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## HOUGHTON HOLDS ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION

Dr. Rutherford L. Decker, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri since 1943, and newly elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals, will be the speaker at the Founders' Day Convocation meeting in the chapel at 9:45 A.M. on Friday, October 18. His subject will be, "The Place of the Christian College in the Evangelical Strategy for Today."

A graduate of Colgate University and Colgate Theological Seminary at Hamilton, N. Y., Dr. Decker's ministry has brought him into contact with many college students. From 1932-1934 he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Laramie, Wyoming, which is located near the campus of the University of Wyoming; also, from 1937-1943 he was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he dealt with hundreds of students from Colorado State College. During his stay there five hundred new members were admitted into the church, the contributions to missions increased from \$1200 to \$5500 a year, and over twenty-five young people dedicated themselves to and entered full time Christian work.

Mention should also be made of his efforts in founding the Denver Rescue Mission, Gospel Evangelizing Society, Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Founder's day will take the place of the regular "Home-Coming" festival, which cannot be held this year due to the lack of facilities for accomodating alumni.

Individual portraits for the Boulder will be taken starting Monday, October 14. You will receive individual appointment cards indicating the day and the hour you are to report. Appointments will also be posted in the arcade. Be sure to bring your appointment card and the sitting fee of \$2.00 when you report.

### Announcements

The regular rehearsals for the Messiah will be resumed on Monday evening at seven. All who wish to perform with this group on December 15 are expected to attend every rehearsal beginning Monday. We need tenors and basses.

Tickets for the Artist Series Concert on Friday evening are now available in Mr. Cronk's office at \$1.80 each.

### FOR ALUMNI ONLY—

Where are you all? We miss your letters to the STAR. You had better sit down today and drop us a line so that we can be in the "know", too. We will be anxiously awaiting your newsy letters; so don't disappoint us.

## Letter Reveals War Hardships

Prof. Le Roy Fancher has received a letter from a Christian lady whom he met six years ago in Eisnach, Germany, when he bicycled through the country. The letter, coming from Russian occupied territory, shows the extreme hardships of the war years and the little improved present conditions under the Russian government.

"... I want to give you a short account of my ways. The Nazis have taken my beautiful home in Eisnach. Very little was left to me, and it was only by a great wonder of our heavenly Father, that I was not imprisoned in a concentration camp. In my native city, Frankfurt, I endured the terror of the air attacks, which were terrible. I lost all my possessions by fire and bombers. At last I was in the house of my brother, which was totally bombed in one second. We were in a cellar, buried all. My dearest sister found her end under the ruins. Wounded and sick, I returned to Eisnach and found lodging in one room. I must work for my livelihood, as all money has been taken by the Russians. The most difficult question is the dwelling, and the food. You would not believe with how little we must live. We have almost no grease, no butter, very little potatoes, 80 grams of meat in 10 days and are always hungry. One piece of bread is a great present, which the other dares not to take, because he knows that one can not give it. Do you know about all this? We hear that the Christians in your land and in others send for the poorest of the poor, gifts, food. If you could see the hunger, the harm, the homeless people, you would not believe it. God must help us! Human help is too little. Of my whole, my very great family, there is only one niece left, that has still her house. All the others have lost all."

"God bless you, bring my letter in your hand and bring as soon as possible, if it could be, a little help for our life in the coming winter..."

### PRACTICE ROOMS

There are a few practice rooms still open at odd hours. Anyone registered for lessons in the Division of Music may now apply for these rooms. The fee for practice is \$5.00 per semester for one hour daily. Make arrangements in Mr. Cronk's office any afternoon this week, or next.



### Bouquet of the Week

goes to those who arranged the loudspeaker in Room S-24, so that those who have no assigned seats in chapel might hear the chapel talks during the revivals.

## Missionary Day Will Feature Inter-Varsity Secretary Woods

### COMMITTEES PLAN FOR FRIDAY SOCIALS

Committees have been formed from the sister classes to enliven Friday night socials throughout the school year. With two events to be scheduled each Friday night, there will be opportunity for everyone to enjoy the evening. Big things are in the making for Friday, October 18, for which the Senior-Sophomore group is planning.

The members are: senior-sophomore committee, Marcia Forsythe, Ruth Schaffer, George Wells, Warren Ball, Mildred Bellrose, Bob Ernst; junior-freshman committee, Bill George, Alice Wright, Paul Moorehouse, Marion Anderson, Bob Dingman.

### THE STAR INTERVIEWS DOCTOR REISDORF

Our evangelist, Dr. Reisdorf, was born a farmer, but God has made of him a powerful preacher, executive, and teacher.

