

## DON COSSACK CHORUS



## Original Don Cossacks Will Inaugurate Artist Series

### Russian Singers To Give Concert

Tuesday evening, October 21, Houghton students are to be privileged to hear one of the greatest singing units of all times, the Don Cossack Russian Male Chorus. Under the direction of diminutive, dynamic Serge Jaroff, these thirty-five Cossacks, united during the World War when they were thrown together in plague-stricken prison camps under unspeakable conditions out of many varied walks of life, sing out of the depths of their passionate souls the songs of their beloved homeland. Not only have their voices of almost unbelievable range been welded together by intense training and the expert guidance of their leader, who alone was a professional musician before the Great War, but the common hardships they endured during their first years together and their common background has given them an enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation which has lifted them out of the ordinary to the pre-eminent.

The Cossacks through the centuries have had a fierce history. They were so wild in manner, so terribly indomitable in fighting, so skillful in horsemanship that legends have been transmitted, from the Turks especially, that they were descendants of a race of centaurs, half-man, half-horse. The original Cossacks were the freedom-loving tribes settled along the river Don, who for centuries roamed whither they would, bowing to no enemy, conquering and pillaging from Constantinople to the land of the Swedes. In 1552 they turned the tide of battle in favor of Ivan the Terrible, at war with the Kazon Tartars, and after this victory the Cossacks were looked upon as the protectors of Europe against the heathen clans. Thirty years later they conquered the land we now know as Siberia, and turned it over to the Czar.

When Russia fell into the hands of the Poles, in the seventeenth century, the Cossacks continued their fight for freedom. Although the nobles and citizens were too numerous for these blood-thirsty warriors, who were now forced to fight out of consideration of life as well as their love of battle. They rallied finally under their greatest leader, Stenka Razin, with

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## Student Directory Will Be Published Here Soon

The directory of the students of Houghton College, Seminary and Bible School will be published shortly.

The handy, pocket-sized book, INFO, also contains INFORMATION concerning the Artist Series, Lecture Course, telephone numbers, faculty, Star staff, Boulder staff, local radio stations, recreation hours, and holidays. Advertisements included in the book also make the student aware of services afforded in Houghton and its suburb, Fillmore.

This year the editorial staff has been strengthened by the addition of Norman Mead. We may expect several improvements in the book which we found to be such a convenient reference last year. In the alphabetical list of students, the following INFORMATION is given: rooming house, scholastic classification, home address (street and number), and home town.

## Local Students Attend Convention at Syracuse

Doctor Stephen W. Paine and six Houghton students attended the missionary convention of the eastern district of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Syracuse, New York, a week ago today. Speaking on the topic "Is Houghton Out to Win Souls?", the representatives from the college pictured the work being done here in personal evangelism. Marvin Eyler spoke concerning the college quartet, Robert Oehrig represented the Torch Bearers, Forrest Gearhart represented the Portageville work, Edgar Danner represented the extension department, while Ruth Cowles and Marilyn Birch spoke concerning personal evangelism and missionary efforts.

The college quartet spent a busy weekend singing at the Sunday services of the Randall Memorial Baptist Church in Williamsville, New York where Frank L. Waaser, the father of Wilbur Waaser, is pastor.

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## Mrs. J. Prutsman Dies Suddenly Fri.

Mrs. James Prutsman, '38, the former Arlene M. Leonard died in the Meyer Memorial Hospital of Buffalo, New York, last Saturday morning from an attack of acute infantile paralysis. Mrs. Prutsman was taken ill on Tuesday but it was not believed serious until Friday when she was rushed to the hospital.

A general science major while attending Houghton, she was active in extra-curricular events, belonging to Forensic Union, the Expression Club, Pasteur Pre-Medic Club, the A Cappella and Chapel choirs, Chorus, and Dorm Council.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the chapel of the Meyer Memorial Hospital and burial was at the Sandusky, N. Y. Cemetery. Surviving are her husband, a Houghton graduate in '39, and an eight months old son.

## Special Meetings Concluded Sunday

Houghton's fall revival services came to a close last Sunday evening in the village church after two weeks of successful meetings. Dr. John Paul, the evangelist, drawing from his wealth of Christian experience, pleased both students and townspeople in his method of presenting the gospel and many have reported definite help received as a result of his ministry here. Following are some of the "nuggets" gathered from the chapel and evening services:

### Chapel Nuggets

"There is something wrong with every individual who leaves repentance out, and with every gospel which does not include it. . . Whenever you have faith in Jesus Christ, you've arrived. . . God doesn't need to give collateral when he gives a promise. . . God's oath is His spotlight on the features of His palm. . . There are age truths in the preachings of the gospel, one of which will strike fire in a certain era. . . There are some fellows who are bad actors, and we call them sinners; there are some people who are good actors, and we call them church members. . . All our blessings are tailor-made. . . If at your first birth you were not born with a purpose, at your new birth you are born to a plan. . . God has to get some people into a crisis before He can do anything to them. . . If God could have His way entirely with us, a lot of us would escape a good deal of trouble that we're destined to have. . . Jacob had everything else disposed of before sunset, but it took him all night to dispose of Jacob. . . If a preacher didn't do anything but preach, he wouldn't be of any account. . . If you don't feature anything you're a poor salesman; if you do feature anything you put it right out in the window. The scriptural gospel preacher features some things. . . God has given you the power to be a kind of first cause in the matter of your own destiny. . . The righteousness of the gospel isn't negative; you are saved from something to something. . . There are a lot of people who magnify the breadth of the atonement, and neglect its depth. . . It doesn't matter what you get or don't get, but your consecration calls for you to give up

