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ARTIST NUMBER, LECTURE ARE COMING

Cossack Chorus Invades Campus On November 15

Serge Jaroff, Chorus Leader
Controls Voices with
Military Precision

Is Cosmopolitan Group

Have Sung in All Important
Countries Since 1923
Organization

The most wonderful chorus ever to visit America, the Don Cossack Russian Male Chorus, will give a program of Russian music in a manner to thrill the most blasé on Monday evening, Nov. 15 in the Houghton College chapel.

Introduced to America during the season 1930-31 the Chorus has become an established institution in most American cities. Year after year they visit the same cities and sing to the same capacity audience. "One would think they would grow stale by repetition," said Lawrence Mason in the Toronto Globe, "but after hearing them eight times I find them more wonderful than ever."

Serge Jaroff, leader of the Chorus, controls his body of thirty-six voices with military precision. They were all originally military officers. During the Great War, both he and his men served in the White Army under General Wrangel. Discipline is therefore second nature to them.

Organized in 1923, the Don Cossacks have sung in every important country in the world. Upon completion of their American tour this year of 102 concerts, they will have established an all time record of having given upwards of 3,500 concerts in the fourteen years of their existence.

Their programs provide a wide
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Dr. Small Presents Sidelights On Observing English Ways

With England as the theme of the Social Science club meeting Monday evening, Dr. Small revealed some illuminating sidelights on the English people, which he noticed during his sojourn there. Speaking to a capacity audience, he told the differences in usage and pronunciation of the same terms in England and in America.

Dr. Small contrasts English city life with our city life. He said one street would have a different name for every block. He related amusing incidents which he noticed in the restaurants, theaters, and other public places, but which would not be amusing to the Englishman. When a long line forms while waiting for a bus or for a ticket, a "Queue Company" appears on the scene with stools

which they rent while their patrons wait.

Some of the English customs and habits are rather surprising to us with our American ways. However the English believe in simple living, and they admire Wordsworth, who, Dr. Small said, was typically English. Loving nature, we can feel a kindred liking in the English.

Preceding Dr. Small, Miss Gillette presented a comprehensive news summary, and brought to attention some problems which will bear watching.

The president of the club, Marcus Wright, introduced the program by reading a portion of Psalms. Wayne Bedford sang "On the Road to Mandalay" and "God Save the King." A committee was chosen to study the revision of the constitution.

CALENDAR

Friday, Oct. 29
Frosh-Varsity Game
Saturday, Oct. 30
Student Body Hallowe'en Party
Monday, Nov. 1
Pre-Medic Club
Student Ministerial Ass'n
Tuesday, Nov. 2
Student's Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 3
Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, Nov. 4
Junior Recital, 7 p.m. Chapel
Friday, Nov. 5
Soph-High School Game

'Now That We Have Left Home' What to Do Is Pre-Med Topic

The Pre-Medic club with president Melvin Bates presiding had charge of the chapel exercises for Wednesday, October 27. One of the most beneficial speeches of the year was given when Dr. Douglas talked on the topic, "Now That We Have Left Home."

"What friends shall we make?" he asked. We are judged by the company we keep, and if we find our friends are traveling too fast, it is better to drop them when we're burned rather than when we're a cinder. "It is wise," Dr. Douglas continued, "to have lots of boy and girl friendships and delay the day of high specialization." He expressed his decided opinion that marriage should be once for all, not a case of trial and error.

Furthermore, we should choose as a life companion one who is in good health, who has had a similar background, who has friendships that are mutual with ours, and who has a knowledge of the correct use of money.

In answering the question, "How long should engagements be?" Dr. Douglas said: "They should in most cases be less than one year. It is
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Student Council Aiming At More Efficient Action

Launching Chapel Programs
On Student Cultural
Improvement

Investigating Amplifier

Intend Filing Constitution
From Every Club
In Library

This year's student council, as an active group, is already in progress. One of its foremost aims is to create a more efficient means of student government, thereby fostering a better understanding between the faculty and the student body, and among the students themselves.

The student council along with the student body as a whole feels the need of a cultural education in Houghton. The council is launching this in the form of chapel programs once a month and speakers in the dining hall once a week. It is also sending out questionnaires on student etiquette to other colleges. These will probably deal primarily with dress, activities which take place during freshman week, club participation for freshmen and general deportment. From these questionnaires the council plans to publish pamphlets to give to the students. The program cannot be fully realized in one semester or in one year but is begun with the aim of broadening its scope over a long period of time.
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Recently Organized Art Club Elects Lois York; Miss Ortlip Advisor

Lois York was elected president of the recently organized art club at the first meeting of the organization, held on Monday evening, Oct. 25. Other officers elected are: Chester Osgood, vice president; Josephine Rees, secretary-treasurer; Vance Carlson and Donald Kauffman, monitors; Vance Carlson, poster chairman.

The theme of the meeting was centered about the life of the Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh. Lois York read a condensed biography of the artist's life. Vance Carlson, in one of his inimitable impersonations, represented the great Van Gogh's work with a realistic drawing of an ash can; to illustrate the artist's generous nature, he made liberal donations of lollipops to each member present.

Plans were made to visit various exhibits in the near future and a name for the club was discussed.

