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Castor, Williams Elected Student Body Leaders

Richard Castor was elected president of next year's Student Senate in a preferential ballot in chapel Wednesday. Foster Williams, the runner-up, will be vice president. Other officers elected were Ronald Trail, treasurer, and Doris Tysinger, secretary.

In his campaign speech Monday, Mr. Castor promised to make an all-out attempt to unite the faculty and students, complete several projects which have been abandoned, represent the opinion of the students in all things, and inform the student body of the actions of the senate by publishing all administrative action in the STAR.

The election was the climax of a vigorous campaign on the part of the presidential candidates, Richard Castor, Foster Williams, and Ted Durr, and their supporters. About two weeks before the election, posters began to appear here and there on the walls. Then larger displays were placed on the sides of buildings. Little cards with slogans such as "Ahead with Ted" and "Win with Williams" were passed out so that each person could show his preference.

By election day, the walls were covered with signs and posters of every size and shape. Some listed the candidates' good qualities while others listed various club officers and leaders who favored the candidate. Sound trucks drove around campus advertising their favorites. In his acceptance speech, made on the campus radio station, WJSL, Wednesday evening, Mr. Castor again promised to put the platform he had submitted into action and thanked everyone for their support. He also requested the full support of the student body.

Prexy Speaks at Leaders Conference

President Paine, who spoke at the Wesleyan Leaders' Conference in Miltonvale, Kan., last week said that the most significant occurrence was the "blessed season of prayer" following the address by Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph on "The World's Needs." The key address, on the theme of the Conference, "Building for Eternity," was by Roy S. Nicholson. President Paine spoke on church union. Other local persons attending were Rev. Everett Elliott and Rev. Rufus Reisdorph.

Last week President Paine gave the Commencement address at Emmanuel Bible College, Lake Mitchenu, Ont., and joined the seniors at Alexandria Bay on Skip Day. On April 30 he attended the annual meeting of the Empire State Foundation in New York.

Kingdom to Give Spade Oration

The Spade oration of the high school, comparable to the Mantle oration of the college, will be given at the annual high school class day exercises at 10 o'clock Saturday morning of Commencement week in the chapel. Douglas Kingdom, president of the seniors will present the spade, significant of hard work, to Mary Lee Nichols, president of the junior class.

Valedictorian, Lynette Kreckman, and salutatorian, Jill Hanigan, will also speak. The outside speaker for the occasion has not yet been secured.

Mission Courses Offered In Summer Session

"Those courses in Rescue Mission work would be invaluable for a pastor as well as for city missionaries," an attendant at last year's classes commented, when the announcement was made that Dr. Wm. Seath, Supt. of the Chicago Christian Industrial League, would teach classes in the field again this summer. He will be assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wm. Huck, Director of the Union Mission in Atlanta, Georgia.

Four courses, all to be taught in Session B, June 22-July 10, and giving one hour credit each will cover Bible teaching, finances and support, services, and facilities for the Rescue Mission. They may be audited as well as taken for credit.

From July 13-23, Mark Fakkema, educational director of the National Association of Christian Schools, will teach the Christian Philosophy of Moral Discipline. His teaching here in 1951 was hailed as something which transforms one's thinking in relation to the centrality of Jesus Christ.

Other courses will be offered from June 2 to August 21 in English, languages, science, mathematics, Bible and the fine arts.

Musical Program Presented By High School

The second of the two musical programs by the Houghton Preparatory High School students was presented Wednesday night in the chapel.

The entire high school chorus sang "Dusk is on the Rose," and three sacred numbers — "Come Ye Faithful," "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," and "Day Spring of Eternity" with Douglas Kingdom as soloist.

A girl's chorus sang "Come Awake" and a boys' chorus sang Sigmund Romberg's "Stouthearted Men."

There were two piano solos. Judith Lynip played Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and "Adagio." Jack Pirloglu played two of Chopin's Preludes.

The Girls' Sextet, which includes Ellen Kreckman, Lor Rayne Hughes, Fern Russell, Donna Uhlendorff, Judith Lynip and JoAnn Cowles, sang "The Green Cathedral," "Harbor Lights," and "Come to the Fair." They were accompanied at the piano by Mary Lee Nichols.

Ellen Kreckman played "Berceuse" by Jarnefelt on her cello. She was accompanied at the piano by Lois Knowlton. JoAnn Cowles sang "I'll Walk Beside You." Sherrill Mayes accompanied her at the piano. Wilma Russell read a poem which she herself wrote entitled "My Home."

This program was under the direction of Margaret Chittenden and Joanne Bingham.

Varsity Team Takes Part in the Grand Eastern

The Houghton debate team participated in the Grand Eastern Debate Tournament April 30-May 2 at Temple University and came out with one win and five losses for the affirmative team and three wins and three losses for the negative team.

Richard Hasler and John Seeland took their usual role as the affirmative team and Carl Schultz and David Seeland as the negative team. Dr. Bert Hall, coach, accompanied them.

