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Dr. Paine Speaks At Alumni Meeting In Watertown, N.Y.

Reunion Dinner of Over Thirty Alumni

In Monday, Dec. 4 Watertown Daily Times

About 30 members of the Watertown chapter of Houghton college alumni gathered in the upper club room of the Y.W.C.A. Saturday evening, December 2, for a reunion dinner and an address by the president of their college, Dr. Stephen W. Paine.

Rev. Paul A. Roy, pastor of the Methodist church, Lafargeville, was elected president of the group; Rev. Leland W. Webster, pastor of the Methodist church, Fine, vice president, and Harry Gross, Black River, secretary. Rev. Mr. Webster, past president, acted as chairman of the meeting.

Following dinner, Rev. Mr. Roy introduced all members of the group and Miss Rowena Peterson, city, sang two solos, "God Bless America" and "Smiling Through." After election of officers, Harry Gross, Mrs. Arthur Northrup, Morley; William Todd, Chaumont; Miss Rowena Peterson and Albert Eiss, Copenhagen, gave short addresses, telling of their experiences at Houghton.

Principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton college and youngest college president in the United States, told members of the increase in registration at the college, of newcomers to the faculty and of the many improvements made in the past few years. During his stay in Watertown, Dr. Paine was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewell Thompson, 156 Bowers avenue. Sunday, Dr. Paine preached at the Methodist church, Lafargeville, and left for Houghton Sunday evening.

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'MESSIAH' TUESDAY EVENING IN CHURCH

On Tuesday evening, December 19, the various musical organizations of Houghton college will join in presenting the ninth annual Christmas performance of Handel's famous oratorio, *The Messiah*. The Houghton College Oratorio Society of 150 voices of which Eugene C. Schram, Jr. is the conductor, will be assisted by the Little Symphony Orchestra (Alton M. Cronk, Conductor); Mildred Bisgrove, organist; and Laura Ferchen, soprano, Louella Fisk, contralto, Earl Sauerwein, tenor, Theodore Gast, baritone, as soloists. The entire performance will be conducted by Mr. Cronk and will be given in the Wesleyan Methodist church.

George Frederick Handel who lived from 1685 to 1759 spent 50 years of this time in England. He specialized in writing operas in which he followed the typical Italian pattern of the day. He turned from these operas to the oratorio as a form of expression. He found the English public very responsive to this music and as a result wrote a great many oratorios, the most popular of which by far is *The Messiah*. This was written

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Speaks to Alumni



Informal Meeting Of Faculty Men

The second monthly meeting of Houghton's latest club, the A.H.D. S.I.L. (Anna Houghton Daughters Sons-in-Law) assembled at the home of Dr. Douglas on Monday evening, December 4. The host was assisted by Professors Andrews and Cronk.

A most instructive program began with a reading from the prayer meditations of Madame Guyon. Prof. Shea presented a review of an article from the *Atlantic Monthly* entitled "The Man Who Gave Us Christmas" by Winifred Kirkland. The special feature of the meeting consisted in a book review most ably given by Dr. A. L. Lyman. Of lighter entertainment were the musical readings given by Professor Cronk. Among them were records of impressions of Gilbert Spencer and Damrosch.

The program concluded with refreshments in the form of various and sundry sandwiches in undreamed of quantities. The popularity of the organization is attested by the fact that the attendance thus far has been almost one hundred per cent and enthusiasm appears to be on the increase.

Warren Woolsey First In Chapel Quiz Program

An audience participation program caused the students in chapel December 6 to sit up and take notice.

Ken Wilson, the *Star* reporter, asked the baffling questions of the morning and Albert Wagner, Ruth Richardson, Paul Krentel, Beatrice Gage, Warren Woolsey, and Miss Pool were the ones who pondered over the questions. The person having the highest score received a "magnificent box of candy"—donated by the college book store.

Reaching into the hat for his question each contestant anxiously waited to hear what it would be.

At the end of the half, Albert Wagner, Beatrice Gage, and Warren Woolsey were tied for first place.

The final result brought Warren Woolsey in first place with 400 points and Miss Gage a close second with 375 points. Woolsey received the box of candy and each of the other contestants received a Milky Way candy bar.

Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid.

—C. K. Chesterton

COMBINED CHOIRS IN VESPER SERVICES

In keeping with the Christmas season the combined a cappella and chapel choirs will present a Christmas service on Dec. 17 from 4 to 5 p. m. The service, part of which will take the form of an evening meditation, will be presented in the church.

Vespers will begin with the playing of organ numbers of Bach by Miss Barbara Cronk. Following the processional of the choirs, fully robed, a complete Christmas program will be sung. Miss Louella Fisk will be soloist. The congregation will take part in the singing of Christmas hymns.

Presentation of the combined choirs in the vesper service is somewhat of a new idea. The chapel choir has been justly praised for its fine work this year and, by its excellent presentation of the cantata "Ruth" has proved its merit. Thus it has been felt that this combined effort of the two choirs should make the vesper service doubly impressive. Out-of-town people, students and townspeople are cordially invited.

Football, Olympics In Sports Films

This Friday evening's treat promises to be one of the finest student attractions that has taken place this year. Through the efforts of Coach Harold McNeese and the Athletic Association, several reels of sport films will be shown in the college chapel at the nominal cost of ten cents. The pictures will be shown from seven to eight, so that they will not interfere with scheduled house parties.