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## Varied Homecoming Events To Welcome College Alumni

### Dr. Wrighton of Georgia to Speak

The eleventh annual Homecoming of the Houghton College Alumni will open its activities Friday evening with a voice recital presented by Richard Chamberlain ('39), baritone. The second star event of the week-end, Founder's Day Convocation is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning. Dr. William H. Wrighton, head of the Dept. of Philosophy of the University of Georgia will bring the address, "Miracles and the Laws of Nature". Class reunions are planned for Saturday noon, with the afternoon occupied with the Informal Fellowship in the Recreation Hall and an inter-class touch-football game on the athletic field at 2:30. The Alumni Banquet at 6:00 p.m. will be followed by an alumni planned program presented in the chapel.

Dr. William H. Wrighton comes from the University of Georgia to bring the annual Founder's Day Convocation address. Known widely as an educator, Dr. Wrighton is advertised as one of the few professors to have conversions in his classrooms. Now on leave of absence from his duties as head of the Department of Philosophy of the University of Georgia, Dr. Wrighton is teaching at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. During the past summer he was guest speaker at Wheaton College Summer School.

In addition to the main address, Founders' Day Convocation will have its usual colorful academic procession. An honorary degree will be bestowed upon Dr. Wrighton. Miss Edith Sterns of the Faculty of Houghton School of Music will render a solo.

Richard Chamberlain, returning to Houghton to present a recital on the Friday evening of Homecoming, is the only student to have graduated from Houghton with majors in both piano and voice. He earned his M.

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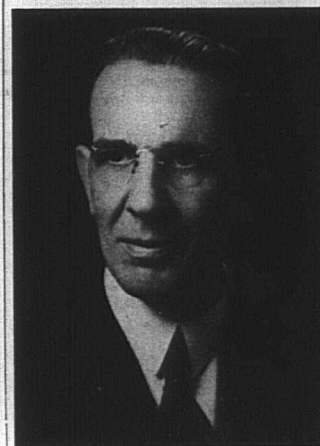
## Houghton's History in Heterogeneous Mixture

BY RUTH FANCHER

Houghton has a past—a glorious, dramatic, breathless past which is belied by the steady routine life in the Houghton of now. The Genesee Valley used to be a stranger to the noise of cars, radios and laughing students. Rather, it was intimate with the oppressive stillness of forest solitude broken by murmuring streams, screams of wild animals, and the weird songs and warwhoops of the Seneca Indians.

Gradually, the white man shoved the red man into boundaries and the reservation of the Senecas on the Genesee became known by the Indian name Ga-o-ya-de-o (where the heavens rest upon the earth). The name was later corrupted to Canadea, in which township Houghton is included.

The Senecas exercised undisputed control over the Canadea Reservation until 1826, when negotiations were made whereby the purchase of the territory by a syndicate of capitalists and land speculators was effected. Provision was made for the In-



Dr. Wrighton

## Dr. Roemmert to Give Lecture Here

### World of Germs Is Lecture Topic

The first Houghton Lecture Series program will bring Dr. George Roemmert and his Microvitarium to the student body, next Monday evening, October 20.

Dr. Roemmert, a physician, set out in 1920 to discover new ways to show laymen the world of germs. Fifteen years of constant research and invention have made him the foremost expert in the field of micro-biology. Dr. Roemmert presented his work at the Chicago (1933 and 1934) and New York (1939) World's Fairs in two spectacular and popular scientific exhibitions which he named the Microvitarium.

Dr. Roemmert brings his own equipment with him. His lecture lasts about one hour and fifteen minutes and about sixty exhibits of microscopic life are shown. These exhibits will show the everyday functions of the microscopic creatures which live all around us and about which we know so little. We will see them breed, live, fight, and die. Some species, being transparent, we can see their life functions being carried on without them ever suspecting it.

Said Dr. Frank Thone in his book "The Microscopic World," . . . "the part of the show which gets the most fascinated attention from his audiences. . . is a display of fierceness and flesh-hunger on the part of invisibly small one-celled animals that is as awesome as though they were tigers or leopards."

## CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16  
Junior Recital, 7:00 p.m.  
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19  
Homecoming Weekend  
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Dr. Roemmert, 8:15 p.m.  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21  
Don Cossack Chorus, 8:15 p.m.



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## OUR PART IN HOMECOMING—

The coming week-end promises to be one of the highlights of the school year. Professor Willard G. Smith has put forth every effort to make the next three days memorable from both a student and an alumni angle and from advance indications his work will be well rewarded. And why shouldn't Houghton grads and students look forward to this year's homecoming program. One of America's outstanding Christian professors will speak, an excellent recital has been arranged, the seniors will battle the juniors in the championship game, the choir will sing, and of course, students, faculty and graduates will renew old acquaintances.

But the real success of the three day program will rest upon the students' shoulders. The way we welcome back to the campus former students will in a large measure determine the success of the week-end. By taking part wholeheartedly in the activities we shall not only insure ourselves of a profitable time but we will also do much to remind the grads of the "good ol' days" when they were attending Houghton, the college on the Genesee. So just as a reminder—homecoming is primarily for the old students—let's make them feel at home!

A. R.

## ON EDITORIALS—

We concur in the opinion of the old philosopher that there is nothing new under the sun. Nevertheless, being well aware that originality is lacking, we would now attempt to write an editorial on editorials. Discarding firstly, secondly and thirdly we plunge at once into our subject.

