



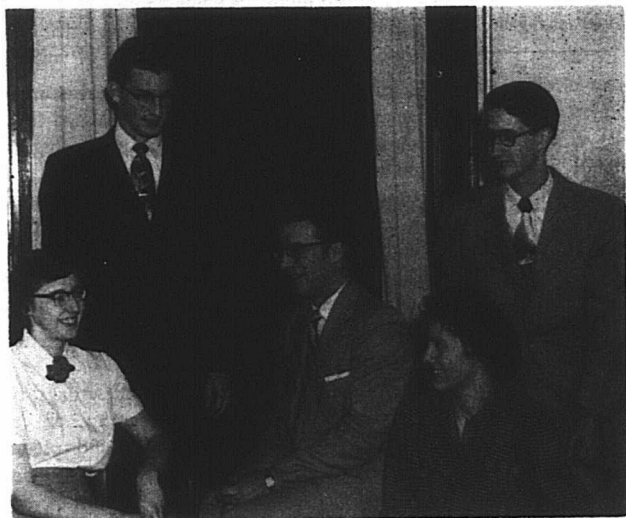
# The Houghton Star

Season's  
Greetings

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Standing: Charles Paine, George Bagley. Seated: Arlene Kober, Foster Williams, Dorothy Beuter.

## Five Houghton Seniors Elected To 1954 Collegiate Who's Who

### College Choirs To Sing Messiah

The Oratorio Society assisted by the Houghton College A Cappella Choir presented Handel's "Messiah" last Sunday evening, December 6, in the Houghton Church, with Eldon E. Basney conducting.

The chorus, composed of approximately two hundred and forty voices, was accompanied by Professor Charles H. Finney, organist, and Professor William T. Allen, pianist. The soloists were Helen Bergeman, soprano; Janis Hildebrandt, alto; John Zavitz, tenor; and Allyn Foster, bass.

The Sunday evening presentation was a preliminary one to the performance by the same group with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Kleinhans' Music Hall, Friday evening, December 11.

— P.T.

### Former Teacher To Publish Book

Miss Lina Lejeune, who is now living in the Russian Zone of Germany, is the author of a book to be published at Easter time. Entitled *Dar andere Amerika*, it is about "that other America," a Christian America which she saw and experienced to a great extent while teaching here in Houghton in 1950. It is to be published by Steinkopf, a Christian publishing house in Stuttgart.

Miss Lejeune has asked Dr. Paine to write a short word of introduction to the book. She wrote: "Please tell how I came to you and something about the Spirit which bound us together."

— H.S.

### Bagley, Beuter, Kober, Paine, Williams Chosen by Committee

Houghton College will be represented this year in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* by five seniors. George Bagley, Dorothy Beuter, Arlene Kober, Charles Paine, and Foster Williams are those who have been elected to this honor. They will be entitled to a certificate of election, a *Who's Who* key, and enrollment in the Student Placement Service operated by the sponsors of this publication.

These outstanding students were chosen by a committee from among twenty-four eligible persons. The committee, which was composed of the men's and women's deans, the academic dean, and two junior Student Senate members, considered scholastic records, citizenship, extra-curricular participation, and general school reputation in their selection.

George Bagley, of Corry, Pennsylvania, is a chemistry major with minors in physics and math. For three years Mr. Bagley has been associated with station WJSL; and this year he serves as chief engineer. Also, during the past three years George has been a chemistry laboratory assistant and part-time employee in the college kitchen. During his sophomore year Mr. Bagley was vice-president of his class, and last year he served on the Student Senate and was a member of the science club. As a senior George is president of the amateur radio club and again a participant in science club activities.

Mrs. Dorothy Beuter, whose husband was the late Rev. Ernest L. Beuter, resides in Houghton with her two daughters, Mary Anna and Rhoda. English and French are her majors, while she is minoring in education. In her second year of college Dorothy was vice-president of the French club. She again filled that office as a junior, and was also literary editor of the *Boulder*. Editor-in-chief of the *Star* is Mrs. Beuter's title this year. She also serves on the Student Publications committee and is a member of the Student Senate, in which organization she is chaplain and Literary Constitution committee member.

Landsdale, Pennsylvania, is the home town of Arlene Kober. She

is majoring in English and French and minoring in education and history. For three years she has been a member of F.M.F. and this year she serves as secretary and pianist of that organization. When a sophomore, Arlene taught in the released time educational program, worked on the class *Star* staff, and was a proctor and reader. Last year Miss Kober was make-up editor of the *Boulder*, chairman of the Student Senate social committee, and member of the *Lantern* make-up staff. The senior class has elected her as one of their representatives to the Student Senate, and she is also feature editor for the *Star* this year. As a senior she is a member of the French club and head proctor at Gaoyadeo.

