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## CHOIR APPEARS IN THREE METHODIST CHURCHES SUNDAY

The three-concert trip of Sunday, March 8, was a strenuous day for the members of the Houghton College Choir. Leaving Houghton at about 8 a. m., they arrived in plenty of time for their first engagement at the Middleport Methodist Church.

At this church there was a small but very appreciative group. After the program the ladies of the church served a most delicious dinner to the choir. Incidentally, the visits to this particular church are noted for the hospitable treatment received. The consensus of opinion is that Eileen Hawn's home town is a great place to go.

Amid a drizzling rain the organization sped on its way to Niagara Falls. Here in the St. Paul's Methodist Church the choir gave a concert for the fourth consecutive year. The beautiful edifice and a large crowd lent inspiration for a good concert. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Davies, spoke appreciatively of the concert.

The Trinity Methodist Church in Buffalo was the host of the choir for the evening. Because of inclement weather and the short notice for advertising, the attendance was somewhat small. This was the second concert in this church. The kind words of Dr. Cooke, the pastor, both for the college and the choir were very commendable.

The arrangement of the program was about as usual. A few alterations were made, the most outstanding of which was the introduction of a special arrangement of a gospel song, "Resting in His Love". Professor Bain has had this especially arranged for his choir. Indeed interesting was this unusual treatment of a very common hymn. "Just As I Am" was substituted for "Sunbeam out of Heaven" in the evening concert. Random comments from the audience were to the effect that they felt the concert to be an improvement over last year.

As usual, alumni and old students were in evidence at the concerts. Among those seen were: Eileen Hawn, Isabell Hawn, Mark Bedford, Evan Molyneux, Roberta Molyneux, Lester Fancher, and Ethlyn Stebbins.

On Sunday, March 15, the choir will appear in Canadaigua at the Baptist Church in the afternoon and in Geneva at the North Presbyterian Church in the evening. This will be the last Sunday trip before the annual extended tour, which begins on Friday, March 27. The columns of the *Star* will carry detailed announcement of the tour next week. Students desiring cards announcing the choir to send to their friends may get them at the printing office.

### Card of Sympathy

The student body and faculty of Houghton College unite in extending their sympathy to Dr. Albert Moxey and family upon the recent death of Albert Jr., who attended Houghton last year.

Detailed information concerning this recent misfortune is not yet at hand; however, when reports are authentic, an account will be published in this paper.

## MRS. MARY L. CLARKE DELIVERS A CHALLENGE TO YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Y.M.W.B. had charge of student prayer-meeting Tuesday evening, March 10th. Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, superintendent of the Y.M.W.B. of the Wesleyan Church, spoke on "Youth's Day of Opportunity in Christian Service".

World conditions may present a dark picture, but never before has there been such a great opportunity. Present world events: the return of the Jew to Palestine, the rebuilding of Jerusalem, are fulfilling the Word of God. There is a remarkable spirit of unity among Christian groups. In our own and in other lands there are outstanding Spirit-filled leaders. There are Ting Li-Mei, who has been beaten more times than St. Paul, and Chiang Kai-Shek, both of China. There are Kagawa of Japan and the late Aggrey of Africa.

Thirty years ago in the great Sudan of Africa, a stretch of territory almost as large as Europe, there was only one missionary. Today twenty-one mission boards and more than seven-hundred missionaries are working there. Greater facilities for travel and for communication with the outside world make missionary work move faster today. Another big factor is the printed page. To date portions of the Bible have been printed in 972 different languages.

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## Group Hears Recordings of Works of Famous Writers

Houghton is becoming symphony-conscious. This statement is proved every Monday evening in the music hall when from twenty to thirty gather to hear the great symphonic music of past and present.

This week, Brahms' "Second Symphony" was presented first and was probably the highlight of the program. It has been said that all the themes of Brahms, whether austere or tender, have the finest melodic curves found in music. In this, his "Second Symphony", there is perhaps some monotony and thickness of color, but this adverse criticism is completely forgotten in the slow movement which is as rich and varied as the most advanced critic could desire. However, those present at the recording did not tear the symphony apart—it was beautiful music to them—from the pen of a great master.

"The Swan of Tuonela" by Sibelius was the second recording and deeply impressed those present with its sheer melodic beauty. Sibelius, although a composer of the present, does not see how far he can go with discords. In this way he differs from Stravinsky, whose modern "Le Saere du Printemps" was presented last week.

As the last recording "Don Juan" by Richard Strauss was heard. This is a most interesting work and very descriptive.

Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the program and are looking forward to next week's recording with much interest.

The people who are doing their jobs best seem to enjoy living.

## VARSITY SQUAD TO MAKE A DEBATING TOUR NEXT WEEK

In five days of next week, March 16 to March 20 inclusive, the debate squad will have four intercollegiate debates. The men's varsity will see action three times and the women's varsity once. On Monday, March 16, the men's varsity team, composed of Harold Boon, Merritt Queen, and Arthur Lynip, will leave for Ithaca, where they will debate with the Ithaca College team. The following day they will meet the Elmira team, which handed the varsity a defeat last year on the Houghton platform.

The women's varsity will have its second debate of the season on the forensics platform of Slippery Rock State Teacher's College, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. This is a new opponent for any Houghton team and it's very likely that a close battle will result.

On Thursday neither team will debate but on Friday evening, March 20, the men's varsity will have its third debate of the season when they meet the Nazareth College team of Rochester. Last year the Nazareth team built up a brilliant case against the men's varsity on the Nazareth platform. Even though the debate resulted in a Houghton victory, the decision was so close that in no sense is the varsity confident that they can repeat this year. Under the coaching of R. T. Dwyer, a Rochester lawyer, the Nazareth team will probably put up an even more determined fight this year.

In each of the four debates next week the team will be debating the national Pi Kappa Delta question, "Resolved that Congress should be empowered to over-ride by a two-thirds vote any decision of the Supreme Court declaring an act of Congress unconstitutional."

