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## Rank 'n' File

As we who are left to carry on the standards of our college feel our own weaknesses, the thought of you who are out fighting for us gives us the motivation that spurs us on to do our best. It is our prayer that you will ever stand true to the Christ we serve and that you will find Him you ever present help in the hour of need.

## GLENN VISITS LONDON

Glenn Barnett writes from England of his trip to London. "Mother's Day isn't observed in Britain. They didn't know what I meant when I said 'Mother's Day' . . . Westminster Abbey was the most interesting for me. David Livingston's crypt was in a very prominent location, nearly in the center of the Abbey. Charles Darwin's was pushed to the far left in such contrast to Livingston's. At the far end behind the most holy altar lay the bories of the kings and queens of Britain—we could not enter there.

Toward evening I took a bus to St. James' park which is near Buckingham Palace. The King and Queen were out. I knew because the regal flag was not flying. Guards were prancing their beat.

## BURDETTE LIKES ARMY

After two weeks of army life Burdette Curtiss ('44) commonly known as "Burp" writes from Fort Dix: "I'm happy and contented. It's quite the life, up at 5:45 and lights out at 10 p.m. Lots of work and lots to do it. . . Pray much. God is able to keep, but pray for the Christian fellows."

## BUCK AND HARDY PROMOTED

On July 4 in San Antonio, Texas, Edward Buck (ex '43) was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Larry Hardy who is stationed at Dahart, Texas was recently promoted to Corporal. In addition to being a chaplain's assistant, he has taken a church in the vicinity and preaches there every Sunday. As chaplain's assistant, Larry plays the organ for all Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish services.

## "HERSCH" FROM U. OF NEB.

Pfc. Herschel Ries (ex '44) was home on furlough from the University of Nebraska this past week. Herschel is a student in the School of Engineering under the ASTP. Miss Ruth Samuels was with Herschel during his visit in town.

## CAMPUS VISITORS

Also on the campus was Seaman First Class "Gerry" Wightman (ex '46). He was enroute from California to a place in New England where he hopes to train for submarine duty.

Lt. "Dick" Chamberlain ('39), now stationed at Lueback, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton M. Cronk the past week. While in Houghton this favorite

campus soloist of former years sang a few numbers at a student recital.

Lt. "Jerry" McKinley spent the weekend of the 4th in Houghton. He is a weather instructor at a large Air Force training field in Texas.

## LT. BENSON WRITES

From Des Moines, Iowa Lt. Grace L. Benson writes: "I am receiving my copies of the STAR. It brings back many memories and I do enjoy them so much. I was commissioned a 2nd Lt. at Fort

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## Houghton Catalog Comes Off Press After Delay

After a long delay because of labor shortage and other difficulties, the new catalogues are being completed. During this week more than 1700 copies were mailed. With the completion of about 1300 additional copies all the requests for catalogues which have been accumulating for some time will be met.

The edition this year will total 5000 copies. By change in spacing and leaving out the part dealing with the Preparatory, the size of the catalogue is reduced by 28 pages. A small edition of the Preparatory catalogue is being printed separately. The change makes a total saving of about 350 pounds of paper. The faculty and administrative staff is incomplete in the first 3000 copies of the catalogue. However, it is hoped that arrangements can be completed in time to include all personell in the remaining 2000 copies.

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## Pfc. John Merzig Marries Beatrice Gage, June 16

Mr. and Mrs. Scott E. Gage have announced the marriage of their daughter, Beatrice Luella, to PFC John E. Merzig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Merzig, Ebenezer, at the manse of the Bible Presbyterian church, St. Louis, Mo., June 16.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis Schaeffer in front of a fireplace, decorated with palms, white flowers, and lighted candles on the mantle.

Mrs. Merzig is a graduate of Houghton seminary and Wheaton college, class of 1943, and for the past year has been secretary at the Immanuel Presbyterian church. PFC Merzig is a graduate of Ebenezer school, took his pre-medical at Houghton college, and is now studying medicine at the University of St. Louis under the Army specialized training program.

