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TEACHERS MEET AT COLLEGE

DEBATERS WILL MEET WHEATON, OBERLIN Dr. Paine Welcomes Group; Houghton Orchestra Gives Concert; Prof. Shea Speaks

3 Others Scheduled Among Schools Met During Six-Day Trip

MEN'S TEAM TOURS

Willett, Elliott, DeRight, and Sheffer, Members of Team

At the stroke of two Monday afternoon, March 6, the two varsity men's debate team left with Coach Hazlett for the West. They spent the night in a hotel and set out early Tuesday morning to complete the long hop to the University of Dayton, Ohio. Everett Elliott and Edward Willett, the affirmative team held forth in an Oregon style debate in the evening.

They met the negative of Marion College, Marion, Indiana, Wednesday afternoon in the first section of a dual meet. In the evening the negative, Jesse DeRight and Walter Sheffer, took the stand in the last half of the day's work.

Upon leaving their sister college, the boys will travel to Wheaton, Illinois to see what the Wheaton College squad can do against DeRight and Sheffer.

Friday afternoon the Willett-Elliott combination will again take up the verbal conflict this time against Kalamazoo College of Kalamazoo, Michigan. They plan to rest their weary heads at Leon Wise's home.

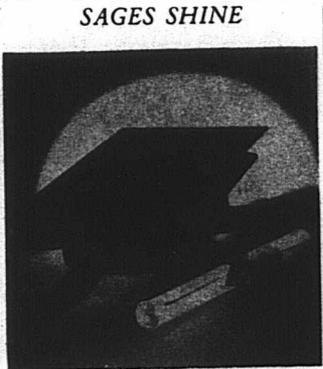
Starting out on the last lap of their journey the team will head for Oberlin, Ohio for another Oregon style debate. The orators for this encounter being Willett, Elliott and DeRight. The quintet will immediately set out for Houghton, following the debate.

Another set of quintuplets will leave Friday for a tournament at Slippery Rock, Pa., Saturday. Lois Roughan, Thelma Havill, Margaret Smith, and Leon Wise will do the debating, the first two upholding the affirmative. Each team will mount the rostrum three times. Miss Frieda Gillette will act as a judge.

Freshmen Debate at Niagara Falls

The Freshman debate team consisting of Florence Jensen, Lois Bailey, and Norman Mead journeyed to Niagara Falls on February 28, to oppose the Niagara Falls High School debate team on the question; Resolved that the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain. This question is the regular freshman and high school question this year.

Previous to the debate the ladies in the Houghton party became misty maids after a dampening from the spray at the base of the Niagara Falls—the gentlemen of the party—well, they simply became wet. They couldn't have been quite "all wet"



SAGES SHINE

Sailing to a marine party last Saturday evening was the class of '39 as they journeyed to Portville for an honors announcement banquet under the leadership of Captain Tuthill.

Choir Visits Two Nearby N. Y. Towns

Thursday, March 2, at high noon saw Prof. and Mrs. Schram and their "singing forty" bundled in the ever-faithful Greyhound, A. D. 1932, and on the concert path to East Aurora High School and Wilson Central School, in afternoon and evening appearances respectively.

The East Aurora appearance having become rather of an institution with both the choir and the school, found an enthusiastic audience greeting the afternoon's performance. The program was thinned out here and there to fit into time allotted for the afternoon assembly period and the choir's efforts drew hearty response from the students.

Since anecdotes happen in the best of families, choir has its regular quota. Our dear boy, Teddy Hollenbach, was in the process of arranging himself for the afternoon's appearance when he absent mindedly crossed his legs. Imagine his chagrin when he tried to put on his shoes and forgot to uncross said limbs. A good

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Tuthill and Elliott Honored at Party For First Summas

CLASS ADVISERS PRESENT

Willett, Elliott, and Roughan Given Awards for Class Debating Activity

Cogswell Inn at Portville resounded Saturday evening, March 4, with nautical terms salty enough to delight the most seasoned tar. The officers and crew of the good ship S. S. '39 turned out that evening in full dress, not to parade but to dine, dissertate on past glories, and give hearty recognition to a number of their fellow ship mates who by faithful and distinguished service over an enlistment period of four years had earned special merit awards.

After dinner which featured a delectable swiss steak, fit for the taste of any admiral, the company enjoyed the following program, cleverly planned to carry out the nautical motif:

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| Program | |
| Prelude | Skinner |
| "Yearlings" | Crandall |
| Sea Fever | Chamberlain |
| "Sophists" | Gates |
| Fishermen | Giles, Hadley, Brandes |

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Junior Class of '40 Holds Dinner Party Friday Eve in Dorm

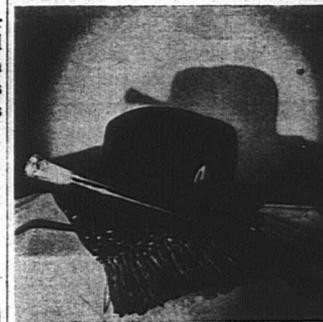
The entire Junior Class turned out in their characteristic enthusiasm to attend the Class of '40 Composite Birthday Party, Friday night, March 3. This gathering celebrated the reaching the collectively venerable old age of 1,680 years. Each member of the class contributed one penny for each year of his age. A great commotion occurred as Coach and Mrs. McNeese dropped their pennies under the careful scrutiny of those about. It is believable that Mrs. McNeese is 26, but it seems that Coach might be more than 25. It is said, too that Ann Madwid was trying to get change for 20 cents before the party.

