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Dr. Morton (Fred Thomas) and Mrs. Wragg (Kay Kaufman) seize Junior, Dr. Morton's conscience (Auguste King), in an attempt to get rid of him.

Wit And Scriptural Truth Blend Convincingly In Play

BY ANTHONY YU

Opening its annual literary contest last Friday evening, the *Lantern* presented "A Matter of Conscience," written by Prof. Charles Davis and directed by the editor, Carolyn Paine. Essentially a modern morality play, the three-act drama sparkled with wit and glowed with poignant Scriptural truths. Brilliantly executed with ease and conviction, the play brought delightful entertainment and spiritual warmth to a capacity audience.

Plot Not Original

Basically, the plot is not entirely new. Dr. Morton (Fred Thomas), man with a past, had his Conscience (Auguste King) aroused accidentally in an evangelistic service. Thenceforth, Conscience had come to stay, making life miserable for the doctor and his "rats-hating" selfish housekeeper, Mrs. Wragg (Kay Kaufman).

Attempting to obliterate Conscience, Morton made a Faustian commitment to the evil Mr. Engel (Carl Berggren), and together, they finally succeeded in stifling Conscience. Life seemed flowery for Morton again until Mrs. Wragg's own conscience bothered her and brought the Law (John Miller) in. With his crimes uncovered, Morton would have received just penalty were it not for the timely assistance of the Christian maid (Bonnie Boggs). Now broken and contrite, Morton pleaded his guilt upon Christ's atonement. Con-

science revived, and Morton was thus delivered from the Law and the Devil.

Conversion Is Climax

The play's noble point lay precisely in Dr. Morton's ultimate conversion. The Mephistophelian Engel's threat to claim his contract prisoner was silenced by Mary Jane's simple statement: "To whose court will you appeal?" In picturing our Lord's ready forgiveness to a penitent soul, Prof. Davis thus surpassed even Marlowe, Goethe, or Stephen Vincent Benet.

Dorm Construction Awaits Bill's Fate

Plans are under way for a new dormitory designed to house 116 men and a supervisor's apartment, Dr. Willard Smith, college business manager, stated in a recent interview. The government Housing and Home Finance Agency has already approved a preliminary application for funds and has reserved \$500,000 for the project, although the college does not expect to need the entire amount.

Dr. Smith said, however, that further progress on the building depends on the fate of the appropriations bill presently before Congress. If the bill is passed and signed, construction may begin this summer, but will probably wait until 1960. Should the bill not receive Congressional approval, no funds will be available for the project.

Dr. O. G. Wilson Is Evangelist In Mid-Winter Spiritual Crusade

Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, who received his honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Houghton, is the speaker for the mid-winter evangelistic services Feb. 12-Feb. 22. For the past 12 years Dr. Wilson has been the editor of *The Wesleyan Methodist*

in Marion, Ind.

After serving as a pastor, Dr. Wilson, a graduate of Miltonvale College, became president of the Oklahoma Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was later chairman of the Department of Theology at Miltonvale College. While serving as head of the Wesleyan Sunday School Department for four years, Dr. Wilson wrote Sunday School literature.

The church will sponsor a tea at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18 in East Hall for all student pastors and some pastors from the Houghton area. A question and answer period will follow at which Dr. Wilson will preside.

Class choirs, A Cappella choir, Academy and Church choirs will provide music for the meetings. Robert MacKenzie will direct a special crusade choir, and Rev. Roy Gibbs will lead the praise time at 7:15.

Dr. Wilson began his daily chapel talks today.



Dr. O. G. Wilson

Recitalists Play, Sing On Feb. 25

Miss Gay Goodroe and Mr. Robert MacKenzie will present a joint recital in the Chapel, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Goodroe, an applied voice major, will sing two arias by Bach, *Jesus, Thy Humiliation*, and *Ah, Happy Are Ye Steadfast Spirits*, *Stezoso mio Stezoso* by Pergolisi, *Lid's Aria* by Debussy, and *Un bel di Vedremo* by Puccini. Her program will also include *When I Bring to you Colored Toys* by Carpenter, *I Chant My Lay* and *Songs My Mother Taught Me* by Dvorak and several numbers by Schumann and Scarlatti. Miss Elaine Faris will accompany her.

Miss Goodroe studied voice four years before coming to Houghton. Mr. MacKenzie, who is a trumpet major, will play *Concerto* by Giannini and *Scherzo and Finale* by Fitzgerald. He will be accompanied by Miss Sarah Hostetter.