Doubtless, editorials are written to be read. However, few of them are flattered by even the glancing attention of the general public. Everyone is interested in what his neighbor thinks if for no other reason than that it gives one an opportunity to disagree with him. Gossip circles have a crowded membership. Yet, the editorial page, containing the other fellow's opinions receive little attention.

Why? Can it be that editorial subjects are below the intelligent regard of readers? Can it be that editorial comments are too conservative to attract readers? Can it be that editorials are suspected of being hot-air tainted with radicalism? Can it be that editorial writers deal with subjects too lofty for the consideration of the reader?

We ask you, as reader or non-reader, for the answer. Why don't you read the editorials? But wait before you reply. First, sit down. Scratch your head. Write an editorial that people will read—or one that people will ignore. Then give us the answer to our question.

L.B.

## ARE WE APPRECIATIVE?—

Dr. and Mrs. Barnett who were with us Tuesday brought a much needed message that stirred hearts and did much to help us appreciate the blessings of life in this country. Certainly we should awake to the reality of serious times, "putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation." Here in Houghton we often take the common place things for granted until we are reminded, as we were this week, that indeed everything that we possess is a blessing from God.

The dominant theme of the annual fall missionary day seemed to be the fact that God is the controller of circumstances, as was evidenced by his protective care for the missionaries on the ill fated *Zam Zam*. And we can do well in our own lives, wherever we may be and under whatever circumstances, to recognize the fact that circumstances need not bind us or our testimony. Benjamin Disraeli once said: "Men are not the creatures of circumstances, but circumstances are the creatures of men." Certainly this is true of the born again Christian who is not living in his own strength but who is trusting completely that his weakness shall be perfected in the mighty strength of an Almighty Father.

## Burt Swales Is Chosen President of Art Club

The second meeting of the Art Club was held on Monday evening in the art studio. The main purpose of the meeting was the election of officers, the following being chosen: Burt Swales, president; Ruth Hallings, vice president; Gretchen Le Souer, secretary-treasurer and Dorothy Lang and Faber Tschudy as sergeants of arms. The election was followed by group participating in soap carving, which was a new feature of the club. Among the articles carved were dogs, people, and animal heads. The Art Club plans on taking field trips and other things of that sort that may tend to interest the student body as a whole.

—HC—

## Social Science Majors Hear Powers, Crowley

The first regular meeting of the Social Science Club was held in the chapel last Monday evening. Dr. Bowman, the newly appointed faculty adviser of the club, opened the meeting with prayer, following which president Allyn Russell called upon Horatio Morrison for the news report. Kathryn Walberger, chairman of the program committee presented Helen Powers who gave an interesting discussion on the local history of Houghton in years gone by, and Janice Crowley spoke on the life of Mary Jamieson, making the life of the well-known Indian woman more realistic to those present. A short business meeting followed, after which the club was adjourned.

—HC—

## History . . .

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dians to move to other reservations. They all left except Old Copperhead, who asked permission to stay since he couldn't bear to leave his home on the Genesee. He died in 1864 and was buried on what is now the campus. His bones were dug up later and sealed, with his story, in a cement box over which stands a famous tombstone—our Boulder.

The white man civilized the community to some extent. The Genesee Valley canal, the ditch of which can still be seen near the railroad tracks, attracted a few settlers. However, Houghton didn't aspire to become much of a village until the advent of the railroad. In those days Houghton was called "Jockey Street," because its main street was used for horse races. The landowners would assemble on the long porch of the tavern (the house across the street from the recreation hall) on a Sunday afternoon and watch the finish of the race. It has been rumored that if the old tavern could talk we might know more of Houghton's history than we could be proud of.

Houghton was destined to become something better than a burly horse racing center. Mr. Truman Palmer, a resident of the community, used to pray that Houghton might eventually become as well known for its piety as it was in his time for its vice. The Wesleyan Methodist church was organized in 1852. In 1882 Rev. D. S. Kinney, the manager of the Wesleyan Methodist publishing house at Syracuse, told Willard Houghton, a trustee of the church, "We as a denomination very much need a school in Western New York." Mr. Houghton and others, heartily agreed, set actively at work and succeeded in obtaining articles of incorporation by April 1883. A building was erected on the old Seminary hill at the southern end of town. School opened in the fall of 1884.

James Luckey, who was born in the nearby town of Short Tract, came to Houghton for his high school work. He became principal of the

## Practice Teachers Work in Seminary

Eighteen seniors returned to our Houghton campus a week early this fall to start work in the pedagogical profession for which they've been preparing these three years. A bit inconfident at the time, perhaps, of their own ability to discipline a lively group of high school undergrads, they're now very enthusiastic in their reply to the question, "How do you like practice teaching?"

Helen Burr and Edythe Hinckley are teaching their pupils to say "Amo, amas, amat" in *Latin I and II*, respectively. Doris Driscoll teaches the qualities of a good citizen, under the title of *Social Studies*. Lois Bailey and George Rosenberger try to analyze current events, as well as history, Lois to the *American history* class, George to the *History B* students, while the remaining history, *History A* is taught by Eleanor Covett.

Fundamentals of the French language are being taught by Marie Fearing in *French I*, and Bertha Reynolds in *French II*. Teaching our own language are Helen Gregory, 8th grade *English*, Louise Huntington, *English II*, and Vera Paulson, *English III*. In the field of science, Edith Bullock helps chemistry students balance equations; Clemence Phillips teaches science to eighth graders, and Harrison Brownlee covers *General science*.

