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## Ford Plant, Court In Buffalo Visited By Shea's Classes

See Federal Bureau (G-Men) Office in Buffalo

The members of Prof. Shea's classes in Criminology and Introduction to Business, 19 in all, left Houghton at nine o'clock Wednesday, March 15 for an educational trip to Buffalo.

After arriving for lunch, the group visited the Ford plant and was allowed to watch the entire assembly process. The factory at Buffalo is only an assembly division of the Ford establishment with all the parts being shipped in from Detroit to the Buffalo plant where they are put together.

The first lap of the tour consisted of an inspection of the second floor where the body parts are welded and assembled. The body is then given two coats of paint which are both baked on. Finally, the glass and other trimmings are added. The finished body goes down an elevator to the first floor where the chassis has been assembled and the completed car is the result.

From the Ford plant the group went to the U. S. District Court at Niagara Square. Here they visited Judge Knight's court room which opened at 2 p.m.

The beautifully furnished court room provided the atmosphere for the eight cases which were brought before the court during the afternoon.

None of the cases required a jury and Judge Knight, dignified and scholarly appearing in the long black robes of his office, was the one who handed down the decision and passed sentence in each case.

After the court adjourned the group was privileged in being conducted through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Buffalo division, by Mr. Warrens who is the head of this division.

The group returned to Houghton Wednesday evening.

## DR. SAUNDERS SPEAKS ON 'LIQUID AIR'

You let off hot air and a tall scientific-looking gentleman freezes it ready for practical use—is what we learned Wednesday, March 15 from Dr. Fred Saunders of Alfred University in his liquid air demonstration. It is all rather complicated for us undergraduates. But grab a hold and hang on, we did, and to our surprise we found ourselves carried to a fair understanding of the preparation and uses of this product of science.

By way of showing that it's a good thing from which to keep one's neck at a safe distance, Dr. Saunders froze in this liquid a rubber tube and a rubber ball. Too, now it's no longer, "Peal me a grape," but, "crack me a grape, please." And housewives, if you long for your husband to praise your working, take a lesson from Dr. Saunders on how to fry eggs the tempting way—with liquid air.

But there is a practical value to all this, we learn, which is in its capacity to keep things, especially food, in a perfect state of preservation. Be-

## COLLEGE ORCHESTRA MAKES TOUR TO PERRY, PAVILION AND WILSON

### 'Chemurgy' Title Of Exhibition in Coming Lecture



Frank P. Johnson

When Frank Johnson, newspaper reporter turned lecturer, comes to Houghton April 6 he will be one man who firmly believes that America has a way out which is not connected with a political nostrum or an economic experiment.

Chemurgy (putting chemistry to work) is Mr. Johnson's theme. He carries with him an exhibit of new products which are now being made from such cast-off materials as soy beans, peanut shells and milk.

Here, Mr. Johnson explains, is America's new frontier—not a Golden West or an expanded imperialism—but an acceptance of the frontier of science and industry whose rich resources cultivated by American ingenuity can provide productive capacity for 40 million American acres and jobs for at least 5 million more men.

Mr. Johnson has visited laborator-

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### Music Supervisor Buffan Greets Orchestrians At Two Stops

Houghton College Little Symphony orchestra gave three successful concerts on a second tour this year. The first concert was at Perry, another in Pavilion, and the tour ended with a most successful evening concert in Wilson.

Nine-thirty rolled around along with the Greyhound and members of the orchestra were on their way to Perry where Jimmy Buffan is Supervisor of Music. Bob Homan and "Tut" brought up the rear with the instruments in the college car. After what seemed only a few minutes, members found themselves playing the overture to "Die Flidermaus," then another piece—and another—and then the Greyhound rolled on.

At Pavilion central school they saw a cafeteria and many of them rushed there for a bite to eat. The Houghton lunches?—Oh, that's all right, they disappeared a bit after Fillmore. Here at Pavilion they again saw Mr. Buffan who introduced them to the audience. All members of the orchestra did not seem to want the concert to last too long, for they had been told before the concert that refreshments would be given. They were served delicious hot chocolate, ice cream and wafers.

They left Pavilion around the

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## Albany State Discusses 'Pump Priming' Issue With Houghton

Houghton's first home forensic contest on the subject of "pump-priming" came Friday afternoon, March 17, in the Music Hall Auditorium when a mixed team from Albany State Teachers' college met the Houghton men's affirmative in a non-decision foray.

Upholding the Albany State banner were Miss Lomnitzer and Mr. Lawndale. Everett Elliott and Edward Willett represented Houghton.

Contending that the present policy of government spending has been successfully used in the past and is a needed bridge to carry us over a present transition in our economic order, the State debaters urged that unless "pump-priming" is continued business will not carry on and the nation will face economic collapse.

The Houghton men pointed out the idealistic experimentation, political and social evils, and practical objections of the present policy, and outlined a three point plan of inspiring business confidence, encouraging private key industry expansion, and dealing with unemployment.

Friday's debate was the last of a short tour for the State team which included visits at Hobart and Keuka colleges. Prof. Jones of the English department accompanied the debating party which included two other members.

On March 21 Houghton entertained Hartwick college teams in dual debates on the same question.

### CALENDAR

Friday, March 24  
Spring Vacation Begins  
Tuesday, April 4  
Classes resumed  
7:30 Students Prayer Meeting  
Mrs. Floyd Banker, Speaker  
Wednesday, April 5  
10:30 Mrs. Banker Chapel Speaker  
Thursday, April 5  
Frank Johnson, Lecturer  
Friday, April 7  
Oratorio  
Friday, April 14  
Lhevinne Duo-Piano Recital  
Wednesday, April 19  
10:30 Helen Hiet

## Choir Is Covering Part of Mid-west And East in Tour

Long Island and Indiana To Be Included in Tour During Vacation

### SCHRAM GOES WEST

Second tour for the college a cappella choir this year will take place during the annual spring recess, beginning Friday, March 24. Both the east, and a portion of the middle west are slated to be covered in the list of concerts already definitely scheduled.