The tournament, which is an annual event sponsored by the Eastern Forensic Association of which Houghton is a member, also included other speaking contests. David and John Seeland participated in discussion panels on "How can we most effectively combat the threat of communism?" They proposed a return to the basic principles of Protestant Christianity as the only solution. Carl Schultz took part in the extemporaneous speaking contest. He discussed, "Should the administration reduce taxation?" and other topics. Richard Hasler, speaking in the public speaking contest, delivered an original speech entitled "Where are we going?"

Thousand Islands Scene of Senior Skip Activities

Approximately 70 seniors took part in the annual skipday activities held this year at the Thousand Islands. The group left Houghton Thursday, spending that night at Hotel Monticello in Alexandria Bay.

Following breakfast the following morning, the group took in the sights of the village. Two launches took the group to various local points of interest.

The first stop was at Boldt Castle on Heart Island. This building was erected by an immigrant millionaire as a token of love for his wife who died before its completion.

The group also visited Arthur Godfrey's Island and the International Rifle Camp on the Canadian border.

A banquet was held Friday afternoon at the hotel. Janice White and Hubert Jicha provided entertainment in the form of a skit revealing the class prophecy.

The sophomores welcomed the tired group back to the Alma Mater with a pep band and refreshments in the Recreation Hall.

Houghton Film Nears Completion

The Public Relations office has announced that the first work print of the film about Houghton College has been received from Mr. Dick Ross, president of the Great Commission Films.

According to the privileged few who have seen the work print, the color photography is excellent. It is hoped that the necessary revisions and the sound track will be completed by early summer, making the film available to college alumni and church groups beginning in September.

A Cappella Choir To Give Annual Home Concert

The A Cappella Choir, twenty-six consecrated voices directed by Eldon E. Basney, will give their annual home concert in the Houghton Church on Sunday evening, May 17. The program will include music taken from the thirteenth century to the present.

In the group of modern works are *The Sacred Ode No. 3* by Eldon Basney and the *Twenty-third Psalm* by Ralph Moore, both Houghton professors. The music of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries is represented by two numbers by J. S. Bach, *Look Down, O Holy Dove* and *Come Soothing Death* and *Adamus Te* by G. P. da Palestrina.

Praise to the Lord, Abide With Me, Ode to Joy, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, and *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* are a group of hymns which typify the church music of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. *A Mighty Fortress* is sung as it was originally written by Martin Luther. The early church music includes the *Tallis Canon* (Psalm 91) and *O Come Immanuel*.

The choir will perform "Since By Man Came Death" and the "Halleluiah Chorus" from the *Messiah* by G. F. Handel. Miss Joanne Bingham, soprano soloist, will sing "If God Be For Us," taken from the same oratorio. Miss Helen Bergeman, winner of the recent WJSL Talent Revue will also sing solos.

This past weekend the choir sang in Niagara Falls and Welland, Canada and in Corry and Bradford, Pa.

Annual Festival of Sacred Music Presented

"German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms, presented by the Houghton College Oratorio Society and Orchestra, climaxed the "Festival of Christian Church Music" last Monday evening. Margaret Chittenden, soprano, and Richard Wakeman, baritone, sang the solo parts of this magnificent work. The orchestra was somewhat augmented with several out-of-town players. Unlike the Catholic requiem, the words are taken directly from the Scripture.

The Festival began with the chapel program on Wednesday when John Zavitz gave his senior thesis on church music. Archibald T. Davison's book *Church Music — Illusion and Reality* was the basis for his dissertation. Thursday's chapel was taken over by Professor Hale's class in hymnology. They presented a survey of American hymnology in the nineteenth century.

Friday and Saturday evening's recitals consisted mostly of vocal and organ solos. "I Give Thee Thanks, O Lord," a composition by one of Houghton's own faculty, E. G. Ahnell, featured an unusual combination of flute, cello, harp, and voice. Performing in this were: Mrs. Ahnell, flute; Marilyn Canfield, cello; Mrs. Budensiek, harp; and Mr. Hale, tenor. This was the first performance of this work. Helen Bergeman, soprano, Mrs. Ahnell, flutist, and the girls of the chapel choir combined in the performance of R. Vaughn Williams' "Magnificat," with Beverly Strube as accompanist.

Organ participants were: Thomas Mullen, Lois Lillie, Jeanne Hotaling, Beverly Behringer, Margaret Allen, (Continued on Page Four)

Ortliip Mural Dedicated in New Jersey Church

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ortliip, assisted by their son Paul of New York, set the mural he has been painting for the Wesleyan Church at Florence, New Jersey, of which James Mills is the pastor. The picture was dedicated at the Sunday morning service. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ortliip spoke.

The mural is a picture of the Second Coming of the Lord. He is appearing in clouds above the Mount of Olives and the Temple in the city of Jerusalem. In the picture also are persons representing the scripture: "One shall be taken and the other left."

