

Safe Driving Means Merry Christmas

This time tomorrow night, almost all Houghton students will have reached home for the Christmas holidays — we hope. The *Star* wishes everyone a happy vacation, and desires that we all drive carefully going from and returning to school.

Crowded highways, plus hazardous weather conditions, demand an alert driver. We don't emphasize too much that once you lose control of your car, your destiny is out of your hands. A moment's carelessness to laugh at a joke cracked in the back seat or to eat a sandwich while driving, can lead to holiday misery.

Happy Holiday

Here are some tips for you to help you combat the dangerous effects of the holiday mood, increased darkness, and unsafe weather conditions. If you use them, you'll have a happier holiday, says the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Insurance Company.

Holiday Mood

Stay alert. Don't become so preoccupied with holiday making that you go into a holiday haze. Keep your wits about you whenever you're in traffic — on foot or in a car.

Darkness

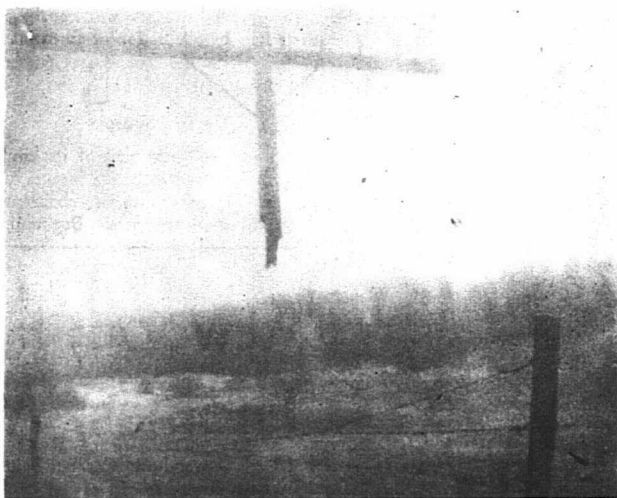
When you drive, darkness is a signal to reduce speed and increase vigilance. Be sure all lights are in good working condition.

When you walk, darkness gives the same warning . . . to proceed more cautiously and to be more alert. Remember, motorists can't see you in the dark. Wear light colored clothing, especially when walking along rural roads.

Weather

Bad weather is another condition that cautions: Slow Down! Reduced speed is your best weapon against snow and rain or muddy or icy pavements.

Use tire chains when pavements are snowy or icy. At 20 mph it takes a car without chains 69 feet to stop on packed snow. With



Barely visible through the fog and freezing rain is the dangling upper half of a telephone pole, severed in an accident involving six Houghton students on an icy road. Although no one was hurt, the picture serves as a mute reminder to the danger on wintry roads. Drive carefully!

chains on rear wheels the car can stop in 40 feet. On glare ice at 20 mph a car without chains needs 169 feet to stop. Chains on rear wheels reduce the stopping distance to 88 feet.

If you must drive on slippery surfaces without tire chains, keep an even pressure on the accelerator. Taking the foot off the pedal suddenly and braking quickly is likely to cause a skid.

Editorial

Satellite Uncovers Flaws in Education

BY IRENE HAUPEL

Prominent in the arena of controversy today is a subject of vital interest to Houghton College. In the light of Russia's recent satellite program, . . . the survival of mankind may well depend on the way in which we educate the citizens and leaders of tomorrow, declares the President's Committee on Education. Despite the fact that the college population will double by 1970, there is a marked shortage of scientists, engineers and proficient educators.

This problem is worthy of examination by persons concerned with the future of America and our free world. Obviously the erudite needs a re-evaluation of our educational program. The current emphasis on student-centered curriculum aiming toward pupil adjustment for life, rather than assimilation of subject matter, may fail to stimulate the student's intellect and result in a generation of self-satisfied socialites.

Re-evaluate Program

It is evident that the goal of education for the masses is inherent in this perplexity. Approximately one fourth of the United States population is in school today, and to meet this society of students there is not a sufficient number of skilled teacher and administrative personnel. The intellectual level is often pitched to the duller students and while they are working near full capacity, the brilliant ones are not being challenged to top performance.

Allow for Differences

With these facts in mind, the school system must make allowances for individual differences. Democratic leaders too quickly decry homogenous grouping as a foe of the American way of equality. However, if pupil-centered curriculum is to be practical, does not the gifted child deserve self-realization as well as the average pupil? The older schools

which did not adapt their requirements to meet individual differences failed to recognize the genius in such men as Pasteur, Goethe and Newton. America cannot afford to make this mistake in an age of struggle for scientific superiority.

