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Combined Choir and Orchestra Give "Olaf Trygvason," by Grieg Who Was a Noted Norwegian Composer

In Grieg Opus
New Effect Given

Olaf Trygvason, a cantata of Norway's greatest composer, Edward Grieg saw the Houghton College a cappella choir and orchestra combined on Thursday, May 16, in an impressive musical event. Preceding the cantata, the orchestra and the choir each presented a selected group from their respective season's repertoires. Both choir and orchestra were favorably received, the orchestra exhibiting their best playing of the year in the opening *Stradella Overture* of Von Flotow.

In presenting the Grieg opus, a work not only of an entirely different character from the usual choir-orchestra presentations, but one of considerable difficulty was attempted. The plot of *Olaf Trygvason*, sketched from an unfinished drama by Bjornstjerne Bjornson, is that of a Norwegian king who shatters the power of the heathen gods, and brings Christianity to the Scandinavian countries.

The music of *Olaf Trygvason* speaks of mythical gods of earth and sky, primitive courage, and the magnificent splendor of a pagan religious ceremony. In rhythmic tempo and

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Climaxing Annual Move-up Day Was Sadie Hawkin's Day

Climaxing the annual all-college move-up day activities was the campfire program on the campground. It being Sadie Hawkin's Day also various and sundry new couples made their debut. Notable among these were Mr. Vivian Anderson escorting tall Miss "String" Miller. Then there was gossiping Miss Ed. Danner on Mr. Kay Walberger's arm, and Miss Robert Homan Fenton (g) along. Mr. Ruth Cowles and Miss Prof. Stockin, Mr. Evelyn Birkel and Miss Harold Ebel, Mr. Helen Gregory and Miss Ralph Seamans, and Mr. Betty Flint and Miss Jim Evans were among other debutantes your reporter spied. There were a couple extra-special young ladies who were "Reserved".

Paul Wolfruber, student body president, presided over the program and introduced the speakers of the evening. Charles Foster lead in the singing of the old favorites: "Let Me Call you Sweetheart" and "Theres a Long, Long trail A-Winding". Paul the "short-end" spoke on behalf of the Freshmen. Allyn Russell batted for the Sophomores championing *The Lanthorn* and night baseball; in particular, as was later suggested, the position played in the middle of the an enlightening impromptu on "Sadie Was a Lady" and Edythe Hinkley spoke on "My Leap Year Experience".

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8th Annual Music Festival Concluded Last Week-End

Personal Glimpses
Of Adjudicators

Only in recent years has music received the attention it demands in our public school systems. *National Music Week*, established to emphasize our heritage of good music has now become an outstanding event in the nation's educational life. Many parts of the U. S. carry on extensive musical programs during this week. Some in the nature of festivals, others in the nature of special concerts and still others in a series of dedicational programs to famous composers.

Houghton College has seen the eighth annual Genesee County Music Festival through and during which she has had the privilege of making contacts with such notable persons in the music educational field as: Dr. John Finley Williamson, Mr. Frank Simon, Dr. Warren Erb and others who have acted in the capacity as adjudicators at the festivals.

It is the purpose of this article to better acquaint you with these musicians by giving a short review of their lives and what they are doing in the field of music education.

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New Officers Take Over Duties in Last Forensic Meeting

"Exams are the bunk!" "My American Mind has been on the shelf all year." Such were the remarks heard at Forensic Union, using the theme "The World Gets an Education." The meeting was well handled as Jesse DeRight, the new president of the club, took the chair. The program was opened with prayer by Perry Hill. Beautifully rendered by Carl Vanderburg were the Second Movement of Beethoven's "Sonata Pathétique," and Debusey's "Claire De Lune."

Our new 'professor' Miles Weaver, presented an excellent extempore on the pro and con of the new five year plan for teachers' requirement. The audience thrilled to hear such experts as Wesley Nussey speak on "My success in four years of cramming," Mary Tiffany, "Houghton College versus the large university," and Frank Taylor, "Benefits of four years of apple polishing."

Kenneth Hill and Seymour Rollman presented views of the different educational systems in the form of a dialogue. Parliamentary drill, with Walter Sheffer acting as chairman, proved not only humorous but beneficial as well. The program closed with Paul Stewart giving an ample critique.

Houghton College Mourns the Loss Of Professor Raymond Douglas Who Was Called to His Reward May 18

Real Friend to
Students and Faculty

The entire campus mourns the death of Dr. Raymond E. Douglas. He was more than a professor; he was a friend to his students. All who had ever studied under him acclaimed him as an outstanding teacher; he could make his subjects meaningful and absorbing, for he had an absorbing interest himself. Dr. Douglas had been heard to say that he would rather have someone else take his advanced courses so that he could concentrate on general Zoology. He wanted, and tried, to give an appreciation of life through his courses, and general Zoology was his prime interest. He never wanted to give tests, but in spite of course requirements, he always managed to fulfill his difficult and self-appointed task.