The undergrads are sure to know their mathematics, for Arthur Meneely has an *Elementary Algebra* class, Katherine Walhizer a review class in *Algebra*, Audrey Crowell, *Intermediate Algebra* and Elouise Cook a review *Geometry* class.

high school after he had finished the work Houghton offered. Later, he left to take advanced work and was employed in public schools for several years. Meanwhile, the building was moved from the old site, which was too small for additional buildings, and rebuilt in the present location.

After Mr. Luckey had obtained his Ph. D. degree at Oberlin he came back as president to build Houghton College. He succeeded in getting Oberlin to take students from Houghton, which now offered the equivalent of three years of college work. Gradually other schools opened their doors. Several of our present faculty, after taking work at Houghton, transferred and obtained degrees from an accredited college or University.

Through the untiring efforts of President Luckey and others, Houghton was given a charter in 1923. Now Houghton College could grant its own degrees. Down through the years, until he died in 1937, the president dreamed, prayed and worked. He brought the college up to a level where it was finally accepted in the Middle Atlantic States Association, which means that Houghton is now recognized beyond the boundaries of New York State. When President Luckey died, Doctor Paine, who was the Dean of the College, was elected to shoulder the responsibility of presidency.

So, you see, Houghton of today didn't "just happen." It rose by prayer and struggle, gain and victory.

—HC—

Customer: I'd like a glass of milk.  
Gordon Barnett: Yes, sir.  
Customer: But it must be absolutely fresh. I will not pay for it if it is sour.

Gordon Barnett: Sir, three hours ago this milk was grass!

"There ought to be a system of manners in every nation which a well-formed mind would be disposed to relish. To make us love our country, our country ought to be lovely."

Burke

## NOTED



## In Passing

By MARION KIEFER

Jayne Burr has been doing quite a bit of stepping out this year, and just the time I think it's Percy, she pops up before me with Tschudy, and vice versa. We're wondering what the outcome will be, but it seems that she's having fun keeping us guessing.

The process of elimination in the Tom, Dick, and Harry situation has evidently left Dick the victor. Congrats, Dick! To Tom and Harry, all we can say is better luck in the future!

We miss:

Johnny MacGregor's humor  
Marion Smith's wit  
Bill Cassell's voice  
Keith Sackett's personality  
Frank Marsh's "Silver Streak"  
Stanley Brown's courtesy  
Bea Gage's culture  
Prof Clader's vocabulary

The past week has seen several ex-Houghtonians back on campus. The first, I believe, was the right honorable Paul Wesley Scrimshaw. That explains the flashy limousine with the theolog license. At the present time, "Scrim" is a cog in the machinery of Eastman Kodak in Rochester.

The same day we spied Mr. and Mrs. Gary Peterson of Jamestown. The latter is the erst-while Bessie Lane who would be a junior this year had she not ventured out on the sea of matrimony.

That Michigan license on Ted Bowditch's car looked strangely familiar to those of us who were here last year. We hear that "Stoop-gutter" is kept busy occupying a pulpit somewhere in his home state.

Another Michigan Houghtonite, Charles Foster, recently paid his respects to his Alma Mater. At present, "Chuck" also is serving as a pastor in Michigan.

The outstanding twosome of the week, as nearly as I can discern, is Jean Tanner, promising young vocalist, and Leigh Summers, Canada's gift to Houghton. For runner-uppers, I'd suggest Franny and Jimmie, although Helen and Jack could certainly qualify.

I've been informed (from a supposedly reliable source) that the Peg Hamilton-"Hi" Hill relationship is on a strictly Platonic basis. Does that answer some of your questions?

By all appearances, Ken Kouwe, who last year won the distinguished title of "Biggest Baby of the Freshman Class" by downing a bottle of milk in record time, has sworn off women. Quite a drastic change from last year, isn't it, Ken?

What's the reason for the presence of two illustrious sophs (male) in the high school study hall every morning? Could it be love that the aforementioned gentlemen have for the fine art of dusting? Or could it be the presence of two comely frosh (female)?

More Houghton grads to return last week-end were Arlene Wright, now teaching Latin and French in the Jasper high school; Marion Smith, teacher of English at near-by Rushford; and Millie Schaner, music teacher, also teaching at Rushford.



## Spiritual GLEANINGS

By BOB LONGACRE

We won't deny that the situation was deplorable, but we still felt that there was a proper way to deal with even a bad situation. Our friend, however, was in favor of a short-cut. "Do you know what I'd do?" she said. "If I lived here, I'd take off my religion for a little while, and clean house on 'em." The details of the matter need not be revealed, but the attitude that our friend displayed may be all too prevalent. It may be confidently asserted that when the Apostle Paul exhorts us to "put off the old man", and "put on the new man", he never meant to imply that the Christian life was merely a cloak that could easily be shuffled off or on at will. True devotion in the soul is a flame that is not kindled overnight, nor whimsically extinguished and kindled again within a day. As Commissioner Brengle once wrote: "The truth that saves the soul is not picked up as we would pick up the pebbles along the beach, but it is obtained rather as silver or gold, after diligent searching and digging." The ancient writer of Proverbs has similarly written: "If thou criest after knowledge, and lift up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures, then shalt thou understand the fear."

