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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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They Say--

By Walt Sheffer

The most burning question of controversy on the campus at present seems to involve the student council's dealings with those who violated the rule regarding outside athletic contest. Comment on the subject has flown thick and fast with some thinking (others not) the council did the right thing while others hold to the belief that disciplinary action of this sort is not a function of the student representatives. Perhaps you are interested in the way some of the issues line up so here goes.

In the latter school of thought we find the sophomores' captain, Glen Mix, who states "I think the boys should be punished, but I don't think it is up to the student council to do so. It is my belief that the council should try to aid the students more and represent rather than hinder them." James Bence turns this argument with a bit of print shop philosophy "as far as the student council goes they can help the institution to enforce the rules. But when it comes to laying on punishment of any kind, that should be left entirely up to the faculty."

Differing somewhat from these points of view, Dean Thompson points out that "It was a fine thing for the council to take the initiative and I think it strengthened their prestige but I didn't like the method of enforcement that was used." (Dean here refers to the fact that no list of names was presented but that it was left up to the offending students to stay out of the gym or

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Faculty Arise and Shine At Special Christmas Party Celebration

The girls who were wondering what all the noise in the dorm was Monday night know now. It was the faculty Christmas party! Quite a bit of the hilarity was caused by the Rev. Mr. Black as he tried to take short-cuts to the empty chairs when the "gang" was playing Going to Jerusalem, as adapted by Miss Frieda Gillette to the story of the Crusades.

Two year old Marjorie Helen Paine added to the program by bravely reciting "Little Jack Horner," with much emphasis on "tuck, thumb pull plum." Ellwood Douglas, aged four gave all of "The Night before Christmas" by memory.

The faculty quartet, Dr. Woolsey, first tenor, Mr. Boon, second tenor, Mr. McNeese, baritone solo, and Prof. Frank Wright, bass with Prof. Wilfred Bain at the piano, caused much fun. They just couldn't keep in tune.

Imagine the look on Dr. Small's face when he opened his gift to find he had been presented with a little white baby bib. Miss Pool also seemed to be quite delighted with her elephant cookie cutter. Presents were in every size, shape, and color of stocking imaginable, hung on the Christmas tree.

The dinner, cafeteria style, was held at 6:30 in the dining room.

Stephan Hero, Violinist, Next Artist Coming

Appears on Chapel Rostrum On Thursday Evening, January 6

Soloist with Orchestras

Newspaper Comment Points To Splendid Rating From Critics

The third number on the current Artist Series will bring to the chapel rostrum Stephan Hero, violinist, on Thursday, January 6, 1938.

This rising young violinist has scored as soloist with three major orchestras: *The Chicago Symphony*, *The Rochester Civic* and *The National Symphony of Washington*.

Herman Devries, in the *Chicago American*, said: "His tone is lovely in texture, also he has a technique enabling him to surmount all difficulties with the utmost ease and he phrases with that suavity for which the Gallic school is justly famous."

Steward Sabin, in the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, said: "He has a tone to win him public friendship. There is a type of violin tone that is like a peach skin, in that it is soft, and yet strong enough to stand stresses and strains and colors beautifully. Hero has such a tone; and last night he managed aptly to make Lalo's lush tunefulness and deftly Spanish bravura appeal strongly. He had one of the most prolonged stage recalls at the close of his performance that one remembers at these concerts."

Alice Eversman, in the *Washington Evening Star*, said: "His tone is large and holds that something not learnable, which gives pleasure to the heart. He played the Brahms Concerto with musically rounding out of the phrase and with clear technique, which was not troubled by the demands upon it. The impression of his playing left the desire to hear his fine gifts again."

Eugene Stinson, in the *Chicago Daily News*, said: "Played with an extremely beautiful tone and with most enviable facility."

Weary of Pondering? Here Are Some Suggestions for that Present

Seeing as how you have decided to play Santa Claus this Christmas perhaps you are in a bit of a predicament trying to decide just what would be nicest and would still be appropriate. Why not make up your mind right now just what you are going to give, and purchase it at the first opportunity thereby saving all that futile tearing around on Christmas eve. Here are a few timely suggestions which might or might not be used to an advantage.

So Long, Pals!

Winter hit Houghton with a bang—and so has Christmas! Said Walter Ferchen recently, following a beautiful spill on the ice: "I just went into a tail-spin, and my keel grounded. But I don't care", he chirped "because when its winter I want it to be cold and snowy, so I'll know its winter."

Before many hours have passed, the campus will be bare of life and activity; yet that Christmas spirit which has been developing for the past weeks will go with us. Who cares if the roads are slippery, and the snow flurries come! Who cares? Christmas is here, and we want Christmas to be joyous, just so. *We will know it is Christmas.*

Social Science Club Host to Discussion

President Roosevelt, as portrayed by Marcus Wright, entertained the leading figures of the great powers at an international banquet held in the chapel by the Social Science club on Monday evening, Dec. 13.

The President, after welcoming his guests, invited them to say a few words—a toast to their own country.

Anthony Eden (Walt Sheffer) of Great Britain stated that England was in the position of a man about to be hung. Further remarks disclosed the fact that England is already swinging one way and another.

Japan was ably represented by its Emperor Hirohito (Park Tucker) who informed the powers that he was not sure he should not be home making alibis for smashing his friends' battleships.

Joseph Stalin (William Muir) boasted that while England is playing football and Japan is playing with China, Russia is working. He fiercely declared his belief that world brotherhood would come only through the principles of Lenin.

