

Varsity Debate Squad to Participate In Tournament at New Wilmington

Three Veterans To Make Trip

Members of the Varsity Debate team of Houghton College will journey to New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, this Saturday, December 6, for the Westminster College Tournament, their initial tournament of the season. Four rounds of debate will be held in the course of the day, two in formal style and two in the Oregon method. Paul Stewart and Lois Bailey will represent Houghton on the affirmative side while Clinton Boone and Bert Hall will uphold the negative on the question. Mr. Stewart and Miss Bailey are both veterans of varsity debate competition while Mr. Boone represented his class in last year's forensic topic, Mr. Hall has been a member of the varsity squad before, but this will mark his first year of active competition.

The question to be discussed is the Phi Kappa Delta topic for the year: Resolved, that the federal government should regulate all labor unions in the United States by law. Right now there is more than ordinary interest in this question due to the present labor crisis, which crisis will be one of the main considerations in the tournament. It has been stipulated that the definitions of "regulate" must at least include the incorporation of unions, the fixing of responsibility for damage in strikes, and a public statement of union expenses. The right of labor to a closed-shop will also be disputed.

The Westminster Tournament is an annual event participated in by over twenty colleges and universities largely from Pennsylvania. Such schools as the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Tech, Lockhaven, and Akron City will be represented there. Of rising interest is the use of Oregon style of debating in this tournament. To compensate for a rigid schedule of four debates, the day is always concluded by a banquet before the final round. Although Houghton has not participated in the Westminster Tournament since the days of Albany-Sheffer-DeRight eloquence, her varsity debaters eagerly look forward to winning laurels for themselves and their school this Saturday.

Expression Club Gives a Comedy by Oscar Wilde

The Expression club successfully presented Oscar Wilde's three-act comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest", last Friday evening before a large audience in the science building. The play, under the direction of Miss Lenoir Mastellar, was in the form of a broadcast.

The cast of characters chosen by tryout, was as follows: Algernon Moncreiff, alias "Ernest", impersonated by Horatio Morrison; John Worthing, the other Ernest, played by James Campbell; Cecily Carden, Algernon's fiancée, brought to life by Betty Abbot; Gwendolyn Fairfax, Jack's fiancée, Janice Crowley; Lady Bracknell, impersonated by Margaret Snow; Merriman, the butler, by Harold Ebel; Lane, Algernon's butler, played by Glenn Ball; Miss Prism, the maid, by Cornelia French. James Marsh acted as announcer.

Ping-pong Tournament Commences at Rec Hall

The third annual ping-pong tournament has begun down at the local recreation hall under the supervision of Arthur Carlson. Early predictions reveal that Clarence "Bud" Morris, defending titlist and first seeded player, will encounter several adept paddle wielders in his climb to the title. On the other hand, in the lower bracket, Phil Chase, a finalist last year and seeded second, will find little difficulty in getting through his opponents until the semi-final round where he is likely to meet Dick Bennett, seeded fourth.

The lower half of the upper bracket promises to be the scene of the greatest excitement in the early rounds of competition inasmuch as Al Russell, John Miller, Carl Fulkerson, Bert Hall, Bill Work, Cliff Hewitt, and Bob Oehrig, seeded third, will be battling it out there to stay in the tournament.

Arthur Carlson, rec. hall supervisor, has announced that the two new ping-pong tables will be available for play in the closing rounds of the tournament.

Student Council Forms Lost and Found Bureau

To simplify the location of missing articles the Student Council has established a Lost and Found Bureau under the direction of Norman Mead. In the past the confusion over articles that have been found has been due to the lack of a single agency where lost articles are deposited. If a person lost something, he may have inquired of the janitors, at the library desk, the business office, the dean's office, the dining hall, the jumble of notices on the lost and found bulletin board, or any other place his ingenuity or desperation may have suggested. Now, however, due to this bureau, the location of lost articles will be an easy matter.

Cooperation of the dining hall has been secured so that objects found may be turned over to the head waiters who will convey them to the bureau. This will make the facilities of the bureau easily accessible to all. A statement of losses may likewise be submitted. Those who have lost articles may consult Mr. Mead at any time or inspect the articles that have been turned in, each Friday in A 30 after chapel. As part of its services the bureau will furnish a weekly typewritten report of losses and finds. The policy concerning unclaimed articles has not yet been formulated but will probably be the return of articles to finders at the end of the semester.

NOTICE . . .

The lecture originally scheduled for last Monday evening and featuring the noted arctic explorer, Commander Donald B. McMillan, was postponed until Friday evening, January 9th. Due to his extensive knowledge of the Iceland and Greenland regions, Commander MacMillan was called by the Army and Navy into a brief time of service involving the defense of that region and was therefore forced to cancel his speaking engagements for the remainder of the year.

Varsity Debaters Have Meet at Keuka College

Engaging in their first forensic relations of the season, the varsity debate squad, represented by Lois Bailey and Paul Stewart, met Keuka college's varsity on the latter's campus Friday evening. Convinced of the wisdom of governmental regulation of labor unions as a permanent policy, Miss Jane Cowie and Miss Dorothy Osborne, the home team's debaters, tried to pass on their opinion to our negative team. The debate was a non-decision contest. The Houghtonites in attendance were surprised at the interest shown by Keuka students. A group of Keukans much larger than Houghton is accustomed to produce listened attentively to the debate, some taking notes, some knitting. On inquiry it was learned that about thirty are participating in varsity debate under Mr. De Bard and Dr. Alexander as coaches.

Carleton Cummings, manager of the debate team, Clinton Boone, on the trip for pointers for the coming Westminster Tournament, and Ellen Mills were also in the party. Before the meet the debaters and company enjoyed a waffle supper in the campus "Tea Cup." Then, after the debate, since men are obliged to leave the buildings at 10:00 p. m., the hostesses, Miss Cornelia Patterson, manager of debate, and Miss Beverly Squire, who acted as chairman, invited the Houghton people to the "Tea Cup" again where refreshments and a friendly visit concluded the evening activities.

