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## College Scene Gone By

BY MR. X

The annals of the "days which are past and gone" give one a rather weird feeling in fumbling through the pages of past *Star* issues. Take Dec. 14, 1936 edition, for example.

Just two years ago Dr. Ira Bowen made his most recent visit to Houghton, presenting a short lecture on the huge new 200-inch telescope being constructed in California. Said the enterprising reporter in opening the conversation with the great physicist "You are probably Houghton's most famous alumnus". Returned Dr. Bowen: "Oh, I would suggest that distance tends to increase one's reputation."

On Dec. 11, 1936 we read that the frosh defeated the sophs in the championship clash of the inter-class basketball series (before the day of a two-round schedule). The game was really a thriller, as what is the present senior team managed to hold the lead over their now junior rivals until the very last minute of play, when Gene Donelson "plunked through the deciding counter in the last moment to break a 31-31 tie and win the game for the class of '40."

The score might not have been tied  
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## NEW DORM PAPER LISTS PEARL BURLEIGH EDITOR

Competition with the *Star*? Not exactly—just an attempt of the girls on the second floor of Gaoyadeo to publish a dorm paper.

The new paper, which is known as *The Informer*, contains articles of interest that take place on the campus especially in the dorm. The editorial staff is made up of Pearl Burleigh, Frances Pierce, Elsie Berger, Louise Huntington, Clemence Philips, and Ruth Hallings, who are cooperating to enlighten people on campus affairs.

The first copies of the paper, consisting of three typewritten sheets (no pillow cases supplied) can be purchased for 2 cents while they last.

It is the ambition of the staff to publish the paper at least once in every two weeks. Articles of interest to students will be greatly appreciated. Let's all get behind the new publication.

## A Vacation--Or Is It a 'Vacation'?

BY HORACE BRIGGS

In little over a week the halls of Houghton will empty themselves of their merry hordes and the general exodus toward home will begin. What are they going to do?

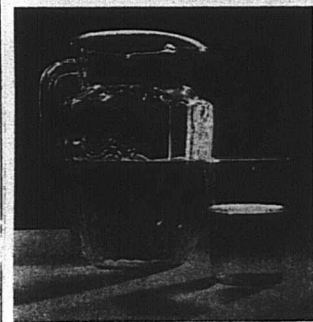
An interesting survey of activities as to classes reveals the following aims:

Seniors—Study, catch up on past assignments. Write a unit for methods courses.

Juniors—Study (some); sleep (lots) O, yes, Frank Taylor is thinking very seriously of doing a little work.

Sophomores—Well, the Sophs have only one objective and that is to

## DEBATER'S STAFF



Tournament debaters felt much in need of the above "aids to the trade" last Saturday as they carried on for four rounds at Westminster College. Interclass contests of the Wednesday previous also had good reason to wish for AQUA as they faced Prof. Pryor's microphone and realized that they were "on the air."

## Several Professors Present as County Schoolmen Banquet

The Allegany County Schoolmasters Association, principals organization of this region, held one of its four meetings of the year, Thursday evening, Dec. 8, in the Angelica Library, Angelica, N. Y.

The address of the occasion was given by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, northern explorer and adventurer. Dr. Cook's discussion concerned particularly the customs, habits, and modes of life of the Eskimos, varying from food to marriage customs.

According to Dr. Cook's story, which concerned his expedition to the far north, he is the first to have reached the North Pole. Only two Eskimos were with him during the final dash, he states, and as a result he has no witnesses of his description of attaining this objective.

Attending the Schoolmaster's Banquet from Houghton were Dr. Paine, and Dr. Small, and Professors LeRoy Fancher, F. H. Wright, Perry Tucker, Whitney Shea, and Gordon Stockin.

The association regularly holds four meetings each year with the final one being entertained at Alfred University in the spring.

show off those new Fireman Jackets. Freshmen—Eat. Study Freshman Bible—That's enough!

Now in general, I imagine that there is a course to be learned in sophomore English. There are many term papers to be written. Prof. Shea is the main executioner in this department as he insists on term papers—research at that.

Say, after ten days of this—vacation—we will welcome the halls and class rooms of our Alma Mater where we can relax again and perhaps brush up for the next vacation which starts the 23rd. of January. Hope you get what I mean.

## 2-1 Verdict Marks Close Debating As Seniors Take Win

### Isolation in Time of War Is Bone of Contention For Contest

On Wednesday, December 7, the second of the inter-class debates took place during the chapel hour with the fight between the seniors and juniors over the issue *Resolved: that the United States should follow a policy of isolation toward all nations involved in international and civil conflict.*

Everett Elliott and Edward Willett, upheld the affirmative; Thelma Havill and Walter Sheffer, the negative. Frederick Schlafer acted as chairman.

The affirmative emphasized the points that a policy of isolation has utility in that it has maintained and will maintain a policy of wise diplomacy; and that such a policy would secure essential economic, political, and social advantages.

The negative, on the other hand insisted, first, that a policy of isolation is impossible because it cannot be followed in every case, second, a policy of non-isolation has all the benefits that could be claimed for an attempted policy of isolation; and third, an attempt at a policy of isolation would be disastrous.

