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REGISTRATION, RECEPTION BEGIN YEAR

Total Figures in All Departments Show Over 430 Students

College Registration Larger Proportionately Than That of Last Year

Details Not Completed

Academy Shows Decrease While Bible School Has a Gain

The invasion of nearly 120 green but enthusiastic freshmen has placed enrollment at Houghton for the year 1937-38 at 434 students, according to the latest reports from the Registrar's office.

Totals for the College Department are placed at 367. Registered in the Academy are 56, while the Bible School has increased to 11. There are also some students taking Seminary courses but actual statistics are not available since many are combining College and Seminary work.

It will be noted that the Academy student group is somewhat smaller than last year, but it is expected that there will be more new students before the year is far advanced.

Further figures on registration are not available due to the earliness of this issue of the *Star*. It is hoped that more detailed information can be presented next week.

First Chapels of Year Have Myers, Bennard Kincaid As Speakers

Myers Party

The Myers Evangelistic Party of Alabama, which has been holding services in Higgins, took part in the first chapel program of the school year. Members of the party were Rev. Mr. Myers, who took charge, Mr. and Mrs. Clinger, and Mr. Leech. The quartet sang three songs: "Soon I Will Be Going Home", "Jesus, Hold My Hand", and "We'll Soon Be Done with Troubles and Trials".

Dr. Paine welcomed back the new and old students and introduced the Rev. James Bain of Ottawa, Canada, who gave the opening prayer.

Rev. Kincaid

A group of returned Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries were guests at Monday's chapel service. The Rev. Mr. Kincaid of Nova Scotia pronounced the invocation and introduced the Rev. Mr. W. A. Pruer from the Belgian Congo, and Mr. Walter O'son from French West Africa. John 3:16 was recited by the missionaries in Baoulé, Congo, and Annamese, respectively. The Rev. Mr. Pruet sang the twenty-third Psalm in Annamese. He wore a native costume. Mr. Pruet spoke on the missionary work being carried

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Express Your Opinion; Write it to the Editor

In accordance with our policy of using the *STAR* as a means of student expression, we invite letters of personal opinion relative to campus affairs and conditions. Sign your initials; anonymous letters will not be printed. Please make your maximum between 100 and 150 words. Address them to the editor and leave them in the copy basket in the *STAR* office. The administration and your fellow students have no means of knowing your outlook on campus problems unless you co-operate. Please feel free to take advantage of this means of stating your point of view.

New Plan Will Bring More Distinguished Artists for Series

The big feature of the social and cultural activities of Houghton College campus for the 1937-38 season will be the Artist Series—a group of five concerts by distinguished musicians.

The world-renowned pianist, Harold Bauer, will open the season, playing a recital on October 22. Mr. Bauer has long been considered one of America's best-loved pianists, and his wide popularity has been enhanced by his broadcast appearance to millions during the past year. A sell-out is expected for this splendid opportunity to hear Mr. Bauer.

Probably the most spectacular concert on the series and the one having the widest appeal for both the musicians and laymen will be that of the Don Cossack chorus under Serge Jaroff. So colorful has been their career and so brilliant their presentation that they are making their eighth American tour and are still on the crest of their popularity. They will appear in Houghton on November 15.

On December 8, the Marianne Kneisel String quartet, four charming and talented young women, will give a recital. This is the most outstanding string quartet in the world made up exclusively of women.

Stephan Hero, violinist, comes on January 6, with heraldings of success from Rochester, Chicago and Cincinnati symphony orchestras where he was hailed as one of the most promising of the younger violinists.

Elizabeth Wysor, noted concert and radio contralto, who will close the series on March 10 has recently signed for several appearances with the Boston Symphony orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky.

Several from this community have already made arrangements to attend the entire series.

—Wellsville Daily Reporter

Jane Zook ('37) has a position as laboratory technician in the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich. Her address is 7470 Bryan Street.

'Big Year' Is Bain's Word About Choir

Is Capable of Greater Things Musically Say Many

Will Have Concert Soon

Several New Names Seen In List of Members For 1937-1938

The announcement of the Houghton College Choir last Tuesday at 2:30 found a considerable change in its personnel. About ninety candidates submitted to a competitive examination last Friday and Saturday for entrance, and when the "tumult and the shouting" died and the dust and smoke had cleared away from the scene of battle, Mr. Bain, showing distinct signs of experiencing that aurora which belies approaching dementia praecox, made public that the following persons were new members of the Houghton College Choir for the season 1937-38:

First Soprano

Emma Rae Bechtel, Doris Bain, Marie Looman, Mildred Proctor, Martha Neighbour, Betty Cheney.

Second Soprano

Mrs. Arlin, Clara Linn, June Powell, Doris Veazie, Alice Link, Shirley Fidinger, Josephine Hadley

First Alto

Mary Madwid, Catherine Kincaid, Marjorie Updyke, June Miller, Mildred Looman.

Second Alto

Marian Smith, Louella Fiske, Le-

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Debating is Theme For First Forensic Meet of Semester

The Forensic Union opened its year's activities in the music hall auditorium on Monday evening, September 20. The theme was debate. Edward Willett presided.

Wayne Bedford sang two solos, *My Aine Folke* and *Duna*. The *Technique of a Good Debater* by Dr. Paine was the only extempore. Frederick Schlafer showed us the *Value of Debate to the Individual* and Lois Roughan discussed *Is Debating Really an Asset to the College?* Impromptus were given by Frank Taylor, Vance Carlson, and Everett Elliott.

After Ellen Donley conducted parliamentary drill session, *Forensic Humor* was presented by Arthur Lynip and the *Critique* by Walter Sheffer.