Miss Ortlip was elected faculty advisor of the club by a unanimous vote.

Not Slides, Not Movies, But Light as Polarized In Color by Mr. Strong

LIGHT MAGICIAN

Is First of Three Features
On '37 Lecture Course;
Marionettes Soon

Speaks On November 9

Studied Science of Color
As Hobby; Now Uses
Ultra-Violet Ray



HERBERT THOMPSON STRONG

Take Off the Tags, And Have God Shift Gears, Davis' Advice

Houghton students enjoyed one of the rarest treats of the year in chapel Monday, Oct. 25. The Rev. Ralph Davis, Deputation Secretary for the African Inland Mission, spoke. He has spent fifteen years on the "dark" continent, and much of this time has been in the Belgian Congo.

The Rev. Mr. Davis' inspiring message was filled with allusions to African life. It's not right that some hear all the time while farther on are those who have never heard," he said. This was the condemnation which came to the God-fearing native Luka, handicapped with a terrible foot disease, because he preached to the same villages near-by instead of traveling beyond them.

God has said in Nehemiah 8:10, "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." Yet, in spite of this admonition, many of us Christians do with our lives as an African chief did with his car—drive along continually in second. Why? Because it's fast enough for us, and we like to hear the noise. "But," continued the Rev. Mr. Davis, "God has a lever on our life which He would like to shift into high." It is wonderful to travel along the highway of life in high.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," was the next verse the Rev. Mr. Davis brought
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The first number of the Lecture Course series, "Exploring the Magic World of Color," will be presented on November 9. Other coming features of the series are marionettes and a lecture on international affairs.

"Exploring the Magic World of Color" is an entirely new form of entertainment. Not lantern slides—and not moving pictures. What is it? Something spectacular and thrilling, yet almost impossible to describe. In short, an empire of color will be revealed on the screen by means of a powerful polariscope by the world's greatest color magician, Herbert Thompson Strong. He will show canvases by that master painter—LIGHT.

Mr. Strong penetrates into nature's secrets and finds in minute chemical crystals "living color"—gradual and natural formations of a glamorous world heretofore seen only by scientists in laboratory explorations. Colors more beautiful than ever conceived by the brain of man are produced by projecting prismatic rays into a mammoth crystal of optical quartz.
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Club Which All Thought Died Natural Death Has A Revival a la Hilgeman

The Expression Club, which many supposed had died a natural and timely death, arose from the depths of obscurity Monday evening to attempt a courageous comeback. Mr. Whiting, the outgoing vice-president, conducted the devotions and turned the program over to Rowena Peterson, Shirley Fidinger, and Clara Jane Linn. The tittering trio trilled a song of welcome, the words of which were composed by Norva Bassage to the tune of "Shortening Bread." As mistresses of ceremony they tunelessly introduced to the audience a talented reader who comes to us from Wheaton College, Miss Lenoir Masteller.

Following her selections, the officers for the coming year were elected. George Hilgeman succeeds "Kay" Jones '37 as president of the organization. He will be assisted by Norva Bassage, vice-president; Esther Bohlayer, secretary; and Thelma Briggs, treasurer.

In conclusion, Miss Masteller presented a short monologue concerning a small boy's encounter with a fly.

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The EDITOR'S DESK

SMOOTH AS ICE

Ever since I was founded by Willard Houghton in 1883 I have been steadily growing and improving in facilities. One thing weighs heavily on my mind at the present time:

I like to see my students exercising their bodies as well as their minds. In previous winters outside sports have been at a minimum. Such obstacles as barbed wire fences, trees and brush have hindered skiing. Most of my students felt that they could not afford to take the better part of the afternoon in order to walk the two miles to the frozen cove in order to skate for an hour or so. Those who did go went early, and only once or twice a week at that.

I have noticed for over a year that there is a fine place for a skating rink at the foot of the hill on which I am situated. Now that the new bridge is almost in and they have dredged out a fine basin it would be a very simple thing for a group of students to band together and fix up a wall around part of the road, thus completing the oval. Then my students could skate there on Saturdays and, with the aid of lights, even on Friday nights—chaperoned, of course.

I have heard some of my faculty speak about this skating rink and they seem to be in favor of its adoption. Now, if the students would get together and make a petition to the faculty maybe they could help solve the problem of class and school parties.

R. Y. W.

Mid-Term Examination Schedule

Hours	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8
8:00—9:00	Classes scheduled at 8:00 TTS
9:30—10:30	Classes scheduled at 10:30 TTS
11:00—12:00	Classes scheduled at 9:00 MWF, Voice Methods
1:30—2:30	Chemistry 1 (Chemistry room and A 25), Inst'l Methods
2:30—3:30	Freshman Bible—both sections (S 44, S 45, S 46), Orchestration
3:30—4:30	Classes scheduled at 10:30 MWF
	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
8:00—9:00	German 1 (A 25, A 31)
9:30—10:30	Psychology (A 25, A 31), Hygiene for Men
11:00—12:00	Classes scheduled at 11:30 MWF
1:30—2:30	English 1—sections A, C, D (S 44, S 45, S 46), English 3—both sections (A 25, A 31)
2:30—3:30	Zoology 1, Hygiene for Women
3:30—4:30	Classes scheduled at 8:00 MWF
	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
8:00—9:00	Classes scheduled at 9:00 TTS
9:30—10:30	Classes scheduled at 11:30 TTS
11:00—12:00	Classes scheduled at 1:30 MWF
1:30—2:30	Public Speaking
2:30—3:30	Music Appreciation

New students should be careful in reading the examination schedule. Sectioned courses, such as general chemistry, freshman and sophomore English, and freshman Bible, will have the examination at a specific hour for each course, rather than at the hour the various sections meet for class instruction.