Both sides put up a splendid fight in the rebuttals, but judges, Dr. Woolsey, Dr. Rosenberger, and Miss Rork, gave the victory to the seniors by a 2 to 1 verdict.

The final of the inter-class debates was announced to be held January 11 between the seniors and the sophomores. The question is not yet decided.

## DR. JOHN PAUL IS HERE FOR CHAPEL ADDRESS

Dr. John Paul, noted evangelist, now holding special meetings in Perry, N. Y., addressed the student body in the chapel service Dec. 9, "Be ye steadfast and unmovable, always abounding" was Dr. Paul's theme based on I Cor. 15.

Said Dr. Paul: "We must be steadfast in our course. We cannot choose a new profession every month and expect to become proficient in one thing. Each of us is good for something and we must, under God, find that place."

Most of us, Dr. Paul continued, do not keep moving fast enough in one direction and are easily thrown off our course. We need to find an orbit and follow it faithfully.

In commenting upon achieving success in life, Dr. Paul remarked that was not up to us to nominate ourselves for promotion in God's scheme of things, but to wait for God to lift us up, and meanwhile to fill so full a place which we occupy that it will no longer be big enough to contain us.

## CALENDAR

Friday, December 16  
3:30 Basketball: Junior vs. Frosh Women  
8:15 Oratorio: "Messiah" by Handel  
Saturday, December 17  
7:30 Senior class party in Recreation Hall  
Monday, December 19  
6:55 Forensic Union  
7:30 Basketball: Senior vs. Soph Men  
9:30 Carol Sing  
Tuesday, December 20  
12:00 noon Christmas Vacation begins  
Tuesday, January 3  
8:00 Classes resumed

## Taylor Delights Large Audience In Song Recital

Appearing as tenor soloist for the second Artist Series number of the current year was Myron Taylor, young tenor with the Metropolitan Opera Company's spring season.

Mr. Taylor's interpretations of his numbers, giving them a more human presentation, added much to the audience enjoyment of the concert, while the range of songs selected displayed an unusual versatility upon the part of the artist himself.

Perhaps most outstanding were the operatic arias rendered which included "Recondita Arminia" and "E Lucan Le Stelle" both from *Tosca* by Puccini, and as encores an aria from *Rigetto* and the popular "Your Tiny Hand is Frozen" from *La Boheme*, also by Puccini. The full quality of voice was more really apparent in these numbers than any other parts of the program.

Among the group of German lieder by Schubert and Schumann "Die Nebenschenen" and "Marienwurmchen" held the most appeal. The former, sad, with an element of pathos, seemed to carry one along with the mood, due as much to the singer as the song, while the latter, which concerned the intriguing folk version of "Lady bug, lady bug, fly away home", was greatly enhanced by Mr. Taylor's clever imitation of the scene.

The program began in a typical manner with a group of three Italian songs of the 16th century of which "O Paradiso" from *L'Africaine* by Meyerbeer was the most outstanding. Also included were two traditional  
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## Quartet Journeys to West Clarksville, Bradford

The Houghton College quartet together with Dr. Paine on December 4, conducted the evening service at the Baptist Church of West Clarksville of which Rev. Robert Titus is the pastor. Again on Sunday evening, December 11 Dr. Paine Spoke, assisted by the boys. This time they journeyed to Bradford, Pa. to the Wesleyan Methodist church of which Rev. David Anderson is the pastor. The later program was in the interest of Christian education.

## Split Wins, Losses Evenly in Contest Of 4 Rounds Each

### Two Teams Go; Accompanied By Dean Hazlett, Miss Frieda Gillette

Dean Ray Hazlett, Miss Frieda Gillette, Lois Roughan, Margaret Smith, Walter Sheffer, and Jesse De Right attended a debate tournament, held Saturday, December 10, at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa.

Westminster holds this pre-season tournament every year to allow the debaters to get an early acquaintance with the varsity question and thus a good preparation for the Spring tours. This is the first year Houghton has participated. Eighteen colleges from various states attended, but Houghton was the only representative of New York state.

The varsity question is: "Resolved: that the United States should cease to use public funds, including credit, for the purpose of stimulating business." The affirmative team, Margaret Smith and Walter Sheffer, debated Grove City College, Carnegie Tech., Geneva, and the University of West Virginia. They were victorious over the first two. Negative debaters, Lois Roughan and Jesse DeRight, lost to the teams from Juniata and Mt. Union, but they defeated Mt. Mercy and Penn. State. Penn. State lost only two debates and one of them was to Houghton.

The Judge of each debate was selected from the number of coaches  
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## Dr. Smith Speaker As Ministerial Has Semester Banquet

A cheery and true Christmas atmosphere was enjoyed by members of the Student Ministerial Association at the banquet held Monday night, Dec. 5, in the college dining hall. Gay red and green decorations subdued by flickering candle aided in creating such a spirit.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Merlin S. Smith, President of Chesborough Seminary gave an inspiring talk on the "Value of Man".