PEP Conquers WHEATIES in Poll; 'Star' Telegrams Kellogg Company

PEP, that crispy, golden brown breakfast food (containing vitamins B1 and D enriched) is Houghton's favorite cereal, according to a student survey conducted last Tuesday noon, in which over thirty per cent of the student body was interviewed. Leading 18 other cereals, PEP won the allegiance of more than sixteen per cent of those interviewed, and eked out a close decision over WHEATIES, the breakfast of champions, by the narrow margin of eight votes. After the final tabulations were computed a telegram was immediately wired to the Kellogg Company of Battle Creek, Michigan, which read as follows:

"Houghton College students select PEP as leading breakfast cereal over WHEATIES in student survey. Congratulations!"

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Chief among the backers of the winning product was George Wells of Riverhead, Long Island, who hailed the victory enthusiastically and stated: "I like PEP best with red grapefruit." Other advocates of the early morning enthusiasm filler were John Edling, Norman P. Mead, Gertrude Post, William Johnson, Dorothy Lang, Stewart Folts, Richard Bennett, George Kilpatrick, Paul "String" Miller, Leon Gibson, Phyllis Voorhees, Max Stebbins, Clemence Phillips, Ralph Patterson, Dorothy Krentel, Florence Jensen, Warren Dayton, and many others.

SHREDDED WHEAT and RICE KRISPIES tied for third place honors, and they were immediately followed by OATMEAL, KRUMBLES, RICE FLAKES, CORN FLAKES, WHEAT KRISPIES,

James R. Young to Speak On Far Eastern Situation

Junior-Senior Debaters To Start Annual Series

The annual series of inter-class debates will get under way on December 11th when representatives of the junior and senior classes will discuss the question, Resolved: that mercy killings should be legalized. Clifford Robertson and Janice Crowley will be under the senior banner, while the winners of last year's series, Warren Woolsey and Robert Fredenberg, will again hold forth for their classmates, the juniors.

There is special interest in the tournament this year because the juniors, having won the two previous years, need only to win once more to acquire permanent possession of the silver loving cup, with their names engraved on it. Everett Elliot, Lois Roughan, and Edward Willett, of the class of '38, have been the only ones to achieve this distinction so far.

The second verbal battle of the series will be on December 17th when the sophomores cross wits with the frosh. The topic for that occasion has not been definitely decided as yet, nor has the sophomore team. The freshman team, however, has been selected, consisting of Charles Ritenburg and Edwin Mehne.

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To Appear Here Wednesday Night

Mr. James R. Young, who was for ten years head of the International News Service Bureau in Tokyo and is now the outstanding authority on the Near East in our country today, will lecture on the subject, "Can America Survive in the Far East?", next Wednesday night, Dec. 10, in the college chapel. Mr. Young will trace the rise and decline of America's business in Japan and its occupied territory, drawing from his thrilling personal experiences; he seeks to prove that, against the wishes of the educated and liberal majority, Japanese militarists will throttle all foreign trade, mission work, and cultural influence.

The speaker is the author of "Behind the Rising Sun" and numerous articles on Europe, Asia, and Africa. Two of his articles have appeared in the July '41 and November '41 issues of the *Reader's Digest*: these give us a sample of what is in store for us when he comes to speak. In addition to his work with INS, Young was manager of the American owned *Japan Advertiser*, the largest and most influential English language paper in the Orient. He has also acted as Sales Representative for King Features Syndicate, and been manager of an advertising agency. He has spent more than half his life in the foreign service, and knows from personal experience the methods of Japanese police, having spent 61 days in prison there after his arrest for writing articles on the army, which he maintained were the truth. He had just returned from a 9000 mile trip of unoccupied China where he had gone to get a story on the other side of the war, being the first foreign correspondent from Japan's capital to reach the back-country headquarters of Gen. Chiang Kai Shek at Chungking. He was convicted in a secret court session and held in an unheated cell, incommunicado. He was a member of the Rotary Club in Japan which the Japanese finally ordered disbanded—under German pressure.

In light of the current American-Japanese relations, Mr. Young should have some vital information for us.

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Music Students Present Varied Recital in Chapel

A general recital was presented in the chapel last Thursday evening by seven students of the college music department. Introducing the program of classical favorites, Phyllis Greenwood played a well-known *Gavotte* by Bach, followed by June Spaulding singing Mendelssohn's *Sadness of Soul*.

Of especial interest was Frances Wightman's debut as a cello soloist. Not only was it a pleasure to hear the soft tones of a cello in the midst of a program largely characterized by vocal and piano compositions, but Miss Wightman chose for her selection, Thome's *Andante Religioso*, a slow-moving theme not so difficult but that she could display well her developing technique and tone. The recital was brought to a close by Jane Thompson's rendition of Chopin's brilliant *Valse in E Flat*.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT—

Houghton College has always been noted for its minimum of expense. The school was founded on the principle that it should never be a profit-making enterprise, but that it should provide a Christian education at the lowest possible cost. This has made the institution accessible to those of the lower financial class, and it has been an indescribable help to parents who could not afford to send their sons and daughters to the larger universities. As students, we appreciate the sacrifice that many have made to keep costs down, but we also feel that there are times when quality should not be sacrificed for price.

Everyone will agree the \$4.25 per week for board is rock-bottom. At that price we cannot expect any finer meals than we are now receiving, especially since war times have boosted food prices to a new high; however, why not raise the price of board per student and by this means also lift the standard of food. Two factors must be considered. First of all, if we are to pay \$.75 or \$1.00 more per week we want to be sure that the food is improved; that a greater variety shall result; and that there shall be more fruits and vegetables. In other words, we do not want the surplus board money to be used for other expenses but entirely for better meals. Secondly, and more important, remains the question—will students be willing to pay the extra cost? Generally speaking, I believe the answer to be, yes. Wages have also gone up with prices, and there is more money now than in normal times. Even if this were not the case, \$5.00 per week instead of the usual \$4.25 would still be a sub-normal price for board and the student himself could save his own \$.75 instead of writing home for it. The empty space filled by better food would cancel the purchases of five hot fudge sundaes or of an equivalent amount in cokes and hamburgers.