Mr. MacKenzie studied trumpet for four years before coming to Houghton.

REQUESTS TAPES

Al Smith of Singspiration Inc., requested thirteen program tapes from Houghton for American Family Network broadcast. The tapes will be gospel music presented by students.

Dean Releases Honor Register

Dean Lynip released on Feb. 10 a list of the names of 40 students who have achieved a quality point index of 3.5 or higher for the first semester of this school year. Thirty-eight of these students carried a scholastic load of over 12 hours and two students had less than 12 hours.

Carolyn Paine attained an index of 3.84 with a total of 19 credit hours. Those students with a point index of 3.5 or above for 18 credit hours of work include Phyllis Chamberlain, 3.67; Lawrence Davis, 4.00; Eugene George, 3.61; Carolyn Gifford, 3.61; Adele Haritonoff, 3.72; Margaret Hazlett, 3.83; David Keller, 3.50; Frederick Lorenzo, 3.83; David Sabean, 3.67.

Students with a scholastic load of 17 hours include Mary-jane Fancher, 3.59; Karen Goodling, 3.65; Irene Hauptel, 3.82; Patricia Hunter, 3.59; Carla Marcus, 3.76; Robb Moses, 3.82; Anthony Yu, 3.82.

Those with 16 credit hours and an index of 3.5 or above are Barbara Conant, 3.81; Donald Corliss, 3.75; Marjorie Demarest, 3.63; Richard Gould, 3.63; Roland Kidder, 3.81; Gareth Larder, 3.81; Patricia Lewis, 3.56; Timothy Muenzer, 3.69; Kathryn Patton, 3.63; Pauline Schweinforth, 3.63; Dian Sheppard, 3.56; Don Trasher, 3.56.

Those students carrying 15 credit hours include Carol Demarest, 3.80; Mary Douglas, 3.73; Peter Lee, 3.80; Stanley Sandler, 3.60; Joy Titus, 3.60.

Charlotte Wintch achieved an index of 3.71 with 14 hours; Thomas Hawkins, 4.00 with 13 hours; John VanDerDecker, 4.00 with 13 hours; Vivian King, 3.75 with 12 hours.

Bessie Gilmore and Robert Lent both achieved a 4.00 with 3 credit hours.

WJSL Sponsors Talent Review

The presentation of "Tragedy in High-Fi", a slap-stick comedy by Nils Anderson, Victor Berg and Calvin Boulter, captured first prize in the annual WJSL Talent Review Wednesday evening. The skit was performed in three speeds to imitate the 33 1/3, 45 and 78 rpm rates of hi-fi.

Soprano Marcella Frisbie received second prize for her vocal selection "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier".

In third place was the Boon Quartet, John Ainsworth, Ken Boon, Wayne Hill and Keith Marx. Their selections included "Hang Down Your Head Tom Dooley" and "Tumbling Tumbleweed." They also concluded the program on a serious note with "So Send I You."

Mr. Fred Shannon, chemistry instructor, acted as master of ceremonies.

Other participants were the Sophomore Girls Quartet; Carol Froelich, Paul Ordway and Paul Titus; Lillian Taylor and Dorothy Deters; Lorraine Harrington; John Hickok; and Bill Wry.

First prize was a \$10 credit at the College Bookstore, and second prize was a \$5 donation from Barker's Department Store.

Library Receives Grant For Business Materials

The Houghton College library has received a \$300 sub-grant from the Association of College and Research Libraries for the purpose of gathering needed business administration materials.

Seventy-six other colleges also received sub-grants, which are given on the basis of the colleges' library needs. Scientific materials, business administration, art and music, literature and classics and Russian studies compose the major categories for awards.

Nationwide Insurance and Columbia Broadcasting System Foundation also participated with the United States Steel Foundation in backing the ACRL. During its four years of existence, the committee has designated more than \$165,000 to over 300 libraries.

Concert Ends Youth Week; Theme Emphasizes Service



The special sixteen voice choir, under the direction of Robert MacKenzie, performs at the Saturday evening service of Youth Week.

A concert of sacred music featuring the Houghton College Trumpet Trio climaxed this year's Youth Week on Saturday evening, Feb. 7 in Houghton church. The program also included the flute trio, the brass ensemble of the freshman class, a violin solo, a 16-voice choir, and vocal numbers.

The offering taken at the concert will help to send the three trumpeters, Robert MacKenzie, Robert Vogan and Ronald Kerr, and their pianist, David Childs, to a Youth For Christ convention in Mexico City next summer.

