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Formal Banquet Climaxes Season

Christmas activities will be climaxed by a formal banquet at Gaoyadeo Hall Tuesday evening, December 18.

The dining hall of Gaoyadeo has assumed its traditional Christmas atmosphere in preparation for the banquet. Under a ceiling of starry blue sky and snow, the dining room is decked with sketches of snowmen, reindeer, and Christmas trees. The girls of Gaoyadeo Hall have added four carolers to make a life-sized scene in one corner of the dining hall.

Professor Butterworth's Schubert trio will play at the banquet. Dinner music will include "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," "Because You're You," "Silent Night," "White Christmas," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and "The Living God."

Myra James and Lois Hardy are in charge of the seating list for the banquet.

Mrs. Roy Presents the First Senior Recital of Season

A large audience was present in the Houghton College chapel Thursday evening, December 6th, as the Music Department presented Margaret Roy, contralto, in the first Senior recital of the year.

Mrs. Roy, a student of Professor Butterworth, gave a program of vocal music including groups by German, Italian, French and American composers. Robert Procter, who was her accompanist, executed with ease the many difficult passages in both the German and the modern American songs. The audience was thrilled by the professionalism displayed by both Mrs. Roy and her accompanist throughout the recital.

For her first number Mrs. Roy sang "Slumber, Beloved" from the "Christmas Oratorio" by Bach. Next she sang the Italian group which included Luzzio's *Ave Maria*, *Se tu M'ami se sospiri* by Pergolesi, and "In si barbara" from *Semiramide* by Rossini. This aria tells the story of Alsace as he enters the tomb and stabs whom he believes to be the murderer of his father only to discover that he has killed his own mother. The German group included Beethoven's *Busslied*, which reveals man's cry of penitence in the realization of his sins and his plea to God for forgiveness and blessing; and four Schubert lieder, *Die Junge Nonne*; *Die Forelle*; *Gretchen am Spinnerade*, and *Die Allmacht*, the last a triumphant song of the power and greatness of Jehovah the Lord. "Habanera" and "Seguedilla," two arias from the opera *Carmen* by Georges Bizet, completed the fourth group. To finish her recital, Mrs. Roy sang three songs from John Alden Carpenter's song cycle, *Gitanjali*; "When I bring to you coloured toys," "I am

'We Have Seen His Star'



This space is but time's narrow corridor,
And Time the fraction of eternity
Measured by flash of meteor's metaphor,
Or setting of the sun's trite simile.
Millenniums to plan, perfect, create —
And straightway simple, ignorant Adam fell!
What was the tempting fruit Eve plucked — he ate?
Why no recourse then but a fiend-filled hell?
Yet He knows cause and cure for all men's sinning,
Who first gave light, then stars and sun for seasons —
Sees final end before the first beginning —
God so loved — faith asks no other reasons.
When worlds have waned and endless aeons run,
The Star of Bethlehem is still our sun.

RAY W. HAZLETT

Professor Mack Directs the Yuletide Carolers

Houghtonians will "troll the ancient Yuletide carols" Tuesday night, December 18. All students and townspeople are invited to join the carolers at 8:30 in front of the Old Main (administration) building.

Professor Mack will lead the singing, and an ensemble of trumpeters will peal an accompaniment. After the singing, all carolers are invited into the dormitory snowstorm for her chocolate wassailing.

President Poses

The public has been cordially invited to attend the first stage of a portrait painting of Dr. Paine by H. Willard Ortlip Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapel. During the sketch, Mrs. Ortlip will talk on "Studio Glimpses."

This painting should show that a complete portrait sketch can be done in a short time. However, there will be an additional sitting or two later, to make the final effect more formal.

Oratorio Praises King of Kings in Handel's Messiah

The Houghton College Oratorio society and orchestra, Mr. Alton Cronk, director, presented George Frederick Handel's *The Messiah*, Sunday afternoon, December 9, at the Presbyterian church in Bath, New York, of which the Rev. George Allen, Jr., is pastor. A performance made possible by a gift from the Allegany County American Legion was presented in the evening at the Bath Veterans Hospital. Miss Virginia Smith acted as hostess for the Veterans' Administration.

