

Oratorio Society Will Sing Famous Bach Composition

The Oratorio society will present its annual Christmas program under the direction of Professor Charles Finney in the church on Saturday and Sunday evening, December 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.

This year the society is presenting for the first time in Houghton the *Christmas Oratorio* by Bach, the most outstanding major choral composition for Christmas.

This Oratorio is really composed of six cantatas celebrating the six days of the Christmas festival according to the German custom in the time of Bach. The first three cantatas were sung on Christmas day, one on New Year's day, and the two remaining on days celebrating important events in the life of Christ.

The Oratorio society will sing the entire oratorio. This performance may be considered Houghton's final performance in the celebration of Bach's centennial anniversary year.

Mr. Finney has been conducting the Oratorio society in preparation for the *Christmas Oratorio* and Mr. Andrews has been rehearsing the orchestra. Robert Merz and Marion Senft will play the piano and organ for the solo numbers. The part of the evangelist in this presentation will be sung by Clarence Martin on Saturday evening and by Laverne Whitman on Sunday evening. The Oratorio includes a duet which will be sung by Joan Schlaitzer and Orman Spivey on Saturday evening and by Esther Miller and Stanley Clattenburg on Sunday evening. Esther Miller will sing the part of the angel; Richard Elmer, the bass recitative; Ruth Russell and Jeanette Breese, the alto on both evenings. John Zavitz will sing the tenor aria on Saturday evening and Clarence Martin will sing the same on Sunday. The bass aria will

be sung by Stanley Clattenburg and Orman Spivey.

The music department has requested that Houghtonians attend the Oratorio on Saturday evening so that outside guests may be accommodated on Sunday evening. There will be no tickets for either concert.



U. S. Interest Lags in East

Pointing out that the people of the United States have had very little feeling toward the Middle Eastern people, Dr. Paul Giddens introduced his topic, "Oil, Politics, and Religion in the Middle East."

Dr. Giddens' lecture was presented Friday, Dec. 8, in the school chapel.

A former head of the history and science departments of Allegheny college, Dr. Giddens is recognized as an authoritative economic and political observer, as well as a distinguished author and scholar.

He emphasized that our only contact with the peoples of Turkey, Greece, India, Persia, Iraq, and Iran has been through educational and religious mediums. We have gained an interest toward them now that the threat of communism has spread throughout their territory. According to Dr. Giddens, the Middle East is a fertile trouble spot for Russia and could easily become another Korean battlefield.

Oil, an essential in peace and war, is Iraq and Iran's main resource that the United States, Britain, and Russia are competing for. Although the U.S. heads the production list for oil, Dr. Giddens stated that the reserves from these lands would be helpful to us. Britain, which holds a better part of the oil there, wants more. If Russia could gain hold of Iran, her warm water port problem would be solved. As it stands now, the Soviet Union has no means of water for extensive transportation purposes. The Dardanelles, the Black Sea, and oil are her main aims.

The Palestine question was brought up. A brief but detailed summary was given on the crisis that prevails there. To sum it all up, we have been practically hostile towards the Arabs because of our support to the Palestinian government. In a way, we have weakened the already uncertain government in that crucial area. As Dr. Giddens brought the lecture to a close, he stressed the fact that the Middle East is of grave importance and that our minds should be alert and concerned about the happenings there.

Classes Fete Holiday Season In Yule Parties

Entertainment in a holiday mood and devotions based on the Christmas story characterized the parties held last night by the respective classes.

Centering their activities about the theme, "Christmas at Home," the seniors opened their program at the Recreation hall with devotions. The telling of the Christmas story by Arthur Van Campen to his children was illustrated vocally by Clarence Martin's sextet and a chalk drawing by Marvin Merry. Following devotions, a board of "experts" was "stumped" and subjected to "consequences." Later, Santa Claus arrived to present various members of the class with gifts calculated to suit their personalities.

Juniors, assembling at the gym, were finally "let in" upon the previously undisclosed program planned for them by their committees. Foremost of the evening's outdoor activities was a hayride leaving for Ames barn.

Next, Chuck Stuart in a monologue in Swedish dialect portrayed the difficulties that might be involved in putting-out a candle. In "Recollections of Houghton," angel's views of familiar Houghton scenes and personalities were presented for identification by members of the audience. Devotions, directed by Dow Robinson, featured a pantomime skit on the Christmas story.

WSOF, with Dick Dunbar as master of ceremonies, went "on the air" for the sophs in the chapel, "presenting a star-studded program of variety entertainment." First to "step to the microphone" were the sophs' original "Mountain Hillbilly Boys" making music instrumental and vocal. "The Original Couple," a skit by Hubert Jicha and Betty Jane Perry, with a novelty band playing between acts, was next on the program. The final presentation of the evening was a "Truth or Consequences" show directed by John Zavitz.