"Yielded for Service" was the theme of Youth Week, which was sponsored by Wesleyan Youth. To

set the keynote, Robert Reasner of the college staff, spoke at the W.Y. meeting Sunday evening Feb. 1, and emphasized obedience to God's will.

Thursday evening in the church Arthur Glasser of the China Inland Mission described the effect of world affairs on missions in Southeast Asia.

Three students spoke on different phases of "Youth Reaching Youth" in chapel on Wednesday. Janet Orser acquainted the student body with the work of high school Bible clubs; Marilyn Stebbings told of released time classes; and Carl Muller spoke about student pastors' work. Saturday afternoon W.Y. presented a film of the life of John Wesley.

Seniors Pause For Reflection

Having arrived at that long-awaited, yet swiftly-fleeting final stretch in one's undergraduate career, the senior finds his mind crowded with myriad thoughts, questions and problems. Is this really the last chance I have to raise my grades? Is it really time to decide which grad school to apply to or plan on? Do you suppose I'll ever make a teacher? What can I do with all this education?

Just think of the whole student body standing while you proceed into chapel in your cap and gown! Don't forget to send your RSVP for the Honors Banquet to Pat Pier by February 28. Get started on those papers now so you will be sure to have skip-day weekend free. That is the high-water mark of one's entire college life, I am told.

Reflection And Evaluation

The observant senior can't help reflecting on his green days, especially after glancing at old Stars. Look at the irretraceable foot prints in the road down which I have come. Where do you suppose the next foot will fall? I must evaluate!

Yes. And not only the senior, but every college student would do well to evaluate, for in his evaluation, if he is honest, he will meet the Almighty. And here again during this spiritual emphasis is an opportunity to examine oneself in his relationship to the greatest source of inspiration for life that man has yet found — God's Holy Spirit.

Scripture Must Be Prominent

For the seniors, at least, this is the last series of special meetings in Houghton. Can we not profitably turn aside from our striving for just a little while to listen more intently to the message of the sacred writings? And if we turn aside for a purpose any less than that, what shall it profit? The Word of God must grip us with its truth or we are only playing church.

Let us not go to one special meeting because it is the thing to do. But let us examine ourselves to see if we "be in the faith." "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Campus Quotes

By STANLEY SANDLER

Information about scholarships, assistantships, loans, prizes, prerequisites for candidacy and programs of study available to graduate prospects is now available in the second volume of the *World Wide Graduate Award Dictionary*, published by the Advancement and Placement Institute, Box 99H Greenpoint Station, Brooklyn 22, N. Y.

Foundation Provides Grants

The National Science Foundation will provide a limited number of grants to qualified undergraduates in the physical, biological, mathematical and engineering sciences for participation in research projects being carried out by experienced scientists.

Rising Costs Hit Medical Schools

Support of privately endowed medical schools is becoming such an onerous burden for private institutions that there has been a trend over the last decade of State institutions helping to support or even purchasing these schools. Rising costs hit the medical schools first and hardest and there seems to be no way for them to maintain the present standards without aid either from the legislative or the state universities.

Following in the pioneering tradition of American womens' colleges, Sarah Lawrence College is revamping its entire teaching program with the emphasis upon graduate calibre instruction in the last two undergraduate years. Juniors, senior and post-graduate year will be combined for qualified juniors in a seminar-style program. Students will do independent work while acting as teaching interns by handling some classes and student conferences. At the end of the three-year program, a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree will be awarded.

Student Exchange Celebrates Anniversary

1959 is the tenth anniversary of the Fulbright program of British-American college student exchange. More than 6,000 Britons and Americans have participated. Some thirty other nations are also included in this masterpiece of educational and diplomatic understanding.

Joy League Breaks

New Fad Grips Campus; Nine Sport Damaged Limbs

By LYDIA STEINSEIFER

Take note, pace-setters. To be *la mode* these days, a broken limb is the *sine qua non*. Creatures of extremes that we are, the fashion plates of the hour range from the mere touch of individuality illustrated by Andy Nelson's broken thumb to the "all or nothing" precedent set by little Molly Snell with her rather extravagant broken leg.

Broken Bone Theory

We have several others who have taken the plunge into non-conformity (or conformity, depending on the view one takes), among them Jim Bramhall, Marilyn Emens, David Sweetman, Joy Titus, Ron Waite and Ruthie Hersh. Each champions the broken bone theory as an excellent attention-getting device.