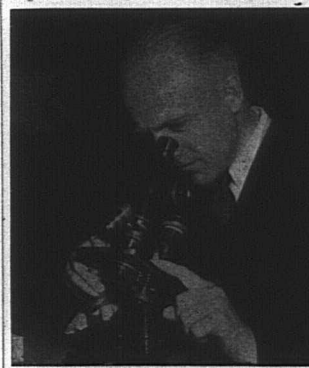
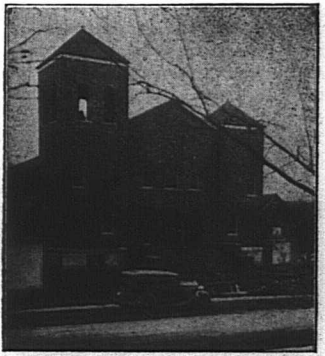
The college and college problems were always first in Dr. Douglas' mind, and he was continually planning for the school. It was he who instituted the planting of shrubs along the road up to the campus, and one of his last acts was the giving of detailed directions concerning a wall to be erected in front of the dormitory to stop erosion that is undermining the road.

This summer he had planned to visit the Marine Biological Station in Maine, "to browse around" and learn all he could. It is also said that all his life Dr. Douglas has wanted to see in Houghton a path on the edge of the main road—a cinder path, with overhanging lights—extending from the infirmary down to the village. These were some of the things which Dr. Douglas was planning and working for.

Even in his last illness, he was worried about his classes, inquiring about them, and sending reminders of work to be done. Houghton has lost not only a wonderful teacher, but, an enthusiastic, energetic Christian supporter.

BIBLE SCHOOL AT HIGGINS

A group of the Bible School had charge of the Educational Day Service at the Higgins Wesleyan Methodist Church Sunday evening. Miss Anna Fillmore presented an educational address and various musical selections and testimonies were given by members of the School.



Boy Scouts of Houghton Active In Community Work

Boys Doing Big
Things for Ho'ton

If you were asked the question: "What one organization do you find in almost every community of the nation?" your answer would undoubtedly be "The Boy Scouts of America." And right you are!

Have you ever been aware of the fact that there exists such an organization in the village of Houghton? They may never come to the fore to command our attention, their work may be inconspicuous, but Houghton's Boy Scouts of America troop No. 43, stand ready for every emergency, to aid their community in the greatest way possible.

Organized five years ago by Maurice Lucas, of Houghton, the troop is now in its sixth charter year. It is at present under the leadership of Scoutmaster, Gerald Beach, and consists of two Patrols, the Fox and Hyena. The boys range in age from twelve to eighteen years.

Already the troop has planned a summer project for the welfare of Houghton village. They have begun work upon the plot of ground adjacent to Cronk's store, known as Houghton Park. Their work will consist of cleaning out the underbrush, grading the lawn, re-seeding the bare places, mowing the grass, and general care of the park.

They plan to equip the park with croquet sets for the enjoyment of Houghton's towns people throughout the summer months.

The scouts assisted in directing traffic during the music festival and again at the funeral of Dr. Douglas.

By this style of work the boys are creating for themselves initiative, and are laying a strong foundation for good citizenship. Shall we not show our appreciation to them for the work they have done and the efforts they will be putting forth in the near future.

Taken Sick Very
Suddenly Sunday

Dr. Raymond E. Douglas, Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Division of Sciences and Mathematics at Houghton College, died at the Genesee Memorial Hospital in Fillmore, New York, on May 18, 1940. He was taken seriously ill on Sunday, May 12, with obstruction of the intestinal tract and complications. He did not recover following an operation.

The funeral services were held at the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church on Tuesday at 2:15 p. m. eastern daylight saving time. More than 500 students, the faculty, hundreds of friends and alumni paid tribute to this man who to them was an unusual teacher, a scholar, and a sympathetic friend. He is survived by his wife and son, Elwood.

Dr. Raymond E. Douglas, the son of Charles M. and Minnie Gast Douglas, was born at Fredonia, N. Y. on December 28, 1896. He received his grade school and high school education in Fredonia, graduating from the latter in 1916. After spending one year at Hillsdale College (Mich.) he was drafted in the U. S. Army and when the Armistice was signed he was on a boat ready to sail for Europe. In 1920 he married DeLeo Smith. He returned to Hillsdale where he was an assistant during 1922-1924 to Dr. B. A. Barber, of the famous Slayton Arboretum and graduated with a B. S. degree in 1924. Mr. Douglas then joined the faculty of Houghton College and from 1922-1925 he was affiliated with the University of Michigan Biological Station. During the summer of 1927 he was ornithologist at Penn. State College. In 1929 he received the M. S. degree from the University of Michigan, discovering occidiosis, a little parasite, in rabbits. During the summer of 1930 he was a member of the University of West Virginia Biological Expedition. At Cornell University Dr. Douglas worked out the life cycle of a rare aphid and made it produce wings in confinement, thus earning his Ph.D. in 1932.

Since 1933 Dr. Douglas has been director of the Houghton College Summer Session. Since 1934 he also has been Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Division of Sciences and Mathematics. On the Houghton Campus he held a number of responsible positions. He was a member of the president's cabinet, advisory board; the scholarship committee; Commencement marshal; and chairman of the Committee on Grounds. In his work on the latter committee he made a large contribution toward the beautification of the campus, through the planting of trees and shrubs.

Dr. Douglas was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He also belonged to Post 412 of the American Legion.

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Raymond Douglas

To his host of students and faculty friends Dr. Raymond Douglas was more than a zoologist and entomologist of ability. He was a man of broad interests, of keen vitality, of good humor and common sense, who was always ready to lend a hand, or help someone in trouble. In his particular profession he was highly recognized, having rendered valuable service to the field of entomology, but he came before us not so much because of any special service to the field of science, but as a trusted friend and advisor of both students and faculty alike. Dr. Douglas, more familiarly, "Doc Doug," was a constant observer of nature, often seen in the early morning hours strolling over the hills and fields of campus and valley.