It was in his childhood home in Leola, South Dakota, that God called Rufus Reisdorf from those beloved farm fields into His service. Four years were spent in Miltonvale Academy, followed by two years of work in Cincinnati Bible School. Then there were five years at Marion College, which brought him A. B. and B. D. degrees with a major in history and supplementary work in sociology and theology.

For twelve years Mr. Reisdorf did administrative work as President of the Dakota Conference. This work was interrupted in 1932 while he obtained his M. A. degree in general education at Vanderbilt College, Nashville, Tennessee. Four years as Sunday School Secretary and Editor brought him into contact with youth, thus preparing him for his next position, the chaplaincy.

Mr. Reisdorf entered the army in August, 1943, and his twenty-one months of overseas duty in England and France included ministering to the spiritual needs of one-hundred thousand patients in the Forty-eighth General Hospital. He was discharged in March, 1946.

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### Houghton Students Pledge Support To Missions

C. Stacey Woods, General Secretary of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, will be guest speaker for the annual Missionary Day service on Tuesday, October 15. He will speak during the regular chapel period when missionary pledges will be taken.

Mr. Woods, an Australian by birth, has been vitally interested in Christian work and youth evangelism for many years. Last May he attended conferences in England and Scotland which were called for the purpose of opening Inter-Varsity work in Europe as soon as the universities begin functioning again.

As a young man, Mr. Woods studied for the Anglican ministry. He received his B. D. degree at Dallas Theological Seminary. Today he is working in one of the country's most strategic evangelistic movements, the goal of which is the evangelization of the campuses of the colleges and universities in the United States. The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship has now reached more than 175 college and university campuses. The organization's interests are along three main lines: Christian fellowship for those who know the Lord, witnessing to fellow students, and providing wholesome fun. The program which is carried out includes Bible studies, daily prayer, and social events.

### COUNCIL SUGGESTS IMPROVEMENTS

An organization on our campus working behind the scenes for the welfare and betterment of Houghton College, is the Student Council. Each week the council meets to discuss the problems of the school and possibilities for improvement. Acting as more than a figurehead, the council is taking action on several measures, and would appreciate your suggestions. At present, there are several "irons in the fire."

Students who do not board in the college dining hall may now keep abreast of the announcements by following the current news section of the bulletin board in the upper arcade. The council requests that each one keep his notices up to date.

The problem of securing out-of-town permission has been studied. It seems advisable to continue the system of obtaining it during the Dean of Women's office hours in the Luckey Memorial building. In case of an emergency, Miss Beck may grant permission to leave town, but we ask that you abide by the office hours as far as possible.

If you have any workable ideas for campus improvement, any complaints about situations that might be remedied or any other matter for consideration, hand them to your student council representative.

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## SEEK HIS BEST

During the revivals, we have heard clear, Christ-centered messages on salvation. From both our evangelist and Dr. Paine, we have heard a plain, scriptural explanation of sanctification and holiness. Now, as we come to the closing days of this revival series, there is one question we must ask ourselves: "Am I in the place spiritually in which God wants me?" If every one on our campus would get into that place, the spiritual problems of each student would be settled. As Dr. Reisdorph stated on Monday night, "If you will do what God wants you to do, you'll get what your soul needs."

Much of the success of this school year—mentally, physically, and spiritually—depends on what definite decisions are made in these meetings.

Regardless of what our ideas concerning salvation or sanctification have been before now, we cannot afford to have unmet needs in our lives. As God has been faithful to reveal new light to us, we must be honest enough to walk in that light and to seek His BEST for our lives. B. L. J.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

Reports have come to the STAR office from many students that assignments in most classes are as heavy as ever, and that therefore, they are finding it difficult to attend the revivals. On the other hand, from a faculty viewpoint, there seems to be about the usual number of sports events, committee meetings, and "gab" sessions. Therefore, it seems that this annual question of "time for revivals" is one in which we must all cooperate,—faculty and students alike.

It is true that we come to college to study and to develop well-rounded personalities. However, it does seem that during this special spiritual endeavor *first things could be put first*. If this means that professors must reduce assignments so that the unsaved students will have no justifiable excuse for staying away from the meetings, then let's reduce assignments. If it means that some scheduled sports events must be eliminated, then let's eliminate them. If it means that social events cannot be planned, that the BOULDER cannot be published, that a full STAR cannot be printed,—in the light of eternity, let us, for the closing days of this revival, put *first things FIRST!* B. L. J.

## Editor's Mailbox

(If you have something to say, write to the STAR about it. Every letter which is written to the editor must be signed with the name and address of the writer. However, no names or initials will be published in the STAR.)

