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## Houghton Welcomes New Students From Military Service

To the new students entering school from military and civilian life Houghton has put out a welcome hand. The completion of Deer Hall has enabled the veterans to have their own home, and those who have labored to complete this edifice have shown their interest in the welfare of the newcomers on the campus. From all parts of the country and diversified types of life new students have entered college ranks.

David C. Hughes is a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and is a former Houghtonian. He served as a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and piloted a B-25. After three and a-half years of service he has returned to Houghton and is now enrolled in the liberal arts department.

A former King's College student, James S. Pinneo was in the European theater of war and saw service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. With over three years of service to his credit, he saw action in four major campaigns. A native of Baltimore, Md., Jim is taking the pre-med course.

Elmer G. Sanville, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., served in the same division as that of Jim Pinneo. He has had three years of service and was engaged in four major campaigns in Europe for which he holds four battle stars and one bronze star. While in service Elmer served as chaplain's assistant and is now taking the ministerial course.

Recently discharged from the Medical Corps, Stanley McKenzie of Union Center, N. Y., has chosen Houghton because it combines good scholarship and a vital spiritual atmosphere for its students. Stanley was in the army about two and one-half years and saw service in New Zealand, New Hebrides, New Guinea, Admiralties, Marianas, and the Philippines.

James Harr, who is enrolled in the liberal arts department as an English major, served in the Navy for three and one-half years. A native of Harrisburg, Pa., he was a student at Nyack before entering the service. He says, "It's nice to be out, but I thoroughly enjoyed the Navy."

## Vets Meet Monday

The local Christian War Veterans of America, which was organized last fall, has received approval of its constitution. The constitution, which was drawn up before Christmas, has been accepted by the National Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Several of the students of the college are members of this organization. On Monday evening, February 18 at 7:30 p. m. there will be a meeting of this group in Professor Heydenburk's studio to complete organization and welcome new members.

## RECORD ENROLLMENT

Houghton College has a record enrollment of approximately five hundred students. In this group are included forty-two veterans continuing their college career in the ministry, in pre-med work, and in teaching. Several other students are expected to register next week. Previous to this the record enrollment (1940-1941) had been four hundred and eighty-two students.

The high school has about one hundred students besides twelve special students from the college.

## A Cappella Presents Concerts in Buffalo

Sunday morning at 9:15 found the music family comfortably settled in soft, reclining seats of the chartered bus. The First United Brethren Church was the first stop, and as the snowy scenes passed by, we were reminded that another day of song had begun. At 11:00 the purple and white robes were before a capacity crowd, and the choir presented the program in its morning best. After a delicious meal, Paul Sprowl made his debut as speaker for the grateful singers.

The bus bore its burden to North Tonawanda. We found the First Methodist Church there to be a lovely place with a former Houghtonian as pastor. There was time to rest here, and that part of the program was done without any degree of coaxing. Then there was the usual confusion accompanying the process of preparation and after a word of prayer, we waited for the processional to begin. Another concert was over, but the day wasn't. However, any anxiety of the forthcoming hours was quieted by another good meal served by the young people of the church. We won't forget the cool, tasty garden salad.

### BROADCASTS

And now, heretofore anticipations were quickly materializing as we greeted Buffalo again and entered the Churchill Tabernacle. We dressed quickly and located ourselves in the choir. Professor Heydenburk warmed up the great four manual organ. At 7:00 people were still coming in, but the light flashed on and told us we were on the air. After a few gospel songs and an introduction, we stood before a large congregation and even a larger unseen audience. As the ether waves bore vibrations of His music over the air, we felt unfailing strength being a constant support.

With the third series of concerts an overturned page in the Choir's history for 1946, each of its forty-two members agrees that concerts, though strenuous, are by no means something to endure. It has been proved to us that each one is a new opportunity and inspiration with the potent aspect of harmony between heart and music—a harmony that is in tune with the throne of God.

