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## Summer Session Is Officially Opened

Many in Attendance  
Dr. Tripp Gives Address

The Summer Session was officially opened last Monday at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. George Moreland, Director. Along with the summer faculty, the sixty-one students registered for the session were present in the college chapel for the program. Despite draft board and other organizations that are swiftly taking the young men out of circulation, it is quite remarkable that the student body consists of twenty-eight male members as compared with thirty-three young ladies. Many of the new students are here for the first time, some just graduating from high school. The remainder of the boys are either religious education majors or else have draft deferments.

Dr. Moreland opened the meeting with several important announcements, one was that there will be a chapel once every week, probably on Wednesday morning. He also announced the coming artist series number on Wednesday evening with Mary Becker, violinist. Following this, the summer faculty was introduced. It includes three new members: Dr. Tenney, English; Prof. Lake, chemistry; and Dr. Tripp, history. Prof. John Andrews, assisted by Prof. Alton Cronk then played the first movement of a Beethoven Sonata for violin.

The speaker of the occasion was one of the visiting faculty members, Dr. Myron Tripp. Mr. Tripp chose for his subject, "Christianity in Europe." He began his address by stating that the church of continental Europe differs distinctively from the church in America in that it is more or less connected with the state. In Europe, church membership is a matter of public record.

Dr. Tripp, who has lived and traveled in Europe for some time, spoke much from his own observation. He told of a particular section in Germany where the police record of membership for a certain church was 5,000, while only 1,000 actually signed up. Out of this number, only fifty attended regularly. He went on to say that there are really only two main church groups in Europe—the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church. The Sunday School as we know it in America is poorly developed in those countries. Women ministers

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## Mary Becker Presents the First Artist Series Concert of the Summer Session

Quartet Is Doing Fine On  
Their Scheduled Itinerary

Singing Well Received;  
Boys Enjoy Themselves

The quartet left Houghton for their extensive itinerary in the college car. In a town four miles from their starting point, Fillmore by name, the first of a series of tragedies occurred. It seems that "Vic" Smith, who had been entrusted with the treasured map, by some strange coincidence left that informative bit of material at the gas station where they had stopped to dispose of their ration coupons. It seems that this same gentleman disposed of a second map in much the same manner during a Canadian customs inspection. Victor also distinguished himself by driving for a considerable length of time before discovering his license had expired.

Despite these trivial disturbances, the quartet is shaping itself into one of the finest the college has ever had. At one radio broadcast, there singing was so well received that the station authorities granted them an extra half hour gratis. Enroute to one of their appointments the boys stopped off at a restaurant. As is their custom, they began singing. Their music brought a response from the lady proprietor who recalled a by-gone Christian experience.

The fellows have been enjoying themselves as well as singing continuously. At Rev. Foster's church in Michigan, someone donated tickets for the baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers. At the same place, the quartet had an afternoon engagement scheduled. "Clifty" went for a morning stroll and failed to return in time. When he did arrive, he found Rev. Foster assuming his position in the quartet. Although the boys are being well fed, it is reported that they have also been helping their various hosts in doing the dishes. What a tender scene of domesticity.

Incidentally, the boys arrived in Houghton, Wednesday evening for a short rest. They start out again Friday morning, probably by train and bus for the rest of their trip.

Young Violinist Also Gives  
Interesting Interview

The first of the Artist Series programs for the Summer Session was given Wednesday evening by Mary Becker, violinist. Miss Becker is a violinist of unusual talent. She is a born and made musician. Gifted with great natural talent which was wisely and superbly developed, this young American artist has many of the attributes of top-flight violinists.

Miss Becker, who made her public debut as a violin soloist at the age of fourteen, is one of the foremost women soloists of our day; an artist with immense popular appeal. Born in Syracuse, she took her first violin lesson from her father when she was ten. Upon completing a four year course in twelve months at Syracuse University, she won the Harrison award of \$1,000 and a six year fellowship at the Juilliard Graduate School where she studied with Albert Spalding and the late Paul Kochanski.

