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## Renwick Has Varied Roles For Henry V

Fifteenth Century England Is Made Real to Audience  
RECITAL IS SUPERB

Students and faculty of Houghton gathered in the chapel Thursday night, September 21, to witness an unique entertainment in the form of a dramatic recital of Shakespeare's *King Henry the Fifth*, presented by Mr. Robert Renwick, of Cuba, New York, under the auspices of the Expression club.

For an hour and a half the audience was transported to fifteenth century England during the rule of the first two sovereigns of the house of Lancaster. Studies were temporarily forgotten as the students watched Falstaff swaggering about the Boar's-head Tavern, making love to Doll Tearsheet and belittling Prince Hal, his boon companion; King Henry the Fourth taking council with his sons over the conduct of the Prince of Wales; Justices Shallow and Silence reviewing old times; Falstaff selecting recruits; and Henry the Fifth denouncing Falstaff and preparing to make war on France to support his claim to the French throne.

Mr. Renwick performed his difficult task admirably, especially in his impersonation of Falstaff, the two elderly justices, and the recruits, and made the characters in the play stand out as distinct individuals, each with his own peculiarities.

## Frosh Give Novel Program in Chapel

Friday, Sept. 22, the proverbial hatchet was buried by the freshman and sophomore classes. John Merzig, representing the freshmen explained that the program was the climax of orientation week. David Paine, sophomore president, represented the sophs in the official hatchet-burying ceremony. He applauded the frosh for their good graces as the feud between the two classes was called off.

The program started with the singing of "There's a Long, Long Trail A winding" and "I will Make You Fishers of Men," by a freshmen male chorus under the direction of Paul Miller.

An abundance of talent was shown by the freshmen. Edwin Leschander, pianist, presented "Lustspiel Overtures" and "Dizzy Fingers" with "Meditation" as an encore. Another piano selection "A la Bien-Aimee" was played by Peg Baker. A violin solo was offered by Margaret Clawson and an accordion solo by Doris Youngs.

Paul Synder sang Victor Herbert's "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life." Other vocal selections included "God Bless America" by Gwendolyn Fancher; "For You Alone" by Peg Fowler and

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Be sure to read  
In next issue--

"Grow Old and Like It"

by Miss Belle Moses  
former college librarian

MISS MARJORIE ORTLIP



"We feel we have a good start . . ."

## MISS ORTLIP WILL INSTRUCT IN ART

"Is all that really true?"  
"Is all what true?"  
"About the snakes?" Another student accosts Miss Marjorie Ortlip about the story told by Dean Stanley Wright in introducing her as our new art teacher. Her usual answer is, "Certainly, and I'm not a bit ashamed of it. I had thought that it would be best to leave such records behind, but I've come to realize that one can't go far from home when one takes half his family with him."

Miss Ortlip comes to us from Columbia university where she received her B. S. degree last year, and where she has this summer maticulated for her master's degree. She has taught art in the public schools of New Jersey for several years. The addition of Miss Ortlip to the art department makes possible the offering of a three-year art course which aims toward the preparation of public school art teachers. Those desiring to be certified to teach in New York state may meet the state requirements by taking a fourth year in the University of Buffalo.

Speaking for herself and for Mrs. Shea, Miss Ortlip said, "We feel we have a good start, especially since the course has had practically no advertisement thus far. There are six art majors enrolled. We are particularly pleased with the caliber of the students in this new department."

Asked how she likes her work, Miss Ortlip waxed enthusiastic. She is glad to have students who do not require discipline (thus far). She enjoys working with an interested, talented group and feels that the art students respond splendidly. "One of the most encouraging things about our new department," she says, "is the fact that the new students are not all girls. We boast one male art major!"

## Enrollment Tops Record, Figures Show

Over Five Hundred Students Register in All Divisions

The latest figures on student enrollment show a remarkable increase in the student body this year. There are over 508 students enrolled in all classes. The numbers according to classification are: seniors, 73; juniors, 87; sophomores, 108; freshmen, 181; specials, 4; Bachelor of Divinity 5; high-school, 40; and Bible-school 19.

As far as can be determined, freshman registration shows a fact worth noting. More than 80% of the freshman class came from outside a radius of 50 miles. This shows that the proximity of the school isn't the largest advertisement; the growth is largely due to students' wanting a college education in a school of this sort. There has been a steady increase in enrollment in Christian colleges along with the rest, and Houghton is proud to be among the increasing ones.

From what can be seen, there is a definite need for more facilities. The two most needed are classrooms and housing. For instance, in the chemistry department, there are 103 students and places for 74. Other departments are proportionally overcrowded. Concerning housing facilities, houses normally taking six students are taking eight.

The wishes of the former president for "a bigger and better Houghton" are being fulfilled.

## SUMMER FINDS THE FACULTY OVER NATION

By Jean Feldt

The summer of 1939 found the faculty members of Houghton scattered all over the United States from New York to California. Miss Frieda Gillette, Miss Rork, and Miss Mildred Gillette took an extensive automobile trip through the north-western states. Professor Stockin also visited places of interest in some of the western states. Mrs. Bower, principal of Houghton Seminary, spent the summer with her son in Pasadena, California. Miss Burnell visited the World's Fair immediately upon leaving Houghton in June. Mrs. Zola Fancher spent the summer at her home in Fairmount, Indiana. Dr. Rosenberger spent part of his vacation in California.