In the brief business meeting, Mr. Harold Boon was elected faculty adviser of the club. Thirteen new members were admitted to the union.

Freshmen Are Given Annual Welcome While Old Grads and Students Renew Friendships in 'Search of Autographs'

CLUB SCHEDULE
*First Monday of each month
* Student Ministerial Ass'n
* Pre-Medic Club
* Latin Club
*Second Monday
* Social Science Club
* Owls Club
* Mission Study Club
*Third Monday
* Forensic Union
* Music Club
*Fourth Monday
* Expression Club
* Mission Study Class
*The clubs are called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Additions in Several Departments Will Augment Faculty

New faculty members were formally introduced to the student body at the freshman reception Friday night.

Mr. Harold Boon succeeds Prof. Whitney Shea in the department of social sciences. He also teaches a course in argumentation and debate.

Miss Helen Herr, a June graduate of Westminster Choir School, has become voice instructor.

The physical education department this year is combined under the tutelage of Mr. Harold S. McNeese, formerly physical director at Cheshbrough Junior College.

Our Bible School faculty has been enlarged by one new instructor, Miss Havrath Owlett.

Dr. Harry Emerson Rosenberger has taken over his duties as professor of psychology and philosophy. Dr. Rosenberger came to us from Eastern Nazarene College in Massachusetts.

Capacity Crowd Attends Club Recorded Symphony

A capacity audience attended the first recorded symphonic hour of the year in the music hall Monday evening. The feature of the evening was the second Symphony of Jan Sibelius, Finland's most prominent contemporary composer.

Variations on a Nursery Song by Ernst Dohnanyi was the first number of the program. This number is one of the most popular of the distinguished Hungarian composer. The final selection was Georges Enesco's *Romanian Rhapsody*. Mr. Enesco has formed the true Romanian school, of which he is the recognized leader.

The symphonic hour is held every Monday at 6:30 for everyone's enjoyment.

Melvin Morris Presides in Program Given in the Chapel

Crosby Gives Welcome

Miss Herr, Luella Patterson Render the Musical Selections

Nearly 550 students, alumni, and freshmen taxed the capacity of the Bedford Gymnasium and College Chapel September 17, to attend the reception for new students. Changed from a perfectly respectable crowd to a mob of autograph seekers, acquaintances were made and forgotten, friendships were renewed, and speculations were aired pertaining to the class of '41.

Proceeding from the gymnasium to the chapel, which soon overflowed a varied and entertaining program was presented with Melvin Morris as master of ceremonies.

After the invocation by Professor Ries, Mr. Morris introduced Robert Crosby, who in bidding the freshmen welcome, told them they were an asset to the college and that they would form enduring friendships here. Glenn Jones in responding said that the freshmen would do their best to live up to the tradition of the college and maintain its spiritual atmosphere. Following was a brilliant interpretation of Liszt's *Sixth Hungarian Rhapsody* as presented by Luella Patterson.

As has been the custom, the new members of the faculty were requested to say a few words. These included Dr. Rosenberger, Mr. McNeese, Miss Herr, Mr. Boone, and Miss Owlett. Miss Herr sang very beautifully in lieu of speaking. Ellen Donley gave an amusing monologue entitled *Mr. Hayes' Memory System* as a pleasing conclusion to the evening's program, and the audience assembled in the gymnasium for refreshments.

Cuba Poetry Society Is Initiating Fifth Contest

The Cuba Poetry Society has chosen the Alfred Carillon as the subject for poems to be submitted in its fifth annual contest. Lines from any poem submitted may be used in a composite poem on that theme.

Any resident of Allegany County may enter, submitting one or more poems from two to 32 lines in length.

Poems should be typewritten and unsigned, the name of contestant with title of his poem or poems, being sent with the manuscript in a sealed envelope. Entries are to be mailed to the Cuba Poetry Society, care of Monroe Conklin, Cuba, R. D., not later than Nov. 15. Manuscripts are not returned. A prize of \$2 will be awarded.

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME FROSH!

To the class of 1941, the *Star* wishes to echo the sentiment of the administration, faculty and student body in saying, "Howdy, frosh, glad you're with us". During this first period of adjustment when homesickness and a "don't belong" feeling prevail, we'd just like to remind you that you're to make yourself at home and remember—we've all been through it. The fact that you successfully survived Freshman week proves that you can take it. We thought you could.

We welcome you as the newest members of a new regime. We have a new tradition to build up for our Alma Mater, as another chapter in her history is opening. So, stick around and let's get acquainted, Frosh. You see, we like you.

THE BULLETIN BOARD HABIT

We wish to call the attention of our new students to the system of bulletin boards in the corridor between the Administration and Science buildings. In spite of their literary style, they have been placed there for only one purpose—to make public announcements regarding all campus departments and their activities. Thanks to the efforts of the Student Council these have been carefully classified for our convenience in daily use.

Any class or club meeting, all special meetings, practices for the various teams, lost and found articles—ALL notices of importance to you are placed there for your convenience, and you will be held responsible for the information contained in them. Cultivate the habit of looking at the bulletin boards between classes—it's our only telegraph system. Older students would also do well to keep this in mind.

And speaking of bulletin boards, let's keep them attractive and usable by removing old notices before they are left for historical purposes!

VOLUNTEERS

We are issuing a call for volunteers!

By far the greatest Artist Series ever planned for Houghton is here. Variety, entertainment, and opportunity for appreciation feature the five concerts to be presented. Nationally and internationally known artists will be our guests this year as the following appear: Harold Bauer, pianist; Stephan Hero, violinist; Elizabeth Wysor, contralto; the Marianne Kneisel string quartette; and the Don Cossack chorus.