Featuring special Olympic films for the ladies and action reels of Lou Little's Columbia Lions for the men, the program will appeal to all. The Olympic pictures deal with the winter sports carnival, skating and skiing being predominant. One may easily view the grace and ease with which the sport leaders from the various nations of the world perform.

As for the football pictures, little needs to be said. Those who follow football know that with the material at Lou Little's command, he turns out one of the greatest gridiron teams in the East regardless of what the won and lost records may indicate. The films are action pictures dealing with the various systems of play that the Lions use. A ten cent ticket will entitle you to a fifty-yard-line seat at Columbia's thrilling ball games.

The students are urged to give the Athletic Association their hearty support in the sponsoring this special program. If you show your interest, you will not only help the Athletic Association, but you will also make possible more such educational films. Directly following the program, the junior-senior men's basketball game takes place in the gymnasium.

The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first class. There's far less competition.

—Dwight Morrow

Virginia Black Wins First Prize in Amateur Contest In Style of Major Bowes

Calendar

Thursday, December 4

7:00—Music recital

Friday, December 15

8:00—Junior-senior basketball game, house parties

Monday, December 18

6:45—Forensic union, Bible school, music appreciation

8:00—Special oratorio rehearsal

Tuesday, December 19

8:15—*Messiah*

Wednesday, December 20

12:00—Christmas recess commences.

Coaches Varsity Debate



Varsity Debaters Visit Westminster Tourney Saturday

A triumphant quartet of debaters returned to Houghton Sunday morning, December 10, with four wins to their credit. The debates were held at Westminster college, New Wilmington, Pa., in a pre-season tournament with teams from states including West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

The question was, "Resolved: That the basic blame for the present European war rests with the Allied Powers." Houghton's affirmative debaters, Walter Sheffer and Roy Albany, won each of their matches, which were with Waynesburg, Juniata, Lock Haven, and Carnegie Tech. The negative team for Houghton, Jesse DeRight and Norman Mead, were pitted against Juniata, Waynesburg, Grove City, and Carnegie Tech.

Debate Coach Hazlett accompanied the debaters. They left Houghton at six Saturday morning and were guests in Sheffer's home Saturday night, returning to Houghton by eleven the next morning. Winner of the tournament was Mt. Mercy, which won seven debates out of eight.

A narrow belligerent nationalism is today the most explicit and thoroughgoing denial of Christianity, its thought of God and its love of man, that there is on earth.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Ken Wilson Emcees Program Sponsored By Student Council

Virginia Black, the oriole of the freshman class, was the winner of the first prize in the amateur contest presented lieu of the scheduled orchestra concert the evening of Friday, December 8. "Major" Ken Wilson was the master of ceremonies and Houghton was the "honor city" of the night.

A close second to the winner, Miss Black, were the Joe Blow brothers, Ray Alger and Norm Marshall. The ratings of the contestants were determined by the audience who were permitted to cast ballots for their favorite amateurs after the program. While the ballots were being counted after the program, Ken Wilson changed character to assume the role of Parks Johnson as questioner on a Vox Pop program, Jimmy Evans and Dale Dunkelberger being the subjects of his interrogation.

There were four vocal solos in the program. Lester Paul sang *Shipmates of Mine*. *Keep in the Middle of the Road* was rendered by the winner, Virginia Black, and Laura Ferchen sang Carrie Jacobs-Bond's *His Lullaby*. Paul Miller presented what he called *The Fifth Improvement on Rachmaninoff's Prelude in G Sharp Major*. It consisted of a story told in song titles, while he played snatches of the selections he mentioned. It is rumored that Rachmaninoff made several complete revolutions in his grave while this was going on.

There were four instrumental selections. Ted Gast, who opened the program, played a piano solo, *Prelude 21*, by Bach. Richard Sandle presented *A Spanish Dance* on his violin. *When Day is Done* was rendered by Wilda Winters on the accordion. Norman Marshall and Ray Alger, who finished second, played two trumpet duets.

Joe College and His Gang, consisting of John Smith, Casey, Paul Scrimshaw, Elwood Douglas, David Morrison and Red Ellis, presented an imitation of a Houghton student leaving Houghton via the thumb.

In the classification of miscellaneous, falls the choir ensemble whose ranks are filled by Vance Carlson, Durwood Clader and John Sheffer. They laid their chief claim to distinction in their self-introduction to the fact that they are "the most capably conducted college choral ensemble in the Middle-East in the rendition of beautiful music of moi."

The program was carried on in the usual manner of the Major Bowes Amateur Hour even including the Major's "all right, all right". Ken was made the honorary captain of the Houghton Fire Department and accorded honors by the Houghton Chamber of Commerce and similar organizations.

I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.

—Voltaire

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EDITORIAL

The Star joins with the faculty, administration, alumni, and student body in extending deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Silas W. Bond, former president of Houghton seminary, in their recent bereavement.

Compromise

A college friend and I were driving along a smooth highway. We passed a typical country school building, but it looked very different from other country schools. This building* was painted in red and white checker-board squares.

"Queer-looking schoolhouse," I remarked.