Amid decorations in keeping with their theme, "Christmas Bells," the freshman party was held in S-24. A program of skits, carolling and group participation in songs and charades was climaxed with the crowing of Merle White as Christmas "Belle" by Santa Claus. Devotions consisted of group singing, special numbers by a girls' quartette and a talk by Dr. Luckey.

Debators Will Meet in Chapel

Soon after the beginning of the second semester, the interclass debate squads will clash in chapel debates.

There will be three debates: one between the freshmen and the sophomores; one between the juniors and seniors; and finally, one between the winners of each of the first two debates.

The freshmen will uphold the affirmative on the topic, Resolved: that the Houghton college book store should be run as a student co-operative. The senior squad will support the affirmative on the topic, Resolved: that all Houghton freshmen should be required to take voice lessons.

The winners of these two debates will meet in chapel to debate the third topic, Resolved: that the Houghton college dining room should be operated on the cafeteria style.

Drs. Bready and Erteszek Speak in Special Chapels

Dr. J. Wesley Bready of Toronto, preacher, historian, and author of *This Freedom—Whence*, spoke at the

and Democracy."

Dr. Bready is a graduate of Columbia university and Union Theological seminary. He received his Ph.D. from the University of London, an LL.D. from Houghton college, and has been elected to membership in the Royal Historical Society of England.

More than seventeen years of painstaking research was given to his monumental work, *This Freedom—Whence*? It is considered one of the most exhaustive and best documented studies of the great movement which laid the foundation for Anglo-Saxon civilization, and which has nourished and sustained the free institutions of the British and American democracies.

The present American edition of this book has involved some condensation and revision of the original material, with the expansion by the author of those aspects of the great evangelical movement which have had special influence in shaping the history and destiny of America.

Jan J. Erteszek spoke on the subject, "How a Communist State Works," in chapel on Wednesday, December 13.

He was born in Poland and received the degree of Doctor of Laws at the University of Cracow. He spent 1939 and 1940 in the Russian part of Poland. At present, Mr. Erteszek is a naturalized American and a successful businessman in Los Angeles.

Says David Lawrence, editor of the *U. S. News and World Report*, "His descent and background gave him an understanding of the Slavic mind. This, together with his Americanism, enables him to make a convincing presentation of the faith needed to combat world communism."

Failing, Richardson Visit Other Colleges

Mr. G. Failing and Mr. E. Warren Richardson have just returned from a one week tour of Christian colleges, including Wheaton, Taylor, Marion, and the Moody Bible institute.

The purpose of the tour was to discuss with the college deans, business managers, and public relations personnel methods of maintaining alumni relations, of fund raising, of furthering future college enrollment, and of advertising. Mr. Failing declared that much valuable information was received.

Mr. Failing and Mr. Richardson were invited to speak in the chapel at Moody Bible institute.

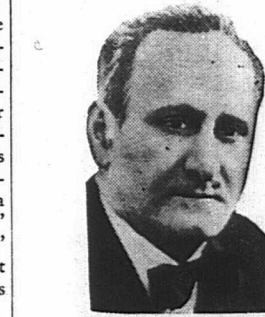
Public Relations Will Hold Student Clinic

Mr. George Failing, head of the Public Relations office, has announced that a Public Relations clinic will begin in January.

It is the purpose of this clinic to discover items of public interest from student organizations.

Representative students will be invited to discuss student relations with guest members of the faculty, but all students are welcome to attend these meetings, which will be held monthly.

Rev. Failing expressed the hope that this would improve student relations and familiarize the public further with Houghton.



Houghton college chapel exercises on Friday morning, December 15.

His subject was "Who Will Win—Christ or Communism?" He also spoke at 6:45 Thursday evening in the chapel on the subject "Wesley

Conquest Meets Half of Goal

BY CHUCK STUART

The Lord has given us the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Many of us here at Houghton have heard that call and have responded with the dedication of our lives as well as our material goods. With the growth of interest in the field of missions during the past few years, the Foreign Missions Fellowship has felt constrained to pray that Houghton might continue to send out in ever increasing numbers consecrated ambassadors of Christ to the ends of the earth.

Because you, the student body, faculty, and interested friends, are the ones who have assumed the burden, we feel that you should share in the results of the past Missionary Conquest as well as in the outlook for the coming year.