Soloists of the 160-voice society were as follows: Miss Rüthe Meade, soprano; Professor Edith Livenspire, contralto; Professor Donald Butterworth, tenor; and Professor Philip Mack, bass. Professor Heydenburk was pianist.

The society and orchestra will give their annual performance of *The Messiah* Sunday, December 16, at Houghton church.

Alton Cronk, chairman of the Division of Music, has directed the Oratorio Society for two years. Besides supervising and teaching in the music department, he conducts concerts and sponsors Houghton's Artist Series. He received his A.B. at Houghton in 1930; a B.Mus. from Ithaca College in 1931; and an A. M. in Music Education from New York University in 1940.

The combined orchestra and chorus included 185 students and faculty members, one of the largest Houghton groups ever to sing the *Messiah*.

When transportation difficulties looked insurmountable, the veterans, Association in Bath contributed a hundred dollars. Members of the society felt privileged to be able to sing for the veterans at the hospital. They expressed appreciation for their hostess.

Dr. Paine Solicits Aid For Girls' Dormitory Drive

Doctor Paine suggested in chapel Tuesday that Houghtonians collect money during vacation for the new women's dormitory. The building is urgently needed, and at least one wing should be completed by fall.

Ours is a God of limitless resources, stressed Dr. Paine, and we may begin work secure in the faith that he will supply our needs. Probably a quarter of a million dollars will eventually be needed to complete the building according to present plans.

The best boosters of Houghton, Dr. Paine said, are the students. He suggested that they contact church groups, Christian businessmen, and individuals particularly interested in the students themselves.

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Substance For Shadow

We can remember when what we wanted for Christmas were bicycles and dolls. We dreamed for weeks of the magic of the impossible — after all, Christmas Eve *anything* could happen. Tinsel was more than cheap superficiality; trees were somehow symbolic of awed joy; even crepe paper in delicatessen windows seemed gay. A walk through the streets with wreaths and colored lights was adventure; a mere hint of snow was ecstasy.

We all remember those early Christmases, because in years they are not far away. Children are the same this year; they will wait intensely from now until Christmas. No, in years they are not far away, but in illusion they are irretrievable.

Why maintain the childish illusions, anyway? The tinsel looks cheap, the bright balls hollow. The holiday has been so commercialized that we wonder whether Santa himself might not have been a publicity stunt. We can look at a gift coldly and analyze the giver's motives until there is no joy or even friendliness in the receiving or exchanging. Snow is a nuisance and a menace — our brothers will freeze to death this year, because they will not be able to combat the winter. We hold our breath even as we whisper "Peace on earth."

Where, then, lies the joy of Christmas? If it means no more than a vacation, a trip home, or a family dinner, why bother singing carols at all? Yet millions will continue to sing them — meaninglessly. Unless mature faith replaces illusion, the observance of the holiday is a farce and a pathetic regression.

There is utterly no meaning to Christmas without Christ Himself; "Peace" would be a paradox, "Good Will" a mockery. The world is sick of sentimental religion, they are dying for Christ. "O come, let us adore Him!" Let us unite in praise and devotion, until the darkness-dwellers see our great Light in Christmas glory.

M. E. D.



The epidemic of mild influenza which is sweeping the campus is as yet not serious enough to warrant closing school, according to the authorities. Over thirty students were turned away from the infirmary Wednesday, and Tucker House and Dow Hall are temporary wards. As one of the casualties, we suggest plenty of rest for those wishing to avoid the flu.

HALL MISSES FACULTY

Dear Editor:

One day I encountered a most illustrious professor and mildly reprimanded him for not being in chapel. He gave an answer which was not trite enough to be an alibi and not plausible enough to be an excuse. Hence we are desirous of shedding some new light on the matter. We really appreciate our teachers on the platform where we can gaze fondly upon them.

The custom of *someone* going to church to represent the family is apparently the practice of those in the music corner. Being a music student, I miss the members of the music faculty when they are not there.