"Queer story behind it, too," he replied. "Some years ago the schoolhouse needed to be painted. However, the school board could not decide upon a color. One group held to the traditional red, and another group wanted white.

"One night, the 'reds' came secretly and painted the school. The next morning, the 'whites' were enraged to discover that they had been tricked. Not to be outdone, they came a few nights later and applied their color on half the building. They painted a square of white, left a square of red, and so on, giving a checkerboard effect. The arrangement must have been satisfactory, because it has been followed ever since."

"It looks rather foolish," I told him, "as though it were a homemade job. It isn't red and it isn't white."

My friend's eyes became more serious as he looked steadily at the roadway unrolling ahead. Then he commented: "Isn't that the way with most compromise? Neither white nor red — just checkerboard." — K. L. W.

— from *Boy Life*

*Near Machias, N. Y.

The Recreation Hall

Last Friday night the Recreation hall received another lift by the Student Council, who sponsored a "Major Bowes Amateur Hour."

The discussion of the Recreation hall has become "old talk" before now. Not until this year did the Council take actual steps to raise money for the completion in reality of this dream. Hallowe'en, the Council was successful in sponsoring a hay ride that brought a slight income above the expenses. The program Friday night, although not largely attended, added fifteen dollars more to the fund. This does not seem much, but four or five such additions, with the program the local board has marked out, ought to be sufficient to see the hall opened for student recreation and relaxation.

"What can we do about it?" is the question each real Houghtonian is asking. The answer is just this: every time a program is presented for the purpose of raising money for the Recreation hall, support it with your presence.

Undoubtedly, the Council will be awaiting another opportunity to raise money for the Recreation hall. The council can be successful in these ventures only as they have your cooperation.

If you want a Recreation hall, help us work for it.

— W. B. N.

General Recital Heard Wednesday

The general recital of Wednesday, December 6, was the best one so far. The participants performed in a much more satisfying manner than usual. The whole complexion of the program was that of a task intelligently prepared for and well done. The effect of weekly recitals is beginning to be felt. While at first they were disappointing in their quality, there is reason to believe that in the future they will improve more and more.

The string quartet did very well in its first selection, and it is to be hoped that we shall yet hear them playing an entire quartet.

The program:

Air Pochon
Menuetto-Opus 74, No. 3. Haydn
1st Violin—Richard Sandle
2nd Violin—Margaret Clawson
Cello—Barbara Cronk
Viola—Elizabeth Cheney
Scotch Poem MacDonald
Laura Ferchen
Clouds and the Moon Maganini
Florence Barnett
Though Not Deserving Caldara
Doris Anderson
Waltz Chopin
Belva Baxter
Sonatina (1st movement) Schubert
Richard Sandle
In the Manger Coombs
Frances Wightman
Cracovienne Fantastique Paderewski
Kenneth Jewell

Juniors Have Charge of Students' Prayer Meeting

This week's student prayer meeting was led by Hayes Minnick, representative of the junior class. Mr. Minnick used Psalm 37:5 for directing attention to the wonderful promises of God's Word. To accept God, we believe in Jesus Christ as a propitiation for the sins of the whole world. Accepted by God, we learn to completely commit ourselves and to trust in Him. God promises to all believers His intercession in their behalf. If we trust Him, He will bless — "He shall bring it to pass." Earl Sauerwein sang an arrangement of *Rock of Ages*. A prayer request written by our college missionary, Mrs. Banker, on her way to India, was read by Miss Rickard.

Plattsburg Alumni Meet

Prof. C. A. Ries and Willard G. Smith attended the annual fall meeting of the Plattsburg alumni chapter on Friday evening, December 8. Twenty people were present at the dinner which was served in a Chazy, N. Y. homestead inn.

Following the dinner, Dr. Homer Fero ('31), president of the chapter, conducted necessary business. Professor Ries brought greetings from the college and gave an inspiring talk concerning the distinctive ministry of the college. Motion pictures of college activities were shown to the group. After considerable informal visiting the members of the group dispersed to their several homes.

The Plattsburg chapter is one of the most active alumni groups. They meet regularly twice each year. The attendance at this meeting was not as large as usual because of an unfortunate circumstance in notifying chapter members.

A bald headed man comes out on top.
— Marion College Journal

Men use thoughts only as authority for their injustice and employ speech only to conceal their thoughts.
— Voltaire

Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.
— Voltaire

S. F. M. F. Discusses Christmas Duty

"Christmas and Missions" was the topic for the meeting of the S.F.M.F. Monday evening, Dec. 11. A devotional period was conducted by Henry Ortlip.

Herman Smith spoke on "The Meaning of Christmas to Christians." He pointed out the fact that the true meaning of Christmas was associated with God's gift of His Son. We should make Christmas a time of sacrificial giving.

Virginia Dash then spoke on "The Meaning of Christmas to the Missionary." Christmas to the missionary acts as a reminder of his duty and privilege to spread good tidings of great joy to all people. Marion Carr brought out the meaning of Christmas to the heathen. Their Christmas is one without Christ and without peace. Miss Carr read a poem which asked if the name of Jesus headed our Christmas list.

A season of prayer closed the meeting. A trio composed of June Spaulding, Mildred Bisgrove and Eloise Cook furnished special music.