"With a working faith in democracy," states the Student Education Association, "America cannot permit the United States' educational machine to be reduced to a satellite for the Russian system, spinning in an orbit dictated by Russian scientists."

Real Christmas Means Giving

A check for \$175 — tithe and offering from the summer work of two students — sent to the only Bible school for American Indians east of the Mississippi. That money answered prayer. It took the president of the institution through the western reservations, repaired the roof of a cottage, and paid something on back salaries just as the staff was praying about them.

Twenty dollars toward the running expenses of a Bible school in French Canada. The answer: we owed twenty dollars that was a burden to us. Your money answered prayer.

Five dollars to a missionary friend in Navajo-land. "Thanks. I was praying for something to put into the bean pot."

Minds had been suffused with God's care; hands had been moved by His love; humble servants of God had been recipients of His provision.

This is birthday time — His birthday time — His birthday. Who are the pray-ers today, and who may the prayer answerers be?

A cry is going up to God from destitute orphans in Korea, from flood devastated Christian homes in Spain, from missionary children who sacri-



The Gadfly

BY BERT WILLIAMS
Make-up editor of
Star, Lanthorn

Of all senior privileges, the use of the stacks is the most reassuring. When one is permitted on the third floor of Luckey building, one has "attained."

The Present System

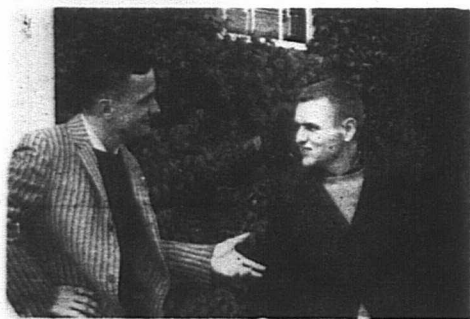
There is, however, a certain nagging doubt that perhaps we need to reconsider whether the present system is entirely fair: are the seniors the only ones who justly deserve stacks privileges? What of those underclassmen, primarily juniors, who are taking advanced courses with seniors; is it fair to forbid them the use of the stacks when they have the same assignments as the seniors? The few stacks desks, of course, ought to be reserved for seniors, but do the exigencies of space demand that the stacks privileges be restricted to seniors only? Would not a more realistic view discriminate use of the stacks by courses, or by those courses assigning over a certain number of papers per semester? Certainly if some such system could be feasibly worked out, juniors and library personnel would be saved much time and labor.

Library Hours

Another pertinent issue is the matter of library hours. In short: are they adequate? When one realizes that many schools find it necessary to keep their libraries open every evening and on Sundays, our hours appear somewhat scant.

Too rare is the student who can return to his room at 9:30 to re-settle himself at studying and avoid the unending bull sessions and rook games, etc., which thrive during this "pause in the day's occupation," while it is too late to study in the library and too early to go to bed.

There are no easy solutions, but can we honestly say that we must wait for that distant, new library building before tackling any of these problems?



Minority Report

by seth and bank

Question of The Week

Why don't they move the chem lab up to the athletic field?

Just Outside The Door

Freely admitting a lack of objectivity, being ego-involved, we wonder if a social injustice is not being done concerning belated arrivals at chapel? It is obvious that those who come in later, do so because those who came in first arrived later than they might have. The line moves only so fast; there are not yet five entrances to our chapel. Should, then, only the late ones be punished for our collective error? Dr. Hall's judgment, "You'll have to take a chapel cut" should sound the conviction of all.

Should the Christian Read Novels?

One response (see p. 4) is re-assuring and indicates more thought is being done than we could have presumed; but we would like to hear more discussion on this and other of our questions.

In Excelsis Deo

We just don't have anything to say about Christmas; that is, the mundane pleasantries which frequent the season, except that we wish people would stop to ponder and to reflect upon the eternal mystery of the God-man.

Quote of the Week

Overheard in the locker room — "Let's stop showing this school what good losers we are, and go out to win the ball game."

Our Reins Possessed

Some of us have been filled with an increasing awareness of the great privilege which is ours in attending Houghton during building construction, for here we have an objective expression of God's love and concern for His children. We walk secure in the knowledge that the Lord will perfect that which concerneth Him.



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Fest and Jollity . . .

Seniors Hold Holiday Sleighride; Underclassmen Plan Wassailing



Miss Nancy Sacks, head resident at East Hall, prepares candles to welcome Sophs to their party tonight.



