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Here, There And About

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Several methods of killing time are suggested by an article in the *Lamron*. We recommend them for those moments when and if time hangs heavy on your hands this vacation—

1. Run backwards up an escalator that is going down.
2. Throw clocks out of the window (preferably on a cement driveway).
3. String wire paper clips together to make a chain hundreds and hundreds of yards long.

These methods should work to perfection but if all other efforts at killing time fail, how about reading all of your *Star* every time.

The "Collegiate Review" of *The Hill News* supplies us with statistics to the effect that "Pleas Hull, offic" (Continued on Page Two)

"What Christmas Means" Is Prayer Meeting Theme

"What Christmas Means to Me" was discussed by five speakers in the Student Prayer Meeting, December 13.

Various aspects of the significance of the Incarnation were described by Lois Roughan, Willis Elliott, Marjorie Updyke, and Edward Willett while Professor Stanley Wright closed with an appeal for realizing the prospective meaning of Christmas in a consistent relationship with Jesus Christ.

Professor Wright said, "What I really want Christmas to come to mean to me is that the Christ who was born in the Bethlehem manger—and who was born anew in my heart might have a congenial companionship as He walks the way of life with me."

Here Is Christmas Again!

Snow and colder! Snow and may-be not colder! Icy roads? Who cares? The vacation spirit has seized that element of the population of Houghton's campus known as collegians (and those noble wearers of professorial dignity not excluded).

But there must be something behind all this. Spring vacation, even the summer slump, never affects one in the same way. With orators, radio commentators, special speakers, and even politicians, calling it the most beautiful season of the year, there must be a reason.

Your inquiring reporter, therefore, began to search high and low for the answer, almost taking in hand the lantern with which Socrates was said to have sought the truth in the dark recesses of his local metropolis.

There was plenty of snow all about with more on the way or predicted. The nights were clear, the street lights twinkled, and on and off campus were the red and green and yellow and white General Electric Maz-das or "Made in Japan" 25 or 40 watt-ers with which the local citizenry had undertaken to give expression to their sentiment.

Then one began to hear of parties,

Star Staff Says "Merry Christmas" to Everyone

With everyone about ready to shout: "So Long! Have a good time during vacation," the *Star* wishes to put in its bid as well by wishing student body, faculty, and anyone else who feels the urge to be included, a Merry Christmas.

To make it carry a little more emphasis we call your attention to the calendar which reads: "January 3, classes resumed at 8 a.m.," and thereby makes one draw the inevitable conclusion that the next *Star* will not be issued until January 11, plenty of time for you to recuperate from shock of this edition.

Juniors Hold Lead As Freshmen Lose Thru Eight Points

Clinching first place in the Series first round of basketball, the undefeated juniors victoriously exerted their influence over the freshmen Wednesday, December 14, when they forced them to surrender to an 8-point margin—the result of a 38-30 final score.

The juniors broke the ice the first quarter with a beautiful offensive play from Blauvelt to Taylor in the center to Olcott cutting down under the basket. This play and its alternatives proved to be the backbone of the junior attack throughout the game with Taylor and Olcott carrying their scoring colors with 13 and 11 points respectively.

Freshman ability did not prove to center around Paine and Cummings whose repeated attempts at long placements resulted merely in a lost ball, but in the close in, under basket effectiveness of Paul Mullen and "Red Ellis" whose totals for the (Continued on Page Two)

Senior Christmas Frolic Takes Place On Music Hall 3rd

Santa Claus Alias Skinner Distributes Presents Among Cherubs

Murphy "Models" Gown

Sears and Roebuck had nothing on the senior class last Saturday night at the Christmas party held in the Music Hall auditorium. They also had Santa Claus to talk over secrets with the kiddies. In compliance with Prof. Cronk's request that the class refrain from destroying anyone's belief in Mr. Claus, immediate contact was made with Santa himself who agreed to pull himself away from the Podonque Hardware Store for the evening. He stayed only long enough (Continued on Page Two)

DEAN HAZLETT FINISHES HIS TALK ON STANDARDS

By request, Dean Hazlett in chapel on Dec. 15, continued his former talk on "Standards." He spoke of several kinds of standards including college standards. Drawing an interesting comparison between Houghton and several other colleges of the same rank, he showed wherein Houghton excels them and wherein she is exceeded by them. Worthy of note is the fact that relatively speaking, Houghton has less fiction and much more actual subject matter in her library than most of the other schools.