Some complaint has been heard in regard to the extra charge for tickets besides the usual activity fee. However, we should like to impress upon you these facts: (1) There are five instead of the usual four concerts. (2) Last year only \$350 was spent altogether in procuring artists for the four concerts. This year the Series committee is spending \$1200, with only one-third of it guaranteed. The famous Cossack chorus alone will cost \$500, or \$150 more than the entire

The HOKUM WEAKLY EFFORT

by "Bilgie"

Here we are back in Houghton and the coveted vacation after long hours of hard work all summer. The old dirt path which was used to drive those new-fangled automobile contraptions on, has been transformed into a delightful, paved path of race track proportions which some high-brows from out of town choose to call avenues—or something.

In spite of the fact that autumn is drawing nigh and the trees should soon accept the fate of allowing their leaves to be tinted by nature's paint brush (ain't that a beautiful sediment?), the campus seems to resent the change and has increased the quantity of green tint which each of us sincerely hopes won't turn to yellow before Father Time writes "finis" to this week's activities.

Although the frosh—I mean fresh—color predominates, a sparkle of red darts hither, thither, and yon about the new pasteurizer inquiring into the secret and inner workings of the machine. Last Wednesday evening it wandered into the recesses of the *Star* office to elucidate concerning this newest industry of the surrounding metropolis. Yes, sir. You guessed it. The dashing splotch of red was none other than our friend Hiram Lasher. Hiram is studying to be a veterinarian. To test his red-ly—I mean ready—knowledge of the occupation, he was questioned as to how he would treat a McCormick-Deering troubled with the heaves. Quick as a flash came the answer. "Well, I guess the first thing I'd do would be to change the oil in the crank case." Now you tell a better one.

I used to think that the meanest man on earth was the mythical Scotchman who on Christmas Eve went outside his house, shot off his gun, and told his brats—I mean children—that Santa Claus had committed suicide. However, I have at last come across one meaner still. The culprit is a sphomore, Clifford Blauvelt by name. Yes, friends, he is the one who thought up the rule of no association for the frosh during freshman week. Imagine! Houghton—a boy—a girl—a FULL MOON—and no association. Shame on you, Clifford. Go stand in the corner for three minutes while I write a note to your mother.

Before the chimney was completed and the new heating plant was in working condition, room S 44 was more than chilly—it was cold. Dr. Boon, Professor of Economics, asked the question, "What is the wealth or capital of Houghton?" "The students," ventured one, of the class. "Yeah," shivered Kay Anderson, "Frozen capital." A short time later Professor Boon asked, "If we were assigning the separate parts of the property of the college to specific accounts, under what account would the buildings come?" There was a period of silence. "Repairs," finally offered some brilliant individual.

series last year. (3) The admission charge is not as high as you would pay for a series ticket in other places.

So we ask you to realize the opportunity you have for entertainment and self-improvement. Despite their increasing support, outsiders alone can not make this Series financially a success. If you appreciate your opportunity, get behind it and push it by securing your series ticket—it reserves you a seat for the five concerts at slightly above the price of three. With your cooperation we can make Houghton the center of musical interest for southwestern New York.

WE'RE AT HOME AND WISH YOU WERE!

Gentlemen entering the *Star* office will leave the door wide open or apologize.

Persons having no business will call often, take a chair and lean against the wall; it will preserve the wall and may prevent it from falling on us.

Talk loud or whistle, especially when we are busy. If this has not the desired effect, sing.

Improper language is expected at all times, especially if there are ladies present.

Put your feet on the table, or lean on the desk and park your elbow in the copy basket. It will be of great assistance to those who are writing—and to the furniture.

Read all the correspondence on the desk; if it does not give you the desired information, ask us for it.

By all means play with the typewriter. If the keys stick and bend out of shape, all the better; the staff typists won't mind having the copy pile up ahead of them and we shall enjoy sending the bill for repairs to YOU.

Be sure and leave your books lying around on the reporters' table or the editor's desk. Besides giving staff members lots of room in which to work, they are very convenient to stumble over when pushed onto the floor.

Who's Afraid of The Big Bad SNAKE?

Silence reigned within! Silence, with the exception of Miss Gillette's soothing voice discoursing concerning the background of that distinguished course: American History. Suddenly a perturbed young man made his way swiftly to the front of the room. A brief conference, and—

"Miss Bain, will you move please?" Obliging Miss Bain stood in the center of the floor while the agitated but courteous Mr. Kahler gently moved her chair. A squirming undulation on the floor, two fruitless dives by Kahler, and SUCCESS!

Sighs of awe, of horror, of relief as the aforesaid gentleman dashed out of the door, carrying a dangling, twisting, coiling length of—SNAKE. A polite "Thank you! Elton" greeted the grinning hero on his return, and the soothing voice again took up the refrain.

Now who said Elton was afraid of snakes?

Oramel Badly Damaged By Fast-Spreading Fire

Seven homes in the town of Oramel were burned to the ground and the Methodist church was badly damaged on Sunday, Sept. 19, when hot ashes carelessly thrown into a driveway were blown onto a roof top by a 40-mile-an-hour gale. Scarcity of water badly handicapped the 12 volunteer fire companies present. The damage amounted to approximately \$25,000 and 22 persons were left homeless.

Faculty Spend Their Summer In Many Ways

While many of the students of Houghton spent this summer in lazily doing nothing, it appears that our faculty has been exceedingly active. Several took work in various universities. Professor Tucker attended Cornell University, where he studied for his Masters degree in science. Miss Pool was also at Cornell where she worked for her Ph.D. Professor Ries took work towards his B.D. degree at Winona Lake School of Theology.