In cases of conflicts in examinations, see the registrar immediately for adjustment of these conflicts.

Seven Members of Class of 1938 Earn Recognition in "Who's Who"

Seven seniors are enjoying the prestige of election to membership in "Who's Who in American Student Bodies". Upon being informed of this honor they were asked to write a brief biography including their accomplishments, aspirations and hobbies. These will be published in the official yearbook of the organization. These students were selected by the faculty to represent Houghton College on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership and estimated future usefulness.

"Andy"

Newspaper work has been the main interest of Howard Guion Andrus. In this connection he has served as editor of each of his class editions as copy editor, news editor, and editor-in-chief of the STAR. In his junior year he was editor of the *Boulder* and advisory editor of the *Lanthorn*. For the past two years he has served on the Executive Literary Board.

He has been an active member of the Forensic Union and the Social Science club, having been president of the latter in his junior year. In his freshman year he won first place in the poetry division of the literary contest. He has spent a year each in the chorus and the a cappella choir.

Howard has participated in many forms of athletics: varsity track, tennis, class basketball, touch football and volley ball.

Because of the way he "sticks to what he starts" he has been recently elected president of the senior class.

Doris

Doris Evelyn Bain, the girl who always has a friendly smile, has entered into the musical activities of Houghton for the past four years with great zeal.

In her first and second years, she was a member of the Music club. She was in the chapel choir in her sophomore year. During the four years of her college life she has been in both chorus and choir, taking solo parts in both organizations since her sophomore year. When a junior she conducted the high school choir.

Besides her activities in music, she was appointed to the *Boulder* staff as administration editor during her junior year.

Norva

From her first year in Houghton, Norva Irene Bassage has displayed a wide range of interests and activities. She has been a member of three organizations for all four years: Le Cercle Francais, of which she is president this year; Expression club, of which she is vice-president; and the W.Y.P.S. For the past two years she has been vice-president of the Palaeolinguists. An outstanding writer, she won the essay division of the Literary contest in her freshman year and was appointed organization editor of the *Boulder* in her junior year.

Norva now holds a responsible position on the Student Council. Her activity in the Forensic Union, chorus, and the chapel choir completes her extensive college program.

Ellen

Houghton College has few extracurricular activities with which Ellen Frances Donley has not been connected during her four years here. Culminating three years of basketball, she was awarded the trophy which is presented annually to the most outstanding girl athlete in college. Through her entire four years she has participated in inter-class and varsity debate. She was vice-president of her class during her sophomore year.

Four years in Forensic Union and Expression club, three years in the

Palaeolinguists, a year in the a cappella choir and a year of reporting for the *Star* have completed her well-rounded college career.

"Dutch"

Elton Lloyd Kahler, whose sincere smile has greeted Houghton students over the counter of the bookstore for three years, is perhaps one of the most versatile of the Seniors.

In the field of athletics, Elton has participated in baseball, class basketball, volley ball and touch football.

Pre-Medic club claimed his attention during his first two years of college. He has also been active in the Expression club during his first three years. Since the beginning of his junior year he has been a member of the W.Y.P.S. He also belongs to the Forensic Union, having been seargeant-at-arms in his junior year and varsity debate manager this year.

Elton was business manager of the 1937 *Boulder*, is manager of the Lecture Course for this year, and has been manager of the college bookstore for the past two years.

"Jeeve"

Three years of class basketball, three years of Purple basketball, two years of varsity basketball and two years of track are Dean Vincent Thompson's record in Houghton athletics.

Dean has been a Forensic Union member, acting as corresponding secretary in his junior year, and has had three years experience in inter-class debate. He has been a member of the chorus and the college choir for two years. As a sophomore, he participated in the Literary contest. The same year he became feature editor on the *Star*. He became associate editor of the *Boulder* in his junior year.

He was elected class president during his sophomore and junior years in recognition of his qualities of leadership.

Margaret

In ambition and conscientiousness, Margaret Ellen Wright has proven outstanding. Most of her activity outside of actual class work has centered in the W. Y. P. S. and the Social Science club. She has served as vice-president in both organizations. This year she is serving as devotional secretary for the W. Y. P. S. Her classmates elected her to the Student Council in her Senior year in recognition of her ability.

HC

Fun Reigns At Gaoyodeo As Frosh Greet French

Hilarity was rampant in Gaoyodeo Hall as Dr. Woolsey finished reading an impromptu French poem Friday afternoon at the monthly meeting of Le Cercle Francais. It was all part of the peppy program planned by Miss Poole and Norva Bassage.