### Humility

Humility is perfect quietness of heart; It is for me to have no trouble; It is never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed; It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing that is done against me; It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, or when I am blamed, or despised; It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret, where I am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble; "Some speak often of walking by faith as though it were a rough, dark way. They say, 'I have many doubts, much darkness, no joy, but I am walking by faith.' By no means are they. Faith's way is not such; it is a cloudless way, a smooth way, a joyous way. The way that is cloud-cast and doubt-strewn is the way of sight. . . . Faith never reaches its fullness until it transmigrates from an exercise into a state of soul, until it can apprehend as well as appropriate, the things which are freely given it to God." S. A. Keen, D. D.

## Bible School Elects Lamos As President

The Bible School Club held its first meeting, Monday evening, September 22. Devotions were led by Rowena Atkins, after which music was supplied by two duets. One, "Jesus Rose of Sharon," by Josephine and Florence Reed, the other, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," by Dorothy Fisher and Marjorie Edwards. "Hints to the Freshmen," was given by Edwin Seaman. Prof. Frank Wright, Dean of the Bible School, gave a very timely lecture after which the election of officers was held.

Officers elected were: President, Aldis Lamos; Vice President, Edwin Seaman; Secretary, Rowena Atkins; Treasurer, Otto Nemitz; Star Reporter, Josephine Reed. Program Committee is: Rev. Enty, Miss Fillmore, and Beatrice Broughler. Entertainment Committee: Shirley Hoag, Pauline Chapman, and Howard Brown.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Enty.

## Sunday Services

### Sunday Morning

"The Body of Christ" was the theme of the Sunday morning message, taken from I Cor. 12:18-31.

Our evangelist, Dr. John Paul, showed why it was necessary for Jesus to take upon Himself the form of man. In His human body the Son of God toiled and suffered. He saw the world weighted down with a load of guilt and sin and offered Himself as an eternal sacrifice to lift that miserable, ruined, poverty-stricken world to God.

When He went away He had to have a body to carry on the plan of salvation. He had to have feet to run on His errands, eyes to shed tears over the lost, hands with which to lift heavy burdens, ears to hear the cries of the needy, lips to tell of His love. Herein lies the true conception of the living, vital Church.

Dr. Paul emphasized the fact that the baptism of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for all of the members of the body to work in perfect coordination, each regarding the other as indispensable to perfect, unhindered service.

### Cossacks . . .

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whom they recovered the Don and Volga basins and pushed on even to Moscow, where they were overpowered. And so, down until the Great War, the warlike Cossacks of the Don waged unceasing war against all who threatened their liberty. Life meant nothing, except they had liberty. "If die we must, let us die with music" was the cry continually upon their lips. The revolution following the World War saw these officers of General Wrangel's White Army of the Crimea exiled, and sent to the infamous prison camp of Tchelengir, near Constantinople, better known as the "Camp of Death". Here the trained ear of Serge Jaroff, so small that any one of his huge, seven-foot companions could lift him in one hand, detected their potential musical value and started them on the road to fame.

Refugees, now! Forlorn exiles, testimony to the power of a once universally respected and feared dynasty, their one remaining possession is the memory of that country whose praises they have determined to sing the world over, though they hardly dare hope ever to return. No greater musical performance can be enjoyed than a concert of the Don Cossacks.

### Homecoming . . .

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A. with graduate study at North State Teachers College in Texas. He has spent two summers at the Bennington (Vt.) School of Fine Arts where he studied under Otto and Ethel Leuning, outstanding New York City voice teachers. He sang a leading role in an opera performed at the Bennington Festival. "Dick" is expected to reach Houghton by the middle of the week in order to practice with his accompanist, Prof. Alton Cronk, of the Houghton College School of Music faculty.

Curtis Crandall ('39), Alumni Association president, will preside in the evening. After dinner speeches, election of officers, and a report on the Luckey Memorial Fund will be included.

Following this, alumni will present a vox pop type program in the college chapel. Colored movies of freshman week, 1941, will also be shown by Willard Smith, prof of History at Houghton College.

## Dr. Barnett Talks On Ship's Sinking

Chapel of Houghton's Annual Missionary Day presented as its speaker Dr. Arthur M. Barnett, a young medical missionary under the Africa Inland Mission. Dr. and Mrs. Barnett were among the freed survivors of the sinking of the Zamzam en route to Africa.

The main body of the chapel message was a vivid, yet unexaggerated, personal account of the Zamzam incident—an account full of appreciation for God's deliverances and lessons, and ringing with the challenge of utter abandonment to God. Dr. Barnett's story of hardship and suspense made more nearly material to peace-experienced minds the awfulness of the war conditions that prevail today.

At the end of the message, pledge envelopes for the college missionaries were passed out, and prayer was offered.

### Nuggets . . .

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all, and follow him without the gate. . . . Jesus means for you to sign up to get kicked out. . . . If you take His reproach, everything will be grist that comes to your mill. . . . If you are definite with Him, God will be definite with you. . . . Lots of people think their troubles are on the outside when they are all on the inside. . . . You have a commander when you give yourself to God, who will never make an unreasonable demand upon you. . . . You don't hear a fellow going around complaining about persecution, affliction, or demotion, if his all is on the altar. . . . You don't know how much some fellows here think that they're worth. . . . Gospel faith is triune: the faith of belief, which involves your head; the faith of obedience, which involves your hands; and the faith of trust, which involves your heart."

### News Items . . .

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Monday evening they journeyed to Hornell where they sang at the Christian Business Men's banquet in the South Baptist Church of that city.