The musical portion of the program was rendered by the well-known trumpet quartet. As the dinner progressed "Happy Birthday" was sung to the Junior Class, at which time the group rose to a round of applause and then sang their "Fight On Ye Juniors" song. The Class of '40 is deeply grateful to the management for affording junior waiters to serve this well-prepared dinner.

Class President, Charles Foster, led the devotions as the party came to a close with the class 'theme song' "For Me To Live Is Christ".

| CALENDAR | |
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| Thursday, March 9 | 8:15 Senior Recital —Harold Skinner |
| Friday, March 10 | 7:30 Fourth Purple-Gold Games |
| Saturday, March 11 | Debate Tournament at Slippery Rock |
| Monday, March 13 | Social Science Club Mission Study Class 8:15 Debate—Nazareth vs. Houghton |
| Wednesday, March 15 | 10:30 Boulder Elections 8:15 Dr. Saunder—Liquid Air Demonstration |
| Thursday, March 16 | 7:00 Student Piano Recital—Prof. Kreckman's Class |
| Monday, March 20 | Mid-Semester examinations begin |
| Friday, March 24 | Spring vacation begins |

INTELLIGENTSIA DINE



Junior fun as a class party came at a dinner gathering last Friday evening in the college dining hall annex with new president Foster as chairman.

Councilors Recount Improvements

That little known and often derided body, the Student Council, made itself visible and audible in the Wed. March 1st chapel program.

The various class representatives making up this august assemblage appeared on the platform and held a bona fide Student Council meeting. Leon Wise of the grounds committee mentioned the skating rink which after much labor was said to be in fairly good condition. He also said that the bleachers which had been requested for the gym had been installed. Marjorie Updyke had no report to make public for the disciplinary committee. Clyde Meneely pointed out that a successful speaking system had been installed in the dining hall and that the boys could now wait in the reception hall since French doors insured privacy for the girls. Chairman of the publicity committee, Everett Elliott, announced that work is being done in the line of putting Houghton on the map. Signs are

Teachers Include Graduates From Houghton

A teachers' conference and association meeting of the first supervisory district of Allegheny County was held at Houghton College on Friday, March 3. After Mr. F. L. Tuthill, district superintendent, opened the conference, Dr. S. W. Paine gave a hearty welcome to the teachers.

As a special feature of the morning session, the department of music of the college, presented an orchestra recital under Mr. Cronk's direction. The numbers played were "The Bar", "The Lake At Sunset", "Venetian God", "Sampson and Delilah", "Walse with Death", and "Maester-singer."

The delegate report was the first item of the morning. The house of delegates met with Mr. Lawrence P. Ryon presiding. Tenure for supervisory districts and teachers' credit were discussed. Principal Andrew F. Haynes presided over the principals conference. The discussion was over the late regents survey. Miss Mullen presided over the business session.

For the last forty-five minutes of the morning session, the conference met in groups. Superintendent Tuthill addressed the elementary teachers. The academic round table discussion was led by Principal Haynes. The music round table had no chairman.

The conference adjourned at 12:30 p. m. for lunch in the dining room of Gaoyadeo Hall. At 1:30 the afternoon session opened with a general discussion on safety education by the members of the Fillmore and Rushford schools. Another general discussion followed on "the regents inquiry report." Miss Mullen gave several good points on some of the reports.

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EDITORIAL

A FEW HINTS FROM A HAS-BEEN

In a recent issue I noted the celebration of the *Star's* thirtieth anniversary with a great deal of pleasure. Realizing the present staff is on the last lap of the current year's production I wish personally to take this opportunity to congratulate them on the emphasis on interest in their news coverage as well as variety in layout.

It is difficult for the student body to appreciate the amount of effort and time weekly expended upon the college paper with no material return to the staff except in satisfaction and experience. Any *Star* editor will quickly give you the secret of a successful issue. It is co-operation, from the greenest reporter to the editor himself. Anyone who fails in his routine doubles the burden of the one in responsibility. This frequently happens and, since there are only 24 hours in a day, the latter often burns the midnight kilowatt to the neglect of his classes and other interests.

Apparently the present staff, judging from results, have overcome their difficulties rather well. However an election for an editor and business manager to succeed the incumbents will soon be held. As an ex-editor and interested alumnus, I wish to ask the following favor of you, the Houghton student body. In selecting these successors ask yourselves the following questions in regard to each: Is he interested? Can he organize (both problems and people)? Is he willing to spend the necessary time? Has he had experience on the *Star*? What has he done in college thus far that makes him a likely man for the position?

When you have answered these questions to your satisfaction, vote for him. Support him as a student body and as individuals. Try out for the staff—remember everybody on the staff had to begin sometime. Give him and the rest of the staff a little praise once in a while—that's all the pay they get.

Best wishes for a 1939-1940 *Star* to carry on the standard of achievement set by the present staff. H. G. A.

BEHIND THE SCENES

When an alumnus takes the time and trouble to make the contribution to the school paper that Mr. Andrus has this week, we know that he is interested. And we don't hesitate to say that we appreciate it. As editor-in-chief of last year's *Star*, he still has vivid memories of the times when he toiled while others slept.

Those of you who have never worked on the staff of a school publication probably have little idea of the amount of hours and even days that go into each issue. You may wonder why it isn't ready for you on Wednesday morning after chapel or by Wednesday evening but don't forget that all of the approximate eight thousand words in each issue are written voluntarily by a few who give their time to the paper because they like it. Those who have tried it have discovered that it is sometimes very difficult to organize a few relatively dry facts in such a way that you will enjoy reading them. And the column writers probably approach the bounds of their sanity at times trying to polish up an old gag so that you won't recognize it.

