

The Houghton Star

The fruit of the righteous
is a tree of life; and he that
winneeth souls is wise.
Proverbs 11:30

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Tozer Addresses Baccalaureate Service

Dr. A. W. Tozer, Editor of the *Alliance Weekly*, addressed an outside audience of 1200 at the Annual Baccalaureate Service, Sunday, June 1 on "The Crisis of Encounter."

In reviewing the life of Moses, he noted that although Moses had been trained in Pharaoh's court and had gone to the even more important "school of the silences" amid the sand, the stars and the sheep, he was still not ready for his God ordained responsibilities. Even though he was well prepared according to the criteria of men, "God wanted to give the man Moses an overwhelming sense of sacredness." This came through the revelation of God in the burning bush.

Moses progressed from knowledge by experience. He became consciously aware of God through a bush set ablaze. In describing the glory manifested by that scrub thorn as a derived glory, Dr. Tozer pointed out to the graduating class, "All the valid glory you'll ever have is a derived glory." Yet because of God meeting men the insignificant begin to signify.

Counting his comparison between the burning bush and men indwelt by God, noted the purging, protecting and beautifying qualities of the Heaven-sent fire.

Dr. Tozer concluded his address by pleading for the return of the attractiveness of beauty to Christianity. "There is tragedy in unbecoming fundamentalism with a strong utilitarian Christ with no beauty," he said, "when God has given the distilled essence of all the beauty in the universe and called His name Jesus."

Music for the service was provided by the A Cappella Choir under the direction of Professor Charles Finney. They sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Blessed are the Peacemakers," "Rejoice in the Lord Always," "Behold, Bless Ye the Lord," and "Search Me, O God."

Participating ministers were the Reverend Ernest Crocker, the Reverend C. Lawrence Hill, the Reverend Edward Angell, and the Reverend Dwight Ferguson.

Lawrence Wins

Honorable Mention Pool, Kinlaw Fly To Puerto Rico

Paul Lawrence with his essay "Chains of Freedom" has won honorable mention in the Landis Speech Contest sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

After competing for the Grand Diamond Award last August, in Boston before the National Convention of the W.C.T.U., Mr. Lawrence decided that he would like to write his own speech to be used in further competition. "Chains of Freedom" was the result.

Mr. Lawrence has been competing in W.C.T.U. contests for some thirteen years and has won successively the Bronze Medal in the Junior Division, and the Silver, Gold, Pearl, and Diamond medals in the Senior Division. The Grand Diamond medal is the highest award, and cannot be competed for until all other medals have been won.

Mr. Lawrence will compete again for this award in St. Louis at the forthcoming convention this summer.



Dr. Tozer

Senior Class Presents Gift

The class gift of the class of '52 was presented to the school at the class night exercises by Charles Hunsberger, president of the class. The gift consisted of new curtains for the chapel platform. The curtains are of purple velvet with the seal of the college embroidered in gold in the center. Below the seal is the legend "Class of 1952". The gift was selected and purchased for the class by committee Art Rupprecht chairman, Jean Wisse, Frank Horst, Dodie Myer, and Orman Spivey. Dr. Willard Smith was also instrumental in procuring the gift. For a time it was thought that the gift would not arrive in time for the presentation but the night before class day a phone call was received informing the committee that a package was in Angelica addressed to them. J. Leo Powell was pressed into service and so the class gift of the class of '52 came to Houghton via the school truck.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DAY

The Class Day Exercises of the Houghton Preparatory class of 1952 featured a practical and challenging address by Honorable Ward M. Hopkins, Allegany County circuit court judge. The exercises took place in the college chapel on Saturday morning, May 31. Judge Hopkins, who was born in Centerville and has been a lifelong friend of Houghton College, himself an honorary alumnus by virtue of the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, cast his remarks under the title, "If you would build." Music was furnished by members of the class and included a trombone solo by William Green, a piano solo by Sally Shea, and a vocal duet by Jacqueline Parker and Marjorie Paine. Barbara Jicha, the Senior Class President, handed the traditional spade to Jack Pirloglu of the Junior Class, accompanying the presentation with words of admonition to the underclassmen. The salutatory address was given by Jacqueline Parker and the valedictory by Marjorie Paine. Mrs. Philip Mack played the processional and recessional marches. An interesting juncture in the program occurred when Senior class member David Finney presented a gift to Mrs. Fancher, the class advisor.

Classes of '47 & '48 Hold Reunion

The combined classes of 1947 and 1948 held a reunion at a separate luncheon in the Pantry during Commencement Week. It was announced by president Henry Brandt that as a result of a business meeting it had been decided to combine the officers of the two classes, each class, however, retaining their treasurer, George Wells, treasurer for the class of '47 and Viola Donnelson, treasurer of the class of '48.

Among the many persons at the reunion were Bob and Marion Oehrig. Dr. Bob Oehrig had just returned to the United States from Korea where he has been ministering to the medical needs of our boys there.

