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Your "BOULDER"

Have You Bought it?

Houghton Shows Signs Of Growth

Houghton is fast becoming a city—perhaps not, but at least, a growing town. Professor Woolsey's new home, to be built by Mr. Ware, will soon be in the process of erection. We hear a splendid report of what this house may be and we are glad to see the new members of our faculty making permanent plans. A new garage is to be built in the village, there is rumor of several other new houses, but we must look to the future as to whether this will be so or not.

Houghton Musicians to Travel

The Houghton College Orchestra and Glee Club will tour the nearby towns and villages. Thus far only one date has been definitely set. The boys are to go to Rushford on Wednesday evening April 23. Arrangements are also being made for engagements in Cuba and Fillmore.

The friends of these two organizations are confident that they will meet with great success and bring renown not only to themselves but also to the college they represent.

If these predictions prove true, no small amount of credit for the achievement will be due Prof. Hazlett, who is the leader of the orchestra and Miss Hildreth who has been so faithfully drilling the Glee Club.

Track and Field Teams Organized

Purple May Win, But by Smaller Margin than Last Year

The Purple Gold track and field teams are organizing this week in preparation for the coming meet which is to held about the middle of May. Practice is handicapped somewhat by the lack of good track facilities but plans for a new one-sixth mile cinder track are well under way.

This year the captains are endeavor-

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Faculty To Return---

NEW MEMBERS ADDED

For the first time in years, every member of the respective faculties of Houghton College and Houghton Seminary is expected to return for the year 1924-25. The Theological Department will be considerably strengthened by the addition of Miss Hampe and Professor C. A. Ries to its teaching force. Professor Ries, who is an old student is taking his Master's degree at Syracuse University this year. He will be Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Literature. While he is primarily an addition to the Theological Department, we are glad to state that all his courses will give college credit. We are anticipating a course in Senior Bible. We hope also to have another member on the College faculty occupying the chair of Chemistry.

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MONDAY, APRIL 28

G. A. A. Leaps Into Publicity

Membership Soars

At last we are glad to report some signs of activity in the Girls' Athletic Association. What has heretofore been considered a lack of "pep" now appears to be merely a timid fear of being aggressive. But vanish vain fear! Henceforth it is to be an organization full of vim—ready and willing to do its share in bringing Houghton athletics to the realization of her ideal. To return to stern realities, Monday afternoon some few representatives of the G. A. A. met and elected a committee to canvass all the girls of the student body. Athletic posters were designed and placed in conspicuous places in the College and High School buildings. The members of the committee are resolutely button-holing and interviewing each girl and asking her,

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Don't Wait Until Tomorrow

Who Promised You Tomorrow?

Join your Athletic Association

TODAY

Sophomores Breakfast in Wilds

On Tuesday morning the girls of the high school Sophomore class rose at four-thirty full of vigor and vitality to take a hike into the woods. They were delighted to have Miss Louis, commonly known as "Vi", accompanied them. However, they regretted the fact that the boys were unable to be present. Two roaring campfires were built at a spring of crystal water, where they served themselves with hot dogs, rolls, and coffee. Returning home refreshed and satisfied they gave several snappy yells near the girls' dormitory, and departed to their respective places of abode.

New Press Installed

The Houghton College Press is enlarging its equipment by the addition of a new Two-Revolution Lee Press. The press has arrived but has not yet been assembled. The company will send a party here to look after this work, doubtless within a couple of weeks.

This press fills a long-felt need in the printing office. Heretofore the office has been handicapped because it was unable to print anything larger than a 12x18 sheet. Due to this fact the STAR has been restricted to its present size. However, next year we hope to increase the proportions of the STAR because of this additional equipment.

Mrs. N. J. Peck returned home from her trip to the Southland, Wednesday evening.

Don't Forget to Hear

PRIVATE PEAT

TO-NIGHT

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Weekly Food for Thought

If you love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14: 15-17.

Editorial

Get along there! Save a moment here two there and a half an hour this afternoon. Yes, we saved it, we sold our Ford and bought a Marmon but now that we have got it; what are we going to do with it? In the end it won't bring us much pleasure or advance us very far on the road to eternity.

The life of the average student is about the same as the average American and both are only a reflection of a spirit of the age. We arise from our bed at six-thirty we eat a hasty breakfast and hurriedly make ready for recitations at eight-thirty, as we perhaps may have a lesson to cram into our heads before that time. Eight-thirty, there are two recitations and and one study period before chapel. In that

hour we cram a lesson or two, a letter to some one, and some school work not classed as study. Chapel, (it is Wednesday) several meetings are called before dinner. Hurry, hurry, hurry, we must be on time for our mid-day meal. We bolt our nourishment in a few short minutes. There is that other meeting at twelve forty-five, as well as a date to make, and a lesson to prepare before one-thirty. Two recitation periods this afternoon and only one lesson prepared. The other must be bluffed. At last it is three-thirty; there are two more lessons to prepare, our regular exercise to take beside talking a little with the only girl and several other incidentals. Half-past five, we must hurry with our supper, as we must make ourselves presentable for the prayer-meeting, or the lecture, or the society, which is to take place at seven-thirty. Here it is eleven o'clock; there are innumerable things which we intended to do today but did not. O well, they will have to wait until tomorrow.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Yes, it WILL get us in the end.