When at home Charles Paine lives in Chicago, Illinois. He is a chemistry major and has minors in math and zoology. As a sophomore and junior he was a WJSL engineer, and this year is an announcer for that station. Charles has participated in most of Houghton's sports. For four years he has played on his class basketball team where he served as co-captain his junior year and is captain this year. The past three years he has been a member of the Gold basketball team of which he was captain last year and co-captain as a sophomore. Charles has played Gold and varsity football, Gold and varsity baseball, and he has been a member of the class and Gold track and swimming teams. As a sophomore Mr. Paine was treasurer of his class. Last year the position of *Boulder* business manager was his, in addition to participation in oratorio. During this senior year, Charles is proof reader for the *Star*. He is also W.Y.P.S. president, Student Senate member,

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### Monday is Deadline for Travel Requests

Again the college Business Office is offering to help students with their vacation travel plans. The assistance includes information on trains and bus schedules and organizing transportation to nearby trains and bus depots.

Any students desiring the college to arrange Christmas transportation must file their request with the Business Office by Monday, December 14. If students are to be met on the return trip, advance notice must be given. Because mail sent two or three days ahead is slow, last minute return plans calling for college assistance must be handled by telephone or telegraph.

— D. C.

## Holiday Season Begins With Annual Parties

The class Christmas Parties, which highlight the holidays, are coming into the spotlight. Every student should plan to attend his class party on Wednesday, December 16.

The sophomore party in the reception room of East Hall will have as its theme "The Spirit of Christmas." The crowning of King Jack Frost and Queen Snowflake elected by the class will be featured. Each person attending is requested to bring a small Christmas present for exchange.

Patty Jo Lutz is chairman of the program. Assisting are: Betty Goodwin, decorations; Sally Shea, refreshments; Gloria Agoston, costumes; and Herman Heintz and Gordon Beck, program.

The Rec Hall will become Santa's Workshop for the junior class party. A special program is being planned by Marith Reinertsen. Linda Lombard is chairman of the plans. Mary Beth Mead, Margaret Chapman, Lucy Mears, James Ridgway and Ralph

Miller are contributing their talents for the success of the party.

The college dining hall will be decorated to the theme of "Winter Wonderland" for the seniors' Christmas party. A short program will feature a Christmas reading and traditional Christmas music. Those who attend are to bring canned food to use in Christmas boxes for needy families. Nancy Kennedy and Dick Myers are helping co-chairmen Helen Banker and Carolyn Makey in planning an enjoyable evening for the seniors.

As yet, plans for the freshman party are incomplete.

— V. A.

### Debaters Take Second Place

The Houghton College Debate Team won second place December 5 at Geneseo. They won three and lost three debates in competition with six schools. Geneseo and Canisius tied for first place by winning five and losing one debate.

Dick Hasler came in first place in the extemporaneous. He received seventy-seven points during the whole debate, which placed him second. William Ragan of Canisius received eighty-one points, the highest number given in the debate.

The topic for this year is "Resolved: That the United States Should Adopt a Policy of Free Trade."

This weekend the debate team will be at the University of Pittsburgh taking part in a cross-examination type of debate. The winners of this will debate against Oxford.

— H.C.

### Finney is Guest Artist

The Bethel College Artist Series presented Houghton's Professor Charles H. Finney in an organ recital December 1, at Mishawaka, Indiana. Cooperating with the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Mr. Finney played solos of works by Handel, Bach, Langlais, Bingham, Nevin, and Gigout for an audience of 350.

Mr. Philip Mack, formerly of the Houghton College music faculty is presently head of the music division at Bethel. Mrs. Mack also teaches full time at the college.

### Faculty Hears Reports

Discussion of significant current trends in the fields of literature, religion, and music replaced the usual committee reports and the "all-those-in-favor-of's" at faculty meeting Wednesday, December 2.

Professor Hazlett presented a scholarly report on the study he is making of sex morality in the naturalistic novel. His purpose in making the study, as he stated it, is "to rescue the American novel from Freud and Kinsey," though at the same time to be as objective as possible. The report showed an enormous amount of work. The complete study will require the reading of some 500 current novels, he said.

Using as his title, "An Evangelical Looks at Evanston," Dr. Hall reviewed the topic to be used at the next meeting of the World Council of Churches; namely, "Jesus Christ our Lord, the Hope of the Church and the World." Much interest centers in the fact, Dr. Hall suggested, that this topic involves that of the Second Coming of Christ. Liberals, who largely make up the World Council, are already discussing the point, he reported. An opportunity is thus being offered to evangelicals to restate their faith. They should also meet at Evanston in 1954, Dr. Hall declared, and state their position.

## Nigerian Student Arrives

Browsing through an *Evangelical Christian* magazine, the head master of a 500-student elementary school in the eastern part of Nigeria in French West Africa discovered and became interested in a Houghton College advertisement. Last week Asuquo Ben Udo, father of two small children, realized this ambition of attending a Christian college in America when he arrived on our campus.