Dr. Smith stated that one of the greatest needs of the world today is an appreciation of the value of man both individually and collectively, although there is a danger in self appreciation, he said, nevertheless, a wholesome self appreciation is needed to give a new dignity and meaning to life. This appreciation, inspired of God, is the means of the world's solution to its current problems.

Dr. Smith went on to show the great power of Christ as creator by  
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## EDITORIAL

## OUR PRIZED POSSESSION

Not one of us would like to admit even to ourselves that we do not act and live according to our best judgment. Everyone of us possesses a degree of health which money could not buy from us, and yet everyone of us violates rules daily which we know positively to be detrimental to our best health.

According to Dr. William R. P. Emerson, 60 million people in the United States have impaired health, while only 20 per cent of our people have optimum health. Do these figures indicate a nation of people too lazy to care for their own health, or too spineless to resist temptation? Or do we have so many "human repair shops" and such expert "repair men" that we deem proper care unnecessary?

As young college students our health standard is naturally far above the national average. But are we enjoying as good health as we might with just a little planning supported by will power we all possess?

We know we ought to exercise more and that some should sleep more. It surely indicates a weakness somewhere if these are both incompatible with college life. Some people worship at a Shrine of Late Hours with their companions of Study or Frivolity. A physique operating at only partial efficiency the next day is the inevitable result.

It would be impossible to find a set of health rules which did not mention over-eating as a major health crime. Dr. Emerson says that mortality increases one per cent with each pound of overweight.

Do you make New Year's Resolutions each year and break them the following week? Why not limit them to a few simple health resolutions and keep them? L. C. W.

## NOT BY WAY OF DEBUNKING

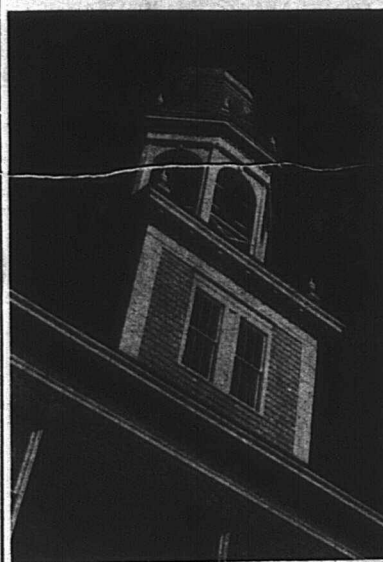
To the average Houghton collegian the brief description of a Houghton of the Future (as found on page 3) appears either in the guise of a high pressure advertising stunt or as a visionary concept full of unreality. Neither is implied.

Although we hold in hearty respect the formulated plans of the institution to achieve the architect's dream, we have little doubt that should we attend Homecomings through a normal span of life we would not see the dream realized. It is necessary to remember, however, the material progress already made, and if in one, two, three years, or more that progress has seemed slow, it is due to shortness of our perspective.

The day is sure to come when we will join the group of staid head-waggers and repeat in unison the familiar (to many) "They didn't have that when I was here." Our perception focus can then be said to have improved.

With a rather general admittance that the future is

## 'Ye Olde Tower' Has Yuletide Atmosphere



### Professor Pryor and His Helpers Put Up Lights

In the usual spirit of Christmas the old Ad building tower has recently sported the addition of vari-colored electric bulbs which add to the cheeriness of the atmosphere as they illuminate the surrounding territory. Reputedly responsible for this from year to year is Prof. Pryor, with, of course, the usual supply of college electricity.

Also noticeable are the placing of electric decorations on the evergreens in front of Gayadeo Hall. The red and green decorations within the dining hall make a Christmas tree the only thing lacking.

## PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Francis E. Whiting

Time: July 6, 1916

Place: Moravia, New York.

Characters: Rev. Fred A. Whiting and Mrs. Fred A. Whiting, the former Nevada Caroline Scudder.

Action: Their son, black-haired and brown-eyed, makes his first appearance on the stage of the war-minded world.

Definite Outcome: Young Francis grew up (quite mysteriously we think), and having a strong Baptist persuasion, decided to become a Baptist minister. This gradually led to his entrance into Houghton College as a Theologian in 1935. Very quiet and sedate he refuses to discuss his past education and work. His only statement is: Houghton has helped me to think."

### Latin Club Has Christmas Meeting on December 9

The Christmas meeting of the Latin club held, December 9, featured two skits. One, entitled the "Saturnalia," was entirely in Latin and had as its cast:

Geta Hilda Luther  
Bellus Norman Mead  
Hector William Bisgrove  
Boadix Doris Taylor  
L. Capurnues C. Cummings

The other skit was a comparison of Roman and American Christmases.

The characters were:

Mater Romana Ann Madwid  
Creusa Shirley Stockin  
American mother L. Dietrich  
Daughter Hilda Giles

As an added attraction the members of the club fashioned likenesses of the consul, Zilpha Gates, out of gum. It was decided that the models made by Shirley Stockin and Ann Madwid were the best.

still far in advance, it is well to commend wholeheartedly whatever policies and methods work toward conservation and improvement of the present Houghton. Ours is a responsibility in that respect, and in the building of the evident future we may contribute. It will involve a maintenance of Houghton standards and objectives, while in college and after graduation.