Art Majors Supply Many Christmas Decorations

Our Art department is surely proving that they are deserving of the new equipment and rating so recently given it by doing noble work in beautifying our campus and stimulating interest in artistic endeavor. Although those of the chief engineering staff, the art majors, say they are not looking for praise or thanks, they deserve a big hand, for they've put much time into the projects. Their newest venture is in keeping with the Christmas season — the colorful decorations in the windows — called transparencies. They are designed to resemble stained glass windows.

Those who decorated the large windows are: Evelyn Birkel, Betty Curcio, Dorothy Falkins, Louella Tyler, Jane Wells, and Burt Swales. The Art Appreciation class and Art club are responsible for the smaller, individual representations.

With but one glance at the finished products, we can say, "Truly, well done."

SOPH JACKETS ADD COLOR TO CAMPUS

He squirms restlessly while the minutes pass. As the hour draws nearer, he is literally on the edge of his seat, waiting impatiently. It has been expected before, but now it's definitely on the way. Any moment now...

This picture represents almost every sophomore as noon approached last Thursday. Although the sophomores had hoped to receive their jackets the previous Friday, their confident anticipation was no less evident last week when word came that the jackets were on the way from Buffalo. As a whole, the sophomores were thoroughly satisfied as they donned their reversible jackets and paraded in to dinner Thursday evening. That night the fellows wore the royal blue and silver satin on the outside; the girls served as models for the piled wool royal blue and gold side. Both sides of the jacket displayed an emblem representing the class as well as the college.

Comments of the faculty and other students range from "loud" and "impractical" to "classy", "better than former sophomore jackets", and just plain "swell". When all is said and done, the sophs are really proud of them, and that is what matters.

I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours.
— Jerome K. Jerome

By

J. P. Q.

DeRight



PUISSANT PUNDITS

THE WEAKLY NOOSE

Nothquoh Egelloc Prison

Editor... J. P. Q. "Sonny" DeRight
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Editorial

We wus talkin de other day, and I says to de warden, why can't we pick out our own rope. So we gets a cumittee, and this sailseman comes in and talks to us guys. He tells us the story of his ropes and claims he was de sailseman what sold de rope to de warden what got his prisoners a reprieve at de last minute and coined de statement (which has gone out of use since dey switched to de electric chair) "No noose is good news".

Well, the slack rope company is well fitted to fill our needs, we figgers, 'cause de rope is not stronger than its slackest knot, and de more times dey has to string ya up, da more discouraged dey gits. Dis bizness of getting college students for de hang-ins ain't so good 'cause they really noze how to string it. An' incidentally, dis is one place where pull means a lot. So when smaller and softer ropes are made, the Slack Rope Company will make them, an' here's hoping pal, dat your stretch don't end wid a jar, even if you can't hemp it.
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General News

Dey tells me dat dere was a bit of alarm in de top floor of de dorm de other night. A couple of fems thought some one was trying to pry the bars off the winder and get in at 'em. shakin' de building in de attemp. (We ain't mentioning no names on account of de warden ain't heard about it yet — we hopes.)

An' from our special correspondent 14863 we hear dat in one of de history classes, de prof was telling about beautiful wimmen being dumb, mostly, and he didn't mean not talking. One of de wise eggs who should of knowed better, as he's one of our seniors, toins to de babe next to him an' says, "Say, honey, I'm glad you're homely." (dey say dat's really de truth.)

One of de guys dat's in fer general delinquency in de matter of dough, has just went over to de infirmary and left his will behind. He says in part: "I want six of my creditors for pall-bearers. They've carried me this far; they might as well finish the job."

Letters to the Editor

Dere Editor,

Dat column you hev wrote at times, tryin' to be funny, ain't so hot. Kin I suggest dat you hev engraved on your toomstone, like de famous Walter Winchell (dough youse two guys ain't got much in common) "Here lies Jesse DeRight in de dirt he loved so well." Or would you like a coat of tar and fadders?

(Signed) 186321

Editors note: If you know who dat 186321 guy is, let me know. I think dat's goin' dust a little bit too far, dough I suppose it might go fe'ther.

Dey had a namature hour up in de chapel de other night and for consolation prizes dey give 'em little Nothquoh banners. I guess dey thought de guys what lost ought to do penance.

Literati

"HIGH SCHOOL HUMOR"

By the English IV class of the high school

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The Houghton Volunteer Fire Department recently staged a successful battle against a blaze putting it out. However, the place burned down first. After the victory Marvin Eyer was heard consoling Ed Hall who was sniffling, "The windows were all broken when I got there."

The debate team was on its way home when suddenly discovered they were going the wrong way. Albany finally piped up and said, "You know I think we are on the wrong road but we are making such good time, Prof. I think we had better keep on going."

Another slant on life in the Douglas family. The other afternoon while Mrs. Douglas was reading a book, she heard a crash in the next room. Her fears were soon ended by little Elwood's words of consolation: "That was only the stepladder falling," he said, "Daddy's hanging on the chandelier."

Two sweet old ladies made a trip. On the return journey they passed through New York City. A policeman came upon them tearing up the street with a pick-axe. He said, "Hey, you old battle axes, what do you think you are doing?" The answer came back in a husky bass, "We've got a chip off Gibraltar; a piece of Niagara Falls; so we wanted to get a little slice of Broadway."