This is not a "gripe" editorial. The food is excellent for the price—the question is, are we willing to pay a better price for better food?
—A. R.

AN APPEAL FOR LABORERS—

Of late, as in former years, the complaint has been made by a number of students that they don't get any opportunity to participate in any form of Christian service. They ask why the extension secretary does not send them out on gospel services or why they are not asked to speak here at Houghton. The truth of the matter is, though, that there simply are not enough opportunities to give everybody a chance to preach. We wonder though whether these same people would be willing to give out the gospel in another way, a way requiring less talent and receiving less attention, but equally if not far more effective than preaching. We refer to house-to-house visitation work. Apparently most of the born-again Christians on the campus are unaware of this means of doing something that really counts for Christ and His Kingdom. As we said before it is not a means of services that will attract attention or procure personal glory for the individual worker, but it does glorify Christ. Dr. Charles Trumbull, who after many years as editor of the *Sunday School Times* went on to be with the Lord, once asserted that the Lord had used him to influence more souls for Christ in personal work than in all the many meetings attended by countless thousands in which he had preached. This is not an isolated case. It has been God's method of evangelizing the lost from the time of the early church onward, as Acts 5:42 indicates. Some students at present have taken advantage of this means of service and on Saturday afternoons have been travelling by car to neighboring towns and there given out the gospel "from house to house", but their number is pitifully small. We trust that God will lay it upon the hearts of many of His Children to be obedient to His Word by going out to preach to the unsaved in this humble but effective way.
—R.J.O.

Mrs. Cronk Speaks on 'World's Great Letters'

In an entertaining and constructive chapel talk last Thursday morning, Mrs. Winona Cronk discussed and illustrated the art of letter writing. Mrs. Cronk recommended to her student audience that they confine their letter reading to those already published, rather than those of roommates, sisters, husbands, or children.

The speaker reminded her audience of the unanswered letters on their desks, and especially of letters that hadn't been written to boys in the camps. Bread and butter letters avoid "leaving a bad taste" with the hostess.

Several letters of historical and literary significance were read. The letter written by Napoleon telling his wife of a military campaign (lost because his enemies intercepted the letter and found out his plans) proved of interest. Other letters included one from Charles Dickens, preparing his wife for the death of their small daughter, one from Wagner asking for a small contributory loan, one from Nero's mother when he had become king, and last a portion of a letter from the apostle Paul to Titus.

In closing, Mrs. Cronk recommended the books from which she read, *World's Great Letters*, by Schuster, and the *New Testament*.

Herbert Loomis Weds Former Keuka Student

Miss Betty M. Goodfellow of Fulton, New York, became the bride of Herbert D. Loomis, '41, now a student at Boston Theological Seminary, in a Thanksgiving day wedding performed in the First Methodist Church of Fulton, New York. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Bollinger, pastor of the church, assisted by the bridegroom's father. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheeler of Fulton.

The bride was graduated from Fulton High School and last year received her degree at Keuka College. Mr. Loomis, a graduate of Fulton High School, was a graduate from Houghton College in June and now is attending Boston Theological Seminary.

The Philadelphia Alumni Chapter held a meeting Friday evening, November 21st at Van's Restaurant in the Quaker city. Dr. Stephen W. Paine, College president, addressed the group of thirty alumni and former students. Keith Sackett, '41, was elected president of the chapter at a brief business meeting which followed the program.

The office of Coach Harold S. McNeese, athletic instructor, has recently undergone a renovation. A drying room for athletic equipment has been added which will allow for more room in the main office and will also permit greater storage space for athletic equipment. During the Thanksgiving vacation the gymnasium floor was waxed by a group of workers under the direction of Mr. Howard Eyer.

Miss Marjorie Fisher of Akron, Ohio, became the bride of Emerson York, class of '33, in a ceremony performed in Akron, Friday, November 21. Orrel York of Chicago, also a Houghton graduate, acted as best man while the maid of honor was the bride's sister, Juanita Fisher. At the present time Mrs. York is teaching grade school in Akron, while Mr. York is employed by the Halcomb Steel company of Syracuse and is also working on his master's degree at Syracuse University. After the school year Mr. and Mrs. York will make their home in Syracuse.

Huber Leads Students With Three Point Index

Martha Huber, a senior from Weehawken, New Jersey, led the college students in scholastic achievement for the first ten weeks by being the only person to obtain a perfect record of straight "A's". Closely following her were Marie Fearing, Harold Ebel, and Rachel Boone who missed the coveted three point mark by having one B plus apiece.

The grade point indices issued last week from the registrar's office caused a minor commotion as students found the teachers "cracking down" and following closely the grading system inaugurated last year. Although the marks as a whole seem to have dropped slightly, it is believed that the scholarship has been as high, if not higher, than in previous years. Following is a list of the three highest scholars in each of the college classes according to the ten week's data: Seniors, Martha Huber, 3.000; Harold Ebel, 2.933; Marie Fearing, 2.909. Juniors, Rachel Boone, 2.900; Robert Oehrig, 2.800; Robert Longacre, 2.694. Sophomores, Vera Brewster, 2.830; Bonalyn Luckey, 2.735; Ruth Cowles, 2.667. Freshmen, Richard Graham, 2.794; Ruth I. Brooks, 2.781; Grace Pusey and Gretchen LaSuer, 2.500.