Prof. Andrews attended summer school at Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

One of the most unusual activities in which any member of the faculty participated was that of Miss Ortlip. Attending various camp meetings throughout the country, she sketched pictures to illustrate various hymns and messages.

The traveling bugs must have bitten many of our faculty. Miss Rork took an extensive trip through Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia. Later she went to Michigan where she attended the Hastings camp meeting. Professor and Mrs. Douglas, Miss Hillpot, and Miss Moses traveled through the Adirondack Mountains to Montreal and Quebec. They returned home through the New England States. Professor and Mrs. Stanley Wright and Miss Hillpot took a trip through Pennsylvania which included a stop at Harrison State Park. Professor Wooley spent a few days in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Lee attended the New York State Women's Christian Temperance Union conference at Round Lake, New York. Then later she attended the world conference in Washington, D.C. Dr. Paine attended N.Y.U. during the Inter Session. Miss Driscoll spent the summer in Michigan where she held missionary meetings in the Michigan Conference. Miss Moses attended the N. Y. S. Conference of the Library Association. Mrs. Neighbour was hostess in a Speaker's home at the New England Bible Conference at Rumney, N. H. Mrs. Zola Fancher visited her parents in Fairmount, Ind. Mrs. Arlin spent the summer in Rochester with her husband who had charge of the St. George Episcopal Church. Miss Gillette visited Eaglesmere, Pa. Mrs. Bowen stayed in Albany, N. Y. with her son who has a position in the Educational Department there. Professor Stanley Wright attended the annual conference and camp meeting at Chambers, N.Y. Professor Cronk and his wife attended the August music week at Chautauqua, N. Y.

Of interest to all is Dr. Small's trip abroad. Concerning his impressions, he says:

"I am back home after spending five months in Oxford and traveling in southern England. I am glad to be back. My trip was profitable to me in many ways. I saw the coronation procession as it proceeded down Whitehall to Westminster Abbey. It was a very colorful affair, with red and gold predominating in the costumes and decorations. The day could have been better as far as the weather was concerned but the drizzle is so common in England that the English people did not seem to miss the sunshine as I did. The large ancient walls surrounding the colleges of the University make the institution look cold and monastic. First impressions were a little repelling but after I became a member of one of the colleges and a graduate

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Grads and Students Hold Reunion in Geneseo

On July 31 a pleasing college reunion was held in Geneseo. Normal summer students attending or having graduated from Houghton College, held a reunion at Jamison's Hotel, the first such gathering ever held, and made it a joyous and significant occasion. It is expected that all or nearly all of the same students will be here again in 1938 for a similar reunion. The decision to hold the one of last week was made on rather sudden impulse.

It is significant that there were several groups of college students in Geneseo this summer, but the Houghton alumni alone organized for a reunion. They were outnumbered by Elmira, Keuka, and Cornell, but no others held reunions. The Houghton gathering took the form of a luncheon early in the afternoon.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Saunders of Canandaigua, Ellen Stickle of Fillmore, Louise Minnis of Sandy Lake, Inez Greer of Watertown, Harriet Pinkney of Castile, Esther Brayley of Houghton, a guest; Mildred Wilson of Rochester, Hazel Herkimer of Belfast, Elma Williams of Lake George, Helen Breneka of Houghton, Kenneth Dillon of Geneseo, Ruth Lindsley of Sandusky; also George Perry of Groveland who entered Houghton and changed to Geneseo Normal; and these present students of Houghton—Rowena Peterson, June Miller, and Ellen Donley.

The tables were decorated with the college colors, purple and gold; and the college seal was conspicuously displayed. This seal is a huge boue represented in miniature form of der on the college campus, and was card. Beneath this boulder lie the remains of Copperhead, an Indian chief, the last of the Senecas, a treasured Houghton tradition.

At Cornell University about the usual number were present: Alice Pool, Whitney Shea, Perry Tucker, Max Molyneaux, Roscoe Fancher, Graydon, Paul, Clair McCarty, Herman Knowles, Alfred Colburn, Gordon Allen, and Howard Bain.

Ruth and Robert Luckey were at Columbia; Orrell and Magdalene Murphy York, and William and Richard Farnsworth at Albany; and the following at New York University: President S. W. Paine, Wilfred Bain, Harold Boon, Willard Smith, Ruth and Robert McMahon, Richard Hale, and Andrea Johanssen, former vocal instructor here.

Many Alumni Attending Various Grad Schools

Verna Crouch ('28) is attending Albany Normal College.

Mary Paine ('37) is taking secretarial work in night school at White Plains, N. Y. She is residing with her grandmother, Mrs. May E. Paine.

Ellen Stickle ('37) is taking grade school methods at Geneseo.

June Markey (ex '37) is attending business college in Erie, Pa.

Winton Halstead was in town Monday on his way to Drew Theological Seminary where he intends to work for a B. D. degree. Merritt Queen is also attending Drew.

Lowell Crapo ('36) plans to begin work on the E. E. degree at Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh this fall.

Mary Williams ('25) attended the American Academy in Rome this summer. She sailed for Italy on June 14 and returned Sept. 12. Her travels included France and Switzerland.

Ol' Dan Cupid . . .

Burns-Benjamin

Miss Esther Burns ('33) and Foster Benjamin ('34) were married at the home of the bride at Porterville, N. Y. on August 24. They are at home at Gladstone, Mich. where Mr. Benjamin teaches chemistry and physics. Geraldine Pease ('33) of Stanley, N. Y. was the bride's maid and Floyd Burns ('34), brother of the bride, was best man.