In Houghton, Dr. Douglas was the chairman of the division of Natural Science, professor of Zoology and Biology. He took an active interest in many of the school's activities, one of which included Directorship of the Houghton College Summer Session. He served in the United States Army during the World War and was active in the American Legion, belonging to the Post in Rushford, N.Y. His special interest in entomology lead to his receiving his Doctorate in that field, which he characteristically failed to mention until more than a year after he received his degree.

This was the man's professional work, but over and above this he was conspicuous for his gifts of understanding and friendship. Always genial, often forthright, he had a large store of common sense on which to draw. Who can say that they have not been touched by the homely philosophy of his chapels, or the simplicity and sincerity of his poems? This was his own—and his friends' good fortune. A true Christian Gentleman—his vibrant personality will be sorely missed upon the campus of Houghton College.

H. A. Mc.

Gripping

We get in lots of fights in Houghton; in fact, we seem to be always looking for a scrap. It has to be admitted that there are times when one has a duty to stand up for one's rights. Nambypambysism never got anyone anywhere. But the constant searching for something to take exception to has never been a mark of distinction, and can never bring more than an odoriferous notoriety.

"Gripping" seems to hold first place in the college sports review. We all do it more or less, and the professors say that this has been the most difficult year they can remember from the standpoint of student complaints. Clearly our attitude of criticism has gone too far when it ceases to provide a normal outlet for youthful reformations. We as students have probably gone out of bounds at times; perhaps even a faculty member has overstepped, now and then.

There are so many little things which can be taken personally in our everyday experiences that we often feel that everybody is against us, and in consequence we immediately seize upon any triviality, which in most cases was not meant for us at all, and immediately start a whispering campaign about "how badly I've been treated." A former editor of the *Star* once said that if he wanted to get a reaction from an editorial, he never signed his name. Then his constituents would be sure to tell him, often in no uncertain terms, just what they thought. If he signed his initials, however, he usually heard that somebody had told somebody that someone had said —. Are we forgetting, as Houghtonites and as Christians, that if we have a grudge, real or imagined, the best way to settle it is not to complain to our friends, but to go to the object of our feelings, and settle it between just the two of us? Honest-to-goodness "gripping" has a constructive place in a democracy, but backbiting does not.

— J. P. D.

Two Seniors Present Their Major Recitals That Were Well-Received

Beautiful Soprano Voice Heard Friday

Mrs. Lula McNeese, soprano, gave her senior recital in the college chapel, Friday evening, May 17. Throughout the entire recital Mrs. McNeese showed much artistic interpretation and brilliant vocal display. This was especially noticed in the third group of numbers, "The Linden Tree," by Schubert, being most popular.

The three numbers, "A Maid Sings Light and a Maid Sings Low," by Edward MacDowell, "Shoes," by Kathleen L. Manning, and "Mother Dear," a Polish folk song, arranged by Estel Lieblich, were done in her own charming, delightful manner.

Her accompanist, Miss Ruth Richardson, is to be duly commended for her excellent execution throughout the recital of difficult piano accompaniment music.

It may well be said that this was one of the most popular and most enjoyable voice recitals of the year.

Anna Ho'ton Daughters Give Tea for Seniors Of All Departments

Daffodils, jonquils, narcissus and pines furnished atmosphere for the yearly formal gathering of the seniors of the college, Bible School, and High School departments as guests of the Anna Houghton Daughter, on Wednesday, May 15, 1940. A string trio contributed much to the gayety evident as the students were ushered in with friendly introduction past the receiving line, and drifted in twosomes and threesomes to the deliciously arrayed serving table, where they received punch and wafers to be sipped and munched at leisure. The first signs of spring from the Gillette-Rork gardens were the lovely tulips decorating this table. Tid-bits of conversation were relished as students and faculty flitted in and out, hither and yon from group to group. One bit of earnest questioning (on the part of a student, of course) and the subsequent advice by faculty members were especially juicy. But I spare you. It is sufficient to know that although the dress was prevailing formal (and lovely) friendliness was prevalent in the atmosphere. Boredom was in absentia, and once again all seemed loathe to leave the reception room of Gaoyadeo Hall.

Music — What Is It?

Music has been called the divine art, the universal language.

It has a diversity of talents. It can tell a story, it can paint a picture. It can soothe the body, calm the mind and stimulate the spirit. It can cast a glamour over life's dull routine, and transform the drab and commonplace into things of shining wonder.

Music radiates contentment and surrounds each hour with a beauteous halo. It has wells of inspiration to draw from, a loaded table to feast upon, a never-ending succession of new joys and thoughts, and it offers a full and satisfying cup for the thirsty. It has untapped reservoirs of happiness for those who love it, and ennobles all who stand within its portals.

In Appreciation

Mrs. Raymond E. Douglas and relatives wish to thank all faculty, students, and friends for the many kind expressions of their sympathy in their recent sorrow and bereavement.

Schaner's Piano Recital Given Monday

On Monday evening, May 20, Mildred Schaner showed us the fine results of her study in her major interest in the field of music by presenting an excellent piano recital. Her program was well given and was enjoyed by the audience.

The Beethoven *Sonata Op. 14, No. 1* was an outstanding number. The Schumann *Whims* was given with much expression and brilliancy of tone. The group from Goosen's *Kaleidoscope* was especially well liked by the audience. These were in the modern idiom, and were very expressive.

The whole program showed an excellent choice of selections and the fine ability of the pianist.