More Ways Than One

Various means of acquiring this mark of distinction have been devised, and more are doubtless in the making. Joy Titus found that going for a walk on our oft-treacherous sidewalks makes a broken arm surprisingly simple to obtain.

Jim Bramhall, adventurer that he is, chose the mildly spectacular head-on car collision method. (This plan is recommended because of its near-infallibility).

Amateur Does Well

Roller skating, Marilyn Emens tells us, is also effective; and we might add that the amateur, no less than the professional, has a good chance of success with this one.

Tobogganing and ice-skating, used by Andy Nelson and Molly Snell, respectively, are effective means which attain the desired end.

Ron Waite, with an eye to the future, has actually been in possession of a chipped elbow for some time, but waited until his condition was fashionable to reveal it.

Unusual Plan Discovered

Dave Sweetman has perhaps hit on the most unusual plan thus far: that of stepping on a basketball. Although not as long-lasting as a broken leg, he finds his resultant limp slightly more obtrusive than a broken thumb.

Casually performing the duties of waitress in dining hall, Ruthie Hersh unexpectedly came into vogue by op-

portunately slipping in some gravy spilled by one of her fellow waiters and breaking her ankle in two places.

Pianist Fails

In an unsuccessful attempt to take her place among the ranks of the fashionable, Helene Harris managed to sprain her hand and forearm by practicing her piano lesson with almost unprecedented fervor.

We feel it our duty to point out to our readers that each case well illustrates the high price of keeping in step with current fashion.

Editor's Note:

The absence from this issue of Dr. Bert Hall's column, "From The Scottish Quad," is due to his change of residence from the University of Edinburgh to Toulouse, France. He plans to be there the remainder of this month. Future plans include a stay in Germany and a visit to the Holy Land. As we go to press we await further communication from our contributing editor.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Moe:

Behind the Iron Curtain one finds gigantic placards exhorting the workers and peasants to labor cheerfully for the cause.

Similarly, I cannot help but be impressed (or is it oppressed?) by the large posters strategically placed on our stairways and halls, with red letters jumping out from an orange background, spelling out such profound truths as "A SMILE WILL REFLECT A SMILE" or "SMILE, GIVE YOUR FROWN A REST." I find it about as thought-provoking as a pep rally at a state U. The more "theological" placards are hardly more profound. Are we really so shallow as to believe that a person will be given the grace to smile or pray by glancing at a poster? If so, then the more and bigger the posters, the greater the spirituality? Is this the way to develop a mature Christian life?

Yours,
Perplexed

Society News

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WEST — GODDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Godden of Sturgis, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Juanita ('59), to Arthur A. West ('59), son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. West of Rome. No date has been set for the wedding.

GENCO — HAUPEL

Mr. and Mrs. Alfons E. Haupele of Chester, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Irene ('59), to Peter Genco ('59), son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Genco of the Bronx. No date has been set for the wedding.

BARBOUR — KIEHL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kiehl of Montoursville, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby ('61), to David Barbour ('60), son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barbour of Estes Park, Colo. No date has been set for the wedding.

NEUMEYER — DINGMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Dingman of Dexter, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Ann, to Murray W. Neumeyer ('60), son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Neumeyer also of Dexter. No date has been set for the wedding.

ELLER — BOUTWELL

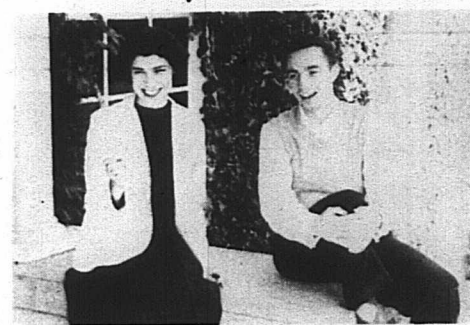
Mr. and Mrs. James Boutwell of Warsaw, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sybil ('59), to Donald Eller, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Eller of Pennsville, New Jersey. An August wedding is planned.

Paired

STEVENSON — JOHNSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Johnston announce the marriage of their daughter, Gloria Ann, to Mr. Donald Stevenson ('59) on January 31.

In Society And Solitude



Renie and Moe

Practice Or Teaching?

Several upperclassmen have vacated campus for three weeks to try their hands at "the real thing." They have descended upon the neighboring elementary and secondary schools with unique force. One wonders what kind of impression is made from the other side of the fence. One youngster sized up the situation with the query concerning a Houghton practice teacher, "Is that someone's mother?"