Babcock-MacEwan

Katherine Babcock (h. s. ex '37) was married to Paul MacEwan of Fillmore at her home here on August 20. They now live on what was formerly the Gillette farm near Fillmore.

Paulson-Lewis

Miss Elissa Lewis, (ex'40) of Freeport, Mich. was married to the Rev. R. Vernon Paulson on August 30. They are residing at Holland City, Mich.

Shaffer-Schogoleff

Mildred Shaffer ('38), daughter of the Rev. N. R. Shaffer of Higgins, and Walter Schogoleff ('37) were married at the home of the bride on August 31. Mr. Schogoleff is teaching mathematics and coaching athletics at Pike High School. Mrs. Schogoleff has returned to school and expects to be graduated in June '38.

Crouch-Andresen

Gertrude Crouch and Henry Andresen were united in marriage at the Houghton Church on August 21. The Rev. Gordon Loomis, ('36), of the Methodist Church at Canandaigua, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Verna Crouch ('28) was the maid of honor and Ruth Crouch Van Riper ('28) one of the bridesmaids.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of Miss Belle Moses. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Andresen returned to Houghton, where he is attending school. Upon completion of preparation, they hope to go to South America as missionaries.

McElheney-Paine

Mary McElheney of Rushford and Paul Paine (h. s. '36) were married at the home of the bride on June 4. They are living on a farm near Rushford.

Wolfer-Saunders

Gertrude Wolfer ('35) became the wife of Vernon Saunders ('35) on June 22 at the Houghton Church in the presence of 500 friends. Prof. F. H. Wright performed the ceremony. Among the attendants were the following Houghton alumni: Barbara Sanford ('34) Francis Hotchkiss ('36), Keith Burr ('35), and Roscoe Fancher ('36). They are living at Great Valley where Mr. Saunders teaches.

Seigenthaler-Einfeldt

The First Friends Church of Alliance, Ohio was the scene of the marriage of Dorothy Seigenthaler ('37) and Lynn Einfeldt ('37) on June 17. The Rev. Lee Einfeldt ('37) performed the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Einfeldt are making their home near Alliance, Ohio.

Hall-Staples

Vera Hall ('35) and Fred Staples were married at the home of the Rev. Ralph Standley at West Somerset, N. Y. on August 21. Grace Parker ('38) was bride's maid. Mr. and Mrs. Staples are attending the

CHOIR

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noir Masteller, Edith Crosby, Lois Roughan

First Tenor

Robert Danner, Halward Homan, Robert Homan, Kenneth Hill

Second Tenor

Willis Elliott, Theodore Hollenbach, Marvin Eyley, Durwood Clader

First Bass

James Hurd, Theodore Gast, Walter Ferchen, Richard Chamberlain, Keith Sackett, Frank Taylor, George Hilgeman

Second Bass

John Hopkins, Robert Stanton, Walter Sheffer, Wayne Bedford, Henry Ortlip

The bass section, which was almost wholly depleted by graduation last year, has a sole survivor in the person of Johnny Hopkins who during three years has rendered sterling service to the organization. Walter Ferchen also has three years to his credit.

The second soprano section finds Mrs. Arlin, teacher of Latin, coming up for her sixth season. This period of service is an all time record in the choir and Mrs. Arlin deserves to be commended for her loyalty to the organization.

Doris Bain and June Miller, three year veterans of more than two hundred concerts and radio broadcasts, are again in the line up.

Many people complete one or two years of service in the College Choir but those who have successfully met competition and who have shown their dependability throughout longer period of service, the Houghton College Choir wishes to especially honor.

Upon being questioned Mr. Bain indicated that he believed the present choir capable of greater possibilities musically than any former Houghton College Choir and that plans for this year's tours would far exceed those of any other year. Mr. Bain failed to disclose just what he had planned from the standpoint of tours but hinted that new geographic areas would be covered and that invitations had been received to appear at two important conventions.

Moody Bible Institute to prepare for missionary work in South America. Miss Bess Fancher gave a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Staples on August 28 at her home.

Sellman-VanOrnum

Mrs. Alden Van Ornum ('37) was the former Elizabeth Sellman before her marriage on August 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ferguson in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Elsie Hodgkin Eyley, matron of honor, and Mary Paine and Ruth McMahon, bridesmaids. Malcolm Cronk acted as best man and Paul VanOrnum and Dean Sellman were ushers.

Murphy-York

As the Lohengrin Wedding March was being played, Magdalene Murphy ('35) marched down the aisle of Houghton Church on the evening of June 30 to be united in marriage to Orrell York ('34) by the Rev. J. R. Pitt, former pastor of the Houghton church, and present pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at East Aurora. Beth Harmon ('35) was maid of honor and Lois York ('39) was one of the bride's maids. The best man was Theos Cronk ('34) of the Westminster Choir School, Princeton, N. J. and the groomsmen Emerson York ('37) and Victor Murphy ('39).

After a reception given by Miss Bess Fancher at her home and a wedding trip to the Catskills, Mr. and Mrs. York attended summer school in Albany. Both are teaching at Chestertown, N. Y.

Sunday Services

"In the Midst"

"Our Lord walks in the midst of His church," the Rev. Mr. Black, our new pastor, declared in his sermon "Christ at Church" given Sunday morning, September 19. There is nothing on earth Christ has such an interest in as His church. He gave Himself for it. We are His only representatives on earth and He is interested in us. He wants us to interpret Him to the world properly. If we fail Christ, His cause fails.