## Rev. Eddie Zuber Brings Forceful Message Friday

"The very fact that God withholds the answer to prayer does not mean it is out of His will" declared Eddie Zuber in a message on prayer in chapel Friday morning. Mr. Zuber is an alumnus of the college and now has a pastorate in the Michigan Conference.

"The greatest need of the day is prayer, earnest prayer, the kind that will not give up" continued Mr. Zuber. "How often those who are our neighbors come to us wanting spiritual help but our cupboards are bare because we have not waited importunately before God. Often our prayers are superficial, not the real desire of our hearts."

The speaker pointed out that even such men as Muller did not have their prayers answered immediately. Muller prayed sixty years for two men. One came to Christ a year before Muller died, the other a year after.

If Christians prayed more, they would have greater faith and accomplish greater things for Him. When our prayers become so earnest that we are willing to forego material food, we will see many souls brought to Him.

## ALUMNI TO CLASH WITH VARSITY SATURDAY EVE. IN BASKETBALL GAME

What will probably be one of the most interesting of any of the basketball games seen here this season will be the annual Varsity-Alumni clash which is scheduled for this Saturday night. At 7:30 the old grads and the youngsters are slated to square off against each other in cage combat. Last year's encounter resulted in a victory for the Alumni, who emerged on top for the first time in several years. This year the Varsity are anxious to avenge this defeat and have been practicing hard toward this end. Coach Leonard, when interviewed was rather noncommittal as to his team's chances for victory but indicated that he would probably start Schogoleff and White in the forward berths, Thompson as pivot man, and Luckey and Captain Farnsworth in guard positions, with Wright, Goldberg, Donelson and Stevenson in reserve. The Alumni line-up will be unknown until the game time, but will probably include Bill Farnsworth, Clair McCarty, Lowell Fox, Bob Folger, Orrell York, Jim Fiske, Bill Albro, Pete Albro and other former stars of the hardwood court. It is probable that a preliminary girls' game will be played.

Let's have everyone turn out on Saturday to welcome the Alumni and to make this basketball wind-up of the season a real success.

## Freshman Debate Team Is Defeated by Chesborough

Friday, March 6, Houghton College received representative debaters decision handed down from the Chesborough Seminary. The three judges gave Chesborough the victory with a majority of two votes.

Miss Brown and Mr. Rittenhouse, the visiting team, accompanied by their coach Prof. Beeson, were opposed by Houghton's freshman team. Mr. Willett and Mr. Elliott. The judges were Mr. R. J. Hamilton, of Pavilion; the Rev. Mr. A. V. Allen, of Warsaw; and the Rev. Mr. George Walker, of Perry. The chairman of the evening was Miss Alice Poole, instructor at Houghton College.

The Affirmative main contentions follow: The present system is not adequate in times of crises because the president and Congress feel that their hands are tied when trying to inaugurate relief legislation. Further, there is a grave danger of the president or Congress trying to stamper the court into passing freak legislation. And finally, in a great crisis there is danger of outside influences forcing the court into erroneous decisions. The plan of turning all 5-4 decisions over to Congress for a final decision will amend these ills.

The negative retaliated by saying that there is no need for a change because there are already two checks upon the Supreme Court; that we must have an unbiased body to judge the constitutionality of laws; that without the Supreme Court Congress would pass laws infringing upon the rights of the people; and that the Supreme Court has, and will prevent us from having a dictatorship.

## PRESENT-DAY WAR THOUGHT IS THEME OF SCIENCE CLUB

Bedford: What's going on? We find that the last reports over the radio are something like this: Europe is meeting a crisis that it has not met in the past 20 years. German soldiers have been placed in the Rhineland which, by the way, is the breaking of the Versailles Treaty, also the Locarno Pact. France is getting very much alarmed—says she must defend herself. Germany must be put in her place—some penalty must be put on Germany. France is alarmed at Germany's forward march. Italy has stopped her war with Ethiopia temporarily. She says no more aggression until the present crisis is over. Italy, England, Poland, the Little Entente say they will back France. Russia and France have already made treaties of defense in which France says to Russia, "If you will defend my eastern border, I'll defend your western border."

Probably we have not had such a crisis as this, with such fervent heat, in 20 years. It is a test for the League of Nations—formed after the World War for the purpose of regulating the world in a peaceable manner. How successful has it been?

Is war inevitable, or is there some escape? Can it be that the League of Nations is performing a function greater than we yet realize? Weber, what do you think about it?

Weber: We might also ask, is pacifism feasible? In one phase of pacifism, communism, we find they have banded against capitalism, and since the capitalists are the ones who make war they will not support their nations in war. How is a nation to carry on war since there will be no one to fight? On the surface it sounds all right, but it probably never will work. Furthermore, as long as neighbors are having quarrels over line fences, as long as human nature is what it is, then war is inevitable.

Bedford: What do you think of pacifism, Loomis?

Loomis: According to the Supreme Court, which is quite an official body, a pacifist is one who seeks to maintain peace and abolish war. Pacifism should not prevent one from fighting in a national emergency. Some say a pacifist is one who refuses to bear arms. Is it feasible? As far as the social value is concerned, I do not know whether it has been very practical. Only 3,000 of our citizens refused to bear arms in the last war. 450 were sent to prison for medical observation and some suffered severe persecution. In Germany they were considered insane. In France they were executed. It has not prevented war, and I do not know that it could prevent war.

Queen: In this definition you should keep in mind that there are two groups of pacifists. Some are non-resisting and some are militant pacifists. Those of the first are the people who refuse to bear weapons or serve in the army, and also who refuse to serve in helping the war along; for instance, growing lettuce for the soldiers' salads. A lot of people wouldn't go to that extreme in non-resisting pacifism. I guess I am biased or prejudiced, but I call it a rather admirable allegiance to one's convictions.