Encore

Abounding compliments have graced the *Lantern's* presentation of Professor Charles Davis' morality play, "A Matter of Conscience." This important attempt to explore the possibilities of drama for Christian purposes is, indeed, notable in the annals of Houghton's stage productions.

It is the hope of many students that this literary form will see an ever-broadening future in opportunities for expression. Thank you, Mr. Davis, and congratulations.

A Close Call

Basketball took on scintillating reflections this year as the Juniors and the Sophomores grappled for victory last Wednesday until a five-minute overtime finally broke the spell and the Juniors triumphed 66-64. This contest itself was a first place tie play-off game.

Both teams deserve recognition for their fine demonstration of sportmanship and exemplary ball playing at Fillmore.

Film Focus

The John Wesley film shown during youth week is to be noted for its evangelistic emphasis, fine acting, authentic representation of the historical period and technical excellence. The music, too, was of a comparable calibre. All in all, it at least equals the Martin Luther film.

We Pose The Question

Would not the purchase of a stage curtain for the new chapel encourage the production of such dramas as our own Professor Davis created for our edification and entertainment last Friday night?

Words For Reflection

No guilty person is ever acquitted in the courtroom of his own mind.



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Chapel Completion Imminent

Companies Submit Seat Bids; Estimate For Construction Rises



New chapel-auditorium construction moves forward as campaign for buying seats gets under way.

By MARY-JANE FANCHER

Turquoise blue theater-type chairs with upholstered backs and seats are the choice for the new chapel-auditorium. At a committee meeting last week, the Heyward Wakefield Company and the American Seating Company presented bids for seats, ranging from \$26 to \$29 each, depending upon the upholstery and the end finish. These seats can be installed by June 1 if the board makes a final decision at their meeting Monday, Feb. 23. The chairs will have a flat mohair finish and spring seats, covered with a foam rubber type of material.

Head Contractor Estimates Cost

Mr. Ellsworth Dekker, head contractor for the Houghton Construc-

tion Company, estimated at the meeting that \$150,000 will finish the auditorium with all its features. This figure, however, may not include the cost of completing all the class rooms.

Prices Rise

This statement is the first assessment of the exact cost needed for completion because of the only recently finished specifications. The previously named \$100,000 is inadequate since prices have risen during the interrupted construction of the chapel.

Alumni Purchase Seats

The Public Relations office is organizing a telephone campaign among the alumni for the purchase of the seats. One alumnus will contact

four others and urge each to pledge one seat at \$30, by June 1.

The heating company has been working in the chapel, but no sizeable crew of workers will move in until the third floor of the East Hall wing is completed.

Lynip Announces Student Loans

Dean Lynip has announced that Houghton College's portion in the federal student loan program is \$4983, to which the college will add \$500. This allotment is based on a pro rata share of the six million dollar appropriation that launched the National Defense Loan Fund for needy students.

A request has been made to Congress for an additional 24 million dollars to be made available this spring. The college's share of this larger appropriation would be \$20,000.

Students planning to enter the teaching field on either the elementary or secondary level will have up to 50 per cent of their loan forgiven. The debt will be amortized over a ten-year period.

The committee on student loans encourages those needing financial aid for this semester to obtain an application from the Dean's office. The total amount thus far requested is only \$6000. Although this exceeds the preliminary amount, additional funds will be available in one or two months. Loans bear no interest during college, and only three per cent thereafter, beginning one year after graduation. Indebtedness may be repaid over a ten-year period following completion of college work.

Glasser Airs Optimistic View

By STANLEY SANDLER

A refreshing breath of optimism stirred those who heard the talk given by Dr. Arthur Glasser in the Houghton Church Thursday night. Speaking about missions in the light of world events, Dr. Glasser propounded the view that Christ's coming would coincide with the preaching of the Gospel in the last place on earth that remained to hear it.

Reviewing the situation in South East Asia, Dr. Glasser stated, "You are impressed with the explosive power of resentment against the white man." But he also said, "We are living in an age of great missionary advance." As never before, the Gospel is being preached all over the world.

However, Dr. Glasser did not minimize the forces with which the Gospel must contend. Among these are Buddhism, "the religion for the scientific mind," Roman Catholicism, Communism and the liberal ecumenical movement.

Dr. Glasser said that the expulsion of missions from China led to a sort of crisis re-evaluation of missions in South East Asia. Today the emphasis is upon mobility, the printed page, radio, native missionaries and above all, the native indigenous church for the day when the white missionary will be but a memory.