The "Ho-tones" will appear at the Senior party, and will go caroling at midnight.

Christmas Parties . . .

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be games and refreshments, plus devotions. Blanche Miller and Roy Kral are social chairmen.

The junior party will be a "Penny Party." The penny idea will be in-

corporated into prizes, scoring, admission and decorations. The party begins at 7:30 p. m. in Bedford gymnasium. Nils Anderson and Charlotte Yoder are social chairmen of the junior class.

Elaine Parks, sophomore class social

chairman, announces that their class party will be a formal affair in the East Hall lounge. Tentative plans call for the class to go caroling at 7:30 p. m. to the shut-ins downtown and on campus. Following this, the group will gather in the lounge for games and refreshments.

Ambiguous Anti-Socialite Discourses on Festivities

Houghton students have the peculiar privilege of being almost "Christmased" to death. In class parties, dorm parties, club parties, holiday banquets and numerous private celebrations all varieties of yuletide themes are exploited within an inch of their lives; saturnalia, Pickwick, "The Little Matchgirl," "Gift of the Magi," anything that momentarily seems the least bit different or original.

To all students who are already satiated with candy canes, snowballs, holly, parties, candles, wreaths, pine branches, colored lights, tinsel and Dickens in his various forms I wish to appeal. Are you weary of this gala Christmas card scene? Here is my suggestion.

Why don't we wait until we come to Christmas season rather than forcing time to advance the Christmas season to us three weeks early? Rather than each Houghtonian traveling home laden with candy canes, Christmas cards, souvenir favors from the Christmas banquet, and crunchy, sticky ribbon candy left over from some other source, he could go home with a mind as yet absolutely untrammelled by the festivities of the Christmas season. Instead of feeling that he must go through the emotional holiday reverberations again, he could go home anticipating them early.

Just think of the pleasure it would be to have classes in an uninterrupted fashion straight through to vacation time with no little surprise parties, no having to cut classes to prepare decorations or anything of that nature. No choral reading practice, trio or quartet rehearsals, no decorative favors to prepare, no skits to write, cast and direct, no costumes to locate, no indigestion resulting from over-eating of those mouthwatering holiday refreshments.

We wouldn't have to go caroling, get wet feet and catch cold. WJSL could present regular programs with no trace of the "Deck the Hall" spirit. We wouldn't have to. . .

"Hey are you going to decorate now? Wait for me. Study? Are you kidding? The Christmas party is tonight. . . 'Scuse me, I have to go now. Merry Christmas!"

VACATION BEGINS

Christmas vacation officially starts tomorrow morning at 10:30 a. m. Morning classes are one half hour long. There is no chapel.

Resumption of classes is Friday, January 3, 1958, at 8 a. m.

The fine for missing classes December 13 or January 3 is \$10.00 per day.

Ho-Tones Carol Women's Dorms

The *Ho-Tones*, the senior male quartet, will sing carols for the girls at East Hall and Gaoyadeo tonight following the class Christmas parties.

The quartet includes Richard Seawright, tenor; John Reist, lead; Birton Hilson, baritone; and Edward Fischer, bass. The group will also sing at the senior Christmas party in the reception room of Gaoyadeo Hall.

They have appeared most recently at the senior class singpiration Sunday night, December 1. They also sang in the *Star* program, November 1 and provided dinner music in the college dining hall, November 22.

Old Man Winter Fails to Halt Chapel Construction

BY CAROLYN PAINE

"At present we have raised \$206,000 toward the building of the chapel," Dr. Robert Luckey, Director of Public Relations, stated in an interview last Friday. As of November 30, only \$42,000 of this remained, and Dr. Luckey stated that an estimated \$71,000 of bills will have to be paid by mid-December.