Hurry up there! Make it snappy! Get the old pep! Snap out of it! Hurry! Rush! Let'er go! Whoopee! These are the words which express the common every day existence of the American people today.

Speed! Speed! Speed! We are mad for it, and it will ruin us yet. It is like the lust for gold which lured hundreds to their death in the rush of the "forty-niners". Just a few short years ago some supposed speed demon crossed the continent in his car in twenty days. Soon another leaving a dusty burnt ribbon of road behind him cut the time to fourteen days and was hailed as the greatest speeder of the century. But not while a Yankee lives will any speed record go unbroken. Down, down, went the time, thirteen days, twelve days, nine days held by a woman, six days, until Cannonball Baker, the fastest road racing driver the world has yet seen, went the three thousand mountainous and desert-strewn miles in four days fourteen hours and a few minutes. Lately the attempted dawn to dusk flight over the same distance was so nearly accom-

plished that it left us dazed. And now the radio. A short time ago President Coolidge pushed a telegraph key in the city of Washington, the click of the instrument went over a land wire to a sending station in New Jersey, from there it was forwarded across the continent to San Francisco where its vibrations blew the steam whistle on a ship in the harbor; thus signaling the time for the departure of a fleet of vessels through the Golden Gate and around the world. From the pressing of the key to the shriek of the siren there expired only one fiftieth of a second.

Just the same as it has drained the life's blood out of millions of others who only average six hours of sleep every night and when at last they step out of this world into the next the doctors hand out an official bulletin which announces the reason of heart failure. They just burned themselves out. Let's not do it. The world will go along just about the same tenor as before. Stop work? No! But don't kill ourselves at it.

Athenian Society

On Monday evening, April 14, the jury was impaneled at the sitting of the "Court of Allegany" to try the case of Clyde Meredith charged with grand larceny. Mr. Paul Jassimides, the local shoe-repairer is the plaintiff. The following people compose the jury: L. J. Gifford, A.C. King, E.L. Crocker, A. Molyneaux, I. Driscoll and P. Russell.

Neosophic Society

Is the world at peace? What about Germany, France, England, if you want to know don't miss the current events program for April 21st.

A very interesting program was rendered by the High School Faculty at our last meeting. Mrs. Boweu told us the history of the California missions. Miss Rork gave a reading from "Hiawatha". The Educational Building at Albany was described by Miss Fancher. Miss Hildreth sang a vocal solo and Miss Gillette took us through the nation's capital. A reading "The Queen of the Bees" completed the program.

To the girls' dorm---In case of fire, slip on a bar of soap, ring the towel, open the windows and let the fire escape.

G. A. A. Leaps into Publicity

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for her own good, to become a member of the G. A. A. Mrs. Lennex helped on the good work by a speech delivered in chapel Tuesday.

If you don't believe athletics are beneficial to one's general appearance—look around you. A sport for every girl and every girl in a sport—is to be the slogan. No one should feel at liberty to use any of the athletic equipment unless she is a member of the G. A. A. Every member should be present at all meetings lest some business be transacted in a way not in accordance with her views and wishes.

If you haven't paid your dues as yet nor signified your intention of joining, do so at once and take advantage of your opportunities in the way of athletics.

Austin--"Is Prof. Hazlett particular?"

Steese--"Particular! He kicks if a period is upside down."

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Rev. J. J. Coleman of Lansing, Mich., with his daughter, Lelia Bowen and two children of Albany, N. Y. are visiting at Mr. Meredith's.

Three teachers of the Warsaw High School were entertained by Miss Ruth Luckey at her home Friday evening.

Track and Field Teams

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ing to organize practice more efficiently than ever before. If possible, every man will be induced to enter some event. Every effort is to be put forward this spring to give every person in school the benefit of at least one half hour's strenuous practice each day.

The advance dope on the meet itself predicts that the Purple will repeat their win of last year but that their margin of points will be much smaller. With the presence of Morse and Farner practically assured, their chance of doing this is increased at least fifty per cent.

In the weight events the Gold seem as last year with Burnham, Henshaw and Whipple but the Purple with the oldsters Morse and Bedford to whom have been added Davies, McMurtry, and Williams seem somewhat strengthened.

The broad jumps may go to the Gold as all three Purple men who played last year are not in school this year.

The pole vault and the high jump looks like a win for the Purple with the oldsters, Steese and Farner carrying the colors. Steese has won the vault for three years in succession while Farner set the high mark in the jump last year at 5 ft. 6 in.