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## ROBERT HOMAN IN MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Robert Homan '39 is the most recent addition to the music faculty at Houghton. He is instructor of brass and woodwind instruments. He is also teaching ear training. It is expected that he will be teaching music appreciation the second semester.

MISS LUCELE HATCH



"I'm really a mountaineer at heart!"

## MISS HATCH NEW DEAN OF WOMEN

"I don't envy her a bit" . . . "I'm sure we'll like her" . . . came from just another group of girls discussing the most talked of lady on the campus, Miss Lucele Hatch, our new dean of women.

Miss Hatch, who graduated from Houghton in 1931 with majors in education and Latin, was circulation manager for the Star staff.

After graduating she spent a year at office work at Saranac Lake and for the past seven years has taught Latin and French at Cohocton, New York.

Her summers have been spent working on her masters degree in education. She took work in McGill University, Montreal; Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio; Middlebury College, Vermont; and New York University.

"I'm really a mountaineer at heart," she said, "for I love to climb." She added, smiling, "perhaps hiking isn't such a bad hobby for a dean of women."

## Walt Sheffer Conducts First Forensic Meeting

That no bombs may burst on our shores, through public enlightenment on the problem of neutrality, was the purpose behind the opening 1939 meeting of the Forensic union. Kenneth Hill's essay on this topic which was the highlight of the evening provided excellent additional information to his listeners.

Music was supplied by Ray Alger impromptu were filled with humor and parliamentary drill though shaky at times proved of benefit to the club members.

A brief business meeting during which Mr. Sheffer, the Union president, foreshadowed several interesting projects which the club is to promote in the near future closed the evening's activities.

The Forensic Union urges that all new students and would-be members attend these meetings for not only does it sponsor the only intercollegiate activity on the campus, debate, but also provides interesting instruction in public speaking and parliamentary law.

## Many Attend Reception To Greet Frosh

500 Throng Gym for Hour; Refreshments Are Served  
PROGRAM IN CHAPEL

The largest group of new students thus far in Houghton history was welcomed with a special program Friday night, Sept. 15. Three new faculty members were introduced to the assembled students, alumni, and friends of Houghton.

An hour of autograph-taking in Bedford gymnasium preceded the formal program. Here refreshments were served, helping to relieve sufferers from the evening's intense heat. The remainder of the evening's activities took place in Houghton chapel.

Paul Krentel, sophomore master of ceremonies, presented student body president Paul Wolfgruber, who warmly welcomed all newcomers. The freshman response was made by Paul Stewart.

Prof. Stanley Wright introduced Miss Marjorie Ortlip, Mr. Robert Homan, and Miss Lucele Hatch. These will officiate in respective capacities of art instructor, instructor in brass, and dean of women.

Musical selections were rendered by Louella Fisk, Theodore Hollenbach, and Earl Sauerwein. Charles Foster led those present in singing, concluding with the Alma Mater.

## College Pastor Is Our Fall Revivalist

Rev. E. W. Black, the college pastor, opened the fall series of revival services in the college church, September 24. The services are being well attended by both villagers and student body. The worth of Rev. Mr. Black's messages are not underestimated by any of the older students who have come to know their value. Freshmen are showing a keen interest in this phase of Houghton's life.

The various college classes are to come in a body different nights which commenced with the senior class Tuesday night. The pastor, with Professor Schram in charge of the music, will continue these series of meetings over Sunday, Oct. 8.

## New Music Students Heard in Initial Recital

The freshman music students were heard for the first time in two recitals given last week. As is customary with frosh performances, there was an abundance of lapses of musicianship. Strained throats, brittle piano tones, and sour notes from instrumentalists all gave their glum testimonies. One should not be too severe in denouncing what were apparently earnest efforts, however, for there is really a wealth of native talent distributed among the class which four years of conscientious training should work wonders in developing.



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## EDITORIAL

### Looking Forward

The Houghton Star desires to be more than a weekly news report of college activities. It is the ambition of the paper to interpret student thought; to encourage worthwhile initiative; to sponsor collegiate world-mindedness.

The Star would foster by every means at its command a healthy, necessary school spirit. We do not know what school-spirit means to you. Our definition would very probably fail to coincide with yours. School-spirit is by nature intangible, but you will find ample basis for its development in your walks along the halls that generations of learners have walked; in your moments spent in a chapel where young people long have assembled, listened, and prayed.

School-spirit is a spirit of zealous allegiance to any proposition that has undergone the investigation of scholarly skepticism and has proved itself. But it is more than that. It includes all the little commonplace memories, all the glimpses of truth that come in the solving of problems, all the inspiring vistas of literature.

You will notice mechanical changes in the paper itself. A new masthead has been made, and the type for column heads is a recent face. These changes have been made that you may have the news not only promptly and accurately, but attractively. A newspaper is always produced under pressure, and it is sometimes difficult to achieve mechanical perfection in the time allotted. The new arrangement will make a better-appearing paper, and the style of the type itself will help subtly to indicate the sum-total of Houghton tradition.

To set up a definite standard of attainment, the Star has decided upon a policy which it will attempt to carry out during the school year.