While in the middle west two weeks ago charting the spring itinerary, Prof. Schram stopped in several of the larger cities: Cleveland, Chicago, Grand Rapids and Erie. He contacted a large number of churches, several of which will entertain concerts, and some of whom have arrangements not quite completed.

The opening date of the trip is March 24, an evening engagement in Scranton, Pa. Other eastern concerts include Huntington, Long Island, Stoney Brook, Long Island, and Morrestown, N. Y.

New cities to be added to the choir's list of places visited in the middle western area will include Elkhart, Ind., Plymouth, Mich. and Holland, Mich. Grand Rapids, Mich. will also be on the itinerary.

The inter-semester tour of the "Singing forty" had as its farthest points Boston, Mass. and Baltimore, Md. with a total of nine days on the road. The spring tour is an older tradition than the inter-semester jaunt and dates back to 1932. This year's trip will start March 24 and end April 4.

## Kreckman's Pupils Give Varied Program In Piano Recital

Thirteen pupils of Professor Kreckman's voice classes were presented in a recital on March 16, in the college chapel. A well organized program portraying individuality with a trend toward the modern was enthusiastically received by the audience.

The effective rendition imparted by the recitalists indicate that decided talent and musicianship serve as a promise for future achievement.

The audience heard variety and interest as exhibited in the compositions of "Cracovienne Fantastique," "Zortzico," "Autumn," and "Paradoxical Moods." Also pleasing in harmonic structure was De Leone's "Forest Flowers."

While the program left the listeners with a general impression of admirable regard for the performers special mention should be made concerning Levitzky's "Valse" which was keenly interpreted by Elizabeth Carlson. In addition, Lebus's "Gollywog's Cake-walk" which was rendered by Carl Vanderburg gave the audience much enjoyment. The technique and expressive representation

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## President of Board Of Westminster Is Friday Chapel Guest

Rev. Rian, president of the Board of Directors of Westminster seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. was the special chapel speaker, Friday, March 17. Mr. Rian spends much time traveling in the interests of the seminary, and stopped at Houghton, Friday, for his first visit.

Taking as the basis of a forceful gospel message: "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world", Rev. Rian emphasized the conflict in the material and moral realm of the world about us.

Contrary to the popular philosophy, there is no such thing as a relative grading of morals, Mr. Rian stated. The Scripture offers an absolute standard of perfection which men are called upon to strive toward.

Dwelling upon the brighter side of the picture, Rev. Rian pointed out that though the world of turmoil and conflict seems insurmountable, there is One who is greater than the world. Christ came, he stated, to bring us security, peace, and hope.

No explanation of a life after death on mere philosophical grounds has any warmth or hope, Rev. Rian concluded. The gospel message is the only philosophy which is worthwhile when eternal issues are at stake. My worry, he said, is not concerning whether the Bible or the Christian philosophy will stand the assaults of a modern world. My worry, and the concern of all ministers of the gospel, is to persuade young people to make the only worthwhile choice for life and eternity.

## MRS. SCHRAM, MISS HILLPOT AT BOSTON

Mrs. Eugene Schram and Miss Ella Hillpot left Monday noon, March 14, for Boston, Mass., to attend the National Music Supervisor convention which was being held there from Tuesday, the 15th, through Friday, the 17th. The highlight of the convention was the chorus contest on Friday night. Many schools sent delegates, but Mrs. Schram and Miss Hillpot went as visitors. They returned to Houghton over the weekend.

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## EDITORIAL

### SEEN FROM AN OFFICE WINDOW

Hills, gaunt, bare symbolizing stability, solidarity, the fundamentals of existence. Above them, sunshine diffusing upon monotonous landscape, outlining starkly leafless trees. An occasional trace of light snow as of a winter loath to give up its dominance. Undeniable harbingers of SPRING.

A cement walk used now and again by people, on occasion filled to overflowing as if by a subway rush hour. Walking people, some with a purposeful set of chin, some strolling. A few loiterers, whose number by all past evidence and future predictions is due to increase. For "in the SPRING—"

A hollow steel shaft with its mounted Stars and Stripes swaying cord and pulleys, fluttering, waving, dipping as if in salute to the group who erected its standard — the class of '38 — scattered about the compass just as another graduation will send another horde world-ward in another SPRING.

Ghosts of former Houghtonites striding, slouching, ambling past on parade. Forms of future Houghtonites with the 1945, 1950, 1965 collegiate shuffle, taking quadrennium in four league boots through a succession of falls, winters, SPRINGS.

Past and future — always moving on, never back. Life which lives on fact and emotion, on fancy and hope, on death and renewal. All life! Collegiate life, Houghton life, even SPRING life.

SPRING from an office window!

## ESTHER HART HAS ROLES President Talks on Psalm GOING 'FROM NURSEMAID TO SECRETARY' IN YEAR

Doylestown, Pa.  
 March 12, 1939

Dear Alumni and Friends:  
 This is just a grand opportunity to send a bit of news, plus greetings, to my scattered classmates and friends. Since last June my experiences have been varied—from nursemaid to a secretary. Since August I've spent every spare moment "spoiling" my niece and nephew. What the rest of the time you say—?

Not being able to secure any kind of teaching position, I planned to attend business school. Meantime, an opportunity to teach eighth grade in a Mission School in Tennessee was given me. I declined this position for two reasons; because it was valueless as applied to teaching experience, and I felt led to attend business school.

September 6, 1938, found me enrolled as a day student in Taylor Business School, in Philadelphia, Pa. I enjoyed learning how to be an "efficient stenog", but ever since I can remember, I vowed I would never be a "stenog"—BUT, behold, a position as secretary to the Executive Vice-

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Continuing in the short study of the nineteenth Psalm, Dr. Paine showed attentive chapel goes on Tuesday, March 14, the delights and comforts found in God's Word.