Bessie Hall.

Upper I Q Bracket?

June 18, 1938: "The old college is deserted and dead as a cemetery. At the close of the year one is reminded of Robert Luckey's classic remark, uttered when he lived in the president's house (about 100 yards from the Administration Building). Said Robert to the departing classmates, 'Just think, guys, in two more weeks we'll be going home.'"

WARNING

This, Too, Shall Pass Away

We Houghtonians are going home December 19th. We are leaving our school for nearly two weeks, but on January 3rd, 1946, sleepy-eyed students will return to classes, Christmas tree tinsel draped rakishly over their ears and laughter over holiday reminiscences effervescing from their lips. At approximately the same time, students from our various sister colleges will be enjoying a similar vacation, but there is a slight variation among the schools as to the duration of their holidays.

The State Teachers College in Geneseo, New York, will commence vacation at noon December 21 and complete it January 7. Transportation difficulties here are definitely at a minimum. The Valley Bus Line provides transportation from Geneseo to Rochester where students may make train connections for New York, Long Island and other parts of the state. There are also bus connections to Mount Morris where students may take the D. L. & W. directly to their homes. Adequate service is provided by bus companies running early sections of certain hours thereby eliminating a number of transportation difficulties in making train connections.

December 20 the students from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, will mark the beginning of their Christmas vacation and will return to school on the 8th of January. In past years they have had little difficulty concerning transportation, but due to the Greyhound bus strike, approximately 75 students may be inconvenienced.

December 16 to January 3 is the extent of the vacation of Alleghany College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Apparently the administration of this institution foresees no trouble concerning transportation.

The Christmas holidays at Marion College, Marion, Indiana, begin December 19, and close January 3. So far as

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Witchie could hardly contain herself — she was so thrilled over her new cut for this column. Witchie thinks that May Sprowl, Startist, is simply marvelous. Said Witchie wistfully, "I had hoped that my auditory appendages wouldn't be quite so exaggerated . . ." to which I said, "She didn't exaggerate them at all! . . . in fact she flattered you 'quite some'." "True," she sputtered, "true." "We're in business!" Witchie shouted as she "flitted" around the room. I didn't have the slightest idea what she meant. Then the awful truth dawned on me . . . certainly we were in a "state of busy-ness." The dining room had to be decorated and parties had to be planned and Witchie was right there to "help." . . . (Agony!) The girls put strings across the ceiling and Witchie promptly swung across the room via thin "cable" . . . number 8 thread. Witchie pasted the stars across the room on the blue crepe-paper streamers. She said while rushing to and fro, "anything for the Star." Some decorators made a fluffy concoction which was later to serve as snow, with soap and water. It looked just like whipped cream and several gullibles tasted it . . . only to find themselves foaming. Witchie thought they looked as if they had bitten a mad dog and were victims of hydrophobia. Ah! the joys that come to those who decorate for Christmas.

Witchie went with the Oratorio Society to Bath. Merrill Jackson and Witchie talked about how huge the bath tub was. Peg Roy said that she saw Witchie holding up the kettle-drums (tympanies . . . to you music-wise students) and the poor thing was really having a time of it . . . for those drums vibrate "something fierce" and Witchie's ears were picking up all the sound. She couldn't hear anything for quite a while after that and she was quite chagrined for she did want to listen in on everything that was said. On the way home Bob Raycroft and Witchie were carrying on an impromptu debate on some vague topic . . . when Witchie said discouragingly, "fish-fuzz." (Note: fish-fuzz is equivalent to a tremendous sigh.) To which Raycroft promptly rejoined, "No! Ciliated epithelium!" After a short discussion, Witchie won by saying "ciliated-pisces."

We reached Houghton and climbed the stairs laboriously to our room. Witchie said she had a marvelous time. We talked of going home for Christmas and on and on we talked . . . the room was so comfortable and the atmosphere so festive . . . Witchie walked to the steamed window and wrote on it:

*Merry Christmas
Witchie and Chs-Wee*

RIES ANALYZES MAN

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The Cerebral type runs largely to brains, with an undersized body and poorly developed personality. He is sensitive and impractical, with a fondness for solitude. Dr. Ries closed his chapel by analyzing some great men of history and the faculty.