Dr. Woolsey opened the meeting with a short French prayer, after which the president, Miss Norva Bassage, took charge. The freshman members looked bewildered as she rapidly chattered in French, but she was kind enough to explain all the important parts in English. It was decided to pay dues of ten cents a semester, and to hold the monthly club meetings at 3:30 on Friday afternoons. Miss Bassage appointed a program committee consisting of Doris Taylor, junior; Helen Morse, sophomore; and Alice Jean Lovell, freshman. Several games were then played. The program was concluded by singing the national anthem of France, the Marseillaise.

The HOKUM WEAKLY EFFORT

By Bilgie

Wednesday evening Dan Fox, Elton Kahler, and George Charlesworth took upon themselves to educate Howard Barnett in the ways of association. (Eddie Willett listened in for his own edification—so he said.) Howard paid strict attention to all that was said. During the course of discussion, Fox said, "First of all you have to ask the girl for a date." "Yes," agreed Charlesworth, "just go up to her and say, 'I beg your pardon, but am I going to the basketball game alone or are we?'" Finally they got to the point of popping the question. Eddie was asked how he would do it. He thoughtfully considered the question and answered "An idea that would at least be different from the usual 'a-er, ahem a-gee whiz, it's hot in here, isn't it!' style is to approach your victim and ask, 'May I call you by my last name?'"

Now that couples aren't even allowed the twenty minutes after a function, it looks as though the longest way home will actually be the shortest.

HOKUM ETIKUT

Q. At what time should one arrive at dinner?

A. From observing the general run of students, the average would seem to suggest that any time after the time set would be most proper.

Q. What is the proper technique for throwing butter?

A. Place the pad securely on the end of your knife. The right hand should be in the position in which one holds a golf club, firmly grasping the handle with the fingers and pressing the thumb against the lower portion of the blade. The first finger of the left hand draws the tip toward you. You are now ready to fire. Aim at your intended victim (preferably a waiter for first practice). When you feel that sufficient pressure has been exerted, allow the finger to slip off the tip, and hope that the missile strikes home. If you miss, don't be discouraged. Try, try again. Then lick off the knife. Water may also be propelled in this manner, the only exception being that a spoon is used in place of the knife. This is probably done because the spoon holds more water than a knife.

Q. When a waiter inquires whether you wish Shredded Wheat or Wheatena, how should he be answered?

A. If there is anything handy to eat, stuff your mouth as full as possible before answering. If there is nothing near-by with which to plug said mouth, turn the other way and pretend you didn't hear. It is also very good to carry on a conversation with a friend at the adjoining table. If you can find nothing to eat, nothing to look at, and no friend, answer something like this, "Why, er-ah, I guess I'll have er-ah, some Grape Nuts. This of course will cause the waiter to give you more personal attention in the future."

Q. Through what procedure must one go to get the attention of his waiter?

A. If he is near by, yell loudly that you desire a little service. If he is at a distance, try hitting him with a saucer or sugar bowl. If he doesn't take the hint, try a chair. Some "touchy" waiters have been known to be peeved by such tactics. If so quote to him a line from Lincoln's famous *Gettysburg Address* "It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

Alumni in New York, One in Kansas Find Tasks Varied and Interesting

Ivone Has Music, English

I am teaching English and music in the Great Valley high school. The town is located on the main highway between Franklinville and Salamanca and is small. Among the points of interest are one of the largest cheese-box factories in the United States, and the Evergreen Tea Room, where, I believe, the junior-senior banquet was entertained one year. This is my second year here and I find the work very interesting.

I have been fortunate in contacting Houghton alumni. Ellsworth Brown '30, is principal here, and his wife, Gladys Brown Brown, is also a Houghton graduate. Vernon and Gertrude Wolfer Saunders from the class of '35 make their home here and Vernon teaches math and science in the high school. Now and then I hear from Florence Clissold, '36; she is teaching in Blanchard, Michigan, and has a heavy schedule of history courses, glee club, church choir and other responsibilities.

I do not know what course my life would have taken had I never attended Houghton but I am sure it is richer for the four years spent there. I shall always have a keen interest in Christian education and in the growth and progress of Houghton College.

Ivone Wright, '36
Great Valley, New York

Speaking As an Alumnus

In response to your request of the other day, I shall attempt to do my part as an alumnus. Speaking of being an alumnus, I feel that it is an honor to claim as my Alma Mater a school which stands for such high ideals as Houghton.

It has been my privilege to attend both Syracuse and Cornell Universities since my graduation in 1934. They have advantages over our smaller colleges by having money for beautiful architecture and elaborate equipment, but these don't signify the character of the institution or the quality of the education one can gain from it. However, in Houghton, where the ideals are kept high, there are many other advantages such as the spiritual background which is retained through life. Another advantage is the close fellowship with the members of the faculty and the student body.

It is my desire to encourage as many young people as possible to attend Houghton College, so that their lives may be enriched by its environment.

Greydon McCarty, '34
215 Main Street
Springville, New York

And from Kansas

Esther Brewer, '35, is teaching in Central College, a Free Methodist school at McPherson, Kansas. She reports a teaching schedule of classes in elementary French, public school music and fundamentals of music; she also directs a chorus, an a cappella group, several quartets, and a Lutheran church choir.

