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## "First in Peace" Winning Oration

Williams to Represent Ho'ton in Regional Meet

In the oratorical contest Monday, January 25, the judges decided that Mr. Lauren Williams' oration merited first place. Mrs. John Kluzit took second honors with her oration "The Spirit of Washington."

Following is Mr. Williams' oration: Above the Potomac and shadowing our capital city stands a monument that is as stately and grand as was the man whose life it commemorates. This spire of Maryland marble is the nation's tribute to our beloved George Washington. With serene dignity its smooth silhouette pierces the sky, and the low clouds cling to its peak over five hundred feet above the river.

As we look at the monument and recall the remarkable life of "the father of our country", we search for something in its appearance to remind us of his deeds. Nothing in its white eminence echoes the bloody battles of a revolution nor cries out the tales of hardships of a country in its making. Nothing in its straight lines tells the story of Valley Forge nor of the commander's courageous crossing of the Delaware. No mock battle field is portrayed to perpetuate the memory of the hero of the revolution. Only a single shaft towers upward to the sky. It stands in majesty and in peace.

What more fitting tribute could be paid to the memory of Washington? In spite of his reputation as a military genius, the true Washington was a man of dignity and peace. He stands out among his contemporaries imposing by his simplicity. The monument reflects not only the stateliness of his stature but also the preeminent quality of his character. The very atmosphere about the monument breathes peace.

Perhaps no other man in our history will be so surrounded with the glamour of romance as was this figure. The hero of two wars, who more naturally would be looked to to lead the new nation out from the confusion of political instability and commercial jealousy that followed its newly gained independence? The people looked to Washington for the solution of these problems and listened attentively to his advice.

Although he contributed little to the actual writing of the Constitution, it is said that as the chairman of the convention he was a constant influence for harmony and unity among the dissenting members. Very often when affairs seemed to be at a standstill in the convention on account of disagreements between different factions, Washington invited principals of the opposing parties to his home where he usually effected a compromise that satisfied the members. When the finished Constitution was brought before the states for ratification, none were more anxious to bring about its adoption, for he

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## Debate Shows Divided Opinion

Judges and Public Disagree On Socialism Question

The decision of the debate Wednesday evening with Blanche Gage, Edna Roberts, and Kenneth Wright holding up the affirmative side and Chester Osgood, Richard Rhodes, and Lauren Williams holding up the negative side of the question—Resolved: "That the United States of America Should Have a Socialistic Government," was divided between public opinion and opinion of the judges. The audience voted 36 to 33 favoring the affirmative and the judges voted 2 to 1 favoring the negative.

The affirmative side stressed the fact that all men are created equal. They said that a socialistic government would equalize wealth and distribute goods, create happiness for everyone, cause machines to work for the laborers interest instead of the capitalists' profits, check excessive development of private selfishness, make geniuses to benefit the whole country instead of benefitting a few corporations, help unemployment raise people out of poverty, prevent war and strikes and provide living wages, leisure time and luxuries for all. It was pointed out that socialism, not communism as practiced in Russia, was the thing sought for in United States. The definition of socialism given by the affirmative was that all means of production, land and capital should be government owned and controlled. Socialistic cities such as Milwaukee which has a surplus in the treasury and Grand Rapids in which every man has a job were given as examples of the effect of socialism.

The negative side showed that socialism would take away personal liberty, one of the purposes of the Constitution of the United States discourage initiative, lower standards of living by making divorce easy and marriage loose, by breaking up homes and creating state nurseries, encourage bootlegging of luxuries and armed crook hangouts, create unemployment by banishing the servant class and those engaged in manufacturing luxuries and would not destroy capitalism because someone with power must be in charge of the large industries. They said socialism is too pessimistic for the present and too optimistic for the future. "To those who have, shall be given," says the Bible.

Each speaker had eight minutes in which to present his arguments and a short rebuttal at the end was allowed for each side.