Dr. Paine presented for consideration first the verse: "The testimonies of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple." Substituting for "testimonies", in this case, the word "promises" he proceeded to demonstrate the two things entering into promises: the ability to carry out, and see the satisfactory answer to the first, and the second is revealed in Numbers 23:19 and Titus 1:2.

"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart." The giving of a written law to Israel prevented much revolution and rebellion, a fact particularly evident when referring to Greek and Roman history.

In summary, Dr. Paine pointed out that God is perfect in creation, in the regulation of His statutes, and in righteousness. The last two verses of the Psalm are a prayer for guidance.

### REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The quartet going to Gates Wesleyan Methodist Church at Rochester, where Mr. Alton Shea is pastor, requests your prayer for a successful meeting.

## WELFARE WORKER IS SPEAKER IN CHAPEL

"The Welfare tries to understand, guide and interpret," stated Miss Dorothy Allen of the Children's Division of the Allegany Country Welfare Department in Social Science club chapel, Wednesday, March 15.

Miss Allen spoke of all the welfare organizations as looking toward the same goals: to aid individuals in getting the most possible out of life, and to help them in being as useful as opportunities will permit. She mentioned that the home should provide opportunity for the child to become his natural self by the setting of a high standard.

The Welfare, stated Miss Allen, attempts to uplift the standard of living, to mend and restore family life. In illustrating the necessity of this aim Miss Allen cited several studies.

In conclusion Miss Allen mentioned three bases of consideration which the children's division must include in its program: (1) the problem of leaving the child in his present environment, (2) a placing of the child and parents on probation, (3) finding a foster home for the child. Miss Allen also gave a brief idea of the scope of work involved in the county department.

## CALENDAR OF RECITALS

- Thursday, April 20  
 7:00 p. m., College Chapel  
 Senior Trombone Recital, Walter Whybrew
- Wednesday, April 26  
 8:15 p. m., College Chapel  
 Senior Voice Recital, Richard Chamberlain
- Thursday, April 27  
 7:00 p. m., College Chapel  
 Senior Trumpet Recital, Robert Homan
- Friday, May 5  
 8:15 p. m., College Chapel  
 Recital by Music Students
- Thursday, May 11  
 7:00 p. m., College Chapel  
 Senior Piano Recital, Josephine Hadley
- Monday, May 22  
 8:15 p. m., College Chapel  
 Senior Voice Recital, Wayne Bedford
- Friday, May 26  
 8:15 p. m., College Chapel  
 Senior Piano Recital, Richard Chamberlain

## MUSIC RECITAL —

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- helped to make the latter selection so readily accepted.  
 The complete program follows:  
 Cracovienne Fantastique Paderewski  
 Mildred Bisgrove  
 Song of The Lark Tschaiowski  
 Frances Wightman  
 Forest Flowers De Leone  
 Ruth Wilson  
 Butterfly Grieg  
 Evelyn Birkel  
 Nocturne Greig  
 Laura Ferchen  
 Autumn Cahminade  
 Helen McDonald  
 Prelude (Carnaval Mignon) Schutt  
 June Spaulding  
 Valse Levitsky  
 Elizabeth Carlson  
 Paradoxical Moods Godowski  
 Ralph Patterson  
 Prairie Dusk Scott  
 Ruth Richardson  
 Lotus Land Scott  
 Irma Hoffman  
 Zortzico Albeniz  
 Isabel Sessions  
 The Little Shepherd Debussy  
 Gollywog's Cake-Walk  
 Carl Vanderburg

## Essay Contest Is Sponsored by the N.Y. World's Fair

With the cooperation of outstanding leaders in our national life, New York City alumnae groups of the twenty-three national women's fraternities have just announced an essay contest devoted to a consideration of America's so-called "four freedoms", in 846 colleges and universities of the country, according to information received from Miss Sophie P. Woodman, chairman of the Fraternity Women's Committee for the New York World's Fair.

Information on the essay contest may be obtained at the Star office or from the committee's headquarters at the Hotel Beekman Tower, 3 Mitchell Place, New York headquarters of the National Panhellenic Fraternities.

Presidents of the universities and colleges, and heads and members of English departments have received announcements of the essay contest. The contest, however, is open to students in any department who wish to participate, and, Miss Woodman pointed out, it is not confined to fraternity members. Also, she added, it is open both to men and women.

A trip to the World's Fair, with a one week's all-expense stay at the Committee headquarters, the Hotel Beekman Tower, New York, is the first prize in the contest. Second and third prizes are cash awards of \$25 and \$15 respectively, and an all-expense stay of one week at the Beekman Tower, not including railroad transportation. In the areas adjacent to New York, \$100 first prize will be given in lieu of the round trip transportation to the Fair. Winners will be given special recognition at "Panhellenic Day" at the World's Fair.

Entries must be submitted before May 15, 1939.

## Tucker, Russell Attempt Rescue in Roadside Fire

A girls' trio plus junior Park Tucker and freshman Allyn Russell have duly qualified themselves as genuine fire eaters and it has been rumored that possibly they will be signed up by the local department.

Returning from a Gospel meeting at Warsaw about 10:15 last Saturday evening, March 18, the quintet spotted flames leaping out of an old two-story farmhouse a mile below Silver Springs. The Willys came to an abrupt stop. While Tucker and Russell dashed to the burning structure, the girls—Evelyn Bryant, Dorothy Faulkens and Ruth Newhart—hurried to awaken the occupants of the next building.

Thinking someone might be sleeping in the burning dwelling, Messrs. Russell and Tucker with heroically capable vocal sounds attempted to arouse such person or persons. Receiving no audible response, the pair changed their position of attack this time trying the rear entrance. Two axes came in handy and the back door was knocked down. If it hadn't been for a quick duck, frosh Russell would also have been knocked down (probably out too) by one of Park's wide sweeps with the weapon.