Benito Mussolini (Francis Whiting) hoped that Fascism would continue and conquer in Italy's neighbor across the Mediterranean.

The president closed the banquet with the words: "Let us strive to do our best for our individual countries."

Carl Driscoll closed the meeting with a short talk on "The True Christmas Spirit" which he said is embodied in the command "give thyself".

FOR HER

When in doubt, it's always wise to give perfume, but for heaven's sake, use discretion in selecting your scents! Some of the newer creations include De Toi je Chante, Katherine the Great, Crepe de Chine, etc. (decide for yourself) and while we're on the topic, how about a tall Chrome trimmed atomizer, white kid gloves with gold buttons, a yellow gold compact (with the college seal,

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College Oratorio Society Has Annual Presentation For "Messiah" by Handel

President Interrupts Psalm Talks; Mentions Handel

Departing from the usual custom of a study of the Psalms, Dr. Paine led chapel on Tuesday with an interesting discussion of the life of George Handel and his most famous work "The Messiah".

The talk was followed by the informal singing of several Christmas carols under the direction of Professor Bain.

"Christus Parvulus," Play In Latin, Presented For Club Chapel

A pageant "Christus Parvulus" by Dwight Nelson Robinson was performed in chapel Dec. 15 by the Latin club. The chairman for this program was Zilpha Gates. She was assisted by Hilda Giles who was in charge of the chorus, and by Margaret Morris, Alice Rose, and Margaret Clement who had charge of the costumes and stage properties.

The characters for the pageant were: Isaiah—William Bisgrove who gave the prophecy of the birth of Christ; Mary—Norva Bassage; Joseph—Russell Gilbert; the three Wise Men—Jesse DeRight, Don Healey, and Beverly Luckey; the three shepherds—Harlan Tuthill, Ray Carpenter, and Sanford Smith.

This play was a Christmas mystery play and the songs sung were Latin Christmas hymns. The prose selections were almost directly copied from the Latin Vulgate.

Linoleum Cuts and Xmas Cards Feature Art Club

The technique of making linoleum cuts and Christmas cards was featured in the final meeting of the Art club for the year 1937, held on Monday evening, Dec. 13.

The program, planned by a committee consisting of Anne Madwid (chairman), Josephine Rees and Don Kauffman, was opened by the singing of several Christmas songs, led by Claribel Saile. Two readings were given by Marjorie Roberts and Josephine Rees. Miss Ortlip talked on making linoleum cuts.

The practical side of art was next emphasized as the club members spent the remaining time in beginning linoleum cuts and making Christmas cards of a new type, using a tempera base supplemented with india ink.

The greatest editorial of all time—that which was handed down to Moses from Mount Sinai.

Marks Sixth Year in Which This Work Has Been X-mas Feature

Bain Is Again Conductor

Soloists for the Occasion Are: Bain, Fiske, Bedford And Homan

For the sixth consecutive year the Houghton college Oratorio society ushered in the Christmas season Friday evening with the presentation of George Frederick Handel's immortal "Messiah."

Under the masterful direction of Prof. Wilfred C. Bain, the chorus gave a performance which in tone quality and balance befitted a more mature choir.

The choral numbers showed unusual breath of interpretation. Especially appreciated were "And the Glory of the Lord," "For unto us a child is born," "Worthy is the Lamb," and the unforgettable "Hallelujah Chorus."

The soloists of the evening were Doris Bain, Soprano; Luella Fisk, Contralto; Halward Homan, Tenor; Richard Chamberlain, Baritone; and Wayne Bedford, Bass. The unusually fine quality of these singers was in keeping with the high calibre of the entire performance. Much of the credit for the success of the "Messiah" is due Mrs. Edith Noss Arlin for her splendid accompaniment at the piano.

The program opened with a recitative by Hal Homan, tenor soloist, entitled "Comfort ye my people" and the air "Every Valley". He con-

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Gymnasium Score-Board Gift from Class of 1938

Athletics have been neglected in regard to class gifts decided the senior class when they adopted the suggestion of Coach McNeese that an electric score board would be a splendid addition to the gymnasium and would fulfill the requirements which stated that the gift should be a useful luxury.

The scoreboard was unveiled on Dec. 10 and was presented to the school by Howard Andrus, president of the Senior class. It is a splendidly equipped 6' by 3' board with a separate bulb for each number and places provided for the score and the minutes in the quarter. The board is operated from the time-keeper's bench and is wired by a 70 foot cable containing 55 individual strands.

The board is to be used only in regular class games and in the purple-gold series.

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The EDITOR'S DESK

THINGS WE WONDER ABOUT

... Why we crab about the chapel programs being monotonous and then show an unsympathetic attitude toward a clever student chapel such as the recent Latin club program. Those participating were continually on the defensive, showing a lack of understanding on our part of the amount of time and skill it took to put on such a program. If we're attempting to minimize the amount of student effort or abolish student chapels altogether, this is the way we can do it.

... Why we crab about the referee instead of recognizing the awkwardness of the largest share of our inter-class basketball players. No referee on the floor has ever been able to satisfy the one in the balcony. One long boo for the referee of the referee.

... Why we crab about the people with whom we associate. A very paradoxical coincidence is reflected in the fact that the "peace and good will season" at Houghton is featuring a particularly luscious morsel of gossip—rather, 300 versions of the one choice morsel. In all popular courts except that of public sentiment the defendant is never considered guilty until formally declared so. Remembering "stones" in relation to "glass houses", we'd better all develop broken arms.