## MOVIES IN LECTURE

The business manager of the Lecture Course announces an added attraction for the lecture to be given Thursday night, February 4, by Commander Byrd's secretary, Mr. Charles Lofgren. A moving picture machine will be procured, and prospective patrons can look forward to a really enjoyable, well illustrated lecture by Byrd's right hand man.



## Noss - Arlin Wedding Occurs at Friendship

The marriage of Miss Edith Noss, Latin professor of Houghton College who holds a Master's degree in Greek, to Rev. Aubrey Arlin pastor of the First Congregational Church of Friendship and student at Houghton College took place Friday evening in Rev. Arlin's church at Friendship at 5:30 p. m., the Rev. Frank H. Wright, Dean of Theology at Houghton College, officiating.

The bride's dress was of white satin and she wore a veil. Her bouquet was of white roses. Miss Aura Mattor, a student of Houghton College and friend of the bride was the maid of honor. She wore a coral pink dress and carried a bouquet of shell pink roses. Mr. Alvin Barker, also a student at Houghton College and friend of the bridegroom, was the best man. Messrs. Sicard and Alexis also of Houghton College were ushers. Evergreens were used exclusively for decoration.

As the ceremony began Prof. Wright took his seat on the platform and the bridegroom accompanied by the best man walked to the front of the church and sat on the front seat. As Dora Waite, soprano soloist of Houghton College sang "O Promise Me" and "At Dawning", the maid of honor followed by the bride walked slowly down the opposite aisle of the church to the altar where they were joined by Mr. Arlin and Mr. Barker. The bridal pair knelt while the ritual was being read, the ring ceremony being used. After being pronounced man and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arlin, arms interlocked, walked up the aisle to the door where they were met by a shower of rice.

A reception followed in the home of Miss Kate Cole, dietitian of Houghton College.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlin will reside for the present in the home of Mr. D. O. Beach in Houghton.

T. N. T.  
(THIS 'N THAT)

Editor's note:

The authors of this column prefer to remain anonymous. When you read what follows you'll understand why, but after all, they're only a couple of local boys trying to make good. (Don't ask at what).

We notice that the Paleo—(well, you say it; we mean the Latin Club) held a meeting recently. To open their program, we suggest they use as a theme song, "Keep the Rome fires burning."

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## Gold Girls Snap Purple Winning Streak with First Win 19 - 12

Second Game Gives Purple Men Edge in Series

At last the notorious "dope" work-ed and the Gold girls were victorious. Making the series two to one in favor of the Purple. Friday's game was not quite as snappy as the previous games but both teams showed good headwork and sensible playing.

Slow passwork and close checking was very evident in the early minutes of the game with the Purple having possession of the ball most of the time. Congdon and Frank shot fast and recklessly in the first quarter but to no avail. Hall opened the scoring by relaying the ball the whole length of the court. The Purple weren't behind long for Minnis scored to keep her team in the running while "Mac" held Matthews beautifully. Hewitt replaced Fero at center as the game went into the second period and the Gold broke loose with Hall eluding Kissinger for some clever shots. The game soon slowed up however with no particular excitement and at half time the score stood 4-5 in favor of the Gold.

True to form the Purple retaliated in the third quarter and soon took the lead. A few minutes of fast playing resulted as the score hovered around a tie until the Purple without Minnis seemed to weaken and the Gold broke through to be ahead 10-7 at the end of the period. Minnis was substituted for MacFarlane in order to strengthen the defense, with Kissinger back guard, but when Frank went out on fouls the Gold were out to win and there was no stopping them. Hewitt netted three points in a row to give her team a good lead and then Matthews evaded Kissinger who was off form, for some pretty shots which cinched the game. Final score was Gold 19—Purple 12. Matthews scored high for Gold with 11 points and Congdon led her team with 7 tallies. Stratton starred in her guard position holding Frank to 1 field goal.