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## Editorial

### CCC APPRECIATION

In the February 8 issue of the "Lost Nation Clarion", the newspaper of CCC Company 1291 in Centerville, was printed an editorial expressing the appreciation of the camp to the Houghton College instructors for their work there. The following is taken from that editorial:

"We know that both the college and the camp will share mutually in all the benefits to be derived from the classes that are being held here. The enrollees will be given an opportunity to study high school and college subjects under competent instruction. The student teachers will gain valuable experience in teaching, and perhaps, receive a little of that 'realistic roughing,' that awaits them in the outside world. And the education of American youth will be further advanced. We are grateful to Houghton College, and applaud the benevolent interest that President Luckey has taken in the educational program of the camp."

The local instructors have shown a great amount of interest in their work and should enjoy that sense of satisfaction in knowing that their efforts are not in vain and that they are accomplishing something really worth while. L. A. A.

### FOR DIGESTION

The past three years in the White House have been eventful, to say the least. If we are more prosperous today than we were in 1933 we are wondering how it is that eleven million men are tramping the streets through unemployment. But at Houghton we are still saying that a man is as good as his job.

The results of a recent questionnaire that was given out in chapel reveal a cross-section of Houghton thought. To the statement that "Any urban unemployed man can get a job if he wants it," 32% of the freshmen men and 27% of the sophomore women answered, "Yes". From these classes of inexperience one should not be taken by surprise at such radicalism. But when 25% of the senior men and 27% of the senior women say that this is true, one wonders if their next few years are not going to find them confronted with problems far greater than any final exam in math. But the worst is not yet, for an even greater percentage of the faculty men, who filled out the questionnaire also said that any man in the city can get a job if he wants it badly enough. No doubt experience is a hard teacher and we sincerely hope that none of our optimists find themselves destitute, discouraged, and helpless in search for some employment in one of our cities.

However, it is time to awaken and to take notice that life is not a bed of roses. Our naive faith of personal worth must be abandoned before the machines of industry and economic chaos.

On the heels of this statement comes another, that "A man who is down and out is after all a failure." To this we find that 8% of the freshmen men say "Yes" and 21% of our senior men say the same. One might well ask the question, "Do college students think?"

Unless we can visualize these problems as they really are, our education is far from complete. J. N. B.

## CALENDAR

### Friday, March 13

3:45 p.m. Volley Ball (Sophs vs High School)

8:00 p.m. "Little Symphony"

### Sunday, March 15

9:45 p.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

"The Purging of the Conscience"

3:30 p.m. Light Bearers

7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service

### Monday, March 16

6:45 p.m. Forensic Union

Music Club

### Tuesday, March 17

7:00 p.m. Student's Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, March 18

10:00 a.m. Senior chapel

6:45 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal

### Friday, March 20

8:15 p.m. Debate (Houghton vs Nazareth College [Rochester])

## Juniors Pattern Program after Popular Broadcast

The junior chapel was copied after the famous radio program Vox Pop, only this one was Houghton Pop. Halstead and Muir were the announcers and they brought the famous personages of the faculty and student body to the mike to answer questions. Gibbins was the first victim but he proved too much for the answers. Thomas was next and when asked about his idea of an ideal woman he replied that he had nothing to make public. He admitted that he played the Spanish Guitar and was then presented with one and forced to play it. Professor Douglas was next and answered all the questions with plenty of wit. When asked if cats had souls he replied, "Yes, four; one on each foot." Dean Stanley, however, after cleverly sidestepping all questions intended to catch him, fell for the gag of addition. He was asked how much 8q plus 2q equals and replied 10q. The reply was, "You're welcome." When asked what were the advantages of leap year Denny replied that he had nothing to make public. Dean Thompson bit on the trick question of pronouncing too's and then finally, when asked how to pronounce the second day of the week promptly replied Tuesday. Of course the answer was Monday. Miss Whitbeck, when asked "Why didn't Moses take two bees on the ark," replied, "I don't know." However, it wasn't Moses who was in the Ark; it was Noah.

## Dormitory Girls Are Entertained at Tea

The non-dormitory girls gave a tea Friday, March 6, from 3:30 to 5 o'clock in the reception room of Gayvadeo Hall for the dormitory girls. The success of the tea is largely due to the efforts of Miss Mary Paine, who was in charge. Everyone took part and did her best to make the tea a success. Those who poured were Hazel Fox, Doris Bain, Alberta Isham and June Powell.

Miss Elissa Lewis furnished entertainment in the form of quiet music, while everyone seemed to enjoy herself visiting informally with others. In the course of the afternoon about eighty guests were served.

Miss Mary Paine should be especially commended for her successful undertaking. Socially it was a great benefit and pleasure to all who attended. The dormitory girls wish to thank all those who sponsored the tea.

## PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

### Francis Salvatore Pignato

The city of Fairport, a city of 4,000 populace, was the birthplace of Francis. He was born on the 17th of July, 1913, but until eighteen years of age he celebrated it on the 16th, a slight typographical error. In May, 1931, he won the Leo J. Rice speaking contest and the following year his brother duplicated the feat.

Throughout his high school career he was prominent in sports, pitching the varsity to many wins. As a avocation he took up barbering and since a frosh in high school has been active in the clipping business.

Entering college in '32 he has led a very active life. He is known as Fran the barber, for he runs a first class shop on Main Street. Aside from this work which takes much time he is active in sports. He has also been in the chapel choir and the Pre-Medic Club. His major is general science. Regarding his college life Francis writes, "Houghton has been very helpful to me, not only educationally but also in shaping my ways of thinking toward the tremendous problems vitally essential in the game called 'life'."

### Lowell Waldo Crapo

Lowell has led a very cosmopolitan life so far. He was born in Industry, Kansas, on June 1, 1914, and at the age of three moved to Vermont. There among the Green mountains he spent three years. At the age of seven he again went West, this time to Colorado, traveling in a 1913 Ford. This trip proved to be pleasure. Returning to the East, Lowell attended high school at Falconer, the town that produced the famous Steve Anderson. In high school Lowell worked hard. Debate was his favorite pastime and he was an active member of the team.