The program included numbers by modern composers as well as by the old masters: "Praeludium and Allegro" along with "La Gitana" both by Fritz Kreisler; Concerto in B minor—Saint-Saens; "Ave Maria"—Schubert; "Ritual Fire Dance"—de Falla Kochanski; "Nocturne"—Chopin; and "Introduction and Tarantella"—Wainiawski. The choice of numbers demanded that the violinist have the ability to preform the gymnastics required by the Wainiawski piece as well as the emotional appeal of the "Ave Maria". Miss Becker proved herself capable of meeting both demands.

When interviewed, Miss Becker impressed the interviewer with her congeniality and appealing personality. Although an artist when on the stage, she is extremely sociable and unassuming in personal contacts. Miss Becker was asked about her opinion as to the opportunity there will be for the distinctly American artist after this war. She feels that this question cannot be answered definitely by anyone, but is a situation that we will have to wait for developments. Nevertheless, she feels that the opportunities are bound to be better.

Miss Becker went on to say that right now, people are not spending their money for concerts, but rather are giving it to the

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### What Is Your Philosophy?

A philosophy or over-all view of life is in some respects like a house. It has a foundation, a superstructure, and a roof. The foundation represents the basic assumptions upon which the structure depends. These are like the axioms of Geometry. They cannot be proved, but without them there can be no house. The superstructure represents the carefully worked out logical system which is, fabricated, using the foundation as a starting point. The roof represents the highest reach or net achievement of the whole system.

Note the supreme importance of the foundation. It condition the whole result. Given a wrong foundation, the more exactly and squarely the house is built, the more painful its condition and further, a wry foundation can never support lofty finality.

So with our philosophy of life. If our basic premise be wrong, then the more logical we are in each succeeding step, the more disastrous the result. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ". He who undertakes to explain the universe upon the basis of the material and natural only, finds himself further and further from the truth with all the exercise of his human logic. Try as he may, he can never on that basis reach a satisfactory explanation of even the simplest facts and phenomena of nature.

And his poor foundation will demand constant propping and bolstering, the perplexity of "missing links", the mixture of eons of time with unbelievable miracles of chance, yes it will demand a good deal of faith and willingness to swallow the unsupported

## Prof. Willard Smith Begins Tour of Many Campmeetings

Prof. Willard Smith, capable public relations director as well as print shop manager, will represent the school at various camp meetings intermittently throughout the summer. Most of the meetings are interdenominational. His purpose is to contact prospective students.

Prof. Smith's itinerary is given with the thought in view that perhaps some of the Houghton Students will be in the vicinity of one or more of these places.

June 30, Fletcher Grove, Delanco, N. J.; July 3, 4, Sharon Center, Ohio; July 8, Hughesville, Penna.; July 10, 11, Bentleyville, Penna.; July 17, 18, Sebring, Ohio; July 24, 25, Freeport, L. I.; July 28, 29, Mooers, N. Y.; August 1, 2, Conneautville, Pa.; August 4, 5, Hollow Rock, Toronto, Ohio; August 7, 8, Sychar, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; August 21, 22, 23, Stoneboro, Pa.

### Dr. Ira Bowen Honored

Dr. Ira Sprague Bowen, a former resident of Houghton and a chapel speaker this past year, received the first award of the National Academy of Science last month in the form of the Henry Draper Gold Medal. The report, contained in "Science" magazine gave the following citation: "in recognition of his contributions to astronomical physics; more especially his researches on the spectra and chemical composition of the gaseous nebulae".

Professor Bowen has been associated with the famous Dr. Millikan at the California Institute of Technology. He is the son of Mrs. Philinda Bowen, long-time resident of Houghton, and until recently principal of the high school.

assertions of the experts.

But, he who dares to sink his first foundation below the line of physical sense and to base it on the rock of Deity will find that the single act of faith he has contacted him who is the Truth and the resulting structure if wisely and logically built will square most comfortably with all reality, will resist the battering storms of experience, and will support easily the lofty kind of living.

Axioms are not forced upon us by hard proof, they are chosen with an eye to the soundness of the resulting structure. Happy he who dares to make the choice of faith in God, in his Word, in his glorious Son.