Houghton's seven ambassadors are:

1. Ione Driscoll of the Wesleyan Methodist board, serving in Sierra Leone, West Africa.
2. Mrs. Hazel Johnson Yontz of the Unevangelized Fields mission, serving in Brazil.
3. Reverend Gordon Wolfe of the Wesleyan Methodist board, serving in Japan.
4. Miss Pearl Crapo of the Wesleyan Methodist board, serving in Haiti.
5. Miss Viola Blake of the Sudan Interior mission to serve in Nigeria.
6. Mrs. Ella Woolsey of the Wesleyan Methodist board, serving in Sierra Leone, West Africa.
7. Luke Boughter of the Evangelical Alliance mission, to serve in Portugal.

The total salary of these seven missionaries makes a yearly budget of \$5700.

We are trusting God that this figure may be met. Pledges were taken in June and as a result of pledges and cash given, the total figure received in cash and pledges amounted to \$1616.98. The financial results of our recent Missionary Conquest were as follows:

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Editorial . . .

Are you good at selling? What's that? You say that you have never tried it before or that you just cannot do it. For the ones who are A-1 salesmen, will you let me tell you about one type of selling that pays the biggest profits.

The task is to sell Houghton college. Now by this, I do not mean the physical plant or the surrounding ground, but rather I mean the spirit of Houghton. The spirit of Houghton is manifold. Its heritage, faculty, students, alumni, and friends are united by a common devotion to its Builder and Maker, Jesus Christ.

So when we are on our Christmas vacation or any other vacation, we are selling not only Houghton but Jesus Christ. Regardless if we realize it or not, we are all salesmen in this aspect. No one is excluded, for either our conscious or unconscious attitudes and actions will speak. The hymn, "Does the World See Jesus in You?" is very suggestive. The gains or losses in physical, mental, and spiritual areas will be spotted by our relatives and friends who justly expect a higher standard from those receiving a higher education.

Of the few interrogative questions the why and how stand out as being the ones which are most significant in this case.

Why should we sell Houghton? The fact considered before is that whether we would want to consciously sell Houghton, we do so unconsciously. The determination to present a clear challenge to our friends of a fruitful Christian life as a product of our environment, Houghton college, is our aim. True success here is dependent upon our relationship with God. A clear-cut partnership with God will tell at home where people have not seen us for a period of time. The freshness of this contact will make a more lasting imprint upon them. It is imperative, therefore, that this should be a good impression.

Why should we sell Houghton? First of all, we have an obligation, a debt to pay because of the type of training we are receiving. Houghton needs our prayers, our financial support, and some good personal publicity. Spreading the need and service of Houghton by word of mouth will be much more effective than many thousands of leaflets. It is our task since we are the beneficiaries of this service. Secondly, we should sell Houghton college because it is God's work, and His love constrains us to do so.

How may we do this task? Realizing first of all, that this is a God-given task, we assume rightly that we need God's help. Second, loyal support of the work of our home church is important. Third, contacting high school friends who might be interested in coming to Houghton is equally important. Many people have attended Houghton through such contacts. Fourth, the presentation of the expansion need of our school and of our current progress would be an encouragement for some. Fifth and last, the maintenance of an active witness for Jesus Christ is likewise momentous since this point is the integrating factor of all these points.

No one will ever know or realize the amount of good that can be accomplished this way, the lives that can be changed and directed to a life of fruitful service for Jesus Christ by a simple, humble testimony.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor,

I have wondered what that conglomeration of boards and boxes between the science and ad buildings is supposed to be. They have stood for nearly two weeks just as they were on the day they were erected. Maybe it's a graph of last year's dorm fund participation, or perhaps it was just meant to show that someone had a good idea. Whatever it is, it isn't doing any more good there, I don't believe.

Sincerely,
Ken Decker.

Klub Korner

French Club

A Christmas party was the central theme of the French club meeting held Friday, Dec. 8. As part of the entertainment, various games were played by the French enthusiasts and movies were shown entitled "Grand Routes."

Expression Club

The Expression club presented a special Christmas program in the chapel Thursday, December 14th, at which Dane Turner narrated the story of the Nativity from the scriptures.

The men's chorus, conducted by Clarence Martin, alternated the readings with various Christmas carols. The special program was directed by Mrs. Lennox and presented by the Expression club.

Dr. Paul Giddens Tells Life Story

BY NANCY MACOMBER

He seemed to be quite normal when I first saw him, and appeared the same even after the first few moments of conversation. But then—I discovered that he was an American history professor and I began to wonder. However, at the end of the interview I decided that even history professors could be human.

Dr. Paul Giddens is the man under discussion. He is head of the history department at Allegheny college, Meadville, Penna., and teaches all American history courses, including one on Latin America.