Letters Produce Results

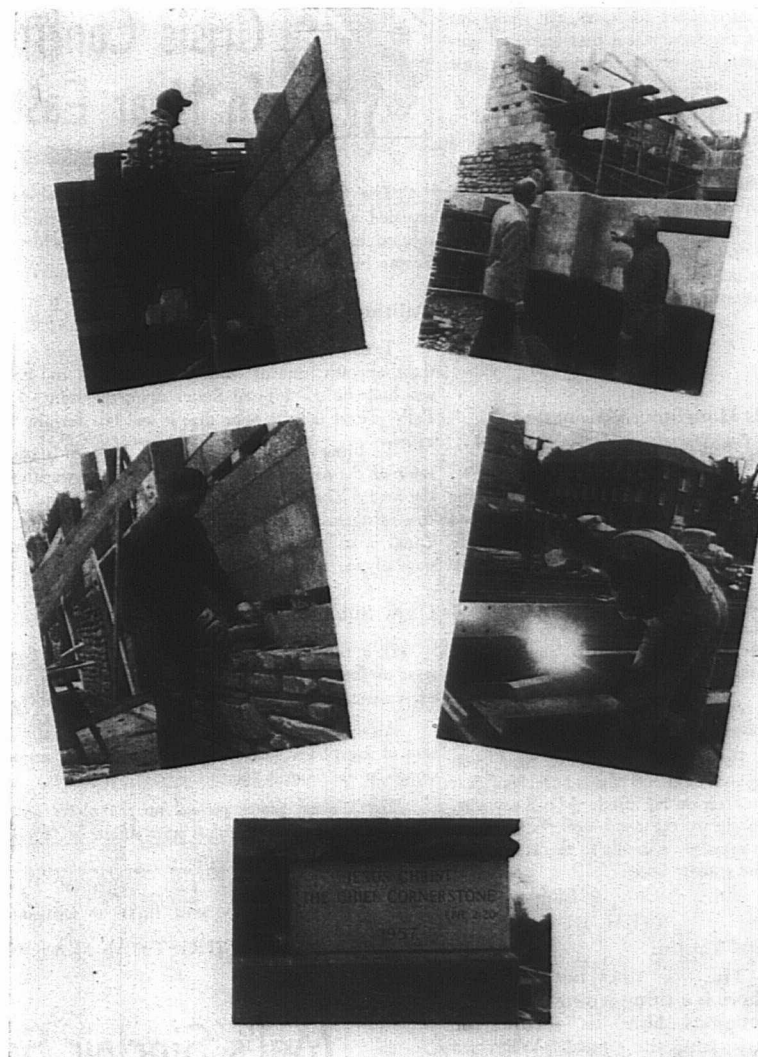
President Paine is writing a series of letters to six hundred friends of the college in an attempt to raise money before the year ends. "Since Thanksgiving, approximately \$5,000 has come in as a result of these letters," Dr. Luckey commented.

In response to the question whether snow would stop work on the building, Dr. Luckey said that if the building could be enclosed, the weather would not affect the work.

"We do hope to get it enclosed," he affirmed. "There hasn't been any day this fall when the men haven't been able to work." Only in the event of protracted cold or heavy snow will the work have to be temporarily interrupted.

More Funds Necessary

Mr. Ellsworth Decker, contractor for the building, estimates that once the building is enclosed the work will be about three fifths completed. Dr. Luckey states that at that time unless a considerable sum of money is brought in, the work may have to be temporarily discontinued until funds have been acquired.



Throughout the fall, workers, welding, laying stone, or hoisting steel, have labored hard to ready the chapel for winter operation, under close inspection of Mr. Feigl and Dr. Smith. Despite recent snow, the building goes on.

Holiday Wishes

from

The Star Staff

Letters to the Editor

Milton On Novel Reading

Dear Editor,

In the Minority Report of the last issue of the *Star*, the question of the week was stated thus:

All rationalizing instincts aside, should the consecrated Christian read novels?

In answer to this, first let me say that God has not commanded total abstinence, but rather temperance. If one is told by the Lord that he should not read novels, then certainly he should not read them. But let not that person condemn another for reading them occasionally, for the Lord deals with each of us differently and as individuals.

In "Areopagitica", John Milton has written, "How great a virtue is temperance . . . yet God commits the managing so great a trust, without particular law or prescription, wholly to the demeanor of every grown man."

Secondly, some will oppose the reading of novels (or other imaginative literature) of questionable value. In his same work, Milton has an answer to this too: "Good and evil we know in the field of this world grow up together almost inseparably; and the knowledge of good is involved and interwoven with the knowledge of evil . . . Therefore, the state of man now is; what wisdom can there be to choose, what continence to forbear without the knowledge of evil? He that can apprehend and consider vice with all her baits and seeming pleasures, and yet abstain, and yet distinguish and yet prefer that which is truly better, he is the true wayfaring Christian. I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and sees her adversary, but slinks out of the race, where that immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat."

I feel that Milton would (and so do I) disagree with those who live a sheltered life and exclude so many things simply because they are wrong in the eyes of other Christians. When our Christianity becomes merely a system of legalistic do's and don't's, what can we say in opposition to the admitted legalist?