She writes, "I received a Houghton Star recently and it certainly did create a longing to be at Houghton once more. I believe I shall have to subscribe to it one of these days."

"Kansas is having its first real cold snap this year. There were a few rather cool days before this but now the air is really frosty. All in all, I find Kansas very enjoyable. The only very disagreeable part of this climate is the hot, dry, dust-laden winds, which blow very frequently in the summer and fall."

NEWS FLASHES

Kenneth Wright ('33) is home from Syracuse this week, where he is the head of the bacteriology laboratory at Good Shepherd Hospital. Orrell and Magdalene York ('33 and '35) were home from Chestertown, N. Y. over the week-end.

Warren Thurber ('32) of Albion was on the campus recently. Mr. Thurber is in the insurance business.

Miss Crystal Rork visited her cousin Mrs. Wm. Gilbert at Coudersport, Pa., over the week end.

The Missies Miriam Crosby and Lucy and Frieda Morris of Spartansburg, Pa. were guests of Pauline Crosby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fancher of Buffalo were here Sunday.

Miss Alta Atwood and Mrs. Ruby Rowe of Moravia, N. Y. called in town Sunday.

HERBERT STRONG (Continued from Page One)

By projecting polarized light thru minute chemical crystals, there appears on the screen a phantasmagoria of color—a composite of the Grand Canyon, a desert sunset and Aladdin's cave. Under the excitement of powerful ultra-violet light, dull gray rocks reflect the colors of flaming jewels, demonstrating the fact that here is an unknown world of marvelous beauty just beyond the visible.

Many years ago Mr. Strong, a designer of fabrics, took up the study of the science of color merely as a hobby. From different parts of the world he collected specimens of nature's colors in birds, butterflies, minerals, jewels, and other mediums which he used as motifs for designs. He followed this with a study of the phenomena of color by the use of the ultra-violet ray and polarized light. With the aid of projection screens, a new world of color and form has been opened on the screen.

A unique performance of Shakespeare's "Tempest" will be presented on December 1, by a group of marionettes under the Rufus Rose Marionette Company, for the second number of the Lecture Course.

Miss Helen Hiatt, a speaker on world affairs, will present a fresh international view at an unannounced date, and there will possibly be one more number on the Lecture Course of a cultural nature for the year 1937-38.

DON COSSACKS (Continued from Page One)

variety of appeal. They usually begin with a group of liturgical songs. As an example of this type is their singing of Gretchaninoff's Credo, with which they sometime open. With its powerful and crashing fortissimo, it stampedes the coldest audience into enthusiasm.

The folk-song of Russia make up a second group—songs rich in melodic beauty, such as the lovely and haunting "Red Sarafan", or the rollicking tale of Stenka Rasin, swash-buckling brigand, who to appease his men, jealous of his love for a Persian princess, throws her overboard into the Volga. The familiar Volga Boat Song is given at every concert, either as programmed number or as encore.

The volume of sound this Chorus can give forth is like the roar of a mighty ocean, but so marvelously controlled that it can sink into the merest whisper of sound.

Altogether a memorable experience the Don Cossacks—which repetition cannot stale.

PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Melvin Bates

'Twas a happy day April 28, 1916, when the announcement, "It's a boy," was made to the Bates family of Akron, New York. This boy was none other than our own Melvin Bates. "Mel" attended Barker high school three years and graduated from Lockport high school. In the Barker school he played the clarinet in the band for two years. In 1932 he entered Clarkson Tech to take up engineering. While there he played in the band and was on the business staff of their quarterly paper, *The Green Griffin*.

In 1935 he entered Houghton College where he has participated in many of the school activities. He has been active in the Forensic Union, Expression club, Social Science club, inter-class basketball, touch foot ball, Volley ball, speedball, on the 1937 Boulder staff, on the Star staff and is now president of the Pre-med club. "Mel" was also a member of the 1936-'37 Chapel choir.

"Mel's" rather shy and grave manner has not prevented him from winning many friends. When asked what Houghton had meant to him, he replied:

"Houghton's deeply spiritual faculty and many Christian students have made a lasting contribution to my life. It behooves each one of us to live up to her ideals as we leave her halls of learning."

Second Freshman Recital Shows Much Promise

The second recital of the freshman class was held in the college auditorium October 21 with about 150 present. Critics believe that the freshman music students show much promise. The following program was presented:

Arioso
Myra Fuller, piano
Mazurka in B flat
Gladys Wellman, piano
When I Have Sung My Songs
Ernest Charles
Catherine Kincaid, soprano
In a Moonlit Garden
Rolfe
Vernice Richardson, piano
Meditations from Thais
Masenet
Eleanor Fitts, violin
Liebesfreud
Joan Henning, piano
Glory to God in Nature
Beethoven
Frances Reed, piano
The Sandman
Brahms
Clara Jane Linn, soprano
Valse, Opus 83
Durand
Ruth Richardson, piano
Dark Eyes
arr. by Manante
Wilda Winters, accordion
Military Polonaise in A flat
Chopin
Wilma Pentecost, piano

Miss Dilks Slowly Recovering From Critical Operation

Miss Edith A. Dilks, former matron and dietitian of Gaoyadeo Hall is confined to her home in Clayton, New Jersey. She underwent a thyroid operation this fall which proved to be more critical than had been anticipated. Word has been received that the worst is over and that she is recovering slowly.