Dr. Giddens was reared in Missouri and Iowa. Being the son of a Methodist minister, his life was spent in a parsonage until college. "We lived in one place for five years, and the other places about three years each," he said. His college life started at Simpson college, a Methodist Episcopal school which is about the size of Houghton. His graduate work was done at Harvard and the University of Iowa. He began his teaching at Iowa State while doing graduate work; he married and found out that two could live as cheaply as one. He has three children, a boy, fifteen; another son, ten; and a girl, five. "They're all at ages that keep you busy," he said.

When I questioned him about his hobby, he quickly replied, "My work is my hobby." This work consists partly of research and writing on the history of oil. For variation, he plays bridge and golf, but neither very much. In discussing his work on oil, he said, "If anyone had told me in college that I would be doing this, I probably would have laughed at them." He is now working on a history of the Standard Oil Company. He's been working on it for two-and-

Moments of Meditation

BY BRUCE WALTKE

In this Christmas season of "blood, sweat, and tears," the song of praise sung by the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," seems strikingly ironic. Man in his despair today cries out, "There is no peace," as he helplessly awaits a future that demands life's blood as its food. The scientists, the military strategists, and the theologians are unanimous in their pessimistic outlook on earth. The praise of the heavenly host appears to echo as from some strange fantasy: words that are to be reserved for the plaque-cards of the despondent or to be fitted to the music of the dreamer.

But let us reflect for a brief moment on the world conditions at the time in which these praises were first sung. Subjected under one that assumed the titles of Princes, Imperator, and Pontifex Maximus, the shepherds on the Judean hillside saw little reason for joy. As subjects and not allies, the people out of whom came the Prince of Peace twice rebelled against an oppressor of Rome demanding excessive taxes. And yet to these the heavenly host sang, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Throughout the history of the world, true peace has never been real-

ized. In every age some greedy leader has spilled life's blood on many battlefields. Revolutions, civil wars, and wars of conquest mar the historical record of man.

If we give history significance then, can we declare that the words of the heavenly host were a falsehood? The answer must be an emphatic, "No!" How can the declared Prince of Peace bring peace on earth, when man determinedly rejects Him? The manger of Bethlehem was but a foreshadowing of the cross of Golgotha, and the cross of Golgotha was but a preview of man's future attitude toward Jesus, the Prince of Peace. To take the place of the rejected Prince of Peace, man has made his own princes of peace, evidenced in such organizations as the League of Nations or the United Nations. But these princes have failed and will fail. History does not negate the praises of the heavenly host, but affirms the fact that man cannot bring peace by his own initiative. True peace will never be realized on earth until He that was given the title "Prince of Peace" is accepted by man and the teachings of Christ are adhered to.

As we go home shortly, we need not, therefore, shame-facedly declare Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace to a scornful world. But with the heavenly host we too can lift up the song of praise, for we have found that peace on earth, and have experienced the good will extended toward man. It is our responsibility to declare to every city and hamlet from which we have come, the tidings of great joy, for unto them was born that day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.

F.M.F. Sponsors Film on Japan

On Tuesday evening, January 16, the Torchbearers and F.M.F. are sponsoring a film, *Japan Welcomes the World*, to be shown in student prayer meeting. This film has been put out by the Pocket Testament League.

In addition to the pledges already made, \$1500 is still needed to pay the present commitments of the F.M.F. by June 1951.

Every Thursday evening at 10:00 p.m. on WJSJ, the F.M.F. is putting on a live broadcast. The program presents mission work and information to the radio audience.

a-half years.

He has traveled from Boston to Salt Lake City, and has met all kinds of people. He interviewed fifty or sixty from the lowest laborer to an ex-director for the purpose of getting their viewpoints. (When he told me the number of people he had interviewed, I was a little nervous, but decided the deed was nearly done.) Two weeks were spent working in John D. Rockefeller's office in New York, and during that period Dr. Giddens had a chat with him. This summer he hopes to finish the book which was the reason for all this research.

Dr. Giddens has made two major trips. The first was a European voyage to England, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. "I just wanted to see what I could see," he said, "so that's what my wife and I did. We blew the works and went."

The other trip was made to South America in connection with his teaching. He wanted to see if he was teaching the right things about Latin America. It was an eleven-day trip on the water which he spent on the lowest level of accommodations with all the natives. "I did it once, but I'd never go through it again unless I had to," he confessed. "There were forty men in one big room. Everybody and his dog," he said. On the return trip Grace Line gave him a first-class private suite. "What a relief!" he exclaimed. However, he can say now that it was a good experience.

As a closing thought, Dr. Giddens said, "Whatever you do—streetsweeping or being head of an industrial organization—half the battle is being interested in what you do. This applies to college, too."