The second game was far inferior to the first as far as good basketball playing was concerned. The Gold started with a weakened lineup due to "Tom" Armstrong's inability to play because of illness, however, the "Panthers" opened the scoring with Parry's shot from under the basket. The Purple Lions had a few chances and missed until "Drape" sunk the first deuce for his team. With the score tie both teams fought hard passed well and shot conservatively so that the quarter ended 6-4 in favor of the Purple. The second period started with both teams out for blood Cronk playing a nice game scored twice in succession while VanOrnum

unassisted, tallied another for the Gold. At this point the game became exceedingly rough with both teams forgetting to play clean basketball. Numerous fouls were made but no whistle was blown except for an occasional tie ball. In fact it looked as if the referee was not on the job. At the end of the half the score stood: Purple 11—Gold 8.

Beginning the second half the "Ref" began calling double fouls which became quite the order of the day. Mountjoy and Mein were rushed off the floor for unnecessary roughness early in this period. Hayes replaced Mein while M. Cronk replaced Mountjoy. The Gold made a spurt but it only lasted long enough for Parry to score his third basket of the evening and the quarter closed with the Purple ahead 15-10. The last quarter was a regular "free for all" battle which was far from basketball playing. Nothing of importance resulted except for a few tie balls and frequent floor burns. Final score Purple 21—Gold 14. Cronk was high scorer with 10 pts.

This type of game which was watched by a very small crowd seems to set us to thinking. It appears that our intermural athletics must be growing weaker and are becoming of an inferior type. Maybe interscholastic athletics would remedy this weakness. It would do no harm to think it over at least. For it is very evident that the majority of the athletes of Houghton are desirous of a change.

### Gold Girls

|             | fg | fp | tp |
|-------------|----|----|----|
| Matthews, F | 5  | 1  | 11 |
| Hall, F     | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| Fero, C     | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Hewitt, C   | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| Stratton, G | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Harbeck, G  | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Total       | 8  | 3  | 19 |

### Purple Girls

|                  | fg | fp | tp |
|------------------|----|----|----|
| Frank, F         | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| Congdon, F       | 3  | 1  | 7  |
| Minnis, C        | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Kissinger, G & C | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| M. Ackerman, G   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| MacFarlane, G    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Total            | 5  | 2  | 12 |

### Purple Boys

|           | fg | fp | tp |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| Mein, F   | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Hayes, F  | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Cronk, F  | 5  | 0  | 10 |
| Smith, C  | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Miller, G | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Ayers, G  | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| Total     | 10 | 1  | 21 |

### Gold Boys

|             | fg | fp | tp |
|-------------|----|----|----|
| Moon, F & G | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| VanOrnum, F | 2  | 0  | 4  |
| Parry, C    | 3  | 0  | 6  |
| Mountjoy, G | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Cronk, F    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Burns, G    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| McGowan, G  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Benjamin, G | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Total       | 7  | 0  | 14 |

## OWLS CONVENE

At the meeting of the "Owls" Thursday night, January 28, it was voted to accept Merle O. Brown as a member of the club. Mr. Brown will be officially welcomed into the club at its next meeting Thursday, February 11.

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## Collegiate Sam Says:

It's a great life if you don't weaken—but it's much greater if you weaken just a little.

## AN OPPORTUNITY

The announcement of a special time in which is offered an opportunity to become personally acquainted with Jesus Christ is not news, mere news, meant to be read, exclaimed over, and forgotten. It is an invitation to thought, prayer and action.

On Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. E. W. Black of Roanoke, Virginia, will be here to present the unsearchable riches of Christ. He will continue his preaching until Sunday, February 21, speaking in chapel at 9:45 each day and at the church at 7:30 each evening. His messages will be thought-inspiring and convincing.

In view of this special effort to present spiritual truth to our minds and consciences, special prayer is urged. The gospel will be preached very clearly and directly. That it may be dynamic in its convincing power, the spirit of God, released through intercession is needed.

It is just such a gospel of hope, of assurance, of stability, of foundation that the confused world is needing today. We have a real privilege in having its fundamental tenets especially brought to our attention at this time.—J. G. R.