Ben began corresponding in 1951 with Dr. Paine, who expressed a great desire to have him at Houghton. Detained at the American consulate in Legos, Nigeria, this last summer because of insufficient funds, he was unable to sail until October 4. After a brief stop at Marseilles, he arrived in New York, November 28. He then came directly to Houghton, arriving here at 12:30 a.m. Sunday morning, November 29.

In the States to obtain his A.B. and A.M., Ben is financially supported by the Ibiaku Itan West Convention, a village group which rallied to the community project of sending him here for further education. He plans to concentrate in history and educa-

tion at Houghton and afterwards to receive his masters degree from a large university. Then, after earning a diploma in education in England, which will make five years of study altogether, he expects to return to Nigeria to enter the governmental or higher educational administrative field. He is presently auditing courses here and will commence classes next semester.

When interrogated as to Houghton, Ben stated, "I feel quite at home in this place. The students take delight in speaking to me and wish to sit with me at the dining table. The faculty members are extremely friendly, also." He insists that it has not been hard to adjust to the food here, yet he says he frequently has to ask students what to call the food. On viewing his first snow in New York, he declares he didn't like seeing it because it foretold of cold weather. The campus of Houghton, he thought, was quite impressive.

He and his family are members of the Qua Boe mission in their home village of Itu, which is a branch of the Presbyterian denomination.



## The Life You Save . . . Star - Gazing ★ ★ ★

by Ruth P. Davis

Dear Mr. Driver:

Were your ears burning last night? They should have been, because we were talking about you.

It all started when my dad saw an editorial in the paper entitled *Scientific Schizophrenics*. He explained that this meant the "daydreaming of science." The article told of two California doctors who have discovered that babies can now live to be a hundred years old if they can avoid death by sudden violence.

Mother agreed with the editor. "Why do these men bother to daydream about how old babies can grow to be with the aid of new medical discoveries when, at the same time, and men are designing machines that can kill persons long before they are able to reach old age?" she asked.

Dad replied, "It's not the machine, but the person operating it that makes it dangerous. Nearly all of the accidents in tonight's paper were caused by carelessness."

As I was clipping these accident reports out of the paper, an ache started to grow inside. I glanced up to see the tears on Mother's cheek—she was remembering, too. You see, I once had a twin brother. We were all very happy until that never-to-be-forgotten day when we took a ride into town. We were half-way up a steep hill when suddenly a car swung out of line and began to pass us. Just then, a truck appeared on the crest of the hill. Dad turned sharply to the right, but could not avoid being side-swiped; we hurtled over the embankment. I was not injured, but Mother and Dad were, and Bobby—my very own twin—was killed. I can never play with him again. He'd be with us today, if only . . .

Mr. Driver, won't you please give us all a chance to live as long as those doctors said we could? You can, you know. Dad's Insurance Company has folders about safe driving they'd be glad to let you have. Here are a few rules you can find in them.

1. COURTESY means safety. Accidents can be avoided by considering the rights of others. Plain old-fashioned courtesy in driving means: sounding your horn before passing another vehicle, keeping to your side of the road, dimming your headlights at night (especially when behind another car), and giving a pedestrian the right of way.

2. CAUTION—keep alert at the wheel. Avoid repeated glances at your passengers, and don't try to solve weighty problems while driving. A sudden emergency may need your full attention. Alcohol is a deadly enemy; keep clear of it. You are responsible for the control of a machine that could become a monster of death in a matter of seconds.

3. CAREFULNESS — prepare for the unexpected. Be ready to stop your car at any time. Exceeding the speed limit has been the major cause of accidents. In a 25-year period, there were 750,000 deaths and 25 million injuries caused by accidents in which excessive speeds were involved. Also, be careful when you pass a school or playground. *Always Be Careful* — these are the ABC's of safety!

Please, Mr. Driver, be more courteous, cautious, and careful. The life you save may be mine!

Sincerely,

Betsy Wood (age 14)

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These people who jump to Christmas season right after Thanksgiving! For the last two nights Egbert, da da, has been singing "All I Want For Christmas." Vanity of vanity, all is vanity. In vain I have tried to teach him something a little more sophisticated, like "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer." To be truthful, I am really a little concerned about his level of intelligence. He pretends a great knowledge, but I suspect he is trying to browbeat me. For instance, I called his bluff and offered to buy him a ticket to the "Messiah," but he decided to go roller skating instead. And he is supposed to be a great critic! Well, we did compromise, so I am putting on a front for him by reprinting, at his request, the account of the first singing of the "Messiah" by the Houghton College Oratorio Society.

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#### CHORAL GROUP SINGS "MESSIAH"

On Friday, December 16, the newly formed Houghton College Oratorio Society under the leadership of Professor Wilfred C. Bain gave its first performance of Handel's greatest masterpiece, the *Messiah*. It is very interesting to note that Handel had composed several oratorios before he attempted the *Messiah*. These had all been failures or at the most only moderate successes. He was commissioned to write an oratorio for performance by an oratorio society in Dublin for charity. In the incredible time of twenty-four days he completed this work which has been very slightly revised since it was first written. In many countries throughout the world it is the custom to present this at every Christmas season. The starting of this custom in

Houghton has given us a feeling of gladness and pride.