In college the name of Lowell Crapo is immediately connected with the library, for he has been assistant to the librarian during his college course. Socially he also has been active, being vice-president of the Social Science Club, member of the Pre-Medic Club, of the chorus, and of the chapel choir. His ambition is not to teach but to be an electrical engineer. Concerning Houghton, he says, "I will never be sorry that I spent four years in Houghton. I feel that the Christian influence will have a permanent influence upon my life."

### Eldred Ellidia Record

Eldred, the small girl of the senior class and the youngest, can almost be classified as a nomad, for she has not stayed in any one place very long. She was born in the Bison city, April 27, 1917, but soon moved to Eden.

She attended three high schools, Bloomdale in the Adirondacks, and Greenport and Fort Jefferson on Long Island. In her freshman year she won the merit cup. Here extra-curricular activities were in the nature of soccer and softball.

Entering college in '32 she has been a very active member of the class. She has played on the basketball and volleyball teams, and belongs to the Social Science, the French the Expression, the German, and Pre-Medics clubs.

Of college Eldred writes, "Houghton means more to me than I can express. I have made many friendships which I shall value all my life."

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Star offers its congratulations to Miss Sally Annetta Shea, who is the first of the faculty babies to celebrate the inauguration of her first set of teeth. She has already developed two of them, which everyone acknowledges to be a good start.

## Social Science Club

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Shea: What is the attitude of the government toward pacifism?

Gillette: There have been three instances where the government has denied citizenship because of the stand of the applicants. The case of Mrs. Schwimmer, 49 years old, a nurse, sought naturalization. When asked if she would bear arms for the country, she refused. The case was carried to the Supreme Court, but citizenship was denied. McIntosh said that he would fight if the war were justified, but who is going to decide? Citizenship was denied. Another nurse also refused to bear arms, but she would go to the front as a nurse. She was also denied citizenship.

Loomis: Is war ever justified? If we were living in the first century we would agree that we were not morally obligated. However, the attitude has changed since the time of Constantine. Being citizens, we are perhaps morally obligated to defend our country.

Boon: It seems to me this "morally obligated" brings in a lot of Christian principles and ethics—I do not know too much about them. The teachings and ethics laid down for us carried the idea that we were more or less to be under those who had the rule over us. We can do our best to promote healthy conditions, but when the occasion arises, it seems we are more or less bound to carry out the orders of those in authority, especially in a war for defense. In the case of Sergeant York, who was the outstanding hero of the World War, he could not go to war and shoot down another man just for the sake of war. As he was thinking about it, a verse came to him from the Old Testament. He would go to war, and the sword of Gideon would go with him. All through the war he felt he was doing right and he made a record not equalled by any other.

Weber: How is a young man to know whether we are carrying on a war of aggression or defense?

Boon: The secretary of the Bureau of Propaganda (established by Wilson) declared the press controls public opinion, so that the people do not know what they are doing. A message was sent to Wilson stating that if he wanted to go to war against Germany they could have the people clamoring for war in forty days. Just sixteen days after this message was sent, war was declared.

Anderson: In regard to the attitude of the colleges, on November 8 every state in the Union put on student demonstrations for peace. Over 100 colleges participated. The largest group met in Chicago, where they talked over war and drew up a petition stating they would do all they could to prevent war among the world powers, but if they could not prevent war they would try to keep the U. S. out of it. College students realize that now is the time to work for peace. Their motto is, "Mobilize for peace."

Bedford: If we mobilize for peace would it be effective? Remember what the press did during the World War.

Boon: We think of war as being inevitable because of our religious background. We might also look at crime in the same way. Crime is on the increase, yet we are building bigger and better jails and improving our court systems even if crime is on the increase. Why can't we do the same along pacifist lines? We may not be successful in preventing bi-wars, but if we can do it in a little way, would it not be worthwhile?

It seems to me that the League of Nations is just in its infancy. If some teeth could be put in their program, and they could enforce their decisions, we might find it effective.

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## ALUMNI CORNER

## Suggestions Desired in Obtaining Alumni Data

If anyone desires to find some specific information about an alumnus, such is impossible under the present regime except through the often infirm means of conversation, or gossip. That is, there is no record kept of the doings of each graduate.

For the benefit of the college and the many alumni such a record should be kept. This record would be made available to any who visit the college. Perhaps, through the pages of an alumni publication or in the column of the *Star*, the interesting facts could be made known.

A very simple system of envelope filing has been suggested. Every bit of information concerning an alumnus would be inserted. Where the material was quite extensive, it could be easily compiled into a compact form. In future years, this would be an available source of authentic data.

But the great question is how to obtain the data. Of course, there is an element of chance in making a complete survey of the doings of each alumnus. However, by the co-operation of faculty, students, and alumni with the person responsible for this, much could be collected.

There is a possibility that after a plan gets under way some systematic survey could be conducted, so that there would be some information from every person who ever attended Houghton.

Now is the time to do something. The best suggestions are needed. Dare we visualize the time when we no longer have to guess—"Where are they? What are they doing?"

## Committee Desires to Keep in Touch with All Alumni

In the last two or three weeks numerous letters of request have gone out from two members of the Alumni committee, asking for news for the column. Most of those letters have not been answered.

The source of this week's news is the private correspondence of students and faculty members. This accounts for the intimate quality of some of it. The fact that we are not immediately supplied with alumni news accounts for the staleness of one or two items. The reason we publish them is that the items are still of interest.

Response to alumni news (or lack of it) reminds me of an occurrence at the Home-Coming alumni dinner a few years ago. The after-dinner speeches were in the form of open discussion. When interest seemed to flag, a certain class president whispered to his neighbor, "Why don't those who were 'primed' speak up?" The chairman wondered, too. That very class president had been "primed," and he kept his seat.

Will those who have been primed please respond—and also those who haven't?

The Committee are: Mr. Willard Smith and the Misses Bess Fancher, Crystal Rork, Josephine Rickard and Roma Lapham.

