

WHEN MEN SPEAK ILL OF
THEE, LIVE SO THAT NOBODY
WILL BELIEVE THEM. —Plato

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HE IS TWICE THE CONQUEROR
WHO CONQUERS HIMSELF IN
THE MOMENT OF VICTORY.
—Zoroaster

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Artist Series Offers American Folk Music

John Jacob Niles, collector and singer of American folk music, will be the guest performer of the Artist Series Friday evening, February 16.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Niles received his early musical education from his father, a singer of ballads. His mother, a church organist, taught her son to play the piano. He taught himself the trick of musical shorthand, and by the time he was 15, he had written down many of the ballads sung by his father, as well as the Negro spirituals which he heard in the colored section of Louisville.

Mr. Niles began his collection of folk songs in 1910, and continued until 1917 when he enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps. The organization of his large accumulation of material began after the war, during his days as a student at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. By 1934 he had covered every county in the Southern Appalachian region, his collection being the largest in the English-speaking world. A large portion of this collection has been published by George Schirmer and Carl Fischer, music publishers, and a part of it has been recorded by the RCA-Victor Corporation.

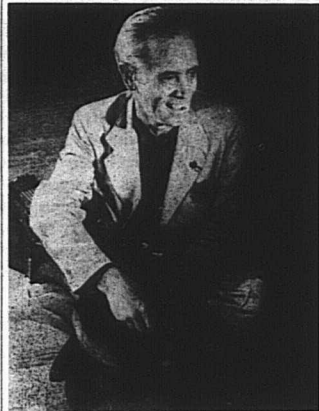
In addition to composing music, Mr. Niles has written several books. Among them are *One Man's War*, the story of the Lafayette Escadrille during World War I, the *Singing Soldiers*, containing the music of the Negro regiments in that same war, and *Songs My Mother Never Taught Me*, written in collaboration with Douglas Moore.

Living on his farm near Lexington, Kentucky, at the present time, Mr. Niles is working on an oratorio, which he hopes to complete between concert tours. The Cincinnati Conservatory of Music recently awarded him an honorary degree of doctor of music. Still unfulfilled is his ambition to paint pictures.

John Jacob Niles has been called the only folk singer living today who

has never used material from any collection but his own. Similarly, he uses only dulcimers of his own making for accompaniment.

Concerning this Kentucky trouba-



JOHN JACOB NILES

dour, the *Washington Times-Herald* has said, "John Jacob Niles is no hill-billy, but a unique artist. He is not unknown to the radio and the disc, but seems to have been able to preserve a dignity commensurate with the beauty of the material in which he specializes."

—HC—

Armstrong Speaks At News Clinic

A specialist in the news field, Dr. Jack Armstrong of the *Olean Times Herald*, was guest speaker at the first Public Relations clinic of the year, held in Dr. Paine's office on Tuesday, February 6.

In speaking to the members of the faculty and student leaders, Dr. Armstrong emphasized the need of sending interesting news items immediately to the newspapers. In this way Houghton will become better known.

These items should be sent, stated the former editor, not only to local papers, but to large city papers and to the papers in the home-towns of the student or students who have accomplished something outstanding here at the college.

Five prerequisites are the who, where, what, when, and why of a news article. Subjects that are useful to the papers are: activities of organizations, class elections and activities, the Dean's list, the student scholarship plan, the A Cappella choir trips, artist series, lecture series, or, to cover all the subjects, those articles or stories that will interest people.

Members of the faculty and students asked various questions which Dr. Armstrong answered during his talk.

—HC—

Prof. Mack Will Audition Singers for Radio Choir

Professor Mack announces that he will audition any college quartets, trios or soloists who desire to sing with the radio choir on the college radio program, "Moments of Praise," given at 7:15 Sunday mornings on station WKBW.

The program is recorded each Monday afternoon in the radio station. All groups or soloists are urged to contact Professor Mack to arrange audition time. Dr. Claude Ries is the speaker on the program.

CALENDAR CHAPEL

February 20

Dr. Paine

February 21-23

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson

ACTIVITIES

February 19

Oratorio rehearsal—7:30

February 20-25

Revival Meetings—the Rev.

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson

Lanthorn Editor Reveals Winners Of Lit. Contest

The winners of the 1950-51 Lanthorn contest were announced this week by the editor, Corinne Hong Sling. Winners in the poetry contest were: first place, "Upland Waters" by George Huestis; second place, "The Chasm" by Elwood Frisbee; and third place, "Sonnet to a Three-Year-Old" by Bruce Bryant. Winners in the essay contest were: first place, "Impressions on Germany" by Alfred Tucker; second place, "Meet Melira" by Dorothy Beuter; third place, "Figures in the African Night" by Linda McMillen. Winners in the short story contest were: first place, "The Sharpest Knife" by Betty Gregory; second place, "The Mistake" by Constance Jackson; and third place, "The Burden" by Richard Reed.

The judges were: poems, Kenneth L. Wilson, associate editor of the *Christian Herald*; essays, Mrs. Mary Neighbor, librarian in Cornell university; short stories, David Kaser ('49), Walter S. Avis, and Vinon L. Barnhill, all graduate students at the University of Michigan.

This is the first time in the history of the literary contest that the material was not part of class assignments.

—HC—

Debaters Return From Tournament

Competing with representatives of 36 schools from four states, Houghton's debate team won three of eight contests at the annual Buckeye Tournament, held at Kent State university, Ohio, February 10, 1951.