The flames were completely enveloping the building by this time so that there was nothing left to do but to protect the next house and a tool shed. Fire companies from Genesee Falls and Silver Springs did this quite capably. Fortunately the sole occupant of the house, an elderly gentleman, was in town instead of in the burning building as supposed.

Two aged ladies, owners of the ruined structure, seemed more concerned in keeping the girls' trio warm

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by "Hi TOOTHILL"

For the past eight weeks I've had the job of trying to make the Seminary physics class see things my way every morning at 11:30, and now that it's all over I'm taking time to reminisce. Trying to act wise and all-knowing before eight ultra-lively boys has left me a little weary, but the experience has given me something to talk about for a long time.

I believe I told the fellows at the beginning of the quarter that I didn't mind their eating candy bars in class if they were quiet about it, since the class came just before dinner, when resistance to food is peculiarly low. (The truth is I could think of no way to stop them from eating.) But as if this concession were not sufficient for their needs, one rather original gentleman sat down to a dinner of canned fruit cocktail during the class hour recently, and seemed quite pleased when I offered to get him a cup of coffee. After he finished his entree he calmly washed off his man-sized fork in the sink and went on with his work.

One other day I had been droning away in my best monotone for five minutes when a slight disturbance among the class members prompted me to look back in a corner where the mighty milkman Bruce had been peacefully sleeping, stretched across three of the seats in the back row. He had arrived in the classroom ahead of me and so dozed off before the session began.

The sleeping has been so intense that I have found it necessary to take attendance on the basis of walking hours rather than by actual presence. The mortality rate would probably have been much higher were it not for the fact that in science courses the teacher can keep most of the class awake by calling on the "bag of tricks" known as the demonstration method. The proper technique is to provide a good grade of explosion followed by a few electric discharges at the beginning of the semester. Then while the class is still stupefied, inculcate the principles of induced currents into their unsuspecting minds.

Once in a while the signs of my "unholy eight" found them out, as in the case of Gentleman Joe Randall, who burned the sleeve out of his suit coat while engaged in "unassigned" laboratory work last week. Joe says that his mother asked him what kind of a teacher he had over there at school who burned the student's clothes off from them.

In a way I'm glad it's all over. Two to three hours on a lesson every day and the task of trying to outguess those eight gentlemen left me limp. But I had a good time, learned a lot about electricity, and scooped up a small sack of experience and a bagfull of memories.

Number one comedian on last Wednesday's orchestra jaunt was "Dutch" Lord, the sultan of the percussion section. Like everyone else on the trip, "Dutch" spent most of the day eating. To maestro Alton Cronk's accusation "All you guys think of doing is eating", the bass drum beater came back with a vehement "Well, what else is there to do?"

Evidently violinist "Dick" Sandle discovered "Something else" to do though, for he found it necessary to bring home to "Perky", by way of appeasement, a very lovable silky pink elephant. Now I take it you understand what pink elephants symbolize. Anyway this particular animal has a little whistle in his "tummy" which sounds out when properly squeezed.

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# 'Jimmie' Hurd Writes From Palestine

Now Staying in Jerusalem;  
Describes Voyage

James Hurd (ex '39) left New York, February 4, for Palestine as one of the group annually conducted by Dr. Cooper. Asked by Business Manager Crandall while in Houghton before sailing to write a letter to the Star, "Jimmie" complied with the following interesting document from the Holy City, Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, Palestine  
March 1, 1939  
Wed. P. M. 5:00 o'clock  
9:00 A. M. Houghton  
7,000 miles distant

Dear Editor,

Briefly I'll state the interesting ports visited by our ship, the Italian liner, Conti Di Savoia. Started from New York on Feb. 4, at 11:00 A.M. On Feb. 9 we reached our first port, Funchal, Madeira, a Portuguese possession. On Feb. 10 we came to Las Palmas, one of the Canary islands owned by Spain. Sunday, Feb. 12—Gibraltar. Feb. 14—Cannes, France—went ashore here and traveled by train to Monto Carlo.

Feb. 15—Genova, Italy, home port of the Italian line. Attended church of Saint Lorenzo where Pagannini played his violin in the choir when a boy.

Feb. 16—Naples, Italy. Traveled to Pompey, Mt. Vesuvius and the excavations at Ercolano Feb. 18 Phaleron, the port. By train car to Athens, Acropolis and Mars Hill to which we walked.

Sunday Feb. 19—Istanbul (Constantinople) Feb. 21, My birth day! Island of Rhodes, owned by Italy.

Feb. 23—Beirut, Syria— from here we visited Damascus.

Feb. 24—Haifa, Palestine  
"Because of the disturbances here we go about, as a group, with Arab guides, when the authorities deem it safe. This is for the safety of all concerned. I cannot elucidate any further for information other than this is ruled out when this letter is examined by the authorities. (There are 48 of us in the party, representing thirteen states. We were 100 and some strong but because of troublesome times here 50 or so backed out last December.)  
We're staying at the Notre Dame Hotel here in Jerusalem. From the veranda in front we can see the Mount of Olives. On it are the Hebrew University, the Ex-Kaiser's palace and the Russian Bell Tower. Below this Mount, in the Valley of Jehosaphat, we can see the Garden of Gethsamane. Also visible is Gordon's Calvary, Golgotha, the Garden tomb and the Mosque of Othmar.  
"In the courtyard below there are armored cars and tanks belonging to the British Army—perhaps forty in number. There are about five hundred British tommyes quartered here, too, so we are well garrisoned.  
"Monday Feb. 27, we were allowed to walk to Mount Zion. Here we visited the House of Caiaphas, where Peter denied the Lord and also where Christ was tried for the first time and detained until the Crucifixion. The Armenian's claim their church covers the site of the House, here, while a bit further down the Mt., the Roman Catholics have erected St. Peter's Church which they claim to be covering the House of Caiaphas.  
"From this location the Valleys of Kidron and Hinnon are to be seen. Also Dr. Cooper pointed out the ancient site of Jerusalem at the time of the Jebusites outside the present walls. On Mt. Zion one can see ma-

## DR. PAINE PLANNING FOR WORK ON ED.D. AT N.Y.U.

The first two Saturdays in March (the 4th and the 11th) Dr. Paine was confronted by a situation somewhat familiar to that which faces Houghton students this week—examinations. In preparation for residence work leading to the degree of Doctor of Education at the New York University, Dr. Paine took the required tests measuring his knowledge of contemporary history and other general information. Each of the three tests taken required three hours.