Dean Hazlett's early experience with literature, namely, the "dime novels", greatly amused his audience, many of whom no doubt had found themselves in the same state at one time or another.

In conclusion, the speaker quoted a few verses of Scripture from Matt. which fittingly expressed his thought.

As he announced the opening Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", Mr. Schram, the conductor, said, "We have the falling snow and other things which make Christmas beautiful, but the true beauty of Christmas is that attitude of love to the Saviour within our own individual hearts."

High School Seniors Add Their Party to List

Mrs. Zola Fancher royally entertained the entire high school senior class Saturday evening, December 17. It was indeed a gala occasion with many kinds of games varying from chess to anagrams.

Mrs. Fancher, the class adviser for four years, gave each of the girls a little dish that might be used for anything from pickles to pins and each of the fellows a handkerchief. In appreciation of what she has done for them during their four years the class gave her a box of chocolates. Refreshments consisting of popcorn, rolls, doughnuts and cocoa were served. Mrs. Bowen, principal of the high school, was also a guest at the party.

CONDUCTS ORATORIO



Professor Eugene Schram, new music mentor, directed his first presentation of Handel's "Messiah" last Friday evening

Choir Sings Second Group of Concerts In Buffalo Vicinity

Leaving Houghton campus after dinner on Sunday, Dec. 18, the college a cappella choir journeyed to Buffalo and Hamburg churches to make its second appearance of the season in the Buffalo area.

The afternoon program consisted of varied numbers from the choir's repertoire interspersed with a vesper order of service in the Pine Hill Church where Rev. Robert Fern, Houghton student, is pastor. This was a return visit for the choir at Rev. Fern's church.

After a hearty luncheon, prepared by the Pine Hill members, the Greyhound "chugger" again wended its way over city streets and suburban thoroughfares to the Methodist Episcopal church at Hamburg, N. Y. where the evening concert was presented at 7:45 p.m. This marked the fourth appearance at this beautiful (Continued on Page Two)

Prof. Willard Smith Discusses Publicity

The problem of Public Relations was discussed by Prof. Willard Smith in the monthly meeting of the Social Science Club, held Monday evening December 12, under the topic of "Helping the World Think Straight."

In Education, he said, public relations concern those problems occurring between the public and the educational institution. Because the schools are a victim of public opinion, the public must be educated in regard to what the schools are doing.

One effective type of publicity, said Prof. Smith, is psychologically prepared advertising, which helps to educate the public with regard to the activities of the institution. In closing his very interesting discussion, Prof. Smith remarked that the field of public relation has many opportunities at the present time.

The musical entertainment of the evening was presented by Hal Homan, while Frank Taylor supplied the current events, and Jean Feldt led devotions.

Schram Directs Chorus Singing The 'Messiah'

Splendid Performance Is Given in Seventh Appearance

On Friday evening at 8:15 p. m. occurred the annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" by the college Oratorio Society under the direction of Professor Eugene C. Schram.

The chorus was accompanied by the Little Symphony Orchestra, (Prof. Cronk, conductor) with Theodore Hollenbach at the piano.

Soloists for the occasion were the Misses Yvonne Duxbury, Laura Ferchen, and Shirley Fiding, sopranos, Mrs. E. C. Schram, and Miss Luella Fisk, contraltos, Halward Homan, tenor, Richard Chamberlain, baritone, and Wayne Bedford, bass.