As to the performance itself, the chorus of one hundred and fifty voices sang in a very satisfactory manner. The florid work which is the difficulty with Handel was sung with rather exceptional clarity for an amateur group. In some of the choruses there was a very fine interpretation. However, that is not true of the choruses in general. The majority of the choruses were still in too much of a technical stage to allow the conductor any freedom of interpretation. Had he had the full cooperation of the entire group he no doubt would have been able to have done much more in the line of interpretation. Students who sing in this organization should learn that their full attention must be given to the conductor and not to each other and the audience. Several weak entrances and a majority of the roughness noticed in the performance was due to this lack of attention.

The *Messiah* never fails to produce on any audience a feeling of profound reverence. This feeling grows on the hearer each time the work is sung. No matter how many times one hears "And the Glory of the Lord," "The Hallelujah Chorus," "Surely He hath Borne Our Sorrows" and several others of the choruses and solos one feels an indescribable thrill, which simply increases on repeated hearings. The greatest compliment which can be given to the performance on Friday evening is that there were many such thrills.

— R. F.

their work in the Air Force. This is not true of the WAF Band. Eventually, however, I will be sent to the Air Force Band School at Bolling AF Base in Washington, D.C. This will be for three months during which time I will study privately and also attend classes in music. Our life here, compared to the life of a college music student, is easy. We work Monday through Friday from 7:30 a. m. to 11:00 a. m. and then in the afternoons until 2:30 or 3:00.

Perhaps many of you can not see why I enlisted after spending 4 years getting a degree. I have only one real reason — for me it was the Lord's will. Last January I gave up any plans of my own, gave myself completely to the Lord and let Him lead me where He would. I waited for a good offer in the teaching line but at the same time could not get the idea of enlisting out of my mind. After graduating I auditioned in Washington, D. C., for the WAF Band. I passed the audition and received a signed statement that I would be assigned to the band upon completion of basic training. I passed all the qualifications and tests for enlistment and knew that this was the Lord's will. The day I was sworn in,

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### Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Almer Lillie of Hamburg, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Ann ('56), to Leland G. Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne G. Rose of Hamburg, N. Y. Mr. Rose, having attended Morrisville Automotive and Technology Institute, is now employed at Wolfe and Dole Oldsmobile Garage in Hamburg, N. Y. A June wedding is being planned.

## A Christmas Meditation

Do you ever feel that circumstances and events are crowding in on you, and God seems far away? You lose the exuberance of that recent blessing; you feel pretty glum. Things happen so fast and furiously that you just can't keep up with them. In short, you seem to come to the end of yourself.

In such a situation, we need the reassurance of that message which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds of old: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men . . . For unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour." (Luke 2:14, 11.) Our God is "in the highest" — yes, higher than all circumstances and conditions. Realizing this truth, hope is born anew and we are once again enabled to face the task of daily living.

Then there is another portion of that greeting: "and on earth, peace."

One hears quite a bit about peace these days, but there actually is little peace, assurance or confidence. Every amateur counsellor and pseudo-religious leader is coming out with some panacea that will insure peace of mind. Many of their helps are nothing more than sheer mental gymnastics. However, those of us who have been born again of the Spirit of God can appropriate the peace that God gives in the Person of an indwelling Christ. "Oh, the peace that Jesus gives; Never dies, it always lives." Through faith in the finished work of Calvary we can fight fears, phobias, fancies and frustrations. The circumstances which would produce these attitudes can, rather, become stepping stones to a richer and fuller emotional and spiritual maturity.

The last truth is "unto you is born." In a day of large-scale production and mammoth selling marts, we are fast losing recognition of the individual. We're just another number. Everything is de-personalized. The personal touch is sacrificed for mechanical know-how and efficiency. There is a carry-over of this philosophy even into worship patterns to the point where God appears far off and most impersonal. We go through a perfunctory ritual in our worship. We listen to and pray prayers which are nothing more than memorized slogans with very little original thought. However, it is a glorious truth to realize that the Christmas message is a "personalized" one, direct from the hand of God to you and me as individuals.

Yes, Christmas is a glorious season because it speaks of three things: the sovereignty of God; peace of mind through Christ His Son; and best of all, it is personalized to you and me.

"Glory to God in the highest . . . peace on earth . . . For unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

— J. V.