1. To contribute to Houghton's spiritual welfare through its reports of religious activities and its religious column.
2. To open the Recreation hall to general student use, and to provide it with such equipment as will increase its usefulness.
3. Institution of regular student sessions at which members of the faculty, or other speakers, will interpret current trends in their respective fields of activity.
4. Institution of a College Speakers' Bureau composed of carefully informed and prepared students, from which organizations may choose desired speakers presenting a wide range of subjects.
5. The establishing of a chapter of a peace organization in Houghton College that the student body might become peace-conscious.
6. Editorial support for any project that promises to make a contribution to the intellectual, spiritual or cultural growth of a progressive and inquiring collegiate community.

## The Best Ever

You won't want to miss any of the numbers on this season's artist series. The opinion of the music faculty is that the current program excels that of any previous year. The famous Siberian Singers, who represent the highest achievement in male choir singing, will appear on October 11, to give a program of the finest in liturgical, folk and gypsy music. The singers will be attired in authentic cathedral robes and nation costumes.

Houghton music lovers should be eagerly awaiting the appearance of Albert Spalding, without question America's finest violinist, on November 3.

The Beaux Arts Trio, consisting of Edith Schiller, pianist; Eudice Shapiro, violinist; and Virginia Peterson, cellist, is a bril-

### Prof. Stockin and Parents Motor Through West

The rising sun of August 18 marked the beginning of several days of response for Prof. Stockin to the call of "Go West, young man! Go West!"

Mr. Stockin, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gordon Stockin, Sr., of Chaffee, N. Y., motored to Nampa, Idaho, by way of Canada and the northern states, visiting en route the Bad Lands and the Black Hills of South Dakota including the Mt. Rushmore memorial and the Yellowstone. At Nampa they spent several days with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Prester. Their return route lay through northern Nevada, Salt Lake City—the most hospitable and beautiful city of the West, the Dinosaur national monument, Colorado, and Nebraska.

Prof. Stockin visited the College at Idaho at Caldwell, where he brought to the faculty acquaintance with the existence of Houghton College and its principles. He also visited the campus of the University of Colorado.

In commenting on his trip Prof. Stockin says that he enjoyed especially the Bad Lands of South Dakota, swimming in Great Salt Lake, and speeding the family car on the salt beds of the Great Salt Desert.

### Frosh Boys Discuss Rules

The freshmen boys met Monday evening September 18, at 7:30 p. m. in the chapel. The purpose of the meeting was to consider regulations contained in the student handbook. Professor Stanley W. Wright, dean of men, led a lively discussion concerning matters of interest.

Although little definite understanding resulted, every boy present was greatly enlightened for having attended. Professor Wright gave a brief survey of the contents of the handbook.

Realizing the need for further enlightenment Dean Wright stated: "For the present, be cautious; if problems arise, and they will, see me!" The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

### Greenberg Dormitory Elects House Officers

The Greenberg dorm, boasting this year a population of eleven girls, met Wednesday, Sept. 20, with Miss Burnell, official house mother, and elected the following officers for the coming year: Pres., Hazel Cheney; Vice Pres., Georgia McGowan; Sec. and Treas., Felice Schuyler; Light Procter, Frances Wightman.

liant young ensemble which is fast becoming one of the outstanding chamber music organizations in the country. They are now completing a twelve week engagement at the New York World's Fair, and will be here on November 15.

Georgia Graves, American trained contralto, will be featured in March. A rich voice of unusual purity and unsurpassed beauty has established her among the truly great in American singers. Equally at home in concert and oratorio, she brings to her audiences not only a voice of rare beauty and expert musicianship, but also a personality which at once fascinates and delights.

It has been necessary to cancel the concert scheduled by the Buffalo Symphony orchestra, but the artist series committee was fortunate in being able to secure one of the most sensational personalities in all the musical field, the brilliant Australian composer and pianist, Percy Grainger, who will play here April 19. Mr. Grainger will undoubtedly delight the Houghton audience.

Special prices of \$3.50 and \$2.50 have been made for students. Starting next week there will be a drive for series tickets. With the largest student body in history the committee hopes to sell at least 350 series tickets.

Thus, having the finest in music literally brought to our very doors, let us not fail to grasp the opportunity which the series committee has secured for us.

Buy your ticket now!

### DEANS GIVE RECEPTION FOR FRESHMEN

The annual reception for new students by the respective deans was held Wednesday evening, September 13, in the recreation hall.

Members of the senior class were in charge of the program consisting of cheers, singing and unique games. Freshmen proved themselves rather windy in blowing a ping pong ball over a table gridiron in a new game called "table football."

Several suspicious looking sophomores entered furtively into the activities without opposition from unsuspecting frosh. The whole group was driven from the hall by sulphur fumes, allegedly of sophomore origin.

The dean of men invited the party to his lawn where refreshments were served and the evening climaxed with messages of welcome by Miss Hatch and Prof. Stanley Wright. Prayer was offered and the Alma Mater sung in closing.

### Dan Cupid Finds Ready Marks During Summer

During the summer several of our Houghton students and alumni were married.

Miss Lois York, a graduate of '39 class, was married in Houghton to Mr. Ranson Richardson. They are now residing in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Thelma Harding, ex '42 and Mr. Ernest Swarthout, a graduate of '39 were also married. They are living in Johnsonburg where Mr. Swarthout has a church.

Miss Dorothea Prutsman, who graduated from Bible school in '39 married Maurice Lucas, a member of the class of '40. Their home is in Houghton.