Inaugurating a slightly different mode of procedure, the chorus marched into the chapel singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" After the "Hallelujah Chorus" Christmas hymns were sung while the chorus posed for a picture a la Professor Willard Smith.

Full chorus numbers included "Comfort Ye My People", "And the Glory of the Lord", "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings", "For Unto Us a Child Is Born", "Glory to God", "Behold the Lamb of God" and the familiar "Hallelujah Chorus".

The ordinary observer would wonder how so many members of the local campus group could sing in the chorus and still have an audience before whom to perform, but the singing of the "Messiah" is a well-known event in surrounding communities. (Continued on Page Two)

CAROL SONGSTERS SEE GAY JOURNEY MONDAY

The sweet strains of "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" rang on the frosty night air. Houghton residents listened delightedly as about fifty young voices joined the trumpet quartet in the old song of the birth of Christ. As their voices died away the notes of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" sounded from another part of the town where "Herby" Loomis and Owen Fox were leading another group of eager carolers in song. There was much laughter and good-natured banter as the groups moved from house to house. People came to their doors to call out "Thank-you" and "Merry Christmas" after each miniature concert had been sung.

The groups started out immediately after the Monday night basket-ball games, and after having completed their rounds of the town they returned to Gaoyadeo Hall. Here delicious refreshments were served, under the direction of Marjorie Updyke, and the hungry singers all did their share in "cleaning up" the food. Enthusiastic singers declared as they went home that it was "the best carol sing Houghton has had for at least a year!"

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EDITORIAL

GET A FLYING START!

It doesn't take a fat bank account to make a successful Christmas. Money, we'll admit, has its place; but there are other things that count—things we sometimes forget about.

The first and greatest Christmas Gift of all time didn't involve money. If we attempt to show some of our appreciation for the Gift made by God commemorated this season, we won't need to depend entirely on a pocket book.

One of our most valuable possessions is time. Let us take a little of that this Christmas—each of us has 186 hours of it every week—and use it for someone else. Someone who isn't able to give us something in return. That's real Christmas giving.

There are dozens of other ways of giving. Many of them have more value than any amount of money. Let's look for these ways.

If you're "shoutin' happy," share your good cheer with other people. If you're not, do something for them anyway, and you will be.

You know Glenn Hamilton? It won't take a lot of time and thought to send him a line that may make this time of year a bit happier for him. His address is: Star Route No. 2, Bradford, Penna. Let that be your start toward the greatest Christmas ever!

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CHORUS SINGS —

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and many out-of-town guests were seen among those in the well-filled auditorium.

Credit for the evening's work goes to Professors Alton Cronk and Eugene Schram, who in spite of the handicap of a lessened number of rehearsals, were able to present such a splendid performance. This is the seventh consecutive singing of the "Messiah" before a Houghton audience.

JUNIORS WIN —

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game showed them to have reached the 11 and 9 point marks. Late in the second quarter, when down center plays of the champs began to be stopped, the yearling squad speeded up their pace and along with it the score which recorded an interesting close 21—18 as the half closed.

The "yellow shirts" supremacy came to the front to stay when they broke a third quarter parallel and pushed up a 9 point lead, the game finished as had been predicted by most pre-game speculators with a substantial lead placing little doubt as to whether the best team won.

Chapel Choir Offers Year's First Recital

At about 20 minutes to 10 A.M. on Wednesday, December 14, there was a disruption in the procedure of various classes as a few members left the room.

Outside in the lower hall there was much busting and talking before the second choir (Chapel a capella) began to tune up. The less fortunate ones who weathered the remainder of the class period found a buzz of rapid talking in the chapel itself.

During the opening exercises two Christmas carols were sung and Professor Stanley Wright read a Gospel narrative of the first Christmas. Prayer preceded a violin solo given by Mr. Skinner, which was followed by a vocal selection by Miss Louella Fisk. Miss Barbara Cronk and Mr. Carl Vanderberg were the accompanists.