Christ knows the works of the seven churches of Asia. "It concerns me," Mr. Black stated, "what He thinks of Houghton Church, of its conduct, love, zeal, devotion, practice, and habits." We represent Christ; how we live, love, and serve will impress the world because we are His examples on earth. We are living epistles, read and known of all men. We should be certain we do not misrepresent Him, because as people read our lives, we must remember they are reading Christ. Christ does not forget that the Christian life is one of conflict and warfare. He knows about the struggle. He gives His divine aid.

In closing, Mr. Black said that Christ remembers His church to correct evils in it, to encourage good, and to reward the faithful.

Corners

Bruce Densmore was in charge of the W. Y. P. S. service Sunday evening. He spoke briefly from Mark 2:3, saying that if everyone would "carry his own corner" faithfully, the work of the year would be a success. The greater part of the service was devoted to testimony.

God vs. Sin

Speaking from Proverbs 8:36, the Rev. Mr. Black said that all sin is against God, against His love, patience, mercy, forbearance, long-suffering, and against His law. When we sin against God, we sin against ourselves, for sin is a positive injury to the sinner. Sin robs the sinner of the capacity to know his creator; it weakens his personality; it destroys his will power; it leads to a wrong destiny. Sin sets man adrift on the sea of life without chart or compass. Leaving Christ out of life wrongs the soul in life, in death, and in eternity.

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on by the handful of missionaries in the territory. He closed his message with an appeal to us to be ready if God calls us to aid in this work.

GEORGE BENNARD

The Rev. George Bennard, writer of "The Old Rugged Cross", was guest chapel speaker Tuesday morning. With him was the Swedish Gospel Singer, Miss Dahlstrom, of Michigan. Mr. Bennard revealed his keen Irish wit. Several of his own compositions were sung. After the song service, Mr. Bennard read Ephesians 3:14-21, and gave a short message. A verse of "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung in closing.

Freshman Frolic as

Deans Give Reception

If one could have walked into the new students' reception given by the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women, at the recreation hall, Sept. 15, he would have seen the frosh wildly endeavoring to carry beans across the room in cellophane straws.

Miss Aileen Ortlip directed the recreation period after which wafers and punch were served. Both Prof. Wright and Miss Driscoll spoke briefly to the new students.

Campus Sees Many New Improvements

Notable among the improvements which have taken place about the installation of two new boilers in the furnace room, at a cost exceeding \$1500. This need has been felt for some time, and installation will be complete in a few weeks.

The dormitory kitchen has acquired a new pasteurizer to take care of the milk from the college farm. The Dorm also has a new siren.

Other improvements which have been made during the summer include the remodeling of President Luckey's residence into two apartments, the downstairs suite being now occupied by President Paine and the upper one by Doctor Rosenberger. In the Administration Building, one classroom has been made out of two smaller rooms downstairs.

What is perhaps the most appreciated improvement is the new road surface on the College Hill road. Not only has the road been widened and improved, but a six foot walk is being contemplated. A new bridge will be put in at a later date.

In the village three houses have been built. Two of these are occupied, one by Mrs. Murphy and the other by Mr. and Mrs. Enty. The third house is yet unfinished. Last, but not least, The Breyer Ice Cream Co. of Trenton, N. J. bought out the Sheffield Farms Co. plant, completely remodeled it, and installed new equipment.

Church Carries on Good Program During Summer

Between the departure of the former pastor, Rev. J. R. Pitt, on June 11 and the coming of the new pastor, Rev. E. W. Black, on July 28, the pulpit and prayer services were supplied. Among those preaching were: Dr. H. S. Miller, Kenneth Wright, Prof. C. A. Ries, the Rev. George Heslop of Rushford, Prof. F. H. Wright, the Rev. D. H. Scott of Los Angeles, Cal., Prof. S. W. Wright, the Revs. George Failing, Noah Shaffer, Gertrude Clocksin, L. A. Clark, Dr. H. E. Rosenberger, and Dr. Stephen Paine.

Dr. H. S. Miller, Miss Florence Clarke, Prof. H. L. Fancher, Elmer Roth, Roma Lapham, and the Rev. Harry Bullock were among the prayer meeting leaders. Prof. Alton Cronk had charge of the choir.

The church held its first quarterly conference on June 17. The following were elected as pulpit supply committee: Dr. P. E. Woolsey, the Rev. L. A. Clark, Prof. C. A. Ries, Robert Lytle and Dr. Stephen Paine were granted local preacher's licenses.

On Sunday evening, August the Y. M. W. B. had charge of the evening service. Ann Schlegel presented twenty-two junior Y. M. W. B. members on missions in Africa and Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke showed slides on the field as it was when she was there.

Marietta Fancher was elected assistant superintendent of the junior Y. M. W. B.

A reception for the new pastor, held in the Recreation Hall on August 10, was attended by about seventy-five persons. Representatives of the various organizations of the church gave addresses of welcome. A male quartette furnished the music.

SMITH, FOSTER ENGAGED

At an engagement party given by Mr. Fred Daniels at the College Inn on July 30, Florence Smith and William Foster announced their engagement. The wedding will take place during Home-Coming at the Houghton Church.

COACH MCNEESE TAKES OVER HIS DUTIES AS NEW ATHLETIC MENTOR

Director Has as Slogan: 'Everyone for Athletics'

"Athletics for everyone and everyone for Athletics," declares Mr. Harold S. McNeese, the new pilot of Houghton's athletic destinies. The new mentor strongly stressed this as the corner stone, foundation, essence, and epitome of his administrative policy.

Mr. McNeese is a graduate of Geneva College of Brian Falls, a small institution which boasts of an enviable intercollegiate athletic record. Post-graduate work in physical education was taken at Ithaca College. Besides this, our new physical director has had five years of coaching experience.