Two More Seniors Join the Land of The Employed

A. Alan Gilmour has been appointed as pastor of the Russell Pilgrim Holiness Church, at Russell, N. Y. This church is located at the foothills of the Adirondacks. The church is a comparatively new church having been founded six years ago and the membership of forth forms a church which is alive. He will take up his pastorate after commencement. Sometime in the future he hopes to take up missionary work.

Albert Wagner has been appointed as pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Westerville, Ohio. He will take up his pastorate until the conference meets in July. This church is only four years old. Westerville is the home of Otterbein College.

Henry Ordip will be working with the National Bible Institute of New York City this summer. He will have charge of some phase of the extensive street meeting work which the Bible Institute conducts. In the fall he expects to register for their three year seminary course which gives a B. D. degree at the completion of this work.

CONCERT . . .

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 color it reminds one of Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King*. The brass choir of the orchestra supported by the tympani dominates much of the orchestral score with massive chordings and thunderous crescendos.

Such music is not easy to successfully interpret, but the splendid singing of the choir motivated by extreme enthusiasm which the audience shared made the concert an unforgettable musical event, and, it is hoped, in attempting such work set a precedent for future choirs and orchestras. Solo passages in the cantata were sung by Mildred Proctor, Grace Schram, and Paul Snyder.

Stradella Overture Von Flotow

Second movement, Nordic Symphony Hanson

Gypsy Baron Overture J. Strauss

Orchestra

Motet Op 29, No. 2 Johannes Brahms

Celestial Voices John Alcock

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Luther-Mueller

Choir

Olaf Trygvason Grieg

June is coming and many a love-sick girl will get a pill.



GAGS GROANS GIGGLES

The moving up day procession revealed an amazing discovery. We have a twentieth century Ivanhoe in our midst.

Little "Willie Larkin" courageously stepped up to the saluting ranks of the junior class—with all the manly ability and valour of a true gladiator, besnatched the fiery sword from one of the powerful junior women (Dot Paulson) and safely returned to his comrades—A hero.

I understand that when "Feather" falls down, he rocks himself to sleep trying to get up.

Maybe you are wondering how old Professor Stockin really is. I heard recently that he taught Caesar.

Many true words are spoken through false teeth.

Frankie Taylor—"Sure, I'd love to come, Olcott. But don't you go telling me it's informal and then show up wearing a shirt."

The absent minded professor, at breakfast the other morning, poured the syrup down his back and scratched the pancake.

A certain member of our faculty will never live a dog's life, if he has never experienced puppy love.

Wesley—"My father sprang from a line of Piers."

Ruth—"Did he drown?"

Prof. Smith—"Why don't you pick up the back end of your car to turn it around?"

Park—"I can't—I don't have a Buick."

Move-up Day

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iences", which by the way were many and varied. Jesse DeRight punned for the Juniors and he Shirley did well. Ella Phelps explained "Why I Picked My Escort" and she Dud Well(s). Vance Carlson capped (which by the way they have found) the climax for the Seniors expressing his gratitude for the fact that Houghton had "put-up" with the class. He feels that both Houghton and the Seniors have learned by bitter experience from each other during these four years. Dr. Paine gave a brief but pointed discussion of move-up day and scales by which to judge advancement. He said in main that physical development will be but temporary, whereas spiritual progress will endure throughout eternity, and urged us to check up on ourselves as to how much we had progressed spiritually during the past year.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater "hot dogs" and coffee were served by the Student Council. Here's our vote of thanks to them for a fine program.

Harry Palmer

WE ARE THANKFUL

Reviewing the religious activities of the past school year we have much for which to thank God. Without doubt it has been the best year since our coming to Houghton. God has given us two good revivals. The last one especially (conducted by Rev. C. I. Armstrong) was a very gracious one. Scores of lives were blessed and transformed by the power of the Spirit, for which we rejoice and thank God.

Our young people's missionary bands raised for the cause of foreign missions \$1,218.78. They also gave a liberal offering for Christian education. The students' prayer meetings have been seasons of refreshing. The work of the extension department has been most gratifying. Many of our young people have gone out over the week ends to carry the glad message of salvation to needy places. God has blessed their efforts and souls have found Christ. They have also carried a message of comfort and encouragement, many received them gladly and then asked them back again.

The College Choirs with their ministry of sacred song has been owned and blessed of God. At the close of one of the concerts an invitation

was extended to come forward and seek Christ. There was a good response and it was a time of rejoicing.

Add to the above the splendid service rendered by the "TORCH BEARERS". They have gone from house to house witnessing for Christ and inviting people to the services. Twenty-five hours before our last revival started, this group of young folk kept a chain of unbroken prayer ascending to God for his blessings upon the meetings. Then during the meeting, thirteen hours every day for twelve days there was a chain of unbroken prayer. No marvel that God poured out His Spirit upon us. For these and many other things we render thanks to Almighty God. We are thankful for the privilege of laboring with the young people of Houghton, thankful for their love and devotion to Christ, thankful that they find joy in His service, and delight to walk in His footsteps, with hearts vibrating with His praise.

Following the example of Samuel of old, we raise our stone of Ebenezer; in so doing we confess that what God hath done for us is too great to be forgotten, and too gracious to be overlooked

Sincerely,
Rev. E. W. Black
Jer. 9:23,24

MUSIC FESTIVAL NOTES

Interview With Simon, Band Day Adjudicator

"Music is a great art that is a language which all interested in music can understand," said Dr. Frank Simon, when interviewed last Saturday. "It is something no one can take away from you," he continued, "and it is a character building art, which I believe is part of a well rounded education. It allows the child to do something constructive; it brings people together; it creates team work and allows for co-operation, for no band is stronger than its weakest link."