— HC —  
"I heard the bells, on Christmas Day,  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."  
— Longfellow

## See You There!

Monday, December 14

7:30 p. m. — Band Concert, chapel

Wednesday, December 16

7:30 p. m. — Student Recital, chapel

8:30 p. m. — Christmas parties

Thursday, December 17

10:30 a. m. — Beginning of Christmas Recess

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 a. m. — Resumption of classes

Wednesday, January 6

7:30 p. m. — Athletic Association Program

Friday, January 8

7:30 p. m. — Star Program, chapel

7:30 p. m. — Class Basketball game



## Dear Santa . . .

Christmas is rolling around again, and, of course, you're going to be kept awfully busy opening mail requests. So we students here at Houghton, with our usual eye to efficiency, decided to send you one long letter, thereby saving you and the fellows in the mail room that much more time.

The most urgent request was from Ron Miller. Grade points have recently come out around here, and when I asked just what he'd like to receive for Christmas he vaguely mentioned something about a 4.5 index being helpful. However, Betty McGeoch will be satisfied with just an "A" in Botany. I know you'll be glad to oblige in these little details.

Cars are evidently the dream of many a Houghtonian. Bud Smythe wants an Oldsmobile, Bob Henshaw would like a Cadillac convertible (anyone who wouldn't?), and it took John Hitchens five minutes to describe the '54 convertible Chrysler he envisions. Hope you can find enough spare convertibles to go around, because Howard Bariteau would like one, too—make his a Chevie!

But please don't get discouraged about not finding enough automobiles; there are some who would be satisfied with just a train ticket—Jim Ridgway wants a trip to Australia (that's just below the equator on the other side of the world), Nancy Kennedy would like an all-expense paid trip to Africa to see her folks, Gloria Freese wants to go to South America, Impy Elmer has a trip to Florida in mind, and Don Birney would like a trip to see his girl!

Ev Hall would like a clock, preferably with a loud alarm—six a.m. comes awfully quick, you know, and her powers of resistance to the call of the bell are quite strong.

Lukie Ward would like a soundproof room. She lives in Gaoyadeo.

Now, let's see . . . Chuck Gommer said something about wanting a freshman. Gail Conrad would like a pet reindeer (she figures you acquired one too many when you put Rudolph on the staff), and Barb Erickson would like a tennis racquet. When Ed Jones was asked his preference, he merely mentioned Gail Conrad. Of course I told him inanimate objects are the type of gift you usually distribute, but I guess he just has a one-track mind. Jeanette Lamb needs paper and stamps to take care of her correspondence problem, Ellie Holden thinks a tape recorder would be a nice little remembrance, and Ken McCaw wants a pocket chess set. (Another chess fiend!) Jan Taylor just licked her lips and said, "Pizza!" when I asked what she'd like. Bob Reasner mentioned that

## Who's Who . . .

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business manager of the *Info*, member of the pre-med club and F.M.F., and president of the upperclassmen's Sunday School. In his spare time during the past three years Mr. Paine has been a waiter in the college dining hall where he now serves as head waiter.

Foster Williams, of Danforth, Maine, is majoring in history and minoring in physics and philosophy. Since his sophomore year he has played on a house league basketball team of which he has been the captain during the last two years. For three years he has also been a member of Torchbearers and vice-president of that organization during the last two years. When a sophomore, Foster was on the Student Senate social committee and a participant in F.M.F. Last year he was treasurer of the junior class and member of a special student committee for the improvement of campus roads and walks. This year Foster Williams serves as vice-president of the Student Senate. He is also active in the Ministerial Association.

it would be helpful if he had a car that ran now and then—mostly now. Mary Boston didn't say anything about a car, but she did mention a license—although I believe she already has her driver's.

Jackie Parker just wants something little, you know, and kind of sparkly, too. There were several other requests of this nature, but in the interests of society in general, anonymity is desirable. But Arlene Kober did mention the "other" ring.

Jean Hersh wants a Hammond organ (oh, those music students), and Sue Schneider would sort of like her expenses paid for the second semester. I imagine the \$200 requested by Frank Estep would also help in that respect! Olga Marie Norman had a very earnest hope, and that's merely for snow! See what you can do . . .

I think the Christmas gift that will please most people is the one desired by Mr. Hynes—he wants each of his students to make good in the recitals! How encouraging!

Well, Santa, that's it; and to use an old business phrase, "your cooperation in this matter will be sincerely appreciated." And a merry Christmas to you, too!

Very truly yours,

A humble Frosh

—M. H.

## Campus Exodus Fast Approaching

Maybe you don't exactly feel in the holiday mood, snowed under with all those tests and term papers, but do you realize that in about another week or so there will occur, on this campus, the first major exodus of the school year? To the many and varied nooks and crannies in these United States will travel the Houghton College Joes and Jeans. At long last Operation "Home for Christmas" will have begun.

For the faculty and staff the Christmas holidays will also be a much-needed vacation period. Doc Jo will spend the holidays at home reading biographies for one of her courses next semester. The Gillettes and Miss Rork will also spend this season at their home. Professor and Mrs. Fancher will be hosts at two dinners for their relatives, while Dr. and Mrs. Lynip will entertain visiting relatives from Long Island. The Public Relations members are all planning to make this Christmas a quiet family affair in Houghton, as are the Smiths, the Woolseys, the Rieses, the Stockins and the Orlips. Dr. and Mrs. Fern will join their families in Buffalo and the Paine family will spend their Christmas at Meyer Memorial Hospital. The staff member traveling to the farthest point will be Miss Helen Hubbard. She will go to her home in South Dakota.