## Malcolm Cronk Engaged For Long Island Camp

Malcolm Cronk ('35) is to be one of the evangelists for the Long Island Holiness Camp Meeting Association at Freeport, from July 29, August 9. He is to have charge of the young people's services, the children's services, and the music.

Rev. David Reese has invited Malcolm to hold a week's meetings for him during Easter vacation.

## Theos Cronk Returns with Choir from Southern Tour

Theos Cronk has just returned from a southern tour with Westminster Choir. On their tour they visited the Martha Berry Schools at Savannah, Georgia. Concerning the schools Theos says:

"These schools are one of the most unique projects I have ever seen. Miss Berry started them from Sunday School classes, for the poorer girls and boys, until today they have about 1200 of the poorest children in the South attending school on this beautiful campus, and getting an education, trade, culture, and refinement that they otherwise could not have. Miss Berry is a devout Christian woman and, although not wealthy, her work commands the support of many who are wealthy. Henry Ford has given them one complete unit for girls, and they lack nothing."

"Everyone works. They go to school four days and work two. They produce everything they use and sell much besides. Some of their art work and weaving is unusual. Their courtesy, thoughtfulness and refinement is beyond criticism. In fact Westminster Choir felt out of the picture—and we generally think we know what culture is. It is one of the most thrilling experiences I have ever had."

## AN ALUMNA SENDS AN APPRECIATION

Miss Kathryn Baker ('32) sends a welcome word of appreciation: "I think the *Star* is fine this year. I subscribed at Home-Coming and have been enjoying it ever so much. The circulation manager seems more efficient than some have been and the alumni news is particularly good. I enjoy all the rest, too, for it makes me almost feel that I'm still a part of Houghton."

Kathryn Baker,  
Odessa, N. Y.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Rev. Walter F. Lewis, an alumnus of Houghton, is the editor of the *Champlain Conference Youth*. Since September the paper has been published monthly by the young people of the Champlain Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mr. Lewis is the pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Forest Dale.

A card was received from Fred Bedford recently in which he said, "Thanks for the nice hope that I like my new job. I certainly do, and the three others, too (little assistant jobs)." Mr. Bedford is teaching in Staten Island Academy. One of the assistant jobs is in Hunter College night school. We are not informed as to what the other two are.

The following news note has been received from Florence Fish LaVere (Mrs. Lamont LaVere, H. S. 1926). "We are very happy. We have bought a little home outside of Cortland. We are both working and are getting along pretty well."

Frances Thomas Cummings (Mrs. Forrest Cummings) has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis at the Higgins Memorial Hospital in Olean.

Erma Meade Chappelle ('30) was bereaved of her husband in December. Erma and her small son are living in Olean.

Harriett Remington (ex '28) has been spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scott at Cuba. This week she is at the home of Helen Crosby. Miss Crosby has recently suffered the loss of her mother.

Alumni seen in Houghton over the week-end include Esther Brayley ('32) and Orrell York ('34).

## Social Science Club

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The other group of pacifists are militant—we will fight for peace if we have to. We do them a grave injustice if we term them with the reds and communists. These terms are promiscuously applied and have the best interests of humanity in mind.

Weber: Is radical unjust?

Queen: If it is misapplied. Depends upon what you mean by radical. If you mean some one who is trying to tear down the government, then it is insulting. If radical means striving for the good of our fellow-men....

Shea: That's all a lot of theory. Are the communists pacifists?

Queen: Communists are pacifists as long as the other fellow has the gun. As I understand the communistic position, they do not want war. Of course, the war they are talking about is a nationalistic, imperialistic war. They are not opposed to class struggles. When a social revolution comes along, the communists are glad to step in with hand-grenades, etc.

Shea: There is no real communism any place in the world today. There are four steps in communism:

1. Capitalism—This is where we are to-day.
2. Dictatorship—Russia is to-day in this second step.
3. Lower stage—democracy of the masses—political coercion.
4. Highest plane—ultimate goal of communism—where everyone will do what is right in his own eyes. This is pure and simple communism.

A number of student organizations are distinctly communistic—National Student League, National Student Foundation, etc.

Queen: One of the most successful communistic organizations in existence had the Bishop from my own district speaking for it in New York City.

Boon: Is war justifiable?

Muir: Some wars are. Belgium certainly was justified.

Boon: The U. S. said that one of the reasons why she entered the war was that if she had not gone across Germany would have come over here.

Muir: Some ammunition parties wanted to make a lot of money and could not do so if we did not enter the war.

Boon: Drinkwater brought out forcibly that French ammunition industries bought up the newspapers, and by means of them promulgated many scares relative to the other side. Through this propaganda they raised the pitch of the feeling of the French against Germany to such an extent that they could do whatever they wanted with them. The same industries went to Germany, bought up their newspapers, and did the same thing there—just so they could have a market for their goods.

In regard to pacifist movement, we wonder perhaps why some of our peace conferences have not been successful. It is interesting to notice the representatives sent to the conferences—they are, many times, relatives of the ammunition makers, and how are they going to make peace terms with such connections?

Shea: What papers in this country are run in this manner?

Boon: A German paper in New York City was subsidized by the Germans, but it was a pretty poor piece of work and it was soon detected. Our papers were very much opposed to Germany. The reason was perhaps the fact that the U. S. had loaned the Allies large sums of money and the capitalists were interested in creating pro-British and anti-German feelings.

Weber: Concerning the attitude of the church, I have no authority but it seems to me that on the whole the church is pacifistic. I do not

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## VILLAGE NEWS

Miss Grace Rickard spent several days last week in Olean, the guest of Miss Genevieve McElheny.

Miss Dorah Burnell spent the week end at Cuba, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scott.

Mrs. Scouten, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eyler, is ill.