During the three years immediately subsequent to his graduation from Geneva, Coach McNeese served as athletic director at Chesbrough Seminary. For the past two years our new director has coached and taught at Rushford High School where he was very successful. During his regime, the basketball team emerged from the "cellar" position (8th) to third place in the league standing. At Rushford Mr. McNeese introduced track as a school sport, producing a relay team which finished third in the annual county meet.

Coach McNeese is a native of New Brighton, Pa., where he attended high school, and earned a number of letters. On the gridiron he played halfback, and in basketball held a guard position. In track he ran the quarter-mile and occupied a place on the relay.

Although it is too early to formulate a detailed program, the coach wishes to make clear that his aim is to "work with the students, get their slant and make the kind of a program they want."

FACULTY VACATIONS

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student, I felt the real intellectual spirit of the place. I shall long cherish the impressions I received on my trip abroad."

Miss Burnell took a lovely trip through the west this summer. Starting from her home in Nebraska she with four companions, traveled by motor to Wyoming where they stopped at Yellow Stone Park. Then they proceeded along the Columbia river highway. In Washington they visited Mt. Ranier. Following the Washington and Oregon Coast line, they arrived in California. Here they visited all the beauty spots such as the Redwood forests and Fresno fruit districts. Continuing south they crossed into Old Mexico. After an interesting visit to this unusual country, the travelers continued their tour by visiting the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Pike's Peak, and Colorado Springs. Miss Burnell then returned to Nebraska. She returned to Houghton through Kentucky.

From September sixth to tenth Miss Burnell attended the National American Chemical Convention at Rochester.

Mrs. Cronk Will Entertain Small Dinner Parties

Mrs. Alton Cronk is introducing something new in the line of entertainment for those who are socially minded by opening her home to small dinner parties. Dinners are moderately priced and artistically served. Reservations only.

Notre Dame, Duke Players Beat Houghton Tennis

"Bob" Luckey and "Jack" Crandall represented Houghton College at the National Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament held at Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, from June 21-28. The entry list showed 132 contestants from 48 colleges. "Bob" fell to the steady play of Wm. Ramsay of Duke University in the first round. The Luckey-Crandall combination was eliminated in the second round by the doubles entry from Notre Dame.

Freshmen See Houghton Via Progressive Party

A lively progressive party on Monday evening, September 13, saved many a Freshman from what might have been a very severe case of homesickness.

Undaunted by a chilly, penetrating mist, they assembled on the steps of the administration building to be divided into five groups, each headed by two seniors. The warm reception with which they were greeted at each home more than counteracted the disagreeable weather outside. Ice cream and cake were served to each group at their last stopping place. In the course of the evening they made ten-minute visits at the homes of Dean Stanley Wright, the Rev. E. W. Black, Professor Wilfred Bain, Mrs. Zola Fancher, and the Gillette-Rork home.

Miss Owlett from U. of R. Will Teach in Bible School

Miss Havreth E. Owlett, the new member of our Bible School faculty, was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1932. She taught English and Latin in the Little Marsh High School in Pa. For the past year she has been teaching and doing missionary work in the Kentucky Mountains. Miss Owlett's home is in Knoxville, Pennsylvania. She had one of her poems, *The Porter's Work*, published in one of the leading religious periodicals for this month.

Thief Breaks into College Building During Night

On Wednesday night of registration week pilferers were busy about the college buildings. They seemed to be particular about what they wanted and to know something about where to look. They secured several dollars worth of postage stamps and a little cash. The state troopers were asked to take care of the matter. They seemed fairly well satisfied with the results of their investigation and went to work at once on the case.

Lynip Will Head Student Council for Coming Year

Arthur Lynip was elected president of the student council at the first meeting of the year, September 21.

Other officers for this year are Frederick Schlafer and Lois Roughan, vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Kathryn Johnson ('34) is teaching at Sinclairville, New York. Last year she taught at Rushford.

Houghton's Weaker Half Enjoys Evening Picnic

To appreciate the physical fortitude of the "weaker" half of Houghton, one should have witnessed them at play at the girls' picnic. Seeing Miss Ortlip running to the wrong end of the line in the relay, would have been an inspiration for any art student.

Carrying a plate, coffee cup, hot-dog, roll, banana, fried cake and stick all in two small hands is a feat but it was accomplished with practice. Every one, including the ants, enjoyed the food.

Miss Peterson demonstrated her senior dignity by leading the group in singing a few "classical" numbers. Miss Bohlayer welcomed the freshmen and Miss Joy Palmer answered the welcome. Miss Frieda Gillette urged the freshmen to take an active part in the spiritual life at school, especially joining the Sunday School.

The group departed singing the Alma Mater. In short, a good time was had by all.

Dorm Girls Entertain Frosh Coeds in Party

Closing a very interesting but strenuous first week of school, a Dorm party was given in Gaoyadeo Hall for the freshman girls. The purpose of the function, they were told by Dorm President, Rowena Peterson, was to acquaint the new girls with the extra-curricular activities Houghton has to offer. As they progressed from room to room where explanations were given, worried expressions began to appear on the faces of several girls. When, finally, they all were assembled in the reception room for refreshments, about fifty freshman coeds with saddened hearts bemoaned the fact that if all the promises they had made during the evening were to be fulfilled, they would have no time to pursue their various studies. Such is life even in a small college.

