divided between Billie Paine and Janet Fyfe who split the meshes for 6 apiece.

INDIAN THANKS

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plant it.

The feast must have been a breath-taking sight. The Indians probably brought the first "scalped" potatoes, while the women brought the turkey so they could save the feathers for pillows and their "go-ta-meeting" hats.

After the fast there were, no doubt, thrilling tales to be told before the dusk turned their thoughts to supper. It certainly must have been a great time. Wouldn't you like to have been there?

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THE BOOKSTORE

Athletic Association Gives Unique Chapel; Show Olympic Movie

The audience chuckled Wednesday Nov. 23, when Jessie Owens, track star, strode through the air with the greatest of ease (a la slow motion).

Because of the interest aroused in the Olympics by Miss Betty Robinson, women's track star who recently lectured here, the Athletic Association presented four reels of the 1936 Olympics held in Germany.

The first reel showed the Parade of Nations and following this, the thrilling torch ceremony of the Olympic Oath. The second showed the track and field events starring several U. S. A. men including Jessie Owens, Meadows, Johnson, and Carpenter. Three American flags were then raised on the flag altar which thrilled the audience. The third showed gymnastics with the long horse vaults, rings, the side horse, parallel bars, and horizontal bars.

The final reel showed the swimming and diving events with a thirteen-year old American girl taking the honors for the women and Wayne taking many of them for the men.

PERSONNEL

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Margaret Ada Smith

"Peg" isn't at all like her name—Smith is really so uncommon. It reminds us of a statement she made, "Everything seems so trite." Margaret really has a sense of humor, but she allows its presence to be known far too seldom.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in June 1917, she attended grammar school there. She was graduated from the Chester High School in 1935, and the following September was seen on the Wheaton College campus as a freshman. She transferred to Houghton in September 1936, and since then has been a member of the Chapel Choir, Forensic Union, Social Science, and Expression clubs, and W. Y. P. S.

Concerning Houghton she says, "Although I didn't want to come at first, I'm glad I'm here!"

Doris Rosetta Taylor

Doris Rosetta Taylor was born in Lawtons, N. Y., on April 20, 1919. She attended the grammar school in Shirley and went to high school in Eden, N. Y. She did not complete her work in Eden but spent the last two years in North Collins high school, graduating in 1935 as an honor student. Doris made a fine record in high school and participated in many extra-curricular activities among which were Orchestra, Band, and Glee Club. In 1935 she entered Houghton and has majored in Latin and French and minored in English. She is a member of the orchestra and band, chapel choir, W. Y. P. S., Social Science, French and Latin clubs and Oratorio Society.

Upon graduation Doris intends to teach. She says: "I am thankful that I had the opportunity of coming to Houghton, and I feel that Houghton will be a real inspiration to me, especially because of the spiritual life which she helped me to see."

Harlan Lloyd Tuthill

If we were to reduce the life and accomplishments of Harlan "Hi" Tuthill to a mere 150 words we would find our task one to compare



IN THE SPORTLIGHT

by VICTOR MURPHY

If you wish to see what happens to one's basketball game after leaving college, take a look at the alumni game last Saturday afternoon. A score of 60-35 means that almost 50 drape splitters were shot during the game. Either the men improve with age or they don't like to bother with too many guarding tactics. It might be noticed that the Purple quintets continue to hold sway at Bedford Gym. Each year as another undergraduate Purple-Gold series comes around, the monopoly approaches the breaking point. This year may be the one.

Coach McNeese and Robert Burns were recently certified for referee privileges anywhere in the country. After passing a difficult written exam on rules and regulations, they took part in an actual game before judges at Belmont, and having met the requirements, received their coveted license.

Listening in on the inside dope of a little conversation the other day would be enough to set some students thinking. After boiling down the topics under discussion it is found that it is the opinion of many that Houghton lacks recreational opportunities. The cry seems to be "I'm tired of watching the same game (basketball) played by the same players at the same time in the same place week after week, and why can't we students have other opportunities for physical recreation." These claims seem justified, for aside from basketball, "athletics for everyone" is not too much in evidence. A recreation room with ping-pong, shuffle board and similar games, or the introduction of badminton would undoubtedly be a success. These are suggestions which might be put into the proposed skating rink category but which many think would pan out with much more success.

favorable with cramming this same elongated gentleman in an overnight bag.

However, as we inquire into his history we find, he came to us from Fillmore high school where he made an unusual record. He was president, and valedictorian of his graduating class and was active in athletics, music and dramatics.

At Houghton, "Hi" is majoring in chemistry and minoring in math, hoping some day to be a research chemist, or a college professor. He has been selected as a member in "Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities"; is president of the senior class; and feature editor of the *Star*. The choir, orchestra, varsity and class basketball and track teams as well as Boulder Staff have also been honored by the presence of our illustrious Mr. Tuthill.

It is said that once "Hi" was a Boy Scout and that he also had long chestnut curls which you can see at the Tuthill home if you would but ask. Imagine our "Hi" with curls! Harlan says, "Houghton is a good school and it lives up to its motto. I am truly thankful for my four years there."