... Why we crab about the food. Figure the number of meals we eat in a year and compare with the amount we pay for board. Then go to dinner and feel guilty about ordering seconds.

... Why we crab.

H. G. A.

THE CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

This world has little room for Christ, yet it appropriates for its own unscrupulous use and base gain the Advent Season. We can ill afford to allow our observance of the festival of the nativity to be shaped and colored by those who have turned away from the side of the lowly Jesus to pagan ways.

It is incumbent on us who know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour to show forth the true meaning of Christmas. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." This is the only meaning of Christmas and this we must proclaim. Only before this banner of salvation will pagan practices give way to the Christian Christmas.

— F. E. W.

Excerpts From the Cuba "Patterns"

The Cuba Poetry club, which includes persons from various parts of the county in its membership, has recently published selections from its annual poetry output in the form of a booklet called "Patterns." The "Patterns" include a Spenserian Stanza, Quatrains, a lyric, a hokku, a cinquain, couplets, a Petrarchian sonnet, a Shakespearean sonnet, a villanelle, free verse, miniature epic, a 5-2-4-2, blank verse, and a poem illustrating onomatopoeia and interior rhyming. Among the writers are Ransom Richardson (37) and Professor S. D. Babbitt.

In the early fall the Club had a poetry exhibit at the Cuba library, in which they displayed one folder of material provided by Houghton—first prize poems from various literary contests.

A few of the poems in "Patterns" follow:

Footsteps

(Cinquain)

A flight of footsteps on the sand—
Moon glitters playfully
In heel and toe.
Then the tide in larger boots,
And they are gone.

Ransom Richardson, Jr.

Noon on Canadea Lake

There's a gentle, soothing, purring
in the bordering trees a-stirring,
As the poplars start to quiver, and
the blazing waters shiver
In a quaking, shaking motion of the
mildest agitation.

Then the hum and the thrum and
the murmuring of bees,
The stridulation of the cricket in the
grass beneath the thicket,
Are but lost neglected lore, as the
wavelets on the shore

Roll and rock like a cradle with the
coming of the breeze.
And the pebbles clink and tinkle, as
the wavelets break and twinkle
In a diamond-studded line where the
golden sunbeams shine
In their play on the spray as the rolling
waves recede.

There's a weaving, gentle heaving,
as of a molten ocean,
Then a scattering, a shattering, a
quickenings to strife,
As with dancing and with prancing
the surface comes to life,
And the lake springs awake with a
mincing, magic motion

Till the rollicking and frolicking
break into paths of foam
Where the whitecaps scud away and
with dazzling diamonds play
While the breeze, like a tease, madly
catches up the spray
And with whipping sends it skipping,
weeping copiously, home.

Shirley D. Babbitt
(Example of onomatopoeia and interior rhyming)

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Presents Climax French Club Christmas Meeting

"Ooo—just see what I got!" excited French Club members squealed at the meeting Friday afternoon, as they all tried to show one another their presents at the same time. It was a fitting climax to the delightful Christmas party.

The program was begun by singing French Christmas carols. As part of the more instructive entertainment the president, Norva Bassage, read the familiar story of the first Christmas from a French Bible. Bob Torrey read a short story about Christmas in France.

After the gifts had been distributed members played games as they munched the delicious candy provided by the committee.

PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Esther Hart

"Isn't she sweet?" exclaimed people nearly twenty-two years ago as they bent over a small cradle containing Esther Geil Hart—and people have been saying the same thing about her ever since.

Since her birth on December 30, 1915, her home has been located in Doylestown, Pennsylvania where she was graduated from high school in 1934. Her main interest during her sojourn at Doylestown high school centered around music and art, although she was also an active member of the French club.

Because of her obliging disposition and capability she has held several responsible positions during her four-year stay in Houghton. She has served as secretary of the Goyadeo hall, social secretary of the W.Y.P.S. secretary of the senior class, and student body secretary.

Of her college life Esther says: "Attending a Christian college such as Houghton has been a privilege for which I am very thankful. I shall always cherish the Christian friendships I have enjoyed here and the many opportunities given for Gospel work."

Eurica Heidel

On the cold winter's night, February 25, 1915 there was heard a faint cry in the Heidel home in Franklinville, New York from a tiny girl. Here Eurica attended the Ten Boeck academy where she graduated in 1933. During her four years of high school she was active in varsity basketball, and archery. She was captain of the Girl Scouts and a member of the Girl reserves. Eurica also won first prize in an oratorical contest for town and county in Western New York.

In 1933 Eurica entered Houghton college as a freshman. She chose English as her major and Latin and History as minors. In all three of these fields Eurica excels. During her years at Houghton she has taken part in the a capella choir, Forensic Union, Ministerial association, Expression club and Mission Study class. At the present time this industrious young lady is a nurse at the county hospital. She is also on the staff of state public welfare.

With regard to Miss Heidel's idea of Houghton college, she is quoted thus: "I shall always cherish as rich treasures the friendships I have made at Houghton."

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THEY SAY . . . !

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run the risk of worse punishment.) "The action strengthened the authority of the council. The students should have known more," Dick Wright replies as he takes his stand beside Frank Taylor for the punishment inflicted as a result of the misdemeanor. Frankie, although he believes that the handbook rule on athletics should not be there, says, "As long as it is there it is up to the student council to enforce it."