But as with other projects, the success of the school paper lies with the manager, the editor-in-chief. When a reporter falls down on an assignment, the easiest way out is for the editor to write the story himself. Or perhaps the article was dashed off in such haste

Those H. S. Seniors

John Raybuck
 John Raybuck may be a high school senior, but as far as Houghton's concerned, he's no better off than a freshman since he just made his appearance on the campus last fall. He claims Templeton, Pa. as his home town where, since 1920 he has lived the royal life of a farmer, which worthy but demanding occupation presupposes a sorrowful lack of extracurricular activities. Mr. Raybuck did, however, tickle the ether waves with his tenor voice in the high school there.

Hopeful of the prospect of attending college, John took an academic course, but like so many of us at that period, he's not at all sure of what he wants to make his life interest and work. Though we've had a brief enough glimpse of him, John will probably not remain here more than a year and possibly will leave us before then.

Gordon Stone

Graduating with the high school seniors of Houghton in June will be Gordon Stone of Swampscot, Massachusetts. Gordon was born in Swampscot and attended grammar school and three years of high school there.

In 1935 Gordon entered the Providence Bible institute in Providence, Rhode Island where he was graduated in June 1938. While at Providence he took a prominent part in athletics, being captain of the baseball and basketball teams.

For the past three summers he has preached in the Baptist church at Bangor, Maine. He entered Houghton seminary last fall and since that time has continued active in sports, playing on the high school speedball and basketball teams. In September he expects to enter Houghton college and to major in theology.

President Faine At Cattaraugus

On Sunday, March 5, Dr. and Mrs. Paine and the college quartet took part in two services. In the afternoon the group travelled to Big Tlee, New York, and had charge of the closing period of the Sunday school of which Marietta Fancher is the leader. Dr. Paine spoke on the A. B. C. of salvation, and the quartet sang several selections. At the invitation extended by Dr. Paine, four young boys took their stand for Christ. Each member of the quartet had an opportunity to speak a word of testimony.

An evening service was held in the Cattaraugus Wesleyan Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Taylor, pastor, allowed the Houghton group to take full charge of the service.

The quartet was composed of Robert Homan, George Hilgeman, Dave Paine, and Lester Paul substituting for Halward Homan.

On Monday evening, the boys sang a group of quartet selections for the Wyoming schoolmasters at their monthly meeting in the Gridley Hotel at Warsaw.

that it needed considerable rearrangement or even rewriting. The editor may have to do this if an assistant isn't handy. Then occasionally we seem to get so busy that we don't do anything out of the ordinary and there isn't much news. Once again plans must be made for extra articles and exchanges from other college publications.

I didn't tell the editor I wanted to write this, and without doubt he would object if he were here. We think he has done a splendid piece of work this year. Don't you?

L. C. W.

DeRight, Krentel Selected for Jobs On the 'Lantern'

The results of the recent student body elections held following chapel on Monday, March 6, declare Jesse DeRight as editor and Paul Krentel as business manager for the 1939 *Lantern*.

According to the procedure established by the Executive Literary Board the students of the college selected a nominating committee in a meeting on February 27. The ballots for nominations revealed a tie for all three positions on the committee thus making up a group of six to serve in this capacity. Those nominated were Harlan Tutthill, Edward Willett, Leon Wise, Kenneth Wilson, Lois Roughan, and Victor Murhpy. These six nominated two candidates for editor and two for business manager and after posting the list for several days brought the names before the student body for their selection.

The nominations were to be from the two lower classes and the elections resulting in selecting one from each class should be an impetus for both classes to get behind the publication and make it the best *Lantern* the school has yet seen. There have been good issues in the past but those interested feel a still better one can be produced with everyone co-operating.

This is the first time this matter has been conducted by the Executive Literary Board.

NOMINEES SELECTED FOR 1940 BOULDER POSITIONS

The Executive Literary Board met on Wednesday March 1 and made their nominations for the 1940 *Boulder*. Three candidates have been nominated for both editor and business manager and will be voted upon by the college sophomore and junior classes on Wednesday, March 15.

The nominations are:

Editor
 Jesse DeRight
 Kenneth Wilson
 Lloyd Elliott

Business Manager
 Roy Klotzbach
 Earnest Hollenbach
 James Evans

In the past several years these nominations along with those of the *Star* have not been made until April or May but this year the board has chosen to follow the plan as set forth in the handbook and make the nominations at separate times. The handbook says "Boulder nominations shall be made on the first Wednesday of March and voted upon on the third Wednesday of March. The Board shall again meet on the third Wednesday in April and nominate two students for Editor of the *Star*, two for Business Manager of the *Star*, and two for Business Manager of the Lecture Course. These last *Star* nominations shall be voted upon on the first Wednesday in May."



by "HI TOOTHILL"

Exhibit A for the second semester has been one J. J. Buchanan, who calls himself "Doctor" for short. The episodes of which he has been a part are too numerous to record, but various members of the Art Department thought that one particular insult ought not to go unnoted.

Students who attended the last Artists Series program will remember the exhibit of copies of paintings by world-renowned artists which the Art students arranged in the corridor and library. That evening Signor Buchanan was abroad and in his strolling happened to run across the line-up of Van Goghs. "Hm", said he, with characteristic nonchalance, "local talent?"

The poor flag pole! It heard so much about "steam-heated bird cages" to be placed on its top that it couldn't take it any longer. With one last look at Jesse De Right, who offered the suggestion, the pole gasped "Either you're cracked or I am", and collapsed with the heat—steam heat.

The fact that the pole cracked doesn't altogether vindicate Jesse, for it merely cracked first—or did it.