Two of our students, Mildred Looman '40 and George Huff '42 were also married during the summer. At present they are staying in Houghton and both are attending school.

Harold Hume, a graduate of '39 married Edna Evans, a graduate of Geneseo. Their home is in Kenmore, New York.

Paul Nelson, a member of the class of '40 married Miss Grace Wood. They are now in Houghton where Paul is continuing his work in school.

Everyone who knows Sarabel Allen and Everett Elliott will be interested to learn that they are to be married September 27 at Walton by Everett's father, Rev. C. L. Elliott. They are planning to take a short trip.

By

J. P. Q.

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### PUISSANT PUNDITS

Another school year has started, full of grand and glorious opportunities for one and all. Not the least of these is offered by the score of letters from the U. S. Army Information Service which accumulated in the Star office over vacation. They bristle with descriptions of the joys and comforts of army life, with a view to luring some hapless collegian into the toils of their ranks. Example from Release 113 A: "The noise inside tanks produces fatigue which makes short shifts necessary. Otherwise, the new tanks are as comfortable as cars, due to smooth track action, rubber treads and mountings." Tanks just the same, but I'd rather take my shifts in a classroom where the noise tends to alleviate fatigue by courting sleep.

And now that we're back on dining hall fare, it might be of interest to know what the army ate when it played at war. "334,000 pounds of fresh beef, 234 tons of bread, 328 tons of potatoes, 110 tons of cabbage (I don't like cabbage) and 113,000 dozens of eggs. Milk will be required in half-pint containers, one for each officer and man per day, for breakfast. The days of a salt meat and fried fruit diet in the army are gone." Yes, but I haven't seen a full stomach yet that would stop a bullet.

There was quite a bit of confusion the first few days, what with not enough rooms for too many frosh and parents. And who was the dignified senior who stepped into a dark room, which he presumed to be occupied by a friend whom he had not seen since June, and shone a flashlight on the bed. Whereupon a lady sat up in bed and asked in worried tones, "Is this your room?" Was he embarrassed?

And there was the frosh girl who said to a comrade, "I don't think I'll ever get used to the fellows I know back home. They're so polite here." Is the truth, so help me!

It was remarked by some worthless junior that the program of the New Students' Reception was very appalling; for reporting which Paul Wolfgruber, Paul Krentel, Paul Stewart, and Paul Miller will probably ship in to buy me a pall.

Said a sophomore to a freshman on Sunday evening, "Don't forget to

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### Russell House Holds Election; All Are Officers

Both women and men are beginning to organize their houses so as to function easily and strengthen their identity on the campus.

On the night of Sept. 19 the Russell house organized and elected the following officers: president, Ernest Hollenbach; treasurer, Allyn Russell; secretary and advisor, Professor Stockin; mascot, Dorothy Lang. Ernest Hollenbach was appointed head of social activities. Professor Stockin is to secure a newspaper for the house. Glenn Jones is to secure a house sign. Duane Stoll is to secure house stationery, and Allyn Russell has charge of house prayer-meeting. Their motto adopted is a statement of Mr. Willis Elliott, former house member: "One hour of conversation is worth ten hours of study." The meeting was adjourned after refreshments of pretzels and peaches.



## Music Notes

By Mark Armstrong

This new column under the head "Music Notes" is the outgrowth of a feeling that the music activities in Houghton are of sufficient and varied nature to suggest a greater news value than is given them in the ordinary reports of concerts and recitals. Also, there are fascinating slants, whimsical twists to many of the musical events which the reporter seldom records for fear of undue digression. These tremble on the verge of oblivion, and cry aloud to be preserved for him whose interest in music must needs stagger at verbal monstrosities such as, "Hiram Hink was most successful in presenting extremely effective renditions in a piano recital last evening". It is to this person and his fellow-sufferers that the column is addressed, in the fervent hope that he may, by excursions into the more genial byways of musical thought, recover faith in a measure.

There should be enough material at hand without resorting to tales of practice-room episodes, or recounting the merry jests and witticisms of the embryo-artists located in the music building. The celebrities on the concert series frequently leave behind a cycle of stories which, from the tongues of campus gossips, do not fail to cast an inconsequential but amusing light on the recollection of a remarkable performance of a Bach prelude and fugue, of a Schubert lied. These latter we will seize as legitimate prey. If the supply runs low, we may be compelled to poach for the former—within limits.

Homilies to be preached against those perverts whose taste is restricted to the tunes and rhythmic eccentricities of Messers. Shaw, Dorsey, and Clinton will be preached elsewhere. There is room in the wide world for all manner of men and musicians. The column professes to provide a final resting-place for items complementing the bare facts of a recital review, and to represent, in not too grim-faced-guise, the cause of classical music, which music, quoting a waggish quip, "isn't half as bad as it sounds".

## Houghton Grads' Jobs Reviewed

Henry Andresen is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Roulette, Pa.

Wayne Bedford and Richard Chamberlain are continuing their musical training at North State Teachers college at Denton, Texas.

Gerald Beach is manager of the print shop at Houghton college.

Raymond Carpenter is soloist on the Family Altar radio program at Ruffsedale, Pa. Jack West is doing radio evangelistic work.

Patsy Brindisi and William Grosvenor are attending Princeton Theological seminary at Trenton, N. J.