—STEPHEN W. PAINE

## FACTS ABOUT



## Our Servicemen

It is our hope and intention in the forthcoming days to make this column one of the most interesting and profitable ones. To do this we need the cooperation of all the Houghton boys in the armed services. We would appreciate hearing from or about the boys—where they are, what they are doing, etc. It will be impossible to print entire letters, but all will be mentioned. C'mon fellows, let's have a card—it doesn't cost you a cent.

A letter from Prof. Whitney Shea, on leave of absence from the faculty and now a lieutenant in the United States Army, stationed somewhere in the West Indies gives the following:

"As a duty officer, I have to censor the men's mail—they do get lonesome. There are a lot of natives and dirty cities down here. When you get in a bus, you are apt to have a goat in you lap or perhaps a dog. As far as the post is concerned, however, it couldn't be much better."

### More of the ERC Called

Some of the last of Houghton's ERC boys entered the service, Tuesday night. Herschel Ries left Houghton Monday night to meet Al Ramsley at the Penn station in New York. Together they went to the Fort Dix Reception Center for classification. Slowly but surely other fellows in the various reserves are being called to active duty. Jim Hughes, George Wells and Mel Lewellen report to Hobart College on July 1 for training under the Navy program, and Jim Fenton will go on active record with the Marines at Muhlenburg College.

Byron Sheesley ex '46 now stationed at Nashville, Tennessee with the army air force writes: "Russell Clark came down here on the same train that I came on. His brother Bud came in last week too. Two days ago I was in the restaurant drinking a quart of milk when I looked up, and there was Wallace Clements. He, Warren Woolsey and Carl Wagner all arrived recently from Vermont."

Sgt. Dave Cole, stationed in Georgia with the paratroopers, was recently home on furlough. Dave reports that "Big Hare" Walker will soon become a second lieutenant in Texas.

Cadet Richard Bennett is a member of  
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## Confidentially Speaking: Dr. Mae Tenney, From Greenville, Among Visiting Summer Faculty

We sincerely trust you won't repeat a word of this information, but we thought you'd like to know.

Hank Kennedy '43, is out to set the pace for all those interested in doing their bit to relieve the manpower shortage. In a recent letter, Hank says he is working in Batavia from 3:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Then he sleeps for some forty odd winks and then works four or five hours on his parishioners farms. In his spare time, Hank carries on the work of his pastorate, preaching every Sunday in East Bethany. Well done, little man!

Ralph Powell, back in school for the summer session, has gone the way of all flesh. He recently announced his engagement to Miss Jane Chase, a southern belle from Georgia who expects to attend Houghton next year.

The long-awaited chorus book for young people's service finally made its appearance last Sunday. The production, a masterpiece fresh from the hands of its proficient laborers, Leon Burdette Curtiss and Margaret Hamilton, really contains a choice selection of inspiring choruses, despite the low cost of putting it out. In addition, much of the credit for the success of the book is due to several who donated their time toward its completion. To say the least, it adds immensely to the evening young people's services.

The first meeting of the Summer School Chorus was successful as far as all four male members were concerned; there were easily 6 girls to every fellow. Next week, only girls accompanied by young men will be admitted—look out boys!

It is only fair that the public be informed that Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cronk have had another blessed event—last week they received ration book number 3. Two baby bunnies were also added to the household.

Last Friday night there was the first of what is hoped to be a series of good softball games. Due to a familiar lack of male participants, the gentlemen congenially consented to permit the girls to fill the vacancies. Strangely enough each team contained three girls with the result that every time the round of batters was completed, one inning passed without score. Dr. Tripp distinguished himself by securing the first good hit of the game, while Alfonso, the Mexican dark horse, thrilled the female spectators with his agility in the field. Next week, all who participated in the game will be released from the infirmary for the next gruelling match.



DR. MAE TENNEY

### MacLachlan - Hunt Wedding Attended by Houghtonians

Miss Esther Hunt '43 and John MacLachlan '43 were married on June 26 in the bride's home church, the Interlaken Baptist Church, Interlaken, N. Y. Marjorie Fox was one of the bridesmaids and Frank Kennedy was best man. Before the ceremony, Frank Houser provided a combination of selections typical for the occasion and favorite hymns on his 'cello. Alden Gannett and Mike Sheldon ushered.