Before writing his thesis, it will be necessary for Dr. Paine to spend about two summers in residence work in addition to some credit which he has already gained. His present doctorate is that of Ph. D. received from the University of Illinois.

## S.F.M.F. STUDENTS GIVE FACTS ABOUT SOUTH AMERICAN FIELD

South American mission work, particularly that of Peru, Venezuela, and Brazil, was the subject discussed at the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship meeting Monday evening, March 13.

A map of South America, done in colored chalk on the black-board, directed attention immediately to the subjects of the evening. Alice Jean Lovell pointed out Peru on the map and gave a brief talk showing the need of further evangelization in that country. Statistics which she quoted estimated the population of Peru at about four million in contrast to the 135 evangelical missionaries working there. Among the obstacles faced by these missionaries are the superstition of the lowest classes and the race prejudice of the highest classes.

Venezuela, as presented by Kathryn Anderson, has 103 missionaries in proportion to a population of two and one-half million people. Prayer was especially requested for that country for, of its twenty states, eight are totally unevangelized. Much of the Christian work in Venezuela is carried on by Bible societies whose chief difficulty is found in its high rate of illiteracy.

Brazil, also, presents a great challenge to the Christian. The figures which Ronald Bowerman quoted gave the population of that vast country as 441 million people while only 563 missionaries are working there. Although the government of Brazil is liberal in allowing Christian workers to enter, there are other movements which hinder the progress of the gospel ministry. Among these is a type of modern paganism, and in addition a wave of spiritualism which has bound the people quite strongly. Illiteracy also is a drawback. A new means which is being used for spreading the gospel is that of radio broadcasting.

Variety in the evening's program was afforded by the learning of a new missionary chorus. There was also a soprano solo, "Speak My Lord," sung by Adeline Van Antwerp.

Requests in respect to specific missionaries in South America were given by members of the club and were remembered in the prayer with which the meeting closed.

ny catacombs and burial places.

Yesterday, Tuesday, was the greatest day in all for in the morning we went by bus to Bethlehem of Judea. That's half of the greatest day. The rest I'll tell of, after a bit.

On the way we stopped at the Well of the Magi where they were supposed to have stopped when they lost sight of the Star. Leaning over in the well for water they saw the reflection of their Star above them. (Makes a good story anyway.)

"Next along the road from Jerusalem to Palestine a distance of six  
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## 'Hobbies' Theme Is Social Science Club

"What is your hobby?" was the theme of the Social Science club meeting, Monday evening, March 13.

Featured on the program were illustrated talks on stamp collections and baseball, as presented by Robert Torrey, Kenneth Potts and Frances Pierce.

Mr. Torrey displayed and commented upon his American stamp collection, and Mr. Potts followed, showing some of his oldest and most valuable stamps. Mr. Potts' collection is valued very conservatively at over \$400. Mary Tiffany added foreign color to the occasion with her collection of overseas varieties of postage. "Out to the ball park" the audience went with Frances Pierce as she showed her scrap books of newspaper clippings and personal autographs of famous baseball players.

A discussion of a more general nature was given by Mrs. Elsie Eyer, speaking concerning the nature of the hobby. Monthly news review was given by Dan Fox, and music by Louella Fiske accompanied by Doris Veazie at the piano. Miss Fiske sang "Nocturne".

## Our Threefold Example Is Theme of Prayer Service

The speaker for Students Prayer Meeting Tuesday evening, March 14, was Helen Reynolds. Taking her text from Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ", she spoke on the "mind of Christ", and characterized Christ as being our example in three ways: love, unity, and humility.

It was love that brought Christ from heaven. It was His love that caused Him to have such compassion for men. Love stands out all through His life, in His actions, His attitudes and most of all in His death. He was love incarnate.

Christ was one with the Father. His sole aim in life was to glorify His Father and to complete the work which He had commanded.

Lastly, Christ was our example of humility. He laid aside all of His heavenly glory and high position in heaven to come into this sin-cursed world and become obedient unto death even unto the death of the cross. "Oh that we would be as concerned about our obedience to God, as Christ was; as we are about our reputation as teachers, doctors, lawyers, social workers, preachers, or even Christians," Miss Reynolds concluded.

## 4 Extension Groups Out

Four groups were sent out by the W. Y. P. S. extension department, Sunday, March 19.

The Bible school trio, Marjean Bennett, Anna Ross, and Elizabeth Carlson, accompanied Professor Stanley Wright and Dr. Kenneth Wright to Bradford. Dr. Wright, who expects to sail for London in the fall to prepare for missionary work in Africa, delivered a missionary message at the Bradford Wesleyan Methodist church in the morning.

Ted Bowditch preached Sunday evening in the Genesee M. E. church, where Winton Halsted, a Houghton alumnus, is pastor. A girls' trio composed of Evelyn Bryant, Ruth Newhart, and Dorothy Faulkens went with Mr. Bowditch.

The bi-monthly service at the Angelica county home was conducted by a girls' quartet: Pearl Crapo, Helen Reynolds, Keitha Woods, and Lois Bailey. Miss Reynolds brought a short message to the people at the home.

In the evening Kenneth Wilson preached at Edwin Holley's church in Bliss. The Sunshine trio sang; its members are Elizabeth Cheney, Mary Foster, and Ada Stocker.

## Sunday Services

### JUST AS JESUS WALKED

The Rev. Claude A. Ries preached in the Houghton church, Sunday morning, March 19, in the absence of the pastor.