At last Saturday's Senior feast, Dick Chamberlain sang about "Cargoes". The ship carrying the cargo he described must have been the dream-ship of Perky Briggs. Why? It was carrying *Sandal-wood*. (Time out for air!)

The daily business men's luncheon of the commuters invariably brings out some startling discoveries and developments. A short while ago the noonday session was the occasion for a general testimonial to the effect that the average commuter can study better if he has the radio turned on. A good program of music provides the necessary impetus for a late-evening theme; of if the history assignment is particularly dull, listen to the radio until you can thumb through a few pages. Then the next morning you can go to class with your conscience clear—you have read your lesson.

The third method of utilizing the radio is to turn on the instrument, get out your books, and then fall asleep. You promptly dream of what ought to be in the lesson, and are qualified to comment intelligently upon the subject the next morning.

The tall tale that Donald Kauffman advanced during that same session made the rest of us look like a bunch of slouches. He claims that scientists have been working on a method of transmitting knowledge into the subconscious mind by placing earphones on a sleeping "student" and pumping him full of information while he slumbers on. Donald claims that it has the same effect as learning something formally and then forgetting it, and it is just as valuable. The sponsors of this movement hope that their system will be equivalent to a college education; because, after all, we merely learn so that we can forget.

This is the very system that Miss Davison has tried to avoid in some of the Freshman Math. classes. She does it by showing the window wide open just as the would-be "sleep learner" gets comfortably relaxed. Painless education, like painless dentistry, must be a delusion of the senses.

Yearling Events of Sages Relived While Jack Crandall Talks

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sample of the four descriptive speeches at the last Saturday's senior gathering was the following by Curtis Crandall entitled "Yearlings". The manuscript of the mighty "epithet thrower" was the only one available on short notice. Other speakers were Zilpha Gates, Lois Roughan, and Everett Elliott.)

Aye, Aye Captain—Ahoy Mates. It's yarn spinning time, so draw up your sea chest while we retrospectively recount some thrilling tales and astounding adventures of the good ship S-S '39, as she plowed through the deep and turbulent seas of the unknown, out past the uncharted and rock strewn channel known as examination shoals, through the gales and storms of term papers, heavy lab schedules, long math assignments, fighting naval combats for supremacy of the collegiate fleet, up to the lighthouse of knowledge into the harbor of the land of the Sophists.

It's been a quadrennial cruise crammed with clever navigating feats of nautical skill. Stormy days and stormier nights and then days of intellectuals, physical and spiritual sunshine, and moonlight nights (Maybe I've been reading too many travel folders).

Three years ago last autumn the good ship S-S '39 was auspiciously launched into collegiate water to join the academic armada. A motley strapping crew of 130 charged up the registration gangplank, signed their shipping papers, crowded into the decks and boldly asserted their rights to recognition as members of Queen Houghton's Navy.

At a general jamboree of the entire fleet they were inspected by the weather beaten gobs of the other collegiate vessels. The older tars dished out mental slaps of greeting and encouragement but the yearlings knew that these veteran mariners were looking for them to prove they were something more than a bunch of land lubbers.

The second week on the high seas saw a bristling band of buccaniers from the mysterious country of Sophomorenia swarming into the good ship '39 and subjecting its crew to a series of humiliating treatments, forcing them to walk the plank of sportsmanship into the boiling waters of hard knocks receiving the acid test of "sink or swim". On the last day of these hectic maneuvers the visages of the oppressed ones acquired a piratical aspect but in their hearts they knew they were full-fledged seamen able to steer a straight course and to keep afloat.

Let's glance at some of the highlights of the log for the first leg of the four year voyage. Sept. 20th.

Yearling crew struts stuff before entire fleet. Surprising array of talent uncovered. Skinner, Ratcliffe, Chamberlain play, Bedford warbles, trumpet trio toots, quartet harmonizes, Brindisi, emots Failing preaches, ancient mariners applaud. Sept. 25th.

Yearling "shellalah-swingers" swab diamond deck with old gobs known as varsity valiants "The varsity salts tie themselves into sailors knots attempting to solve the slinging of "Lefty" Whybrew. Oct. 8th.

The skipperless crew selects a captain. "Eddie" Willett, a "seasoned sailor from Syracuse" is chosen to pilot their collective destinies on the initial lap of the voyage. Oct. 11th.

The S-S '37 guides the younger sister ship S-S '39 into a haven of (Continued on page four)

MISS EULAH PURDY GIVEN FAREWELL TEA AT 'DORM'

A farewell tea for Miss Eulah Purdy on March third at Gaoyadeo Hall was well attended by friends and acquaintances. Many brought interesting and useful gifts for Miss Purdy who is going as a missionary to Africa and is sailing the 26th of May.

Mrs. Stephen Paine and Marjorie Updyke presided at the tea table and various committees headed by Ruth Luksch, Florence Jensen, and Thelma Havill helped to make the tea a success.

Last Year's College Nurse Is Prayer Meeting Speaker

Miss Eulah Purdy, who plans to sail for Africa on May 26, of this year to serve as a medical missionary under the Sudan Interior Mission, spoke at the Students' Prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, February 28. Miss Purdy stated that as felt her call to go to Africa as a medical missionary, she trained as a nurse and later entered Houghton College where she graduated last year having been school head nurse during her college days.

In her talk she gave a brief history of the Sudan Interior Mission, under which she will serve, which was founded by R. B. Bingham in 1898 for the purpose of carrying the gospel to the sixty million unevangelized inhabitants of the Sudan region. According to statistics there are 350 missionaries under the board at the present time. As she pointed out, the greatest challenge to Christianity is the Moslem religion which is rapidly gaining a strong foothold in this region. In closing her message she urged each one of the students to make Christ king of their lives in order that they might work for him.