If students and alumni can be held thus responsible, the Administration may well set the example. In praying and planning for the future, we must also pray and plan definitely for the present, that in our attempt to grasp what lies ahead we may not forget what is within our grasp.

No debunking of vision, this; it is, nevertheless, a policy which can make faculty and students alike feel that there is co-operative advantage to be gained in living for the Houghton of the present.

E. J. W.

## Hi Toots!

by "Hi TOOTHILL"

"Hey, Loomis, where's the paper?"

"Gee, I haven't seen it, Jesse. I've been trying five minutes to locate it. Some dope must have swallowed it."

There it is! Eyler's got it."

"Hey, Mary, after you?"

"Tom Brown has it next, and there's another guy after him."

"Oh, rats. How'm I gonna study till I've read the comics?"

Some day notice one of these aspirants to the feature page of The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle in his inability to concentrate upon Sophomore English until he has caught up on current events in the lives of L'il Abner, Skezzix, Moon Mullins et al. Day after day I observed the agony of soul of these "autocrats without a breakfast table" (and without a breakfast)—all they possess of the "interdependent three" is the morning paper. Even that is gained by strife and much cajoling.

A major problem faces the library authorities. These men are without the bare necessities of life. Steps should be taken before the symptoms become acute. The library tables could serve as breakfast boards—but that's only a third of the requirement. At least five more copies of the morning paper should be available, and the tabloid peruser should be able to obtain a 3/8x7/8x1 1/2 doughnut and a good five cent cup of coffee at the potential lunch-bar which students sometimes mistake for a place to call for books.

The general tendency resulting from such a reform would be to slow down this maddening gyration of college life. Philosophy would be in the air all around us. Good fellowship and good will would abound. Shattered nerves would be soothed. Mental temperatures would hit a new high.

Write to your congressman and express your convictions as a responsible citizen in a representative government. Let's begin to live!

Is the absent-minded professor a myth—an unjust and cynical reflection? I caught Prof. Pryor in the upper corridor one day last week and that wizard of the kilowatt, the pendulum, and the second law of thermodynamics was wheeling his brief case and his galoshes around in a wicker baby buggy.

It's utterly untenable—beyond the grasp of psychosis. I just "don't get it." Two theories have been advanced. He might have been giving these physics texts (or possibly the five weeks exam papers) an airing, or possibly, if the attribute of absent mindedness can be given to a professor, he was taking the brief case and the rubbers for a ride while the baby taught the physics class.

If it weren't for The American Magazine I would soon come to the end of my rope. Says one fireman to his companion smoke eater (in the last issue): "Who's that new siren the chief's got?"

Latest anecdote of Miss Rickard's 9 o'clock section of Freshman English concerns the soporific influences which seemed to combine to put Mr. Melvin James, freshman debater and

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## Russell House Ranks Top Again in Index Race

Again the Russell house comes out on top and boasts of having the highest grade point index for the mid-semester. They are proud of themselves and have good reason to be for their index is 2.002.

The averages of the other houses where four or more students are rooming are as follows:

House	No. in House	Average
Russell	6	2.002
Murphy	8	1.767
Randall	9	1.717
Schram	6	1.714
Estabrook	4	1.711
Kirkbride	6	1.669
Lucas	5	1.645
Steese	6	1.642
Inn	7	1.600
York	4	1.581
Douglas	8	1.554
Clark	5	1.531
Bullock	4	1.500
Lindquist	8	1.478
Bauer	7	1.450
Moses	15	1.323
Smith	5	1.235
Wakefield	10	1.126

### MINISTERIAL

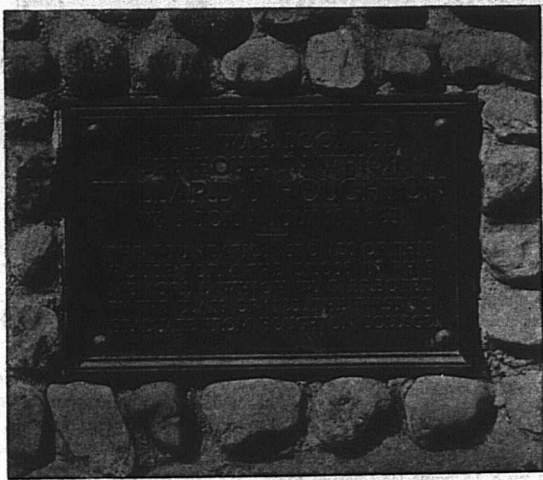
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showing the unmistakable and in-explainable hand of God in science. He remarked in the words of a great contemporary scientist "The universe resembles a great thought rather than a great machine."

Christ has created man with free moral agency as well as with intellectual powers. For this reason man is responsible for his acts and sin, and some day Christ will be his judge as well as Creator, Dr. Smith said. But, in Christ is found Redemption also. This expression of God's love towards man reveals the value of man most clearly.