It is not known when she will return to resume her duties at the college.

Ted Bowditch Called Home

Theodore Bowditch returned to his home in North Adams, Michigan on Thursday afternoon, October 28, because of the recent death of his grandmother, Mrs. B. T. Wright. He returned with Ivone Wright ('36) who teaches at Great Valley.

Sunday Services

Christian Character

The way of building and maintaining Christian character was outlined Sunday morning, October 24, by the Rev. Mr. Black. Speaking from I Corinthians 16:13, 14, he said, "We have a treasure, our soul, to watch." We are known by the language we use. Let us then, watch our words, cultivating the good words and doings away with the bad ones. We must watch our prayer life, ever talking with God. Our minds must be watched also. We are known by the language we use. Let us then, watch our words, cultivating the good words and doing away with the bad ones. We must watch our prayer life, ever talking with God. Our minds must be watched also. We must keep out the undesirable and bring in the good. By keeping calm, not acting under pressure but by waiting for the presence of God, we may watch our hurrying. Finally, we must watch the spirit of compromise. We must keep on the firing line, know the word of God, be frank and not back up. We must "stand fast in the faith," be men and not children, and let all we do be governed by love."

Three Types

"There are three types of Christians—the shirker whose faith is dead and of no use, the jerker who rouses up in revival services, and the worker who is a laborer together with Christ," stated Everett Elliott in the W. Y. P. S. meeting Sunday evening. Speaking from James 2:14-20 he said that by the life of a Christian the world should know that the Christian is a partner with God. The result of being a co-worker with Him is the labor of love and the willingness to sacrifice for His glory. Christ is our example. Having been regenerated in Him, it is not only a duty, but a privilege to do works of righteousness.

Rev. Davis

The Rev. Ralph Davis, Deputation Secretary of the Africa Inland Mission, was guest preacher Sunday evening. "We need to see more than the degradation of heathenism as the reason for going to the mission field; we must see men there as lost," he said. "Had we more of the compassion of Jesus, we would work harder for Him. We must give, first, ourselves." Pointing out that every person in the multitude gathered in the desert place was filled, even to the last man or the last company, he said that God delights to work in desert places. Even now God is preparing a great way. Millions have never heard the Gospel. In obedience to our Lord's last command, it is our duty to get the Bread of Life out to the last man in the last company.

Latin Club Anticipates New Initiation Program

The freshman members of the Latin Club are literally shivering in their boots, for it was decided at the meeting Monday night that they are to conduct a club meeting all by themselves by way of initiation.

Mrs. Arlin opened the meeting with a brief word of prayer. Zilpha Gates, the president, then took charge. Although there wasn't much time, because of the freshman recital, it was decided to meet the first Monday of every month at 6:45. A committee was also appointed.

The club members discussed the possibilities of having a Roman banquet later in the year. Everyone seemed to think it would be a grand idea, so it was agreed that plans will be made. Possible ideas for the club's chapel program were also discussed.

Organization, Discussion, Items in Study Club

The first meeting of the Mission Study club was devoted almost entirely to organization and discussion, including an explanation by Robert Lytle, newly elected president of the tentative organization of the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship. The club has been granted membership in this new national association which includes thus far four other Christian institutions, Juanita College Columbia Bible College, Bob Jones College and Wheaton College. The main purposes of the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship are for fellowship, prayer and service for those looking forward to foreign missionary service, and also to help students who are praying about the missionary call to know God's will for them."

The officers elected to the Mission Study club or as it will now be called—The Student Foreign Missions Fellowships—are:

president—Robert Lytle
vice president—Eulah Purdy
cor. secretary and treasurer—Mildred Looman
chairman of program committee—Henry Ortlip
reporter—Joy Palmer.

We do pray that the Lord will truly enlarge the missionary vision of all who know Him in Houghton.

Student Prayer Service Conducted by YMWB

"There is before every Christian an open door," said Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Wesleyan Methodist Connectional Superintendent of the ried out. Y. M. W. B., said in student prayer meeting Tuesday evening, October 26. It was the first Y. M. W. B. prayer meeting of the year. In reviewing the missionary work in Africa at the present time, she cited the need of workers to go into the field to take the place of returning missionaries, and for opening up new fields. Some tribes have been waiting sixteen years for the Gospel. What a challenge this is to every Christian. We must first give ourselves, then our prayer, and then our money.

There was \$783.35 pledged for the support of the missionary interests of the college on the annual Missionary Day, October 13, reported Clyde Meneely, Y. M. W. B. Secretary. Three hundred and sixteen pledges were made. This amount together with that pledged at the missionary service at commencement presents a total of over \$1200. We trust that this will make possible the support of two missionaries for the coming year, instead of one as in past years.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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The student council has charge of the Halloween party to be given on October 30. They are also planning to secure a copy of the constitution of each of the various clubs and to have the documents bound and kept in the library.

A committee is now trying to arrange an amplifying system in the dining hall to facilitate announcements. The student council substantiated a vote of the faculty pertaining to certain omissions from the hand book next year. It is also exchanging questionnaires with about thirty other colleges in regard to the activities of their respective student councils.