Since the alumni officers of these classes are located permanently at Houghton, it is planned that this class will plan regular get-togethers at Homecoming and Commencement time. Of course, any member of the class is welcome to drop back to Houghton at any time and will find friends and a welcome with the members of the class who reside in Houghton.

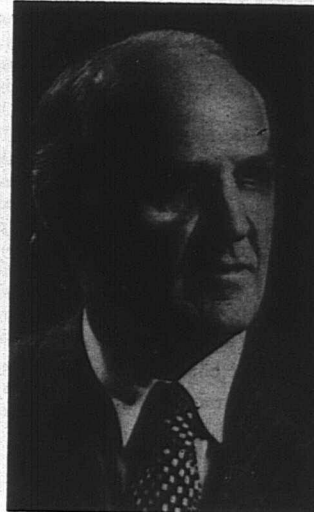
Doctors Feted at Alumni Ban.

Featuring all doctors and dentists who are Houghton alumni as honored members, and using as a program a "clinical procedure" the annual Alumni Banquet was held Saturday evening, May 31st, in the Bedford Gymnasium.

After a meal of swiss steak and glazed potatoes with plenty of brown gravy, relishes, and salad, and coming to a fitting climax with cake and ice cream, Doctor Roscoe Fancher ('35) received from Dr. Arthur Lynip, the Senior Class of 1952, and

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Lee Given Degree at Commencement



Dr. Lee

Recognition Given Faculty

At the Commencement exercises at Houghton College June 2, special recognition was given to ten members of the college faculty and staff, each of whom had given over twenty five years of service to the college.

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, in presenting award certificates and engraved Elgin watches, read a citation of service from the Board of Trustees. Those receiving the honors with years of service indicated were: Miss Dorah Burnell, Associate Professor of Chemistry, 26 years; Miss Rachel Davison, Registrar, 27 years; Miss Bessie M. Fancher, Instructor in Education; Mr. H. Leroy Fancher, Professor of German, 40 years; Dr. Frieda A. Gillette, Professor of History, 29 years; Dr. Josephine Rickard, Professor of English, 26 years; Dr. Claude A. Ries, Professor of Greek and Biblical Literature, 28 years; Dr. Cystal L. Rork, Professor of Botany, 29 years; Dr. Pierce E. Woolsey, Professor of French, 29 years; and Miss Mildred B. Gillette, Manager of College Dining Hall, 29 years.

A total of 122 college students and eight preparatory students were graduated in outdoor Commencement exercises. Also recognized were 29 who will complete the work for their degrees in August. Two were graduated with the highest academic honors, summa cum laude—James Wagner of Auburn, who also earned honors in Greek, and Richard Price of Bear Lake, Pa.

welcomed them into the Alumni Association. Charles Hunsberger, Senior Class President responded capably to Dr. Lynip's remarks and spoke for the Seniors, noting the privilege they had earned by graduating from Houghton.

After this Dr. Hollis Stevenson '29 sang "The Blind Plowman." His selection was followed by the "Case History" which consisted of a word from each doctor present and was concluded by Dr. Kent Williams '27 who was a member of the honored class observing its twenty-fifth anniversary.

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Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and former President of the Southern Baptist Convention, who gave the Commencement address, stated that recognition of God and personal faith in Christ is the point of difference between success and defeat. It is not in art or science or philosophy, he emphasized, but only in love and faith that life is redeemed. "Only God in Christ can life life to levels of vision, sacrifice, and reward," he affirmed.

Following his address, Dr. Lee was presented for the degree of Litt.D. by Dean of the college, Dr. Arthur W. Lynip. Also receiving the same degree were Theodore C. Mercer, Vice-president of the Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., and Robert Finley, Youth for Christ evangelist and missionary to the orient for the past three years. Dr. A. W. Tozer, who preached the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning to an outside audience of 1200 on the theme, "The Crisis of Encounter," was honored with the degree of L.L.D.

Other activities of the commencement season at Houghton College included the dedication of the Alumni athletic field on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Roscoe Fancher, principal of the Pavilion Central School presented a bronze plaque to Dr. Stephen W. Paine, college president.

Paul Clingen Wins Award

Bob Bitner, Houghton '50, reports from Dallas Theological Seminary that Paul B. Clingen, received the top seminary award this year for doing the most outstanding work in the Department of Semitics and Old Testament. The official citation reads "THE JENNIE SOLOMON AWARD IN OLD TESTAMENT." The annual award of \$25.00 is granted by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Feinberg in loving memory of Mrs. Jennie Solomon, beloved wife of Rev. John Solomon under whose ministry Dr. Feinberg came to the knowledge of Christ as Saviour, to Paul B. Clingen, the student in the seminary who has done the best work for the year in the Department of Semitics and Old Testament.