Curtis Crandall, Harlan Tuthill, and Robert Luckey ('37) are attending Cornell university.

Everett Elliott is pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Higin.

Robert Fern is pastor of the Pine Hill Baptist church at Buffalo.

Robert Gibson is attending the Albany State Teachers college.

George Hilgeman is attending Dallas Theological seminary at Dallas, Texas.

Edwin Holley is attending seminary at Boston, Massachusetts.

Robert Homan is teaching brass instruments at Houghton college.

Harold Hume is a draftsman at the Curtis Airplane works.

William Jessop is pastor of the Methodist church at Farmersville Station.

George Johnson is teaching math and science at Panama Central school.

Robert Lytle is pastor of the Wesleyan church at Nunda, N. Y.

Reyburn Marra, Ellsworth Rupp, Loran Taylor, Paul Van Ornum and Waldmar Schuner (ex '40) are attending Syracuse Medical school.

Betty Jane Sturgis is studying for her M. A. at Albany State Teachers college.

Clyde Meneely is teaching at Sigel high school, Sigel, Pa.

Victor Murphy is teaching science at Corfu, N. Y.

Frederick Schlafer, Willis Elliott, and Francis Whiting are attending Southern Baptist Theological seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Harold Skinner is musical instructor at Rushford Central school.

Carlyle Smith is pastor of the Methodist church at Wiscoy.

Ernest Swarthout is pastor of the Methodist church at Johnsonburg.

Walter Whybrew is musical instructor of Lockport high school.

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## ALUMNI AT GENESEO MEET FOR ANNUAL PICNIC AT CONESUS

The annual reunion of the Houghton college alumni and students, who were attending Geneseo Normal school summer session, was held Wednesday, August 2, in the form of a picnic at Long Point, Conesus lake. This is the third summer that there has been such a reunion.

Almost all of those who were in attendance are registered in the library science department of the Normal school.

There were 18 present at the reunion: Norva Bassage, '38, French-Latin teacher and librarian at Savannah; Hazel Herkimer, '33, history teacher-librarian at Belfast; Gladys Scott, '38 teacher at Machias; Vernelia Crawford, Houghton '32, librarian at Great Valley.

Ellen F. Donley, '38, English teacher-librarian at Canisteo; Rowena B. Peterson, '38, English teacher-librarian at Brownville-Glen Park; Margaret E. Watson, '38, social studies teacher and librarian at Bath.

Other alumni and students were: Kathryn Anderson, Lillian Payne, Dorothy Smith, Ray Marra, all of '39; Thelma Havill, Ann Madwid and Mary Tiffany, '40; Evelyn Geer, '41, and Lynn Burr, ex '36.

## Local Chapter S.F.M.F. Entertains Mr. Hood Its National Secretary

Mr. Kenneth G. Hood, executive secretary of the National Student Foreign Missions fellowship, spoke Monday morning, September 18, at the first meeting of the Houghton S. F. M. F. He told of the work of the national organization in making plans for a regional conference to be held soon in the East. He stated that an effort is being put forth to publish a news letter giving information concerning the various chapters. Mr. Hood expressed the hope that Houghton students might take advantage of the opportunity of doing deputation work in nearby colleges. The speaker said that we must show an interest in foreign missions if we are going to influence others for Christ. We must have a burning passion as we meet other young people.

"Each moment has its own demands to make."

## Annual Dorm Tour By New Students Pre-views Club Life

Last Thursday, September 14, the freshman girls were taken around Gaoyadeo hall on the annual tour of the rooms which were decorated to represent the various extra curricular activities of the school. Joy Palmer and Luella Patterson told about the religious activities. Mary Helen Moody and Pearl Crapo explained the fun to be had in the art club. Katherine Murch and Bertha Reynolds represented the Paleolinguists and *Le Cercle Francais*, while Myra Fuller invited everyone to join *Der Rheinverein*. In one room the girls were welcomed by Martha Neighbor and Mildred Proctor in choir robes. Thelma Havill and Emily Markham were responsible for three organizations, debate, Forensic union, and Expression club. Claribel Saile and Elizabeth Cheney interested the girls in the Little Symphony orchestra; Mildred Smith in the Pre-Medic Club; Ruth Newhart and other athletes, dressed in sports costumes, staged a war between the Purple and the Gold. The evening was topped off by the first dormitory meeting of the year.

## Most Classes Hold Meetings, Elect New Officers

During the past week the two classes of upper classmen elected the officiating members of their respective classes.

The seniors elected Wesley Nussey as first officer with Walter Sheffer, vice-president; Helen Morse, secretary; Wilson Worboys, treasurer; Ernest Hollenbach assistant-treasurer. Coach McNeese was elected class advisor.

Members of the junior class re-elected Lloyd Elliott, who will head the following officers of the class: Keith Sackett, vice-president; Ruth Shea, secretary; and Ruth Richardson, treasurer. By a unanimous vote of the class, Professor Schram was re-elected class advisor.

## Pastor Speaks in Chapel

Prayer was the theme chosen by Rev. E. W. Black, for the chapel service Thursday, September 21.

Mr. Black pointed out that prayer, as the key to power and success, gives us audience with God and fulfills any lack of reality which we may feel. True prayer, which is based on a relationship with our Father, has a power which very few know much about.