Why Study Languages?

Wesley J. Cooper

Is there a good and sufficient reason for the fact that, for the present semester in Houghton College, the student registration in foreign language courses exceeds four hundred? The teachers responsible for these courses not only think so, but presented to the assembled faculty group last week, verbal and concrete evidence that foreign language study is a "sine qua non" in liberal education having advantages not only cultural but oratorical as well.

Dr. Stephen Paine, whose educational training has been emphatically classical, like a true debater, tackled the opponents of the theory of the transfer of training, right on their own ground. He proved that even the bitterest enemies of training transfer have to admit that which the classical scholars claim to be one of the most valuable concepts for transfer—that of keeping at a hard job until it is finished.

Continuing the thought of transfer, Professor Stockin, by the use of abundant posters, showed how important the study of Latin and Greek can be, due to the constant recurrence of identical elements in many different phases of life. The true meaning of "pandemonium," the correct spelling of "millennium," the proper pronunciation of "Penelope," the identification of technical terms in music, mathematics, science, and theology—all are perfectly simple to the person of classical training.

Miss Pool and Professor Fancher upheld the case for the modern foreign languages. The former demonstrated that there is a utilitarian aspect to be considered, and that since our world today is so small there is scarcely any profession for which a knowledge of a modern foreign language is not a distinct advantage, if not a necessity. To show that even one year of study would be profitable for the training of missionary candidates, Miss Pool introduced a living demonstration by conversing in Spanish with a student who had begun the study of that language but three months ago.

The cultural phase was dwelt upon by Mr. Fancher, who called attention to the fact that one or two modern languages are usually required for graduate study. He emphasized the utter folly of hoping to appreciate the literature of other peoples without a knowledge of the language in which it originally appeared. There can be no better way, he said, to the refinement of tastes, to the increase of human interests and to the comprehension of one's mother tongue than the study of foreign languages.

The chairman of the division, Mr. Woolsey, was speechless at the enthusiasm of his colleagues.

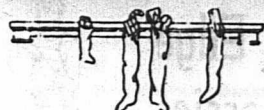
ROY RECITAL

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like a remnant of a cloud of autumn," and "Light, my Light."

Mrs. Roy returned to sing for an encore the popular Christmas hymn, *Jesu, Bambino*, with Barbara Robinson playing a clarinet obligato arranged by Robert Procter.

PREP



(Stockin's Over Them)

By Dean Gilliland

News? — Well, not precisely, but the ins and outs of how Prepsters proceed to make their school days anything but monotonous could at least be items of information to our collegiate colleagues.

With every twenty-four hour cycle comes something new with valuable lessons learned from every phase of life. As you have observed, even to an annoying extent, our contacts are not confined to the members of our happy hundred, but we enjoy continual friendship with everyone around us. These aren't limited to the grunting and heaving around 10:30 a. m. in the vicinity of those promoters of melancholy called mail boxes. It is the chapel, the spirited clash we find in sports, the Artist Series, the mutual dining hall and church that assure us that we belong to Houghton and are partners with all who walk in her halls.

Although we can't speak in terms of hundreds in reference to students, we are proud of a well-rounded program and enjoy the usual varied life of any high school.

As far as scholarship goes, the report shows that twelve students had averages of 90 or above for the first period. At the head of the list are Beth Edling, Elizabeth Jackson, and Marguerite Krause.

Second to none are our interests in sports, and if you have been to the last basketball games, I'm sure you will agree that a hundred can generate plen-

ty of enthusiasm. Competitive sports with the College are definitely a part of our program.

Social graces are by no means in disrepute in the high school. Get-togethers, parties, and general activity give proof of this. Direct and indirect sources show that this reporter is going to be busy in giving resumes of Christmas parties being planned.