Houghton's team, composed of Steve Castor and Arthur Rupprecht for the negative, defeated Carnegie Tech and Manchester college for two wins. The affirmative, composed of James Wagner and Kenneth Post, defeated Otterbein College.

The Houghton college debate team had previously tied for second place with Carnegie Tech at a tournament held at Slippery Rock State Teacher college.

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New Visitation Program Set up by Torchbearers

This semester the Torchbearers, under the direction of their visitation secretary, John Chambers, are putting into effect a new house-to-house visitation schedule.

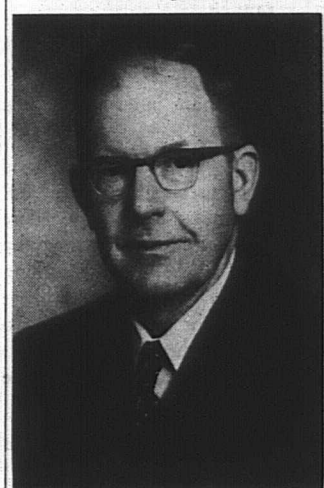
Every other Sunday afternoon a group of students goes to the homes of the families in the surrounding communities and leave a tract or two and witness for their Lord. On alternate Sundays, these groups call on the different hospitals and institutions of this area.

There is still room in the group for any who would like to do some personal work. Anyone interested should contact John Chambers or other members.

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson To Be Guest Speaker

Special meetings with Dr. Roy S. Nicholson as guest speaker and the Rev. Richard Traver as song leader and soloist, will be held in the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church from February 20 to March 4.

Dr. Nicholson, general conference



DR. ROY S. NICHOLSON

President of the Wesleyan Methodist

Debaters Win in First Home Meet

The Houghton college varsity debate team scored a double victory Wednesday evening by defeating both the affirmative and negative forensic units of Fredonia State Teachers college.

Clashing on the timely intercollegiate debate question, affirmative speakers James Wagner and Kenneth Post successfully maintained that the United Nations had failed to fulfill its fundamental objectives and that a new international organization of non-Communist nations should therefore be established.

The Houghton negative team, represented by Laurence Vail and Alfred Tucker, were likewise successful in maintaining their position that the United Nations is the most adequate channel for international co-operation.

Judges for the debates were Professors George Failing and Oliver Williams. Miss Jeanette Bresee and debate team manager Merle Baer served as chairmen and timekeepers for the sessions.

Future activity for the Houghton varsity, according to debate coach Dr. Bert Hall, will include several inter-squad debates to be presented at regional high schools, intercollegiate contests with the Universities of Rochester and Buffalo, and the Keuka College Invitational tournament.

Paine Preaches at Churchill Tabernacle

President Stephen W. Paine will speak at the Sunday morning and evening services at Churchill tabernacle, Buffalo, February 18, 1951.

Last Thursday Dr. Paine attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, of which he is a member.

President Paine also participated in a discussion of plans for the General Conference, which convenes in June. These board meetings were held in Syracuse.

church, has been an officer of the church for the past fifteen years. He has been General Sunday School superintendent, secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and editor of the church paper, the *Wesleyan Methodist*. Dr. Nicholson has spoken at Houghton previously.

Richard Traver, of the Free Methodist church, has assisted at revival campaigns from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Mexico into Canada. He has been active in educational circles and in Youth for Christ rallies. As a song leader, baritone soloist, youth counsellor, and preacher, his ministry is directed toward youth.

"I've been singing all my life," writes Rev. Traver. "We always sang at home for family worship. There were six, all together, and we sang the hymnal through in mixed quartet arrangement. The college pastor once told me that he and his wife opened their windows and listened while we sang, then they had their Scripture and prayers."

Rev. Traver sang his first church solo in Texas when he was 13 years old, and he began leading congregational singing in McPherson, Kansas, when he was 15 years old. After doing church work in quartets and oratorios, he won the Midwest Voice contest, in which people from seven states competed, and received a two-year scholarship. He was baritone soloist in the Greenville A Cappella choir. For a time, Rev. Traver taught voice at the Westington Springs junior college in South Dakota. At the invitation of the program director, the Rev. and Mrs. Traver broadcasted for three years from station KGGF, Coffeyville, Kansas. In evangelistic work, he has broadcast all over the United States and Canada. Last summer he worked with the Alton Sheas on the staff of the Genesee Youth Camp.

In addition to leading the singing at Houghton's special meetings, the Rev. Traver is to sing a solo each evening. Professor Mack, however, will be responsible for providing a special musical number for every service.

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—HC—

Juniors Top Seniors In First Of Class Debates

The junior debate squad triumphed over their senior rivals in the first interclass debate held in chapel on February 8, on the question, Resolved: That all Freshmen students be required to take voice lessons.

Clarence Martin and LaVerne Whitman defended the affirmative for the senior class, while Constance Jackson and Ralph Reeb, both juniors, victoriously defended the negative view.

The three faculty members who acted as judges, Mrs. Lennox, Miss Kinlaw, and Mr. Williams, were unanimous in their decision in favor of the juniors.

The second debate took place in chapel on February 15 between the freshman and sophomore teams which debated the question, Resolved: That the Houghton College Book Store be operated on a student co-operative basis.

The junior team will meet the victors in the third and final interclass debate on the topic, Resolved: That the Dining Hall be run cafeteria style.

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Case of The Missing 'Rec' Hall

Tom, Dick, and Harry returned from the Recreation Hall rather frustrated. Theoretically, it was open on Saturday nights until 9:30, but they had found it dark and locked tighter than a drum on the first Saturday after vacation.