College Scene Gone By

Reviewing our last year files reveals the fact that many events occur at approximately the same time from year to year. The *Star* published a year ago, gives a summary of the men's varsity debate tour as conducted then by debate coach Prof. Harold Boon. Those composing the team last year were Frederick Schlafer, Everett Elliott, and Walter Sheffer, who debated such teams as Hiram, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Carnegie School of Technology and finally ended up at the tournament at Slippery Rock where the women's team met them and shared participation in the debates there.

From a letter written by the boys while on tour an item concerning the entertainment at Ohio Wesleyan reads: "A double room in the hotel with bath, towels, and guest soap (though Everett insisted it was cube sugar)." We wonder if his experience as head-waiter has helped to make the distinction any clearer. The article further states, however, that it was his first night in a hotel, so perhaps it is excusable.

One thing different from this year's schedule is the fact that the women's team had just returned from their tour. This year they have no tour but rather will alone shoulder the burden at the tournament at Slippery Rock on Saturday, March 11 with the added assistance of Leon Wise. They also have and will participate in a number of nearby debates.

Senior honors were announced at a banquet held in the college dining hall on March 3, 1938, according to

Student Pastors In Revivals; Extension Workers Sent Out

Many students, pastors, Sunday school workers, and extension groups went out from Houghton to hold gospel services, Sunday, March 5.

A two weeks series of evangelistic services was begun in William Jessop's church at Farmersville Center. The Rev. Erwin Enty is the evangelist.

Three extension groups were sent out by the W. Y. P. S. The bi-monthly service at the Angelica County Home was conducted by Park Tucker. Special music was furnished by Mildred Bisgrove, Eloise Cooke, and June Spaulding.

In the evening an extension group was in charge of the service in the Fillmore Wesleyan Church, since the Rev. George Failing is conducting evangelistic services at the M. E. Stannards Church, whose pastor is Frederick Schlafer. At the Fillmore church Everett Elliott was the speaker. A mixed quartet of Margene Bennett, Anna Ross, Bruce Densmore, and Henry Ortlip accompanied Mr. Elliott.

Another group, who spent the day at Gainesville, were in charge of the morning and evening service at the M. E. church. The messages were brought by Robert Lytle, Emerson York was song leader and the Sunshine Trio—of Ada Stocker, Elizabeth Cheney, and Mary Foster,—assisted in the service.

President Paine Speaks From Nineteenth Psalm

"The Psalm of God's Greatness," was Pres. Paine's title for the nineteenth Psalm in chapel, Tuesday morning, February 28. The first six verses were stressed, showing God as the creator of the universe and showing the great things He has done for it.

Dr. Paine mentioned several theories which have been advanced relative to the first cause in the universe. Thales of Miletus said, "The cause of everything is water." The Indians have a legend which states that the universe was at one time covered by water. A certain old man had no place to stand, so a friendly muskrat brought up mud from the sea and the old man made land from this mud. Another philosopher said, "The unlimited is the first cause."

"The intelligence of God," President Paine continued, "is as much above ours as the heavens are higher than the earth." God's creation, the universe, has a duration which we can never comprehend.

the same issue. There were 11 honor students last year whereas this year there are 20 names appearing on the list. Last year's 11 consisted of 7 *Magna Cum Laude* averages and 4 *Cum Laude* ratings. In addition to 12 *Magna Cum Laudes* and 6 *Cum Laudes*, 2 *Summa Cum Laudes* are on record this year. The *Summa* rankings are the first in college history. The valedictorian of the class of 1938 was Wilbur Dayton who is now taking advanced theological work in the college and the salutatorian was Alice Rose, their averages being 2.752 and 2.735 respectively.

Turning to a more serious part of the past, it was just a year ago that the *Perry Herald's* editor and publisher passed on to his reward. Quoting from an editorial appearing in the *Star* of a year ago we read: "The life of Mr. Guy Comfort will stand as its own memorial: the successful average man, active in serving his community; respected and depended (Continued on page four)

Sunday Services

Appeal of an Apostle

"An Apostolic Appeal" was the subject of Rev. Black's sermon on Sunday morning, March 5. Taking his text from II Peter 3:11, 14, 17, he answered the question—What manner of persons ought ye to be? In the first place he showed that we should be holy even in the commonplace things of life. Then we should be diligent for our appointment is from the Lord who expects our best. Lastly we should always beware lest we be deceived by the devil's no-harm products. He showed that we should beware of being critical, faultfinding, taking offence and bossy.

Bowditch Is WYPS Speaker

"Stumbling Blocks" was the topic discussed by Ted Bowditch in W. Y. P. S. meeting March 5. He emphasized the fact that such things in our lives as spiritual liberties, unfaithful leadership, nonsense, dishonesty, and deception may be stumbling blocks to others.

Mr. Bowditch further pointed out that we may avoid being stumbling blocks by heeding I John 2:16—"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him."

Olson Clark sang "The Stranger of Galilee."

As Samson Prayed

"Our strength lies in our consecration," said the Rev. E. W. Black in reviewing the life of Samson Sunday evening, March 5.

Samson's loss was a loss of fellowship with God; his suffering that of imprisonment. "We should rid ourselves of things that rob us of the Spirit," he said.

"If we have lost our zeal for God—our passion for souls—we should pray as Samson prayed, and God will graciously restore."

The second choir made its initial public appearance at this service.

CHOIR TRIP

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samaritan came to his aid, however, "shooed" him the error of his ways and Teddy was his own sweet, benign self again.