More important than any other thing in High School is the emphasis on spiritual things and the continued inspiration we receive from religious activities. God has blessed us many times in our Tuesday night prayer meetings, Morning Watches, and Light Bearers. We have felt His presence in our classes many times. Above all, our aim is to make His will our desire, that as a group of Christians we may be bound together by His love.

LIBRARY NEWS

Books may be reserved for Christmas vacation at the library. Vacation reserve books may be taken December 19, 1945, at 12 noon. These books will be due at 8:00 a. m., Wednesday, January 3. All books checked out from the library before vacation will be due Wednesday, December 19.

The new book shelf in the library has been augmented by several new books which would provide vacation reading.

KEEP 'N TRACK



BY RUTHE MEADE

Oh, there just isn't any new way to say it, is there, fellas? This MERRY CHRISTMAS . . . that somehow seems to mean more to us this year than ever before. Yes, it's the same greeting we've exchanged for a long time. But, men, God has been "Keep 'N Track" of you. . . . He has graciously brought you back to us. He has kept you safe, and He gives us a confidence that the rest of you will be with us soon. That's why this year IS a Merry Christmas. Raise your thoughts and praise heavenward with us, men, and let us worship the Christ-child together.

. . . "track'n" through the snow this morning, we ran into Pfc. Bob Garber, ex-'47, of the Air Corps. Bob has been on a 45-day furlough and expects to go overseas for occupational duty in the near future.

Uhuh! . . . Larry Hardy, ex-'46, is back. He will no doubt be added to the brave male septet at the music building in the near future. We're anxious to hear more about Larry's army travels . . . pretty extensive, we understood. While he was chaplain's assistant, he

and his superior flew to about every island in the Pacific. We'll get more details when he's around again.

You'd be surprised where we pick up these bits of news from the boys. We're thinking seriously of borrowing Witchie's "cornucopia" ears, so we won't miss any. The other day we detoured Prof. Smith . . . we heard some news of James Buffan, '41, who received his discharge in November. Mr. Buffan, who was music supervisor at Perry, N. Y., before he entered service, started out with the army band. Later he was transferred to the administrative branch and saw action in the European theatre.

Here's one of the fellows we haven't heard any news of in quite some time—Will Wasser, ex-'45. One of our vets received a letter from him the latter part of November, at which time S/Sgt. Wasser wrote from Las Vegas, Nevada. He had just seen a copy of the *Star*. . . I guess it always brings back memories. Will says:

"I believe I'm going to make you and Houghton a visit some day soon. I'm going to Rome, N. Y., for a discharge. I should be out any week now. The first thing I have in mind is to visit Houghton. It certainly will be good to see some of the old friends again. . . I went overseas just a month after I came in. I've been doing a lot of private flying since I've been stationed here."

It'll be great to see you and Lucille, Will.

Faith in Action

By V. Swauger



In a few short weeks there would be the wedding, and then they would go to the pastorate to which he, a young college graduate, had been called. In the meantime he was helping to turn out tires for Akron's big Firestone plant. Then came the plea from Professor McDowell at Miltonvale, Houghton's sister school in Kansas: "We must have an instructor in Bible and English." He pressed the young man to come and bring his bride, who could teach piano. Claude Ries had never thought of teaching! He was going to be a preacher and have a church. Wasn't part of their furniture already shipped to the little parsonage? But he took the matter to the all-knowing Father and prayed constantly to know the Lord's will. His own godly father thought that such a step would be a grave error, and he opposed his going. To go against his father's judgment would hurt both of them keenly. But Claude felt, even as he prayed and wept, even among the wicked men at the shop, that God was calling him to teach His Word in the classroom instead of in a church. This definite promise was given to him: "I will bless thy going out." In later years both father and son realized that God had taught them a hard but valuable lesson by allowing them to disagree.

For two years the Rieses were in Miltonvale. Then he began to ask the Lord about teaching in Houghton. His faith began to mount; he gave God a big order! He prayed that if God wanted him in Houghton, He would help him to get his ordination before he went, which meant two years of pastoral work, and that he would get a teaching fellowship or some such financial aid from a university near to his pastorate so that he could work on his master's degree. In a short time he was offered a teaching fellowship in the University of Syracuse and a pastorate at Seneca Falls. In two years he had his master's, was ordained, and received a letter from Dr. Luckey asking him to come to Houghton.