Paul, whose home is in Oyster Bay, L. I., N. Y. is majoring in this department of the seminary. It is also rather unusual that this prize was won by a second year man as such is not usually the case.

Dr. Stevenson sang "There is a Balm in Gilead" after which Dr. Henry Brandt '47, Dean of Men, spoke on "The Touch of the Great Physician" emphasizing the unseen power in Christ. Dr. Brandt emphasized the things he had seen here in this years revival stressing also lessons he has learned in his capacity as Dean of Men.

Dr. Stephen W. Paine then gave a "Diagnosis" mentioning highlighted experiences and welcoming the alumni and seniors. A special recognition was given to the Class of '27 for their twenty-fifth reunion.

From the Editor's Desk PAST and PRESENT

Thomas Harris

As the cars are slowly filing from the campus and the seniors take their last look at the beloved landmarks that have become engraved in their memories, one can not help but feel the varied emotions and experiences that have been evident in each life that has contributed to the 1951-1952 school year. For many the year has been a decisive one, for others one of confirming, while for others the events of a Christ-centered college have meant a complete change in life, regeneration and dedication.

However, sentimental and reflective the thoughts of those that remain behind may be, there is still that spirit of determination evident in the lives of those who have left that lend an air of confidence to the halls and campus of Houghton College. Fifty-two classes have come and gone since the dawn of the century and yet those that make up the modern faculty, administration, and student body have the same, if not a more intensive determination to advance the cause of Jesus Christ and His Gospel through Christian education.

Looking back over the year one can not help but notice the presence of a Divine hand in the proceedings of the college. In sports, clubs, classes, music, entertainment, and life in general there was a spirit of unity that overpowered the insignificant differences often evident in a college family such as this. The laurels of the year, and the memories of the class of 1952 will not fade out as other things often do, but rather, they will propose a challenge to every student that enters these venerable halls: not a challenge of defiance, but one of duty, to carry on the sacred traditions that he made this institution what it is today: a stronghold of fundamental Christianity, and a lighthouse to the world.

The *Star* of 1952-1953 will seek to further the work of Houghton college in its publications and in its personnel. Our aim is to unite the varied phases of life and proceedings into a record that will portray accurately and proudly the student and organizational life of the campus and the alumni. As you read the printed columns of this commencement edition we trust that you, the life blood of the *Star*, will be mindful of the fact that our work does not involve covering a metropolis, but a Christian college; our job is to please and to present an accurate portrayal of campus life, and we depend entirely upon you, whether you be student, alumnus, or friend. We must continue the work that the class of 1952 has so ably done up to now, and with the continued help of our Almighty head, Jesus Christ, and the support of you, the reader, we will strive to do so throughout the coming school year.

— T. H.



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Administrative Aims

Last August, 1951, there was some discussion in Administrative Committee as to a set of goals for the school year 1951-52 which would prove to be challenging and yet possible of achievement. As a result a set of 9 goals were formulated covering most of the areas of activity in Houghton College. These have served as "something to shoot at" during the school year. To look back at them now gives the administration a sort of twinge on account of the many places where we have come short of our ideals, and yet with some of the objectives encouraging progress has been noted. At any rate it will do us good to pause a moment now that we have passed commencement time.

The goal for the new dormitory was "finish and furnish by next fall." Barring the miraculous, this goal will not be completely realized but by the Lord's help and by the faithful and efficient work of our craftsmen on the job it is hoped that the upper three floors will be ready for use when school opens or shortly thereafter.

There were three athletic goals, namely, (1) finish new athletic field (2) locate and construct one new tennis court (3) resurface present tennis court.

We may yet realize the ambition of having the athletic field completed before school starts. In spite of setbacks pretty fair progress has been made. It is estimated that we are about 80% finished with the job. New tennis court, we have none as yet. Strides have been made on resurfacing the present tennis courts and getting them properly drained and the back-stops in good shape. A faculty and student "bee" brought some headway toward this goal.

The library goal was "to achieve during the year a significant collection of historic items in the Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist movement." Our librarian, Miss Carrier, has tabulated a list of the Wesleyana which we have and we have been surprised to find that it is as complete as it is. Not yet have we come to the point of making a drive for important items not presently owned by the college, although some very fine items have been received this year.

The music goals were two as follows: (1) at least one significant new school song or musical composition during the year (2) learn at least ten hymns in chapel during the year. We did not achieve the goal of producing a new school song. We did present a list of ten hymns to the students and feel that eight of these were covered adequately and learned by a good proportion of the student body and faculty.

The beautifying goals were (1) get the campus into condition of good housekeeping (2) make some significant addition to the sidewalk system. Some improvement in our campus housekeeping was noted this year but we still feel somewhat short of a standard which could be called "good housekeeping." This was partly because of the materials connected with the building program and stored here and there on the campus for use when needed. With reference to our sidewalks, we can give credit to Business Manager Smith and his team for giving us a good asphalt walk between our classroom buildings and the library, a much frequented route.