Coach McNeese and Vic Murphy express the sentiments of the Athletic Association that those violating the ruling should cause their teams to forfeit all games in which they engage. Other schools have eligibility rules, why shouldn't Houghton?

Those affected by the ruling seem to be taking their proverbial medicine like good sports. As "Bob" Torrey puts it, "We knew the risk we were taking. We took it and lost. I can't kick now." Dean Sellman chimes in "It's O. K. by me," whereupon H. Lasher adds "They deserved it."

The HOKUM WEAKLY EFFORT

This week's guest offender
RUTH WALTON

Have all you good little boys and girls written your letters to Santa Claus (or at least the proper hints in those letters home)? For instance, concerning the faint possibilities of a real honest-to-goodness skating rink practically at our very doorstep—just a good tumble down the hill—and my, wouldn't a feller or girl be happy with a pair of ice-skates all his very own?

Or maybe you just sort of emphasize the extra cold weather we have in these parts—consider the radiator conventions. No end of nice things could come out of a well-worded suggestion like that (but no red flannels please)! And did you know that Peg Schlafer has it all figured out why these freshmen have so many colds? It's from the drafts Miss Rickard has been making them write lately. Freshmen, if it's been getting you down, you might see Mrs. Lee for a remedy. She's the best doctor on the force, her cure-all being good old-fashioned castor oil—ask Jimmy Gancher.

But how is the pretty coed to confess that what she really wants this Christmas is a—a cookbook? Perhaps instead Houghton might offer a course in home-economics, open to all with or without prospects. (would-be bachelors especially welcome, since even classroom associations have their points.) Marv Eyster has offered his services as instructor. While we're adding new courses and getting ourselves all pre-registered, how about a course in scoreboard operating? Future generations must be trained to fill the shoes of our worthy senior "ex". Superior intelligence being required, only 3-point men are eligible.

Santa really ought to bring a megaphone apiece for each sophomore and senior—or maybe a pair of hearty lungs in the bunch would do the trick—just so the aforesaid crowd could drown out the junior interference. Or, if Santa could only work out some simple cheers—something within the scope of college intelligence—

Say, wouldn't a nice-sized alarm clock fit well within the toe of a sock—a clock equipped to emit the enticing aroma of sweet rolls and hot coffee (really hot under the new "efficiency to please you system" of the waitorial horde) at the same time murmuring gently something about "breakfast at seven"—nothing jarring to the nerves. Maybe true diplomacy like that would bring more of the campus sleepy-heads to breakfast than the use of force. Even force begun at 3:30 a. m. doesn't phase our tow-headed postman. He just won't get up before breakfast.

Someplace in Santa's pack there must be the ideal contraption—something that will automatically open and close the library windows and also continue to keep the laboring populace awake. If this latter duty were arranged for, the rest of us would have so much more time to devote to—well, to something else. Of course, it is a shame to sacrifice a fine snore like that which Bruce Densmore has perfected.

There's still the problem of what to do with those presents the like of which we can't imagine Aunt Emma ever thought we'd be wanting—in other words, the white elephants.

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Definite Effort to Give College Support Is Planned by Chapters

Cattaraugus, Chautauqua Alumni Hold Separate Get-togethers

A definite effort is being made by alumni chapters to replace "dead wood" on the mailing lists with those who, because of interest in Christian education, might become influential supporters of Houghton, if they became acquainted with the school. This alumni project was definitely taken up in the two chapter meetings which have been held this month, the one at Cattaraugus on Dec. 6 and that at Chautauqua on Dec. 15.

A steak dinner at the home of Willett and Ruth Albro ('30 and '33) opened the Chautauqua meeting. President Paine discussed school progress, showed pictures of the college, and gave a report of Home Coming including the presentation of the picture of President Luckey by the class of '38. Considerable interest was shown by those present, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. Willett Albro, Alta Albro ('28), Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomas ('29 and '30), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leffingwell ('31 and ex '26), Clemence Eddy ('37), the Rev. and Mrs. Miles Wagner (1910-13) and children, Jean and Robert, Helen Wiltie ('33) and Rev. and Mrs. Verne Dunham (h. s. '34).

A number of subscriptions to *The Man of the Hour* were taken. Hugh Thomas was elected chapter president for the coming year, and Mrs. Thomas secretary. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5.

Thirteen attended the meeting at Cattaraugus, held at Luce's restaurant. Ellsworth Brown presided, and President Paine was the main speaker of the occasion. Helen Miller ('23-24) was elected corresponding secretary, with the idea that she will contact someone in each community where there are Houghton alumni and try to get that person to be responsible for inducing others to come to the chapter meetings, the next one of which will occur in the spring, the time and place to be set by the President.

Election of officers resulted in Ellsworth Brown's being re-elected president, and Ivone Wright ('36) secretary-treasurer.

Return of McMillens Is Beginning of Furlough

Dr. and Mrs. Sim I. McMillen returned on furlough December 2, having spent three terms as missionaries to Sierra Leone, West Africa, under the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mrs. Alice Hampe McMillen was for four years (1922-1926) Dean of Women here at Houghton.

Dr. and Mrs. McMillen have been stationed at Kamakwie hospital and dispensary. The following facts show the enormity of the task there: 233 major operations in one year, 22,000 treatments by the doctor, 4,500 treatments by the nurse, 23 cataracts removed, 150-160 treatments for minor ailments every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

The return of the McMillens leaves the station manned by one nurse alone, Miss Roberta Wylie. One of our own number is hoping to go to this field sometime during 1938—Miss Eulah Purdy.