## Campus Markers Have a History



We have all seen the Boulder and the cobble stone, altar-shaped marker frequently, and we were curious enough to read the plates on them—probably two or three times. Because we have become indifferent in their constant presence, we retain only a vague knowledge of their significance.

Most of us would know that the Boulder marks the burial spot of Copperhead and is the source for the name of the college yearbook. Further demands on our knowledge would make an investigation necessary. Let us review their history now before some curious visitor embarrasses us by asking too pertinent questions about these conspicuous campus markers.

As Wednesday, June 10, 1914 is dissolving into the deepening twilight, we find a group of Houghton residents and seminary students gathered on the college campus. They have met to rebury Copperhead's bones under the sky painted with the same splendor love by Copperhead. Draw closer so that we may hear what the spokesman of the group is saying; by straining our imagination we may detect a few words. Yes, listen: "Copperhead, the last of the Senecas, has been brought to a new resting place where no unkind stream

will uncover his grave.

After a lapse in our imaginative powers we hear "The last part of his life he spent telling stories in return for his meals; the white man had confiscated Copperhead's own property. May nature, which rudely interrupted his previous resting place, receive her native son kindly." The words no longer carry to our remote position—maybe a fitful breeze has snatched them from our dull ears.

Now Copperhead's body lies on the Houghton campus, partially as a result of agitation by the *Star*, underneath the huge rock borne down from the north by some glacier melted away ages ago.

The cobble stone monument marks the location of the house in which Willard Houghton was born slightly over 113 years ago. Decades have passed since the house was removed; the three stones built in the form of a cross remain from the foundation of the original structure.

The monument was presented by the first class to graduate from Houghton with degrees, and was appropriately donated because the class of '25 represented an achievement, the chartering of Houghton as a college, which would delight the founder of our institution, Willard Houghton.

## REV. GILLESPIE ORATES ON STEPHEN'S MINISTRY

After the Reverend Mr. Robert Titus of West Clarksville opened the chapel hour on Thursday, December 8, with prayer, Dr. Paine introduced the speaker of the morning, the Reverend Mr. David Gillespie, and in telling of some Wheaton experiences gave a few hints as to his remarkable ability.

Rev. Gillespie's subject was Stephen: the man, his ministry, and his martyrdom. Basing his talk upon Acts 6 and 7, Rev. Gillespie claimed for Stephen those desirable characteristics such as faith, fullness of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, prayer, definite convictions, courage and victory. "His measure as a man was the Lord Jesus Christ. He forgot his own ability," Mr. Gillespie said. Stephen's motivation was the Holy Ghost—he revealed the Lord of Glory.

Rev. Gillespie is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Elkhart, Indiana, and was a fellow student with Dr. Paine at Wheaton College.

## PRAYER MEETING

Student's prayer meeting, December 6, was conducted by the nine senior girls of the Smith house.

"We here at Houghton," Miss Margaret Smith said, "think of Christmas as a time of vacation, and not primarily as the earthly birthday of our Lord." She urged that Christians begin even now to meditate upon the true spirit of Christmas, the spirit of adoration and worship.

## Bailey from South African Mission Is Speaker in Service

Rev. Albert W. Bailey of the South Africa General Mission, who has been conducting special services in Rushford, spoke concerning God's "high efficiency man", in chapel December 7.

Taking as his text the first five chapters of the Psalms, Rev. Bailey pointed out that this high efficiency man starts right (1:1). He is a wise man and knows his place. He also makes it a point to consult God's word at all times (1:2). In the third verse, we find that he knows his destination. Not only does he know what he is to become, but also he has a vision of the final state of the unbeliever (1:4-6.) "This," said Mr. Bailey, "is the conversion of the man."

"God's high efficiency man," continued the evangelist, "is the broad-minded person in all the world. He understands world politics (2:1-3.) But although world conditions are unsettled, yet this man has rest according to chapter 3. In the fourth chapter, verse 2, we find he leads a life of daily witnessing. And finally we find his secret for his successful life, morning communion with his Lord (5:3.)

## PRE-MEDIC EXPEDITIONS REVIEWED FOR MEETING

In the chemistry lecture room Monday evening, Dec. 5, members of the Pre-Medic club listened with interest to student talks. Then, because of the expansion of interest of the club, the members discussed and voted to adopt a new constitution.

Opening devotions were led by Clyde Meneely. Following this, Clifford Blauvelt related a case study of a pneumonia patient. One hundred thousand people, he said, die each year of this disease. Its treatment is now accomplished by the preparation of a serum from rabbits and horses.

The Pre-Medic trip to Corning glass works was discussed by Harmon Lamar. He pictured pools of molten liquid and explained the making of pyrex dishes from glass bubbles.

Concerning the trip to the Buffalo museum, Bernice Bauer mentioned in particular the glass man and the electrical lighting of its muscles, organs and nerves. Next in interest was the demonstration of the theory of the evolution of mammals.

## Sunday Services

### Lost Bible

In observing the occasion of National Bible Sunday, Dec. 11, the Rev. Mr. Black chose as his theme in the Sunday morning service "A Lost Bible." He pointed out that just as the Book was lost to the Jews in Old Testament times, so is the Bible a "lost" book to many people today. Make the Bible a living book, he exhorted, and study it systematically and meaningfully.