The ice jam, which blocked the river for two miles above Houghton, broke way Tuesday at 3:30. The entire mass completely covered the river surface for more than fifteen minutes, whereupon it began to lessen in density. At eight o'clock the flow reached Letchworth Park. An approximation of the speed of the river may be obtained when it is considered that the course of the river from Houghton to Portage is about twenty-five miles long.

## Personal Riches Evaluated in Sunday Evening Service

Speaking on "Who Is the Richest Man?" in the Sunday evening service, the Rev. Mr. Pitt used II Cor. 8:9 as the text, "For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

"Jesus emptied Himself of His riches that we might have His riches," Mr. Pitt stated. All the riches of Christ have been turned over to our account. All that we have to do to become rich in faith is to accept the mercy offer, Mr. Pitt continued. If we are first rich in faith within, then we can be rich in doing, rich in goods works, I Tim. 6:18.

Then referring to Eph. 1:18, Mr. Pitt said, "The riches he outpoured which became ours will come back in us. We are His inheritance." In conclusion, he stated, "He is going to put every bit of the riches he poured out for us in us, and get it all back."

## Mission Club Studies the Work of Mr. and Mrs. Hess

Monday evening the Mission Study Group studied the work of Robert and Viola Hess, ('29 and '28) who are missionaries in the Zambranga in the Philippine Islands. As guest speaker, Mr. Elmer Roth, brother of Mrs. Hess, gave an interesting account of their work in the Ebenezer Bible Institute of which Mrs. Hess is principal. Mr. Roth recounted many evidences of the powerful working of God among the natives, including several remarkable answers to prayer.

## Y.M.W.B. MEETING

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Rev. E. F. McCarty, foreign missionary secretary of the Wesleyan Church, recently visited the Wesleyan missionary work in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He visited the Susu country in northern Sierra Leone and other places where there are no missions. Everywhere they asked him to send workers. In the early days of the Wesleyan missionary work in Africa Houghton College organized a Limba Society, which prayed and sacrificed that the Limba country in Sierra Leone might be opened up. As a result today there is an extensive work in that territory. Rev. Mr. McCarty believes the time has come for opening up the Susu country. God surely is answering our prayers for this needy territory.

Life itself is the cost of missionary work in many mission fields today. There are in China those who are laying down their lives for the Christ. But the thrill of seeing men and women come to the Savior is worth all the suffering.

## Reliance Alone upon Works of Grace Is not Satisfactory

"Neither redemption nor sanctification will give you all that pertains to life and godliness. Works of grace will not give all," the Rev. Mr. Pitt stated in the morning service speaking on II Peter 1:1-11. In order to lead an overcoming Christian life, Mr. Pitt continued, we must have courage, knowledge, moderation, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love, letting each grow out of the other. If we depend upon justification or sanctification, we shall fall. However, our salvation will keep us from incipiently falling, from beginning to stumble. We must, Mr. Pitt summarized, know what God has for us, expect hardship, depend on nothing outside of Christ, and walk with God alone on to victory and triumph.

"We need a revival of knowledge in Him of the things which we possess when we are born again," the minister asserted, for at our second birth we do not know our possessions in Christ. Not all that belongs to us is made clear in our understanding. As a revival sequence, the people need to be taught what are their possessions in Christ. Paul's epistle to the Romans consists largely of this very teaching.

## Prof. Ries Encourages for Diligence in Christian Life

Although there was a comparatively small number at Light Bearers meeting last Sunday when placed beside the big group we would like to have attend, the meeting was a marked success.

Professor Claude Ries was the speaker of the occasion and brought out several thoughts which we as Christians would do well to recognize. His talk centered around the theme proposed by these statements: "What is in thine hand?" "Do with thy might what thy hand findeth to do," and "Little is much if God is in it." Professor Ries said that although we may think we have nothing of use for the Master, we can accomplish much if we have the power of God in our lives.

The song service was conducted by Ruth Wright, accompanied by Barbara Cronk and William Grosvenor. The devotionals were led by Marjorie Clocksin who read from Romans 12:4-11.

William Grosvenor played a trumpet solo, "Out of the Ivory Palaces," and Verdon Duncel sang "Jesus".

## Young Peoples' Service

Sunday evening at the Young People's service Daniel Fox spoke on "What Is Salvation?" First, Mr. Fox pointed out what salvation is not. It is not merely a reformation in outward appearances, for since our hearts govern our actions, our hearts must be changed. Neither is it turning over a new leaf, for a settlement must be made with Christ. Just being sincere, or religious, or even living a good life, Mr. Fox continued, will not grant us salvation.

## DEATH

Etiolated petals

Slowly,

One by one,

Mystically,

Droop—fall—vanish.

N. B.

## Light Bearers Announcement

Coach Leonard will bring the message of the afternoon service. Also, we will be favored with a solo from Olson Clark. Come to the church at 3:30 Sunday afternoon and worship with us.



## CAMPUS PARADE

Volleyball season is drawing to a close and it is with tender regret that the boys hang up their trousers for another year. Some sage has said that all good things must come to an end. We trust he has spoken the truth.

Spectators have yelled themselves hoarse attending these gymnasium tea parties; the players themselves say that it has really such fun to mince up to the net like an adagio dancer at a pink tea and tap the ball over. . . . It's a game that takes real coordination, too, and although awfully strenuous and killing, its beauty lies in the fact that there is no danger of being roughed up as is entailed in grabbing at a pair of cleats on the gridiron or hiping on the hardwood court. It's really surprising how the boys glisten with sweat after an exhausting twenty minutes. Yessir, done right out, they are. It must get their wind, calling as it does for such stamina, guts, and ability.

Not a few fellows have found their condition and coordination not quite up to tackling this sport, preferring rather to stick to basketball and graciously bequeathing the game to the tougher brethren of the school. Many are the shakings of heads and stroking of whiskers throughout the halls. "That volleyball", they say, "truly a bone-crusher, a rip-snorter, a bearcat."