Misses Esther Brayley and Lucy Joslyn, '32, were visitors in Houghton, Saturday, calling on Miss Bess Fancher and Miss Dorah Burnell. The Misses Louise Strong, Rinda Bartlett and Mildred Ross, all former graduates, and Miss Gudrun Kartevold of Brooklyn, New York, former Dean of Women, were guests of Miss Lena Stevenson last weekend.

Five geology students along with Prof. and Mrs. Tucker took a 600 mile trip through parts of Pennsylvania and central New York state, last Friday and Saturday. Main interest points were Penn's Cave in Center Hall, Pa., and Ithaca, New York where the group stayed overnight. Those making the trip were, Ruth Schrader, Robert Oehrig, William Work, Ralph Patterson, and Warren Husted.

Three groups of Houghton students represented the college in extension work last Sunday. Edgar Danner, secretary of the extension department, preached at the Presbyterian Church in Perry, N. Y., while Leon Gibson, assisted by a girls' trio composed of Katherine Walberger, Rachel Boone, and Harriet Kalla, took charge of the services at Franklinville church. Edward Mehne and Floyd Sovereign spoke at a religious education program in the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Olean.

## All About Books

By WARREN WOOLSEY



Whenever anyone asks what I'm doing on the *Star* this year, I always hesitate to reply, because Editor Russell has designated me literary editor and that implies an erudition I do not possess. Actually, the pretensions of this column are humble ones; our only aim is the furthering of the appreciation of literature and the encouragement of embryo writers, if any, on the campus.

Throughout the year, or at any rate as long as this column continues to be published, we shall call to your attention literary productions of various kinds as we discover them, usually making an attempt at an evaluation of their literary qualities.

The only standards we shall consider in appraising books are artistic literary standards. Certainly this amateur critic is unable to give a comprehensive definition of art. (Perhaps John Morley's definition is a suitable one for a column of this nature: "Literature consists of all the books—and they are not so many—where moral truth and human passions are touched with a certain largeness; sanity and attraction of form.") We may, however, be able to arrive at a few conclusions with regard to standards of art by which literary productions may be judged. With the help of such standards, then, we shall examine various books from time to time with a view to determining what is and what is not worth reading.

Thomas Wolfe was a lonely man. In a collection of miscellaneous writings by him soon to be published there is—I think you would call it an essay, "The Anatomy of Loneliness." He feels that in this generation he was of all men everywhere the most poignantly lonely and that he is therefore qualified to describe this universal human experience. To give you some comprehension of the article, here are a few salient sentences:

"The whole conviction of my life now rests upon the belief that loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon, peculiar to myself and a few other solitary men is the central and inevitable fact of human existence. When we examine the moments, acts, and statements of all kinds of people—not only the grief and ecstasy of the greatest poets, but also the huge unhappiness of the average soul, as evidenced by the innumerable strident words of abuse, hatred, contempt, mistrust and scorn that forever grate upon our ears as the miasma passes us in the streets—we find, I think, that they are all suffering from the same thing. The final cause of their complaint is loneliness."

"The most tragic, sublime and beautiful expression of human loneliness I have ever read is the Book of Job; the grandest and most philosophical, Ecclesiastes. For the Book of Job, far from being dreary, gray, and dismal, is woven entire, more than any single piece of writing I can recall, from the sensuous, flashing, infinitely various, and gloriously palpable material of great poetry; and it wears at the heart of its tremendous chant of everlasting sorrow the ex-

ulting song of everlasting joy.

"Beauty comes and passes, is lost the moment that we touch it, can no more be stayed or held than one can stay the flowing of a river. Out of this pain of loss, this bitter ecstasy of brief having, this fatal glory of the single moment, the tragic writer will therefore make a song for joy."

"The central purpose of Christ's life, therefore, is to destroy the life of loneliness and to establish here on earth the life of love. And I now know that though the way and meaning of Christ's life is a far, far better way and meaning than my own, yet I can never make it mine. . . . For I have found the constant, everlasting weather of man's life to be, not love, but loneliness. Love itself is not the weather of our lives. It is the rare, the precious flower."

"Loneliness forever and earth again! Come to me as you always came, bringing to me again the old invincible strength, the deathless hope, the triumphant confidence that will storm the earth again!"

If this insight into inner soul of the man Thomas Wolfe makes you curious to know him better, I could do no better than recommend you to *Look Homeward, Angel*, the only book by Thomas Wolfe the library has.

The subtitle of the book is, "A Story of the Buried Life." Wolfe writes the story of Eugene Gant from babyhood to college age. He graphically depicts the searching of the young man for some set of permanent values, for the meaning of life. There can be little doubt that the book is somewhat autobiographical, and that only adds to the fascination of this somber portrait done in dull oils, with great care for the minutiae, yet with a single, dominant theme.

The book is one almost impossible to describe adequately to one who has never read Wolfe and I have already run on too long. Perhaps the book's most obvious characteristic is the unique memory of sense perceptions the author exhibits. A key passage from the book is printed on the page facing the first chapter—

"... a stone, a leaf, an unfound door; of a stone, a leaf, a door. And of all the forgotten faces."

"Naked and alone we came into exile. In her dark womb we did not know our mother's face; from the prison of her flesh have we come into the unspeakable and uncommunicable prison of this earth."

"Which of us has known his brother? Which of us has looked into his father's heart? Which of us has not remained forever prison-pent?"

"Which of us is not forever a stranger and alone?"

"O waste of loss, in the hot mazes, lost, among the bright stars on this most weary unbright cinder, lost! Remembering speechlessly we seek the great forgotten language, the lost lane-end into heaven, a stone, a leaf, an unfound door. Where? When?"