### Personal Work

"Personal Work" was the subject under discussion in the young people's service, Dec. 11, as the Torch-bearers, having charge of the meeting, invited Miss M. Belle Moses to speak upon this important subject. Miss Moses cited main points to be noted in personal soul-winning and methods to be used. Special music for the service was furnished by Harold Skinner.

### Three Testimonies

Three young men giving their testimonies to the saving power of Jesus conducted the Sunday evening service, Dec. 11. Everett Elliott, Hayes Minnick and Park Tucker each related the circumstances under which they were converted, and also gave a word of exhortation to fellow Christians.

### TAYLOR SINGS

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Hellenic Folk songs, arranged by Kalomiris and three Spanish street songs adapted for concert presentation by de Falla.

As a concluding group, Mr. Taylor sang five more well-known songs in English, among them "Love's Philosophy" with words by Shelley and arranged by Quilter, "Clouds" by Charles, and "Ride Cowboy, Ride," by Guion.

Encores were the order of the evening following the regular program, most enjoyable of which were "Your Tiny Hand is Frozen", and "The Gypsy Baron" by Johann Strauss.

Mr. Taylor was accompanied at the piano by his wife, Ruth Taylor, whose work as accompanist seemed to evoke general approval and commendation.

A special announcement by Prof. Cronk preceding the program called attention to the fact that the Artist Series will feature Cecil Leeson, prominent saxophonist in a recital of classical music on January 18.

Glen Hamilton, right hand man and able assistant to Dan Berry of "Seeing Eye Dog" fame, has been forced to leave school because of his health. The student body will miss Glen and so will Dan. The *Star* hopes he will be able to return to Houghton in the future.

## Ourselves As God Sees Us

by ROBERT LYTLE  
WANDERING THOUGHTS

Have you ever in the stillness of solitude let your thoughts aimlessly wander in meditation? Let's so meditate upon the Christmas season, for at this season of the year thoughts of Christmas pervade our minds.

### JOY—GREAT JOY

What was God's first message to the world after the birth of Jesus? One of joy—of great joy. "Fear not," the angel of the Lord said to the shepherds who were tending their sheep on the lonely hillside, "for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Why should not the world rejoice, for the Saviour of the earth was born, incarnated in human flesh? And that message still comes down to us—a message of good tidings. Should not this Christmas season be one of great joy?

### GIVING TIME

Christmas, we say, is a time of giving. We present gifts to our friends, to our relatives, to all those near and dear to us. But are we giving gifts to the One who should be nearest and dearest of all—Jesus Christ? He gave us the first Christmas present, in fact, the greatest Christmas present, when He came to earth to be born of a Virgin in order that He might later offer His life as a ransom for many. Can we in return present to Him at this Christmas season any less than ourselves?

### MY GIFT

"My God accept my heart this day,  
And make it always thine;  
That I from Thee no more may stray,  
No more from thee decline."  
"Let every thought, and work, and word,  
To thee be ever given;  
Then life shall be thy service, Lord,  
And death the gate of heaven."

### MESSAGE OF POWER

After Pentecost those who heard and received the Word in their hearts went back to their homes and proclaimed the glorious gospel. And thus the story of the redeeming power of Christ was spread rapidly. Cannot we who go out from Houghton at this Christmas season to return to our homes carry with us, like the Christians of old, the message of Christ's power to save and free "whosoever believeth" from sin?

When in 1725, Benjamin Franklin started printing in London, the best available press appears to have been a contraption which required 11 manual operations to print a sheet of paper.

## Will This Picture Change After We Have Gone?



In the Houghton of today we see only the embryo of a Greater Houghton of tomorrow. You and I will probably never fully see this vision of the future realized, but possibly our grandchildren will be so fortunate.

They will drive up the same hill to the campus that we have been accustomed to use, and they will see the same Ladies' dormitory, already outgrown, the present Science and College buildings, the Music building and a re-modeled gymnasium on the present site.

But this is just a start. The new Luckey Memorial building will occupy the further side of the athletic field facing the Genesee. The present athletic field will extend through the square north of the gymnasium to the road behind the gymnasium, and this entire space will be the center of the "New Quadrangle."

Located on the present tennis courts will be erected a spacious auditorium, and directly opposite this the new Chemical and Physical Science building will be found facing

the quadrangle. Instead of having a road past Prof. Schram's, it will be moved in front of the Music building and extended to the back road, which will also be moved back and improved.

A Theological seminary building will replace the present York and Greenberg houses, and directly behind this will be the Theological chapel. The Anderson house will also be replaced by a new Ladies' dormitory and dining hall, and the Infirmary and President's home are to be

re-modeled.

At present the need for expansion is recognized, the architect has drawn acceptable plans, general approval has been submitted to the entire program, and only one more item needs consideration, that of finance. It is believed that the first building to be erected will be the Luckey Memorial, estimated to cost about \$100,000, for which a financial campaign under a alumni direction is already under way.