The Woolsey House led the men's rooming homes in possessing the highest grade point with an average of 2.1. Following is an unofficial list of the men's dormitories and their respective averages:

House	Av.
Woolsey	2.10
Lingquist	1.88
College Inn	1.86
Clarke	1.84
Tucker	1.79
Carlson	1.76
Murphy	1.66
W. G. Smith	1.63
Russell	1.60
Douglas	1.56
Moses	1.30
Pierce	1.20
Armstrong	1.20
Barnett	1.12

The college quartet will journey to Buffalo Monday evening where they will sing at a large youth rally of Christian young people in that city. Rev. Frank L. Waaser of Williams-ville, father of Wilbur Waaser, will be the main speaker of the convention. Wednesday evening, November 26th, the quartet sang in Warsaw, N. Y., and Prof. Whitney W. Shea addressed a banquet group on the topic, "The Economics of War."

Frances Waith, a senior from Falconer, New York, and assistant news editor of the *Star*, has recently announced her engagement to Romer Volk of South Dayton, New York, now a senior at Alfred University.

In answer to the many inquiries as to the purpose of the large room and large glass windows in the lower story of Dr. Pierce's home, Dr. Pierce has announced that he is going to open a student supply shop, probably to be called the "Student Shop." He intends to handle student supplies which hitherto have not been available in Houghton. Although all the necessary material for opening the shop has been received by Dr. Pierce, he does not anticipate opening until sometime in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gilbert of Houghton, New York, are the parents of an eight-pound baby daughter, Phyllis Anne, born nine o'clock last Sunday morning at the Fillmore Hospital. Mr. Gilbert is the college electrician who has been doing considerable work on the new Luckey Memorial Building.

KIEFER'S



KARVINGS

Hornell was well represented at last Friday's game by two comely young ladies, escorted by Bob Hollenbach and Tom Crook. But was Tommy's face red when some tactful person approached the foursome at the Pantry and, addressing Tom, said, "Tom, is this the girl from Poughkeepsie who's always writing to you?"

Our little Dudley is proving himself to be quite a Romeo; but why doesn't someone give him a book on "Ten Easy Lessons on How to Call for a Young Lady," or one on just plain "Common Sense?" He caused quite a furor last Friday night, when, upon entering the Cott House, because of his great desire to see Miss Grandy, he raced determinedly up the stairs, where it required the efforts of six inmates of said dorm to discourage him in his attempted feat. Next time, Dudley, we'd suggest you wait downstairs—it's safer.

We can't understand . . .

Why some charitable-minded soul doesn't donate a bright blue shirt to Dicky Bennett, whose wardrobe is obviously in dire need of color. . . Why all the frosh girls and fellows went to last Friday's game stag. Could it have been a conspiracy, and if so, among which sex? . . . Why Jim Marsh is wandering around solo, and how long it will last. . . Why Peg can't take her bath in the morning rather than at 7:30 Friday night. . . Why Jim Fenton's prediction that "the sophs will win by 20 points" didn't come true. . . Why Barney prefers high school girls. . . Why Gert Post didn't introduce us to her boy friend. . . Why "Bonnie" doesn't move to the laundry. . . Why Leigh Summers doesn't make up his mind. . . Why someone doesn't give our editor some suggestions for editorials. . . Why Bill Olcott should be interested in Houghton other than refereeing basketball games. . . Why people take Flossie Jensen for a faculty member. . . Why John Merzig looks so fagged out since vacation. . .

It was in Soph English class that this one happened: "Doc" Small called on Phil Chase to read. When Phil had finished, instead of commenting on the portion of literature just read, we were startled to hear "Doc" go into quite a discourse on Phil's voice, which, he said, is "very good—intonation excellent—a very resonant reading voice." Watch it, Phil, we'll all be listenin'!

Noted in passing at last night's frosh-soph struggle and enjoying each other's company were freshman Stanley Taber and senior Audrey Crowell, while Faith Winger and "Professor" Alva "C-plus" Darling also seemed to like the fellowship. . . And news leaked out recently of two local "wolves" who licked fifty-seven cents worth of stamps all on one epistle, addressed to a blonde in a neighboring community: Zow—two whistles. Ah, yes! Life is a problem—ain't she?

Allan McCartney, '41, reported for Naval Aviation Flight Training at the U. S. Naval Aviation Reserve Base, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York, on November 6. If successful in flight training, Mr. McCartney will, after two months of preliminary training at this base, be sent to a southern training station for seven months of advance instruction. Upon completion of this course, he will be commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, receive his designation as Naval Aviation and be assigned to duty with the fleet.

Spiritual GLEANINGS

By BOB LONGACRE

The world has never seen a personality comparable to that of Jesus. Those who would deny His deity must explain the phenomena of His life and influence. Never was there a man in whom sanity and balance were so perfectly blended with strong purpose and deep emotion, or majestic sternness so complemented by infinite tenderness, or love of solitude so balanced by the love of the throng. Yet of all the qualities in Him that evoke our wonder, we marvel most at the serenity, the poise, the unbroken peace that characterized His ministry. Jesus was a man neither to be intoxicated by popularity, nor crushed by vulgar disapproval. He was the same Jesus when all of Palestine hung on His words and when the Jewish rabble was crying for His blood. In the shadow of the cross He spoke of His triumph and told His disciples, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." The seventeenth chapter of John pulsates with the quiet joy of one who has performed His mission and faces Calvary undaunted. Here was not stoic resignation but positive victory. Orthodox Christianity will continue to exist until someone satisfactorily explains—and we do not mean explain away—the personality of Jesus. The defenders of the faith may rest in peace; there is no imminent danger of Jesus' being explained upon natural grounds.