Lynip Attends Convention Discussing Emergency

Dean Lynip attended the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York convention at Columbia university, New York City, on December 7.

The theme of the convention was "What can our colleges do in assuming their responsibilities in the face of our present national emergency?"

It was brought out that although America needs manpower, trained men and women are still required to fill its diverse needs, and that it is necessary for capable high school graduates to receive sufficient college training, not only in military subjects, but in liberal arts courses as well.

General Eisenhower, president of Columbia university, was scheduled to speak at the convention, but according to Dr. Lynip, who considered the fact highly significant, "was unable to be there because he was summoned to Washington."

Coach Wells Authorized To Instruct First Aid

Coach Wells has recently been authorized to teach a first aid instructor's training course here in the college.

This task is ordinarily delegated to a special field representative who travels from school to school, holding a series of classes of one week duration. The appointment of Coach Wells to fill the position here is unusual in that such authorization is seldom given to someone other than the regular representative.

Last year Coach Wells was given similar permission to teach the water safety instructor's training course. The standard and advanced first aid courses will be taught next semester, but the first aid instructor's course will not be offered until next year, probably during the second semester.

The Querist . . .

BY LYN GRAVINK
AND BOBBIE WOERNER

The faculty has been considering the possibility of presenting two separate chapel programs, one in the chapel, as usual, and an additional one in S-24 for the students in that room. Not knowing how the student body would react to such a change, we decided to take a poll according to classification, and here are the revealing results.

	Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.
In favor	100%	31	2	1
Opposed		15	31	50
Indifferent		3	5	11

Now you know why the results are so revealing!

The seniors have obviously taken the protective, brotherly attitude towards the underclassmen and realize how much more profitable it would be for them to have a regular chapel program instead of an over-sized study hall. It's safe for them to feel this way now that they have to sit through chapel with no chances of perusing their books.

The juniors likewise feel safe in assuming a similar attitude knowing this program, if adopted, will not affect them.

And then we have the sophs! They are just too noble and considerate to think of inconveniencing anyone with the added burden of a second chapel program. After all, consider the work that would have to go into the preparation of such a program. And you know how busy everyone is!

The frosh are very loyally supporting the sophs, realizing fully that their turn will come next year. At any rate they think it would be stimulating to have a change from the usual chapel, down in S-24.

Here are some students' reactions and opinions to the proposed plan:

Frank Vaughn, '51—in favor:

Speaking from my years of experience as a soph, I'm in favor of having a special chapel in S-24. The way it's set up now, its comparable to listening to an opera on the radio and not being able to see the singers, the setting or the acting.

Dorothy Meyer, '52—not in favor:

It would certainly wreck the soph's chances for studying. If I had my choice of which chapel I would like to go to, I'd choose the Pantry.

Ken Post, '52—indifferent:

If the kids want to study in S-24,

let them study. And besides that, it's all Sam Mack's fault for printing his definition of a student in last week's Star.

Marge Tite, '53—not in favor:

It would only confuse matters because everyone would want to be where they weren't.

Ken Decker, '53—not in favor:

I'm totally opposed. I'm classified as a soph, and how would I get my studying done?

David Suetterlein, '53—not in favor:

I like the present set-up better because it's easier for me to finish knitting my argyles.

—HC—

Vern Alexander Shows Improvement

BY BRUCE BRYANT

After many weeks of silence, news has been received on the condition of Vernon Alexander, for whom the student body of Houghton has been in special prayer.

In a letter from Mrs. Alexander to Mrs. Moon, released through Dean Lynip, we learn that Vern's condition is rapidly improving. His weight is down, and he is suffering from low blood pressure, but if he can maintain the will to live, he will definitely recover.

"We are so thankful to the students and teachers for their help to Vernon," Mrs. Alexander writes. "Vernon says he knows he would not have gotten better without their prayers. Even the doctor (although a Catholic) said he had done everything he could, and now we could only pray. (That was just before he operated.) So we know God did answer our prayers."

The excellent chance that Vernon has for recovery is a striking example of the tremendous power of prayer. It demonstrates once again that although men may fail, with God there is no failure.

"The students have an investment in prayer," Dean Lynip said, "and . . . the students could best protect their investment by continued prayer that the Lord will have His way."

"In addition, he would be encouraged by people remembering to drop him a card or a letter, over a period of time, telling him about school and encouraging him."

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"America Leads Europe in Music," Says Donald Dame

BY FRANK VAUGHN

"Mr. Dame," I said, "I have been wracking my brain all day for an intelligent leading question to use in this interview."

"Well, frankly," he said, displaying again that unique sense of humor which impressed Houghton concertgoers, "don't ask any question which is too intelligent; you may not receive an intelligent answer!"