Wilson, the home of Duxbury and Housel, is the present green pasture of alumni Luckey and Churchill. The choir dined on baked ham, at the Hub Hotel, Wilson's premiere hostelry, preceding the concert, and then undertook their evening performance with enthusiasm. The full program was presented to a large and responsive audience. The above mentioned Hotonites were in the audience as were Mr. and Mrs. Molyneux and a firm friend of the choir, Mr. Martin Lundquist of Niagara University, who has recently composed and dedicated a selection to the College Choir.

Expression Club Has Variety on Program

The Expression club presented a skit entitled "Front Door" on Monday evening, February 27. The comedy concerned an unfinished front door untouched for 15 years.

Lora, the hard-working farmer's wife had always hoped to have the door completed, but her wish was not fulfilled until her death. The humor was supplied by Hilda Luther and Frances Pierce, very talkative neighbors who do their best to be helpful to the bereaved husband, Seymour Rollman, and daughter Irene Edwards. Howard Barnett was the undertaker who finally persuaded the stingy husband to mend the door. Richard Chamberlain sang *Velvet*

Ourselves As God Sees Us

by ROBERT LYTLE

(This week's column was written by Floyd Sovereign.)

Christian Youth's Recreation

After telling a story of how God healed a fellow missionary so that she could walk nine miles to go fishing, Dr. E. Stanley Jones asks: "Is God interested in fishing trips? I have heard of God's healing people for special Christian service, but this was for a fishing trip. Is God interested in our pleasures and recreations as well as in our duties? Is all life sacred?" Later he concludes: "We must be able to take God into everything or into nothing. A Christian has no right to take in any pleasure into which he cannot take God."

There is no doubt that the capacity for making merry has been and is shamefully perverted by humanity. Pleasure-seeking so easily becomes the be-all and end-all of life. Much indulgence in amusement inevitably sounds the death knell of the spiritual life. Christians, I believe, are justified in looking with suspicion on the pleasure-seeking life attitude. A Christian is not an Epicurean! Dr. Jowett has said: "When we stand at Calvary, life is transformed from a picnic into a crusade."

A proper Christian philosophy of life recognizes that human life has a two-fold basis—physically as well as spiritual. The way to true spirituality is discovered to be, not through mortification of the flesh, as the monastics believed, but through the development and control of the physical life for spiritual ends. Is there not a vast difference between thinking of amusement as the chief end of life and recognizing in wholesome recreation a means of maintaining life at an efficient level?

We turn to Jesus Himself for an example of one who knew the value of relaxation. "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place awhile," we hear him say to his disciples.

"In reality Jesus is the great Permitter, not the great Prohibiter." The Christian life is one of freedom, not one of restriction.

We can most easily solve our recreational problems by remembering to take God into all our pleasures. A genuine love for Christ will crowd out of our lives all that is unworthy.

But beyond crowding out that which is unworthy, our quest should be for all that which will enrich and beautify life and make it attractive and helpful to others.

"Let there be many windows in your soul, That all the glory of the universe May beautify it."

TEACHERS MEET

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commendations made in the report. The main feature of the conference was an address in the afternoon by Professor J. Whitney Shea, associate professor in economics and sociology of Houghton College. He discussed the labor problem of the present day and laid great stress on the Supreme Court action on sit-down strikes.

Exhibits of work done by pupils in the town of Allen and Caneadea were presented

Shoes and When I Have Sung My Songs, accompanied by Josephine Hadley.

Three humorous readings were presented by Sarabel Allen, Arlene Wright, and Lenoir Mastellar.

GOLD TAKE LEAD LEAD IN CURRENT COLOR COMPETITION

Second Win Inspires Great Hope For Victory In Gladiators' Ranks; Purple Advance in Girls' Division

LARGE CROWD PRESENT

The Gold Gladiators won their second game from the Purple Pharoahs Friday, March 2, by the score of 45-30. The preliminary game was a victory for the Purple girls, defeating their Golden adversaries, 27-23.

The first encounter was a "nip and tuck" battle up to the last quarter. Both teams displayed fine pass work, made the game intensely interesting.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the score board registered Gold-18; Purple-14. However the Purple girls finally emerged victorious following a last quarter spurt lead by Driscol.

Driscol totaled 16 points for the victors and Thomas scored 10 points for the Gold. Both girls turned in very creditable performances.

During the first two quarters of the men's game both teams exhibited a fine brand of ball. The Gold proved slightly the stronger accumulating 20 tallies while the Purple team scored but 13.

The third quarter was the deciding period of the game. Purple Captain Olcott was in better form this quarter than in any previous game this season. His team was weakened considerably, however, when Frank Taylor and Blauvelt, the Purple's main defensive players, had to leave the game having committed their limit of personal fouls. Thus weakened, the Purple team found it impossible to stage a third quarter comeback. The score at the end of the third quarter was 29-19.

In the fourth quarter Olcott and Crandall were also sent from the game after the referee had called four fouls on them. The Gold team played their reserves but the weakened Purple Pharoahs were unable to prevent final decision—Gold-44; Purple-30.

High scorers for the game were Captain Olcott of the losers—16 points; "Pete" Tuthill and McCarty, 12 and 10 points respectively for the winners. Captain Mix's Golden Gladiators used their charity throws to a decided advantage scoring 15 out of a possible 23 points by this method.

COLLEGE SCENE

upon by his fellows; crystalizing the opinion of his townspeople through the medium of his trained observation of men and affairs. Truly his memorial is that of incentive." Mr. Comfort was a loyal friend of the college, always ready to lend his assistance to a worthy cause.