But perhaps an even greater wonder than the fact of Jesus is the bold assertion of the New Testament that we are to be like Him. Not only shall we be like Him "when He shall appear," but, right now, "as He is, so are we in this present world." This would be an impossibility were it to be achieved by man's efforts. There has been only one Jesus and there will never be another, but the life of Jesus may be relived in our lives. Christlike personalities have existed and exist today, and they are phenomena as inexplicable as Jesus. Other men have influenced life and character through the ages, but the influence of Jesus is deeper, for it is the influence of a living Saviour. Christ-likeness is the privilege and standard of Christian living. An ideal is an unattainable goal, but a standard is a norm of conduct. The Christ-life excludes the self-life; there must be a death to self and sin. Paul identifies the believer's "death" with the death of Christ upon Calvary: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Gal. 2:20.) The believer is provisionally dead with Christ at the moment of his regeneration, but this death must be realized in his actual experience. There must be an inward surrender; the will must become Christ's. The intellect must bow; the emotions must be purified and subdued; cherished ambitions may need to be abandoned; and lastly, perhaps the most subtle demand of all, our own incapacities and handicaps must be surmounted until we can "rejoice in the Lord alway," and no longer waste time bemoaning our sad station in life. We will then cease to walk by our feelings, and begin to "live by the faith of the Son of God." The Christ-life will be lived in us.

CARD OF THANKS . . .

I have a big "thank you" in my heart for all who so thoughtfully remembered me during my sickness. May God richly reward you.
—Mildred B. Gillette

Sunday Services

Sunday Morning

The Rev. E. W. Black brought a very practical message Sunday morning on the subject: "Give the devil no chance," his text being taken from Ephesians 4:27. The college pastor pointed out some of the various ways in which a Christian gives the devil a chance—(1) When he broods over wrongs and gives place to self-pity; (2) when he gives in to discouragement. (Discouragement is the devil's master tool); (3) when he yields to spiritual indolence—one cannot render to God half-hearted service and maintain a vital relationship with Him; (4) when he is absorbed in worldly cares and gives secondary attention to the things of the Kingdom; (5) when he resists plain, practical preaching from the Word of God. Rev. Black concluded his message with an exhortation to flee from temptation and to refuse to listen to suggestions from the Enemy.

Sunday Evening

Taking for his text a part of Psalms 139:8—"if I make my bed in hell"—Rev. E. W. Black preached Sunday night a message entitled "A Soul-stirring Meditation." The pastor claimed that Christ, who is the authority on hell, speaks of it more often than any other person in the Bible. He also pointed out that only by his own choice does any person make his bed in hell. God cannot be justly accused of sending any person there, for in sending Christ into the world to save sinners, He provided a way of escape for all.

W. Y. P. S. . . .

Bert Hall, president of the W. Y. P. S. of the college, gave the message at the young people's service Sunday night. Using as his text Matthew 5:14-16, the speaker stated that there was a close analogy between the Christian life and light. The solar source, the sun, is comparable to Christ, the Sun of righteousness, for the believer. The moon typifies the church as the reflector of the sun. The stars stand out as believers. Mr. Hall explained that there are certain characteristics of this light which also lend themselves to comparison. Natural light is active, pure as salt or sunlight (as mentioned in the parables of Jesus), life-giving and silent. He exhorted the believers to shine usefully and constantly for Him since many people are hiding their light under the bushels of narrowness, formalism, luke-warmness, and sometimes sourness. Mr. Hall was assisted in the service by Marion Birch who led the singing, and Allen Smith, who offered a trombone solo.

JAMES YOUNG . . .

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He believes the danger point in the immediate issue is the United States' policing the assigned Japanese area in the puppet sections outside Greater Shanghai. There are elements in the Chinese districts that have a revolutionary temperament, Young believes. All denominational organizations, Protestant and Catholic, have been ordered dissolved, and priests and preachers intimidated or jailed. Military drills are being enforced in place of worship at denominational schools and students are required to visit national Shinto shrines. "Japan is determined to eliminate all foreign influence in Japan, and while on the one hand, she seeks to drive out American and British interest, she is on the other hand becoming encumbered by a German stranglehold on Japanese interests and diplomacy.... They do not realize that Germany is using Japan as a menacing lever to pry open a powder keg in the hope it will set the U. S. on fire."

Extension Workers Have Busy Weekend

After a week's lapse due to the Thanksgiving vacation, the extension department, under the leadership of Edgar Danner, has again taken up the work of reaching churches in the surrounding communities with the gospel. Last Sunday Warren Hartway preached at the Great Valley Baptist Church (near Salamanca) at both morning and evening services. Romeo Baronio conducted services in the Levant Wesleyan Methodist Church on Sunday. He was assisted in the musical portion of the meetings by Ralph Patterson, Harvey Yount, and a girls' trio consisting of Frances Wightman, Carol Gilliland, and Elizabeth Carlson.

Prof. Claude A. Ries spoke at morning and evening services of the West Barre Methodist Church in company with the college brass quartet, the members of which are Alden Gannett, John Gabrielson, Russell Clark, and Gordon Barnett. Robert Oehrig gave the message at the Pike Baptist Church Sunday morning with the Houghton College Girls' Quartette (Doryce Armsstrong, Vera Clocksin, Gwen Fancher, and Doris Eyler) and Allyn Russell assisting. Marion and Marilyn Birch conducted a missionary service in the morning at the Stafford Methodist Church.

Frank Kennedy preached at the Perry Methodist Church in the evening, while Dick Bennett, Stewart Folts, and Marion Kiefer took care of the musical end of the program. Edgar Danner spoke at Oakland in the evening.

Next coming Sunday extension groups will again be busy in the Lord's service. The college brass quartet will be holding three services in the Lawrenceville Methodist Church (Pa.) with a member of the quartet bringing the message at each meeting. Sherburne Ray will be speaking at the Appleton Wesleyan Methodist Church at the morning and evening services. The college girls' quartette will furnish the music.

JUNIOR-FROSH . . .

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After Hughes had dropped in three points, the soph attack came to life with Bennett, Morris and Wells scoring goals in succession. At this point the junior first team reentered the game to put the final touches on an already decisive defeat. Baskets by Kennedy and Woolsey, a charity toss by Clark and a bucket by Fenton with two free throws by Morris concluded the scoring and left a 32-23 count burning on the score board.