The distance events will, beyond a doubt, be divided, the Purple with Farner taking the mile and Williams, captain of the Gold and record holder of the one half mile taking his event.

Judging from last year's results the Purple should win in the 100 yd., the 220 yd., and the 440 yd., Morse high point man for two successive years looks good to cop the first two, while Farner' holder of the 440 record will beyond a doubt take his event.

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Professor Porter Visits Houghton

Last Friday Houghton was greatly honored and benefited by a visit from Prof. Porter, a landscape gardener from Cornell. He has been here before, so this occasion was the more enjoyable to all concerned, since the painful process of getting acquainted was an ordeal of the past.

Mr. Porter took charge of the chapel service, Friday, and in a very forceful and pleasing manner presented some very good answers to the question "Why Study Nature?" The afternoon was spent on the campus. Mr. Porter explained to a greatly augmented Biology class the various varieties of trees and shrubs and gave helpful suggestions regarding the proper places for these in relation to the buildings. The high school having been dismissed for the afternoon, Mr. Porter supervised the planting of about twenty-five hemlock and pine trees which the boys had secured from the woods. These trees were placed about the gymnasium and tennis courts, adding much to the beauty of the campus.

Friday evening was given over to a very interesting and helpful program on nature. Members of both the college and high school Botany classes took part, and Mr. Porter gave an illustrated lecture, showing very clearly, by the use of the lantern slides,—many of which were from pictures he himself had taken,—the necessity of trees and shrubs about a house for giving it the appearance of a real home. He also showed how too many plants and shrubs are almost as bad as too few.

He emphasized the fact that getting trees and shrubs, even for an urban home is not necessarily an expensive undertaking for one can find very fitting plants on almost any farm, plants with which the farmer is glad to dispense.

After seeing the pictures and hearing the lecture, one could not help but feel that he must help make his home and community a more beautiful place to live in.

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HOUGHTON LOCALS

Gladys Grange was in chapel Tuesday.

P. B. Loftis and family spent the week-end in Cuba.

Laura Wyatt of Olean visited at Mr. L. D. Lucas' Friday.

Nina Lapham of Warsaw, N. Y. is visiting her parents here.

Mrs. Mattoon and son, Irwin, visited at Royal Woodhead's Sunday.

Gladys Crandall of Olean General Hospital is home on her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lapham of Rushford called on relatives in town Sunday afternoon.

President Luckey returned Saturday evening from attending the Rochester Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Molyneaux and son returned to their home in Oberlin, Ohio, Monday.

Myrtle Mattoon and Arden Burt, both former captains of the Purple side, were in town Friday evening.

Edwin Lapham, Houghton graduate of '21, of Albion, N. Y., visited at Will Lapham's over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Washbon returned home from Cattaraugus, Friday, where they have been visiting their daughter and family.

C. J. Crandall and family went on a fishing trip to Galetton, Pa., the first of the week. While there, they will visit Mr. Crandall's mother.

During the past two weeks, President Luckey has attended the Allegany, Lockport and Rochester Conferences. Next week he will visit the Champlain. The condition of the church as shown in the conferences is very encouraging.

L. S. Gelser, one of the oldest residents of Fillmore, dropped dead as he stepped off the train at Silver Springs Saturday night. Mr. Gelser was one of our loyal supporters as an advertiser. We extend our sympathy to the family.

A birthday party was given Mabel Armstrong and Carl Steese by a group of their friends at the Steese home Friday evening. A delicious luncheon was served between the hours of ten and eleven. The guests of honor, following the trail of the string down cellar, outdoors, upstairs, on the roof and again to the living room discovered there gold eversharp pencils as tokens of remembrance.

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However, Houghton College is placed in a much different position this year than ever before. Her need for good, healthy literary work is greater and her expectations are much more extensive. This is occasioned by two causes. First, the enlarged annual which is to be published at the close of this school year must have the united co-operation of the contest participants. Their work is needed that the annual may be a success. Again, since Houghton has received her state charter, richer work is required that the products may be true reflections of the school. The participant's careful attention must be given to the work that it may demonstrate the competency of our institution.

Prof. Hazlett is engineering the work, therefore the rules governing the contests may be procured of him. Remember that all manuscripts must be handed to Prof. Hazlett on or before April 28, 1924.

The Literary Contest is made possible largely through the generosity of Mr. H. R. Barnett. With the co-operation of the alumni, Mr. Barnett purchased and presented to the school a beautiful loving cup on which the winner's names in the poem, story, and essay departments of the contest are engraved.

Mr. Leonard Houghton is the originator of the oratorical contest. Prizes of five and ten dollars are offered each year to the people whose orations are rated first and second respectively.

It is the duty of every student to look into this matter and present manuscripts if possible. Some have already expressed their intentions of participating, but others are needed. These contests are open to each student of the institution. Determine now either to deliver an oration at the June contest, or resolve to see your story, essay, or poem in the Annual. **BOOST YOUR SCHOOL.**

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