Houghton Grads Attend Ministerial Refresher Course

Among the recent Houghton graduates who attend the sixth annual Ministerial Refresher Course held here this week were: Delos Tanner, Paul Markell, William Foster, Ivan Greenfield, Helen Lewis, Fred Gordon, Forrest Gearheart, and Orville Lawrence.

About forty others were in attendance, representing six of the seven conferences in the Houghton area. Professor Willard Ortliip gave five graduated lectures in Chalk Art in response to requests. Interest in materials and methods for Daily Vacation Bible School prompted the offering of lectures in that field. These were given by the Rev. Mary Bennett. Lectures were also given in Bible, ministerial counseling, music and other subjects. Preferences are learned each year through opinion polls of the ministers.

Extension Group Holds Services

The weekend services of the Ambassador Quartet illustrates a part of the extension work carried on under the auspices of the college.

Saturday night the boys conducted a service at the First Baptist Church in Altoona, Pa. Sunday morning they provided music and a short message for a part of the Sunday School and in the evening they provided the entire service for the same church. Sunday morning they also provided music for the preaching service of the Bell Avenue Baptist Church, and Sunday afternoon they preached and sang at South Altoona Chapel. Foster Williams spoke at four of the five services. The Sunday morning sermon was preached by the Rev. M. Mundy, pastor of the Bell Avenue Church. The pastor of the First Baptist Church is the Rev. Frank Kennedy, a Houghton graduate.

Editorially Speaking . . . News From Indo-China

A New Course?

During the past four years in our travels with the debate team we have met a number of students from Catholic colleges and institutions. We found it usually to be the case that these people had a vital grasp on the problems of the day in a manner which correlated consistently with their theological beliefs. Students from predominantly protestant schools, either denominational schools or institutions with no particular religious emphasis appeared to lack this attribute.

Outside the catholic institutions of learning there is a concerted effort to ban any religious teaching or emphasis in educational endeavor. The furor raised by some parties over the reading of the Bible in some public schools is an example.

How does this effect Houghton, you ask? Is not Houghton a protestant college which emphasizes the fundamental protestant approach to Christianity?

How well does our present curriculum meet the need in this area?

In order to meet the need of thoroughly correlating the Protestant faith with all areas of education, we would advocate a two point program.

First, wherein the subject matter is adaptable, the instructors should relate it to the Christian faith. An example of this might be found in Dr. Moreland's General Zoology class. The bulk of material which one studies in zoology is not particularly relatable to the christian faith, except for one lecture on the relation of evolution to our beliefs as Christians. Thus, in this one area in which the Christian faith might be challenged, students were given an answer which held logic and meaning.

We, by no means, wish to imply that this correlation is a rare thing at Houghton. We do suggest that it should be continued, strengthened and emphasized.

The second point of the program we are suggesting would be the inauguration of a required course which would be taught by teachers from every department. This course would be philosophical and theological in nature. Each department would analyse their field carefully to determine what areas within that field present a challenge for a Christian approach, a Christian answer. During the time which is allotted to each department, those areas would be exposed and a Christian solution found.

It is true that such a plan as this would be a militant program. On the other hand, an aggressive approach is necessary to the promulgation of our faith. Communism is popular today because it has an aggressive program which offers a solution; Catholicism is widening its influence because of its militance. Protestantism is losing its power, however, because too many of its proponents lack the assurance that they really have the answer to the troubles of the world.

The Apostle Peter has said, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

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The war in French Indo-China erupted into a full scale operation last week, when the Vietminh invaders launched an offensive aimed at capturing the kingdom of Laos. The fighting continued to be intense for a number of days, and then, when it seemed that the Communist led forces were about to capture the capital, Luang Prabang, they suddenly withdrew, apparently abandoning their invasion plans. The nearness to the monsoon season is thought to have been a contributing factor, together with the increase of French reinforcements. There is also some speculation that Communist China may have advised the Vietminh forces to slow down their activity because of the stir down their activity because of the stir it created abroad.

Faculty Entertained at Dinner

The faculty laughed. Where? When? At Glen Iris Inn, Letchworth Park, Monday evening, the occasion being the annual faculty dinner. Why? Mr. Moore's astonishing horn, the Misses Jackson and Carrier's more astonishing auction, and Mr. Stockin's most astonishing saga on Prince Arthur's court. Other parts of the evening's program, in addition to the turkey dinner, were the devotions conducted by Prof. C. A. Ries, and the harp-flute duets by Mrs. Budensiek and Mrs. Ahnell.

The horn referred to developed bubble-gum characteristics besides breaking its bell off and losing some springs from somewhere in its anatomy when Mr. Moore was making sounds resembling "When You and I Were Young, Maggie."

Court Jester Ina Jackson in green and gold auctioned off such precious faculty possessions as gymnasium bloomers of 1925 vintage, Dean Lynip's pajamas, a tank bathing suit belonging to Miss Blake and others, President Paine's high top work shoes, and Mr. Angell's striped trousers. Bids offered included skunks, dandelions, the hole in a doughnut, a half-artist and a half-wit.