We wish each faculty and staff member, whether here at Houghton or away, a very "Cool Yule when the snow's the most!" —J.P.

## Will It Happen To You?

A bell sounded. Ron glanced at the big clock above the door in the library, decided he was hungry, and looked around for Bob. He knew of a special diner near the next town that served hamburgers an inch thick and "just right" milk shakes. Ron had just finished up facts and statistics on motor-vehicle accidents for an oral report he had to make for his English

course. His topic was "Safety Driving." The job now remaining was the organization of the report. Ron asked Bob, "How about grabbing something to eat?" He received an enthusiastic "Gladly!" and in a few minutes the two college men were speeding down the highway leading from the campus. They were soon engrossed in conversation about their dates for the big basketball game scheduled for that night.

Tires screamed as Ron suddenly swerved to avoid hitting the big cement truck that was slowly pulling onto the highway. This action was not in time. His car sideswiped the heavy vehicle with a tremendous impact and rolled across the road. Pain seared through his leg, and he remembered nothing more.

During the next week, lying on a hospital bed with his leg in a cast, Ron had a lot of time to think. The most painful thoughts came when the Rev. Mr. Martin had to break the news about Bob to him. Bob would never walk again. His spine had received permanent injuries. Ron's heart was in anguish, and he understood a little of the grief which the parents and fiancée of Bob must have suffered. His friend—crippled, because of his carelessness!

During that week, his mind recalled those statistics and facts he had

looked up the very day of the accident—facts that had seemed cold and meaningless. He thought of the thousands that had been killed and injured in auto accidents. His mind ran over the main cause of accidents, speed being the chief one. The pamphlet had stated that 28% of all fatal accidents were the result of a speed greater than was safe for the conditions that existed. There had been 933,000 accidents within the one year. 38,000 people had been killed, and 1,350,000 had been injured. Thousands of drivers had been involved in those accidents, and the costs of all the damages had run into the billions.

He thought of how seven out of every ten deaths occurred in rural areas. Causes of accidents other than speed were collisions between vehicles, collisions with fixed objects, and the carelessness of pedestrians. He had noticed that the age group he was in, that of 19-29, had been involved in the greatest number of accidents. Still, these numbers had been just facts; now each figure stating a death or an injury represented a real tragedy to him. Then, he had wondered how he would get the numbers across to his audience in a way that would make them real. Now he knew.

Ron stood in front of his English class, his weight off his yet weak leg, just a few days late with his oral report. He spoke; the class listened. Ron gave the statistics, yes. But he was also able to show them the inside tragedy and pathos that went with each of those thousands of deaths and injuries. He knew what it was to suffer injuries, and to have others suffer because of his carelessness.

Must you personally experience a tragedy in order to realize the seriousness of driving? —JOAN EGELER

## AA to Present Program, Jan. 6

The Athletic Association will present "Meet the Folks" in an evening program on January 6.

The program will be a talent review composed only of faculty and staff members whose object it is to "see the faculty as they really are." Here will be featured laughs, humor and real talent.

You won't want to miss the mystery of "Jack." —E.S.

## Christmas - Anywhere!

As you poke around the musty corners of the basement on December twenty-third, searching for those three cartons with "Christmas Decorations" scrawled on the side, or expectantly turning the lights on after hanging the last bit of tinsel on the tree, do you ever wonder whether people in other lands spend as many hectic, but happy, hours preparing for Christmas? Here are some holiday customs gleaned from foreign students here at Houghton.

In Czechoslovakia, Christmas is celebrated on both the sixth and the twenty-fifth of December. The sixth is the day that St. Nicholas comes, wearing a bishop's miter, to bring presents to the children. On the twenty-fifth, which is the religious holiday, families exchange gifts. Czechoslovakian Christmas trees have real candies and are decorated with molded candy wrapped in foil. Each family bakes a braided cake and buries one piece in the ground to make the soil more productive.

Japan's Christmas is quite Westernized, with trees and Santa Claus, but it has no religious significance to most of the people. There is, however, a big celebration on New Year's Day. Bamboo and pine, which is supposed to mean long life, decorate the homes. Families get together, girls dress in kimonos, and boys fly kites. Many

visit pagan shrines and sacrifice to the gods.

There is really no Christmas in Formosa, but as in Japan, there is a big celebration at New Year's, which comes at the end of February and is something like the Chinese New Year. Each family has a big dinner on New Year's Eve, but for three days there is no cooking, in order to appease the kitchen gods. Red strips of paper with such things as "Welcome, Spring" on them are pasted on the door-posts. This is said to come from the Hebrew Passover, when the blood was put on the door-posts. Firecrackers are shot off all day, starting at midnight.