Sincerely,
Arthur Everett

Is Houghton A Monastery?

Dear Editor,

Bravo for the latest edition of the *Star*. However I was rather disturbed about a statement made in your editorial on Houghton social life not in keeping with the tone of the paper. When I was considering colleges I didn't think Houghton was a "monastery" nor was I aware of any "stigma" attached to the student body.

Also, what is wrong with "religious films"?

Perhaps in your next issue, you might clear up the impression that was left on my mind. May I say also, "Keep up the good work;" the paper is certainly a credit to the school and the student body.

R. Clinton Taplin

Mr. Taplin:

The *Star* does not feel that there is a thing wrong with most religious films as media for preaching the gospel. What we failed to make clear is that perhaps Friday night programs demand something more entertaining and secular.

Also, we do not feel that

Houghton is a monastery. Strong as our language may have been, we still feel that it would be good if people around Houghton realize that students do have a well-rounded appreciation of art and culture.

—The Editor

Writer Likes Alma Mater

Dear Editor,

As I was reading the November 8th edition of the *Star*, I was somewhat disturbed by the letter which suggested that we change our Alma Mater. It seems a shame that pseudo-"progress" must attempt to level everything within its path.

The thought of the Alma Mater is still up to date although it was written over fifty years ago. Add to this the memories which the Alma Mater holds for many of the alumni and it will be evident that a change would not be as beneficial as some wish to think.

I agree that there should be more interest in our Alma Mater and that we should not neglect it as we have in the past. Perhaps it might be a step in the right direction if the student body made an honest attempt to learn the words and then were given the opportunity to occasionally sing the Alma Mater in chapel and at social functions.

Sincerely,
Fred Thomas
November 9, 1957

Teenage Problem

Judge Hopkins Presents Program To Alleviate Juvenile Delinquency

BY STANLEY SANDLER

The sharp upswing of juvenile crime in recent years is to many a disturbing sign of a sick society. Judge Hopkins of the Allegeny County Court, who presided at a mock-trial of a "youthful offender", in chapel December 4, is deeply concerned by this breakdown of discipline among teenagers.

One of the first questions I wanted to ask him was, "What do you think should be done about it?" The judge suggested a program to be presented by various law-enforcement agencies and officers in the high schools.

Carelessness Chief Cause

To Judge Hopkins, the principle cause of juvenile delinquency is carelessness — carelessness about drinking, about automobiles and about sex. If teenagers were aware of the potentialities and dangers inherent in these factors of our society they would treat them with more respect and caution. Also the consequences of crime are not fully appreciated. The juvenile delinquent does not realize the permanent black mark that he must bear the rest of his life if convicted of a crime. If the teenage population were made to realize that one wild night could be paid for with a life-time of regret and frustration at the least, it would be a powerful deterrent to crime.

Judge Has Law Career

Judge Hopkins has made the law his life since his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1917. Through his years of private practice as a lawyer and his public service as a district attorney, the Judge has seen the face of America drastically change and with it the old way of life. There are now more opportunities for juvenile trouble, which in the past were limited to fist-fights and carousing. A higher standard of living has put liquor, automobiles and firearms into the hands of bored teenagers. Changing attitudes about education, discipline and sex give the modern teenager greater freedom of action than his father.

Judge Hopkins' concern for the youth of America is based on his intimate contact with the problem and his deep concern for every confused, restless youth who can ruin his life in a few careless hours.



Stanley Sandler, Current Affairs Editor of the *STAR*, sounds out Judge Hopkins on delinquency.

Music Review

VanAtter Displays Good Delivery

The presentation of Gordon Jacob's *Concerto for Horn and Strings* by Miss Alyce Van Atter at her senior recital Wednesday, November 20,

was certainly a notable accomplishment. It may be noted that it was performed from memory.

The program also included *Adagio and Allegro* by Robert Schuman and two contemporary French recital pieces.

Recital Starts on Time

It is a refreshing and a unique experience to have a recital start on time. Not only did the recital commence promptly, but also the selections and delivery were enjoyable. In her delivery of the *Adagio and Allegro*, Miss Van Atter's expression seemed to falter somewhat, but as the piece progressed, the tone of confidence returned.

Assistant Does Well

Flutist, Miss Lois France, assisted Miss Van Atter in the recital and gave a very good account of herself in the performance of the *Sonata No. V* by G. F. Handel. In her delivery, Miss France appeared to be well composed, and displayed a thorough knowledge of the music. In the allegro section a note of uncertainty was discerned.