Just as Jesus walked in the Holy Spirit, so the Christian needs to walk, Prof. Ries admonished, using I John 2:6 and John 16:7-15 as the text. "In all that Jesus did," he said, "He was actuated by the Holy Spirit, and today the believer is actuated by that same Spirit whom Jesus sent to earth when he ascended to the right hand of the Father. Just as Jesus Christ glorified the Father by the plenitude of the Holy Spirit, so you and I glorify God by being filled with the Spirit."

### PART OF CHRISTIAN

Adeline VanAntwerp, the speaker in the Sunday evening young people's meeting, stated that although victory is God-given, the Christian has to do his part by yielding himself to God in obedience.

Miss VanAntwerp advised that to keep a victorious Christian life one must be instant in prayer, in the reading of the Scriptures, in testimony, and in obedience.

### CHRISTIANS IN INDIA

At the quarterly church service of the Young Missionary Workers' Band, Sunday evening, March 19, the junior and high school groups presented a program on the missionary needs of India.

The older boys of the junior group described briefly and illustrated by drawings the heathen worship in India. In an informal discussion the older girls told of several great Christian Indian mystics. All the younger children participated in a Scripture spell-down, directed by Miss Josephine Rickard, the superintendent of the Junior Y. M. W. B.

After Warren Woolsey had described the importance of India in the world missionary movement, the lives of several great missionaries, William Carey, Alexander Duff, and Adoniram Judson, were reviewed by Ruth Littorin, Allen Smith, and Gordon Stone.

### PROF. WRIGHT SHOWS HOW TO ENJOY LIFE

Filling in for Coach McNeese in chapel last Thursday, March 16, was Prof. Stanley Wright, who remarked as a preface that ready-made chapel talks (Coach McNeese had planned athletic pictures which had failed to arrive) did suffer one disadvantage under such circumstances.

Prof. Wright's further exhortation concerned the necessity of living to make the most out of life whether its hours be short or long.

### Quartet Spends Sunday At Syracuse Church

Dr. Paine and the college quartet spent the week-end of March 18-19 at Syracuse, N. Y. A broadcast at 5:30 p. m. Saturday over station WSYR headed the list of activities. This is the quartet's second visit this year on the Gospel Crusader Program under the direction of the Rev. Linton Hill, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church in Syracuse.

Saturday evening the group conducted the service at the Willett Memorial Wesleyan church of which Rev. A. J. Shea Sr. is the pastor. Dr. Paine preached at the Eastwood church again Sunday morning.

Rev. Robert Crosby '38 was host to the quartet and Dr. Paine at the Wesleyan church in Flyer, N. Y. Sunday afternoon.



by ROBERT LYTLE

Let me share with you D. M. Pantton's meditation on I Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

"This, in itself, is a beautiful revelation of a child of God's spiritual character," he says. "It means that to us prayer is to be utterly natural; that we live in the same room with God; that it is never a violent transition, an impossible break, to pray. It was Fletcher of Madeley who, whenever he met a friend, would say: 'Do I meet you praying?' The early Christians never met without invoking a benediction, and never parted without a prayer; and to the saints of the Middle Ages each passing incident summoned to intercession—the shadow on the dial, a tolling bell, the flight of a swallow, the setting sun. Sir Thomas Browne, the author of *Religio Medici*, covenanted with himself to pray in all places where quietness inviteth; in any house, highway, or street; and to know no street in this city that may not witness I have not forgotten God my Saviour in it. All life is to be an unbroken litany of prayer: the maturest saint will never grow independent of it; and the smallest child that believes is not too small to prevail with God in prayer."

How marvelous that the child of God can pray without intermission, can be in constant fellowship with the Creator of the Universe, the Saviour of his soul. Like George Muller, the man who asked largely of God, we need to learn that the prayer of faith is the breath of the Christian, for unless we are ever praying and partaking of the air of divine fellowship, our life will soon become feeble, and perhaps even pass away. But what a privilege is ours that we can, even when we are in the classroom, in the crowded dining hall, on the street, or in the solitude of our room, be conscious of God's presence and even in the calmness of our soul be praying to the Eternal God.

### ORCHESTRA

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middle of the afternoon and reached Lockport about four-thirty. Here they changed bus drivers to say nothing about having an hour and a half to paint the town rr—???

There's always someone a little late to get to the bus—oh no! they were all there. With this they left Lockport enroute to Wilson. "Now I want you to remember you are my sister," boomed out from the front of the bus to the rear. Can we imagine???

The Wilson concert was very successful and all members enjoyed the trip. Houghton was reached at one o'clock the next morning.

### HI TOOTS

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—in other words, he is so tight he squeaks.

Captain "Teddy" Schogoleff said that the only trouble with the alumni was that they didn't put Pete in the game soon enough. My only feeling is one of slight resentment, that my brother, two years younger than I, should get a chance to play for the alumni before I did. Anyway, he had the referee—and everyone—guessing for a moment. I think the actual motive was either sympathy for the underdog or else a desire to make the game more interesting.

# PURPLE GIRLS' TEAM GAINS FINAL VICTORY OVER GOLD

## Close, Tight Playing Marks Game; Gerry Paine, Thomas, High Scorers

Contest Proves Unusually Close Thru 3 Heats

BY ALLYN RUSSELL

The Purple women prevented the Houghton basketball series going entirely on the Gold standard by soundly trimming their Gladiatorial opponents 28-18 on the Bedford Gymnasium floor last Friday evening, March 18. The game wound up the 1938-39 Purple-Gold series and gave Captain Gerry Paine and teammates a three to two margin over Tish Higgin's cohorts.

The game was a close contest for the first three quarters, not more than three points separating the teams at any time, but in the final heat, Gerry Paine sank four double deckers giving the Pharaohs a comfortable margin of victory.

The first quarter's score predicted a Gold victory as "Spike" Thomas and Shirley Fidinger led the Gold team in annexing a three point, 10-7, margin. However, the Purple retaliated in the next eight minutes and took a short lived lead, although "Spike" Thomas sank a foul toss just as the half ended to tie the score all up at 13 apiece.