In closing, Mr. Black urged that we use the promise which Christ has left us, "Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you".

## Versatility Important

The chapel program on Friday, September 22, was led by Dean Hazlett who chose extra-curricular activities as his theme.

In discussing this subject, he pointed out that students should put first things first, but he stressed the importance of versatility, showing that many of the greatest men have had interests outside of their chosen professions.

It seems important that every student should become interested in some form of athletics, which he can study and enjoy in later life; that he should join some club which will broaden his professional career, and that he should not neglect the cultural and esthetic values to be found in life. There are two other factors which also influence education. One of these is outside work, which, regrettably, is so often necessary.

## Sunday Services

### Simple Tools

The Sunday morning sermon, preached by our pastor, Rev. Black, was based on the text "What Is That in Thine Hand?" (Exodus 4:2). The background for the text is the story of the call of God to Moses. Moses shrank from his duty because he felt himself incapable of performing it, but God knew otherwise. God showed him how He could use as simple a tool as a rod to bring the about His purposes.

### It Finds Us Out

On Sunday evening, Mr. Black brought a forceful message based on the text, "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out." (Numbers 32:23). He used as illustrations the Biblical characters Achan and David. God wants to expose the secret sin of our lives that keeps us from Christ. An act of Providence or a resurrected conscience may expose it, or the truths of the Gospel may bring it to light. But if these fail, "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out," for death or the judgment will surely reveal it.

### "Young Man, Arise"

The W.Y.P.S. service on Sunday evening was in charge of the vice-president, George Huff. Wesley Nussey brought a short message, using as the basis of his talk part of the fourteenth verse of the seventh chapter of Luke. "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." The speaker emphasized that we must arise from the depths of our own despondency, and from the skepticism and sins of the present day to answer God's call for service. He calls us in clear, unmistakable tones, "Arise."

## Frosh...

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"Carissima" by Jane Woods. Accompanist for the evening were Jane Woods, Marjorie Smith and Vera Clocksin.

Humor was not wanting on the evening's program. It came in the form of readings, song and pantomime. Ruth Cowles read an excerpt from "Penrod"; Viola Koonce, "The Inventor's Wife's Lament"; and Paul Stewart, "Symptoms". "String" Miller sang his version of Mother Goose, playing his own accompaniment.

The pantomime, "Then the Lamp Went out," was the climax of the humor of the evening. Beatrice Gage read the story while the players acted out the literal meanings of phrases. Ella Phelps was the heroine of the skit and Doris Chapin played the part of mother. The two male members of the eternal triangle were Jack Mowry and Frank Hauser, accepted and rejected suitors respectively.

The placards announcing the numbers on the program were made by freshmen art majors under the direction of Miss Ortlip.

## Sovereign Leads Service

Mr. Floyd Sovereign had charge of the Sunday evening service at Higgins, September 17. The Sunshine Trio composed of Mary Foster, Elizabeth Cheney and Ada Stocker accompanied Mr. Sovereign to assist with the service.

It has been unreliably reported from unreliable sources that next year a new roof will be applied to the music building so we will have to become accustomed to walking under scaffolding over the sidewalks, if the impedimenta around the gym for fixing the eaves is any indication.

## STANDING At the CROSSROADS...

By Ruth Shea

With anxious eyes on the news headlines, and ears attentive to the voices of the air, is there one of us who has not felt the strain of the uncertainty, and then the dreadful certainty, of these past few weeks? To those of us who cannot recall the last world war, or who remember it but dimly, it is almost unbelievable that our comfortable, progressive world is throwing itself into another mass conflict. The very foundations of our existence threaten to fall—they have fallen for some nations. It seemed as though this ruler or that one high in authority could speak the word that would restore order. They did speak, but who heeded? Our optimism has vanished.

One day when it looked as though a "Dead End" sign headed every known road of life, and I was stupidly stalled at the crossroads, two words came to my attention from the Holy Scriptures. They are from the eleventh verse of the first chapter of Hebrews, "Thou remainest." Here was a way that had been temporarily forgotten, a way through the One who said, "I am the Way." Everything else seemed to be slipping, but—He remaineth, and He is the same.

"Thou Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." (Hebrews 1:10-12)

What if there does seem no possible end to this war but disaster everywhere? Have we forgotten that "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His"? We have nothing to fear, for our foundation is the Rock of Ages.

There are many Christians who feel that the time of the return of our Lord has almost come. In the busy hours of everyday life, when we always seem to be working against time, do we take enough thought of those who do not look for His coming? There are some who have no hope in His return, who have not a sure foundation. For many, tragedy has turned the joy of life to bitter sorrow, the bright fires of pleasure to dead ashes. Now is the time to win souls to Christ! He has the comfort and uplifting that the world needs. Jesus came, "...to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness..." (Isaiah 61:3) Two thousand years ago He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden..." He remaineth; He is still the same.

We have had a good beginning, spiritually, in this college year. We thank our God for His manifest Presence with us. But we are not satisfied. "The Lord is able to do much more than this." During the special revival services in our college church, let us pray and work as we have not done before, that souls may be won for God.

## Mr. Melvin Moon Dies

One of Houghton's junior students, Miss Charlotte Smith, suffered the loss of her step-father when Mr. Melvin Moon died at his home near Laurens on Sept. 17. The students extend their sympathy to Miss Smith.