Under missionary goals we took the objective of achieving the support of one additional missionary during the year. Dow Robinson and the F.M.F. members were able to announce at the close of the year that sufficient funds had come in to permit us to take on one additional missionary, for which we can thank the Lord greatly.

Our spiritual goal was stated thus: "Establish and maintain warm contact among ourselves and with the Lord." We can never say that we have achieved the ultimate in spiritual things but in view of the gracious revival and of the splendid attitude of cooperation which prevailed among students and faculty this year we feel that our progress on this goal was definitely encouraging.

The current fund goals were two, as follows: (1) show net gain in all the auxiliary enterprises except village properties (2) achieve salary increases for faculty and staff. Speaking of the latter first, we are thankful to say that the Lord helped us to promulgate a raise of \$100 for each member of the faculty and staff this year and still to come out in the black in our current fund report. This raise had been long overdue but because of extremely stringent conditions the last couple of years we have not been able to promote it.

Speaking concerning the auxiliary enterprises of the college, we realized that because of unusual expenses already experienced with reference to our rental properties we would not be able to show a gain in this division. We should have added to this two other enterprises, one of these being that known as "water works", because the expense of amortizing water bonds is such that not yet can the college realize a gain on the sale of water to itself and to the rest of the village. The other enterprise in which a loss was unavoidable was that of "school farm" were an adjustment in management policy means that a loss must be shown for at least two years.

Leaving out these three items our score at the end of the fiscal year stands at "3 to 3". In three of the enterprises the college did not quite clear itself. These three were the college bookstore, the pantry, and the Twin Spruce Inn. The three enterprises which made money for the college this year were college dining hall, residence rooms, and college print shop.

Under scholastic goals we projected "the undertaking of a distinctive Houghton plan of subject matter orientation." There have been several committee meetings during the year considering the possibility of orienting Houghton's scholastic program around the idea of "Christianity and freedom." There is a tremendous field of thought here in the possibility of making each of our subject matter fields point out the relationship between the historic Christian presuppositions and the Anglo-Saxon idea of individual liberty. Our committees have only begun to scratch the surface thus far and we cannot take credit for much accomplishment in this respect.

Well, there they are. Perhaps it was worthwhile at least to have some goals and to endeavor to make progress toward them and now to pause briefly to evaluate that progress. It makes us humble but helps us to realize to some extent the task remaining before us here at Houghton College.

— Stephen W. Paine

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Engagements

Powell-Elmer

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elmer of Vernon, N. Y., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Fern Elmer to J. Leo Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Powell, West Decatur, Pa. The wedding will take place next summer.

STAR GOALS

Alfred J. Tucker

As the new *Star* editor I am somewhat confused as to the reasons for the publishing of a Commencement Edition of the *Star* by the new editor and his staff, for any realistically minded person would, if he stopped to think, realize that the staff of a new *Star* is not driven by the same impetus to publish the Commencement Edition as the editor. Consequently the carefully assigned news articles are left to the imagination of the hapless editor, the feature writers have suddenly decided to feature nothing and the sports writers are busily engaged in sports at places far removed from Houghton.

As you may already have guessed, this edition of the *Star* is largely the work of a few people—who, having nothing else to do aside from Summer School and earning a living, have devoted their time to this paper.

In looking forward to the school paper for next year we are, as have Editors in the past, plagued by grand ideas and plans which these same past Editors tell us after their stint is over, are to be lost in the press of just getting out the paper. If I were to listen to those who have gone before me I would hesitate considerably before going out on a limb and listing some of the plans we have for the *Star* for 1952-'53.

We have felt that in the past few years the *Star* as an organization has not taken an active part in the positive emphasis of Houghton College and fostering an esprit de corps on the *Star* staff. The *Star* has been relegated to the status of just another organization, and those people who labor on the staff receive little of the prestige which is accorded staffers working on school papers for larger schools.

In brief, then, we have three general aims. (1) to aid in the positive emphasis of Houghton College. (2) to increase the prestige of the *Star* as a paper and organization, and (3) to establish more recognition for the members of the *Star* staff thus increasing the esprit de corps of the organization.

Let us briefly look at the three goals which we have set up. First the positive emphasis of Houghton College. I feel that there has been entirely too much of the negative approach to what Houghton has to offer. We have a great school, academically, and spiritually and it is time that this fact was brought to our attention and emphasized. If you will notice on the masthead of this issue of the *Star* the slogan, *All for Houghton, Houghton for All*, you may get an idea of what we mean. New Year's *Star* will be built around some such slogan emphasizing what we have here in Houghton, either uniquely, or comparatively with other schools. In this fashion we hope to aid in the formulation of a positive emphasis for Houghton.