And there was the fellow who, upon examining one of the new sophomore jackets, inquired as he assisted a friend into it:

"Do you hook 'em?"
"I should say not," was the indignant reply, "we buy them."

The telephone rang at Prof. Cronk's home the other night about twelve-thirty. Mrs. Cronk answered the phone and this is what came over the wires:

Mrs. Cronk. "Hello."
Voice. "Is Prof. Cronk there?"
Mrs. C. "Yes, but he's in bed asleep."

Voice. "It is urgent that I speak to him."

Mrs. C. "I'll call him."

Mrs. C. "Hello."
Voice. "Is your house on the main street of Houghton?"

Mrs. C. "Yes."
Voice. "Well move it! I want to go by."

"George, shall I have the steward

"MESSIAH"...

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in the phenomenally short time of 24 days. When the King of England heard the Hallejuah chorus for the first time, it is said that he was so moved that he stood to his feet and naturally the entire audience followed his example. That custom has been followed until this day.

The Messiah was first performed at Houghton College in the winter of 1931 under the leadership of Professor Wilfred C. Bain. Professor Schram, who succeeded Mr. Bain, conducted the performance for the first time last year. The performance has become traditional and is being attended by increasing numbers each year. This year the performance is being given in the church instead of the chapel, since the church has a seating capacity larger than that of the chapel. There is no charge for admission and all are welcome.

bring some dinner to you here?"

"No," was the reply, haltingly given between groans, "but I wish you would have him take it on deck and throw it over the rail for me."

John Turnbull went into McKinley's barber shop and seating himself in the chair said, "Cut all three short."

"What do you mean?" asked Jerry. "Hair, whiskers, and chatter," was John's reply.

"Have you seen a load of monkey's go by?"

"No, did you fall off?"

The only two who can live as cheaply as one are a dog and a flea."

The only critter that can go on a sit down strike and still produce the goods is a hen.

Note from teacher on report card: "Good worker, but talks too much."

Note from father over signature on back of card: "Come up sometime and meet her mother."

You can't rise with the lark if you've been on one the night before."

Baltimore, Del.

Jan. 5, 1960

Mah Deah Missus White Wash, Ah, jus' wanted to let ya know that ah arrived heah, O.K.

It surah was a mighty good thing that ah came home when ah did 'cause everythin' around heah was in a turmole.

Mah ole gramma fell down cellar and cut her hand on a broken jar o' pickles. Oh honey, ah do feel so sorry fo' mah poah aunt, she worked so hard puttin' up all them pickles. They was the pride o' her h'art.

When ah had been home jus' two days ah got word that mah brothah's wife's nephew was put in jail fo' three yeahs fo' a bank robbery. Poah man! Ah hope he's got a comfy table place to stay.

The li'l chile across the road went ice skatin' the other night. The ice wasn't thick enough so she fell in and drowned. It made me feel so sorry fo' the ice man, 'cause if he can't find ice thick enough to cut fo' sale, ah donno how he'll evah be able to support his thirteen children.

Folks is treatin' me fine around heah. Missus Jones gave me an invite to dinnah at her house. Her husband went fishing Saturday and, honey, we surah did have a mighty nice chicken fo' Sunday dinnah.

Well, specs ah bettah close now. Ah will be back to work next week.

Give mah love to all the child'en.

Sincerely,
Jessie Belle, Cotton.

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see Frank Hauser

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Many Articles to Suit the Student's Purse

M. C. CRONK

Mr. Howard Farron Speaks in Chapel

Mr. Howard Farron, president of the Providence Bible Institute of Providence, Rhode Island, discussed in chapel Tuesday morning the question, "Is Christ a necessity to Christianity?"

He says that Christianity stands or falls with the presence of our Lord. Everything radiates from Christ. To prove his statement: "In Christ, God is with us, for us, in us."

By selecting passages from the synoptic Gospels, Pres. Farron outlined what Jesus taught about Himself and concluded with the statement, "He announced that He would be the final judge of men, no less than twelve times."

To prove that God is for us, Mr. Farron read Rom. 8:41 and Rom. 8:32. Nature reveals a "love" of God but it does not give us absolute proof of God's love. Matthew and Mark defend the deity of Christ and say that Calvary is the proof that God is for us.

"In Christ God is in us." Col. 1:17 states that Christ dwells in our hearts by faith. The speaker said, "man is a spirit with a body; the core of human personality is spirit. Faith blends Christ with the human spirit and then Christ is formed within." Pres. Farron concluded his forceful message by saying: "How much you love Christ's word, shows how much you love Christ."

'PHILOLOGY' TOPIC OF DR. WOOLSEY

Professor Woolsey brought out some interesting facts concerning words we use in our every day language in chapel December 7th.

The common word "handkerchief" originally meant a piece of cloth covering the head, but down through the ages the meaning changed and handkerchiefs are carried now in the hand. History repeats itself, however, for some girls are wearing them tied around their heads at the present time.

Many are wondering who the intelligent freshman student is who uses the word "anti-disestablishmentarianism" and whether he knows what it means.