Please remember: newspaper make-up—like trousers, over-coats and candy bars—is a matter of taste.

NEWS FLASHES

Elmo Corsette ('33) was one of six in western New York to pass his state board examinations in dentistry. Mr. Corsette is now working in the Eastman Dispensary in Rochester, but he hopes soon to establish a private office.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Price Stark on November 21 at Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, a daughter, Ruth Ann. Rev. and Mrs. Stark returned to Africa last April for their second term on the mission field. Mr. Stark is in charge of the boy's school at Binkola and is superintendent of the outstations near the school. Mrs. Stark ('25) was Dean of Women here from 19-27-29. Their address is Makeni, Sierra Leone.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hammond have moved from Coudersport, Pa. to Angelica, N. Y. where Mr. Hammond is manager of the Market Basket store. Mrs. Hammond was Grace Wright (ex. '25) before her marriage. She is now visiting at the home of her parents, Prof. and Mrs. F. H. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott of Brandon, Vermont are spending the winter at Levant with their son, the Rev. E. L. Elliott and family. Mr. Elliott, Sr. was superintendent of grounds here for several years following 1911.

Harold Elliott ('34) has received his appointment to internship in the Deaconess Hospital in Buffalo. He will begin his work there next fall.

President's Secretary Will Discontinue Office Duties

When speaking of Miss Lena Stevenson, secretary to the president, Miss Alice Pool, high school French teacher, stated, "She treats me fine outside, but when she gets in the office, Oh, Oh!" No longer will Miss Pool be forced to meet the belligerent gaze of Lena when entering the office, for we are told that she is leaving our elevating environment on Dec. 21. Miss Stevenson would disclose nothing except that she has acted as secretary to the president since her graduation in 1933 and that she intends to go to her home in Jersey City and work.

Miss Grace Fitch of Champaign, Illinois will take Miss Stevenson's place. Previously Miss Fitch has been a secretary in the agricultural department of the University of Illinois.

Three Extension Groups Assist in Services

Willis Elliot spoke in the Pike Presbyterian church Sunday morning, Dec. 12. James Bence assisted in the service. Myra Fuller and Jeannette Frost furnished special music.

Loren Smith, Edwin Holley, Lois Roughan, and Martha Neighbor conducted service in Castile. The first service was Christian Endeavor in the Methodist Episcopal church, and the second the evening in the Baptist church.

Harold Boon spoke in the Christian and Missionary Alliance church in Hornell. A quartet composed of Walter Ferchen, Lester Paul, David Paine, and Robert Danner assisted in the services.

PERSONNEL

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Arthur Lynip

"It scarcely seems possible that within a very few weeks my Houghton days will be completed. And although I am extremely anxious to get out and accomplish something worth while, I have a feeling that my departure from Houghton will be taken with deep regret," said Arthur Lynip as he thought about the three and one half years and one summer he has spent at Houghton.

Born at Rochester, New York, October 14, 1913, he lived there all his life with the exception of two years when he "slipped out" using the back door in going to a suburban farm. But he "got back in without being noticed" because he hadn't "signed out". After finishing public school he entered Monroe high school where he was a "current visitor to the disciplinary office." He graduated from this school in 1932.

For the two depression years after completing his high school education he had no permanent work but the following positions: during high school, clerk in a grocery store; supply manager for a department store; farm helper; chef in the German home; waiter; caretaker, between school years, of a religious camp on Canandaigua lake; clerk at a soda fountain. But he also "walked the streets plenty".

College life for him has not been merely study. Arthur has entered into the extra-curricular activities of Forensic Union (being critique in his junior year and secretary-treasurer in his senior year), inter-class debate, Varsity debate, assistant news editor of *The Star*, associate editor of *The Star*, member of his class *Star* staff, first prize winner (in his freshman year) of the Oratorical contest, Literary contest, winner, chorus, W.Y.P.S. extension work, and vice president of his class during his sophomore year.

At present he serves as president of the student council, contact man for the constitutional revision league, and a student in New York university extension courses for graduate credit.

While in high school his main hobbies were stamp collecting and entomology. Now, however, he spends his time swimming and reading—especially books on Greek literature and sociology.

As a small boy, Arthur always wanted to be a preacher. He used to prop a colored doll up on a chair and preach to it. When the little Reverend thought that his audience wasn't listening he would pick it up and spank it over his knee. Any position he accepts after his graduation will be only temporary, graduate work being his next objective.

Because of his experience in high school, Arthur's main ambition is to be of help to young fellows as they face the problems which come to every maturing youth.

June Powell

On June 3, 1918, little Evelyn June Powell was born in Corteville, New York. She attended grammar school there and then moved to Fillmore where she completed her high school career. While at Fillmore High School, June took part in the glee club, and was treasurer of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

After her graduation in June, 1934 June was enrolled at Houghton College in September of that year. While at Houghton, June majored in public school music and plans to teach it in the future. Her extra-curricular activities have been chorus, chapel choir, a cappella choir, music club, and band.

June sums up her four years at Houghton by saying: "Houghton has taught me to realize the really worthwhile things in life."

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Sunday Services

The Greatest Book

"The Bible is human in its body and history and it is divine in its truth and infallible inspiration," the Rev. E. W. Black said Sunday morning, Dec. 11. "If the Bible is not true, I have lost everything—my soul and my all. We may see the beauty of the book and consider the human element as a masterpiece. But it has more than human beauty, it has a divine element. It is the living Word of God. To understand the Bible one must have the Holy Spirit as teacher and interpreter. David prized the Word highly and meditated in it day and night. It is a book complete in itself, never growing old from repeated readings. Let us read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy."