When asked if music helps in other work, Dr. Simon said, "Music very definitely makes people keener in all of their work. It improves them by broadening their cultural appreciation allowing them to live with the great masters as they do their work."

"These young artists have all improved in the last year. There is not a band here today that has not shown a marked improvement over last year," said the bandmaster. "It also might be interesting for you to know that there are 36,000 bands in the U. S. and about 3,000,000 children in them. There is a great need for more college trained music teachers to satisfy the teaching needs of our millions of children. America is fast becoming the center of musical culture of the world. If only the people of Europe would listen a little more to the great composers, rather than the war lords, the condition which they are in today would be non-existent."

MUSIC FESTIVAL . . .

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Miss Helen Hosmer, head of the Crane Department of Music at Potsdam Normal and a distinguished personality in the field of public school music, was adjudicator for Choral Music. Her enthusiasm for Public School Music has been retained from her contacts with such people as Dr. Hollis Dann with whom she studied at Cornell university and her association with artists in the profession whom she seems to be able to use as reference when she needs them.

Before the military leaders of Europe began their "battle of fits" Miss Hosmer decided that the music students of Crane should receive a broader musical background if she could make it possible. With this in mind she was successful in her attempt in 1938, and took a group of students on a six months tour through the musical centers of Europe. Her interest was further expressed in the fact that she had adjudicated, been chairman or directed eleven festivals this spring, and not even a wet day at Houghton could dampen her enthusiasm.

Another outstanding figure in the music education department is Dr. Erb, Professor of Instrumental Music and Orchestral Conducting at New York University, also Head of the Instrumental Music Department at Lafayette Boys' School in Pennsylvania. He has studied with the famous Felix Weingartner and has since then become an outstanding conductor himself both of choral and orchestral music. His idealistic philosophy is expressed with such phrases as the "soul of music" and the "heart of a composition" which he often uses to describe a particular characteristic of composition. This same idealism is also found in his religious life. He finds particular interest in following the Biblical prophecies as given in Revelation with current events and expressed a decided opinion to those who fail to agree with him.

His refreshing way with the children and Christian attitude make him one of the most liked adjudicators the Festival has engaged.

Collegiate Sam says: Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down.

A SOLILOQUY

By Miss Isabel Sessions

There is a theme some people sing:
(They seek their own delight.)
To live my life as I shall choose,
Who says that I must pleasures lose
Because some may be weak or frail,
Or overcome by life's sharp gale—
(A whisper—is that right?)

I see no harm (O blinded eyes)
Why should I sacrifice
Each fleeting hour, because some
claim
That holiness should be my aim;
My conscience surely can't be wrong,
Sin cannot taint ME in the throng,
Demandeth God this price?

The highest joy we can attain,
Lies in the spirit realm;
Earth's baubles burst and fade away,
Before the bliss God says shall stay
With those who do His blessed will,
In Heaven there's crowning triumph
still
If He control the helm.

God wants our loving service, too,
Not grudgingly bestowed;
At His dear feet may our tears fall,
In praise of Him who gave His all;
Yes, things will take their rightful
place
When we've met Jesus face to face,
On life's Damascus road.

NEWS

Our pastor, Rev. E. W. Black, is the main speaker at the Annual Commencement exercises of one of Houghton's sister colleges, Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Miltonvale, Kansas, being held from May 19 to 23 inclusive. Rev. Mr. Black will speak each day, and on Sunday, May 19, at least, he spoke twice. The pastor left for Kansas Thursday, May 16 and expects to return either on Friday, May 24, or Saturday, May 25. During his absence, Rev. Stanley W. Wright occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning. Let us remember these services in prayer.

JUST YOU AND I

Jesse De Right

I'd like to have a sturdy sailing-boat,
Some bye-and-bye;
For we could sail the best of all afloat,
Just you and I.

We'd sail the seven seas, and all the
time
We'd not miss home;
For you and I would be together, and
We'd be alone.

With you beside me as my dearest
friend
I then can try
To do the things I want before the
end—
Just you and I.

I have no fear that you will double-
cross,
For you are true;
Within your mind there is no thought
of dross,
And I love you.

So we'll put down the helm and head
to sea,
Come sun or fog;
We'll be as glad as we can ever be—
Me and my dog.

TRANSITION

A hundred years or more ago
When the wilderness was here
A man with powder in his gun
Went out to hunt a deer.

But now the wilderness is gone
There is a different plan:
A deer with powder on her nose
Goes out to hunt a man.

— Marian Carr

Sunday Services

"It is later than you think;" an old sun-dial issues that warning to passers-by. The Rev. Mr. S. W. Wright, preaching in the college church on Sunday morning, May 19, used his topic, "Prepare—Who Knows?" His text was two verses of scriptures found in Amos 4:12 and Esther 4:14 respectively: "Prepare to meet thy God. For who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Mr. Wright stressed that we should not only be ready for eternity, but we should prepare to meet life by meeting God.

In the evening, the Torchbearers presented a platform service. Harry Palmer, president of the organization, presided. A girls' quartet, made up of Evelyn Bryant, Margaret Clawson, Dorothy Falkins, and Betty Ammons, sang in the service. Harriet Kalla, Robert Longacre, Evelyn Hart, and Herman Smith, members of this group of Christian workers, each gave their personal testimony.