Professor Woolsey also showed that there are many ways of interpreting a word. For instance, the word "flesh" is interpreted differently by the minister, the butcher, and the woman who is afraid of becoming too "fleshy."

He discussed other interesting phases of philology, also.



Last Call--

—to buy your Houghton College Christmas cards in time to have your name printed on them.

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20 for \$1.00 — Name free

What shall I give?



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THE BOOKSTORE

Sunday Services

SUNDAY MORNING

In the absence of Rev. Black, Wesley Nussey brought the message of the morning Sunday at Houghton church. Using part of Ephesians 5: 25-27 as his text, Mr. Nussey compared the Ephesian believers to present day Christians, both of which may compose the bride of Christ if they have been glorified, separated from the world, and sanctified.

Christ's immediate object in coming to earth to endure poverty and suffering was to sanctify a church unto himself and separate it from the world. As we accept His vicarious death on the cross for us, we can hope on the latter day to be found "holy and without blame" before God. We are to be washed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified by believing in the Word that we may be prepared as part of the bride of Christ.

SUNDAY EVENING

The Bible school had charge of the church service Sunday night in the form of a platform meeting. A brief message on "The Providence of God" was presented by Claude Scott. He used Romans 8:28 as his text and divided it into five specific parts. It included the Providence of Assurance, "we know;" inclusiveness, "all things;" harmony, "work together;" helpfulness, "for good;" condition, "love God."

Miss Anna Fillmore presided over the service with Miss Anna Ross reading the scripture and George Kilpatrick leading in prayer. Personal testimonies were given by Elma Brooks, Emory, and Mrs. Grace Nelson.

Several musical selections were given including solos by Mary Foster, "The Peace That Jesus Gives" and by Elton Seaman, "A Song of Trust;" a trio by Mrs. Reba Wright, Miss Mary Foster and Miss Marjean Bennett entitled "He Loves, He Forgives."

W. Y. P. S.

The sophomores were in charge of W. Y. P. S. on Sunday evening, December 10. Paul Krentel led in song, after which Dan Berry, in observation of Bible Sunday, read the scripture in Braille and led in prayer. The sophomore girls' trio composed of Helen Burr, Mildred White, and Marie Fearing sang "Transformed". The speaker was Floyd Sovereign, who used as a text, "Remember Lot's wife." Mr. Sovereign declared Lot's wife looked back because she was: (1) curious (2) unbelieving (3) wishful (4) disobedient.

The spirit of Christianity is not narrowly nationalistic, but universally inclusive.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Let us tune-up your car for the vacation trip.

GEORGE'S GARAGE

The True Christmas Spirit

By Henry Ortlip

The Christmas season is always a time that creates cheer and a joyful feeling within us. The air is crisp and clear. The colors we see are bright and cheery. There is a general hum of activity which makes us feel good.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are those things accompanying the Christmas season which make it seem pleasant, there is something which has become connected with the season that begins to "wear on us" after a while. That is the jargon of commercialism.

We hear a lot of enthusiastic talk concerning the Christmas season on the radio and in cities, and sometimes we hardly realize that they are chiefly mercenary designs underlying this enthusiasm.

Have you ever stopped to think the initial cause of this sudden burst of commercial activity and bustling is? Would you ever dream that it is caused by an occasion which took place one clear night over 1900 years ago in a little insignificant town tucked away in the rolling hills of Judea? A tiny, meek and holy child was born of a lowly and gentle virgin. It is possible that the world's Christmas activity, as we see it today had so humble a scene as a basis for celebration?

On the first Christmas Day, there was no room for Christ in the Inn. How much room is there today in men's thoughts for this same Christ whose birthday we are supposedly celebrating. Just recently, it was reported that there was no room for church announcements in a certain local newspaper because of the large demand for space by Christmas advertising.

In some of our personal giving we fail to uphold the true Spirit of Christmas. Some of our giving has degenerated to merely an exchange of gifts. When God gave His Gift to us, He did not consider the material return that we would be able to render Him, but rather, He freely gave, out of His great heart of love, to the whole world; to some who would do no more in the way of expressing gratitude than to acknowledge His gift by spitting in His face. It is not my purpose to decry the spirit of liberality and giving which certainly is more manifest at Christmas than at any other time of year, but it is important that we do not forget the significance of our giving of the all supreme gift, Christ our Savior and Lord.

Let us, as Christians, during this Christmas season, strive to honor Christ in all of our giving and receiving. May we not think selfishly or forget the true meaning of Christmas. And in view of the needs of the world today in war torn areas and on the mission fields, let us follow the true Spirit of Christmas in giving of our abundance to help those who are not as fortunate as we.

ALUMNI MEETING

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Members of the Watertown chapter present at the reunion dinner were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. William Todd, Chaumont; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eiss, Copenhagen; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Roy, 936 Franklin street; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Northrup, Miss Arlene Northrup, Donald Northrup and Miss Marion Weeman, all of Morley; Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Keyes, city; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thompson, 156 Bowers avenue, Rev. Charles Thompson, Martinsburg; Rev. and Mrs. Paul A. Roy, Lafargeville; Rev. Leland W. Webster, Fine, and Miss Rowena Peterson, city. — Watertown Daily Times.