The saga, "translated" from a ponderous mound on "Hooton-town" recently unearthed by archeologists (sometimes spelling of proper names is difficult to decipher) told the story of Prince Arthur, the maid Rachel, and other members of the court before and during the time of the 1953 "invasion," invasion of such distinguished warriors as Barlow, Mooney, Withey, Mullins, at al.

Samples of the poetry follow:
But now arose Dean Arthur for a space
And through the brilliance of his kingly self
Drew all the petty princelings under him,
Their king and head, and made a realm and reigned . . .

Rachel the fair, Rachel the lovable . . .
No fault in her unless perfection be a fault,
For when came these mighty men to check
The archives of the battlements and all,
They looked, they passed, they scarce believed
One soul could do so well all she had wrought."

Among the recommendation for the new order were said to be sugges-

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France and the United States do agree that the only effective way to defeat the Communists in Indo-China is to rely on loyal Indo-Chinese troops properly trained and equipped. Nevertheless France does not want to hand over complete authority to the loyalists, thereby receiving nothing for her exhausting efforts when the war does come to an end. Senator Walter George of Georgia expressed his approval of the French point of view. He stated that he was getting "a little weary" of the U. N. actions and that he was afraid "they are going to keep us there forever." Both political parties, however, expressed views opposite to those of Senator George.

The strategic implications of the Laos offensive cannot be underestimated. If the Vietminh could gain any permanent victory, it would seriously damage French prestige in Indo-China. The Guerrilla type tactics of the Vietminh can tie down large numbers of French troops while the Vietminh harrass the countryside. The Laos invasion, while it may have failed for the present to achieve its immediate objective, has created more

A more significant and far reaching effect was the widening of the U. S. French split on the situation. The U. S. wants to bring the United Nations into the scene by bringing the conflict before that organization. The French, on the other hand, feel that since Laos is a part of the French Empire, the situation is beyond U. N. control in that the problem is an internal, rather than an international affair. Furthermore, they fear that only Russia could benefit by the U. N. intervention, because she could veto any action unfavorable to her. And if an investigation committee were set up, Russia could stir up more trouble through it.

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Commencement Commitments

Friday, May 15 — Athletic Banquet, 8:00 p. m.

Recital by Jaonne Bingham, 8:00 p. m., Chapel.

Sunday, May 17 — Home Concert of the A Cappella Choir, 7:30 p. m., Church.

Wednesday, May 20 — Student Ministerial Association Picnic.
Recital by Margaret Chittenden and Dorothy Ames, 7:30 p. m., Chapel.

Thursday, May 21 — Reading Day.

Friday, May 22 through Thursday, May 28 — Final Examinations.

Thursday, May 28 — Theological Class Night, 8:00 p. m., Chapel.

Friday, May 29 — Senior Class Night, 8:00 p. m., Chapel.

Saturday, May 30 — Memorial Day.

High School Senior Class Day, 10:00 a. m., Chapel.

Alumni Banquet, 6:30 p. m.

Sunday, May 31 — Baccalaureate Service, 10:30 a. m.

Monday, June 1 — Commencement Exercises, 10:00 a. m.

Thinking Seriously . . .

Our Relationship With God

Our Father, as noted particularly in First John is THE GOD in whom is no darkness. He is absolutely pure and sinless, righteous and just. In order to walk with Him, we must "walk in the light as He is in the light," we must seek forgiveness for our sins through the blood of Christ and abide in Him daily.

If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the son and in the Father. This verse always reminds me of the 17th chapter of John, particularly the 21 verse, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one, in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

If we are truly one with our Lord and our Father, some of the otherwise difficult decisions to be made will solve themselves. We no longer ask, "Will this little thing hurt me or my testimony," but, "Does my Father really want me to do this?" A doubtful answer to the first question usually turns into a definite "No" to the second. There are many items between those that are definitely wrong and those that are "pleasing in his sight," and it is better to take a step that is definitely right than to do something probably not wrong.

We are to love not the world, but to serve our Father whole heartedly, and this should be our criteria for judgment. (I John 2:15, 16) This verse, 2:15, is one which proves to me that a Christian must not live a life in a negative attitude toward sin, but rather in a positive attitude toward God. Let us remember that verse which tells us that no man can serve two masters when we read "Love not the world . . . is not the Father, but is of the world." God demands all of our life, not just the biggest portion of it. If we are truly fellowshiping with Him, we will abhor the "things of the world" and seek to know Him fully.

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What Is God Like?

What is God like? This fathomless question has been asked by many and never been answered by the wisest of men of the world.

Perhaps some youngsters think of God as a terrible Being that causes thunder storms and earthquakes; or as a bad dictator who, with His searching eye, sees and knows all and punishes the bad people of the world.

Among men who ponder the question, some say he is like the sun, giving light and power and warmth. Some say he is like the mountains — majestic, immense, aloof.