However, in the course of the evening's conversation, Mr. Dame told enough about his very interesting European tour to fill ten articles of this size. First of all, he emphasized, as he did in his introductory remarks to the Ralph Vaughan Williams' work, *On Wenlock Edge*, that Europe is musically seventy-five years behind the United States. Europeans are not at all interested in contemporary music, and, I gathered, still much less interested in American artists. To illustrate this point, Mr. Dame observed that the Vaughan Williams was familiar to audiences in only two cities of his extensive tour: London and Copenhagen.

Some of Mr. Dame's remarks about his experiences in Vienna were contiguous with the address presented in Wednesday's chapel. Before his trip to Vienna, Mr. Dame had been advised to fly to Vienna rather than to go by train. Upon arriving at the British airport outside Vienna, the artist was taken to the city proper via the British airlines' bus. Just before the bus started, a British soldier, armed with a "tommy gun" entered. Of course, Mr. Dame inquired, "What's that for?" The reply was that lately certain people had been taken off the bus. Whereupon your interviewer decided then and there to write a tenor aria for Mr. Dame entitled "There's a Tenor in Siberia."

During his stay in Vienna, Mr. Dame and his manager's wife, Viennese by birth, were walking down the street. The guards at Mr. Dame's hotel, upon any personal whim, might, for apparently no reason at all, request that everyone walk in the streets. As they were nearing the hotel, a big Russian soldier approached them and in stentorian Russian tones told them to walk in the street. Mr. Dame, who understands very little Russian said, in English, "I beg your pardon?" His companion poked him and said "C'mon! Don't argue with him!"

At a banquet hall, Mr. Dame saw a group of Russian officers, in full dress uniform enter. The Americans present were timid and refused to speak with the Russians. Our artist said, nonchalantly, "Oh, I'll talk to them! I'm not scared of them!" In a few minutes, he was engaged in a conversation with a Russian officer. "So, you are an American singer!" said the officer. "You have fine artists in America."

"Well, thank you," said Mr. Dame.

"Yes," continued the officer, "you have fine artists, like Paul Robeson!"

—HC—

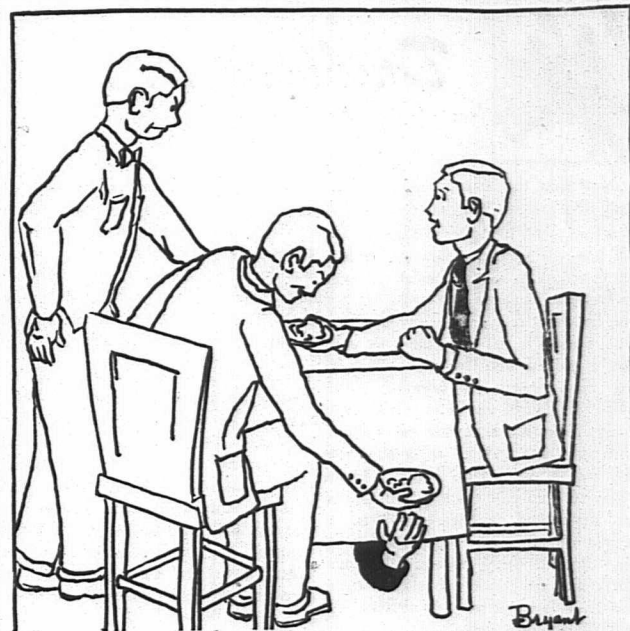
Hazlett to Return Home

Professor Ray Hazlett, chairman of the English department, is expected to return home this weekend from the Cuba hospital where he underwent an operation on his knee.

While walking home for lunch on Nov. 27, Professor Hazlett slipped on icy pavement and crushed his kneecap.

After a week's rest in the college infirmary, complications developed, and on December 4, he was transferred to the Cuba hospital for surgery.

In the operation, twenty bone splinters were removed from the crushed knee cap and a stretched ligament was repaired.



Of course I know it's highly irregular—but can I help it if Bill always forgets to dress up for Friday dinner?



THE RUT

BY CONSTANCE JACKSON

With Christmas in the air, stars conking you on the head in the dining room, and somebody crooning "White Christmas" from the tower, things are really getting festive. Even Bruce Bryant is right in the spirit of the season, going around looking like a walking mural. It seems he was minding his own business, enjoying his evening meal when suddenly one of the big chalk murals crashed down on him. When he disentangled himself, the results were startling—enough to make Old Picasso take to the hills in fright.