Sophomores Come Through With Extra Period Spurt To Topple Juniors 26-24

Marv Eyler Sinks Long Shot to Win Year's Top Battle

Houghton basketball fans were given one of the thrills of the current season Wednesday evening when they watched the sophomores and the junior Redskins battle on the Bedford gym court. At the end of the forty minutes of playing time the score stood 24 to 24. In the overtime period the sophomores won. This contest was one of the hardest fought battles this series has produced.

Tuthill was high scorer for the game, accounting for 10 points. Paine led the soph attack with nine. The sophs took an early lead, and while this lead was never large, it seemed sufficient until the fourth quarter when a foul shot tied the score. In an overtime period a long shot by Eyler gave the sophs the necessary two points to end the game.

Both the junior and the soph defenses worked very effectively. In the second quarter the juniors made only four points and in the third period the sophs were held to two counters.

Although the game was hard fought only one player was forced to leave the floor. "Red" Ellis left in the final stanza via the foul route.

In the overtime period the juniors obtained the tip and held possession of the ball for the first two minutes of the period. Then a foul was called with Marsh doing the shooting. He missed the first shot. The junior captain, Evans, then took advantage of a new ruling and took the ball out of bounds instead of taking the second shot. The juniors worked the ball around under the basket for another minute, but were still unable to cut the strings for the necessary two points. With half of the period gone a junior shot went wild and hit the balcony. This gave the sophs the ball out of bounds. The ball was passed to Marv Eyler who attempted a long shot which split the strings for the two points necessary to end the game.

The sophomores made 21.6 per cent of their shots and the juniors made 20.5 per cent of their attempts.

Box score:

Sophomores				
FG	FT	T	Per.	
Paine	3	3	9	.118
Eyler	3	1	7	.200
Ellis	2	4	8	.353
Foster	1	0	2	.333
Wakefield	0	0	0	.000
Knapp	0	0	0	.000
Russell	0	0	0	.000
Juniors				
FG	FT	T	Per.	
Tuthill	4	2	10	.300
Marsh	3	0	6	.188
McKinley	1	1	3	.286
Evans	1	0	2	.059
Sackett	1	0	2	.200
Prentice	0	1	1	.333

Referee: Kincaid.

Orders taken for Baked Goods

Specials for Christmas Parties

Doughnuts
Jelly Doughnuts 2 for 5c
Cinnamon Rolls

KEELER'S BAKERY

Senior Girls Take Frosh to Become First-round Champs

In a game prelude the stirring soph-junior battle last Wednesday night, the senior girls defeated the freshman lassies to take an undisputed lead in the "black-stocking" league. The senior sextet, shooting with consistent accuracy, steadily piled up points through the first three quarters to lead at that juncture by a score of 36-20. The play of the freshman forwards showed sporadic brilliance through these first three periods, but they could not strike a consistent scoring streak until the last quarter, when a gallant but futile surge brought their total up to within eight points of the seniors. The final score read: 44-36.

The two senior shot-smiths, Paine and Schaner, led their team's attack with twenty-two and twenty points respectively. French was high-scorer for the yearlings with sixteen points.

Gerry Paine showed uncanny accuracy at the foul-line, netting ten out of eleven free-throw attempts. Millie Schaner shone on side-side-court set shots as did Jean French; while Gwen Fancher's last-quarter lay-up shots were also highlights of the game.

Box score with percentages:

Freshmen				
FG	FT	T	Pct.	
French f	7	2	16	.333
Newhart f	2	1	5	.230
Fancher f	2	1	5	.230
Fuller f	2	0	4	.250
Gage g				
La Sorte g				
Waterman g				
Walberger g				
Seniors				
FG	FT	T	Pct.	
Paine f	6	10	22	.552
Schaner f	9	2	22	.578
Markey f	0	2	2	.285
Tiffany f	0	0	0	.000
Hampton g				
Veazie g				
McGowan g				
Moody g				

PIGSKIN NOW GETS WELL EARNED REST

Although the local football season passed into sports history some time ago, the national elevens have but recently put the finishing touches on a sensational season.

The East boasts of top elevens in both professional and collegiate circles. Carl Snively's Big Red are the pride of all Ithacans from the president down to the lowest ag student. Rising to their greatest heights with an unexpected 23-14 victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes, the Cayuga boys finished the season undefeated and untied. Still in the collegiate world but down among the cotton plantations, an even, powerful Tennessee eleven, not only plowed through an undefeated and untied season, but also held all their opponents scoreless. As the result of this record, it seems to be the consensus of opinion among football experts that Tennessee will line up against Southern California in the Rose Bowl on New Year's day. There were several outstanding college teams. Ohio State won the Big Ten championship, al-

Complete First Round Undefeated



Photo by Sheffer

Leading the local inter-class series at the half-way mark, is this group of sophomore basketeers. Facing opposition, the second year men, have rolled up four close victories to no defeats. The last win was a hairline 26-24 decision over the junior Redskins. Captained by lanky Red Ellis, the sophs starting line-up consists of Captain Ellis and Marv Eyler, at the forward posts, Dave Paine and Bob Foster in the guard spots, and Lew Wakefield, jumping center. From left to right, in the front row are Mascot Harold Ebel, Wakefield, Ellis and Manager Gabrielse; back row left to right are: Foster, Gardiner and Russell.