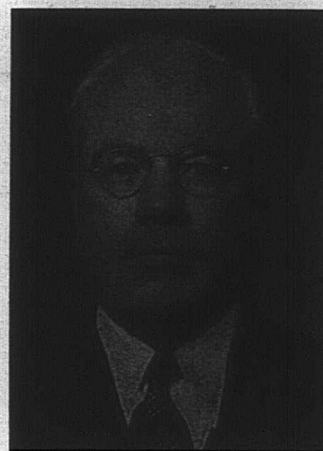
Following a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside at 1915 Compton, St. Louis, Mo.

## Rosine Nocera, an Eleven Year Old Pianist to Appear on Artist Series

## Artist Is a Sister of Mary, Who Is a Ho'ton Junior

The forth coming artist series, on Friday, July 21st, offers a rather different program, in the person of Miss Rosine Nocera, child prodigy pianist. Rosine is the eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nocera of Plainfield, New Jersey, and sister of Miss Mary Nocera, Houghton Junior. She made her Debut at the Masonic Temple in Plainfield over a year ago, at the tender age of ten, before an audience of over 400 enthusiastic listeners. She has played the piano since she was three and a half, and has studied under Mile. Pfeiffer and Mlle. Combe of the French School of Music, where she had been awarded a scholarship because of her true ear and unusual musical abilities. Rosine has appeared in public many times, and has splendid technical command of the piano, with a fine chance of becoming a great virtuoso, according to an article which appeared in the Plainfield, N. J. Courier-News, written by Marjorie Davis. Due to her size, she is barely able to strike an octave, yet her "Agile fingers found no difficulty with the splash of arpeggios". Her debut was a grand success and rewarded four hours of faithful practice every day.

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DR. HAROLD C. MASON

## Dr. Harold C. Mason Teaching Theology

Among the faculty serving the Houghton College summer school the second semester is Harold C. Mason A. M., D. D., LL. D., who is teaching two courses. The Philosophy of the Christian Religion, and Pastoral Theology. Dr. Mason comes to Houghton from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, where he is professor of Christian Education. He is an ordained minister in the Free Methodist Church, and previous to teaching at Northern, he was pastor of the church at Denominational Headquarters, Winona Lake, Indiana. In 1940, he was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws here at Houghton, at which time he was also Baccalaureate speaker. In the past he has also been a speaker at Young People's conferences held here. During his ministry at Winona Lake, he supervised the building of the colonial brick church there.

Dr. Mason has expressed his appreciation at spending his summer on the Houghton staff, and especially of the surroundings which make Houghton summers so enjoyable. Dr. Mason's courses are also proving very popular with the students, and have drawn a good enrollment.

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## MANAGER TAKES CHURCH

Rev. J. Harold Douglas, who was manager of the college press this past year, is leaving this next week to become pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Sandy Creek, N. Y. No one has been found yet to take his place. The adult Sunday School class gave the Douglas family a party this week in the Recreation Hall.

## Latin Students Get High Contest Scores

The Latin departments of Houghton College and Houghton Preparatory are very happy to announce that several of our students placed very well in the 13th annual Competitive Latin Examinations of the Association for Promotion of Study of Latin, whose headquarters are at Elizabeth, New Jersey. These examinations are given on a national scale with students from all states participating. Mr. Stockin's membership in A. P. S. L. made possible the participation of Houghton students this year for the first time.

A perfect total score was 120 points. The highest score at Houghton was made by a senior in the College, Martha Woolsey, who received a score of 103. The national median score for her group was 50. The second highest score was made by Rosalie Grenier, senior in Preparatory, who received a score of 100. The National median score for her group was 48. Other students who made grades of 90 or above were: Elizabeth Edling, Jean Christenson, Joanna Fancher, Ruth Krein, Emma Kleppinger, Faith Winger, Mary Agnes Strickland, and Lucile Hoag.



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## Psychology in Christianity

BY WALTER ROBIE

The average student attending college today has in his curriculum at least one basic course in psychology and often several further courses in the same field of study. The study of psychology enables the student to have a more thorough understanding of the mind, but it is not used much in our daily lives. Psychology may be used as an effective "servant" of the soul winning Christian.