Town Meeting: Middle East



Crisis Confronts U. S. In Near East Unrest

BY STANLEY SANDLER

The flare-up of tension along the Israeli-Jordanian border last week revealed again the continuous crisis in this cradle of history. Jordan has refused to let Israeli food convoys enter the demilitarized zone of Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

Political Structure Shaky

Taken by itself, this is a petty thing, but it is just one more nibble at the shaky structure of Middle East politics and nationalism. That structure was built by the United States upon the ruins of the Suez invasion of last Fall. There is little hope that it will last for any length of time.

To bring peace to the Middle East, it is necessary to remove at least some of the sources of friction and then to work out a firm public policy for the area. The United States has done neither. The question of the Palestine refugees is as far from solution now as it was nine years ago; the Suez Canal is still Nasser's private chattel; and all Arab nations are still in a state of war with Israel.

U. S. Situation Precarious

In a frantic search for allies, the United States has backed the weak state of Jordan against its Arab neighbors. But Jordan's pathological hatred of America's ally, Israel, puts the U. S. in a difficult position.

Although condemned on moral grounds, the Anglo-French-Israeli invasion of Egypt last year was the only positive action to change the order of things in the Middle East.

The United States picked up the pieces and worked them back into the same tortured puzzle that has baffled her for so long.

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From the Bookshelf Novel Examines Lawyer's Climb

BY CHARLOTTE R. JONES
The Philadelphian by Richard Powell
Charles Scribner's Sons, New York
c. 1956

It was Mark Twain who once said: "In Boston they ask, How much does he know? In New York, How much is he worth? In Philadelphia, Who were his parents?" We can readily believe the latter if we accept as fact the conditions upon which Mr.

Powell's novel is written.

Richard Powell has told the story of Anthony Lawrence, a young man with no money, little family name and no influential connections. A hard-working mother, at one time on the "inside" of Philadelphia society, gave Anthony a good start in his career by enrolling him in an exclusive boys' school. From then on, *The Philadelphian* is an entertaining account of how a boy with intelligence, charm and ambition made a hazardous but steady climb to his professional goal and broke through the tough bonds of Philadelphia's Main Line.

The testimony of Anthony Lawrence's life had been made up chiefly of twelve decisions. What made each

of them important was that a different decision in each case could have changed his whole life. The author would like his readers to believe that Anthony's integrity and sound moral standards were responsible primarily for the success he achieved. And it would certainly appear so.

A few minor characters are worthy of special attention. Dr. McClintic, president of the boys' school Tony attended, tried to prove to Tony in the old Philadelphia manner just where his loyalty should lie. Mrs. Allen, an outspoken elderly lady in the guise of shabby clothes, showed Anthony a rare combination of wisdom and wealth and gave him a boost in his career. Grace Shippen Lawrence,

Anthony's wife, a stunning, yet cool beauty, admitted to Tony after seven years of marriage that she was at last in love with him.

For insight and knowledge of a lawyer's mind, the courts and law, plus an unusual success story, read *The Philadelphian*. The only criticism this reviewer would make would be that the story is a little too pat, the problems a little too easy to overcome and the main character too upright and honest to be real.

Diamond Anniversary

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and devastation. Most of the damage at Houghton had been done by the rampaging creek, which had swept

straight through town. The cellar of our house was full of mud and debris, and part of the diverted water was still eroding a channel through our garden. Yet my arrival by bobsled just before Christmas 1903 seemed even more unpropitious and bleakly depressing.

Three members of the small faculty — namely, President Silas W. Bond, J. N. Bedford, and H. W. McDowell, had been classmates of my father at Wheaton when the theological seminary there had been under the control of the Wesleyan Denomination — but that fact gave me scant comfort. I was still suspicious and very resentful.

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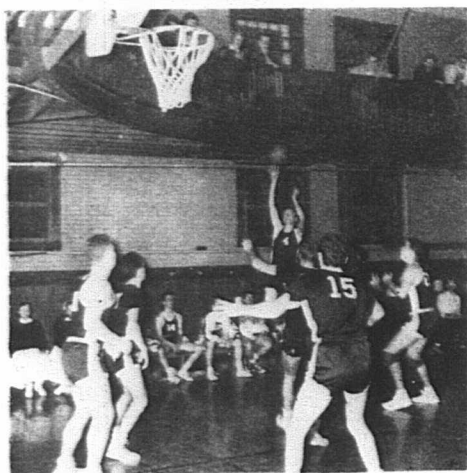
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Fillmore Cleaners



Junior Pete Hammond was a busy man in their 62-47 win over the Sophs. At left, he gets off a one hander, and at right, he leaves Ernie Valutis (3) behind in scramble for rebound.