## Mr. Ferguson Opens Winter Meetings With Text Taken From Book of Acts

"So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed." With this for his opening text in the winter series of meetings, the Rev. Mr. Ferguson sounded an optimistic note which challenged believers to a daring trust in God for victories through the power of His Word.

Throughout the Friday evening message the listeners were led to see Jesus as He tenderly dealt with the woman of Samaria's wayside well, and won her to Himself. Upon His first approach, He readily dispensed with the barriers which stood in the woman's way. Her historic veneration, her lack of information concerning God's great gift to the world, and her sense of her barrier between Jew and Samaritan soon faded in the presence of Him who was more than a prophet. For Jesus, though especially worn, worked sweetly, sympathetically with this sinner. Humanly, He appealed to her. Could she not see in His very weariness the marks of human nature? To her, as an individual He spoke. The presence of His legalistic followers might have hindered His work.

### HE REVEALS SIN

Furthermore, His commanding personality did not need the support of a recommending crowd. Then, He revealed her sin, yet in a gentle way handled the touchy spots. In an understanding manner He spoke to her and so convincingly that, her faith gone in traditional religion, she saw Him as He was and cried, "Thou art a prophet." Finally His appeal was made on the basis that He was attainable and she asked, "Sir, give me this water." His very attainability should make men today thirst after Him, whatever problem is represented, for that Christ is sufficient. Many, like the disciples, are buying groceries, busying themselves in the endless agenda of service for God and fail to feed Christ the better meat, fail to lift the fallen with the power of the gospel, fail to do the will of Him that sent His Son into the world.

## Hymnals Needed

Nearly every student has become concerned about the shortage of hymn books in the College chapel. The Business office has conducted a survey of the situation and has discovered that there are seventy-five or eighty less books in the chapel than at the opening of the school year. The answer to this problem seems to be a "hymn books back to chapel" movement.

The Business Office suggests that each student be a committee of one to look for and return hymn books to the chapel. Reports indicate that there are a large number of books in the practice rooms in the Music Building and other places about the campus. Additional hymn books have been made available for sale to the music students so that the chapel copies can be returned.

In this, John's picture of the Master (chapter 4) we catch a glimpse of Him as the great Winner of Souls.

Sunday morning Nicodemus was presented—the man who knew the exacting, ritualistic life of the Pharisee, who, though a ruler and master of men himself, condescended to listen to the Teacher, and confessed God as the great origin, recognized His Ambassador and His mighty power. This man, learned though he was in civil and religious matters, became confused when the Lord Jesus showed him the need of the new birth. Are there not men now who, with all their great intellectual acquirements and their thoroughly moral lives, cannot understand the things of the Spirit? Only after spiritual birth may they employ senses of spiritual perception. Mere mental acceptance of the faith is not enough. Rebirth alone can vitalize.

Old Testament characters whose lives were illustrative of the words "Be sure your sin will find you out," practically lived before the eyes of the audience Sunday evening as Brother Ferguson portrayed their sin and God's revelation of it. Cain and brothers of Joseph, moved by jealousy to evil-doing, Achan

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## NEW OCCUPANTS TO RENAME HALL

Deer Hall, located on the upper part of Houghton Heights Subdivision, is approximately 26x70 feet. It contains thirteen rooms—enough for twenty-six fellows, a reception room, washroom, and bathroom. The heating is by forced air.

The boys are going to have their own organization. One of the first things they want to do is to select an appropriate name for their domicile. It has been planned that the ground around the barracks will be graded and seeded. Shrubs, too, are to be planted.

When asked how it all happened, Prof. Smith said, "Well, fellows were begging to be let in—both personally and by letter. One Tuesday I got the idea and talked it over with some of the men. Wednesday we drew up the plans. Wednesday night we voted on them, and Saturday the work was begun." Mr. Gilliland has been in charge of construction. Students have been doing janitor work in the school in order to allow Mr. Stratton more time at Deer Hall. Girls have gone to stain, shellac, paint, and clean. Fellows have painted and dug ditches.