## FROSH WIN TUG O' WAR

Blacklisted Frosh Are Initiated for Lawlessness

### FROSH CAN 'TAKE IT'

The climax of Freshman Orientation week came Friday afternoon, Sept. 22, with the final squaring of accounts between the freshman and sophomore classes.

On the athletic field upperclassmen formed a circle around the frosh, whose faces and arms had been thoroughly smeared with black shoe polish by eager members of the sophomore class. Those freshmen who had fulfilled the requirements for being blacklisted were called forth in groups and submitted to various forms of initiation. Some were blindfolded and given an unexpected bath; a few girls' teeth were brushed; certain fellows received a much needed shave at the hands of obliging frosh girls. Fellows and girls in turn scrambled for their respective footgear, which had been piled in the center of the ring. Although a certain amount of reluctance was occasionally exhibited, most of the frosh showed themselves able to "take it". To end this part of the afternoon's activities, the faces of blacklisted frosh were coated with a mixture of molasses and Mother's Oats.

In cars and on foot, some over an unnecessarily devious route, the crowd proceeded to the scene of a tug-of-war between picked men of both sophomore and freshman classes. The banks of the Genesee afforded a background for this year's test of strength won, deservedly and according to tradition, by the members of the freshman class. With no hard feelings on either side, it was evident that all who took part in the activities had plenty of fun besides encouraging a healthy spirit of class rivalry.

## VARSITY DEFEATS FROSH OPPONENTS

The varsity valiants overwhelmingly defeated the freshman aggregation in last Thursday's baseball game to the tune of 15-4 Wed. They were on the heavy end of a 5-0 score. The most noticeable characteristic of both games was the poor brand of playing shown by both teams. The errors were numerous and costly. For example, in the first inning of the Thursday game the varsity scored eight times on five hits. In the third inning of the same game, the frosh made one hit and crossed home four times.

In the first game, the battery for the valiants was Dave Paine and Al Russell. The frosh battery was Clark and Gravin with String Miller relieving Clark in the fourth. The varsity made five hits and scored five times while the frosh got one hit and failed to score. Paul Mullin hit the only homer of the game in the first inning with one on.

In the other game, the batteries were as follows: for the varsity, Mullin and Burns with Olcott and Tut-hill as relief pitchers, and with Olcott later relieving Burns; for the frosh, Miller and Gravin with Gravin relieving Miller when Donelson took his place behind the bat.

Despite the bad record of the freshman ball team as a whole, there are several good men whom the Purple Pharaohs and Golden Gladiators will doubtless welcome to their ranks.

STUDENTS: Let's be faithful in our attendance at the revival meetings. God has something in store for each one of us.

## "OOF! OOF!" AND IN WENT THE SOPHS



## Tennis Takes Spotlight As Squad Takes Wellsville

Houghton's tennis squad composed of undergrads and alumni romped to an easy win over the Wellsville tennis club Saturday afternoon, September 16.

Climaxed by a brilliant doubles match in which Bob Luckey '37 and Lowell Fox '29 teamed together to win 6-3 and 7-5, the local boys swept all six matches. Hard earned victories by Dave Paine and Jack Crandall after each had lost the first set featured the singles engagements. Paine was victorious over Duncan Travert 3-6, 9-7, 6-2, while Crandall conquered "Doc" Gibson 1-6, 6-4, 9-7. In other singles matches Luckey eliminated Wellsville's No. 1 man, "Tex" Young 6-3, 6-3; Lowell Fox downed John Arnold 7-5, 7-5, and Bill Crandall trimmed Don McGowan 6-4, 6-2. The matches marked their season's second victory over Wellsville.

## Faculty...

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cation in Washington, the city where Professor McNeese spent his summer, working. Dr. Woolsey spent some time visiting in Ohio.

Dr. Paine was busy traveling in the interests of the college and visiting Bible conferences. Several of our faculty members such as; Mrs. Lee, Professor Stanley Wright, and Professor Frank Wright attended Bible conferences.

The following teachers attended summer schools: Professor Cronk at New York university; Miss Rickard at Cornell university; Miss Hillpot at Philadelphia; Miss Fillmore and Professor Ries at Winona Lake, Indiana; Professor Smith at New York university; Miss Davison at Ann Arbor, Michigan; Miss Rork at New York university.

## Orientation Month Opens; Hatch Talks to Women

Take one college — add three well-seasoned upperclasses — top with 175 brand new freshmen, — and what do you have? A problem, with a capital P! And the 94 new faces that swell the feminine ranks are no small part of Houghton's perplexing puzzle.

Therefore, as a fitting introduction to Orientation month, Dean Hatch met with the freshman girls in the reception rooms of the dormitory on Monday evening, Sept. 18, to discuss the interpretation of rules.

Stressing the importance of quiet in the dining rooms and disclosing some of the mysteries of that vague term, "association", Miss Hatch kindly but firmly explained the requirements.

## Freshmen Visit Faculty; Frolic During Programs

The "frosh" are here! Houghton was convinced of that when seven large groups were conducted to various faculty homes by upper-classmen on the evening of Monday, Sept. 11.