High scorer for the evening was Morris of the sophomores with nine, while Woolsey and Kennedy shared the second spot with six apiece.

In the black stocking department, the junior girls eked out a narrow, last minute victory by an 18-17 score. At the start of the game neither the junior offense nor defense clicked, and the soph forwards took advantage of this temporary slump to ring up a 7-0 lead by the end of the quarter. The soph attack was led by Ortlip who tossed in two one-handers and a free throw, while Woolsey scored another goal.

In the second period the junior attack came to life after Ortlip had tossed in another pivot shot. French hit the net on a long shot and Fancher got in another and dumped in a free throw. Ortlip and Woolsey each scored another basket, and then French arched a long one through the hoop to bring the score to 13-7.

During the last half the junior defense sparkled as it held the soph

All About Books

By WARREN WOOLSEY

MISCELLANEA

In much of his poetry Carl Sandburg seems almost crude and brutal. That is partly due to the fact that we are in the habit of thinking of poetry in its traditional form, with obvious meter and patent rhyme schemes, so that his free verse with his subtle, though compelling rhythm does not strike us as poetry. We have a tendency to think of poetry as a form rather than as Matthew Arnold's "criticism of life," Wordsworth's "powerful emotion recollected in tranquillity," Shelley's "record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds," or any of the other definitions that try to get at the soul of poetry.

But the more important reason that Carl Sandburg seems crude and brutal is that he identifies himself with his subject, and when he is singing the songs of the industrial Middle West of steel, of social injustice, he must, by virtue of the nature of his subject, employ harsh dissonant chords.

But to say that Sandburg is an artist whose metier is the presentation of brute physical force, pugnacious social protest, and trenchant satire, and that only, is to disregard his beautiful realism and romanticism, a blend that combines the impalpable, shimmering moonlight and the sharp outlines of the noonday sun. Sandburg has defined poetry as "the capture of a picture, a song, or a flair in a deliberate prism of words." And the picture he captures is one of surpassing beauty, drawn with a few bold strokes and yet without the soft, sensuous merging of details that marks Impressionism. He uses a few salient details, striking figures of speech, and atmosphere suggested rather than elucidated. Some of his lyrics, it is true, contain more or less implicit social criticism, but they are nonetheless a distinct phase of his work that is somewhat disregarded.

Lyrics I especially like are "Lost," and "The Harbour," from *Selected Poems of Carl Sandburg* and "Noc-tourne in a Deserted Brickyard" in *The American Mind*.

Some writers are "one-novel authors." They produce a good first novel, apparently presaging a career of successful writing, but after their notable "coming out" into literary society, their talent seems to atrophy with each succeeding novel. Many critics nominate Sinclair Lewis for membership in this "one-novel" class. It is true, at least, that his later novels have virtually the same technique, the same tone and lead the same conclusions as his earlier works with no

forwards to one field goal a quarter, both of them scored by Fyfe. At the same time French scored again, Fancher dropped three more points and French pushed a long one just before the end of the quarter to bring the juniors within striking distance.

In a hectic finish, French and Fancher each scored a goal to put the game on ice. High scorer for the game was French, who netted ten. Close on her heels was soph forward Ortlip with nine.

CLASS DEBATES . . .

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The winners of these two encounters will participate in the championship debate to be held on January 14. According to the chapel survey of last year, the inter-class debate series ranked high on the list of enjoyable programs, and this year's prospects promises to be no exception.



appreciable improvement. In fact, his last book, *Bethel Merriday*, seems to me to be the weakest of any he has written.

But all that is somewhat beside the point, because I started out to talk about A. J. Cronin and he is scarcely classifiable with top-ranking, if not great, novelists like Sinclair Lewis. One thing should be said for A. J. Cronin, however; he is making progress in his art; each succeeding book he writes is better than its predecessors. His latest, *The Keys to the Kingdom*, is the best he has done thus far. It surpasses *Hatter's Castle* and *The Citadel*, especially in character delineation. The characterization of Father Chisolm, the principal character, and those of some of the minor characters are well done.

This reader, however, didn't like it. It was too much like reading a complete-in-one-issue novel in the *McCalls* or *The Good Housekeeping*. Of course, slick magazines do publish much of Cronin's work, which is almost irrefutable proof that he isn't a great writer. The drivel that is foisted off on the unsuspecting, uncritical general reading public in popular magazines is almost a major crime. And the fact that the public accepts without question its triteness and insipid banality is another crime almost equally reprehensible. As light reading—in bed, in a boring class, on a Sunday afternoon—*The Keys to the Kingdom* is admirable; as literature, less than mediocre.

A book recently received in the college library is Hugh Walpole's *The Blind Man's House*. Though he is accorded a place in the ranks of second-rate novelists by most literary critics, Hugh Walpole is a first-rate story teller. He writes with acute perception, sympathetic understanding and a good dramatic sense.

The Blind Man's House is the story of a young woman who marries a blind man somewhat older than herself. He is an intelligent, sensitive, understanding husband, but the memory of his first wife is something of a barrier between them, a barrier materialized in the person of a housekeeper who was with him before the death of his first wife. The difficulties of these two modern, intelligent, likable persons to make the adjustments necessary in happy married life, along with a sub-plot furnished by the housekeeper's son, contribute the plot complication.

All in all, *The Blind Man's House* is a good story; probably nothing more. Anyone looking for a well-constructed, well-written, entertaining book will find it in Hugh Walpole's *The Blind Man's House*.

CEREAL . . .

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pany. Professor Woolsey also advocates the breakfast of champions, while Professor LeRoy Fancher likes GRAPE-NUTS, and Professor Alton Cronk eats fried SPAM. Before his eight o'clock class, Dr. Allan Bowman of the history department tries a steaming dish of oatmeal and Mrs. Neighbor and Ann Madwid think coffee and toast the perfect way to begin the day.