Lanthorn Contest Spurs Amateur Authors' Efforts

By LAWRENCE DAVIS

Do you wish to gain immortality in the annals of Houghton's literary endeavors? Do you seek to express publicly your heretofore obscured thoughts and ideas? Perhaps the 1959 Houghton College Literary Contest is just what you've been waiting for!

Best Entries Published

The Lanthorn Literary Contest, as it is popularly called, will accept entries of students' original poems, essays and short stories until March 15, 1959. The best entries from each division will be published in the 1959 Lanthorn, and the names of first prize winners engraved on the Silver Loving Cup in the library. The Clarence H. Barnett family donated the cup in 1956.

Since the first contest in 1913, winners of the various contests have often attained important positions after leaving Houghton. Dr. Kenneth L. Wilson, now managing editor of the *Christian Herald*, won prizes in the 1938 contest's poetry and essay divisions. Donald Kaufman, present managing editor of the Fleming H. Revell Book Company, won first prize in the essay and short story divisions of the 1937 contest.

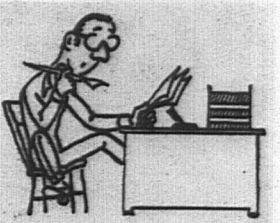
Former Winners

Dr. Marilyn Birch, medical missionary to Sierra Leone, Africa, was a contest winner in 1941 and 1942; and H. Myron Bromley, now a missionary in New Guinea, wrote the 1945 contest's prize-winning essay. Two of Houghton's present teachers, Dr. Josephine Rickard and Mrs. Alice (Hampe) McMillen, won prizes in literary contests while students here.

Each contestant may submit as many entries in each division as he chooses, but stories and essays must not exceed 2500 words in length. Detailed contest rules will be posted soon.

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Houghton Grad Publishes Book

New York — Missionary Bernard N. Bancroft of the Philippines has signed a contract with Exposition Press of New York for spring, 1959 publication of his novel, *Bread Upon the Waters*. Based on fact, the book tells the story of survivors of the Battle of Luzon who reached the Philippine island of Capayas during World War II.

The Reverend Mr. Bancroft, now a teacher in the Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute of Manila, first served in the Philippines from 1936 to 1939.

The author was born in 1915 in Fletcher, Ohio, and was educated in Johnson City, New York; the Baptist Bible Seminary, the National Bible Institute (now Shelton College), Houghton College and Westmont College. Besides his missionary and teaching duties, he is currently editor of *The Philippine Fundamental Baptist*, manager of *The Bible Book Shelf*, treasurer and business manager of his seminary, and treasurer and a trustee of Faith Academy.

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Town Meeting: Nationalists Repudiate "White Man's Burden"



By STANLEY SANDLER

African Ferment

The recent riots in Leopoldville, capital of the Belgian Congo, are vivid illustrations of the nationalistic ferment which has gripped the continent of Africa. They are also demonstrations of the determination of the peoples of underdeveloped areas to be master of their destinies. Africa today is in a turmoil of anti-colonial nationalistic feeling as in the Middle East.

The Belgian Congo is merely a good example. There, the benevolent paternal Belgian government gave the natives one of the highest standards of living in Africa. But only recently has even a cautious, tightly-controlled attempt been made to enable these people to govern themselves. Hence, when living conditions deteriorated, unemployment was the spark that set off the repressed pressures of anti-colonial, anti-white feeling in the Congo.

Kiplingesque Attitude

Unfortunately, the ideas of that delightful poet but careless sociologist and anthropologist, Rudyard Kipling, still personify the relations between white and black men in Africa in many areas. Kipling wrote of the "white man's burden" that was to civilize the "lesser breeds without the law." It is obvious that such ideas implied a basic premise of the inferiority of the natives of Africa and even India. This was the height not only of racial pride, but also of plain ignorance. But such ideas were convenient for the white settlers who carved out huge feudal manors, forcing the natives to the poorest land. Even missionaries shared in this misconception.

Missions were founded on the principle of the great white father coming to help his children. There was not a breath of equality or human dignity or even Christianity in this. Today we reap the bitter fruits of the seeds of carelessness and selfishness sown by our fathers. All over the world, doors are being closed in the face of the white man's missions.