Celia French ('38) left Thursday for North Rose, New York, where she will assist in the church wedding of an old friend.

SOPHS CLIMAX SEASON WITH THRILLING WIN OVER FROSH

Hard Battle by Freshmen Is Not Shown in 15-8 Score

An inspired sophomore eleven staged a sensational last quarter scoring spree to batter the favored "yearling yeomen" into complete submission and grab the pennant laurels of the first annual speedball inter-class series by a decisive 15-8 margin.

With the championship title hang-

ing in the balance and perfect weather conditions prevailing the stage was set for the collision of the two aggregations who boasted of records unblemished by defeat. From the outset the tussle bustled with keen competitive action. Repelling the early scoring threats of the "stalwarts" the frosh capitalized on their opportunities, converting all of their foul kicks and clicking for points when they pierced deep into soph territory to gain a 7-5 advantage.

The second-year cohorts did not

once defeat and managed to knot the count at the close of the third frame.

Scarcely had the last canto got underway when the "stalwarts" unleashed a powerful aerial attack that sent their stunned adversaries rocking on their collective heels. Demonstrating ability to "come through in the clutch" the sophs put on a passing exhibition which overshadowed the widely-heralded "razzle-dazzle" tactics of the pebes. For the remaining minutes they rode rough-

shod over the bewildered yearling and left no doubt of their superiority. Captain Mix, "Slugger" Burns, Miles Weaver, "Bob" Torrey, "Doug" Shaffner, "Gene" Donelson, "Cliff" Blauvelt and "Mel" Morris played stellar roles in the sophs' well-balanced cast of speedballers. Evans and Drew stood out for the freshmen.

The fray featured the best brand of ball-handling of the entire season furnishing a fitting climax to the first speedball campaign.



SPORT SHOTS

by
Jack Crandall

For a brace of epochal decades Bedford Gymnasium has been the battleground for Houghton's major athletic combats. Representative of the sacrifices of the students, faculty, and townspeople and the perseverant efforts and leadership of Clark Bedford, this edifice was erected for the purpose of providing the hilltop institution with adequate facilities for an athletic program.

And for this score of years basketball has occupied the preeminent position in our sports system. Shortly after the completion of the gym, the "great schism" was effected. The Purple and Gold ranks were formed and the Purple-Gold series was established as the highlight of the year's athletic activities. For the succeeding fifteen years this annual classic claimed the center of attention. Old Bedford Gym rocked with fervor and excitement, year after year, as the dark-clad and gilded quintets locked horns in their nip-and-tuck duels.

Each contest became a major event on Houghton's collegiate calendar. Pep meetings, rigorous practice sessions and capacity crowds characterized every court campaign.

However, in 1929 the college's expansion had reached such a stage as to boast of a superfluity of "top notch" basketballers for two quintets. Thus the inter-class series was installed, at first primarily as a prologue to the "color classics." The new features brought instantaneous favor. Keen class rivalry sprang up and the steady increase in enrollment made it possible for each class to produce teams of high caliber. Until recent years the class conflicts have over-shadowed their "older brother."

Friday night November 5, the 1938 inter-class competitions will be inaugurated with the 1937 champs, the "sophomore stalwarts" colliding with the highly rated high school hoopers who will be out to snap the eight game winning streak of the collegians who have never yet suffered the pangs of defeat. In the expert opinion of the writer, the "Sellman steamrollers" will crush the titular aspirations of the "stalwarts" by administering a decisive trouncing. The Sellman, Paine, Eyler, and McCarty combination looks too strong even for the Mix men which constituency is made up of Taylor, who made an auspicious debut this year; Blauvelt, a speedster; Captain Mix, a defensive bulwark; Torrey, Weaver, and Donelson, potential offensive weapons. The academy's quarter of crack cagers will be hard to stop because of their apparent power. However this duel should be one of the classiest and best-played of the season. The outcome is significant and will have a definite bearing on the ultimate pennant-victors.

PRE-MED CHAPEL

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not fair to take an individual out of circulation for a number of years." Early marriages are all right, if they are backed financially, was one of Dr. Douglas' concluding thoughts.

Several members of the club took part in the opening of the program. Clifford Blauvelt led the singing, Arlene Leonard read the Scripture from Romans 12, and Bernice Bauer offered prayer. President Melvin Bates informed the student body of the activities of the Pre-Medic club.

Up Town Five Wins First Game As Old Rivalry Breaks Out

Last Friday night the campus fellows won by the small margin of five points over the downtowners in the first basketball game of the season which gave a fine impression of this year's material.

The hard-fighting downtown team started the game with the first counter and kept ahead for the first quarter. The campus team then balanced the score which varied only slightly for the remainder of the game except for one rally in the last quarter when the downtowners shot ahead with three goals one after the other. However, the wise fellows called time out and rested. They then forged ahead to win by the score of 56-51.

The new rules were introduced into this game and for a while it was comical to see Taylor and Wright run back to the center after every basket as they are used to doing. These rules with the abolition of the jump center makes the game very fast as the fellows who played will testify. They kept up a killing pace for three quarters of the game, but had to let up in the last few minutes. Evans, Marsh, Martin and other frosh gave a good account of themselves.