Herschel was born in Miltonvale. They had lived in Houghton about five years when Priscilla came. But their house was so damp and cold that the poor baby found existence quite uncomfortable. Prof. prayed that if God wanted them to stay in Houghton He would help them get a house that wouldn't endanger their children's health. A letter came from Father Ries saying that he would give a summer's work to build his son a new house, and he would bring his new Ford truck!

Another thing for which Doctor Ries is now praising the Lord is the wonderful train of circumstances which enabled him to get his doctor's degree when it seemed impossible. He is especially grateful that God "prepared him" a library. H. S. Miller, who knew books and had formed a most valuable collection, bequeathed his library to him.



Merry Christmas!

THE BOOKSTORE
COTT'S GROCERY
THE PANTRY
PAUL'S GOSPEL PRESS
WORD BEARER PRESS
MRS. CRONK'S SHOP
THE COLLEGE INN
MR. NICHOLS

Indians Open Season By Tromping Silver Springs

Saturday night the Houghton Town Team travelled to Silver Springs and vanquished their team 56-19. The men responsible for this overwhelming score were "Doc" Luckey, Bev. Barnett, Norm Walker, Byron Sheesley, Hank Brant and Art Carlson. The Gym was of the match box variety, which led to close playing under the basket. The "Indians" had height, speed, and youth to their advantage.

The coming Saturday night will find Houghton and Castile battling for honors in the Fillmore Gym. Castile is rated among the top two and Houghton among the top four.

DR. PAINE PRESENTS NEW DORM PROJECT

The Rochester Alumni Chapter held its annual meeting Monday evening, December 3, at the parish house of the West Avenue Methodist Church.

Dr. Paine spoke concerning the new dormitory project and general campus news. Special music was furnished by a quartet, three of whom were Dr. Victor Murphy, Rev. Mr. Donnelly, pastor of the Free Methodist Church in Rochester, and Richard Harmon, Houghton alumnus. Dr. George Cooke is pastor of the West Avenue Church.

Gaoyadeo Celebrates

Far be it from Gaoyadeo Hall to be behind times in any of these Christmas activities. Once again, the girls are busy at work on plans to celebrate the yuletide in a fitting manner. From what inquiring we have done to date, we believe that the celebration should be as merry a one as ever crossed the threshold of the dormitory. At the head of the entertainment committee, we have "Chi-Wee" Maeda and, supporting her, Izzie Dayton and Betty Tutton. The committee seems unwilling to divulge information concerning their plans, but we gather that the scene will be laid in an old-fashioned school house. Recitations will be heard by the old school ma'am and all the little pupils should be present at this session, for the hickory stick will be conspicuously absent.

Senior Girls Edge Out Soph Lassies

A closely fought battle between the Sophomore and Senior women took place on the maples of Bedford gym last Friday evening. Through the third quarter the Sophomores took the lead. In the middle of the fourth quarter two field goals put the Seniors two points in front. Until the end of the game, both teams fought desperately—one to keep the lead, the other to regain it. The shriek of the closing whistle found the score 21-23—and the Seniors with the 23.

The most outstanding player on the floor was the Red guard, Edna Dough-ten, who, despite her lack of height, managed to out maneuver her forward. The high scorers tallied—Bernhoft with 11 points and Wentzell with 10.

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their transportation committee knows, they will have no particular transportation problems other than those arising from over-crowded travel conditions. As Marion is served by four railroads and approximately the same number of bus lines, it is extremely well situated.

Bob Jones College in Cleveland, Tennessee, will observe December 21 to January 4 as its Christmas holidays. No transportation difficulties except over-crowded travel facilities are expected.

On December 20, at noon, Wheaton College, in Wheaton, Illinois, will begin vacation which will continue until noon of January 3. The directors of the school try to make proper arrangements so that there will be no need for Sunday travel.