The W.Y.P.S. service was in charge of George Huff, vice-president. Laverne Lang, speaking to the young people, based his talk on the parable of the talents. "It is not what we have to do with, but what we do with what we have," he said and quoted the hymn, "Hear ye the Master's call, 'Give me thy best.'" What will the account of your talents be?

Bert Hall and Perry Hill
Speak at Sardinia, N. Y.

Bert Hall and Perry Hill, representing Houghton's W.Y.P.S., spoke in the morning, afternoon, and evening services of the Methodist Church in Sardinia, N. Y. Special music was by Rachel Boone and Ada Stocker. Eugene Donelson was the speaker in the afternoon service of the Allegany County Home at Angelica. Bertha Reynolds, Evelyn Hampton, Gladys Wellman, and Vera Phillips sang several songs. This quartet also sang in the Baptist Church at Angelica on Sunday evening.

MEDITATION

Sweet hour of prayer! An hour
Of mystic, rapt devotion,
A time of holy, close communion;
When sacred harmony doth soothe
All clanging notes of discord,
And Heaven and earth have union.

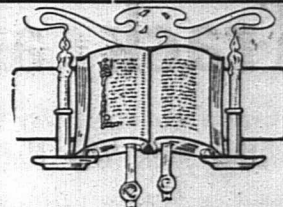
Blest fellowship with God!
For there sustaining grace floods
Over yearning souls, and Love doth
shine:
It leads meek hearts to heights aglow
With burning sacrifice, as wills
Are fused with One divine.

Loved place of meditation!
Where clear-eyed Faith beholds the
Infinite, and God His own doth
meet;
On mountain-top or in a dale,
It matters not, if mortals kneel
Devoutly in retreat.

ORNITHOLOGY

Many a candid sermon
Does friendly nature preach
On silence, virtue golden.
Not the roaring thunder smites,
But the silent lighting.
And light which flashes from star
to star
Gravity binding worlds together,
Silent are
Forever.

Prettily does the silent snow
Cover up the ground,
Making it like a table spread
For a lavish feast,
Unlike puddling rain that
Gathers here and there
And quickly
Soaks away.

LEST COMING
SUDDENLY!!

By Ruth Shea

All around Him eddied His people—the Scribe, the publican, the sick, the poor. Most of them stopped to hear Him, though not all because they believed. One day, in talking to a crowd gathered about Him in the temple, Jesus was telling that He was coming to earth a second time, and telling them when they could expect Him.

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: so ye in like manner, when ye shall see all these things come to pass, know that He is near, even at the doors." (Matt. 24:32, 33)

"The Son of man is as a man taking a far journey," said Jesus. "This man now left his house in the hands of his servants. Each man was given His work, and the porter commanded to watch. Watch ye, therefore," the Christ continued, looking at His audience intently, "for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at evening, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping..."

Watching the last cart-load being backed-up to the doors of his well-filled barn, the rich man sighed with complacency. His crops had been so plentiful that he had built new barns to hold all the fruits of his labor. "Saul," he said, "thou hast done well; thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, now: eat, drink, and be merry." And the rich fool, turning, went to his soft bed to sleep—to waken to this world no more. (Luke 12).

The Master followed this parable by these words: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God . . . I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat . . . The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment." . . .

In contrast to the rich fool is the wise servant of another parable. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord both made ruler over his household to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

"There shall be signs of My coming," Jesus stressed, and told of those things which should precede His return to earth. Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you un-awares.

Watch, lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

PRAYER MEETING

Progress of a college student in the Christian life was the theme of the message brought by Professor Ries at student prayer meeting Tuesday evening, May 14. His message taken from Philippians noted the realities of Christ in the new found joys for Freshmen, to complete trust of the Senior in Christ for both Spiritual and material blessings.

Special numbers were sung by the girls' quartet and the male quartet with the song service conducted by Park Tucker. After a number of testimonies the meeting closed with prayer.

Track and Field Day, Big Event

Events Held All Day Wednesday, May 15
Weather Man Was Not Too Good; as a
Result a Smaller Attendance than Is Usual
Gold Tops Purple by a Very Small Margin

The weather man pushed back the clouds just long enough Wednesday May 15, to allow Houghton time for its annual color contest on the track and field. He, however, was not so kind to the baseball series and rained out what might have been the final contest.

Although not as many fans as usual witnessed the morning events, old Sol drew a large portion of the remaining students out for the afternoon competition which proved to be most keen. Four records, two in each division, were dethroned and the reign of many others was seriously threatened. Although the Gold finally crossed the finish line ahead by a 98 to 97 score, they had no pushover. It was a close meet from start to finish with the Gold men holding the lead until the end of the seventh event when by virtue of a blue ribbon annexed by Paul Stewart in the broad jump, the Gold relinquished its lead. This however didn't last long for in the ninth event Glen Mix, Goldstandby, restored the Gold lead by hurling the discus first place.

Since the scores for both the boys and girls event were summed together to determine the winner, things were made interesting when it was found that the outcome of the meet rested with the winner of the final event, the men's relay.

In this event Elliott, Gold dash man, opened a gap for the Gold by running the first lap. However, Sackett, third man on the Purple anchor man Blauvelt who kept his pace until on the back stretch when Gabrielson pulled up and into the lead to annex the relay and also the meet for the Gold.