Mrs. Williams, a Resident For Many Years Is Dead

Clara Tear Williams, for many years a resident of Houghton and the author of the hymn "Satisfied," died here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. McKinney, on July 1. The funeral was conducted in the Houghton Church by the Rev. J. R. Pitt of East Aurora. Burial was in Houghton Cemetery, where her husband, the Rev. W. H. Williams, is also buried. Mary Williams of the class of '25 is her daughter and Alice McKinney of the class of '41 her granddaughter.

The last Sunday but one before her death Mrs. Williams was present at church. She prayed very earnestly and with much blessing for Houghton College and especially for our new President, Dr. Stephen W. Paine.

Extension Department Begins Yearly Work

Robert Lytle spoke in North Gainesville Sunday morning. Frederick Schlafer spoke later the same morning in Gainesville. A quartet composed of Henry Ortlip, Walter Ferchen, Fenton Bennett, and Raymond Carpenter assisted in both services.

Black Issues Good Advice For Speakers

Informal, impromptu, impressive. characterizes the get-acquainted picnic for the masculine section of Houghton's fast-returning student body Tuesday evening, Sept. 14. A secluded nook south of the road to Clark's was the scene of gaiety.

The woods were turned from silence to merriment in a moment by the invaders, who fell to gathering wood for the camp-fire. In dodge ball, "swar'em", and stump speeches, students new and old found varied amusement, until appetites rebelled and sizzling "hot dogs", tasty potato salad, doughnuts, and bananas featured the moment. Shouts subsided; food disappeared; dusk crept slowly in.

A cracking fire revealed a circle of contented faces as voices again rose and fell in the singing of numerous choruses. The last note of a robust quartet number faded, and in keeping with the spirit of the hour, the Rev. Mr. Black, college pastor, and self-pledged friend of men of Houghton Campus exhorted those present to experience *Life* by developing the spiritual nature through the exercise of spiritual powers and capacities.

Another quartet selection, a verse of the *Alma Mater*—a pause—and "Good-night". A deserted fire was left to ponder the things it had seen and heard.

Havill Is Chosen to Fill Vacancy at Dorm Meet

The first Dorm meeting of the year was held Thursday evening. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Marjory Updyke. Miss Driscoll spoke to the girls concerning the following year, mentioning cooperation, rules, and fellowship together. The latter part of the meeting was conducted by the Dorm council president, Rowena Peterson. Because of the unusual amount of enthusiasm and interest our president has already shown, we feel sure that with the cooperation of every girl we are headed for a happy year together.

Alys Jane Holden not having returned to school, a brief business meeting was held to elect a girl to fill the vacancy of secretary-treasurer on the Dorm council. The following girls were candidates: Doris Veazie, Edna Bartleson, and Thelma Havill. Miss Havill was elected.

The meeting was closed with the dorm theme song, Lois Roughan accompanying at the piano.

Vacation Happenings Of Houghton Students

Norva Bassage and Ruth Walton passed the state examination in French this summer. Both were enrolled as summer school students at Syracuse University and resided at La Maisoncaise on the campus.

Mabel Hess and Hilda Giles worked at Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks this summer.

Ila McLaughlin and Marion Brown worked at Chautauqua.

Marjorie Roberts was a student at Syracuse University this summer.

June Miller, Ellen Donley and Rowena Peterson attended Geneseo State Normal and studied in the department of library science.



SPORT SHOTS

by Jack Crandall

The advent of autumn brings another motley band of verdant invaders who carry the freshman banner. "Freshman" is a somewhat unimposing appellation but to the upper class stalwarts, those leading exponents of the various "brain and brawn" rackets, those scintillating satellites of sport, those astute athletic aces, this cognomen is synonymous with competition!

For the past brace of years the yearling contingent has disrespectfully and roughly treated its scholastic superiors on the diamond, gridiron, court and cinder path. A superficial survey of the current edition of "yearling yeomen" promises no relief for the victory-starved varsity.

When they collide with the "Frosh flycatchers" on Thursday, the "varsity valiants" will be attempting to avert another diamond disaster. All members have taken out policies of "error insurance" to prevent the duplication of last year's ball-booting calamity.

Starting on the mound for the valiants will be "Dick" Wright, blond fire-ball artist, who has maintained a record unmarred by defeat over a period of three years of Purple-Gold competition. "Slugger" Burns, leading hitter of the last Purple-Gold classic, is certain to handle the receiving duties. The infield should include "Jumping-Johnny" Hopkins, dependable first sacker; "Cliff Blauvelt, fiery keystone guardian; "Ken" Eyley, a veteran who returns after a year's absence; and Briggs, capable coverer of the "look-in" corner.

In the "garden" the positions are more uncertain. Paul Wolfgruber, Frank Taylor, Herschel Gamble, and "Russ" Gilbert are all likely to see action.

The varsity already have two strikes on them—the disastrous defeats of the two preceding years—and will be making a desperate attempt to regain their lost prestige. With the prospects of improved defensive play and greater potency at the plate for the upperclassmen, it looks like a real scrap.

Let's start the year right athletically by adopting the motto of Coach McNeese: "Athletics for everyone and everyone for athletics!" Furthermore, let's stress the quality as well as quantity and give our athletic department added impetus!

Alumni Group Enjoy Outing with Barkers

A jolly group of former Houghton students found themselves at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Barker, Rives Junction, Michigan, on the evening of August 26, 1937. The company consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Van Ornum, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Benjamin, Miss Florence Clisold, Miss Florence Smith, Miss Mary Foster, Mr. William Foster, Mr. Malcolm Cronk, and the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Barker.

Previous to recent weddings Mrs. Van Ornum was Miss Elizabeth Sellman and Mrs. Benjamin was Miss Esther Burns. Following a trip to the Cascades at Jackson, refreshments were served at the Barker home.