"He is kind." "He is cruel." "He is force." "He is nowhere." "He is everywhere." "He destroys." "He creates." "He hates." "He loves."

But what is God really like? Who knows? Can man know? Yes, because 1900 years ago the answer was given to the world.

God is the good Shepherd that supplies all the needs of his flock and leads them in the right paths. He is a King reigning over his kingdom with might and power. He is the great Physician who knows all the diseases — and their cures. He is a good and just Judge who punishes the disobedient and is compassionate toward the repentant. He is the great Teacher who knows all in every area of knowledge and can answer any question so that even we can understand. He is a lowly and humble Servant, humbling himself even to death on the cross for each one of us. He is a Lamb, silent before his slaughterers. He is a wise and patient Counsellor, to whom his children can come for guidance. He is a close Brother, who will always be near to help. He is a strong and brave Captain, who leads his host against the foe and comes out victorious.

How do we know that God is like this? Jesus Christ is God.

Missionary Radio

BY MARJORIE PAINE

"This is station ZD1MF calling ZD1KA. ZD1MF calling ZD1KA. This is Bendembu calling Kamakwie. Come in, please."

"This is ZD1KA answering ZD1MF. This is Benninger at Kamakwie answering Bendembu. Go ahead."

"This is Warren Woolsey returning. Our baby Stephen has a very high fever and we can't seem to bring it down with medicine. Would it be possible for you to come? Over."

"Sorry to hear that, Warren. I'll be on my way immediately. Keep him quiet until I can get there. Over."

Such a conversation between our African mission stations may soon be possible through an intercommunication system of short-wave radio. At the present time, the Wesleyan missionaries at Kamakwie, Bafodia, Binkola, and Bendembu have no rapid means of communication. It is imperative that our missionaries keep in contact with each other, and now this must be accomplished by actually travelling back and forth between stations, a process which involves much time and expense. Telephone connection would, of course, be impossible in Africa, but short-wave radio seems to hold the solution to the communication problem.

Dr. Robert Luckey and Everett Gilbert have been working on this project along with Rev. George Huff, African missionary on furlough. The financing of such a system presents a problem. Although the transmitters and receivers have already been purchased at a greatly reduced price from the war surplus, the installation and servicing of the units remains. The sets are built with replaceable components to simplify repairing, but much attention is still required to keep them in working order. Mr. Huff plans to service the sets himself at first, and eventually it is hoped that a full-time electrician can be employed to repair radios for the entire field. Rev. George Huff, who expects to sail for Africa in July, hopes to take with him six sets for use among the stations.

Several mission boards already have a short-wave radio intercommunications system. The Wycliffe mission stations in Mexico and Peru and some of the stations of the Sudan Interior Mission are connected by this means. The short-wave radio system has been combined with air travel to keep in constant contact with the missionaries. If a missionary fails to report or cannot be reached by radio, an airplane is dispatched for investigation.

Another phase of missionary radio now being studied is the possibility of communication between the mission fields and Houghton. Although this phase is not as completely developed as that of intercommunication on the field, progress is being made in this direction. We are now searching for a transmission frequency all our own. With this frequency we would be able to establish connections with other missionary radio stations and thus bring them into contact with the homeland.

If such a communication system

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F.M.F. and Classics Club to hold Banquet

An informal banquet sponsored by the Foreign Missions Fellowship and Classics Club will be held this Friday night, May 15, at 6:30 in the recreation hall.

Dr. Douglas Feaver, a classics teacher at Yale University will be the main speaker of the evening. He has been to Greece within the past year and will be showing a movie which he took while there. Music entertainment will also be provided.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Chronology of Fateful Sadie Hawkins Day

TUESDAY — P.M.

1:00 Siren of Woe
1:01 Run fer yer lifes
1:30 Puff, puff
2:00 Yowee. They're just like hounds—they follow my scent.
3:00 Ouch—they're right on my tail.
3:15 I'll head for the railroad tracks
3:17 No, no, no — the Houghton Limited!
3:30 My only escape is the Luckey Building.
3:31 Whew. Brakes (screech!) Made it.
3:32 Now to find an empty room where I can rest. "Dr. Paine's office"—Who's he? Upps, excuse me! (slams door) Didn't know they worked overtime on days like this.
3:40 Ah, the telephone booth. Oh, oh, here come some girls.
3:41 I'll call the Foreign Legion—they'll get me out of this mess! (Girls appear. Swisssch) Mud! (Splosh) Nabbed!!!
3:44 Ow! Stick that pin in my shirt—not me! They shouldn't wish this sport on a dog from Dogpatch let alone a educated collich student like me.

WEDNESDAY

7:15 Hot dogs! Pancakes.
7:45 Burp!
7:48 Carry my books and open the door, please.
9:45 Oh boy — I got my Boulder
10:00 (Track meet—nope—too wet!)
11:4:30 Complete ecstatic coma.
5:00 (Dining Hall) Food! Oh no, my mistake.
7:15 (Inn) Ummm, this Sundae is deeeelicious.
9:00 Finding way home) Past my betime. Gotta catch up on my beauty sleep.
10:00 Gooooood night. I had a swell (with goo-goo eyes) time.