High School Girls Nose out Sophs

The high school lassies chalked up their first victory of the year Wednesday evening when they defeated the sophomore team. The final score was 17 to 15. The first two quarters were marked by the defensive work of both teams, but in the last two periods the offensives of both teams began to roll.

The high school zone defense held the orange lassies scoreless in the first quarter of play. Reba Wright's lone field basket left the score 2 to 0.

In the second period both teams eked out two points. Billy Paine accounted for the academy basket and Doris Driscoll matched her on the soph side of the scoreboard.

In the first period of the second half the high school offensive began to click. Billy Paine put in two double-deckers and one foul shot. Fancher and Armstrong each accounted for two points.

In the fourth quarter the sophomore offensive took the spotlight when they came within two points of winning.

The academy girls made 15.7 per cent of their shots while the sophs completed 13.3 per cent of their attempts. Billy Paine led the scoring for the high school with 9 points. Doris Driscoll led the sophs with 13 counters.

Box score:

High School				
FG	FT	T	Per.	
Wright, Reba	1	0	2	.058
Paine	4	1	9	.200
Woolsey	0	0	0	.000
Fancher	1	0	2	.166
Armstrong	2	0	4	.400
Academy				
FG	FT	T	Per.	
Wright, Rita	1	0	2	.250
McComb	1	0	2	.142
Bonnyman	1	1	3	.400
Rieta	0	0	0	.000

Score by Quarters:

Seniors	8	21	30	37
Academy	5	11	11	14

Referee: Burns

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SENIORS SWAMP ACADEMY LASSIES

The senior lassies romped to an easy victory over the high school girls Monday afternoon. The seniors led from shortly after the opening whistle until the end of the encounter, when the score showed them to be on the long end of a 37 to 14 tally. Outstanding was the senior zone defense which allowed the academy lassies to make only 18.6 per cent of their shots, while the seniors cut the strings with 31.1 per cent of theirs. Doris Veazie was the spearhead of this senior defense. So well did it function that in the third quarter no points were yielded to the high school. The high school zone defense failed to keep the sharpshooting senior forwards under control. Gerry Paine led the attack with nine double-deckers and one foul shot. Until recently Paine has been playing guard and her removal from that position and placement in the forward position greatly strengthened the senior offensive. Billy Paine led the high school with 7 points.

Box Score:

Seniors				
FG	FT	T	Pct.	
Paine	9	1	19	.384
Schaner	6	0	12	.240
Markey	2	1	5	.363
Guards; Veazie, Hampton, Moody, McGowan.				

	Academy			
	FG	FT	T	Pct.
Paine	3	1	7	.200
Wright, Reba	1	0	2	.250
Armstrong	1	0	2	.142
Fancher	1	1	3	.400
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BLEACHER



GOSSIP

By Al Russell

"Prof" Bill Bisgrove reached a new high in enthusiasm last week Wednesday at the junior-sophomore tilt. Guess he wasn't the only one, however... During the excitement of that overtime period with the seconds flying swiftly, time was called, the score still tied and some four hundred fans clamoring for a basket. Jimmy Evans sent Jerry McKinley to find the time and our local barber returned to his teammates and remarked that it wasn't quite a quarter to ten!

With last week's triple-header the first round of the local basketball merry-go-round came to a close. As was previously expected the games, especially in the men's league have turned out to be real thrillers, but they promise to be just twice as heart throbbing as the quintets head down the final stretch. The sophs with a quartet of wins will be the main target for popular bombardment and therefore will have to "buckle down" to keep their present lead. The Sages are but one game behind the second year men and Cliffy Blauvelt's men are anxiously looking toward their next encounter. A win would put the seniors in a tie with Red Ellis' quintet. The juniors haven't yet forgotten last year's one point defeat suffered at the hands of the present senior outfit and last week wound up on the short end of another one point loss—this time to the sophs. So the class of '41 is pointing toward these rivals and the sparks will fly when these squads race the Redskins. The frosh and high school have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Some one remarked the other day that the yearling outfit could be the surprise team of the second half which isn't far from wrong. Since the evening they took over the varsity the frosh have received a trio of close set-backs, but they'll be out there scrapping as usual and looking toward Dame Fortune for a few breaks.

The Alfred Saxons opened their court season with a 36-30 win over Hartwick, thereby atoning for the last year... The American and National baseball leagues held their annual winter convention in Cincinnati last week. Although there were no outstanding trades made, the prominent item was Clark Griffith's proposal that the championship club in either major league shall not be permitted to make trades but by the waiver route until it is no longer champion. This was a direct "hit" in an attempt to dethrone the New York Yankees and was passed by both leagues... Nile Kinnick, Iowa grid star, received the Heisman football trophy in New York City last week... And winding up with some local news, those new junior warm-up sweaters are quite the current style here in our miniature metropolis.

History doesn't repeat itself; it merely stutters.

ful Redskins thereby cinching the eastern crown.

Last week end the Green Bay Packers topped the Giants in the football world series by a decisive 27-0 score. The Packers had previously won the western division title by downing Detroit.

And so, another fall gridiron season passes into review. A quartet or so of bowl games played on the first of the year and then we'll be casting our sports eyes toward the 1940 season of the great national game.