There were fifteen Houghtonians present at the wedding, and many remained for the reception following. After the wedding the couple left on a honeymoon for an unknown destination. Next year, John intends to continue his theological studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. Also he will serve as pastor of two churches in the vicinity of Lafayette, N. J. where he and his wife will reside. Mr. and Mrs. MacLachlan intend to enter full time Christian service in the future.

Slowly but surely, Houghton is transforming itself into a thriving defense production center. The office force has organized into a union. So far, the members consist of Rosie the Riveter (nee Anne of Madwid fame) and Gertie the Galvanizer (nee Ruth Cooley) who have banded themselves together for the purpose of demanding mid-afternoon cokes. The young ladies are also considering the donning of zoot suits, better known as slack suits outside of Houghton's environment, during working hours.

### Miss Tenney Teaches Several Advanced English Courses

Supplementing the English faculty during the summer semester is Dr. Tenney from Greenville College in Illinois. Miss Tenney is teaching the survey course in English Literature for sophomores and, in addition, a semester course in Contemporary Poetry. During the last four weeks of the summer session, she will give an entirely new course which considers the main currents of eighteenth century literature with special emphasis on its religious aspects. This study, suggested by Dr. Paine should prove vitally practical to religious education majors as well as English majors.

Miss Tenney received most of her undergraduate work at Greenville College. From there, she pursued further work at the University of Minnesota, University of Illinois, University of Colorado, and was granted her master's degree from the University of California. In 1936, she received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Tenney's research in connection with this graduate work was a study of the relation of the Wesleyan Movement and eighteenth century literature.

In her spare time, Dr. Tenney has toured Europe and engaged in writing. Her most recent work is a three-hundred page history of Greenville College written on the occasion of the college's fiftieth jubilee. In the near future, she contemplates compiling her research into a writing on the early Methodist way of life. Miss Tenney has never been to Houghton, but in her brief stay, has already expressed her enjoyment at being here. Her scholarship is a definite asset to the summer session.

### Dr. Paine Has Busy Week

Since the close of the school year in the latter part of May, Dr. Paine has been doing extensive traveling and speaking. Monday and Tuesday of this week, he represented Houghton College at the Teacher's Education Council held at Keuka College. One item of discussion is the five-year educational plan for prospective teachers in New York State.

The middle of last week Dr. Paine spent at the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Fairmount, Indiana. Rev. Armstrong, along with a considerable number of townspeople were also in attendance. Friday night, our prexy spoke at a young people's rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He remained there for the weekend with the quartet.

## Dr. Carter Presides Over Annual Music Institute

For the past three days, the annual music institute has been in session. Sponsored by Houghton's music department, and headed by Dr. Carter, state supervisor of public school music, the session is for the purpose of discussing the problems involved in teaching public school music.

Dr. Carter has discussed the general problems in his afternoon lectures; Prof. Carapetyan dealt with voice culture; and Prof. Andrews discussed the problems connected with instrumental music. The institute has been attended by several outside guests as well as by all of the prospective music teacher's attending the summer session. Included in the events was the chapel service conducted on Wednesday morning with Dr. Carter as guest speaker.

Dr. Carter's chapel talk, informal and effectively humorous as his addresses are, did not concern his chosen profession, music. In his opening remarks, he suggested that perhaps persons who follow the arts know a little something aside from their profession. Dr. Carter continued to say that since we are living in a day of perils, it is certainly not antiquated to believe in forces of righteousness about us.

Some things in life, the speaker said, cannot be explained in any other way than by "discarnate" intervention. Devils are angels gone wrong, and they actually inhabit certain people. If you don't believe it, Dr. Carter suggested a look at some people who have marred the world. The age of a belief has nothing to do with its validity. Some people may call your belief superstition, but if it works for you, keep it. With this thought in view, Dr. Carter uniquely closed his remarks by having the assembly recite what he called our confession of faith, the Apostle's Creed.

In introducing the speaker, Dr. Moreland said that the summer session was highly honored to have Dr. Carter, since he was spending a larger part of a week's vacation in Houghton.

## Unquotables . . .

The Optimist: When you feel down in the mouth think of Jonah, he came out all right.