Both teams missed plenty of opportunities directly after the intermission to pile up a margin when shots rolled around the rim and the forwards of both sides were held down by close guarding. The final heat opened with the Purple leading 17-15. Promise for a hair raising last quarter loomed bright; however, Captain Paine hit the target from all angles of the floor while the Pharaoh guards did a nice job of holding the Gold forwards to a lone field goal and a foul toss. The final score read 27-18.

Gerry Paine conducted an old fashioned scoring spree depositing ten two pointers and added a pair of foul tosses to register 22 of her team's 27 points. "Spike" Thomas was high for the losers with 9 markers.

### FORENSIC UNION STUDIES INTERFERENCE QUESTION

A model legislature came to order as Mr. Willett pounded on the table with the gavel in Forensic Union, Monday night, March 20.

Frank Taylor as the majority leader and Wesley Nussey as the minority leader of the legislature gave very interesting reports on a bill from the foreign affairs' committee that read: "That the U. S. join France, England and Russia in a stop-Hitler movement." Taylor tried to win his case by pointing out the absurd futility of war.

Both leaders went around to the representatives of the various states, composed of the members of the club and guests, to solicit votes. Mr. Nussey's minority received the most votes cast. The House then adjourned until next Christmas.

### JOHNSON COMES

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ies, industrial plants, and experiment stations, and in the course of these visits has interviewed men in every walk of American life, men who are "in the know" as to what science, given a chance, can accomplish.

For young people of the United States Mr. Johnson's answer to the problem of an economically muddled world may provide new fields of endeavor, new opportunities, new economic security.

### Soph-Senior Play Opens Series of Volleyball Game

With basketball gone under the bridge, Coach McNeese, with many troubles arising from too many boys with too many other things to do, made a valiant attempt to get the interclass volleyball series under way last week. The result was the playing of three men's games which, although a lack of practice was evident, showed signs of promise of some good volleyball in the near future if the suggested double series can be carried out before the beginning of spring sports.

#### SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The series' opener found the top and the lower classes vying for the privilege of having the first feather placed in their cap, when the Seniors downed the high school sextet in two games with scores of 21-12 and 21-11 respectively.

With both teams lacking practice, ragged playing was the order of the day. Jim Fancher and Bruce McCarty of the losers' team were the backbone of their efforts with several successful "kills" chalked up in their favor. For the winners, the service aces of Herschel Gamble accompanied by team ability to maneuver out of several difficult spots gave for them the edge which meant the first notch in their belt of victory.

#### JUNIORS WIN

On Wednesday afternoon, March 15, the Junior aggregation trounced the soph sextet in two interesting games of volley ball. Both teams performed remarkably well considering the lack of any practice on either side. The first game was rather close but in the final game the junior men romped through quite easily, as a result of good teamwork. The two game victory gives them the first set with the tall sophs.

#### HIGH SCHOOL - FRESH

The high school boys met their second defeat of the current volleyball series at the hands of the freshmen on Thursday, March 16, in two successive games played in the afternoon, with scores of 21-16 and 21-11.

The veterans of last year's championship team, "Dave" Paine and "Marve" Eyler, who are now a part of the freshman team, proved a definite asset to the new boys who find themselves at the beginning of the series a little rough around the edges. Their ability is nevertheless not to be denied as can be surmised from the scores with which their opponents were taken over.

### Season's Oratorio To Be Crucifixion

For its spring and Easter presentation the Houghton College Oratorio Society will sing the production *Crucifixion*. The performance is scheduled for Good Friday which falls upon April 7, three days following the close of the spring recess.

Soloists for the occasion will be Robert Homan, Richard Chamberlain, and Wayne Bedford. The chorus will be directed by Prof. Schram. This will be its second appearance of the year, the *Messiah* presentation at the Christmas season being the opening performance.

The program will be in the college chapel, beginning at 8:15 p. m.

### HURD WRITES

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...we saw Rachel's tomb. In back of it is the city of Zel Zake.

"Close by we came to the 'Field of the Shepherds' where we read in Luke of 'shepherds abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night' etc. Ruth also gleaned here. From this site we could almost throw a stone into the 'little town of Bethlehem'.

"In the town we visited the Church of the Nativity which covers the place of the Manger. Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics and Americans worship there. Was thrilled to go in the church and go downstairs to visit the manger site where our Lord Jesus as a babe was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid.

"After coming back to the Hotel we had dinner and then went out again for the second half of the greatest day in my life since the Lord Jesus washed my sins away and I accepted Him as my personal Savior. We went to the Garden Tomb first! Here in Joseph's lovely garden we saw the open tomb. Praise be unto Him for our risen and glorified Christ! Then, at the far corner of the Garden we saw 'the green hill far away, outside the city wall, where our dear Lord was crucified and bled, to save us all!' The place of the skull, Golgatha, is also visible from there. 'Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved and we must love Him, too, and trust in His redeeming blood and try His works to do.' I see it so much clearer now, the vision of my eyes is enlarged, my faith has been strengthened and the assurance and perfect peace within whispered by the Holy Spirit is something pen cannot tell! Oh, how much we owe to our Lord!

"Now, we went from here to Olivet approaching it from the North where the Valley of Kidron begins. Passed the Jerusalem War Cemetery, the Hadassa Hospital, the Hebrew University, the ex-Kaiser's palace of the places of interest just mentioned today but we will have many other opportunities to do so, if the Lord Jesus tarry. We went down into the Garden of Gethsamane, which is the Valley of Jehosaphat. Here a Catholic church, the 'Church of the Agony' covers up much of the Garden and the presumed location where Christ prayed that the cup be passed from Him.

"I am most thankful that I have already received so many privileges and blessings from being here and I am looking forward to many more to come.

"We have four classes a day which last an hour and a half each, besides the sight seeing each day, so I have much to occupy my time."