The chapel choir filed in rapidly and grouped themselves for the first public appearance. They were conducted by Mrs. Schram, in singing "Celestial Voices" and "The Holly and the Ivy."

IF YOU CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT--IT MAY BE DADAISM

Monday night, Dec. 12, 15 art enthusiasts were oblivious to any monotonous school work as they entered the art laboratory which artistically-minded Josephine Reese had converted into a Christmas symphony of shimmering silver, blues, and greens.

Under the leadership of versatile Lois York, the young Rembrandts, Raphaels, or what-have-you, showed their skill at throwing plates (calm yourself—they were paper): acting as personified Christmas trees and deer, and in drawing pictures.

This group of Houghton Do-Do-Isms, now on the Art bulletin board, includes a cat's head gracing the shoulders of a 20th century Venos de Milo, whose short skirts reveal high-top shoes and ribbed stockings.

Realizing that social favor and gum flavor are seldom on speaking terms, the members made the mask of their juicy two-stick cuds while they were preparing it for modeling. Gerry Paine's model, a mickey mouse, bit off first prize, to the disappointment of Alton Shea and Vance Carlson, the male lives of the party.

The pop-corn balls and mixed drinks (grape-juice and ginger-ale, to you) served by Marge Roberts brought to a close an hour of real fun.

SENIORS FROLIC —

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to deliver the presents because duties called him elsewhere—much to the disappointment of everyone concerned. (Skinner certainly was full of the old Nick.)

Prof. Willard Smith was well-nigh murdered in cold blood by little Paul Van Ornum who sported his new bow and arrow. Other gifts ranged from mice and dolls to something useful like horns and more dolls. One of the male cherubs feels that now he can further his education and incidentally bring up his semester marks as a result of having received a set of alphabet blocks.

One of the main features of the evening's program was a dressmaking contest. The boys were to pin newspapers on the girls in an attempt at making something fashionable. (Confidently some of the girls were stuck.) "Vic" Murphy stole the style parade because the fellows ran out of girls and Victor became the model for the newest Parisian creation.

Following the refreshments, Richard Chamberlain sang "Holy Night" and then led the group in several carols. The Christmas story taken from Luke 2 was read by Miss Frieda Gillette, and the class joined in praise to God for his "unspeakable gift" with the singing of the *Doxology*.

The party was under the direction of Marion Phillips with Bill Grosvenor as master of ceremonies.

GAOYADEO OCCUPANTS SPLURGE WITH PARTY

The annual Christmas party at Gaoyadeo Hall went into full swing last Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, with the singing of Christmas carols.

Main feature of the affair was a dramatization of the Christmas Story under the direction of Doris Veazie. Outstanding characters were portrayed by Marion Smith (Herod), Louise Dietrich (Mary), Clement Phillips (Joseph), and Yvonne Duxbury.

The make-shift stage was artistically set with a background of white accentuated by colored lights. Particularly impressive was the closing scene in which Miss Duxbury sang "Silent Night".

Freshmen Fems Lose to Juniors

The biggest upset in basketball of the season's games occurred Friday afternoon, Dec. 16, when the Junior girls took a bounce from the bottom of the scale to bring down the flashy Freshman squad with a score of 21—15.

Although depleted by minor injuries, the freshmen commenced the game with a fast pace by means of which they were able to keep the score closely knotted throughout the game by allowing little more than a point difference up to the end of the third quarter when it stood 14—13. Led by their captain, Millie Schaner who took top scoring honors with a total of 14 points, the juniors won the game in the final quarter when their leader made 6 of the 7 points of the closing eight minutes.

Doris Driscoll, yearling southpaw captain, carried the brunt of the loser's attack by making all but two of their total 15 points. Her inexorable attack could be stopped only in part by the relentless Jerry Paine whose tireless efforts kept the score at a minimum.

The improved brand of basketball displayed during the afternoon gave the spectators many a thrill and the realization that as teams advance anything may happen.