In attempting to increase the prestige of the *Star* as a paper and organization we have several plans in mind. Already we have started activity through Jean Tutton and Liz Patzarin to make arrangements for the *Star* of '52-'53 to sponsor the Dean's Party, a Freshman Orientation Week feature.

Our third aim, to establish more recognition for the members of the *Star* staff will be met in several ways. It is our plan that every item in every *Star* will be credited to the individual writing the article. Lead news stories will carry by-lines, while the lesser news articles will end with the name of the reporter in italics. In this way all persons writing will have tangible evidence of their contribution. Other plans in this area include a *Star* staff picnic each semester and the *Star* participation in all school events. At the close of the school year some token, either a Letter or a Key will be presented to all staffers who qualify.

Well, there are our plans for next year, and only next year will show whether or not our goals have been reached. We look for your support for a good *Star* next year.

Angell's Angles

After nine months . . . my appreciation of Houghton has increased, and God's will for me has been verified. Actually, ever since hearing about Houghton I had a deep respect and admiration for her. In 1939 I toyed with the idea of attending college here, but God led otherwise. Going to Marion College and Capital University were experiences that I shall always appreciate and cherish. Teaching at Miltonvale College made a large contribution to my life. I little dreamed then that I would be here. God was good to me in opening this door.

The call came to me at a time of personal crisis. For nineteen months I had been pastoring a Methodist church while teaching at Miltonvale. The Lord did bless our efforts there. We had a revival, crowds were increasing, and it was a joy to preach to those people. There were no restrictions placed upon me whatsoever. I preached everything there that I have here. It occurred to me that I might always preach for the Methodists. For the first time, too, we began to anticipate the beginning of financial security. The future seemed alluring and optimistic. I had inherited an evangelical message. The Methodists presented a large field. Isn't it logical that an evangelical message should be operative in the largest field possible? And then . . . the call came from Houghton followed by the trial (?) sermon, followed by long weeks of painful waiting, though which time my feelings and desires alternated. I had four reasons for hoping a call would be extended, and five reasons for hoping it would not be. The Methodist people in general and the District Superintendent in particular enumerated several valid reasons for staying

THE REV. EDWARD ANGELL — and the one concerning the "long view" angle almost got me.

One day I said to my very good friend, Alva Adams, who was instrumental in getting me to Delphos, "It's been a long time now since I preached my sermon at Houghton. Evidently they have chosen someone else. We shall now make plans for the next several years."

That very night — or rather at one a. m. the next morning — a phone call came from Houghton extending the call. (I suppose the one who called had forgotten that it was two hours earlier in New York!) We could not doubt God's will in the matter, even though in my own mind all my battles concerning the idea were not over. Doubts began to be settled when the Lord manifested Himself in several incidental, yet fundamental, matters. Incidentally, I've been preaching on *Faith* all year for my own benefit as much as for any other reason.

The glorious fall revival, the joy of preaching to the students in chapel and the congregations in the church, the spiritual rather than the legalistic emphasis, the privileges of a college and church situation, the examples of New Testament living, the friendliness and frankness of the people, the broadmindedness concerning denominationalism, the outstanding Commencement week—all these have made me declare, "I am glad that God permitted me to come."

I cannot say that I feel adequate for the responsibilities that are mine. I can say that everyone here has made a great contribution to my spiritual life. After nine months now I know the "all things work together for good to them who love God." I covet an interest in your prayers.

Alumnus Views Houghton

BY MIKE SHELDON

"Isn't that a good view, Daddy" said LeVay as we rumbled past the Greenburg. Both Vay and Lyn climbed out of Grandma Fancher's coaster wagon and looked over the bank and toward the old Genesee River. Daddy's eyes, however, were looking in another direction—at a beautiful natural stone building that had taken root on our old ball field and was now rapidly reaching completion. Probably due to the fact that we had just visited the cemetery a few moments previous, my son's words came to me from his name sake, Dr. W. LaVay Fancher. For grandfather Fancher's eyes followed mine to the new dorm, the new Art Building and radio studio, the Luckey Memorial, the new athletic field, and other campus improvements. I could hear him saying, "Isn't that a good view!" He would appreciate, too, all the new equipment and facilities which have been added to make possible a better and more complete education for those who matriculate. Of course, he would have been thrilled with the Spirit of Christlikeness that prevails "on campus" and that primary emphasis which is given to the nurture of the Souls as well as to the minds and bodies of the students.

As this alumnus looked at Hough-

ton, so conscious of the present interest of such men as Vay's grandfather, Dr. Douglas, Dr. Luckey, W. Houghton and others too numerous to mention, I was overwhelmingly appreciative of another great factor, particularly peculiar to Houghton College. I was "throat-lumpingly" proud of the faculty. How shall I express my thoughts without being accused of "polishing the apple"? Surely these who have gone before, giving their lives for the sake of Christ, through investing their lives in the progress and development of a truly Christocentric College of high academic standards, would join with me in commending the present Faculty and Administration for a labor of love that is being carried on in the spirit of the founders. Houghton College has a staff for whom no better nor more fitting could be expressed than that they have "denied themselves, they have taken up their cross and followed Him."