As they tramped back up College Hill, they met an apparently sympathetic faculty member. After explaining their troubles, Tom queried, "What can we do?"

The cheerful reply was classic: "I don't know, but whatever you do, be good!"

Well, Tom, Dick, and Harry, like most boys, are rarely good when they have nothing to do. They are, consequently, seeking entertainment elsewhere. Occasionally, this proves satisfactory. More often, it doesn't. Tom might find an outlet for his excess energy by pulling a fire truck through the library, or maybe even by turning out the lights. Dick might tack a Bingo sign on the revered tower of the Old Administration building. Tom might go out of town to go bowling, play pool, or go to the movies. Others will go to still more serious extremes and will pay the consequences. Although these incidents are in the great minority, they indicate a general trend.

To be sure, the Rec Hall situation is not the sole cause of this trend, nor would its restoration eliminate all such problems. But it undoubtedly would relieve a significant amount of the pressure.

Says the *Student Handbook* on the matter: "President King of Oberlin college has said, 'The way in which we spend our leisure time is far more important than the way in which we employ our working hours.' . . . some care should be taken in selecting one's amusements."

That is certainly a fine sentiment, but exactly what selection of amusements does the average Houghton student have? Well, he could spend the evening in the library, but this could hardly be classed as a recreational pursuit. Nevertheless, this is probably the most common means of whiling away an evening—especially if one has a date.

Then there are club meetings, prayer meetings, Artist series and basketball games. These may, in some cases, prove entertaining, but none of them are recreational. In other words, *Houghton college now has no facilities for general student recreation.*

While it is now generally known that the Rec Hall has been closed since Christmas vacation, it is not so generally known that, when the administration closed the Rec Hall, specific plans were under way for its improvement. Mr. Mills had offered to regularly clean its dusty corners. Coach Wells had new ping-pong equipment on order. Some of the Anna Houghton Daughters were considering serving refreshments there during busy hours.

In spite of these plans, there are, from the standpoint of the administration, valid reasons for shutting down the Rec Hall. In the first place, it is a part of the general program for cutting back college expenses. Secondly, the Rec Hall needs desperately a new furnace which would cost approximately \$500. Also, operating expenses amount to about \$200 each semester.

Still, the "powers that be" have indicated a sort of passive willingness to support the Rec Hall: that is, they are willing to foot the running expenses, but are not ready to assume the responsibility for the necessary repairs.

While we recognize and are in sympathy with the need for trimming expenses, let us, at all events, do the trimming with discrimination, placing important values in their proper perspective. The ultimate damage that may be done, morally and spiritually, can never be measured in dollars and cents.

You, as students vitally interested in Houghton's recreational facilities, can do a lot to regain the use of an improved Rec Hall by contributing your suggestions and opinions to the *Star*, the Student Senate, which is currently investigating the problem, or directly to the administration.

There is no reason why the Rec Hall, with renovations, could not become the ideal spot for Tom to work off excess steam, for Dick to take his date for a relatively quiet and uninterrupted talk, and for Harry to chat with one of his professors on a pleasantly informal basis. And incidentally, the faculty and administration could profit as much, if not more, if they would utilize its potentialities.

NOTE: I am deeply indebted to Charles Hunsberger of the Student Senate Investigating committee for the factual background of this editorial.—Editor.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the many friends for their notes of sympathy, flowers, memorial gifts and prayers during the recent loss of my mother.

Elizabeth Beck

Matched

Bitner-Henry

Mr. and Mrs. Orville R. Bitner of Hagerstown, Maryland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam, to Mr. Harold E. Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Henry of Greencastle, Penna.

Miriam is now a student in Hagerstown junior college. Mr. Henry is stationed at the MacDill U. S. Air Force base in Florida.

Nicholas-Van Fleet

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nicholas of Lebanon, Penna., announce the engagement of their daughter, Marian, to Paul Van Fleet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Van Fleet of Trenton N. J.

Interviewing . . .

BY NANCY MACOMBER

His name is Siegfried Buss, the son of German missionaries to Japan. You'd never think that quiet, blond Siegfried had seen the inner workings of the Japanese and Nazi regimes of war times.

When the war began, Siegfried was attending a Nazi school where all the students were indoctrinated into the Nazi teaching. However, he did not suffer persecution because Germany and Japan were allied. After the first air-raid led by Doolittle and DeShazer, which Siegfried witnessed, the German school closed and a branch was opened in Karuizawa, a resort place in the mountains. Since all mission stations were closed, the Buss family moved to Karuizawa, so that Siegfried could attend school. After the end of the European war, they received very little support because communications were cut off with Germany. They were forced to make a living for themselves, mainly by farming. This was very difficult, for they had to cultivate much of the land themselves. After a while they obtained a cow, goats, and chickens which provided them daily with milk, cream, and eggs. During this time all white people were considered enemies, because the Germans had lost. A restriction was made which forbade the whites to speak to the Japanese. If they did, they were considered spies. The Japanese had a hatred sentence which they used as a slogan: "Kuru nara kite miro aomedama!", which means, "If you come, try to come, you green-eye."

At the end of the war, all hope for Japan was gone. They gave up their faith in everything, including religion. Many committed suicide after the occupation began. At this time Siegfried moved to Tokyo, where he lived with a Japanese admiral in order to attend the Catholic school. His family returned to Tokyo a year later. This year in the admiral's home brought him very close to the Japanese people and he adjusted himself completely to their way of living.