In an editorial of this same March 12 issue of the *Star* it was suggested that the *Lantern* come under the supervision of the Executive Literary board. The result of a recent board meeting gives evidence that this suggestion was not only read but put into practice, for this year we find the board adopting a definite plan for the nomination and election of an editor and business manager of the publication. One idea, however, was not carried out: a selection of the officers the previous year as is done with the *Boulder* and *Star*. Whether that will be a later development is unpredictable.

The sports division 365 days ago found the Gold women taking the second of the series of Purple-Gold games while the Gold men swee-

YEARLINGS

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entertainment, good grub and relaxation,—and opportunity for worm mental riggings to be mended. Oct. 30.th.

Mates Failing and Lewis engage in a forensic fray with a pair of older salts and emerge on top. Nov. 3rd

The Yearling Yoemen "mop the gridiron with everything in sight and gain recognition as top "pigskin-toters" of the fleet. Dec. 19

The crews' bucket brigade completes a series of bloistering bombardments on the bucketeers of the other vessels, and hoist a flag as champion of the fleet. Jan. 19

The ship passes examination shoals without serious casualties. Several establish reputations of courageous and skillful navigating. March 20

Three-ring circus on the S.S. '39 with "Barnum" Tuthill in charge. Special features, a grand mid-way, a "swingtet", Mussolini, Hitler and the Dionne Quints. May 28.

Wending their way through examination shoals again—successful and again with Tuthill and Elliott leading the way to fathom the depths more skillfully. In early June the S.S. '39 docked at the port of Sophomoria hanging up a number of maiden voyaged records, her rigging full of banners of triumph and conquest, and claimant to the title "Queen of the Seas."

MRS. SHEA GIVES CHALK TALK IN CHAPEL PROGRAM

Cartoon-style likenesses of three of our most prominent faculty members drew record-breaking bursts of applause from the entire student body (and faculty) in chapel Thursday, March 9.

Mrs. Alton Shea, Houghton's Pulitzer-prize winner and art instructor, conducted the chapel.

Concrete applications of the rules outlined were made by chalk-drawings with simple lines and coloring. Houghton students progressively grinned, applauded, and cheered as they recognized campus celebrities Hilda Giles, Harlan Tuthill and Vance Carlson appearing, also progressively, upon Mrs. Shea's drawing-board.

"One outstanding feature," Mrs. Shea stated, "is usually emphasized in every work of art." In order to create this emphasis the artist must often subordinate other portions of his subject; often the drawing or painting appears unnatural, strained, incorrectly executed, to the observer.

As final proof of the point, outstanding characteristics of faculty members Cronk, Woolsey and Dr. Paine were emphasized for the recognition and delight of the now more art-minded audience.

their first two encounters. Both of the opening games ended with one basket margins, the second women's game finishing with the score 20-19. The Gold men won their second engagement to the tune of 42-22. Decide for yourself how this year's games compare.

Opening Contest Gives Gold Edge Over Opponents

by Allen Russell

The 1939 Purple-Gold basketball season was officially ushered in with three royal combats on the hardwood floor of Bedford gymnasium Wed. evening, March 1, before a crowd of about 300 people. The Purple took two of the three contests, but the Gold followers were far from disheartened as Captain Glen Mix and his Gladiators copped the main fray in convincing style, the score reading 41-31. This is the third time in as many years that the Gold men have won the opening game and yet have lost the series. So the question remains as to whether history will repeat itself or whether the Gold will continue their winning way and abolish the usual tradition.

The first preliminary of the night's contests saw the Purple men's second team dishing out a 36-23 defeat to the Gladiatorial second squad. Bill Crandall had a field night for the winners chalking up fifteen markers.

The Purple girls capitalized on superior passwork to down their arch rivals 25-21. The first eight minutes of the contest was strictly defensive with tight and efficient guarding holding down the forwards of both outfits. Led by "Gerry" Paine the Purple took a slim half way lead of 14-12 but it was soon increased in the third stanza when the Gold forwards with Shirley Fidinger at the helm netted only 4 points to their opponents 6. The contest was settled in the final eight minutes when Doris Driscol and the two Paine sisters, Billie and Gerry, teamed up effectively for the Purple, sinking two field goals and a foul shot. The Gold forwards were held to an equal count. Final score was 25-21 with Doris Driscol and Paine high scorers with 11 and 10 points respectively. Shirley Fidinger was high for the losers with eight counts.

The main fray was decided in the first half when the victors rang up thirteen points in each of the opening cantos to gain a comfortable 26-15 lead. The first five minutes of battle pointed toward a nip and tuck affair all the way but the Gold capitalized on their shooting ability to pull away to an early 13-18 advantage at the first quarter mark.

The Pharoahs managed to break through the Gold zone defense with a fair degree of regularity but they were simply minus their "shooting eyes," and lost plenty of opportunities to deposit doubledeckers. "Milkman" Bruce McCarty and Dave Paine found the hoop consistently during the second stanza for the winners, most of their shots coming from long range. After the intermission Jack Crandall and Cliff Blauvelt aroused Pharoah hopes with a pair of side court shots but these hopes were soon squelched when Captain Mix of the Gold flicked in two underhand tosses from one end of the floor to the other in an effort to gain a sizeable lead, but the scoring during the last half remained practically even. The Gold outscored their rivals in the third period 9-7, and then the tables were turned while the Purple, through the combined efforts of Jack Crandall and Marty Martin shaded the Gold in the last heat 9-6. Final score read 41-31.

Jack Crandall was high point-getter of the evening garnering seven field goals and a couple of fouls for 16 points. Bruce McCarty and Dave Paine of the winning forces annexed 12 and 10 points respectively.