## CORRECTIONS

In last week's Star, the article concerning Professor West contained a statement not entirely true. It read: "he has worked with a number of the members of our faculty, Professor Stanley Wright, Professor W. L. Fancher, and Professor W. C. Bain."

The true statement is "he worked with a number of the members of our faculty, Professor S. Wright, Professor C. Ries, and Professor P. Woolsey. Mr. West met Professor LaVay Fancher at Chicago University, and he was also slightly acquainted with Professor W. C. Bain."

W should also like to correct an error made in recording the results of the election of officers for the newly formed Young Peoples Society. Miss Ethel Barnett instead of Miss Elsie Chind was the student elected

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:28.

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

—Rom. 3:23, 24.

There is nothing out of the way in being interested in yourself, but do not forget that other people, too, may be interesting.

to the position of Secretary and Treasurer.

## PERSONALS

Miss Ethel Doty has arrived to begin her work in Houghton College.

Prof. F. H. Wright and Claude Ries attended revival services at the Canisteo Methodist Church, Rev. L. M. Anderson being the evangelist.

Mr. A. W. E. Schoenberger, architect for the new church, was in town last Tuesday presenting his first set of plans for the new church to the Building Committee. The plans will be on file in Mr. M. C. Cronk's office and may be inspected by anyone interested.

This week members of the Board of Managers from the Houghton district have been meeting here. The Board consists of Rev. Allen, of the Champlain Conference; Rev. McCarthy, of Michigan; Rev. White, of the Allegheny Conference; Rev. Bain, of the Lockport Conference; Prof. Stanley Wright, of the Rochester Conference, and Rev. Shea of the Middle Atlantic Conference.

T. N. T.

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Smith, of Smith & Smith, Houghton's prosperous printer, states that sales indicate that the Book of the Month for February is the Blue Book.

Gabriel: (looking down after the last foot) "Well, well. So Houghton never fixed those tennis courts after all!"

Although, not listed in the catalog, we personally know many who no doubt will take the course of Least Resistance next semester.

Things that make us laugh: A college professor calling his student "children".

Also the efficient fire department apparatus in the lower hall. (It's automatic; it trots out even if there is no fire.)

This isn't the time to talk about baseball, but miserably reflecting over the batting of the Gold team in the Purple-Gold series of last fall, we think some of those fellows couldn't even play in the Epworth League.

A mark of distinction as a basketball player: "I'm ineligible."

We wish some of these lower hall crooners would strike out on a different note when they tunelessly begin to boast that their infant confines her affections to them. In all we've heard so far the starting note is invariably d flat. (and very flat.)

In case there are any who are in doubt as to the reason for next week's formality, we quote from Funk & Wagnalls, page zweihundertneunzig. (All right then; look it up yourself.)

EXAMINE: to investigate critically; to test by questions as to qualifications, as a pupil; to question in order to elicit facts.

So there you are. Just trot out your facts.

Today's golden thought: In the midst of life we are in debt. (\$99.00 tuition due).

Auf wiedersehen und Gesundheit. (That's German.)

CHESS AND WALL NUTT.

## Latin Club Convenes

The Palaeolinguists met last Friday afternoon to discuss "The Roman Home." This topic, which included the structure of the house and the furniture, proved to be worthy of study and interest.

Following is the outline which was carried out:

General Plan of House  
Conveniences  
Furniture  
Household Decoration

Illustrative Pictures

The conclusion reached was that the ancient Romans closely approached many modern customs in the arrangement and equipment of their dwellings. The club are very appreciative of the fact that they have for their advisor one has become well acquainted with Roman customs from actual experience with Roman ruins and civilization. The pictures of the remains of various homes which Miss Noss furnished are snap-shots which she herself took on her recent trip abroad.

The next meeting will be devoted to a study of the Roman name and family.

## First in Peace

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realized with other great men of his day that in this Constitution lay the only hope of preserving the unity and independence of the colonies.