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By DAVE PAINE

Now that the season is well under way, and every team has played at least two games, let's see how things stock up. The Junior men have had things their own way in defeating the Frosh 36-24, the Sophs 32-23, and the Seniors 35-24. The Seniors have a win and a loss; the Sophs, one win and two defeats; the Frosh, two defeats. Final standings in the first round depend on the outcome of Friday night's tilt between the Frosh and Seniors. A senior win will bring them second honors while a Frosh win would spell a three-way tie. From the way the Junior outfit has rolled over all competition, we pick them to complete the series with top honors. In fact, if there is any outfit that can solve their deliveries, we don't know who it would be.

Using a squad of ten seasoned players, the big maroon wave has moved easily to victory, sparked by Clark's scoring ability, Captain Brodhead Sheffer's work under the basket, and "Hank" Kennedy's bang-up floor game.

In the blouse and bloomer division, it is more difficult to pick a winner. So far, the outstanding teams of the league have been the Sophs, Juniors, and Seniors. The Soph lassies, proving to be the dark horse of the series, were in possession of first place until the Juniors knocked them into a virtual three-way tie. The Junior girls have three wins and one loss, while the Sophs and Seniors each have two wins and one defeat. The HSBS and Frosh outfits have the material but lack the experience. We may see either of these playing better ball before the season is over.

The things that make those three leading teams tick are: the point-getting ability of Ruth Ortlip and Martha Woolsey for the Sophs, the all-round play of the Juniors in both courts, and the forward combination of Driscoll and Reynolds for the Seniors.

We believe the Seniors should be right in at the finish, but their only advantage is experience. If either of the other outfits can hit a winning stride and put out a combination that will click, they have an excellent chance to cop the honors.

Why is it that the Frosh have so much pep to start the season and then gradually sink into the same rut occupied by the other classes. We were cheered by their screwball antics on the night of their debut—why don't you keep it up, Frosh? Maybe you can shame the other classes into a more enthusiastic frame of mind.

Sumpin's gotta be done about this cheering business. We have the cheer leaders now—that's a little improvement, at least. Maybe a few "pep" meetings before games would help. And we like the idea of singing the Alma Mater before night games, only we wish the band would come out and help—it really adds to the occasion no end.

Of course you knew that—the Duke eleven has been picked to represent the East against Oregon State in the Rose Bowl classic Jan. 1.that the lanky, hard-hitting clown of the courts, Frank Kovacs has gone pro.

THE PANTRY

LUNCH AND FOUNTAIN SERVICE

On the Campus

Sophs Prevail Over Fighting Frosh Five

The soph and frosh squads squared off to renew their rivalry on the basketball court Monday night, November 17, and the soph attack was too much for their yearling adversaries, as the frosh bowed in both the men's and women's games.

The boys' game got off to an impressive start when Mel Lewellen split the drape with three long ones for the Frosh. The Sophs retaliated with goals by Morris and Bennett and three free tosses, two by Stratton and again on three points by Walker and one by Chase; but the Frosh scored two by Armstrong to lead 12-7 at the quarter. In the second period Fenton tossed in two baskets, while Morris scored three points. Buckets by Bennett and Stratton knotted the count at 18 all. Long shots by Walker and Armstrong, and free throws by Lewellen and Reynolds supplied the frosh points in the second quarter. After playing a hectic third period, the teams were still tied at 24-all. The final stanza was a hard-fought, nip-and-tuck affair. With but two minutes to play the frosh led by two points, but baskets by Chase and Bennett and a free throw by Morris were the margin of victory, the sophs winning handily, 33-30. Frosh captain, Harry Walker, led the scorers with 11 points while Bud Morris netted 10 for the winners.

In the preliminary game, the soph girls had a good opportunity to use their reserve material, as they won from a completely out-classed freshman squad, 24-18. Although the score was tied at 4-all at the quarter, the second year outfit forged into a decisive 16-6 lead by half-time by virtue of Ortlip's four two-pointers and others by Fyfe and Woolsey.

Ruth Ortlip was high scorer with 12 points, while Woolsey ran her a close second with ten. Ruth Brooks bore the scoring load for the losers with six of her team's counters.

Second Place Seniors To Oppose Yearlings

Tomorrow night Marv Eyer's senior sages will tangle with a scrappy frosh quintet on the Bedford gymnasium floor at 8:30 in the main game of a double-header that will also see a girls' game between the representatives of the same two teams.

With a record of one win and one defeat the upperclassmen will be running hard for victory in order to keep within a reasonable distance of the league leading junior outfit. After two hard scrimmage sessions this week, the sages appear to be in top-notch condition for their third contest of the year, and it is expected that their usual combination of Eyer, Wakefield, Mullin, Foster and Lord will compose the starting lineup.

Harry Walker's team, after suffering two straight losses, ran into another setback this week when Fletcher "Mort" Crawford, rangy center, and "Rumsy" Reynolds were declared ineligible due to low marks. Nevertheless, since the team showed up well in a practice game with Angelica high school last week, Coach Ayers will probably use Captain Walker and Mel Lewellen in the back court positions while Walt Creque will jump center and Strong and Ben Armstrong will be located in the forward positions.

Both teams lost to the pace-setting juniors by twelve points while the seniors, after a slow start, defeated the sophomores 34-23. Tomorrow night's contest will be a crucial one for both teams. The Sages must win to keep in the race, and the Yearlings, after losing games to the sophs and juniors, are hoping that the seniors will be the one team that they can hit their stride against.

Sports Flash . . .

Running wild in a weird last half, a fast-moving sophomore quintet last night defeated the freshman squad 31-22. Leading at the half 17-14, Harry Walker's yearling basketweavers fell completely apart in the last two quarters, failing to annex a single field goal, while Red Fenton's men scored consistently to run up their second win of the current basketball season. Percil Stratton led the winners with eight tallies while Walker and Armstrong were the leading frosh scorers. In the first game, Ruth Ortlip led the sophomore women to a 30-8 win over a hapless frosh outfit.