Athletic Field Nears Completion

Progress on the new athletic field has been speeded up with the pouring of the cement curb around the track. One half of the inside curb of the quarter-mile track has been completed.

The track has been completed.

The half-mile of 5 inch curb will take 60 yards of cement. On top of this, 13 inches of fill, or about 125 truck loads, will be added.

When the inside curb is completed this week, the field will then be seeded.

Journalism Students Publish Stories in Home Papers

Three more freshmen have had stories published in their home city papers: Evelyn Hipps in Asheville, N. C.; Citizen-Times; Mary Ellen Schaeffer in Westminster, Md.; Times; and Carolyn Weaver in Albion Advertiser. The Nassau Daily Review-Star has promised publication to Marjorie Murray.

Three Faculty Members on First Skip Day

BY ELAINE MAYER

Those sedate faculty members, grumbling to themselves about the vacant classroom seats on skip day, have nearly forgotten their own skip days.

On the morning of the first skip day in May, 1925, at five o'clock, twenty seniors, including Miss Davison, Mrs. McMillen, and Miss Rickard, gathered for a breakfast on the plateau where Professor Lawrence Green's house now sits. Following the breakfast it was spontaneously decided to skip classes and embark on a journey to Rock City, Olean.

Some of the girls wearing bloomers and middie blouses, purchased hot dogs and soft drinks for the picnic from the startled Olean merchants.

After a day of stolen pleasure they returned in time to attend the student body prayer meeting. Thus began the first annual skip day at Houghton College.

In succeeding years the seniors have skipped to such places as New York City, Canandaigua Lake, Toronto, and the Thousand Islands.

An Interview with Houghton's Oldest Missionary

"Reading some portions of Scripture is almost like reading a modern newspaper," Mary Lane Clarke said recently when asked about significant world events in the light of prophecy.

Mrs. Clarke is Houghton's veteran missionary who served two terms in Africa after she was seventy-five years old. She has studied the Bible extensively and is very much interested in prophecy.

"The twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy is the great chapter concerning the present-day state of the Jews," she stated. "The early part of the chapter tells how the Jews were taken from their own land and were persecuted. The sixty-second verse speaks to the Jews saying, 'And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude.' This is what has happened to the Jews in Germany as a result of the antisemitic campaigns and it is happening again, this time in Russia," she explained.

The thirty-seventh chapter of Ezekiel tells of the recent restoration of Israel as a nation for the Jews. "The seventh verse of this chapter speaks of the bones coming together, a figure which represents the people coming back to their land. The twelfth verse tells of the opening of the graves. This resurrection picture shows the

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Salvation Army Youth to Visit Houghton Campus

On June 6 and 7, between 300 and 350 Salvation Army Youth from Western New York will come to Houghton campus for a short period of relaxation and spiritual renewal.

Arrangements have been made for accommodating the group through the Director of Public Relations with Captain John Waldron of the Buffalo citadel.

Houghton College facilities will be at the disposal of the group—the dormitories, the classrooms and chapel, the gymnasium, etc.

Prof Frank Says

BY MARY SELL

"I can't turn the clock hands back, but the future is as bright as the promises of God," Dr. F. H. Wright, retired professor and Dean of Men remarked recently. He is 73.

Mc Millen Recalls African Medical Experiences

Out of every 1,000 babies born, Dr. McMillen pointed out when questioned about children's diseases in Africa, approximately 650 babies die during the first year of life. Most of these deaths, he reported, are caused by malaria. Quinine and other preventive medicine are seldom found unless missionaries are located in the vicinity.

Tuberculosis, or "two-shirt disease" as Dr. McMillen calls it, is commonly found in the more wealthy nationals. When asked the reason, he said that any extra money an African earns he puts on his back. It is not an uncommon sight to see the more well-to-do people wearing several shirts at one time. This added covering to the body prevents the sun's rays from direct contact to the skin, and therefore permits tubercular germs to attack the individual.

Eye diseases are numerous and serious. All eye diseases found in the United States are found in Africa in addition to some that are unknown in this country, he remarked. Many times an eye-wash solution of red pepper and lime juice is prepared and given to the patient by the medicine man of the tribe. Unless this is discovered and curative measures applied by the missionary, blindness often results, he added.

Cancer and polio are almost unknown. The reason for this is still being investigated, Dr. McMillen disclosed.

Dr. McMillen's work was entirely self supporting. A charge of six cents to five dollars was made for major operations. Ten injections were given for twenty-five cents, and the medicine such as dusting powder for ulcers, and salve made of palm oil and bees wax was sold from two cents to six cents a package.

"England is sowing the seed for communism," Dr. McMillen remarked. As yet the door to Sierra Leone are still open, but communists are moving in faster than Christian teachers are.