SENIOR BANQUET

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Harbor Lights "Intelligentsia" Roughan
Triton's Trio Homan, Taylor, Grosvenor
"Sages" Elliott
Cargoes Chamberlain

At the conclusion of the program, Captain Harlan Tuthill presented awards to the three gallant defenders of the ship's forensic honor—Lois Roughan, Edward Willett, and Everett Elliott. The awards were pen sketches of the administration building as seen from coming up the road in front of the dorm. The sketches were made by Mr. Reinhold Bohner (38).

Then came the moment for which all on board were expectantly waiting—the presentation of awards by Miss Frieda Gillett, nautical advisor to the S.S. '39 since she docked in the port of Sophomorenja.

Miss Gillette expressed pleasure in awarding to two members of the class of '39 the first *Summa Cum Laude* awards ever bestowed by Houghton college. It was also announced that of the seventy three members of the class, 28% received honors. This figure is again the highest in the history of the college. In looking over back records it was found the class of '36 had 12.9%; class of '37—20.8% and the class of '38—13.2% honor students.

Following is the list of those receiving honor awards together with their averages:

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| <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | |
| Tuthill, Harlan | 2.968 |
| Elliott, Everett | 2.918 |
| <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | |
| Lytle, Robert | 2.859 |
| Willett, Edward | 2.754 |
| Gates, Zilpha | 2.684 |
| Jones, Marion | 2.657 |
| Montgomery, Mabel | 2.639 |
| York, Lois | 2.638 |
| Schlafer, Frederick | 2.633 |
| Fillmore, Anna | 2.619 |
| Elliott, Willis | 2.601 |
| West, Andrew | 2.595 |
| Meneely, Clyde | 2.575 |
| Crandall, Curtis | 2.571 |
| <i>Cum Laude</i> | |
| Beach, Gerald | 2.4913 |
| Giles, Hilda | 2.4912 |
| Parks, Catherine | 2.486 |
| Hume, Harold | 2.339 |
| Skinner, Harold | 2.303 |
| Johnson, George | 2.300 |

Cry of 'Fire' Routs Bowen House Men

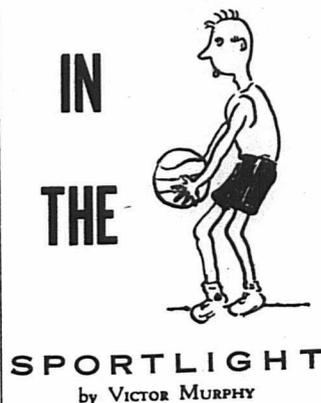
At 7:15 o'clock on the morning of March 8, the fellows in the Bowen house—those who had not gone to breakfast—were hastily summoned from slumber land by a cry from the first floor, "Get out boys; the house is on fire!"

John Turnbull of the high school and Kenneth Wilson opened their respective doors. The heat was oppressive, the smoke was convincing; the fire seemed to be authentic.

"Better go out and blow the siren," Wilson told Turnbull, who acted as though he were in the mood for traveling.

Having delivered himself of this bit of advice, Ken went back into his room, shut the door to hold off the smoke for awhile, and began to dress. "Fire or no fire," he figured, "the place will last until I get my clothes on."

John didn't blow the siren because he didn't know where it was until his golden opportunity was lost forever. The fire was out. Mrs. Bow-



Now that the color clashes have swung into full speed definite trends which point toward the predicted short series may be easily discerned.

An analysis of the girls' games finds a trio of forwards—Driscol, Gerry Paine, and Billie Paine on the Purple team which defy the best guards in the game (and the Gold have them) to stay their scoring ability. Finding that shots in close to the basket have no place in these closely protected games, both squads have been forced into longer shots from the outer court. Gerry Paine's accuracy coming from many hours of practice, coupled with such unstoppable shots such as those overhead placements of Driscol which astounded the spectators in the closing minutes of the second game, form a combination which has raised the standard of play in the girls games far above that of the games many years previous. Nor is the Gold team lacking in ability, but with an efficient Purple zone defence to buck which includes Lois York whose return to basketball has proven an advantage, fast cutting, Gold forwards are forced into quick shooting from which much of their accuracy is sacrificed for speed.

With the return of Frankie Taylor for the second men's game Purple prospects looked up, but all that they could see up there were those lanky Tuthill boys and Frank Marsh, king pins of a tight Gold 2-2-1 zone defence. The Purple boys have an aggressive team at all points, but their scoring efficiency is limited to not more than one or two shots after each offensive drive, for off-the-backboard recovery rests almost entirely in Gold hands. These shots have not been getting a just amount of effectiveness for neither Crandall nor Eyer have been threatening in their usual style.

The Gold on the other hand boast a greater wealth of material which includes such scoring threats as Bruce McCarty, high point man of the interclass series, Harlan and Pete Tuthill, veritable towers under the basket, Bob Torrey, fade-away specialist, with an added impetus from the long-range fire of Captain Mix and Dave Paine. This team undoubtedly is proving itself to be superior, and needs only the figures from the final round-up to be found in next weeks *Star* for confirmation as to the final ranking.

Friday evening, March 17, is the date being set for the possibility of a Varsity vs. Alumni basketball game in Bedford Gym. Those Alumni who are interested in testing the strength of the new stock of players in Houghton, or in finding out just how much their game has changed for better or for worse since leaving college are urged to come to Houghton on that evening and take part in the annual scheduled game.

en had braved the flames in the kitchen and deluged things in general. A basket of clothes behind an overheated stove was the cause of the conflagration.