If is a word in the English language which is used conditionally and not positively. In logical sequence a conditional thought often leads to a negative thought. If is used too much by the Christian worker who is appealing for a positive response. Often the Christian dealing with an unsaved person will ask him, "If you are unsaved won't you accept Christ as your savior?" or he will express the same thought in similar words. The unsaved person easily finds a flaw in this statement by his own analytical reasoning—"it portrays uncertainty; consequently he has been talking to me about salvation, and he doesn't know if I am saved and after assuming this mental attitude it is comparatively easy to make a negative decision.

A Christian leader or worker should be led unreservedly by the Holy Spirit to attain success. When being directed by the Holy Spirit to speak to a person, the Spirit not only makes clear to him the condition of the individual he is to confer with but also prepares the listeners for God's messenger. All of this is distinctly positive. Why then, should a conditional attitude be brought to the mind of the person whom he is attempting to assist by the use of IF. It must not be used.

The question may be asked: Are spirit-filled ministers and Christian workers that use IF, as stated previously, actually not being led by the Spirit of God? That is impossible. Undoubtedly this word is used unconsciously by most Christians. The Christian should analyze his approach and see if he is unconsciously using this word in the wrong way.

The psychology that the student learns may be used in a practical way. The word IF is dangerous and harbors defeat. *The positive approach is suggestive and together they may conceive a positive response.*

## Dormitory Improvements

The girls returning to Gaoyadeo Hall will find the rooms on the eastern end considerably improved. All of these rooms are being refurnished: the walls painted and the floors covered.

The Dow-Greenberg Cottage is being "re-dressed". New wall-paper, plaster, paint, and floor finish is making this cottage much more inviting.

## New Summer Religious Leaders Are Selected

Harris Earl, was chosen at the last prayer meeting in a student vote to fill the job as summer school leader of the W. Y. P. S., which was recently vacated by Percy Stratton, upon his entrance into Asbury Seminary. Harris has been active in the religious activities of the campus and has preached in a number of the surrounding churches during the past year.

To fill the vacancy left by Phyllis Turner, Miss Gray Brainard was appointed to have charge of Torch Bearers for the remainder of the summer. Miss Brainard, a transfer student from Martha Washington College in Richmond Virginia. She is a Junior, and plans to complete her college work at Houghton.

## Esther Fancher Arrives on African Continent

In a recent indirect communication from Esther Fancher, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fancher were assured of safe arrival on the Continent of Africa. Miss Fancher, (Class of '37) sailed for Portugal on the 23rd of April on the Portuguese boat, "Serpa Pinto", (which was attacked on its return trip by a German Sub, with the loss of three lives in the confusion.) She spent approximately two weeks in Lisbon, before continuing on to Africa. Miss Fancher has gone out under the auspices of the Sudan Interior Mission, with Addia Ababa, the restored capitol of Ethiopia, as her ultimate goal.

## Slight Drop in Second Semester Enrollment

Enrollment for the second semester of the summer semester and the eight weeks summer session is slightly reduced from that of the first semester. A total of forty nine are registered in the two sessions, which is a decrease of eleven from the previous enrollment. The number of hours per student averages about 6.2 for this period as against 6.4 for the former. The decrease is in part a result of the decrease in number of courses offered, and the fact that mostly beginning courses are being presented in the eight weeks session. The number of newly enrolled fellows exceeds the number of girls in the ratio of two to one. Among the new arrivals are two members of the Nyack quartet, who plan to continue here this fall.

The campus maintenance crew is doing a good job this summer. The front hill-side is being mowed and the planting there is being trimmed.

## Clinton Boone to Head Liberia Mission

In a recent letter to one of the Houghton faculty, Clinton Boone, '42, tells of the opportunity which has opened to him under the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Society. He has been offered the superintendency of the entire work of that mission in Liberia, which comprises two schools, five mission stations, a hospital and two churches. Prior to assuming these duties, "Clint" will be given a year and a half of special training in the field of his choice. The office will give him complete charge of management and policies of the work there. This missionary society was started by "Clint's" father, who was also its first missionary.