It was most fitting after such an illustrious career as adventurous young surveyor, heroic lieutenant of the Indian war, Virginian gentleman and legislator, and commander-in-chief of the revolution that Washington should be entrusted with the first Presidency, an office which, no doubt, many considered as only a stepping stone to a crown. He certainly never sought this honor, for, had he allowed personal feelings to interfere with his patriotic duties, he would have preferred to have returned to his pleasant home and led a peaceful domestic life caring for his immense estate and for his family. He was in no way a politician and aspired to neither public office nor honor.

As President he proved again that he knew nothing of the wiles practiced by dishonest and grasping statesmen. Never in his administration did he play for the favor of the people nor act for their approval rather than for their good. Moreover, since he was always retiring in his manners and inclined to be reserved and courteous in his conduct, he was quite sensitive to public criticism and was often hurt by the attacks of radicals upon his administration. Jefferson records an instance in a cabinet meeting when a cartoon was produced which represented Washington as placed under the guillotine. Washington was so stired up that he exclaimed: "I had rather be in my grave than in the present situation;... I had rather be on my farm than to be emperor of the world, and yet they are charging me with wanting to be a king!" From traits of character such as these exhibited by our first leader we can not but conclude that he was a man who loved peace and after observing his actions while he was the presiding officer of our nation, we must admit the truth of the epithet, "first in peace."

At first President Washington could look to no one for precedent but rather had to establish his policies for administration. He did this so judiciously that many of his precepts are still adhered to by our present government. His policies are most clearly stated in his Farewell Address. He advises: "Unity of Government is a main pillar in the support of your tranquillity at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very Liberty which you so highly prize." Is this truth not applicable to our own times? Let us beware of those issues which confront us and threaten to divide our people in their loyalty and obedience to the statutes of the government. I speak of the eighteenth amendment, the enforcement of which is now an American problem.

Washington was very anxious that the United States should become independent of Europe both politically and economically—a hope that has been accomplished by the years. His attitude on foreign affairs has long been incorporated in our governmental policy by the "Monroe Doctrine". He firmly believed that coalitions with European countries of interference in each other's affairs would tend to weaken our own independence and threaten our prosperity. However he believed in integrity as a national policy. He tells us to "observe good faith and justice towards all Nations, cultivate peace and harmony with all."

Two foreign complications arose during Washington's term of office that both tried his diplomacy and proved it. First, the matter of settling post-war disputes over boundaries and debts with England. The people of this little nation which had so recently become independent demanded exacting settlements from their mother country, but England who after all was the stronger nation refused to be dictated to by her unruly child and also sought to drive a hard bargain. John Jay, sent to England to negotiate a treaty, finally arrived at a compromise (after much effort on his part.) Although Washington knew that the American people would be dissatisfied with the English terms, he chose to accept the treaty in order to avert any possible trouble when our own country was in so weak a condition.

Thus we find that Washington as President ever sought peace. He realized that peace was necessary for growth of the nation and advancement of its people. He cherished the contentment of peace in his own home, and he sought to preserve such joys for all his countrymen. He desired peace, for he knew that with it his country would prosper and grow until the time came, as he foretold it, "... when belligerent nations will not lightly hazard the giving us provocations when we may choose peace or war, as our interest, guided by justice, shall counsel."

That time has come. As one of the largest nations in the world it lies in our power to control at least to an extent the peace of the world. On our actions and words peace depends.

On this occasion of the bicentennial of the birth of Washington can we honor him in a greater way than by carrying on his principles? Let us build a still taller monument in his memory—a monument that will perpetuate his ideals for all time. Let us strive together for the accomplishment of world peace.

"Hello, pal, lend me a nickel to call up a friend, will you?"

"Here's a dime; call up all your friends."