Leaving the college chapel, where they had first congregated to sing school songs, they made the circuit of eight homes. At each of these homes, several of the faculty were assembled to greet the newcomers with words of welcome.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 12, the freshmen girls and boys were entertained separately. The girls descended the old cement steps to the recreation hall. Soon lights and laughter cheered undecorated walls and lonely hearts. Members of the faculty and senior girls took part in the entertainment. The rustic fire-place cooked hot-dogs for another group of new-found friends. Miss Lenior Masteller welcomed the freshmen. Miss Leona Stock made the response. The evening was ended for the girls.

At the same time the boys were on the camp ground playing games, eating hot-dogs, noisily threatening the "soph". It was here a certain tall, thin gentleman elected himself president of the "frosh". Paul Wolfgruber, president of the student-body, spoke briefly and introduced the other speakers which included Dr. Paine, Dean Stanley Wright and Rev. E. W. Black, college pastor. As the camp-fire dwindled, the boys, warmed by the spirit of Houghton, wended their leisurely way home.

## Jobs...

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Edward Willett is working for the Deitrich Dairy Supply Company.

Ardith Brandes is teaching French and Latin at Alexander, N. Y.

Beverly Carlson is working in the English department and also doing library work at Sardinia high school.

Ethel Cox is teaching at Randolph Central school.

Zilpha Gates is in the language department of Walworth high school.

Hilda Giles is teaching at Angelica. Marion Jones is teaching French at Fillmore Central school.

Mable Montgomery teaches math and science at Marcellus, N. Y.

Lillian Paine, Kathryn Anderson, and Marjorie Updyke are attending Genesee Normal school.

Lois Roughan is instructor of English at Rushford Central school.

Dorothy Smith is attending Cornell university.

Velma Stroud is teaching at Pike.

Doris Taylor is teaching at Freeman Palmer school at Windsor, N.Y.

## BLEACHER



If there is one solution a person could propose to settle the present ills of the world, it would probably be to send the dictators and their armies to a baseball or football training camp to learn something about the American way of life. The probability of performing such a feat dwindled long ago, yet we cannot forget those youths who are playing on the "varsity" in Europe. No baseballs — bombs instead; not a catcher's mask — a gas hood; no bats — bayonets. Sure it's unfortunate — so what? Well, suppose the next time we have a game of touch tackle with the boys, or cut class to play pitch and catch — suppose we have a little deeper sense of appreciation for freedom!

Senior sportsters have already become conspicuous by their absence. Nevertheless freshmen fellows are rapidly filling old shoes. Frankie Houser is Vic Murphy's perfect double; "String" Miller is subbing for "Hi" Tuthill and Gordon Stone is to wear Horace Briggs' old sweatshirt. Latest reports have it that the class of '43 contains a 4:19 miler, one former American Association infielder and an all state halfback. Exaggerated? — We don't know — but it's something to look forward to anyway. In the meantime, frosh, step up and met Harold M. McNeese, head instructor in athletics. Coach is a graduate of Ithaca college, has taught at Rushford several annums and this marks his third year on the Houghton campus. His motto — a good one to adopt — athletics for everyone; everyone for athletics.

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of "Casey" Kahler's sensational driving catch in center field.

A new drinking fountain for sweltering tennis addicts. Ed Hall's crew has moved the gym six feet toward the music building to allow more space between sidewalk and the building.

## Pundits...

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take an offering to church tonight. It makes a good impression on the girl friend and the professors."

Said a junior, "Yes, after going to a few church services last year that sophomore had to send home his coat to get some buttons sewed on it."

## Pigskin Sport Is Resumed in Current Season

Football in Houghton! That was the news which greeted the student body upon their return to the campus. The statement is absolutely authentic, for the initial touch tackle contest will be waged between a speedy junior team and the mighty sophomores this afternoon at 3:30 on the college athletic field. Following the opening game, a freshman team, the "dark horses" in the race, will tackle Park Tucker's seniors, Friday afternoon at the same time. Large crowds are expected to attend both games.

Credit for bringing back the fall sport after an absence of the Houghton pigskin for three years may be extended to Coach Harold McNeese and the college board. Mr. McNeese brought the subject in question before the board which by a majority vote ruled that touch football would officially take the place of speedball in Houghton. Since the announcement, teams representing all of the college classes have held diligent practice sessions, all eager to pull down prize honors in the new sport. The general opinion seems to be that the game will draw larger crowds and stimulate greater sport interest than did speedball.

This afternoon's contest pits a speedy junior outfit against a mighty soph squad. The sophomores with a heavy line, averaging approximately 175 lbs. per man, and a light but speedy backfield should have an even chance to win. Headed by lineman Paul Krentel and quarterback Norm Marshall, both of whom possess high school experience, the second year men are out to win. The probable linemen will be Krentel at the center with Armstrong and Will at the guard posts and Gabrielson and Eyer out to haul down passes. Behind the heavy front wall will be Ralph Black, "Bug" Paine, Norm Marshall and Bob Foster, a quartet of speed merchants.

## PRAYER MEETING

The first student's prayer meeting of the year was held on Tuesday evening, September 19, with Norman Mead in charge. After a short song service and Scripture lesson the rest of the service was given over to prayer and testimony. The chapel was completely filled for the service.

In illustrating a point in a discussion on the psychological significance of phobias, Dr. Rosenberger said, "Some people have a phobia of water, caused, no doubt, by some unhappy childhood experience."

Mr. Fuller, coming out of a reverie, inquired, "Is that what you call 'hydrophobia'?"

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