Materials have been hard to get, but not impossible. Our own men have had to make the frames for the bunk beds and the study tables.

Deer Hall is definitely a temporary arrangement but will probably be in use at least four or five years, according to the trend in registration.

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## Revival Through Removal . . .

Jesus said that He is the vine and His disciples are the branches. The Father's purpose for the branches is, "much fruit." Sometimes branches desire to display themselves as "ornamental" or "superior" to other branches. They suppose their vaunted foliage necessary to the Husbandman's purpose.

The Husbandman comes with a knife and desires to revive the fruit-bearing ability of the branches by removing their excess foliage. Some branches submit to the pruning process, trusting the wisdom and loving concern of Him who bears the knife. They no longer draw attention to themselves; there is not much left of them. The vine can now pour its life into them for the production of much fruit, refreshing to all and glorifying to God.

The smug, rebellious branches are removed and burned.  
Please, Lord, revive our productiveness at any cost.

—H. LeRoy Fancher.



## Faith in Action

BY VIRGINIA SWAUGER

Typical of scores and scores of special meetings conducted throughout the Wesleyan Connection and other denominations was the one in Watervliet, New York, where the Rev. H. K. Sheets was the special speaker. The emphasis placed on youth in this revival was vindicated by the fact that more than twenty teen-age young people sought God during the week.

Brother Sheets tells about an Armenian young man who had been called into the ministry. He was praying earnestly for his parents and sister. During these meetings his prayers were answered, for he saw his entire family saved.

A young man who attended the revival testified to having been converted from Catholicism through a buddy who was a faithful personal soulwinner. The buddy talked about a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ to him for two hours and at last the Catholic boy said, "You

win!" Their paths separated to cross again months later in San Francisco. "You really didn't think I would keep true, did you?" asked the converted boy. "No," confessed the buddy, "I was afraid you wouldn't stick it out." Then he witnessed joyfully to the way in which the Lord had helped him to keep true and had enabled him to bring another Catholic fellow to a personal knowledge of Jesus.

Rev. Mr. Sheets has been interested especially in building a bridge between youth groups of the local church communities and the youth groups on the campuses of our Wesleyan colleges. "The tremendous response of youth to the gospel and the degree to which the Spirit of God is moving among them is one of the hopeful things in our generation. The challenge to Christian youth was never greater and the commodity value of young people was never higher. We salute the Christian young people of Houghton College and appeal to them to hold high the Christian torch passed on to them."

"This generation of youth," Mr. Sheets stated, "has unwittingly inherited a world that is pretty badly tangled up. It is for all of us to pray that they may not be discouraged."

## Gold Evens Series Vanquishes Purple

The fast-breaking Gold Gladiators evened the Purple-Gold series at one game apiece by trimming the Purple Pharaohs 51-41 in a surprise upset on Friday afternoon.

Captain Dave Flower started off the Gold scoring spree with a lay-up shot early in the game. Excellent team work enabled the Gold team to chalk up seven points before Jim White broke through the Gold defense to draw first blood for the Pharaohs. The rest of the team caught the spark and at the end of the first quarter were trailing by only one point.

Although on the short end of a 31-24 score at the half, the Purple quintet tried valiantly to overcome the lead, but the Gold Gang widened the span another three points before the end of the game.

In spite of the fact that they were outscored in every period, the Pharaohs continued to make trouble for the Gold team till the last whistle blew. Walker's defensive playing as well as Markell's eye for the hoop was a thorn in the side of the Gold throughout the entire game.

Flower was the big gun for the Gold with sixteen points, one point behind Paul Markell, while Bob Kalle, tall Gold center, used his height to a good advantage at both backboards.