Deacons Undeclared In Minor Loop Play

The minor league basketball schedule has been in operation now for nearly a month, and the teams have settled down with their rosters complete and their spirits running high. They each lack only practice in gaining their conquests since at times football tactics are employed, and at others the easiest shots in the game are missed with the utmost dexterity.

First of all, the Print Shop and Linquist House teams played with the former squad winning by the score, 32-25. Both teams looked like well-balanced gridiron forces, the game being a rough and tumble one from start to finish. High scorers were Creque for Linquist's with 16 points and Jim Hughes and "String" Miller with 12 points each.

Two days later Mrs. Bowen's high school lads took to the floor and eked out a two-point win over the Tucker House representatives, 17-15. The high school boys took the initiative from the start and built up their lead in the early stages of the game, a lead which carried them on to victory. Brownlee, the Tucker House center, tallied 8 points for the losers.

In the next game, the high riding Theologs took the disorganized Print Shop forces 29-17. The Deacons displayed a well-balanced passing attack but their shooting was still ragged. The Print Shop lost their heads during the last half, and the Deacons were enabled to toss the ball in freely. Bert Hall was high scorer for the religious ed majors with 9 points; Miller for the Print Shop boys with 6 counters.

Last Thursday afternoon the Theologs won their third straight, taking the Tucker House 33-12. The Tucker House boys put up a game fight, but the odds were heavy against them. The Deacons' defense was nearly impenetrable during most of the game. The Seaman boys, Ed and Ralph, were the high scorers of the afternoon, each tallying 8 points for the Deacons.

Last Friday an improved Woolsey House team downed the printer's "Devils" 39-27. Taking an early lead, the boys from the Woolsey House added to their margin steadily as the teamwork of the Print Shop team became ragged. Led by Don Pratt who piled up 15 points, every member of the team scored at least once. "String" Miller was the high scorer for the day with 16 points.

Because of the loss of their scoring aces, R. Hazlett and R. Beach, the fighting High School forces were downed 20-13 by the Linquist House team. With these two on the court, Mrs. Bowen's lads would have come off the floor victorious. The contest was dull and slow as the Linquist boys, sparked by the presence of their ace, "Jim" Marsh, could not get underway. High scorer for the day was G. Barnett with 9 points to his credit.

The three leading scorers in the league up to this date are: Paul Miller, Print Shop, 36; Jim Hughes, Print Shop, 25; Bert Hall, Theologs, 19.

Junior Juggernaut Crushes Soph Quintet 32-23; Also Smashes Yearlings 34-23

Prelim Features Fancher Scoring

The junior jaguars rolled to victory in both ends of a twin bill with the frosh on Saturday evening, November 15. Although both yearling outfits showed plenty of fight, they proved an easy prey for the more experienced hoopsters of their sister class.

The junior men made an early bid for victory, scoring nine points in the first stanza of the game on two field goals by Sheffer, another by Clark, and one by Paine to lead by a 9-2 count at the quarter. Harry Walker accounted for the frosh points by dumping in two free throws. From this point, the boys in maroon went on to win easily, outscoring their opponents in every frame but the last, when buckets by Lewellen, Armstrong and Walker were too much for the two pointers dumped in by Hughes.

In the second quarter the frosh came to life and rang up six counters on two goals by Walker and another by Armstrong; but the juniors, not to be outdone, tallied eleven to lead 20-8 at half-time. Two goals by Clark, one by Sheffer and one by Clark, sent the junior team to the showers, at which point the reserves taking over, scored six more points in the third quarter and two in the final period. Bill Work accounted for six points personally. Top scoring honors went to Clark for the winners and Walker for the frosh, with 10 apiece.

Taking an early first period lead, the junior feds were never pressed, as is shown by the 35-4 count. The frosh failed to score a field goal during the first half and the juniors led at half time 22-2, both frosh tallies having been scored from the charity stripe. Five points tossed by Gwen Fancher for the juniors summed up the third period activity, and six more in the final quarter concluded the junior scoring, while Reynolds dumped in a two-pointer to bring the frosh total to 4.

Gwen Fancher starred for the winners, pouring in 25 of her team's points, while Reynolds and Hazlett shared offensive hands for the vanquished. Worthy of note was the fine defensive game played by frosh guard, Ruth Brooks.

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Junior Feds Eke Out One-point Win

Capitalizing on a slow-breaking but snappy offense, the junior men found their sophomore opponents to be a pushover when they met on the Bedford Gym court last Friday evening, defeating the second year men 32-23. The zone defense set up by the boys in green seemed inadequate in checking the efforts of the juniors, as all but two of the ten men on the junior squad scored field goals.

After the sophs opened the scoring, the juniors drew blood, as Clark pushed one through the hoop early in the first period, and they never relinquished the lead. Kennedy pushed one in from quarter-court, and the sophs retaliated when a snappy bit of passwork gave Stratton a lay-up; however, field goals by Paine and Clark quickly squelched the rally. Score at the quarter, 8-2.

Erratic passes and violations cost the sophomores the ball on many occasions as the juniors capitalized on these breaks to score again and again during the second period. Brodhead Sheffer and Woolsey scored two buckets apiece, and Kennedy dumped in another from quarter-court to outscore the sophs 10-5 in the second period, the soph tallies coming on goals by Tuttle and Bennett and a free throw by Morris. Score at half-time, 18-7.

The junior reserves started the second half and played well in matching the soph offense basket for basket. Work led the junior attack with a one-hander from the foul circle and Dave Morrison matched it. Then the sophs came back to score six points on two goals by Morris and another by long Tony LaSorte, but Work dropped another in to make the score 24-13 after three quarters of play.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

THIS AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 4—
3:30 Theologs vs. H. S.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5—
4:30 Juniors vs. Soph (men)
7:30 Seniors vs. Frosh
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8—
3:30 Linquist vs. Tucker
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9—
3:30 Frosh vs. H. S. (women)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10—
3:30 Seniors vs. Sophs (men)

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