The Time Is not Come

"How many people today are saying 'The time is not come?'" Keith Sackett asked Sunday evening, Dec. 12, in W. Y. P. S. Speaking from the first chapter of Haggai, he pointed out that the Jews said that the time had not come to build the house of God. Many are saying the same thing of the church today, but it is time to build His Church. Are we lax in working for Him? Let us consider our ways. Our seed must be planted in fertile ground, rather than in thorny places. We must work rightly for Him. This we can do by faith.

Price of Unbelief

"There is some pleasure in sin, but it does not give lasting joy," the Rev. Mr. Black said Sunday evening, Dec. 12, in considering "The Price of Unbelief". It does cost not to be a Christian. It cost the Jew the deepest longing of soul, the awful displeasure of God, and the terrible destruction of Jerusalem. It will cost us today more than it did the Jew not to become Christian. If we perish, we perish knowing what we should do; our condemnation will be according to light we receive. Unbelief will cost us the deepest longings of soul, the peace of our conscience, and the loss of the favor of God both in life and in death. The greatest cost of unbelief is the loss of the soul. But, there is a way out. For "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Uphold Standard Exhorts

Carpenter at Prayer Meet

Raymond Carpenter, leading student prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, said, "It is our duty to uphold the standards entrusted to us." We must see that the spiritual standards of Houghton are ever on an upward trend, and that we guard carefully against any compromise. We can not afford to be nominal Christians, but we must go further with Christ. We must go further in prayer, in study, in devotion, in witnessing. We must seek strength from the Lord, and be zealous in His work.

HOKUM EFFORT

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Take a tip from Pastor Black who at the recent faculty party traded his white elephant for a rubber mouse—most practical indeed. That party where the honorable faculty members exported themselves in a most kiddish fashion while we students studied out A. B. C's or the next day's recitations! No report is available as to what Dr. Small intends to do with the bib he received.

With these things in mind, be good, and don't forget to hang your stockings up!

Extra! Extra! Party At Gaoyadeo Hall Is Considered Success

Extra! Extra! Read all about the big Christmas party held in Gaoyadeo Hall at nine o'clock in the evening of December 18. Amid the colorful array of pajamas and house coats, the program, under the supervision of Ruth Donohue, social chairman of the dorm, was put into full swing. A pageant, "The Other Wise Man" based on Van Dyke's story by the same title, was presented by a group of the dorm girls. Marion Smith starred in the production. It was written in drama form by the social chairman. Solos by Doris Veazie added to the entertainment.

Zilpha Gates, vice president of Gaoyadeo, presented Miss Driscal with a pair of Houghton book ends in behalf of the girls in appreciation of her work as Dean of Women. Following this, Santa's helpers gave each girl a gift. Immediately after the distribution of gifts, the girls formed a bread line. But instead of bread there were served delicious Christmas sundaes, hot chocolate and date bars—thanks to Celia French and her helpers for the "swell refreshments!"

To conclude the evening program the girls literally jammed the doors in their eagerness to help the "clean-up" committee.

Sunday School Class Holds Party at Mrs. Murphy's

The high school girl's Sunday school class enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. Murphy, the evening of Thursday, Dec. 9. They played several games, sang songs, and had a merry time around the crackling fire of the fireplace. Light refreshments consisted of hot chocolate, Dutch sandwiches, and cookies. Those present were: Clara Black, Odessa Clark, Vera Clocksin, Doris Elyer, Gwendolyn Fancher, Ruth Fancher, Esther Fulton, Janet Fyfe, Carolyn Hubley, Ruth Littorin, Mary Randall, Martha Woolsey, and Reita Wright.

Senior Girls' Class Guests of Misses Gillette, Rork

The senior girls were the guests of their Sunday school teachers, Miss Crystal Rork and Miss Frieda Gillette, at a Christmas dinner party held Thursday evening at the Gillette-Rork residence. There were about thirty who attended the party and joined in the fun around the open fireplace by singing carols and playing with "Popeye". Alice Rose, president of the class, presented the gifts to the teachers after the dinner. Gifts to the girls were distributed by Miss Gillette and Miss Rork. This is their third year as teachers of this group.

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Homing

(A lyric)

A night in December
When all was white
I looked up the valley
And saw a light.
Now this little light
Meant a lot to me
For it was where
I soon would be
I followed the ribbon
Of gold up the hill
Icicles hung
From each window sill.
In one of the windows
Was Mother's face;
Home at last—
My resting place.
John Setchel, age 12 years

Senior Women, Junior Men Win Their Games By Double Counts Initiating New Scoring System

Effective Zone Defense Is Big Obstacle to 4th Year Men

The senior boys stumbled to a 50-23 drubbing served up by the juniors Friday night, December 10. Crandall found his eye "hot" from the beginning of the game and dropped in a total of 21 points to lead the scoring column. The juniors kept the entire game well in hand and were never threatened. Again bad ball handling on the part of the seniors resulted in points for the juniors.

An effective junior zone defense kept the senior offense from shifting the few games in which the juniors played as a team and not as individuals.

"John Fritz" came through with a steady game both offensively and defensively, scoring 10 points.

Hopkins with 13 points kept the seniors in the game. The seniors showed praiseworthy spirit even in losing.