As to the occupation, Siegfried related one incident. The admiral's daughter and her husband were approached by an American soldier. The husband was asked if the lady was his wife. When he answered in the affirmative, he was thrown down. I

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Moments of Meditation

BY BRUCE WALKER

The right to vote has long been acclaimed as one of the greatest blessings in a democratic state. A citizen of a democratic state cherishes this heritage to the extent that he is willing to forfeit his life in order that he might bestow his right to vote to his posterity. But though the right to vote is a privilege, a democratic citizen must also acknowledge his responsibility to exercise his right, lest the government fall into the hands of those who would pervert the government and ravage those rights which he once held sacred.

Somewhat analogous to a democratic citizen's right to vote is the Christian's liberty to pray. Every Christian acknowledges the fact that prayer is one of the most precious privileges in his Christian heritage; but few seem to realize that the liberty to pray also assumes a great responsibility. We could consider many reasons why it is the Christian's duty to pray, but I would like to consider with you but one reason why prayer is our responsibility.

To an agnostic age, God would seem

to reveal Himself not only as the Author of history, but as the Sustainer of that process which He has begun as well. God reveals Himself in this capacity by His eternal love, in His eternal justice, and through His eternal power. God's eternal power is perhaps best seen in His answer to prayer.

The year 1588 is associated in the minds of most students as the year in which the invincible Spanish armada was moving on England to utterly wipe that country off the map. But many are not aware of the true significance of this decisive episode of history. The Spanish fleet had the blessings of the Pope, with the well-founded hope that the defeat of the English government would mean the substitution of Roman Catholicism for Protestantism in England.

However, the whole of England and the Protestant world were called to prayer, with the glorious result that the most formidable navy of that time was blown onto the shores of Europe by fierce storms. Though historians today attribute the English victory in this battle, which is comparable to an army of Gideon defeating the hosts of the Midianites, to natural causes, in His answer to prayer, God revealed Himself to man as being concerned about this, His creation.

Today also God desires to magnify Himself to the deists by answering His children's prayers. But we fail to exercise our privilege with the result that our own lives are handicapped and God is hid to the agnostic. In the First Epistle to Timothy, Paul does not ask, but commands that "men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

Barnetts Entertain at House Warming

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barnett, and the Kurtz family extend an invitation to their friends to a house warming in their new home on Park Drive, Monday evening, Feb. 19, from 7:00-10:00 p. m.

problem—how to get the date. For a couple of days you follow her around at a discreet distance to find out just where and how she goes from one class to the other, when she goes and comes from the library, and what serving of dinner she eats. You try to figure out just where the best place to "bump into her" would be. She goes up the middle steps to her botany class every MWF, and on second floor there is a good spot for you to hide and step out right in front of her as she comes up. This you do, and when you step out in front of her, you practically knock her down. This is the way you act from there on: "Oops! Pardon me. I, ah, didn't see you coming. (Pause) Say, you don't happen to have the Bible assignment, do you? I didn't quite get it. (She isn't going to take Bible until her junior year). Oh. Heh, Heh. I thought you were in my class. How do you like that book we have to read for soph lit.? Pretty dry, eh? (Well, she thinks she must be in another section because she thought the book was very well written). Yeh, must be you are. Ah,—how'd you like to go to the Artist Series with me tomorrow night—huh? (She's terribly sorry, but she already has another date, thank you). Well, heh, heh, I'm sorry too. So long. (So long!)"

STEP 4. You go home and kick yourself thirty times for the complete jerk you have made of yourself, and then try to hide from her as much as possible.

Woman Trap

BY OLE KEN DECK

Valentine's Day has just gone by, so I guess it's okay for me to reveal a few secrets the boys have been trying to keep all year. Now that the cards have all been given, though, they probably won't mind if I do. This secret, or these secrets, I should say, concern the method of obtaining a date here at Houghton by the male constituency of the campus (seeing as how they are the ones who usually have to worry about that end of the affair). Here it is, in a step-by-step account.

STEP 1. You come in the fall, full of great expectations of what the coming year has for you, especially in the line of scholastic achievement. You aren't here more than a few hours, however, before you get sidetracked from that line of thought to others, by the sight of a cute little blonde going down the walk, or by the blue-eyed brunette that happens to be three persons in front of you in the registration line. Instead of thinking about how many hours you are going to take, or about whether you should take a music or a speech course, you are now wondering about what her name is, how old she is, and whether or not she will be rooming in the dorm.

STEP 2. The next step is to find out as much about her as you possibly can without making it look too obvious that you are interested in her. This gets downright funny at times. For instance, you say to a girl that happens to be sitting at the table with you, "Do you happen to know the name of the blonde girl sitting at the third table down in the second row over from us? She looks an awful lot like my sister." Or, to the fellow in the room next to yours, "You don't know the name of that little brunette in our math class, do you? My roommate kinda likes her, and I'd like to kid him about it." Of course it doesn't matter that you don't have a sister, or that your roommate has never mentioned her. Well, finally you find out what her name is. Immediately you run over to the registrar's office and look up her card. You find out where she lives, how old she is, what she's majoring in, what her home address and telephone are, what her entire schedule is, and a slew of other interesting info. Now you're all set—you think.

STEP 3. Now comes the real

Station WJSL Presents Constitution for Approval

Reproduced in this issue of the Houghton Star is the proposed constitution for radio station WJSL. This document, prepared by a committee consisting of Edward Barsum, James Wagner, and Robert Nuremberger, has been approved by the Board of Control of the station and by the faculty of the college.

It is to be especially noted that, according to this proposed constitution, each member of the student body who pays the student activity fee automatically becomes a supporting member of the station. This supporting membership involves voting privileges in the election of station officers and in the ratification of constitutional amendments.