Junior Fives Slam Senior Teams by 65-60, 50-35

The Junior girls again came through in the clutch last Monday as they whipped the Senior girls, 50-35. In what could be the deciding game in the girls' class race, the green and white champions proved themselves.

Gilligan Leads Way

After a close quarter, the Juniors began to hit from all over the court and from all possible angles. Mary Gilligan led the way for the victors. With the score tied at 15-15 midway through the second period, Gilligan hit for a field goal and four free tosses. Ruth Barth and Pat Pier each whipped home two pointers to run the lead to a comfortable 25-17 halftime advantages.

The third period was minutes old when Lois Chapman dunked two buckets for the Seniors. But that was the last gasp by the Red and White. From there on, Gilligan banged them through and the sparkling man-to-man Junior defense worked beautifully to cut down the Senior scoring.



Carol Demarest's scrappy defensive play helped Juniors defeat Seniors.

Basketball Races Reach Mid-Season; Frosh Fail to Calm Green Wave

The junior green wave rolled on last Wednesday night as they defeated the class of '60 for the third consecutive time. It was the 10th straight victory for the winners since they overwhelmed the Varsity in their freshman year. The score this December 4 was 62-47.

Sophomores Ernie Valutis and Ron Waite, with 15 and 12 points respectively, helped bring the losers back to within one point from a nine point half-time deficit. With 12 minutes remaining in the game, Percy committed his fifth personal foul; then the Juniors began to pull ahead. Led by George Taylor, the margin quickly widened and at the end the Juniors were winning going away. Taylor led the scorers with 17 points. Trasher, Hammond and Percy put in 10 for a literal team victory.

Frosh 51 - Seniors 40

The Freshmen rallied from a second game loss to the Juniors by tromping the Seniors on December 2, 51-40. This placed the victors in second place where they still remain as an ominous threat to the league leaders.

Ken German, southpaw backcourt

ace, pumped in 24 points for the Frosh, the majority of which were scored in the first half. Paul Mills hit for 12 points to keep him well up in the scoring race.

Clyde Michener whipped home his usual 15 points for the losers, but it was the inspiring play of two newcomers to the scoring ranks that highlighted the senior evening. Lyman Wood and Ron Trail each had 14 points for the Red and White.

Frosh Lose First

In what was the most exciting contest of the young season, the Juniors managed to squeak by the tall Frosh on November 29 by the small margin of 43-39. The game, packed with thrills from beginning to end, almost saw the end of Junior domination in the class races.

George Taylor hurried off the bench in the first half to lead the Green wave to safety. Sparkling play by this six foot forward staved off a determined second half bid by the newcomers for the upset of the year. However, their play marked them as the strongest upcoming team that the school has seen in recent years. Taylor and Trasher fashioned five beautiful plays in the second half to

salt the game away. Paul Mills turned in a tremendous second half and, as usual, lead the Frosh with 15 points.

Soph Drop Seniors

The only sophomore victory of the campaign was garnered at the expense of the Seniors on November 25 by a 53-46 win. The victors were hard pressed early in the second half to maintain a slim five point advantage as the Seniors, striving desperately, closed the gap.

At this point Jim Walker, Ernie Valutis and Ron Waite hit with a bucket apiece and the lead was once more a safe 11 points. The Sophs closed out the game with their second string being harassed by the revitalized Seniors, but the gap was too wide, and the upperclassmen tumbled to their second defeat.

Clyde Michener again led the Seniors in quest of their first triumph. The Red and White played good basketball in the last five minutes of the contest but were unable to find any drive during most of the game.