## Badly Outclassed Academy Five Swamped by Juniors

Billie Paine Leads the Attack  
Of Preliminary Game

The most one-sided game of the basketball series this year was witnessed by a study depleted crowd of Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, spectators who saw the injury riddled high school quintet trampled over by the juniors with a 59-15 score.

In the preliminary fray no such unbalance was evident from the closely contested girls game in which the seminary hoopers were victorious 29-21. Featuring a smooth-working, well-oiled machine with Billie Paine, who tallied 16 points, as its spark plug, the younger team was able to work through a sturdy junior defense enough times to give them the edge at the sounding of the final horn.

14 of the total 21 points of the upper class were awarded to Gerry Paine whose excellency of floor-work and shooting ability was undisputed throughout the game though ably bottled up at many points by Beatrice Gage. Superior all-round scoring ability of high school forwards, all of whom are potential point makers, accounted for the upper hand which they gained.

### ONE-SIDED CONTEST

With two of their men out of the game, and Bill Crandall suffering with a bad ankle, a lack of efficient substitutes put high school men at a decided disadvantage in competition with the top-seeded representatives of the class of 1940, who out-played and out-scored them from the beginning. With Captain Blauvelt bringing down the ball for the juniors, and the use of Frank Taylor in a pivotal position the nucleus was formed for the numerous successful offensive plays which so outstandingly characterized the maneuvers of the juniors.

Their line-up, though changed often, proved effective with any combination which produced precision basketball that seemed unstoppable. Repeatedly the advances of the "Blue Bomber" basketball ended tragically in poorly placed shots which, with the unusual junior recovery, deprived them of their possession of the ball and their chance to score.

No outstanding ability was prominent among the seminary lads, while from the opposing ranks shone Olcott and Taylor who accounted for 14 pointers apiece followed closely with 11 points of Cliff Blauvelt.

### BOX SCORE

#### High School Women

	FG	FP	TP
Fyfe f	2	1	5
Paine f	7	2	16
Eyler g			
Gage g			
Wright g			
Fancher f	4	0	8

#### Junior Women

	FG	FP	TP
Paine f	4	6	14
Markee f	1	0	2
Schaner f	1	0	2
Veazie g			
Moody, g			
McGowan g			
Tiffany f	1	1	3

#### High School Men

	FG	FP	TP
Crandall	1	1	3
Woolsey	0	0	0
Smith	0	1	1
McCarty	1	0	2
Stewart	0	0	0
Fancher	1	3	5
Stone	1	2	4

## Soph Women Get Victory

Friday afternoon, Dec. 9, the sophomore women's team defeated the junior feds in a closely contested game by the score of 30-24.

Due to the scoring ability of Paine and Schaner, the upperclass feds got off to an early lead, but were unable to hold their advantage. At half time the score was knotted at 14 all.

Both teams began the second half determined to win, but seemed over-anxious, missing shot after shot in the third quarter. During the final frame the "sophists", with a 3 point lead to bolster their courage, began to get an eye on the basket to bring the final count up to 30-24.

Soph scoring honors were quite equally divided among Fidinger, Richardson and Wright, with Fidinger taking first honors by amassing a total of 12 points. "Millie" Schaner led the juniors with 10 counters.

## ACADEMY FEMS UPSET FROSH BUT MEN LOSE

Freshman and high school basketball forces met on the hardwood floor last Monday evening, Dec. 12, with the academy girls upsetting the frosh women 32-27, and the frosh men taking the main fray easily by a 54-41 score.

Minus the services of "Phyl" Greenwood, frosh star, due to some neat shooting by "Billie" Paine, high school forward, the yearling feds went down to defeat for the first time this year.

The high school gained an early lead which they never relinquished, although a last rally led by Myra Thomas of the frosh quintet made the game look close. "Billie" Paine and Beatrice Gage were outstanding players for the victors and Myra Thomas the leading threat of the losing team.

Wild from the start, the men's game was dominated by wild passes and inaccurate shooting, as an underdog high school five with everything to gain and nothing to lose fought every moment of the way. Freshman forward Marvin Eyler tickled the strings for the first two points, and from that time on the class of '42 rang up double deckers consistently, gaining a 17-8 lead at the ten minute mark and a comfortable 35-17 advantage at half time.

Paul Mullen and "Red" Ellis took back-court passes and converted them into points during the third quarter to continue the frosh splurge. However, the removal of Dave Paine from the game before the third stanza ended, saw the academy take a new lease on activity to outscore their rivals 17-6 during the last frame.

High scorers for the main fray were Paul Mullen, frosh ace, and Bruce McCarty, high school spark-plug, who tied with 17 points each. Runners-up were Ellis of the yearlings and Fancher of the high school with 13 and 12 counters respectively.

#### Junior Men

	FG	FP	TP
Torrey	3	0	6
Weaver	3	1	7
Olcott	7	0	14
Burns	3	0	6
Taylor	6	2	14
Wolfgruber	0	1	1
Donelson	0	0	0
Blauvelt	4	3	11
Shaffner	0	0	0

## Is Coach Happy Over Arrival?



The future of women's athletics in Houghton has definitely been assured with the appearance of a 7 pound-2 ounce daughter born to Coach and Mrs. McNeese on December 7 at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, N. Y.