## NOTES FROM THE NEWS

**Wellsley, Mass.**—Babson speaks again! In the spring of 1929, Roger W. Babson, economist and statistician, said that the country was about to plunge into one of its worse business depressions. In September and October the stockmarket went "Bang!" and so did most everything else almost. During those months, if Babson thought, "I told you so," he did not voice his thoughts. He merely sat tight and tabulated a lot more figures. Now Mr. Babson says "The depression is in retreat." For the first time since 1929 the Babson chart has begun to point slowly upward and we are on our way back to the place where the greenbacks will come out of the "sock" and dance about the store counters. Prosperity is around the corner but "the" corner is several blocks away even yet Babson has spoken again! Give ear and heed, oh, ye of weakened spirits!

**London, Eng.**—Another sea-tragedy occurred on Wednesday morning England was testing her latest submarine, one of the largest crafts of its kind, when something happened. The craft has been located three miles out from Portland Bill in 102 feet of water. The sub was equipped with the latest life saving apparatus but no one has come to the surface by it, and still, the construction of armaments to preserve World Peace continues at the cost of life, happiness, and prosperity.

**Chicago, Ill.**—The American King of chaw is dead! William Wrigley, the creator of the famous jaw exercisor, passed away at his home in Winter Park, Ariz. this week, at seventy years of age. Early in life Mr. Wrigley began the manufacture of gum from which he amassed a fortune estimated at 150 million dollars. He was perhaps the greatest advertiser of his time. Billboards, magazines and newspapers carried the familiar arrow-headed elves—the trademark of his gum.

His fortune, once begun in one industry spread to others. During his life he dabbled in the motion picture industry, ranched on large scale in Arizona, mined in various parts of the country, and finally bought the Chicago Cubs Baseball Club in 1924. Since that time baseball had been his business and hobby. His team developed from a second rate club to one that played in a World Series in 1929. But Wrigley's ambition to see the World Series' Pennant fly from the flag pole in his park was never realized. Nevertheless, his stamp was placed upon the game by his participation in it and his efforts helped to make the game better and greater.

**New York City**—What ho! A Democratic paradox? Newton D. Baker, war Secretary under Wilson has issued a statement saying that the Democrats in the campaign of 1932 should not declare themselves in favor of the League of Nations. And it was Baker's chief, Wilson, who fathered the League. Oh, come come, now, Newton!

## IN REPLY

As a result of an article in the STAR of January twenty-second, entitled "A Fertile Field for Judging Character", acid remarks from the lips of upperclassmen and Frosh alike make the observing Houghtonite's ears tingle with a premonition that danger is imminent.

First of all, it would seem that one who could thus complacently thrust his thumbs into his pockets and proclaim to Houghton his qualifications as a judge, would be painstaking in the use of the knowledge which gave him this self-assumed role. We, too, may strut and say with Beatrice: "I have a good eye, uncle; I can see a church by daylight." (1)

Yes, it seems that he would have been careful in his use of the English language; instead, we find in his second paragraph the absurdly awkward sentence, "It is said that if you wish to judge a man well, judge him by the manner in which he spends his 'leisure time'." (This comment is made for the interest of those who are grammatically inclined.) Farther on in the discussion he offers the choice grammatical morsel, "Some examination papers which are turned in are no more the work of the individual whose name the paper bears than it is the work of Shakespeare himself." In the style of Spenser we loudly exclaim, "HOT DOG!"

Inconsistencies in logic are also apparent. The critic states in his second paragraph that he will not be at all personal, but he later singles out one whom he calls "seat-mate" and then no doubt salves his conscience with a hurried; "Hush! I didn't give his name!" He reminds one of a child who, when mother spies him mounting a chair to reach the cookie-jar, descends from the heights and runs to her with the plaintive cry, "I didn't take one, Mom! Honest I didn't!"

The verbal censors whose words one overhears in corridors and classrooms are frequently reading aloud with emphasis the statement, "If any of these remarks have been misleading or too harsh, I stand corrected," adding as a personal touch the disparagement, "I guess you do!" Despite the attacks raining on the article, its purpose was basically right; nevertheless, the method of approach deserves unconditional condemnation.