At the "dorm" last Sunday evening they were enjoying another bounteous, cocoa-splashing repast when Queen comes in late and runs from table to table looking for a chair until Peter pipes up with a, "Better get a road map, Merritt." Speaking of road maps to the dining hall, isn't it funny—rather marvelous in fact, the sense of direction Boon shows in always picking the right cross road to her breakfast table. So tender. No matter if it's icy or drifting Dan's right there to play with the grapefruit. Evidently he brings her "coffee in the morning", anyway.

Dropt in on the recorded symphony program the other night over at the music hall and of the twenty-five or so present practically everybody was knitting—handkerchiefs or something. At occasional mad moments of inspiration Professor Cronk would leap to his feet and wildly conduct. Several noted that the orchestra didn't follow very well.

Maybe a box of chocolate coated cherries would square things up with Miss Moses for the festivities of Monday evening, although I still maintain that private property should be regarded as such without hanging out any "posted" signs on the companion chair. Lynip's very penitent, however, and he's really a good boy at heart.

### Houghtonites Visit The Buffalo Concert Program

Tuesday evening, March 10th., witnessed the last number in the Zorah Z. Berry Concert Series of the 1935-1936 season. The concert presented Dalies Frantz, young American pianist, and Helen Jepson, leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Association, in a joint recital. These concerts have all been given in the Elmwood Music Hall, Buffalo.

Mr. Frantz, who at 9 was a prodigy, has done most of his study of the piano with Guy Maier, interrupted by brief periods of work in Europe with Arthur Schnabel and Vladimir Horowitz. He received his degree in music with highest honors from the University of Michigan. Soon after graduation he won three of the most difficult competitions in America: the one for soloists with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Naumberg foundation award with a New York recital as prize, and lastly that offered by the National Federation of Music Clubs and with it the one of the Schubert Foundation, which entitled him to appearances as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra in New York and Philadelphia.

Acclaimed by critics as the radiant "find" of the year, Helen Jepson is a scintillating figure in the music world. Almost overnight she became the country's foremost new personality and leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera! From childhood she possessed the intense desire for vocal expression and attracted attention while in high school. After graduation, she set out to secure the first job she could get in order to carry on her study. After several years of work and study, she met a leading professor of the Curtis Institute who, upon hearing her sing, took an immediate interest and advised her to apply for a scholarship at the Institute. So to Philadelphia Helen Jepson went for a tryout and won! In 1928 she made a successful operatic debut with the Philadelphia Civic Orchestra and in 1930 scored with the Philadelphia Grand Opera Company.

Mr. Frantz and Miss Jepson presented the following program with Arpad Sandor at the piano for Miss Jepson.

I  
Gigue in G major  
Chorale in G minor (arr. Busoni)  
Organ Fugue in D major  
(arr. D'Albert)

Mr. Frantz  
Aria of Invocation, from "Rada-  
misto" HANDEL  
Have You Seen But A Whyte  
Lillie Grow OLD ENGLISH  
Un bel di vedremo, from "Ma-  
dame Butterfly" PUCCINI  
Miss Jepson

III  
Two Intermezzi BRAHMS  
E flat minor (Opus 118, No. 6)  
C major (Opus 119, No. 3)  
Scherzo in B minor (Opus 20)  
CHOPIN

Mr. Frantz  
IV  
Les Temps des Lilas  
L'Hiver ERNEST CHAUSSON  
Ah, fors e lui, from "La Traviata"  
VERDI

Miss Jepson  
V  
March (from the "Love for  
Three Oranges") PROKOFIEFF  
(arr. by Frantz)  
Serenade of the Doll DEBUSSY  
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 LISZT

Mr. Frantz  
VI  
The Little Shepherd's Song  
CLARA EDWARDS  
The sleep that flits on baby's eyes  
J. A. CARPENTER  
Hey Diddle Diddle, from "Nurs-  
ery Rhymes" HERBERT HUGHES  
Tales from the Vienna Woods  
JOHANN STRAUSS  
Miss Jepson

Among those from Houghton who attended the concert were Prof. and Mrs. Alton M. Cronk, the Misses Magdalene Murphy, Winona Carter, Marian Brown, Margaret Ashby and Josephine Hadley, Mr. Ferchen and Mr. Chamberlain. Former "Ho-tonites" seen at the concert were Prof. and Mrs. Daniel Magee.

## SPORT SHOTS

The volleyball tournament has been further scrambled by the sudden rejuvenation of the freshman team, which to date has come through with second round victories over the high school and juniors, who had previously beaten them badly. As things now stand, the high school fellows have a big edge in the race for league leadership in spite of their upset by the frosh. The junior girls have already clinched the championship in their division. There is a possibility of a playoff system being followed which would involve the two or three teams who have won the most games.

By the time this article appears, two vicinity high school teams coached by former Houghton Alumni will have either won or lost in their sectional contests with other teams. Bill Farnsworth's Angelica team, Allegheny County class B champions, play Avoca at Alfred on Thursday night, and tonight in Buffalo Clair McCarty leads his Lewiston Class B champions against Ebenezer in another sectional fray. Both of these teams were champions of their league last year, although Angelica was in C loop. This is a fine record for Houghton Alumni basketball mentors and does credit to Clair and Bill, to whom we wish success in their games.

On Saturday night Glenn Cunningham dropped his second race of the current indoor running season to Joe Mangan, former Cornell track captain. The judges after a long deliberation awarded the decision to Mangan in a race which to most observers seemed to be a dead heat. Gene Venzke, whose comeback has experts talking about him, was ailing and did not run.

### Social Science Club

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know much about the Wesleyan Church.

Shea: Reads from the Discipline—"Since war results in so much suffering in the bodies, minds, and souls of men . . . we urge that men and nations seek by every legitimate means to avoid armed conflict among the peoples and nations of the world. . . . We, therefore, forbid our people bearing arms, except it be in case of invasion by a foreign foe, or a voluntary service on the part of the individual rendering that service."

Bedford: Federal Council of Churches—"We believe war is contrary . . ."

Boon: What is Houghton's attitude?