Monday morning, Feb. 26, at 9:00 a.m., a general student body meeting will be held in the chapel under the direction of Student Senate President Norman Hostetter. The proposed constitution will at this time be submitted for student body approval and, if ratified by a three-fourths vote of the student body present, it shall become the official constitution of the station.

BY JAMES WAGNER

PREAMBLE

The principal purpose of this organization shall be to glorify God by leading men to a personal, saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ by edifying Christian believers, by upholding the standards of Christian ethics; consistent with this fundamental purpose it shall seek to present radio programs of high quality and interest and to train students in the various phases of radio broadcasting.

ARTICLE I—ORGANIZATION

Section 1

The designated call letters of this station shall be WJSL in honor of James Seymour Luckey, President of Houghton College 1908-1937.

Section 2

The personnel of this station shall be composed of:

1. Supporting members, viz. those who support the station by payment of the student activity fee.
2. Participating members, viz. those who actively engage in the operation of the station.

Section 3

The Board of Control of this station shall consist of the station manager, the program manager, the business manager, the chief engineer, and three faculty advisors.

Section 4

The Board of Control shall be assisted in the operation of the station by the following departmental heads: dramatic director, music director, feature director, traffic director, chief announcer, news editor, sports editor, record librarian, and by subordinate station personnel.

Section 5

The qualifications of station personnel shall be as follows:

1. The station manager shall be a junior or senior student who has worked for the station for a period of at least three semesters prior to nomination for election.
2. The business manager, program manager, and chief engineer shall have worked for the station for a period of at least one semester prior to nomination for election.
3. It is suggested that the three faculty advisors shall be chosen to assist the station, one in each of the three functional departments, viz. business, programming, and technical.
4. The various departmental heads and subordinate station personnel shall be appointed to staff positions with a view to specific qualifications.

Section 6

The manner of election or appoint-

ment of station personnel shall be as follows:

1. Candidates for station manager, program manager, business manager, and chief engineer shall be nominated by the Board of Control or by floor nominations and elected by closed ballot by majority vote of the student body on the second Monday of March. The elected personnel shall assume their duties in September of the school year for which they have been elected.
2. The three faculty advisors shall be elected by the faculty during the second semester of each year to take office the following September.
3. The dramatic director, music director, feature director, traffic director, chief announcer, news editor, sports editor, and record librarian shall be appointed by their respective managers subject to the approval of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE II—DUTIES OF STATION PERSONNEL

Section 1

The Board of Control shall determine the administrative, programming, and technical policies of the station.

Section 2

The station manager shall coordinate all operational policies of the station, shall preside at the business meetings of the Board of Control and of station personnel, and shall serve as official representative of the station.

Section 3

The program manager shall supervise the planning, production, and presentation of all programs broadcast by the station.

Section 4

The business manager shall supervise the financial and public relations policies of the station.

Section 5

The chief engineer shall be responsible for the technical operation and care of all station equipment within the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

Section 6

The departmental heads shall supervise the work of their respective departments under the general direction of their respective managers.

ARTICLE III—STATION POLICY

Section 1

It shall be the policy of this station to present programs which shall:

1. Provide cultural and educational stimuli.
2. Furnish wholesome entertainment in keeping with the general Christian standards of Houghton College.
3. Coordinate and promote student activities.
4. Be of public service value to the listening community.

Section 2

It shall be the policy of this station to obtain operational expenses by means or:

1. Funds derived from the student activity fee as designated by the Local Advisory Board.
2. Funds derived from sale of radio time for commercial advertising.
3. Funds secured by other appropriate methods.

ARTICLE IV—AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution shall be made in the following manner: The proposed amendment, with the time and place of the student body meeting at which it is to be considered, shall be published in the Houghton Star at least one week in advance of said meeting. If the amendment is ratified by a three-fourths vote of the student body present at this meeting and by the faculty, it shall become a part of this constitution.

Former Student Now Physicist

By CLEORA HANDEL

As Houghtonians, we like to know of the accomplishments of great men who have studied in the same rooms, and enjoyed the same environment as we. One of the famous physicists and astronomers of today, Dr. Ira Sprague Bowen, spent most of his youngest years here in Houghton.

Ira Bowen was born in Seneca Falls, New York, on December 21, 1898. His father, James Henry Bowen, was an official and minister in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and also editor of the *Wesleyan Methodist* magazine. When Ira Bowen was young, his father died, and in order to support the family, Dr. Bowen's mother, Philinda May (Sprague) Bowen, obtained a teaching position in Houghton seminary, and later became principal of the Preparatory. At this time, the Bowens lived in the house on the north side of the present church. Ira Bowen attended the small district school in Houghton, and in 1915 was graduated from Houghton preparatory as valedictorian of his class.

As a young boy, Ira Bowen's mother would often take him and his adopted brother, Ward, for walks in the woods, and created in them a curiosity and interest in nature. If something was noticed which they could not understand, each would not be satisfied until a solution was reached. As a boy, his interest in science was great; so great that when he was but fifteen years old, he would study during the summer months, even after a day of work on a farm.