Gift Inspires Women

Betty Stone properly introduced the senior gift to the school, a new electric scoreboard, by dropping the first eight points of the game Friday night, Dec. 10. The gift seemed to inspire the seniors throughout the game; they scored as they pleased, with Stone scoring 14 points.

Scott came to life in the second half with some smart under-the-basket work to score 11 points. The senior defensive trio composed of Watson, Donohue and Donley played its usual brilliant defensive game. York played a fine game for the juniors. Final score: 27-10.

PERSONNEL

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Eunice Kidder

Eunice Lorraine Kidder, one of the most outstanding musicians of the senior class, first saw the light of day Sept. 18, 1916, just outside of Jamestown, N. Y., in the northwest corner of Kiantone township.

She attended the Newland avenue and Charles street grade schools and then entered Jefferson Junior High School. Here she was a member of the orchestra, glee club, and chorus, and during her ninth year, was accompanist for the orchestra and glee club. Next she entered Jamestown High School. One morning when Eunice came to school, the students began to shower congratulations upon her. Bewildered, Eunice finally asked why she was being congratulated and was informed that she stood third highest in her graduating class of 330 members. The same year she was elected to the National honor society.

Since Eunice has been in Houghton, she has risen high in the realm of music. She has been an active member in music club, chorus, orchestra, and chapel choir. This year she is a member of Forensic union, Social Science club, and W. Y. P. S.

Eunice has just completed eight weeks of teaching public school music in the downtown grade school and remarked that she liked teaching very much.

When asked what Houghton had meant to her, she replied: "I am very glad that I came to Houghton. My four years here have meant more to me than I could ever say."

Christmas Remembrances

For the "yearling yeomen"—a half-dozen insurance policies against loss from "vagabond fever" and indictitis (index-itis).

For the "soph stalwarts"—new hats (Several sizes larger)

For the "jittery juniors"—ten cases of Wheaties for consumption before the second and third quarters.

For the "sages"—first aid kits

For the "academy lads"—a book: "Stories of the Traveling Sellman"

The boys march home for vacation to the following tunes:

Sophs:—"I'm way up h'ar—you're way down th'yar.

H. S.—"All of me—why not take all of me".

Frosh:—"You can't have everything"

Seniors:—"That old feeling"

Punitive Action Is Object At Student Basketball Confab

With the student council as mediator between the faculty and the basketball teams, a joint meeting was held between these two student groups, concerning disciplinary action with regard to college teams playing outside teams.

This action was the result of the faculty having learned of the outside game; the student council handled the infraction in order to prevent official disciplining of those involved.

Five individuals were privately informed that their participation was known; no effort was made to discover whether or not there were others who played. The Council acted to help the offenders and plans to take no further action unless it can function in that capacity.

In addition to the handbook rule which sets a penalty of forfeiting athletic privileges for a period of ten weeks, it was also decided that if, during the ten weeks period any of those ineligible, whether they were first ascertained or not, should take part in any game and it be found out, all the games in which they had participated should then be forfeited. It would be seen that this ten weeks period covers almost the whole of the basketball season, hence, those players who participated in the outside games are barred from any further participation in the basketball games this season.

No further punitive action will be taken unless an ineligible is discovered playing.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the kindnesses shown to us by the faculty, the student body, the freshman class and the print shop fellows during my recent bereavement.

Ronald Hess

Hall - Babcock

Margaret Babcock (ex'34) was united in marriage to Edwin H. Hall of Olean, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hall of Albany, at her home here on Nov. 25. Rev. F. W. Barber of Bolivar, uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate family.

Paine, Tuthill, Top First Round

The class basketball series is half over now and it seems fitting that we look over the rank and file of the teams to see who have piled up the most points so far. On the women's side of the court we see that Gerry Paine, stalwart member of the frosh squad, is high point woman with the amazing total of 48 points. Next in line comes another member of the frosh sextet, Peg Schlafer, blonde sister of "John Fritz", with a total of 47 points. She gave her team mate a very close run, only one point separating the two. The senior women's team contributed the next two members for in rank with Emma Scott's punishing the bucket for 35 points. That little blonde girl from Buffalo, petite Betty Stone, counted up to 28.

Now let us turn to the men's side. High Harlan Tuthill, the fellow with the long legs, sank the ball through the meshes for some 55 points. Sellman, correctly labeled the high school will-o'-the-wisp, pushed 47 counters through the loop. Next in line comes Jack Crandall, who, with his special kangaroo shot, succeeded in sinking points enough to put him in third place with an even 40 counters. The fourth place on the list is a tie between Frank Taylor, tall center of the soph-jumps, and Leland Webster of the senior sages. Frank was the choice for the all-college team last year and is living up to that honor. He scored 39 points.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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of course), or a white necklace with a ruby clasp would add a great deal to her attractiveness when stepping out. Other items to consider include, an alligator grain nail set, silver mesh mules, white chiffon gold-stripped hankies, a gold chain bracelet with a crystal cut plaque, a cornucopia rhinestone pin, or what could be more chic than a suede bag with gloves to match. However if you would like to get her something that she would be real proud of (and if you feel in the mood) nothing would be nicer than a one-karat sparkler in a platinum setting.