For you people who skirted the

Christmas Softening

BY OLE KEN DECK

Tonight I had come over me that strange feeling that one is likely to get at Houghton around this time of the year. All day the snowflakes have been falling steadily, and I have been fighting to keep from daydreaming and looking out the window, that window of mine that allows me to see just about everything that goes on between the music building and Gaoyadeo dorm. Every once in a while I would look out to see a couple come down the road, kicking their feet in the snow and swinging their clasped hands high. Perhaps they were washing each other's faces with the icy stuff, or just trying to slide along on the tramped down walk, but it all helped to produce the same effect. I could also see from my window that all the cars were struggling to keep a grip on the road, and some, too, that had lost that struggle. The flakes kept coming down through it all, muffling the ordinary noises and turning the campus into an etching in black and white.

Again this evening it was the same story. I was walking over to supper. The snow was still falling, only not quite so heavily now, and the packed snow on the sidewalk crunched at every step I took. Somewhere off in the distance I could hear someone laughing, and now it seemed that instead of being muffled the laughter carried clearly across the campus. In back of Luckey Memorial I could see the lights from a couple of Christmas trees, and along the road that comes directly down the hill, there

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Book store window cautiously last Monday afternoon, let me explain that it was Miss Beck working behind the glass and not really the "Wild Woman of Borneo" after all. But who was the bold and brazen soul who put that sign up, huh?

If anybody wonders what it is lurching toward them under a bunch of frizz, I am going to let you in on a secret. It is merely Frank Lloyd, the victim of a Richard Hudnut home permanent. While he was home for Thanksgiving, he lamented his straight locks. Thoughtfully, his mother offered to do up a couple of curls in the front. Alas, in the process she had covered the entire top of his head with kinky curls while the back remained perfectly straight. I can see it now—Frank Lloyd and John Rommel in all the magazines. Which intellectual has the Richard Hudnut?

I thought I'd wind up with a cheerful thought for all of you who will again be facing the tribulations of civilization in a few days.

Gray's L-E-G

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day;

A line of cars winds slowly o'er the lea,

A Houghton student plods his absent-minded way,

And leaves the world quite unexpectedly.

—HC—

Royalaires Return to Celebrate Christmas

The Royalaires, our quartet serving Youth for Christ in Europe, are planning to leave Southampton, England, on the Queen Elizabeth, December 16, and are arriving in New York on December 21.

At the present time, the Royalaires and their evangelist, Charles H. Smith, are conducting meetings in the British Isles. Eric Hutchins, director of Y.F.C. says, "We are planning for the greatest meetings ever to be held here."

From Germany, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, and Finland, calls have been coming to this team. They have held more than 400 services in 170 days, and have reached more than 300,000 with the gospel in schools, dance halls, factories, marketplaces, and churches.



Dribbles . . .

DICK PRICE

Now that the season has come for those little pressure-hardened spheroids of snow to be flying around, I figure I'll have to keep my ears well below my coat collar, as the freshmen seem to want to run me out on a rail or else do something a little less pleasant. But, boys, I'll tell you, the only reason I picked you for last place in the class league is because that's where I thought you'd be. Although it may change, the picture looks about that way now. After witnessing the last two frosh games, I don't know what to expect. The potentialities are there and if the frosh had a couple of tall men, they could beat any of the other teams. I don't think any of the other classes take the frosh as a sure win, although I still believe the latter will have to get on the ball to stay out of last place.

With the sophs now snugly in first place as a result of their win over the juniors, they no doubt are pointing toward an undefeated season. Will they do it? I don't dare to answer that one, but I think the juniors will give them a plenty rough time next game. If Dekker can be kept below his 21 points per game average, it would look a lot better, but as yet they don't let you use stilts on nicely finished floors.

The junior girls halted the senior winning streak Monday night to keep themselves in the running for the championship. With Ginny Sension leading the offensive, and Colleen Weekley forming the backbone of the defense, the juniors pulled an upset which was a big surprise to everyone. This helped the sophs also, as they moved within half a game of the leading seniors.

At least one of the remaining class

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series games will be played out of town, according to word from Coach Wells. The teams to play won't necessarily be determined by league standing, but floor play and spectator appeal will figure in largely. The same plan will probably be carried out during the Purple-Gold series.

The athletic association will be sponsoring moving pictures on January 3, the first day of school after vacation. They're scheduled for 7:30 and will include travel, sports, adventure, comedy, a special feature—in fact everything you want. The money derived will be used for the athletic banquet next spring. Let's all get behind them and turn out; you'll be sure to get your money's worth, in case you're worried about it.