Dear Editor:

After contacting a few students for their reaction, I have come to the conclusion that we, the students of Houghton College, are very much interested in the whereabouts and the activities of our president. Why doesn't the STAR feature a write-up which would tell us

where our president goes and what he does when he is not on the campus? This should prove to be a very interesting human interest item.

(We'll do our best to keep you informed. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Would you kindly advise the "peaceful, law-abiding" citizen that T-shirts are an accepted article of sports wear in good society. They are much easier to care for than a fussy blouse, more appropriate with some jackets and sweaters, and much more welcome to female athletes than the barrel he might suggest.

BY "IGGY"

Here I am, back to the column again. This every-other-week deal gives both "Chuck" and me a respite, and a chance to do a little homework... Am I kidding? But now back to sports, football that is. We are having some fine close games, and no team has literally swamped its opposition. Monday afternoon's game decided the championship in so far as strength and victories go. The frosh earned their third victory by edging the seniors, who are now in second place. Tied for third honors—(?) are the sophs, juniors, and preps? The games on Wednesday and Friday will decide permanent third place.

Since my esteemed colleague won the prediction, I don't feel that I should show my ignorance twice. But I do believe we are of one faith when predicting the soph-prep and soph-junior games. The forecast of things to come is that the sophs will win the next two events. . . I hope—I hope! To win the

junior game, the sophs will have to build a special, four-wheeled step ladder, and assign two men to follow Smith whenever he goes for a pass. There is no rule against that—yet.

The first round of tennis has been completed, and the following men have emerged victorious: "Bev" Barnett, Flower, "Iggy", Morgan, Resides, Dick Payne, Gordon, Walker, Paine and Lewellen. Five of these will compose the semi-finalists, and if fair weather abounds, the finals may be played off this year.

Before I say adios, I want to remind you that we need more class spirit. Thus far, the only ones who have organized any cheers are the "Lovelines" (you know who) of the senior class. They have set a good example, but let's better it by cheering, hooting, and a hollering. The winners can even tear down the goal posts (bring hacksaws). Let's show much eagerness—class spirit, that is.

### FOOTBALL SCORES

Seniors over High School	14-0
Frosh over Juniors	12-6
Frosh over Seniors	7-0

### LICENSE NUMBERS

License numbers of persons who have not registered their cars with the Dean of Men are posted on the bulletin board. Will those persons, and others who have possibly been omitted, register their cars at once? It will save getting the information from state authorities.

—HC—

## Dear Diary . . .

Dear Diary—

I can't understand why the Editor cut Tuesday out last week. I thought I was pretty good that day. I guess I forgot to say . . .

TUESDAY—first flakes of snow (Ed. please note: it could hardly be called a flurry.)

WEDNESDAY—The high school put up a good show in football today, but the "nine old men" were a bit more persistent.

THURSDAY—Took a bath today—(and if you don't think that's an event, try to get enough water anywhere but in the good old Genesee.)

FRIDAY—Some game for touch football—The juniors were "on the ball!"

SATURDAY—Played some hockey today . . . I'll never be the same.

SUNDAY—We've been enjoying some wonderful messages this week from Mr. Reisdorph.

MONDAY— . . . was up before light this morning. How 'bout that? Silly? That's what I thought you said.

TUESDAY—I can't tell for sure yet—today's only Monday—

Goodnight, D—

—HC—

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. H. Willard Orlip of Fort Lee, New Jersey, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Leon W. Gibson of Binghamton. A late December wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Chamberlain of Bentley Creek, Pennsylvania, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Violet Louise, to Mr. Malcolm D. Hill of Long Lake. No date has been set for the wedding.

## Thoughts For the Week

By VIRGINIA SWAUGER

Have you heard about the revival in the Rev. Nichol's church in Swain, New York? The meetings closed last Sunday night with about a dozen at the altar. One night during the week a man was under deep conviction but did not have courage to move to the altar. The Spirit prompted Brother Nichols to go to his home after the service and pray with him. The man was wonderfully saved and Brother Nichols came back to the church rejoicing, "I have a new brother."

Are you one of those persons—who expects someone else to take the initiative in praying through our revival? What have you done about Dr. Torrey's formula for a revival as it appeared on the back of the last church bulletin? Do you think that being Christ-like should involve a spirit of compassionate soul travail for those without a personal knowledge of Jesus?

What might Isaiah 40:4-5 mean to you? "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

—HC—

DR. REISDORPH . . .

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Resident work for his Ph.D. is completed at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado, and he is now working on a thesis concerning "Propaganda in the field of Religion".

On September first of this year, Prof. Reisdorph accepted the position of President of Miltonvale College. He also teaches church history and educational psychology.

Step by step, with a heart in tune with the Master, his life has been shaped, not in the way he would have planned, but toward a larger task for the glory of God.