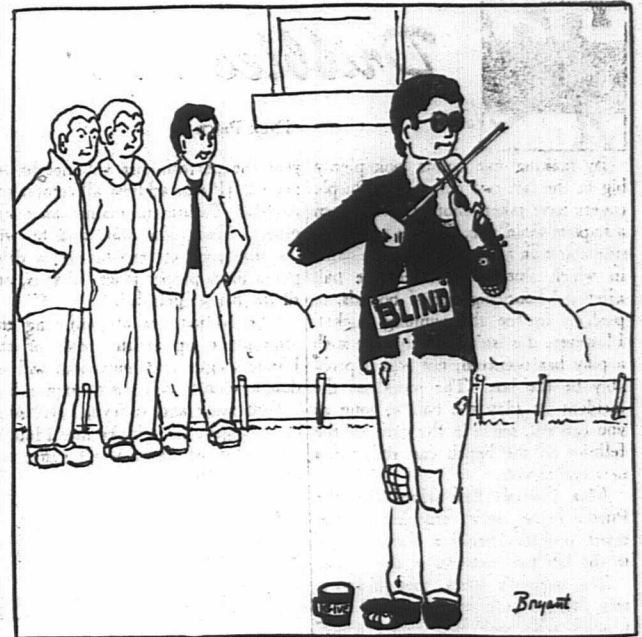
Ira Bowen attended Houghton college for three years, but because at that time Houghton was not chartered to grant degrees, he finished his senior year in 1919 at Oberlin college and received his bachelor of arts degree. From 1919 to 1921, he studied at the University of Chicago. Here he became acquainted with Millikan and became his assistant. When Millikan transferred to the California Institute of Technology, Ira Bowen went with him, and there became instructor in physics. In 1926, Ira Bowen received his doctor of philosophy degree from this institute, and until 1928 served as assistant professor in physics there. Then in 1929, he married Mary Jane Howard; the couple have no children.

Dr. Bowen was an associate professor at the California Institute of Technology from 1928 to 1931, and then held the title of professor until 1945. During World War II, Dr. Bowen did research work on top government secrets, probably radar.

Dr. Bowen was awarded the Henry Draper medal for 1942 in recognition of his researches on the spectra and chemical composition of the gaseous nebulae. For over sixty years, the nature of this "nebulum" remained one of the greatest problems of physical astronomy, and failures in this research were common, but this problem was solved by Dr. Bowen. His discovery of the nature of "nebulum" was the result of his analysis based on modern atomic theory. Also his laboratory investigations in spectroscopy, carried on in collaboration with Millikan, furnished the data which enabled him to determine the energy states for certain of the lighter elements known to be present in the nebulae. The mystery of "nebulum" was found to be due to two common elements, oxygen and nitrogen.

Dr. Bowen also identified a number of fainter nebular lines which had been recorded in the spectra. This investigation revealed the presence of iron, magnesium, potassium, and calcium, elements which had not been known to exist in the nebulae. His conclusion was that the chemical composition of the gaseous nebulae does

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How about that! If I were a music major I could be 4-F too!



THE RUT

By CONSTANCE JACKSON

This being the week when Cupid runs rampant on the campus for one whole day, namely, the fourteenth, the least we can do in tribute to good St. Valentine is put everyone in the romantic mood immediately with a story about Bob Evans. By the way, for you benighted characters who don't know the gentleman, his picture was plastered in the arcade bulletin board this week, showing him reveling in his favorite pastime—spurning a dame's proposal. For some mysterious reason, the snap disappeared.

Anyway, here it is—the story, that is: Prof. Bean waxed eloquent in economics, and after his peroration on women's rights, he said, "When they take our girls, as they threaten, away from co-educational colleges, what will follow? I repeat, what will follow?" A loud masculine voice replied, "I will!" That's telling 'em, Bob!

Men, if you glance across the table at your little woman next Friday night and suddenly realize how devastatingly lovely she looks by candlelight as she sits submerged in the shadows, don't forget to thank Johnny Warner for the transformation. Yes, he's the boy who financed a good part of the candle project at the White Elephant auction last Saturday. How's 'bout opening up a novelty shop with the loot, Johnny?

Sneezy ought to be particularly radiant after a week of Woodbury facials at the modest rate of 26 cents a bar! As for Doty Meyer, here's hoping she suffers no ill effects from that sinister looking noose she squan-

dered a quarter on. Oh, yes, and anyone who wants to buy a genuine red plastic pocketbook for 34 cents, see me—not that I'm bitter, or anything!

Extra-curricular activities are reaching proportions, if signs of the times mean anything, namely, the big red and white job in the tower: "Bingo Every Tuesday Night."

For you boys who have a tendency toward brutal frankness, here's a bit of diplomatic phraseology that will preserve your integrity and her feelings. To say to a Houghton woman, "Your face would stop a clock," would be insulting. Rather, say to her, "When I look into your face, time stands still." Might come in handy sometime!

Just to prove it's a man's world, here are a few comments offered by the McGill university weekly: If a man's "out with the boys," she's at a "hen party."

If he runs the family, he's a "devoted husband"; if she does the same, she "henpecks" him.

In middle age, he's "in the prime of life"; she's "no spring chicken."

If he runs the family, he's "the head of the house"; if she runs it, she "wears the pants."

Gray hair makes him "distinguished," but it makes her "an old hag."

You see, girls, you can't win!

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Klub Korner

Dr. Kenneth Winters of the Olean General hospital, speaking on the subject, "Hospital Management," addressed the Pre-Medic club on February 7.

A business meeting was the main purpose of the meeting of *Los Amigos Espanoles* on February 7. Matters pertaining to dues, plans for a Spanish banquet, and solicitation for new club members, were discussed.

French club members saw a film entitled "Chasse de Neptune" at the meeting of *Le Cercle Francais* on February 14.

Mr. L. P. Green spoke and showed movies to the photography enthusiasts assembled at the Photography club meeting.