Reese Pritchett (after the Becker concert: "The most solid classic I ever listened to."

Gerry Schuster (a riveter for the summer): "Riveting makes me feel like a flat-head."

Earl Campbell: "Ninety-five percent of the Calculus problems are easy: the other five percent I manage to get."

"Jackson": "Asdglpfm"

## Alfonso Suarez, a Mexican Neighbor, Attends Session

Alfonso Suarez, the son of Mexico's Minister of Finance, is attending the summer session at Houghton. "Al", as he is becoming known to the students, is here for the express purpose of learning to speak the English language fluently since he has been in this country but a few months. To accomplish this end, Alfonso is taking a course in Freshman English as well as being personally tutored by Prof. Gordon Stockin, Principal of the Sminary. Prof. Stockin confessed that the tutoring is more or less of a reciprocal affair, since it has been some time since he has had the opportunity to make use of his knowledge of Spanish.

Alfonso, who has a brother now attending Cornell University, also attended that school for a few months. He intends to return there at the beginning of the fall term. Alfonso is looking forward to becoming a Chemical engineer. His activities in this country are supervised by the Committee on Inter-American relations, working out of Washington.

## New Dorm Cook

This week, Mrs. Flood, formerly of Pen-Yan, New York assumed her duties as dormitory cook for the summer session. Mrs. Flood will also continue on next year, assisting in the kitchen as well as being house-mother of the Markey Cottage where she and her two sons, Lawrence and Robert, are now living. As yet, she is the only prospect of kitchen help in view for next year.

## Artist Series . . .

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Red Cross, Bundles for Britain, and other war projects. Personally, she has played at the Stage Door Canteen, Staten Island, Merchant Marine, and at many other service men's stations in the past year. During her career she has had several western tours, solos with major symphonies, and an appearance in Town Hall.

From Houghton, Miss Becker will go to Syracuse and spend a few days with her mother. From there, she goes to Chataqua, then three weeks at Lake Mohawk with three concerts each week. In September, she will begin her sixteen weeks national tour, in March, she will tour the middle west.

Before the interviewer left, Miss Becker said she wanted it known that she was impressed by the beauty of the campus. The beauty and variety of the trees particularly appealed to her, as well as the friendliness of the students and faculty.

## Summer School . . .

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and revival meetings are almost unknown, except for the minor denominations.

Dr. Tripp continued with his interpretation of the cause of the decline of the church in continental Europe. First and foremost he placed the hypocrisy of the clergy. That group is high in education, but pitifully low in enthusiasm. Many times, clergymen choose to be such because the salary ranks in the upper tenth. Another major factor in the decline, the speaker said, is due to internationalism. Dr. Tripp said that he was amazed at the fervor and impressive loyalty the youth movements and political parties aroused. In his concluding remarks, he said that the spirit of totalitarianism has pervaded the Christian Church in Europe to the extent that it is literally bound.

Dr. Tripp's address was well received by both faculty and students. A favorable factor that made the talk so successful was the fact that the speaker combined a wide background of observation with exhaustive survey and scholarship.

## Service Men . . .

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a class of Student Officers and Aviation Cadets to be graduated soon from the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School at Stockton Field, California. He will be made a full-fledged pilot and will be given the coveted silver wings. He will be placed on active duty in his rank with the Army Air Forces. Before the final and advanced course at Stockton Field, Dick completed 18 weeks of primary and basic training at Tucson and Marana, Arizona.

"Jake" Oehrig, last year's editor of the *Star*, and Tony LaSorte, both members of the ERC will enter the services on July 6. "Jake" reports to Fort Dix for classification, while Tony goes to Camp Upton. "Jake" was attending the MacLachlan-Hunt wedding when he received word of his call. (There is no connection between the two beginning battles.) On his way home, "Jake" stopped off at Houghton for the weekend.

Frank Houser recently received notice that he could expect to begin active service with the Navy about the beginning of August. When he goes, Frank will be sent to Columbia University for training. He is considering applying for the chaplain training plan as sponsored by the Navy reserve.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks for all that was done for me while I was convalescing this past week. May God richly bless you.  
Burdette Curtiss