Library Acquires New Books

The library has acquired a number of new books this year. The most recent additions include: *Kon-Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl, *Windows for the Crown Prince* by Elizabeth Vining, *Strange Lands and Friendly People* by William Douglas, *Born Crucified* by Maxwell, *Grandma Moses* by Anna Moses, and *Nature's Ways* by Chapman Andrews.

F.M.F. Nears Financial Goal

It is all but reached—the goal of \$7200 for the missionary project of Houghton College. Only \$108.15 is yet to be paid. The latest report follows: Total income to May was: \$7,091.85. The amount paid in April was \$663 and in May \$461.75. The amounts pledged and given at the annual Commencement missionary service counts on next year's budget.

"I'm as lonesome as a man can be, for I greatly miss my office, because I enjoy meeting the students and being in the chapel services," he said. "I am making adjustments, however, that are very satisfactory."

Dr. Wright is never idle, for he is the pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church in Canisteo, and is doing research on the "Holy Spirit in His Relationship to this Dispensation." He also indulges in some hobbies, such as fishing, traveling, enjoying good music, and helping others. Yet his busy life has been very happy. This he credits to "his love for work and keeping busy." He has been a Wesleyan Methodist pastor for 15 scattered years. He taught classes for 39 years, three decades having been spent at Houghton. For 26 of those years he was Dean of Men and for 30 years chairman of the Division of Theology and Religious Education.

One of the graduates from Houghton High School in 1910, he attended Houghton College until 1913. He received his A.B. degree from Oberlin in 1914, his A.M. from Winona Lake Summer School of Theology in 1930, his B.D. from Alfred University in 1931 and his D.D. from Houghton in 1950. He was ordained as a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church in 1917.

During the time he was pursuing his education it was necessary to earn his way. Some of the many ways he did so were collecting rent, cleaning rooms, painting, gardening, repairing shoes, preaching at missions and in the Indian Reservation, and being pastor of churches in Higgins and Hume. Dr. Wright also had a hand in buying and selling insurance and has been active in local politics.

This extra work did not hinder his academic standing for he was awarded *magna cum laude* on his diplomas. Giving thanks to God, he said that he began one year of school with \$500 in the bank and ended it with \$700 after all debts were paid.

Mr. Wright and his wife have been living together for 55 "happy" years. They are parents of four children. "The Lord has been good to us, and we are out of debt and prosperous. Our only care now is to help people," he remarked.

To illustrate God's faithfulness to those who obey Him, he related an incident that happened many years ago.

When Willard Houghton visited a church in Morley, N. Y., a gentleman gave him his pocket book. The purse was worth 5¢ and it contained \$1.62 — a week's salary. The gentleman casually remarked, "I'll never get anything back." But a few years later his youngest daughter spent two years at Houghton and one son — Professor F. H. Wright gave thirty years of his life in service here. Also

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Pre-Med Club Takes Field Trip

Lawrence Green was elected president of next year's Pre-Medic Club in the regular meeting held Wednesday evening. Donald Bortner will be vice president, and Fred Speirs secretary-treasurer.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Bly, obstetrician from Cuba, who explained the process of human reproduction and related some of his experiences in response to questions raised by the students.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Debate Record ...

Houghton Affirmative

In view of the interest Houghton students have displayed this year in the activities of the debate squad we are publishing herewith the entire won-list record of both the Affirmative and Negative teams.

Team	Debaters	Decision
Fredonia	Tysinger & J. Seeland	L
Rochester	" "	L
Geneseo	" "	L
Rochester	Hasler & J. Seeland	L
Geneseo	" "	W
Oswego	" "	W
Mt. Merch	" "	W
St. Vincent	" "	L
Dusquene	" "	W
University of Pitt	Hasler & Tucker	L
John Carrol	" "	W
Geneva	" "	L
Baldwin Wallace	" "	L
U. of Maryland	Hasler & Seeland	W
Haverford	" "	W
Union College	" "	W
Geneseo	" "	W
Sioux Falls	" "	W
Seton Hall	" "	W
U. of Akron	" "	W
U. of Pa.	" "	W
St. Lawrence	" "	W
Dusquene	Tysinger & Vorhees	L
U. of Scranton	" "	W
Kenyon	" "	L
Ohio Wesleyan	" "	L
West Va.	Hasler & Seeland	L
U. of Pa.	" "	L
Misericordie	" "	L
Rhode Island	" "	W
Boston U.	" "	L
Penn State (w)	" "	L

Letters

to the Editor

Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.
USS Curtis (AU-4)
15 April 1953

Editor, Houghton Star
Houghton College

Dear Sir,

This letter is written to let you and your staff know that the Houghton Star has blessed many aboard the USS Curtis.

While at sea, anything that is reading material is well read by the average sailor. Being a born again Christian I enjoy the "Star" for its clear cut testimony of the Word of God. Combining these two facts you can see why your paper is so well read by myself and other Christians aboard.