U. S. A. Not Aware

But we still seem to be asleep to the vital new forces of national and racial pride. At the All-African Peoples' Conference held in newly-independent Ghana, a one-sentence greeting from Vice-President Nixon finally came on the last day of the meeting. The point was not missed by the delegates, leaders in almost every phase of life in Arab and Black Africa. So far, communism has been rejected by the African nationalist groups, no thanks to the West. But Africa wants money, expert help, trade, industry and above all, recognition of their legitimate rights as human beings.

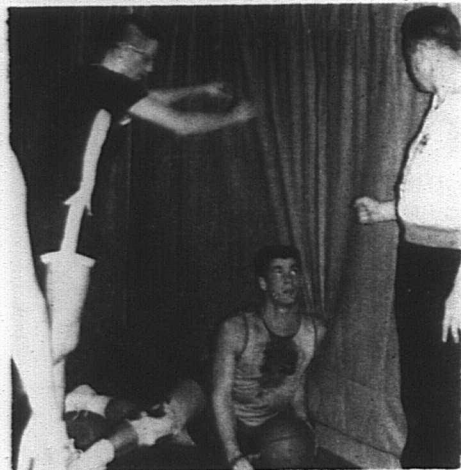
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"Do you really mean that, ref?" Dale Arnink seems to be asking as Dick Sheesley observes his plight.



Wes Smith attempts a check as John Ray goes up for a shot. Herm Simmeth, Dale Arnink and Ken German poise for the rebound.

Juniors Steal Class Championship Sophs Lose Play-off Game 66-64

With five extra minutes to help them, the Juniors clinched the class championship by beating the Sophomores 66-64 in the play-off game Feb. 4 at the Fillmore high school gymnasium.

The lead changed hands seven times during the first half of the game and the score was tied six times. The Juniors left the court with a 31-28 lead at the end of the first half.

Jrs. Tie Game

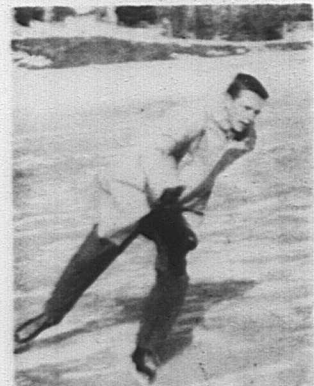
The Sophomores captured the lead

Ice Rink Opens; P-G Face Off

Adverse weather has limited the use of the ice rink on the football field. Plans have been made to resurface what ice has remained as soon as the thermometer falls sufficiently to make the flooding successful.

The rink was in use constantly between semesters, and during the first week of the new semester many students and several faculty members and their families took advantage of the facilities.

An added attraction for all hockey players and fans will be the first Purple-Gold ice hockey game of the year to be held on the athletic field Feb.



Junior Andy Smith spends leisure moments on flooded athletic field rink.

14 at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. The arrangements have been made with Coach Wells, who has given enthusiastic backing to this new Purple-Gold contest. All men interested in skating for their respective colors should contact Gary Berner of Purple and Dick Burcaw of Gold. The only equipment needed to participate in the game on ice is skates and a hockey stick. If one is lacking a hockey stick he should not let this keep him from skating for his color. This first game may be the pace setter for a regular organized series.

with twelve minutes to go in the second half (and led, with nine minutes to go, by eight points), but the Juniors steadily closed the gap until with 21 seconds to go, John Ray put home a field goal which left the Juniors only one point down. At 12 seconds Dick Sheesley sunk one of two charity shots which tied the score at 52. The second half ended a fraction of a second before Wes Smith let go a shot that hit the backboard and swished through.

In the five minute overtime the Sophomores took the lead for the first two and a half minutes. Ray scored six points and Sheesley five. Then Bob Granger broke the 64-64 tie with a swisher from beyond the free throw circle with six seconds to play.

German Scores High

Jim Walker and Herm Simmeth each scored a spectacular field goal, but it was Ray who came into his own with twelve points. Five Juniors hit double figures led by Sheesley with 14, Walker and Pete Genco

with 13 apiece, Ray with 12 and Granger, 11. Ken German made 22 for the Sophomores; Jim Banker, 14; Dale Arnink, 12; and Simmeth, 10.

Class Swim Meets Begin; Jrs. Boast Aquatic Skill



Junior Elsie Stumpf and Freshman Richard Nearbin practice for coming swim meet.

The Junior class will vaunt their aquatic skills against all opposition on Feb. 24 and 26 in an attempt to win the class swimming championship for the first time. The women's meet will be held on the 24th and the men will clash on the latter date.