Obviously it is necessary to establish the qualifications of the author of this rebuke. First, he claims credit as a member of each of two groups mentioned by our critic; namely, the group who are usually, considered intelligent, but have been willing to share the fun despite the prick of conscience, and the group who really do desire knowledge. Then he claims precedence in the right to judge as a full-fledged Sophomore and as a member (at successive periods) to each of the two sections of Sophomore English.

No attempt has been made, it will be noted, to justify in this article the unscrupulous intra-mural actions of any Sophomore. Should any apology for their actions or for this reply seem necessary, we again suggest Shakespeare.

"My gracious lord, I may be negligent, foolish, and fearful; In every one of these no man is free, If ever I were wilful-negligent, It were my folly; if industriously I play'd the fool, it was my negligence,"

Not weighing well the end." (2)

—M. O. B.

(1) *Much Ado About Nothing*, Act II, Scene I.

(2) *A Winter's Tale*, Act I, Scene II

## NOTICE TO READERS

Due to the fact that the notice was not received by the printer until the "Star" was published last week, the Fillmore State Bank ad was not corrected. Please read the ad and note the change in the rate in interest.

—Editor.

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"Howzat?"

"Graduated with degrees."

Quotation from McNutt's *Sample Letters for Professional Letter Writers*:

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"This is a hard world," said Pat, as he knocked off for the day.

"Yis," said Mike, "O! be thinkin' the same thing ivery time I put me pick in it."

"We have a mummy in this museum," said the guide, "that has had some wheat in his hand since the days of the Pharaohs."

"Well I'd advise him not to hold on any longer. Wheat'll never be any higher."

Phila: Name some of the heavenly bodies.

Delphia: Blondes and Brunettes, sir."

"Do you think you could learn to love me?"

"Well, I learned to eat spinach."

The corporal was marching in front of his squad when he overheard a voice in the rear rank say: "This squad is like a flivver. The crank is in front."

"Yes," snapped back the corporal "but the nuts are all behind."

### Intercollegiate Sports

May I be so bold as to endeavor to answer a recent article in the STAR concerning intercollegiate athletics. It was my great privilege to meet Roger B. Spaulding, member of the school paper staff of Colgate University. Since we were thrown together so closely that our elbow now and then coincided, it was not at all remarkable that our ideas should now and then coincide also. One of these ideas was on sports. With Mr. Spaulding's own permission I shall take the liberty of quoting him:

Dear Kenneth,

"My whole opinion rests on the main consideration, namely, What percentage of your student body is enabled to participate in athletics under your present system? One of the primary objections to intercollegiate athletics has been that it provides for participation on the part of only the comparatively few men who are skillful enough to secure positions on varsity squads. The large majority of students do not

gain any benefit from the system other than the possible vicarious pleasure of watching their representatives perform.

"Here, then, is the aim and purpose of intramural athletics, 'Athletics For All—Every Student a Participant!' To my mind, any system which does not have such an aim is unworthy of support or encouragement.

"At the larger universities and at Colgate, which is comparatively wealthy as small schools go, it is possible to maintain intercollegiate athletics and, at the same time, provide an extensive intramural program. To quote our President, Dr. George Barton Cutten, 'Athletics by proxy is a thing of the past at Colgate. While we expect to support our intercollegiate athletics with all the enthusiasm and loyalty of days gone by, we are taking a step further in encouraging every student to participate in athletic events, not only for the benefit of his health while here at Colgate but as a preparation for post graduate days. The intramural sports are planned to be of such a kind that they may be played all through one's life. I know of no more encouraging feature of modern athletics than the intramural program.'

"Coming as I do from a school which ranks high in intercollegiate athletics, I am naturally heartily in favor of extramural competition, but I am also a firm believer in an adequate intramural system. By 'adequate' I mean 'athletics for all—every student a participant' and a wide variety of sports which students may play not only as undergraduates but which will provide healthful exercise throughout their lives.