Chart Shows Close Race

Standings

Men	W	L
Juniors	4	0
Freshmen	2	1
Sophomores	1	2
Seniors	0	4
Women	W	L
Juniors	3	1
Seniors	2	2
Sophomores	2	1
Freshmen	0	3

Schedule

Jan. 6 - Seniors vs. Soph
Jan. 10 - Juniors vs. Frosh
Jan. 13 - Seniors vs. Frosh
Jan. 15 - Juniors vs. Soph

Percy Pens - - -

On Basketball and the Future, Vacation Tip, Bowl Champions

Girl's Basketball

It would be superfluous to urge you to see a girls' basketball game in Bedford gym one of these nights. However, since it is universally known that sportswriters like to dote on their accomplishments, I would hate to break tradition. Therefore the following: It was advised in this column a few issues back that one must definitely take in a girls' basketball game. And so "I told you so." If the Soph upset of the Juniors and the previous Junior upset of the Seniors are not examples of excitement to you as a sports fan, I don't want to meet you. Thanks anyway. Moreover, my earlier prediction awaits its fate: the Senior girls will take all the marbles.

The future

Next year's STAR (1958) will feature a Percy Pen's column which will be partially dedicated to answering what we think was a terribly one sided opinion on football players which appeared in a recent issue of *Life*. The author of that eminent article undoubtedly had his girl stolen by some All-American is our thesis. The football player of today is not without a defense, but until next year it has a sieve-like quality. The reason for this sudden rush to the pigskin totter's defense was an ill-timed remark made in the presence of Houghton's only practicing sportswriter. Moral: watch what you say; a sport's scribe has large ears and a hasty pen.

Conclusion

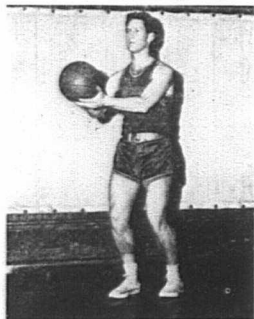
After reading, (excruciatingly, I'm sure) this far, see what you think of my three predictions for the top New Year's Day football attractions: Cotton Bowl, Navy over Rice; Rose Bowl, Ohio State over Oregon; Orange Bowl, Oklahoma over Duke.

Come to think of it, vacation is here at last. Once again the chair in front of the family TV will creak and groan, Mom's secret hiding places for your favorite TV snacks will be uncovered, and the tube itself will wax hot. There's ice hockey, pro basketball, college basketball, the Holiday Festival tournament, and also the five football attractions for me. How about you? Well, I guess that's my vacation — gone in just a few sentences.

In all seriousness, though, if you're looking for something to do at night just pull up your chair with me in front of the 17" (or is it color?) screen. Sort of can't wait myself. Merry Christmas.



Two Challenge Scoring Leaders



George Taylor and Alice Banker are second in the individual scoring race.



As the basketball season heads into the second half of the schedule, the scoring leaders are hard pressed to maintain their leads. Six men and two girls are at the moment fighting for the individual crowns.

Charlotte Yoder, with a 21 point per game average in three contests, heads the group of women scorers. Alice Banker, senior forward, is currently pressing Yoder for the lead with an 18 point per game average.

An even half dozen men are tightly bunched in the scoring duel. Leader John Percy has slipped considerably since the first game, and teammate George Taylor has a 16 points per game average for a close second with Clyde Michener of the seniors. Paul

Mills, Ernie Valutis and Ron Waite are all tied for fourth place with a total of 44 points and a 15 point average per contest. The leaders:

Women	Average	Total
Char Yoder (So.)	21	63
Alice Banker (Sr.)	18	53
Mary Gilligan (Jr.)	14	41
Ruth Barth (Jr.)	12	37
Lois Chapman (Sr.)	11	35
Men	Average	Total
John Percy (Jr.)	17	52
George Taylor (Jr.)	16	32
Clyde Michener (Sr.)	16	48
Paul Mills (Fr.)	15	44
Ernie Valutis (So.)	15	44
Ron Waite (So.)	15	44

Forfeits Mar H. L. Standings

As of December 7, the Academy was perched on top of the House League scramble. The high school hoopsters posted a 2-0 record with one forfeit included. Forfeits have stolen the spotlight this year with five out of the first eight scheduled games going by the forfeit route.

High School Wins

The Academy's triumph over Van Riper House by the tune of 42-29 was a team effort. Billy DeVries was the only scorer in double figures for the winners with 11 points. Dave Barbour lead the losers with 16 markers. Van Riper House is tied with the Dry Bones for second place.

Dry Bones Triumphs

Dry Bones, with Dr. Hall banging in 14 points, whirled past the Tuaines 52-21. The other faculty victory was a forfeit also. McKinley House has the dubious distinction of dropping two forfeit games but winning their only 48-minute contest. Dow and Bowers threw in 13 apiece for the winners as Neil Spaulding and Royce Ross scored 14 and 10 for the losing Tuaines. McKinley won in a close one, 41-33.