Esther Pearl, as she has been named, will be on exhibition to all admiring students on and after December 13, 1938, it is reported.

Is Coach McNeese happy? Ask yourself!

## SCENE GONE BY —

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previous to Donelson's shot had not Frankie Taylor who was then described as the "frosh bean-pole climber", sunk a foul shot to even the count. The most recent meeting of these two outfits was even more disastrous for the boys from the class of '39.

They also published house indices in 1936. That particular mid-semester found Dayton leading the crowd with three-point, while nearest competitors were the Woolsey gang with 2,359, and the Russell bunch sporting a 2,320. Taking a glance at the present listings as published this week we see the Russell house still manages to keep on top of the heap.

The more we hear about bulletin board reform and chapel announcements, the more we have a feeling that they were not novel ideas two years ago, with the *Star* coming forth in a blaring, blistering editorial denunciation of the "longness" of short chapel due to improper use of the arcade for posting announcements. Since then the Council has evidently effected reform, though the Lost and Found department still appeals to that bit of a ludicrous sense in one's make-up.

Listed among the senior *Who's Who's* of the same year we find the name of Professor Gordon Stockin, then a member of the class of '37. Stated the predictions of the reporter assigned to the story "Gordon is planning to attend graduate school next year, and then teach while working for his advanced degree." He is teaching, but the degree is safely pocketed, or should we say framed.

Perhaps of most interest to students, however, in this two-year ago issue of the *Star* was a classic feature in which various campus characters were quoted as to their opinion concerning the conquest of English royalty by the present Duchess of Windsor.

Remarkd Tom Ellis; "As I have been spending so much of time and energy on my campus work, I have not had sufficient opportunity to give the problem my serious consideration. However, after having experience with two others, I firmly believe that she'll get her man." And Tom's prediction proved correct.

## Yearlings Manage Unexpected Upset Of Senior Quintet

Off - Color Playing, Shooting  
Marks Upperclassmen's  
Floor Attack

The progress of senior basketball took its second setback Wednesday, December 7, when a fast improving freshman squad outplayed them at every stage to turn in a 39-26 score.

In the early stages of the game, the team, newly introduced to the Houghton hardwood, turned on the power to run up a 13 point lead before the end of the half. The "dead eye" efficiency of Marve Eyler and Dave Paine backed up by the freak style of Paul Mullen and the under basket competence of Red Ellis were the backbone of the attack which proved so invincible. High point honors for the game were awarded to Eyler.

The fourth-year quintet played as if with lead-loaded feet, which did not seem representative of their usual style, for the ineffective pass-work and shooting coupled with a let-down of defense sealed their doom. With the entrance of Captain Crandall into the game late in the first half, the teams were brought up to a par with the scores 13 points apart which they remained throughout the remainder of the game.

To put the afternoon's outcome into a nutshell, it is found that Senior ability wilted to sluggishness when struck with the green fangs of Freshman effectiveness to brand them the losers for the encounter.

## TOURNAMENT —

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present.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Harold Boon ('36) and Mrs. Hazel Fox Boon ('37) of Greenville, Pa. attended a portion of the debate tournament.

Dean Hazlitt expressed pride in our teams and exclaimed; "I certainly am proud of them; I couldn't feel otherwise. I know the kind of competition they ran up against especially Carnegie Tech. and Penn. State. I had judged Penn. State before and I couldn't see how any team could defeat them. The debaters had only a short time for preparation whereas the other teams had been working on the question for weeks. We did not expect anything and we got everything."

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## SPORTLIGHT

by VICTOR MURPHY

"Change and decay" is seen all around as fluctuations on the athletic market send one team teetering downward while another makes an unwarranted bid for the higher spot. The girls side of the story this year so far seems to be of greater interest by virtue of its unheralded keener brand of competition.

Monday evening's game placed things in a three-way lock-up for first place among the freshmen, high school and seniors basketballers which will probably not be decided until the second round rolls around. The high school girls have perhaps the best all-round team on the floor, for their combination of an equally strong offense and defense is unmatched. Characteristically flashy and fast in their style, the yearling edition sets a hard breathless pace with the scoring ability centered around their captain, Doris Driscoll. Though not fast, the senior steadiness of play, coupled with flashes of brilliant scoring ability, accounts for their place along with the top-rankers. Even these three shake in their shoes when accosted with the fact of a second round in which they must again face the speedily improving sophomore and junior outfits.

This Wednesday's battle of champions among the two undefeated men's teams places the final seal on the document of superiority in inter-class basketball thus far. The hue and cry is for an upset, and with the seniors gone down in the running, high school valorously holding up the bottom, in freshman and sophomore second round in which improvement will be the process, power the method, and overthrow the result. Thus far such hopes can be nothing but ethereal dreams through which facts cannot be faced. These facts say that the juniors have ten good forwards, ten good guards, ten good scorers, good organization, efficient plays, and plenty of the spirit needed to keep them on the top.

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