"O lost, and by the wind grieved, ghost, come back again."

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"All men commend patience, although few be willing to practice it." Thomas a Kempis

"Drogenis lighted a candle in the daytime, and went round saying, 'I am looking for a man'." Drogenis Laertius

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Wakefield's Tea Room





By DAVE PAINE

The weeks have passed since the Star last brought you the local sports dope. (No remarks, please.) Since that time, Houghton fans have seen a great deal of activity on the hastily improvised athletic field near the music building.

The touch football series seems to have narrowed down to a fight between the juniors and seniors for top honors, with everything hanging on the result of the last game, at present scheduled for the Saturday afternoon of home-coming weekend. After losing the opener to the seniors in the last few seconds of play, the juniors bounced into the picture again by decisively defeating the sophomores in two games and the freshmen once. Going into their final game with the frosh, however, this same junior team was unable to do better than eke out a 6-0 decision on a hard-fought tussle. The seniors, undefeated except for a heart-breaking 2-0 setback at the hands of the sophomores, hit their stride and retaliated with a scoring deluge which sent their former conquerors to the showers wondering what had hit them. And so we see the two teams moving into the play-off spot with an equal number of notches in their belts; and you can put this down in your book—when these two clubs square off on Saturday afternoon, you can expect a thrill-packed, hard-fought, nip-and-tuck affair with the winning team earning everything that comes its way.

One big reason for the success of the season thus far has been the great line play and backfield blocking displayed by the various teams. These unsung heroes, unnoticed by the average fan in the melee and excitement of the moment, are in reality the ones who are making it possible for Joe College, the triple-threat backfield ace and idol of the sideline quarterbacks, to throw that touchdown pass or get off that sixty-yard boot. Hats off to the little guy who goes about his job unnoticed—the guy on whom all great teams are built.

While the fellows recuperate from their tilts, the girls have been sneaking out on the field for a few friendly little sessions with their war clubs. Displaying an encouraging degree of dexterity and field strategy, the newly organized field hockey teams have nearly completed their series. The freshman and sophomore teams battled to a thrilling tie and defeated the juniors and seniors respectively in hard-fought contests to share top honors in the series tabulations. At the same time, the upperclassmen are flipping coins for the cellar position. All this as we close our column for the week. Who knows what will happen in the game Tuesday afternoon?

This sport, still young on Houghton's campus, has proved itself an interesting and worthwhile one, despite its pre-season winks exchanged by followers of more grunt-and-groan pastimes. Coach McNeese is to be congratulated on a fine idea and the successful carrying out of this new plan.

What with all the baseball players hanging up the spikes for the winter, we might recap the climax of the season—the Yank's defeat of the Brooklyn Dodgers in one of the most-talked-about world's series since the organization of professional baseball. But why go into that? Suffice it to say that the Yanks did it again—with the help of a few of the Brooklyn boys. It all goes to make the game

## Seniors Smother Frosh Gridders

Mullin and Will Score on Aerials

BY OLIVER KARKER

The effectiveness of battery mates Eyler and Mullin, who rotated between the pitching and receiving ends, carried the seniors to an overwhelming victory over the freshmen on Friday afternoon to the tune of 22-0. Big "Red" Will also contributed greatly to the cause as he pursued a course of "watchful waiting" and caused the freshman receiver no end of embarrassment on several occasions when "Red" watched the first year man receive a punt and fumble the slippery pigskin, only to have Will pounce upon it and claim it for a senior first down.

Rain threatened in the early stages of the game and finally descended at the half. Handling a wet ball, the seniors completed 19 aerials out of 48 attempts for a total of 152 yards as against 8 completed of 30 frosh attempts for 66 yards. The seniors uncovered a display of accuracy as they connected time and time again in their marches toward pay dirt.

The seniors scored first, half-way through the opening period. After two unproductive plays, Eyler kicked from his own 10 yard line to the frosh 28 yard line. Little received but fumbled the wet ball, Will recovering for the seniors. Eyler then heaved to Foster for 5 yards. Eyler again unwound an aerial to Mullin who ran 10 yards to a touchdown. The try for the extra point was wide, the score remaining 6-0.

Midway in the second quarter, "Red" Will intercepted a frosh heave and ran the ball up to the frosh 31 yard line. A pass from Eyler to Will netted 9 yards. Mullin heaved to Foster for a first down. Eyler passed to Armstrong for 8 yards. Eyler then threw a touchdown pass to Will in the end zone. The kick for the extra point was between the uprights, making the score 13-0.

The seniors' attack was halted until the early part of the last quarter. After Strong booted to his own 25 yard line, the senior aggregation again got under way. A pass from Mullin to Eyler again set the ball up on the frosh 7 yard line for a first down. Mullin gained one yard on an end run. Eyler passed to Will over the zero marker, Will battling his way out of the surrounding frosh opposition to make the catch. A pass from Eyler to Mullin netted the extra point, the score now adding up to 20-0.

A few minutes later the spectators witnessed the end of the scoring as Eyler tagged Little behind his own goal line after he had intercepted Mullin's long pass into the end zone, a safety being executed on the play. The final score read 22-0.

what it is though, folks, so don't be too hard on the boys.