In Australia, Christmas trees must be specially grown because they are not native to the "land down under." On New Year's Day everyone in Melbourne goes to the beach. If you remember your sixth grade geography, the southern hemisphere has summer in December.

Because there is no snow in Hawaii, Santa Claus rides through the streets in shopping districts in an automobile, throwing candy to the children. Christmas trees must be imported.

To each his own custom: Christmas is Christmas anywhere! —B. E.

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## Juniors Bow to Frosh Junior Girls Top Frosh 40 to 37

Even the referee was confused the evening of Wednesday, December 2, as both the junior and frosh teams attempted to shoot for their own basket in the opening seconds of play. On the first tip-off, one of the freshmen players reversed his tactics of play and decided to shoot for his own loop. Up went the ball, missed the basket, and was taken immediately by a junior. He, too, not realizing the situation, started the play in the opposite direction. Down the court went the teams, and this time the play was made by a junior for his own goal. The whole game might have been played in reverse, each team scoring for the other, had not the ref detected a foul during those first anxious moments. At first, it was not certain as to which basket was to receive the foul shot. Finally, the matter was settled with no damage done to either score, and the freshmen went on to win 58 to 40.

During the first two quarters, the juniors almost matched their opponents shot for shot. The half ended with the frosh out in front 28-20. Then, in the third quarter, the fresh-

men seemed to gain new life as Bob Treickler sped down the court on "fast break" plays to spark his team into a 24-point lead, ending the period 49 to 25. Even though behind, the juniors made a bid for the game in the last quarter by scoring two baskets for every one that the frosh made. The game ended with nine baskets between the winning and the losing scores.

Freshman Bob Treickler made his scoring debut by totaling 16 points to his credit, becoming high scorer for the evening. Second, closely behind in scoring, came a team member Sam Markle, with 15 points. The highest man for the juniors, Hugh Manning, racked up 10 points for his team lead.

Excitement was at its height Wednesday night as the junior girls' basketball team won over the frosh girls by the score of 40-37.

Vivian Dunkerton, with 19 points, was high scorer for the evening.

This game was close and exciting throughout, with neither team having an advantage of more than 6 points at one time.

The lineups and scores:

Juniors	FT	FG	TP
Marian Weiss	4	5	14
Dorothy Cushman	0	0	0
Doris Kaiser	1	3	7
Vivian Dunkerton	5	7	19
Total			40

Guards: Louise Brown, Caroline Clift, Pearl Hershelman, Joan Krisher

Frosh	FT	FG	TP
Martha Cronk	4	4	12
Margaret Coohon	1	0	1
Lillian Mein	2	5	12
June Swancott	0	6	12
Total			37

Guards: Sandra Gemmel, Caroline Culp, Mary Ruth Tysinger, Frances Stein.

Score by periods:

Juniors	8	18	32	40
Frosh	10	17	25	37
				— C.C.

## Frosh Trim Seniors

Only twice during the game Monday evening were the freshmen ahead, scoring the first and last baskets; that one-point lead in the last 50 seconds of play was enough to set back the "mighty seniors," for a final score of 58 to 59 in the closest game of the season.

### "Operation Mud" Drive Continues

By the construction of black top roads, parking spaces and paths on campus, Operation Mud is literally trying to get Houghton's feet out of the mud.

Since the beginning of the current College Development Campaign approximately \$4,000 has been received toward the 1953-1954 project. Gifts are coming in steadily and the campaign will continue until spring, when actual work will commence, and will continue as funds are received.

Because students, faculty and staff will be the chief beneficiaries, the goal for the Houghton family is 100% participation in giving for these improvements. With no minimum gift in mind this should be possible. If we, the first partakers of the fruits, are 100% behind the effort our alumni and friends will be inspired to do more.

Your gift should be given to your class officers or the College Development Office.

Throughout the first two periods, the senior five kept a constant pace, holding onto their slim lead, with McClure holding the scoring honors. At the half the seniors were in front by only five points, 26-31. By the end of the third quarter, that lead had increased to eight points, giving the seniors an advantage of 49 to 41. Then, as if by magic, the frosh began making shots from any and every position on the court. Chuck Gommer, freshman guard, went on a wild shooting spree that netted him a final 22 points to gain the high scoring position for the evening. During the last eight minutes, the frosh chopped down the eight-point lead held against them till at the one-minute mark the score stood 57 to 58, the seniors still fighting desperately for superiority. With the freshmen scoring two baskets for every one made by the senior men, the tide changed leaving the frosh high and dry with a final one-point lead while the seniors floundered in water over their heads.

Bernie McClure, playing the last senior ball, was second only to Gommer in scoring, making a total of 16 points. Gommer took the scoring lead from McClure as time after time he swished in one-handed shots from the outside.