Without being tedious or trite, can we as alumni do less than they?

And so it was Memorial Day 1952. We remembered and were blessed. We remembered and our hearts sang a doxology for Houghton, "Now and Here." As Prof. Stanley Wright would have said, "It was good to shake hands with so many old faces."

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It is suggested that summer school students clip out the schedule and keep it for handy reference throughout the summer sessions.

- June 4 — God of Creation
- June 11 — Bird Migration
The River
- June 18 — God of the Atom
- June 25 — Summer Storm
Green Harvest
Canyon Country
- July 2 — The American Cowboy
- July 9 — Voice of the Deep
- July 16 — Magazine Magic
Realms of the Wild
- July 23 — Dust or Destiny
- July 30 — Play Ball with the Yankees
Song of the Pioneers
- Aug. 6 — To Every Creature
- Aug. 13 — Thruway to Tomorrow
Channel Bas and Strippers
- Aug. 20 — Southern Highlanders
Yellowstone

The Christian's Faith and Life

People today doubt the power of Christ. It is only natural for people who have never heard of Christ to doubt His power upon their first encounter with it, but it is the people who have seen the most of His power that are peddlers of a greater share of doubt. It was Thomas who had known and served our Lord that doubted His resurrection; it was Peter whom He had urged pray with Him in the garden that denied Him; it was Judas with whom He had dipped the sop at the last supper that placed upon His brow the fatal kiss of betrayal.

It has always been the people that have seemed to know Him best that have doubted Him the most. The reason is not always evident, yet again it appears to come to us with distinguished clarity. Christians seldom actually know Christ. We know a part of Christ. Oh, yes, we say the disciples knew Christ well, but still we see they doubted and denied and betrayed Him. But before His crucifixion they had known Christ as a Master, not as a King; as One who had served them, not as one to whom they paid tribute; as One who prayed and healed and lived, not as One who suffered and bled and died. They had known Christ as a helper of the helpless, not a hopeless hom-

icide victim.

Thus it was that in Christianity's greatest period of transition that doubt was prevalent in many minds. This at first appears strange to us, but upon a second thought we realize that it is the transitory periods in our own lives that most effectively test our mettle.

It is the times of indecision (or maybe more appropriately the times of decision) that try our faith in Jesus Christ. It is during the days that we are walking streets and knocking on doors and looking for employment to ensure us enough money for another year's educational advantages that we are often prone to lean to our own understanding. It is throughout the weeks that we are waiting for a contract from the school board, a letter of acceptance into grad school, or a response from our mission board that we should be the most effective witnesses for our Christ. It is too often in these times of uncertainty that instead of becoming like a well watered garden bearing the fruits of the Spirit that we prove ourselves distrustful of the One in whom we profess to hold our faith.

Most things have foundations. Doubt is no exception. Prayerlessness, compromise, and lack of love may help construct a superstructure of doubt. Yet again it may seem that these elements make up the superstructure and doubt seems to be the faulty foundation. Regardless of its place in our lives doubt is usually readily expelled by sense experience. Seeing is believing, feeling is fact, hearing it for yourself is proof positive. It is only faith that is fiction.

But cannot faith also have foundations? If prayerlessness is an earmark of doubt, then time spent in prayer should automatically counteract any fear that might arise. If compromise is an attribute of the doubter, then consistency must be included in the life of faith. When the failure to love is replaced by devoted affection doubt has been slain.

In a search for ways in which we can best dispell doubt from our own lives and from the lives of those who distrust the power of Christ I believe that we overlook one of the primary methods of contact. Daily service to others pays great dividends for the Christian who is interested in winning others to his Lord and in keeping his testimony clear. Christ was not doubted by the lad who gave Him the five loaves and two fishes, nor was He doubted by the multitude—He had fed them. The disciples did not doubt their Master's divinity when He washed their feet—He was serving them. The lame man did not doubt Christ—he could walk. But when Christ died on Calvary as an atonement for sin His disciples' faith was shattered. When the veil was rent from top to bottom they took little notice. When He was buried, they were hopeless; when He rose from the dead, they were dubious; when He talked with them, they were astonished; when He appeared before them, they were frightened.

People today are frightened and dubious and take little notice when they hear Christians speak. When they see individuals who are willing to serve them and to offer them the right hand of fellowship when they are friendless, soon a difference is recognized and there is an opportunity to point them to our Saviour. If we fail to serve people we fail to dispel darkness and doubt. It is the lofty theological concepts of young collegians that they mistrust. It is the power of prayer that we must prove. The acts of service which we do will be understood, rarely doubter. Is it wrong that people should see a living Christ through a living Christian?