Rev. Black Speaker For Chapel Service

Taking as his text Matthew 26: 36—40, Rev. Black, in chapel Dec. 16, showed the contrast between the death of Christ and the death of the apostle Paul. "Paul," said Rev. Black, "longed to die." He said, "I find in my heart a desire to leave this house and go to Christ. I am now ready, I have finished my course."

But Christ shrank from death, said Rev. Black. He had only one cause for this: that He died as a sinner would have died.

Paul died as Christ should have died and Christ died as Paul should have. Christ was bearing our sin; he took our place that we might have His, Mr. Black continued. In conclusion Mr. Black stated, "He had in mind our comfort. Let us acknowledge Him, live for Him, as He died for us."

CHOIR TRAVELS —

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ful church.

With Professor Schram conducting, the choir sang its full program to an enthusiastic audience of new and old choir hearers. Three new numbers were included: "O Praise Ye the Name of the Lord", "Grant Unto Me" and "Hallelujah Chorus". Another new number, "Beautiful Saviour", was presented on the program at the Pine Hill Church.

Following an after-service lunch, while the Greyhound was plowing on the homeward path, singers and maestro alike settled back in their seats with that general let-down feeling which forecasts vacation, and mentally remarked "Now to take it easy until next practice time rolls around." And sleepy choir members disembarked late that evening with the hopes of sweet dreams ahead.

HERE, THERE —

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ial University of Georgia bell-ringer estimates that he has rung the instrument 250,000 times in six years." Wonder what comparison our various "rope-pullers" could make? However, higher mathematics don't belong in this column.



Caesar had his Brutus, Lincoln had his John Booth, and Prof. Schram had his Allan Smith. But assassin Smith fired and missed!

His range was good (glass landed in the orchestra pit) but his aim was bad. In tracing the trajectory it was found that he sighted a little to the left of the bull's eye.

Hasty inspection of the intended victim showed that he had been saved by the armor plate in his full dress shirt—the stiff starched bib that helps one "put on a good front."

If you are interested in having a photograph of the Oratorio society, Prof. Smith says he has some "bang-up" shots.

Mr. Smith also states that he has but one regret. Had he left the shutter of his camera open a moment after the flash bulb blew up. He might have had a record of the looks of horror on the faces of certain veteran members of the chorus as they left their seats and momentarily started heavenward. To see the *genus homo* in self-propelled flight has been the dream of science for generations.

(Editor's Note: In case you still don't know what happened, one of Professor Smith's bulbs in the rear of the chapel exploded to scatter glass as far north as the orchestra.)

The editor of "Hi Toots" wishes you (and yours) a very Merry Christmas. I'll be seeing you when the "little fellow with the three cornered pants" ushers in Anno Domino 1939.

Lytle Chosen S.F.M.F. Delegate

The Houghton Chapter of the Student Missions Fellowship voted in the meeting, December 12, to send Robert Lytle, the president of the group, as delegate to the national conference of the Student F. M. F. to be held at Keswick, New Jersey, Dec. 30—Jan. 1.

At this conference, which will be the first national one, a permanent constitution is to be drafted for the organization. The speakers are to be Dr. Tom Lambre, who for years has been a medical missionary in Ethiopia, and Mr. Addison C. Raws of the American Keswick.

Mr. Lytle has been appointed to act on the committee which is to draw up the constitution of the Student F. M. F.

Faculty Lose Formality, Receive Varying Gifts

The Anna Houghton Daughters' Christmas party was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, in the dining hall of Gaoyadeo Dorm. All the members of the faculty and their families were invited.

The program opened with a vocal solo by Mrs. Schram, and a violin solo by Prof. Andrews. An arrangement of scripture and music was directed by Miss Pool.

Games were played which provided much entertainment. Every one received a gift from the Christmas tree and some were unusually humorous.

Reverend Black seemed positively delighted with a cat. Miss Moses got just what she wanted—a negro doll, whereas Mrs. Lee's eyes gleamed with the anticipation of joyful hours when she saw that her gift was a toy.