Competition Desired

The success of both meets will depend greatly on the Juniors' desire for competition and the untapped talent of the Frosh. Juniors John Glatz and Bob MacKenzie will attempt to build up the competition by recruiting some land-lubbers from all the classes.

Lorraine Mazza and Elsie Stumpf will lead the Junior women's aggregation with Alice Andrews, Donna King, Lydia Steinseifer and Vivian King supporting them. Swimming for the Sophs will be Betty Sue Stillman for the women and Dave Sabarn for the men.

Frosh Are Question Mark

The Seniors as yet pose no threat to the strong Junior squad. The Frosh may have hidden talent but lack of experience usually keeps them out of the running in Houghton's aquatic competition.

The meets will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium pool. All swimmers or potential aquatics are urged to enter their abilities to churn for their respective classes and for the ensuing Color Meets, March 10 and 11.

Gold Seeks To Win Series From Victorious Purple

An eager Gold five will take the floor against the formidable Purple men's basketball team on Monday, Feb. 23, in the first game of the 1959 color series. The Gladiators will try for their second series title in ten years, and according to Coach Wells, they are confident that they have a good chance to make this year the revolutionary one, even though Purple has already taken both football and soccer.

Big Men Matched

Dick Sheesley and Robb Moses for Gold will undoubtedly be matching their height and strength with Pharaoh's Don Trasher and Jim Walker, two of the three highest scorers in class competition this year.

Jim Banker, whose elusive driving has proved so effective in past games, Bob Granger and Herm Simmeth will probably prove most dangerous to the champions.

Purple also has a quick deadly front with Ken German's accurate two-hand set shots, Ed Moos and Don Housley's one-handed pumps

and Theron Rockhill and Pete Genco's "all-you're worth" playing.

Purple Has High Scorers

Statistics show that the top five scorers of class basketball this year are on the Pharaoh squad, but Gold's Coach Wells has pointed out that these statistics are often misleading. In many cases, especially on the Senior and Freshman teams, the majority of scoring was done by only one or two players. His underlying strategy will be based on the belief that success may depend more on combined teamwork than on the high scoring of a single player.

Purple Women Overtake Gold

A crowded roster of Purple women hoopsters plans to make it rough for the sparse Gold team on Monday, Feb. 23. Neither side has issued a first string to date.

Coach Burke is drilling a formidable Purple offense which includes high scorer of the class series Ruth Barth, and also Bonnie Boggs, Ruth Helmich, Alice Andrews, Betty Stillman, June Steffensen and Jan Thurber.

Don Trasher is coaching equally competent defensemen Kit Kline, Jo Johnson, Ellen Carpenter, Pat Lewis and Blanche Miller.

Coach Wells will be handling quality if not quantity for Gold. The offense includes Laurie Mazza, Pat Pier and Janet Stroup. Backing them on the defensive are Doris Springer, Marilyn Hunter and Barb States, manager.

With superior numbers, Purple can count on capable substitutes to carry the ball at any time. Unprecedented performances and probably more players might bring the existing Gold sextet into championship status.

The present situation appears grim for the Gold and extremely good for Purple.

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Class Finale Season's Best; Series Favors Purple Squad

By RICHARD BURCAW

What appeared to be a runaway for the powerful Blue, for they preceded in out-classing their opponents throughout the season, culminated in an upset and an overtime victory to give the Juniors the championship. Outstanding defense on the part of both teams kept the score low in the Junior-Sophomore final encounter of the regular season. However, the defense was the only outstanding phase of the game. The refereeing, ball handling, and shooting, all of the poor variety, combined to make this final game one of the poorest played this season, even though the Sophs were able to knock off the Juniors.

The play-off game brought out the best in both teams, even though several of the big men had to foul out. The ball game ended in real Frank Merriwell fashion for the Juniors and a disappointing experience for the Sophs. If an outstanding player of the evening were to be selected, we should perhaps over-look the starting regulars from both teams and give all the honor to a second stringer, who came off the Junior bench and dumped in 12 points at crucial periods throughout the game. John Ray turned in an outstanding performance for his team.

"Notes And Comments"

Top scorers for the season: Don Trasher, senior; and Ken German, sophomore. Each scored 103 points.

Coach Burke and his Buff and Brownies added another loss to their six game losing streak by dropping one to the Academy Monday night. Congratulations men.

Purple will gather the top scorers from class competition for their drive to the color championship. They should emerge the victors.

Attention all bowling enthusiasts! If interested in entering the National Collegiate bowling tournament, contact this department.

WJSL is to be commended for the fine coverage of the class basketball games.