My step-brother, Benjamin Pattison, is a student at Houghton; and it was by his thoughtfulness that I was lucky enough to receive a years subscription to the "Star". My prayer is that you and your staff might continue to publish a paper with God's Word as a guide.

It might interest you to know that I am in the midst of many fellows who have had one or two years of college; and that they read the "Star" to see how it compares with the papers of their respective colleges. I have found many of them impressed with your "Thinking Seriously" column. (That is my favorite part of the "Star")

All that I can close with is, keep up the good work and may the Lord richly bless your efforts.

In Him and for His glory,
R. A. Kellerhouse, RD3
Gal. 2:20

—HC—

Debate Record ...

Houghton Negative

Team	Debaters	Decision
St. Bonaventure	Schultz & D. Seeland	L
Niagara U.	" "	W
Canisus	" "	W
Le Mayne	" "	W
Canisus	" "	L
Niagara U.	" "	W
Westminister	" "	W
Pitt	" "	W
Hiram	" "	L
Ohio State	" "	L
Central Mich.	" "	W
Kent	" "	L
Muskingum	" "	L
Haverford	" "	L
U. of Pitt	" "	L
Ohio University	" "	L
Bethel College	" "	L
Mars Hill	" "	L
Carnegie Tech	" "	L
Villanova	" "	L
Dusquene	" "	L
Georgetown	Rhine & Tucker	L
Geneva	" "	L
Dusquene	" "	W
U. of Scranton	" "	L
Bernard	Schultz & D. Seeland	L
Lehigh	" "	W
Penn State M	" "	W
Dartmouth	" "	L
Temple (Women)	" "	L
Temple (Man)	" "	W

Grand National record not available
for the negative team

GRAND TOTALS:

Affirmative Team — 16 wins, 16 losses

Negative Team (Incomplete) 11 wins, 12 losses

Magician
Entertains

Russell Little, amateur magician and minister, spoke to the members of the Houghton College Chorale and Trumpet Trio at their banquet at the Hare Homestead in Perry, the evening of May 6.

The Reverend Mr. Little, pastor of the Methodist Church in Moira, spoke on the infallibility of the Bible in its origin and effect. He illustrated his points with various types of optical illusion.

Music Festival

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Caroline Giles, Allyn Foster, Dorothy Yahn, and Jeannette Lamb. Vocal soloists were: Robert Stevens, Elaine Kammer, Allyn Foster, Patricia Young, Dorothy Yahn, Marion Johnson, and Raymond Davis.

The Houghton College Music Festival originated in 1950 with a Festival of Bach Music. In 1951 a combined Festival of American Music and Art was presented. In 1954 there will be another Bach Festival.

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Prof Frank Says

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two of Dr. Wright's children have been graduated from Houghton, one a minister and one a minister's wife. "I think that the bread has come back," commented Dr. Wright or Prof. Frank as his students lovingly prefer to call him.

—HC—

Clarke Interview

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power of God in bringing the Jews together from all lands when they thought there was no hope left," Mrs. Clarke asserted.

Mrs. Clark believes that the Korean War is only another of the "wars and rumors of wars" that were foretold by Christ, but Russia, she believes, has special significance. In Ezekiel 38:2 it speaks of Magog, which many scholars believe to be Moscow.

When asked what bearing this might have on missions, Mrs. Clarke referred to Ezekiel 38:5, in which Ethiopia is mentioned in connection with Magog. "Even now we are seeing the way of Communism is taking Africa. I believe it will only be a matter of a few years until Africa will no longer be open as a foreign mission field," Mrs. Clarke declared.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cox of Detroit, Michigan announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred to Mr. Matthew Welde (ex '53), son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew E. Welde of Havertown, Penna. at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on June 11 at 7:30 p. m. Upon their graduation from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina this month they will attend the Dallas Theological Seminary, in Dallas, Texas.

—HC—

Missionary Radio

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were set up, Houghton College could act as a purchasing agent or as an employment agency for the mission fields. Eventually it may even be possible for a missionary to address a convention through a live short-wave radio broadcast.

To be sure, missionary radio is a comparatively new field and as yet there are mostly visions and plans. But, the plans are rapidly beginning to materialize, and Houghton's horizons are rapidly broadening to include the whole world.

—HC—

Faculty Dinner

tions that the next faculty member who feels the need for another campus club should be dealt with at a special session of the Board; and that committees which infringe on the personal rights of their membership to partake of routine meals in their homes should be abandoned. The women were warned not to imitate Mamie Eisenhower in the wearing of bangs but all were challenged to support the current Republican administration.

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Indo China

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unrest in the whole of southeast Asia, resulting in a further drain of allied men and material.

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- (1) 5 specific invitations to preach in Japan and Korea
- (2) Field is on verge of revival among missionaries and Japanese alike
- (3) An unusual amount of funds were received before any definite plans were made to go.
- (4) Church Board has granted permission to be absent during part of July and August.

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