Your brother in Christ,  
Jimmie

### HART WRITES

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President of one of the largest Banks in this county, located in Doylestown, appeared. It was just three hours after the interview that I received a phone call saying I had the position. SO, January 26, found me busy on my first job, for which I certainly *Praise the Lord*. The only discouraging part of this position is, you have money all about you but can not appropriate any of it to yourself. Now I am attending Night School two nights a week, in order to finish my stenographic course.

Many times I have wished I might return to Ho'ton for a visit, but as yet the opportunity has not arrived. You may be sure that I'll take the first opportunity, as "opportunity knocks only once". I renewed several acquaintances at the Alumni Banquet, held in Philadelphia, several weeks ago.

## Varsity Wins Annual Game With Alumni

'Frank' Taylor, 'Bob' Luckey Score Biggest Totals Of Game Points

### TWO COUNTS DECIDE

A quintet of tricky Alumni stars returned to Bedford Gymnasium, a familiar battleground of former days, and showed they had by no means lost their basketball ability, giving this year's Varsity a stiff battle, succumbing finally by the narrow margin of one basket, 43-41. The game which was played last Friday evening, March 17, following the Purple-Gold women's championship game proved to be the closest of all Varsity-Alumni games on record. The electric scoreboard read 43-39 at the close of the fray but a checkup of scorebooks gave the Grads an extra basket.

The battle was a high scoring one all four quarters and at that a good many shots were missed by both forces. Bill Olcott, captain of this year's Purple squad opened the scoring column with a neat tuck in shot after a scrimmage around the foul line. Walt Schogoleff, class of '37, and former Purple captain, matched it with a side court deposit and the teams battled evenly up to half time. The alumni held a slim 19-18 intermission margin by a dint of Bob Luckey's long distance "message" from center court.

The outstanding play of the evening occurred early in the third quarter when Peter Tuthill hero of this year's Gold men's triumph over the Purple Pharaohs pulled a regular "Doug Corrigan". Receiving the ball from a teammate following an Alumni basket Mr. Tuthill, although only a Sophomore, qualified himself as a graduate of former years by carefully aiming at the wrong basket and sinking a beautiful side court shot with the greatest of ease. As things turned out this was his lone field goal of the night so the official scorers agreed to place him on the Alumni team.

Despite Pete's efforts to help his older friends the Varsity gained a 15-9 advantage during the third session. Nevertheless the Alumni came right back in the final heat to make things interesting. With two minutes to play Bob Luckey swished the net on a side court heave to give the grads a one point lead. Frankie Taylor matched the shot on a truck in and Jack Crandall made good on Luckey's fourth personal foul to settle the margin of victory. The final score read 43-41.

Frankie Taylor, varsity center, led the winners with 12 points and Bob Luckey paced the scorers of the evening with 14 markers.

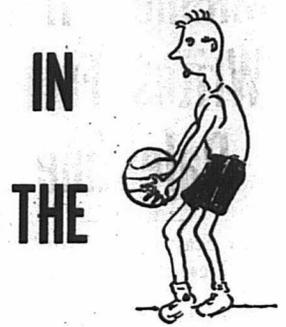
### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the student body and faculty for their kindness and sympathy shown during our recent sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Rix and Family

It is most interesting to read the news in the *Star* each week, but it would be much nicer to hear from you all personally—and I will try to play fair in the answering of the same.

Sincerely in Him  
Just another Ho'tonite  
Esther Geil Hart



### SPORTLIGHT

by VICTOR MURPHY

At last spring is here again, with balmy days of balmy weather, discarded overcoats, long walks, and in the sport world just a hint of baseball and the desire for a few warm-up laps around the cinder circle. But before we go into any speculation on such subjects, there is a little old business to be settled i. e. the round-up of the 38-39 basketball series.

They say that the varsity won over the Alumni last Friday night, March 17, in the annual in-and-out of school classic scheduled to top off the season. This game, though not a thriller, displayed about as fast a moving, smoothly played game as has been played recently. The Alumni team, disorganized as they naturally are gave a splendid fight from the start to finish which, as can be seen from the final score, gave the Varsity boys who have been playing together all season though not as a team, not an over amount of credit for their victory. The casual observer, nevertheless, is force to admit that the Houghton fellows could put out a team worthy of good college competition.

The 2-2 tie-up in the girls Purple-Gold series found its outlet in Friday's preliminary game in the darker color's favor. The long range batteries of Paine, Driscoll, and Schaner finally took their toll in spite of the Gold zone defense, for with field goals slipping in from all angles in this final game the winners became irresistible. On their part, the Gold girls bounced the ball all over the rim of the elusive basket to little avail for their shots just didn't go in, and their score just did drop behind.

To the guards of both teams can be given credit only in words. Their job is all work with little credit, and they certainly had their hands full with the sharpshooters which had to be held down on both sides. For the forwards can be tabulated a few of the total results of their efforts in these 5 closely contested games. High point honors go easily to Gerry Paine, the most outstanding girl player in Houghton, who totaled 67 points with a closer race being run for second and third places by Shirley Fidinger with 45 and Doris Driscoll 43.

#### TOTAL PERCENTAGES

	F. G.	F. T.
Paine, G	29.3	34.6
Paine, B	8.7	40.0
Driscoll	16.5	21.7
Schaner	24.1	40.0
Newhart	14.1	21.4
Thomas	21.9	28.6
Fidinger	32.2	36.8
Higgins	19.2	20.0

#### TEAM TOTALS

	FIELD GOALS		
	Tried	Made	Per-cent
Purple	267	57	21.3
Gold	252	54	21.4
	FREE THROWS		
	Tried	Made	Per-cent
Purple	59	18	30.5
Gold	52	15	28.8

### RESCUE ACT

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and comfortable than in moaning over their loss. One of the two voiced her feelings this way: "I wish I had seen it just a little sooner—I would liked to have gotten my wheelbarrow out."