FOR HIM

No scents please! If he is that way let him get his own unless you would like to add it for good measure to an over night kit of tooled leather containing tooth-paste, shaving cream, lotion, and a razor. A military brush set, a Venetian ceramic, gold-flecked red elephant, or a desk pen with an onyx base would more than add to his room. If the gentleman is inclined toward sports a wicker lunch basket would come in handy, a white wool shirt with colored stripes, a ski jacket, a woollen scarf with gloves to match, or a rubber feeding dish for the pooch would be thoughtful. Then there are always the old standbys, ties and socks, which should be (if you must resort to them) knit wool in a brilliant plaid. Other wearing apparel would be very practical such as demibosom collarband shirts, a boatnecked pullover sweater, a pair of red leather, fireside model slippers, or a silk scarf (particularly welcomed with a tie to match). Accessories such as alligator grain belts with a monogrammed buckle or regimental striped braces (not garters but suspenders to you) always go over big. And what could be lovelier (and more expensive) than an electric shaver which could be used by the whole family. Perhaps a pair of mercerized lisle pajamas (the Weldon First Nighters are tops) wouldn't be too personal.

Frosh Team Is Forced to Bow To Junior Five

Yearling Women Decisively Win from Juniors By 32-21

The junior hardies took over the frosh minors by a score of 52-28 Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15. The frosh started off with a bang the first quarter and kept the score in their favor for the first period which ended with the board spelling out a two point lead for the frosh. These two teams have played for a longer period without scoring than any other two teams this year. It was over four minutes before more than two points were made. At the beginning of the second quarter the juniors started out on the court to bring the score up to an even keel and at the half it was some six points in their favor.

In the third period the frosh seemed to have lost their morale, or just could not make their shots while the senior classmen sank over twenty buckets. In the last period the hapless frosh seemed overwhelmed by the juniors' bombardment of the hoop and could not stop the terrific offensive of the upper classmen. The hardies marched down the floor for bucket after bucket till the score was up in the fifties when the junior second team took the floor. The game was ragged though the frosh fought hard. Harlan Tuthill was high scorer for the juniors, Pete Tuthill and Marsh for the frosh.

Continue Winning Streak

The frosh women continued their winning streak when they took over the hard fighting junior feds Monday afternoon, Dec. 13, by a score of 32-21. The upper class women started out in the game with the determination to win, but they could not cope with the superior floor work of the lower class sextet. The frosh started out in the first quarter with a spurt which left the juniors quite a few loops in the hole. The new score board started to count by two's for the frosh and continued this throughout the game. In the last quarter the juniors rallied and sank a few more baskets than the frosh in that quarter, but the score at the end of the game was still in the yearlings' favor.

Paine and Schlafer played good games at forward positions for the frosh with Paine sinking some 20 points to her credit. The frosh have a very good backfield in guards Burleigh, Wright and Patterson.

Margaret Wright Given State Scholarship

Margaret Wright, senior, has been informed by the state that she has received a state scholarship for the rest of her college days. This scholarship has been awarded to her because some one who has been going to college for three years has dropped college work and the scholarship falls to Margaret for one year. The name of the student who has been using the scholarship can not be ascertained.

A parallel incident happened last fall when Emma Scott, senior, fell heir to a state scholarship in the same manner.

Margaret Wright is the daughter of Professor and Mrs. Stanley Wright of Houghton.



SPORT SHOTS

by Jack Crandall

The new score board supplies a really "tearing need" in our athletic system. It supplies a "spark" to the games of both spectators and players perceptibly. Although it has not eliminated the element of uncertainty of the outcome (that would ruin everything) everybody is now sure of the score, a situation which did not prevail prior to the erection of their luminous information device. The senior coeds baptized their donation with a shower of field goals which kept both the board and crowd blinking. They looked like court queens as they dominated the struggle in royal fashion from the first to last of the timer's siren. Ironically enough the object of the sages' generosity boldly told the story of their fate as they were buried under an avalanche of their opponents' double-deckers.

Resolved: To give more active moral support to the class teams by attendance at both women's and men's games.

Resolved: To maintain the policy of keeping "crabbing" at a minimum in fact, to expand that policy and eliminate this unsportsmanlike practice altogether.

Resolved: To abstain from making "cracks" about teammates and promoting dissension in your quintet's rank.

Resolved: To accept the role on the team in which the captain thinks you will be most needed whether it be where you receive many scoring chances or not.

Resolved: To continually work toward a bigger and better Houghton athletically by giving your best and establishing a reputation of sportsmanship.

In my opinion one of the truly outstanding features of the current series is the capable and colorful officiating of coach "Joe" Palone of Belmont. He has discharged his refereeing duties in such a masterful and pleasant style that every fair has been free from "knock-em-down-drag-em-out" tactics because he is well versed in the regulations of the game, equipped with the necessary speed, endurance and agility to get underneath every play, and possessed of a love for the game and its players. It is a universal hope that he will become a permanent fixture in our sports program.

MESSIAH

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cluded with the air "Thou shalt break them."

Wayne Bedford, bass, continued the solo work by singing the recitative "Thus saith the Lord", and the air "But who may abide."

The soprano recitatives by Doris Bain and airs, included, "There were shepherds", and "Rejoice greatly", while Luella Fisk, with choral accompaniment sang the famous contralto airs "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion" and "Behold a virgin shall conceive."

Baritone solo parts of the oratorio were sung by Richard Chamberlain. They included "Why do the nations" "Behold I tell you a mystery", and the resounding "The trumpet small sound".

Interspersing solo portions of the oratorio were several other well known choruses. These were "Glory to God in the highest", "The Lord gave the word", "Their sound is gone out", and "Let us break their bonds asunder."