The remaining games of the series have been postponed until after the evangelistic services. The next game is scheduled for the 22nd of February.

| PURPLE      | G  | FP | P  |
|-------------|----|----|----|
| Walker      | 3  | 1  | 7  |
| White       | 4  | 0  | 8  |
| Nichols     | 3  | 0  | 6  |
| Markell     | 7  | 3  | 17 |
| Barnett     | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| Montezingio | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Ketch       | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Totals      | 18 | 5  | 41 |

| GOLD     | G  | FP | P  |
|----------|----|----|----|
| Pinneo   | 4  | 0  | 8  |
| Flower   | 8  | 0  | 16 |
| Kalle    | 5  | 3  | 13 |
| Sheesley | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| Northey  | 3  | 4  | 10 |
| Giles    | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| Totals   | 21 | 9  | 51 |

| SCORE BY PERIODS |      |      |    |
|------------------|------|------|----|
| Gold:            | 11   | 20   | 12 |
| Purple:          | 10   | 14   | 11 |
|                  | 8—51 | 6—41 |    |

## REV. FERGUSON

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the covetous, and presumptuous Samson who trifled too long with danger, Ahab, who at his wife's suggestion acquired new real estate, and Herod, bound to rash promise—these all were brought to judgment, and faced sins they thought were securely hidden. "A foolish promise will be paid for at leisure," assured the speaker, in reference to Herod, whose wife wanted the head of an evangelist because he dared to speak against her sin. "Some promises, like this one, are best broken." But for rash defiance of God's grace He is ready to pardon.

## KEEP 'N TRACK



BY RUTH MEADE

Hold on to your seats, gang!—n' drop in your fare when you leave. This should be a paying trip, from all appearances, so we better get started early.

We're routed down through Our-boys Boulevard for our first passenger. Yes sir, none other than Ray Coddington, ETM 3/c, who's stopping by Houghton for the week-end. Ray says he just came from Chicago, where he's been in school getting ready for radar work. He's on his way to California now, with a boat trip booked for the near future.

Oh, look who's standing on the corner with him. Say, these are great days! It's Pvt. Ellsworth Edling, 1st Sgt. Ezra Gearhardt, and Al Flewelling. Ellsworth, who is still at the Watson Laboratory in New Jersey, was telling me about the swell Bible Class he's been attending at Fort Monmouth. Hershel Ries' is in the group, too, and they've been enjoying a real blessing. Ellsworth said he also hopes to get down to Fort Dix to see Jim Paine one of these days. I know you'll want to hear about Ezra and Al, but honestly, I couldn't get near them this noon, so that'll be a special "feature" excursion next week.

Well yes, I guess we can stop here just a minute to sorta get our hopes up anyway. It looks like the navy is doing its share for Houghton morale these days . . . 'cause we understand Lt. (J.G.) Frank Houser is expected home sometime in February—and there'll be wedding bells. That's not all! Out in Frisco there's a certain Larry Birch RT 2/c, who'll be wedding Meadville'ward in a couple weeks . . . with his end of another knot that will be tied soon. Helen Esther and Roberta are really busy about now.

Isn't that a familiar face over there? Sure, it's Charles Jennings back with us again. Charlie was a Frosh with the 46'ers, and has served in the infantry. Good to see you, Charlie! Along the Boulevard, we heard that Lt. Gordon Stone, '43, who's a chaplain in the navy, is on his way to the Pacific.

"Alumni Avenue" . . . anybody . . . Hey, what's this? . . . the "Aldie" Gannetts and Keith Arthur! He's the new little red-head (honest!) who came to town January 10th. Congratulations, mom and dad, and the Lord richly bless your little family.

There goes the buzzer again . . . wonder who's getting on? Why it's Marcia and Chuck Pierce. They had lunch with Doc and Ruth Luckey last Sunday—were on their way to visit Don and Jean Phillips in Chicago. Marcia is teaching French in Downsville, N. Y. now, and they have a house until the end of the year. Sound pretty happy, don't they?

Hey, driver, don't miss that crowd! Down from Rochester for a week-end are "Duffy" Mayhood n' Grace Baumgartel. The gals are planning to enter nursing in the near future, and in the Lord's will, are hoping to go to China.