The downtowners, who will again play the campus fellows on the next open night, say that this time they will take the uptowners over the dam.

Freshman Girls Direct Program At Gaoyadeo

Amidst the chewing of popcorn balls, the freshman girls, under the direction of Margaret Schlafer in the dormitory meeting Wednesday evening, cleverly told the story of an Indian girl captured by a villain and heroically rescued by her lover. The pantomime was begun by the singing of "The Indian Love Call" by Loreta Posson. The decorations were in the Indian fashion with wigwams and council fires. The characters were dressed in blankets and decorated with feathers and war paint to typify chiefs and squaws. Nancy Patterson was one of the chief attractions, portraying the part of the Indian dog and using a leopard skin belonging to Miss Driscoll as her disguise.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the dorm song, followed by the roll call by Thelma Havill and Doris Veazie. A letter which had been received from Miss Kartevold was read.

It was suggested by the president that pencil sharpeners be placed on each floor and names be printed on each door for the sake of convenience. A committee was appointed to attend to this matter. Zilpha Gates, the vice president, suggested

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 5 H. S. vs. Sophs.
Monday, Nov. 8: Frosh vs. Senior women.
Wednesday, Nov. 10: Frosh vs. Senior men
Friday, Nov. 12: Juniors vs. Seniors.

DAVIS CHAPEL

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to our attention. God wants us to prove His will, but this can be done only when our sacrifice is acceptable unto Him. Many times our sacrifice is not acceptable because of the "tag" we place on ourselves. We sometimes say, Here am I, Lord; but don't open until Christmas." We give ourselves to the Lord, but we are not willing to be used until all our own selfish plans have been carried.

Another tag we often place on ourselves is "Keep in a cool place." We give ourselves, but we want the Lord to place us where it will be comfortable and convenient for us, not where He wants us to be.

We sometimes reserve ourselves with "Fragile, handle with care." We think we couldn't stand what the Lord would have us to do, but we should trust Him to understand us and to place us where He can use us. The Lord is not looking for weaklings but for those strong in the faith.

The Rev. Mr. Davis urged that we take these tags off and put on another—"Shake well before using." The Lord needs to shake us out of our own ambitions and plans before He can use us.

Mr. Davis spoke of the Africa Inland Mission. This great work was begun forty-two years ago. It now has fifty stations and two hundred and forty-three missionaries. This "faith" mission is about the largest of the Protestant African missions. But there are many more missionaries needed. We immediately wonder where the money would come from, but God is concerned rather over the individual's desire to go. In one African province there are one million people who have never heard the name of Christ. "It is not right that some hear all the time while farther on are those who have never heard."

that the girls should wear heavy enough clothing for fire drills outside. Esther Bohlayer, general manager, made some suggestions on the conduct of the girls in Gaoyadeo. The social chairman, Ruth Donohue, suggested that each class give a tea for the other classes. Part of the dorm dues will go towards buying the tea cups.

Miss Hillpot spoke of sending a Christmas box to the Zion Hill Mission, superintended by Mr. Blanchard, a former Houghton student. Marjorie Roberts was appointed chairman of a committee to attend to this. Miss Driscoll spoke about certain reception room rules, signing-out books, and association rules.

Captains of Five Teams Claim Title; Who Wins Trophy? Well, You Tell Us

Profuse predictions regarding the outcome of the current class cage competition are being hurled from all sides. It's an open season on "experts" and as the opening clash draws nigh prognostications come "dime a dozen."

Smith Wins Prize While Hill Has Apples At Party

The Pre-Halloween party at the Greenberg Cottage last Friday night started with a bang as the chaperons, Prof. Bain and Mrs. Bain, and the young men sauntered gaily in for the gala evening.

With orange-hued lights and apple-draped doorways, bumpity-bump, bump-bump-bump was started for the get-acquainted game. Laughter issued from both reception rooms as places were exchanged when names were learned.

The high light of the evening was the apple grab with the tempting fruit suspended in doorways by slender twine. Overcoming this difficulty, Loren Smith succeeded in winning the first prize. Standing on a chair, "Red" Hill ate two apples, while the rest were endeavoring to finish one.

Perhaps the most successful and beneficial game was the penny fortune telling directed by Miss Burnell.

The song puzzle with lighted candles succeeded in the selection of partners for refreshments, after which a happy group departed through doors decorated now with forgotten apple cores.

Practice Schedule In Basketball

Monday:
2:30-3:30 Sophomore Women
6:15-7:05 Freshman Women
7:05-8:00 High School Men
8:00-9:00 Sophomore Men
Tuesday:
2:30-3:30 Junior Women
3:30-4:20 Freshman Men
4:20-5:15 Sophomore Men
8:00-9:00 Junior Men
Wednesday:
2:30-3:30 Sophomore Women
6:15-7:05 Junior Men
7:05-8:00 Senior Women
8:00-9:00 Senior Men
Thursday:
2:30-3:30 Freshman Women
3:30-4:20 High School Women
4:20-5:15 Sophomore men
6:15-7:05 Freshman Men
7:05-8:00 Junior Women
Friday:
4:15-5:15 Senior Men
Saturday:
10:00-12:00 H. S. Men
8:00-10:00 H. S. Women