Miss Bernhoft Becomes Dean

Beginning February 16, Miss Marion Bernhoft will assume her duties as dean of women during the temporary leave of absence of Miss Elizabeth Beck. Part of the responsibilities of Gayadeo Hall will be taken over by Miss Betty Erhard.

In expressing her appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the girls this year, Miss Beck said, "Although I shall miss the girls here at Houghton, I want them to know that Uncle Sam still carries mail. My address is Ottawa Lake, R. R. No. 1, Michigan."



Dribbles . . .

DICK PRICE

By making five points look plenty big in the last two games, the Purple cagers have taken another series from a hapless Gold five. There's been considerable talk about the overtime game in which Purple recovered the ball after its bouncing out of bounds, to push it in for the winning bucket. However, this isn't the only time such a play has occurred, nor will it probably be the last. The moral of the incident is: play the ball so long as you can still see it in the gym, or the fellows on the bench can roll out a new one to you.

Max Nichols has helped out the Purple cause since returning to the team, probably being a major factor in the last two victories of the squad. The women's series, though short, was also no pushover for the Purple women, who took two games which could have gone either way.

But now all that is history, and the next thing on the sports program is the Varsity schedule, all two games of it, which will be coming in two or three weeks. This is the morale builder of the season for the upperclassmen in most cases, as recent practice tends to overshadow the long years of experience of the Alumni. And the frosh—well, they just aren't supposed to win. However, last year the class of '53 turned back their elder opponents, and never even apologized for the mistake. I predict that this

Purple Girls Win Taking Gold 26-25

Purple took the color series in girls' basketball by defeating the Gold team for the third consecutive time in the game played Feb. 9. The score was 26-25. Lyn Gravink was high scorer for Purple with 11 points; Jan Straley, Gold high scorer, dumped in 14 counters. The only games remaining to be played are the Varsity-Frosh and Varsity-Alumnae games.

BOX SCORES

	fg	fp	tp
PURPLE			
Gravink	2	7	11
Sension	2	1	5
Carville	1	0	2
Bean	0	1	1
Bjorkgren	3	1	7
	8	10	26
GOLD			
Straley	6	2	14
Piersons	0	0	0
Paine	2	3	7
Fischer	2	0	4
	10	5	25

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Science Club Will Hold Open House

Bob Barnett and Dave Wilson, members of the activity committee of the Science club, met with the club's president, Lyle Kennehan, and Dr. Lloyd Reese, the faculty advisor, to lay plans for an open house program of the division of science and mathematics to be held Friday evening, April 13.

Students from the department of physics, under the leadership of Dr. Wightman, have presented similar programs for the past two years. At their October meeting, members of the club voted unanimously to sponsor such a program.

At that time a date had already been set for a physics open house. Upon hearing the desire of the Science club to sponsor a program including all science departments, however, the physics department invited the Science club to join it in its attempt to familiarize other students with some of the theories and work that is carried on within its departments.

Demonstrations and exhibits will be prepared by science students, with faculty members acting in an advisory capacity.

Chemistry Prize Awarded; Albert Ekar Is Recipient

A new edition of the *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, valued at \$7.50, has been awarded to Albert Ekar by the Chemical Rubber company of Cleveland, Ohio, for being the student who has done the best work in general chemistry.

Albert was chosen by Professors Reese and Burnell on the basis of his tests, laboratory work and chemistry problems.

The award was given to Richard Price last year.

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Purple Wins 48-47 In Extra Period

By DAVE JURGE

The role of substitute played an important part in the bitterly contested Purple-Gold basketball game at Bedford gym Friday night as Don Peterson, who had not played a minute of the regulation time, came in during the overtime and sank three points to give Purple a 48-47 victory for its second in three games.

The score at the end of the regulation was 45-45. Wilbur Zike, who played an outstanding game on defense for Purple, stole the ball and dribbled in for a lay-up with eight seconds to go to send the game into overtime.

Purple Takes Lead

The game started fast with both teams hitting consistently at a 35-40 per cent clip. The score was 15-15 at the quarter mark, with Johnson and Dekker leading the way for their teams with eight and seven points respectively.

Gold used the platoon system at the beginning of the second canto and here the play became erratic as Purple, behind Danks, Nichols, and Lederhouse burst to a 31-25 half time lead.

Gold Pulls Up To Tie

Purple maintained their pace and pushed their lead to nine points at the end of the third quarter.

However, Gold was not to be denied. Dekker rammed in four quick points and Purple promptly called time out. Dekker pushed in another lay-up, pulling within striking distance. Then Dick Price took the reins for Gold and hit on a fifteen-footer to pull within one point. Johnson was fouled and sank a free-throw, but again Price sank a fifteen-footer and the game was tied. Purple became noticeably tired and took an other time out. Then Price pushed in another one-hander to apparently sew up the game with 35 seconds remaining. Gold refused two free throws, which was good basketball at the time, but which ultimately spelled defeat for them, for Zike then neatly tied the game up with his game-saving theft.

Purple, hit by scholastic ineligibilities, found unexpected strength from reserve guard Lee Lederhouse, who bucketed 10 points. Gladiator Paul Dekker led all scorers with 15 points. While Al Johnson led Purple with 12.

Former Student . . .

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not differ greatly from that of the sun and stars, a conclusion of great cosmological importance.

In 1946, Dr. Bowen was awarded the Potts medal from the Franklin institute. Also, he is a member of the National Academy of Science, Students' Army Training corps, American Philosophical society, American Physical society, American Astronomical society, and Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

At present, Dr. Bowen is the director of Mount Wilson observatory, and also of Mount Palomar where is located the new five-story tall, 200-inch telescope.