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Sports Recap '51-'52 With Due Decorum

The athletic program of Houghton College got off to a bang-up start this year with the sophomores trimming the frosh 65-55 in the freshman week contests. The highlight of the activities, however was the frosh victory over the sophs in the tug of war resulting in the traditional penalty of getting soaked with water for the "lordly" sophomores. The Houghton fire department provided the dunking with their fire truck since there wasn't time to travel up to the college pond for the ceremony.

Five girls took part in the woman's tennis tournament this year and after a tough battle Betty Bjorkgren took the championship. Bob Young triumphed as the men's singles champ over a tournament field of twelve, in the same sport.

The football field in front of Luckey Memorial was the scene of many deeds of valor as the Purple Pharoahs emerged triumphant with their first football championship in four years. Capitalizing on the running and passing ability of their star fullback Wilber Zike, Purple took the first game 15-0 never allowing Gold to get any closer than the eight yard line.

In the second game of the series Gold struck paydirt first by scoring a safety but Purple was not to be denied. Billy Fountain intercepted one of Gold's late in the first quarter and sprinted into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game. Another interception by Fountain set up the second Purple touch down with about a minute to go in the first quarter. Big John Venlet kicked the extra point after both Purple scores. The last three quarters saw a stubborn battle carried on between the twenty yard lines with neither team scoring. Thus did Purple take their second straight game 14-2.

The last game of the color series was played on homecoming day and saw Purple again led by Zike score 27 points before a clicking Gold team with less than two minutes to play, scored their first touchdown of the season. Bob Snowberger, Gold's right halfback turned in more fancy running in two minutes than most of the rest of the team had in two games as he dodged and cut his way to two touch downs in less than seventy seconds. Bernie McClure made one extra point kick but the second was blocked. So ended another Purple-Gold football series.

The freshman - varsity game was run off, with almost a ridiculous air, in six inches of snow. The varsity coolly made off with the game 39-0.

This brings us to class basketball season. The seniors, after losing their first two games of the season,

came roaring back to defeat the juniors in a post season play off and cop the championship for the third straight year. The real surprise of the basketball season however was the amazing performance turned in by the Gold Gladiators in taking two games out of three to win their first basketball championship in more than five years.

The varsity team picked by coach Wells won both of its games this year, defeating the "All-Stars" 42-37 and the "Alumni" 68-55 thus winding up the basketball season.

The seniors as usual won the volleyball championship, perhaps the first team to win a championship without playing a single game. It seems that nobody wanted to play against them so the seniors won three out of three by forfeit.

In the natatorium the Purple Pharoahs did very well as they defeated their waterlogged opponents 38-32. Ron Ulrich was the star of the pool as he reeled in more than a quarter of Purple's points by breaking the pool record in the 45 yd. freestyle and tying the record for the 90 yd. freestyle.

The juniors finally came through and trounced the seniors in something. The class of '53 won the class track and field meet by scoring an aggregation of 58 points. The sophs were second with 57 — even the lowly frosh managed to beat the seniors as they scored 50. Unfortunately the scorers didn't take time to record the infinitesimally small score attained by the seniors but I know that it was at least 15 points because Bob Barnett of the class of '52 was high scorer for the day with that number.

Purple avenged their defeat in basketball trouncing Gold in Track. The final score was an astronomical 123 to 64 as Barnett of Purple again paced both teams by taking firsts in all middle distance events for 15 points.

The baseball diamond was the scene of further humbling of the once vaunted Gold team. Purple behind Bob Baird's really slick pitching took four straight. The real pay off of the season was the Varsity-All-Star game which saw Rev. Angel, the college pastor pitching for the "All-Stars" strike out twelve Varsity batters to win 8-4.

So ended the sports scene for another year.

Friday evening, May 30 at eight o'clock, the Senior class of 1952 marched into the Houghton College Chapel for the last time. True to their word that they would march into the chapel "with due decorum at least once" all frosh beensies, feathers, banners and skip day "hats" were appropriately missing as Robert Merz began playing the processional.

After the invocation by Dr. A. W. Lynip, Dean of the College, Richard W. Price delivered his thought provoking salutatory emphasizing the benefits of a Christian education over an education which one would receive in any number of secular and many so-called "religious" colleges. Mr. Price pointed out what it meant to him to have the influence of Godly professors in the classroom teaching secular subjects with a Christian interpretation backed by positive knowledge of their subject. Coming from a science student, Mr. Price's salutatory carried the weight of a "thank you" to his alma mater and was an appreciative recognition of Houghton and similar institutions which rank high in scholastic standing, yet stand firm on God's Word.

After Mr. Price's oration the Seniors stood and sang their class song, "Living for Jesus". At this juncture Senior President Charles Hunsberger requested Dr. Paine's presence on the platform to receive the class gift, a new curtain for the chapel, which the Seniors had hung previous to the evening program.