Steve (sometimes known as "Elbows") Castor has reached the pinnacle of his basketball career. Last Monday night in the senior game, he committed only 2 (pronounced too) fouls, and believe it or not, when the final whistle sounded, he was still in there scrapping—I mean playing. Congratulations, Steve, we're expecting great things from you now. (And don't cut this paragraph out—remember, it's costing you money.)

(Dear Sam: Please eliminate above paragraph. Let Sneezey Kerchoff worry about the money. Ed.)

(Dear Sam: Forget what the editor said. Include all the writing. Make-out Staff.)

• For two cents cash I'll leave the whole article out.—(S.M.)

Dean Lynip Speaks at Alumni Chapter Meeting

Dean Lynip spoke at a meeting of the New York-New Jersey alumni chapter on Saturday, Dec. 9.

There were about 40 present, and Dean Lynip remarked that there was a "great interest in Houghton."

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House League Has Two Teams Tied for First

The house league took over the gym again last Saturday for three more games in their tournament where the first game of the afternoon saw the Homesteaders down Moore house 54-21. Clemmer and Sackett led the way with 17 and 12 points respectively.

The second game of the afternoon was the big one—Print Shop against the Milkettes. The highly improved Print Shop team made a staggering total of 10 points, 250% improvement compared to their score of four points made in a previous game. They lost 45-10.

In the final game, Panich house stayed in the running for first place by outpointing Cott house 30-35.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L
Milkettes	3	0
Panich House	3	0
McKinley House	2	0
Homesteaders	2	0
Hazlett House	1	1
High School	1	1
Smith House	0	2
Print Shop	0	2
Cott House	0	3
Moore House	0	3

Ole Ken Deck

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were brightly lit windows shining red, yellow, and blue. The only thing I needed now was to hear the carols sung from the tower, and I had no sooner thought than they began.

I lacked nothing now for that "Christmas" feeling—the feeling that makes you recall everything that Christmas means to you. I was happy. Pretty soon the rush of last-week tests, term papers, essays, and parties would be over, and we would all be "going home" for Christmas. Perhaps it is the cities, with their brightly lit store-windows and church-chimed carols, that some of us are looking forward to, or perhaps a large fireplace in a home in a small town.

I was almost at Gaoyadeo now, and inside everybody would be laughing and talking, probably not too aware of the nearness of Christmas. I stepped inside, and the atmosphere was completely different. It took me a little while to get used to it, and even then I wasn't the same. I couldn't get over what the day had done to me.

Juniors Stay in Running, Checking Seniors, 50-45

The juniors kept alive their championship hopes Monday night by whipping the seniors 50-45. Showing some of the form that brought them last year's championship, especially in passing, Dane Turner's boys held a comfortable lead all the way. At no time did the seniors offer a serious threat.

An authoritative source had it that the seniors were using a "new plan," which was holding the ball during the entire first quarter, but

someone must have slipped up and started shooting, for at the end of the first quarter they had scored 4 points to the juniors 13.

The second quarter scoring was quite evenly divided, 14 points for the seniors and 15 for the juniors, leaving the score at half time 28-18. The seniors made good on 8 for 32 attempted field goals, while the juniors made 12 for 38 attempts in the first half.

Baskets by Hostetter for the seniors and Johnson for the juniors kept the difference in score consistent for the third period. However, the seniors gave a somewhat better account of themselves in the fourth canto. Sparked by Trautman and Nast, they outscored their opponents 16 to 8, bringing the final score to 50-45.

The seniors made 25 per cent of their shots while the juniors were successful on 29 per cent of their attempts. Junior scoring honors go to Castor with 13 and Johnson and Price with 12 each. Hostetter scored 14 and Trautman 13 points for the seniors.

BOX SCORES

This was the first loss this season for the senior girls.

SENIORS:	F	G	T
Carville	7	4	18
Bown	3	0	6
Knapp	3	6	12
Fitton	0	0	0
Totals	13	10	36

JUNIORS:	F	G	T
Gravink	5	2	12
Bjorkgren	3	5	11
Sension	7	3	17
Totals	15	10	40

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Varsity Hockey Team Chosen, 5 Repeaters

The Athletic department has released the following Varsity field hockey team for 1950. Lyn Gravink, Betty Bjorkgren, Charmaine Lemmon, and Gladys Fancher are repeaters on the Varsity, while Claire Ejov is gaining the position for the third consecutive year. The sophs placed three, the juniors four, and the seniors five.

Bown, Joyce; Ejov, Claire—'48, Fancher, Gladys—'49; Lemmon, Charmaine—'48; VanWormer, Molly; Bjorkgren, Elizabeth—'49; Gravink, Marilyn—'49; Presley, Kathryn; Simon, Elinore; Bean, Barbara; Rodger, Helen; Straley, Janice.

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