"Now it is my assumption, (perhaps I'm wrong), that the Purple-Gold system is not fully adequate, as I have used the term, and should therefore be greatly enlarged and expanded. By the way of explanation, I mention our own intramural system which I believe is adequate because it, not only provides athletics for every student, but over 800 of the 950 men enrolled actually do take part in one or more of a list of twenty-five sports ranging from touch football, basketball, baseball, track, swimming, hockey, tennis and golf to wrestling, boxing, fencing, gymnastics, handball, squash and horseshoes. This program is carried out through different leagues made up of various campus groups such as fraternities, boarding clubs, honorary societies, hometowners (boys coming from the same town), dorms, and just plain organized 'groups', arbitrarily designated or otherwise. As I said, I assume that the Purple-Gold system is not as completely developed as it might be and I think that accomplishment should be your first consideration.

"The advantages of intercollegiate athletics are numerous and for the most part unquestionable and if Houghton is financially able to support both systems, (intercollegiate and intramural athletics), it is my opinion that she should do so. On the other hand, if it would be a case of maintaining one system to the exclusion or retardation of the other, then by all means the choice should go to the intramurals. It seems much more sensible that a school should devote its resources toward providing

all its students with the benefits accruing from intramural competition, rather than to expend an equal amount of money and effort for the benefit of the small number who would play on teams in intercollegiate competition.

"Someone may suggest that the gate receipts from intercollegiate games would be sufficient to finance an intramural program. The graduate-manager of any university athletic office will support me when I say that practically the only college sport that is not run at a financial loss is football. Moreover, the latter sport is put on a paying basis only when the school is able to hire expensive coaching staffs, subsidize athletics to some extent and provide a stadium for the accommodation of large crowds.

"As an outsider regarding Houghton's athletic situation, I think her best bet is to bend her efforts toward improving her intramural system along the lines I have suggested so that every student may have an opportunity not only to participate in athletics but also to select the sports which are best adapted to his individual preferences, capabilities and needs. Let competent coaches be hired and extensive equipment be purchased, if necessary, but dedicate them to the majority rather than the minority.

"There is the added possibility of intercollegiate competition between champions in the intramural leagues of the various schools. Several eastern colleges are holding these contests at present and Houghton could enter such competition if she desired.

"Certainly, if the institution of intercollegiate athletics at Houghton would mean the discontinuance of an adequate intramural program, no one who has the welfare of the student body at heart, would advocate such a change."

Roger B. Spaulding

In the light of Houghton's present condition, is this not a very convincing argument in favor of intramural athletics to the exclusion of inter-

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collegiate athletics? No one, I am sure, will say that Houghton could competently support both systems. Therefore, in the light of Mr. Spaulding's sound reasoning, should we not "bend our efforts toward the improvement of our intramural system . . . so that every student may have an opportunity not only to participate in athletics but also to select the sports which are best adapted to his individual preferences, capabilities and needs?"

—An Interested Spectator.



### With'er 4 - Kast

Professor Snoozitoff, the not so very noted Somniloquist in his usual somnolent mode prophesies,  
Jan. 31 - Feb. 6 Blustery periods.  
Feb. 6 Temperatures drop even below zero.  
Feb. 10 Sultry period begins.



*The Toaster's Handbook*, edited by Edmunds has just been catalogued and is now at the service of those whose oratory is to hold us spell bound in the coming days of banquets and commencement activities. The number is 808.7.

*Historic Costume* is intended to aid in the preparation of pageants. Costumes of ancient, medieval and modern times are illustrated and fully described. The relation between economic and political conditions, and the dress of the period is explained. The number is 391.

Of course you are planning to hear the first concert to be based entirely upon operatic music, given in Houghton. The library concert February 23 will consist of excerpts from *Faust* and *Martha*. In each case the story will be told so that we may understand the relation of each selection to the whole. As a preparation for *Faust* read Irving's short story—*The Devil and Tom Walker*.

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