The Gold lassies acquired a good lead and seemed to be bent on repeating the performance of their fellow athletes when the Purple overtook them and never again relinquished their lead. However when both scores were summed up it was found the Gold lads had more than made up for their trailing score, thereby making it a clean sweep for both divisions.

In the men's division two records were shattered. One when Sackett, the galloping Philadelphia Philly, romped across the finish line in the 880 yard run in 2.095 minutes. The other record fell when Paul Stewart the Canisteo Kangaroo leaped the cross bar at 5ft. 8 1/2 in.

Several new names go on record along with the old standbys, showing a substantial influx of new track material. Among the new head liners are Stewart, Hall, Gabrielson, Van Ornum, Marshall, and Reed.

It is interesting to note that during the last three years, in the men's division alone, ten of the fourteen events have been endowed with new records, which should prove to any skeptics who might be at large, that progress has and still is being made in raising Ho-ton's track and field standard. This should bring out the fact that in no small way, Coach McNeese and his motto, "Athletics for everyone and everyone for athletics," have been responsible for the rising records.

Not to be outdone by their other half, the women followed suit and laid away two new records. Repeating her performance of last year, Ruth Newhart walked away with three blue ribbons but apparently not satisfied she went on to attach a new record to two of the three events, the

Junior Class Elects Officers

The class of 1941 elected its officers for the year 1940-41, its Senior year, Monday morning, May 20. The following were elected:
President — Lloyd Elliott
Vice-president — Kieth Sackett
Secretary — Ruth Shea
Treasurer — Ruth Richardson

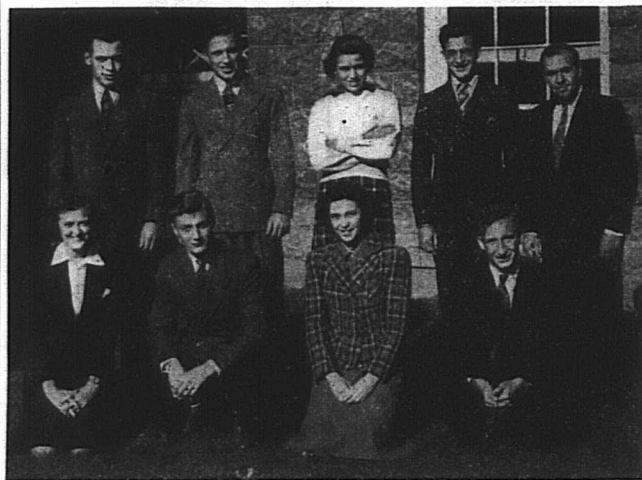
100 yard dash and the broad jump. Pat Hampton kept the Purple in the running by annexing two blue ribbons in the power dept., the soccer kick and the baseball throw.

As in the men's division a number of new aspirants were seen in competition, namely B. Ammonds, M. Leech, M. Bennett and P. Hampton. A track record was overlooked I believe in the Interclass track write up which should at least be noted. That of B. Ammonds, freshman lassie, breaking the 50 yard dash record and lowering the time to 6.9 seconds.

Following is the box score for the both divisions in the order finished:

Men
100 yard dash, 10.25 sec. — L. Elliott (G), J. Gabrielson (G)
J. Evans (G)
220 yard dash, 23.65 sec. — J. Gabrielson (G), C. Van Ornum (G)
440 run, 54.7 sec. — 880 run*, 2.095 min. — K. Sackett (P), B. Hall (G), S. Stratton (G)
Mile run, 4.473 min — 220 low hurdles, 29.9 sec — J. Evans (G), M. Eyer (P), P. Stewart (P)
120 high hurdles, 19.95 sec. — B. Hall (G), C. Blauvelt (P), R. Black (P)
High jump*, 5'8 1/2" — P. Stewart (P), R. Black (P), T. Reed (P)
Broad jump, 20'4" — P. Stewart (P), L. Elliott (G), J. Gabrielson (G)
Pole vault, 10'1" — M. Eyer (P), C. Blauvelt (P), S. Stratton (G)
Discus throw, 100.9' — G. Mix (G), P. Krentel (P), N. Marshall (P)
Shot put (16 lbs.), 35'4 1/2" — L. Elliott (G), P. Krentel (P), R. Klotzbach (P)
Javelin, 128.5' — G. Mix (G), M. Eyer (P), K. Sackett (P)
Relay, 1.52.9 min. — Elliott, VanOrnum, Evans, Gabrielson (G) Black, K. Sackett, Marshall, Blauvelt (P)

Women
50 yard dash, 7.05 sec. — R. Newhart (G), B. Ammonds (G), M. Leach (P)
100 yard dash*, 12.1 sec. — R. Newhart (G), M. Leach (P), B. Ammonds (G)
Base Ball throw, 147'1.8" — P. Hampton (P), M. Bennett (P), F. Pierce (G)
Soccer kick, 183' — P. Hampton (P), M. Bennett (P), A. J. Lovell (G)
Broad jump*, 13'11" — R. Newhart (G), J. Markee (P), M. Bennett (P)
High jump, 13'9" — A. J. Lovell (G), J. Markee (P), P. Hampton (P)
Relay, 1.8.6' — Leach, Thornton, Markee, Gage (P), Wright, Lovell, Daggett, Ammonds (G)
* New records.



Commodore Hotel in Perry Is the Host to Athletic Banquet Saturday

For the first time in the history of the Athletic Association there will be a banquet free to all letter men and women. All year the Association has been unusually active, selling candy at games, and scratching to get money for this relatively expensive program. They seem to have succeeded very well. So Saturday evening at 6:30 at the Commodore hotel, in Perry, this little group of athletic directors will see the culmination of their year's effort.