Following the presentation of the class gift John Atwood favored those present with a vocal solo, Mendelssohn's "If With All Your Hearts." Charles Stuart then gave the annual "Mantle Oration". In a very impressive manner Mr. Stuart recalled a few of the things that college seniors remember about their alma mater as they are about to desert its halls, and asked the respondent, Forrest Crocker, to accept the challenge which the Seniors presented to the Juniors in good faith and with courage to attack the problems that will be theirs as the Seniors of 1953. Mr. Crocker effectively received the challenge, pointing out the fact that in the truest sense the Class of 1952 had been a class integrating unusual cooperation and leadership with devotion to the cause of Christ and to its alma mater. For this reason, Mr. Crocker said, the Juniors would have a heavy obligation, but he was sure that although they would miss the scholastic giants, the campus leaders, and the devoted members of the Class of 1952, that the Juniors would carry on successfully where their elder brothers had

left off.

Following Mr. Crocker's response Miss Jeanette Bresee sang a solo "Art Thou Troubled" by Handel. Stephen Castor, the elected class orator then gave the class oration. Combining rare insight and shrewd humor Mr. Castor presented in a tactful and interesting manner the duties that would be expected of the members of the graduating class as they tried to enlighten others in the fields of education, research and religion. Mr. Castor emphasized the fact that more blame than glory accompanies the one who lives by his conscience and tries to be an influence for moral and spiritual good and social improvement.

At this time Richard Elmer rendered de Koven's vocal interpretation of Rudyard Kipling's "Recessional". Following Mr. Elmer's solo James Wagner presented the Valedictory address. Listening to this address one could not help but appreciate the powerful vocabulary and fluent language employed by Mr. Wagner as he made the Seniors realize a portion of their duty to the world in which we live and challenged them to make use of the education, prestige, and culture which they had received through attending college.

After Mr. Wagner's oration the graduating class and the audience stood to sing the Alma Mater. Dr. Bert Hall, Senior class advisor, offered the benediction bringing to a close the annual Senior Class Night activities.

Barker's Store Burns Damage at \$25,000

Wind driven burning trash was the cause of a fire which caused approximately \$25,000 damage in destroying the warehouse of Barker's General Store and caused extensive damage by smoke and water to the store and living quarters up stairs.

With the cooperation of the Fillmore, Caneadea, Rushford, Belfast, and Houghton Fire Departments, the blaze was held to the warehouse with but little fire damage done to the store proper.

Fortunately no one was living in the upstairs apartment at the time of the fire. The Barkers had moved the day previously to Verville where they will live until they move into their new home and the new tenants had not yet finished moving in, being in the process at the time of the blaze.

Although the store is at present closed for business, it is expected that Mr. Barker will reopen as soon as the necessary repairs and restocking can be accomplished.

Theologs Have Class Night

The first of the Senior Class' farewell activities got underway Thursday evening, May 29th when the Houghton College Division of Theology and Christian Education presented the Annual Theological Class Night in the College Church.

From the Invocation by Dr. C. A. Ries to the closing prayer by the Reverend E. D. Angell, pastor of the college church, the emphasis was put on what God has done and what God can do with Christians interested in full time service. Typified by the choice of "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" for the theme song of the evening, the program moved in inspiring fashion from one event to another.

The challenge, "God's Hand in the Past Year" was presented by Ivan Greenfield, a member of the graduating class and pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Haskinsville, New York. Mr. Greenfield's address dealt with the many events of history and church history which have evidenced themselves in the past year, and made more important and more possible the church's mission to the world. Mr. Greenfield believes that the past year has been for the Christian, one of outstanding opportunity and thus urged us to move out as college graduates and take full advantage of the challenge God has allowed.

A vocal trio composed of David Hill, Richard Elmer, and June Gilliland accompanied by Eugene Boorum sang "Oh Master Let Me Walk with Thee." Carroll Nichols read the scripture lesson found in Jeremiah 18:1-11. Dale Gauder, assistant pastor at the Fillmore Wesleyan Methodist Church for the past year, and full time pastor for the coming year offered the evening prayer.

Mrs. Ruth Fink Decker then continued the thought of the evening with her challenge entitled "Christian Opportunities for 1952" in a comprehensive and unduplicating message pointing out the opportunities that Christian young people have today for service both here and abroad. At the close of Mrs. Decker's challenge, the trio rendered another number "Give of Your Best to the Master."

Just before Dane Turner, pastor of a church in Wyoming, New York and a member of the January graduating class delivered the class sermon the congregation stood to sing the class song, "Living for Jesus."

Mr. Turner's sermon, "The Potter's Wheel" was an inspiring interpretation of the remaking of a marred vessel by the Master Potter. He left each one present conscious that one failure was no reason for inactivity in the Christian life and made us aware of the potency of our Creator, and a practicality of letting Him remake us into vessels fit for His use.

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