Had enough?—Guess that should hold up the works for another week, after which we'll be back for a look at Purple-Gold football and hockey classics and a preview of inter-class basketball. Until then—

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## Mrs. Charles De Vol Is Monday Chapel Speaker

Mrs. Charles De Vol, a returned missionary from China, spoke before the student body in chapel Monday morning. Speaking from Hebrews 2:15, Mrs. De Vol dwelt especially upon the fear of death that is present in heathendom, and the marked contrast between the hopeless despair of the heathen funerals and the quiet assurance that attended the last rites of the Christians. In addition she told us how the Lord has been protecting the Chinese Christians in the midst of war and banditry. "When we returned," she said, "although hundreds of thousands had been killed in our district, we did not find that one Christian had been killed." Mrs. De Vol's husband is still serving in the Friends Mission, near Nanking, Central China.

"Places do not ennoble men, but men make places illustrious." Plutarch

"Everything that lives, lives not alone nor for itself." Blake

## Frosh Surprise by Holding Juniors to One Touchdown

### Y. T. C. Hold Second Meeting of New Year

The Youth's Temperance Council held its second meeting of the year in the High School study hall last Monday evening. Larry Birch, president, had charge of the meetings and explained the purposes of the club to the new members who in turn responded by introducing themselves and relating their former connections, if any, with organizations similar to the Houghton Y. T. C.

The group has been invited to take part in the program of a community supper to be put on by the local W. C. T. U. and the members are also anticipating a social gathering in the near future. The club meets every second Monday and newcomers are welcome to attend.

### Junior Forward Wall Scintillates

The junior juggernaut met its equal in the freshman yearling squad on Monday afternoon in a pre-game upset, managing to come off the field victors by the slim margin 6-0. The juniors looked like anything but a superior team as they came up against the recently acquired frosh defense which functioned with merit. The freshmen never looked better on the defense as they intercepted or batted down many of the junior aerials at crucial moments. The junior line played in the frosh backfield most of the afternoon as the freshman forward wall gave way before the incessant hammering.

The juniors' only touchdown came early in the opening period. The juniors received the kick-off and after gaining a first down lost the ball after four incomplete passes. After losing four yards, the frosh kicked out on their own 20 yard line. On an end around play Clark gained nothing. Sheffer then tossed a long aerial over the frosh zero marker into the end zone, which Paine snared. Clark's attempt to convert for the extra point was low, the score remaining 6-0.

For the remainder of the period and the second and third quarters the contest was an exhibition of fine defensive play and, in turn, dogged offensive play which lacked the initial push to pay off. Good kicking by both teams tightened the defense as the kicks drove the opposition back enough yardage to keep them from threatening the respective goals.

In the fourth stanza of the contest the freshman attack suddenly came to life. A few minutes after the start of the quarter, Little intercepted Paine's pass on his own 38 yard marker and raced to the junior 22 yard line. A pass to the right end, Bicknell carried the frosh up to the 7 yard line. Lewellen threw an incomplete pass. Woolsey blocked Strong's aerial. Lewellen threw a pass to Crawford which got away from the receiver. A pass from Lewellen to Little set the ball up on the junior's four yard line. Here the frosh threat ended as they lost the ball on downs and Dave Paine got off a beautiful kick to the frosh 34 yard line. For the remainder of the game neither team accomplished much gain and the ball changed hands at regular intervals after four downs.

Statistics on the game reveal that the juniors excelled in the air as they completed 14 of 33 attempted aerials for a total yardage of 116. The frosh completed 5 of 21 attempts netting 34 yards. The juniors gained 56 yards by rushing to the frosh's 29. Dave Paine excelled in the punting department for the juniors, kicking five times averaging 41 yards. Strong, booting for the frosh averaged 24 yards to a kick. The juniors gained five first downs to the yearlings' one, but the jaguars were penalized a total of 30 yards for infractions of the rules.

## SCHEDULE OF HOMECOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 p. m. Recital by Richard Chamberlain ('39), baritone.  
Alton Cronk, accompanist.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:30 a. m. Morning Watch in room 32 of Administration Bldg.  
8:00-10:00 a. m. Regular first and second period classes.  
10: a. m. Founders' Day Convocation in Chapel. Address by Dr. William H. Wrighton, "Miracles and the Laws of Nature."  
12:30 Noon Founders' Day luncheon in college dining hall.  
Class reunions.  
1:30 p. m. Informal Alumni Fellowship in the Recreation Hall.  
2:00 p. m. Meeting of the Board of Directors of Houghton College Alumni Association, Inc.  
2:30 p. m. Inter-class championship touch-football game:  
Juniors vs. Seniors.  
6:00 p. m. Alumni Banquet in College Dining Hall.  
8:00 p. m. Alumni Program in the Chapel featuring colored movies of Freshman Week, 1941.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00 a. m. Sunday School in the church.  
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship in the Houghton Church. Message by the college pastor, Rev. E. W. Black.  
4:00 p. m. Vesper Service in the church. Houghton College Choir and the Chapel Choir directed by Prof. Carapetyan.  
WHO IS AT HOMECOMING? On the bulletin board at the homecoming office there will be kept a perpetual list of all alumni who have registered.

GUIDES. Any alumni who have not returned to the campus for some years may wish to have a conducted tour of the campus. This can be arranged by the homecoming office.

INFORMATION. If there is any information concerning entertainment, program, or matters in general pertaining to the homecoming which an alumnus desires, the homecoming office is prepared to serve you.

NEWS. If any of the visiting alumni have news items concerning themselves or other alumni, the editor of the *Alumnus* will greatly appreciate having such items left at the homecoming office.

EXTRA. The *Star* announces a special alumni price of \$.75 for which former students may receive the local weekly throughout the school year. This special price will hold true this weekend only.

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