Hunt: The attitude of Houghton is, "I don't know"—a wishy-washy attitude. We should know what groups are working for pacifism and where they stand.

Weber: I have come to the conclusion that the most important thing for Houghton to do is to have an attitude. Most of us say, "I haven't thought about it", stop and think a while, and then say something. We are not able to base our conclusions on facts. Houghton should be aware of the facts on both sides of the question. We cannot dictate anyone's position, but we can be familiar with the facts.

Shea: Intercollegiate Organization of America, the American Committee of the American Legion, The Crusaders, and various smaller organizations are good organizations.

Shirley Babbitt: I think the whole trouble with a discussion of this kind with people sitting around the table is that they are trying to be thoughtful human beings. When you are in war, the less thoughtful you are the better soldier you are. If you were a general having 150,000 men right in your hand, what someone put down on paper 25 years before wouldn't matter one whit to you.

Is there anything we can do? We might agitate peace. A radical may

be a very good man—just that he is different from you. We are all radicals. I doubt if I could talk to Shea several hours without discovering much radicalism in him—just being on the other side of the fence. It is well that we do not all believe the same thing. Old Indian—"Good thing we do not all want the same thing, or they would all want my old squaw."

The leaders of the American Legion seem to follow the idea that preparation is the best preventative means to keep out of war. I doubt very much whether arming a person would accomplish peace. Just like buying a gun for a boy to keep him from shooting the birds.

Bohnacker: As matters stand in Europe, they are just like a bunch of children. If Germany has a gun we must have a gun. It is true that placing soldiers in the Rhineland was not right, but France, a week ago, went ahead and signed a treaty with Russia against the Locarno Pact, which was against the rules.

Bedford: We have Italy being sanctioned concerning their war in Ethiopia and saying they will not hook up with France so long as France holds these sanctions. However, Italy is supporting France along with England against Germany.

S. Wright: I do not suppose that Shirley or I would claim to know as much about the whole business as you do, but we both claim we knew as much about the situation when the World War started as you do now, and we acted like fools. That is the regrettable thing about it. When you get into the midst of it the splendid thing we are doing tonight does not seem to carry across. We forget about it and the other thing gets under our skins and we act like fools. That is the only justification I see to downright hard-shelled pacifism, for the Quakers came out of the war better than we did. They stuck to their position and came out with the cleanest record of us all. If, when the thing is not on, I tie myself up into enough knots, when the thing comes I cannot untie the knots. This business of aggressive and defensive war is a lot of bunk. If my country is so small that it will be blotted out if we do not have more country, it is a defensive war.

Babbitt: Concerning taking the profit out of war. There have been over 100 bills introduced into Congress in the past few years bearing upon war and possibilities that would arise in case of war. People in the home country (maybe 3000 miles from the war zone) are just as much a part of the war as those in uniform. The whole resources of the country would be taken by the nation and run so that there would not be any private profit possible. If the church were to go on with the Quaker attitude, they would have to isolate themselves entirely and not have anything to do with other people at all. They could hardly do anything without contributing their part towards the war.

Bedford: How many of you would go to war in time of war, if it is defensive war?

Most of the girls undecided—one would not.

Most of the fellows would go—if defensive and on this side.

### LIFE

As when a caged bird  
Beats with futile wings  
Against the gold bars of its prison  
house,  
And finding no release, begins to  
sing;  
So does my heart  
Beat frantically by days  
Against such tranquil passage  
on life's sea  
Knowing there is no way—  
Turns back to dust the cobwebs,  
Sweep the hearth.  
—A.V.R.

## Varied Recital Given by Music Students Thursday

A most enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable music recital was presented in the auditorium of the music hall last Thursday evening. These recitals seem to have a very definite place in the calendar of Houghton events and are looked forward to, both by those who perform and those who listen. There are very few musical happenings in Houghton that are more delightful than those which bring fellow-students to the foreground. With the school year drawing rapidly to a close it seems that all who possibly can should make these recitals a part of their schedule.

An interesting feature of the program was the juggling of talent. Walter Ferchen, "pianist premier", instead of tickling the ivories, sang, and Ruth McMahon, soprano, did a fine piece of work at the piano.

The numbers proceeded as follows:

The Mountain	Brainard
Ruth McMahon	
Duna	Mc Gill
Olson Clark	
Autumn	Chaminade
Barbara Cronk	
Hear Us, O Father	Rosewig
Edith Crosby	
The Last Rose of Summer	Moore
Marian Brown	
Vision Fugitive	Macsener
(From the opera Herodiade)	
Polish Dance	X. Scharevenke
Ivone Wright	
Capriccio	Brahms
Gwendolyn Blauvelt	

### Staff Members Attend College Buyers Meeting

President Luckey, Mr. John Cott, and Willard G. Smith spent Tuesday afternoon in Geneva, N. Y. Here they attended a meeting of college purchasing agents. The program was profitable and interesting, including: luncheon, visit to a new dormitory on the William Smith College campus, business session, and informal discussion of buying problems as related to college.

### School Master's Meeting Is Visited By Faculty

Dr. S. W. Paine, Dr. R. E. Douglas, Prof. Le Roy Fancher, Prof. Perry Tucker, Prof. M. J. Pryor and Willard G. Smith attended the meeting of the Allegany County School Master's Association. This session was held in the Friendship Hotel. After the dinner regular business was transacted.

The main address of the evening was given by the Supervisor of the Olean Public Schools. In brief the talk was concerning the ministry of the public schools. With statistics compiled from his own experience and practical deductions the speaker made the address applicable to the student-teacher situation.

### A Clown's Lament

To go 'long through life playing the clown  
Brushing the tears away—entertaining the town;  
Laughing when sorrow is eating my heart  
Jesting when I'm only playing the part;  
Helping to take others' troubles away—  
Clowning it, acting it, trying to say  
Things that are funny—things that will please.  
Standing when I should be down on my knees;  
Must it be always, forever this way?  
Must I be a clown—every day?