Freshmen	FG	FT	FTA	TP
Treichler	2	1	1	5
Rhine	2	2	2	6
Gommer	11	0	2	22
Gordon	1	0	4	2
Arnold	4	3	3	11
Markle	6	0	6	12
Johnson	0	0	0	0
J. Reist	0	1	2	1
	7	20	59	

Seniors	FG	FT	FTA	TP
Paine	3	1	2	7
Gosling	1	0	0	2
McClure	5	6	15	16
Van Voorhis	0	0	0	0
Lewis	1	5	12	7
Baird	5	3	4	13
Blowers	5	3	4	13
	18	37	58	

## Hunting Season Brings Trophies

"Beware, for now is the season when squirrels go gathering nuts." However, several Houghtonians have been heedless of this danger (maybe it's because they're not included in this category) and have been out tramping around in the woods of Western New York and northern Pennsylvania, armed with weapons from shot guns to bow and arrow. The reason is, of course, that the hunting season is here once again, and hunting enthusiasts of Houghton College are taking advantage of it.

In Pennsylvania, the deer season opened Monday morning, November 30 at 7 a. m. At 8:05 the same morning, Ralph McConahy, a senior who hails from the Keystone state, had bagged his first buck, a 6-pointer, shot near Bradford.

Mr. Cott, proprietor of Cott's meat and grocery store on the main highway, also made a killing. On Thanksgiving morning, his hunting party of three brought down two deer between Houghton and Rushford. Mr. Cott's was a 130 pound 6-pointer.

Phil Janowsky has bagged various small game, such as squirrels and partridges, while Don Blowers shot a fox.

Rumor has it that Dr. Bert Hall tracked a deer for 15 miles with a bow and arrow, but didn't get it because he was too tired to pull the bow after chasing it for so long a trek.

It seems that Houghton has a group of determined hunters, some successful and some not; but with the season still open there is yet a chance for everybody to succeed. Good luck and happy hunting, boys! — J.S.R.

## Maintenance Site Chosen by College

Houghton College plans to purchase a lot for the construction of a maintenance and operation center.

This project of Operation Mud will include a building for various shops, such as plumbing, electricians, and so forth. Outdoor storage for building materials and an orderly place for equipment, enclosed by a link fence, will also be provided.

The site selected is situated from the church parking lot, north to the creek crossing the highway. It will be purchased from Mr. William C. Calkins.

This will beautify the campus by removing all equipment and sheds from the campus and ridding it of the lumber at the foot of the hill.

## Hess Painting Favorite

The picture of the Hess home, painted by Hudson Hess, was given the greatest number of votes at the art display during the intermission of last Friday's artist series. Forty-eight people gave Hudson's painting, which was number 23, as their first choice.

Second choice, a portrait of Mildred Bedient painted by William Green, received eighteen votes. Third choice was a tie among three paintings by James Allen, Eleanor Hacking, and Hudson Hess, of a Letchworth Park scene, a flower group, and Hudson's grandfather, respectively.

The work of art students at Houghton were displayed in room S-24.

## Book of Poems Dedicated To Shirley D. Babbitt

The Cuba Poetry Society, an esthetic organization devoted to the cultivation of poetry, has dedicated their 1953 Book of Poems to the late Shirley D. Babbitt, an outstanding graduate of Houghton in its early days.

Mr. Babbitt was "the Saga of Pardonque, tiller of the soil, and teacher of district schools in Canadea and Rushford," Professor Ray W. Hazlett comments in writing the dedication. Professor Hazlett and Mr. Babbitt were co-workers on the *Star* and co-founders of the Houghton College Literary Contest. The 1913-14 *Star*, with Ray Hazlett as editor and Shirley Babbitt as business manager, inaugurated a literary contest with prize-winning essays, short stories, and poems published in the monthly *Star*. After raising enough money to secure a silver loving-cup on which to engrave names of the winners, Shirley sent the cup to the engravers where it melted in a fire of the establishment.

A scholar and university professor at Nebraska and Syracuse, he later returned to his home near Rushford

Lake to take up farming. During the first days of WJSL, he participated with the English department in presenting varied programs for radio.

The twenty-year-old Cuba Poetry Society, composed of poetry enthusiasts representing many walks of life, is guided by Mrs. Mildred Sisson Conklin, president. The elite group of about 25 meet once a month for the sole purpose of discussing poetry. The caliber of poetry written and discussed by members has very high standards.

The 1953 edition, just off the press, can be purchased for 12 cents upon request from Professor Hazlett or Dr. Rickard. A number of related poems centered around "Flibbertigibbets" and some selected poems by Mr. Babbitt are featured in the book.

— D.C.

## F.M.F. Reports Needs

The Foreign Missions Fellowship still needs \$950 to fill the gap for the total amount of \$7500 necessary for the support of our missionaries and other expenses of the F.M.F. for this year.

The total pledges amount to \$2950, which plus \$3600 already in the treasury, gives the society \$6550 with which to work. — C.M.

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