At the present time, "Clint" is at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, having transferred there after a year at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. While at Union, he has also been assisting the chaplain of State Institutions with a full time job in view at graduation.

## SERVICE MEN...

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Oglethorpe, Ga. on May 20 and am now assigned to Fort Des Moines at the First WAC Training Center. I am supply and recreational officer besides teaching several subjects. The work is very enjoyable, but we are all looking forward for this war to end."

## GETCHEL LIKES "STAR"

"Eddie" Gitchel, who is now stationed at Fort Niagara writes: "My STAR just arrived and I want to express my thanks again for this tie with 'old days'. Fort Niagara is now a prisoner of war camp. Security reasons preclude much detailed description of my work, but I can say that it is quite interesting. After all of this mess is over, it's going to be a lot of fun swapping yarns about our military service. Thanks again for the paper, only a letter from home is looked forward to more eagerly."

## "STEVE" ORTLIP MISSES MUSIC

A letter recently received from Musician Second Class Stephen J. Ortlip ('42) indicates that his ship had recently docked at New Caledonia. Stephen finds life on ship board rather hard on his desire for fine music.

## LANG & AL SMITH AT NORFOLK

Ensign Richard V. Lang (ex '45) was commissioned (USNR) in June and assigned to duty at Norfolk, Va. Ensign Allen R. Smith ('44) is also there.

## TUCKER GETS AROUND

Word was recently received concerning Ray L. Tucker, Jr. ('41) who has had quite a variety of experiences in army life. He has been stationed at various camps in New Jersey, Washington, Wyoming, Maryland, California, and Canada. In September of 1942 he graduated with a lieutenants commission from the Quartermaster Division. For a while Ray worked in a lab on jeep and truck engineering in the Ordinance Department at Holabird, Baltimore, Md. After

## Miss Pool to Spend Year in So. America

Miss Alice M. Pool, Instructor in French and Spanish, is being granted a leave of absence for one year. She is planning to do missionary work and study the Spanish language in South America.

Miss Pool plans to leave in the near future for Colombia, South America. There she will divide her time between secretarial work at the Wesleyan mission and study at the University of Antioch at Medellin.

This week students, faculty members, and some citizens of the community had a farewell party for Miss Pool.

## What the Prof's Are Doing

Prof. Alton M. Cronk is attending New York University this summer. He is beginning work on his doctorate at the University.

Prof. Claude A. Ries has returned to his home from Chicago where he has been working on his Th. D. degree during the past year. He is spending the remainder of the summer working on his thesis and a language requirement.

## WYPS CONVENTION

Houghton will be host to the first Area Convention of the Wesleyan Young People's Society in August. The convention will last for three days, August 29, 30, 31. Rev. George B. Hilson of Jersey City, N. J., area president will be in charge.

There will be young people present representing societies in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and other states.

a time during which he saw several different camps he was finally sent to Dawson Creek on the Olson Highway to be in charge of the only repair shop for trucks in a thousand mile stretch of that highway. But Ray still wanted to be a pilot, so he welcomed the opportunity to train at Santa Ana, Calif. After further training at Mersed and Stockton he graduated on March 12, '44 and has been in Sacramento, Calif. at Madden Field for advanced work. Now he is coming East with his wife, the former Miss Joyce L. Dorman of Tacoma, Washington whom he met while he was a member of her church there. They were married December 28, 1943.

## GOOD REPORT OF EMELENE

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Ballard of Rushford were surprised by the visit of Pvt. Eddie Riesdorf to their home. He had been seriously wounded in Naples and through the untiring and efficient nursing of Lt. Emelene Ballard ('32) his life had been saved. He said that "her wonderful smile and kind words were an inspiration to us all and it was the last thing that a great many of my comrades saw and heard in this world." Pvt. Riesdorf took time from a short leave to bring her parents personal word of their daughter and to tell of the good work she was doing.