The State Teachers College at West Chester, Pennsylvania, will begin the holidays at noon on December 19, to extend until noon of January 2. No transportation difficulties are anticipated there, as the students come largely from the local area.

As far as our own Houghton is concerned, the transportation committee composed of Dr. G. E. Moreland and Professor Mack, is completing plans for chartering the Perry school busses to distribute students to the various "ports of embarkation" on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Reynolds Dies

Mrs. Georgia Reynolds of 35 Preston Ave., Hornell, died of pneumonia Tuesday night, Dec. 4, after a 10-day illness. The funeral was held Friday at 2 p. m. at the home, and burial took place in Cameron Mills, N. Y.

Mrs. Reynolds and her family were living in Dr. Pierce's house at the time of the fire in the fall of 1942 and then resided for some time in the Tucker House.

She leaves her husband, Mr. Floyd Reynolds, and three children: Rumsey, who is now in the Pacific with the Marine Corps, Evelyn (Mrs. Alec McKnight), and a younger son, Harry.

The student body wish to extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.



Sports Spasms

By DAVE MILLER

A casual analysis of Houghton's sports program will reveal certain inherent weaknesses. Consider, for example, the utter predominance of basketball on the vista of Houghton's athletics. It is admittedly quite proper that basketball should, at this season, overshadow all other sports activities, but not to the complete exclusion of all others.

Ethics forbid organized boxing or wrestling. The dimensions of our swimming pool make a swimming team preposterous. Indoor track suffers a similar fate. Horseback riding, while a valuable contribution to our activities, is exceedingly difficult in several feet of snow.

However, in spite of these temporarily insurmountable obstacles, certain measures could be taken which would somewhat assuage the situation. For instance, there are at least several students not playing basketball who are relatively well versed in the art of "tumbling," a term in the sports vernacular referring to "handstands," etc. This physical science is highly competitive and spectacular if well executed.

There is no reason why such a team could not be formed and operate in good style. Exhibitions could be presented during the halves at our basketball games. It would exact no exorbitant fees for expensive equipment because none is needed in this sport. It is even likely that participants would be awarded letters in recognition.

Anyone interested in forming this new project should give his name to Coach McNeese. Experience is not essential but of great value.

W. C. T. U. Welcomes All

The Houghton W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Eva Beach, December 19. The members wish to invite all the women of the community to this meeting.

November 28, the group met at Mrs. Chester York's for a business meeting and program of music and games.

There is a certain chic waitress, who plays a mean game of basketball for the juniors, who has been largely responsible for several inaccuracies in my prognostical "According to Hoyle." I say this by way of explanation rather than excuse.

This aspiring maiden dangles a second glass of milk (a forbidden luxury) in my face while she whispers little comments and predictions to place in my column. Judicious or not, what could I do but agree to this bribery? I'd do ANYTHING for an extra glass of milk.

The only obstruction to a complete sweep of the first round of the '45-'46 tournament for the Frosh is the game this Thursday evening with the Juniors. The possibility of a Junior upset will depend upon the Dave Flower-Bob Kalle combination. Returning to the yearlings after suffering injuries will be Lloyd Montzingo, efficient Frosh guard.

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Frosh	3	0
Sophs	2	1
H. S.	2	2
Juniors	1	2
Seniors	0	3

GAMES TO PLAY

Frosh vs. Juniors
Seniors vs. Sophs

Mrs. Tarrell Falls; Fractures Left Arm

Mrs. Hannah G. Tarrell, Preparatory School librarian, fractured her left arm when she fell on the icy walk between Gaoyadeo Hall and the Administration building, Thursday, December 6, before first period. The fall resulted in a Colles fracture. One bone (radius) was broken crosswise.

Mrs. Tarrell says "the arm hasn't hurt much, though it is awkward and clumsy." She remarked that she was very grateful for the favors and encouraging words from students. Eighth-grade students wrote letters and notes to Mrs. Tarrell, in their characteristically cheerful style.

Influenza Packs Infirm