Nicholson . . .

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ice. In this way, students will be participating.

This series of semi-annual meetings, which is held at the beginning of each semester, will begin at 7:30 each evening at the Houghton church. Miss Martha Woolsey will have charge of a nursery where parents may leave their young children.

For several weeks prayer meetings have been held by both students and townspeople in preparation for these meetings.

Pharoahs Win Three Out of Four to Take Championship

In the driver's seat all evening, the Purple Pharoahs won the 1950-'51 championship by outscoring the Gladiators, 53-49, February 14.

The game was not what one would expect for a championship fracas. The boys seemed tight and pressed all the way. There was very little play making, with ragged passing and frequent fouling which kept spectator interest at a minimum. Shooting percentages were very low and the difference in the two squads was at

the foul line. Gold hit on only eight of 26 attempts while Purple connected on 11 for 19.

The game was two minutes old before Price bucketed two points which, incidentally, was the only time Gold led in the entire ball game. Then Max Nichols caught fire for three quick buckets in close, and Danks added another 15-footer to race Purple out to a 15-7 first quarter margin. Gold never recovered from this spurt.

In the second canto, Gold kept pecking away until they found themselves only two points behind, but Johnson hit for two free throws just before the buzzer to give Purple breathing room at the intermission. The scoreboard read 24-20 at the half.

Gold momentarily threatened at the beginning of the third period, but Johnson, Zike and Danks found their scoring eye to cut the Gladiator threat. Johnny Wilson hit for two 15-footers near the end of the quarter, but Gold again fell behind by eight points. Score at the end of the third quarter was 44-36.

The fourth quarter saw a race-horse style of basketball throughout. At the three-minute mark, Dekker and Castor tipped in two baskets, but Purple was quite able to stall out the closing minutes with success.

A great asset for Purple in winning was their tight zone defense. Paul Dekker, the leading scorer in the class league, was limited to only three baskets from the field. That was a big factor in Purple's win. Scoring was well distributed. Danks, Zike, Johnson, and Nichols had 10, 12, 15, and 11 points respectively. For Gold, Dekker, Price, and Lennox had 10, 10, and 11 respectively.

Dekker Leads Class Scoring

At the end of the class series the following totals were released: "Big Red" Dekker topped the list in almost every department. His total of 122 points was almost matched by Al Johnson who racked up 119 for the Junior champs.

PLAYER	G	FG	TP	AV
Dekker	7	51	122	17.43
Johnson	7	51	119	17.00
Trautman	6	38	83	13.83
Hostetter	6	30	76	12.67
Jack	6	25	67	11.16
Lennox	6	29	64	10.67
Wilson	7	30	72	10.28
Castor	7	28	71	10.14
Price	7	30	71	10.14
Zike	7	26	66	9.43

Interviewing . . .

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asked if the admiral were hurt and Siegfried answered, "Externally, no; internally, yes, very much." The behavior of the occupation forces gave a very poor view of the Americans.

While in Tokyo, Siegfried had the opportunity of serving as interpreter for the Chinese missionaries who came to Japan, since China was closed. Doing this work he saw many of the needs of the country. At one meeting held on a street corner in Nagoya, 4000 people heard the Gospel, many for the first time. For many of these the teaching of love was beyond understanding, since they were brought up in hatred.

At the end of another meeting, as Siegfried started home, he saw a man dressed in rags leaning against a telephone post, holding a Gospel of John in his hands. Kneeling at his feet was a little child. "When the man saw me, he seemed to have a question in his mind. I put my arm around his shoulder and asked him what his troubles were. He told me that he was on his way home and had just come from a concentration camp in Siberia. He had embarked from a harbor in southern Japan, but he had not received enough money to get him home to Nagasaki. Consequently he had walked 200 miles and did it gladly, for he was going home to his family. But when he got there, there was no Nagasaki, no home, no trace of his wife and relatives. He did find his four-year-old son in a foster home, a fact which gave him new ambition. If he had not found his son, he would have committed suicide. He decided to walk farther to another city where he had relatives, and this night he was on his way. Then he was brought face to face with the Saviour. He asked, 'Does He love me?' I assured him that He did and his eyes seemed to gleam as he exclaimed, 'Someone loves my son.' This man didn't even know what love was. It was getting late and I had no money in my pockets to give him. How privileged I would have been if I could have helped him! I shall never forget his face when I said goodbye. I could not sleep that

Dean Wright To Give Educational Address

Dean Wright will be giving an educational address in Higgins Wesleyan Methodist church on Sunday evening, February 18. The girls' quartette will furnish the special music.

Richardson Resigns

President S. W. Paine announced the resignation of Mr. E. W. Richardson as assistant to the president in charge of fund raising.

The Local Advisory board accepted this resignation on Feb. 13, with a motion of appreciation of the work of Mr. Richardson in this field.

The date at which the resignation shall become effective has not yet been set.

night, but I had to tell my father what had happened. My father ridiculed me because I did not ask him for money before I left the meeting, but it was too late then. It was a restless night for me, and before morning came I got up again with my pockets filled with money to look for this man who had told me that he would be sleeping on the cement floor of the railroad station. All my efforts were in vain, for he, too, had gotten up early to walk those hundreds of miles to his relatives' home. He had given me the address, so I sent clothes there, but the parcel was returned. He had never reached his destination. He was one of those forgotten souls who was, stranded on the sands of time."

Siegfried is one of several students from foreign countries on our campus. From time to time the Star will be featuring interviews with Houghtonians from distant places so that you may become acquainted with them.