This event climaxes the sports year in Houghton, and features the awarding of school jackets to the outstanding boy and outstanding girl athlete of the year. Speculation is rife as to who will receive these awards, but as yet they have not yet passed the rumor stage. There will be an outside speaker, and the Association promises a good time to all.

This is not exclusively an athletes banquet, however. Anyone with one dollar to spend may attend, and many are preparing to take advantage of this opportunity. So we take off our hats to the Athletic Association for their splendid work during the past year.

LAST GAME OF COLOR SERIES GOES TO THE GOLD

The last game of the color series ended with the Gold Gladiators on the long end of 6-0 score putting the series in their game bag. The game was a short one lasting only five innings. From the very first it was apparent that "Moon" Mullin had the Pharoah batters handcuffed. Stevenson, the Pharoah hurler pitched good ball, but the lack of fielding support and the fact that the most of the Gladiator's hits came when they had men on base, spelled defeat. He was relieved in the first of the fifth by Norm Marshall who gave up two runs in that inning.

The Golden Gladiators started getting to Stevenson in the first inning and with 2 hits and the aid of poor fielding they went out in front with a score of 2-0. In the second and third frames the Gladiators went down in order, but their batting power revived in the fourth and fifth innings and they collected four more runs.

"Broadhead" Sheffer got the only hit which Mullin gave up. Highlights of the game were two double plays—one by the Pharoahs and the other by the Gladiators—the stellar hitting of Pete Tuthill, and Rollman's well-placed triple.

Tennis Gets a Little Sunshine in These Days

The Purple and Gold lads and lassies are striving valiantly to win a birth on the tennis team and represent their side in the current series, but their chief obstacle thus far seems to be the unpredictable weather. The eliminations within the color ranks have not yet been completed, but Weaver, Paine, and Oehrig look outstanding for last years Gold champions, while Olcott, Burns, W. Sheffer, J. Sheffer, and Prentice are still fighting for top position on the Purple team.

The new system that the coach has installed this year, putting the highest seeded players against one another will shorten the elimination contests, but even so the final Purple-Gold tournaments will have to be played in part during exam week.

Weaver moved a notch closer to replacing Rupp, last year's Gold champion, by defeating "Jim" Evans by the score 6-3; 6-3. Paine and Oehrig also advanced with easy wins over Torrey and Work respectively. In the Purple division, J. Sheffer eliminated Fee in straight sets, while Prentice defeated Gibson and locked with W. Sheffer in a match that was postponed after an 8-7 deadlock. "Bus" Burns proved the "dark horse" of the series, defeating the favored Bennett in the gruelling sets.

In the women's division Helen Burr stands alone in the Purple ranks while Wright, Reynolds, Ammons, and Murch of the Gold fight to challenge her.

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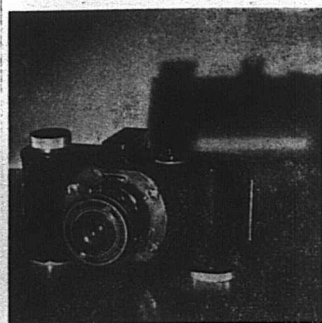
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SPORTS CANDID

Spring sports are again drawing to an unsatisfactory close. The late spring and the early closing of school combine to rob these sports of the interest and enthusiasm which is rightfully theirs. The student body can hardly be expected to put in the necessary time to train for a sport which will last about two weeks, with final exams staring them in the face. Teachers seem to delight in piling all the work of the semester up into these last two weeks which we try to crowd our sports schedule into.

The only possible remedy to this disagreeable situation lies in a number of cooperative changes. First, the volleyball series seems an unnecessary intrusion on the program of an already overburdened group of athletes. The basketball season lasts right up until the time when training for baseball and track should begin. There is no real interest in this series, and its abandonment seems the sensible thing to do. Secondly, the other members of the faculty should cooperate to the extent of distributing the term papers and excessive lab work over the entire semester better. Too often the first of the semester is a snap, while the last two weeks are an endless drain of midnight oil. Thirdly, some provision should be made for a better organized schedule of spring sports. Tennis is started so late that there is little chance for anything beyond the present eliminations. The student body as a whole has no means of seeing how this is progressing such as is provided for in the checker and chess tournaments. With the introduction of daylight saving time it seems possible to have the baseball games played after dinner, with the possibility of playing more than the usual five innings. The day-to-day method of fixing the schedule is another factor that decreases the interest.

The current baseball series was brought to a golden hued climax when Paul Mullin at last got the breaks he deserved, getting a beautiful shut-out. Pete Tuthill, pride of the Juniors, led the hitting attack against Bob Stevenson with a single and double driving in three runs.

What major sport championship in Houghton is the only one which carries with it no form of recognition to the class winning it? What major sport championship has the "class of 41" won for the three consecutive years they have been in school? The answer to both of these questions is the same—track. This being the Junior edition of the paper, it seems that we should at least mention the fact that there is more to a victory than a trophy, but a trophy would look mighty nice.

Jud Prentice is the favorite of this corner to carry off top honors in tennis, closely pressed by Bob Oehrig. —A fellow by the name of Jupe Pluvius seems destined to be the hero of the baseball series. —Doc. Small has joined the ranks of the faculty notables who enjoy a game of golf. —Faculty attendance at the sports events has been small, maybe they are planning more work to occupy our leisure time(?).