

## "Let's Think Things Through" -- Wightman

By DOROTHY ELLENBERGER

Dr. E. Russell Wightman, Houghton's newly-acquired physics professor, likes to play football, not with the proverbial pigskin, but with a well-inflated proposition that is capable of being caught and passed, punted, or fumbled as the case may be.

With the preciseness that 35 years of teaching physics gives one, Dr. Wightman centers this one back to whoever will receive it: "Let's think things through." Since his arrival on our campus, he has noticed a tendency on the part of some to mental flabbiness, which does not promise moral stamina in the years ahead. He knows of several graduates of Christian colleges who have not been able to cope with life. He is very desirous

that students leaving Houghton be able to meet the situations of life in an intelligently Christian way.

Dr. Wightman believes that this mental flabbiness is due, not to failure in our Houghton system of education, but to lack of individual exercise in the things which build mental and moral strength. He says this kindly but firmly: "Any student who accepts what anyone tells him without thinking it through is a flabby individual." On the other hand, he points out that knocking down other people's thoughts before we have had a chance to think them out is not constructive; thoughtless criticism builds nothing.

On secular campuses, Dr. Wightman has found this attitude prevail-

ent as intolerance. "But," he says, "you don't expect it on Christian campuses; you expect them (the students) to be brothers." Yet, as at other Christian schools, he sees in Houghton the need for more and more thinking in terms of the realities outside of ourselves and our present little sphere of life. By way of illustration, he asked, "How many students here are thinking seriously about the present international situation — or about the high life in New York City?"

He offered several suggestions as food for thought; in essence they are these: (1) Do we apply "labels" without knowing their real meaning to others or even to ourselves? (2)

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## Fire Ravages Inn; 24 Students Sustain Loss

### Owner Formulates Reopening Plans

Twenty-four men students of Houghton college are room-less as a result of a fire of undetermined cause which swept the Twin Spruce Inn Monday evening.

The fire, which broke out shortly after 7:00 p. m., completely gutted the rooms occupied by William Bosch, Robert Jones, Clarence Whetstone, Floyd Rudd, and Edwin Presley. The entire building and the contents suffered damage, in varying degrees, from smoke and water. The prompt response of the Houghton Fire department to the alarm, which was turned in at 7:14, prevented a total loss. Volunteer fire companies from Oramel, Canadea, and Fillmore also responded to the alarm. The fire was finally brought under control about an hour later.

Discovery of the fire was made by Bill Bosch, whose room is directly above the furnace room, where the fire originated. Bosch spread the alarm and all who were in the building at the time escaped unharmed.

Rooming arrangements were made to accommodate all of the men overnight. Prof. Frank H. Wright, dean of men, stated that approximately one half of the fellows will be housed temporarily in the recreation hall, and the remainder in other campus homes.

Mr. Gene Brentlinger, manager of the Inn, when contacted earlier this week, stated that if tentative plans can be carried out, repairs will be made and the facilities of the Inn will be ready for use within a month. An estimate of damages has not been made yet, but the property was covered by insurance.

### CALENDAR

Fri., Oct. 22  
Lecture Series, Dr. Stefan Osusky, chapel—8:00 p. m.  
Sat., Oct. 23  
Singspiration—Dorm reception room—6:45 p. m.  
Church choir practice—7:30 p. m.  
Mon., Oct. 25  
Oratorio Society—chapel—7:30 p. m.  
Tues., Oct. 26  
Student Prayer Meeting—chapel—7:30 p. m.  
Wed., Oct. 27  
General Music Recital—chapel—7:30 p. m.  
Mission Study Group—S-24—7:30 p. m.  
Student Council Meeting—S-21—6:50 p. m.  
Paleontologist Club—S-45—7:30 p. m.  
Thurs., Oct. 28  
Class Prayer Meetings—7:30 p. m.  
Fri., Oct. 29  
Artist's Series, Amparo Iturbi, Pianist—chapel—8:00 p. m.

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## Hunter Addresses 13th Convocation

J. H. Hunter, of Toronto, Canada, editor of the *Evangelical Christian*, will address the thirteenth annual Founder's Day Convocation of Houghton college, Friday morning, October 22.

In addition to Mr. Hunter's address on the topic, "Old Ways in Modern Days," the assembly will hear Dean of men, Prof. Frank H. Wright, present the intimate background of Houghton college, in his speech, "God Hath Wrought."

At this time, the Houghton college A Cappella choir will be making its first appearance singing, "De Profundis," by Christoph Willibald von Gluck, arranged by the Rev. Walter Williams; and *The Lord is My Shepherd* by Joseph W. Clokey.

The guest speaker, in addition to being editor of the *Evangelical Christian*, is the author of numerous books: among the latest are *The Bow in the Cloud*; *The Mystery of Mar Saba* and *Banners of Blood*. Mr. Hunter is also giving readings from *Pilgrim's Progress* at the prayer meeting at Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church, Thursday evening at 7:30.

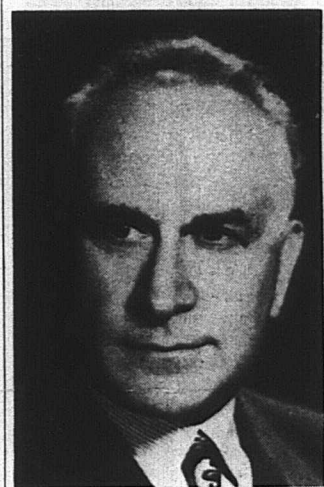
## Faculty Establishes New Committees

On October 6, the faculty tentatively approved a new set of by-laws which will be subject to final revision and adoption by the faculty and the Local Advisory board.

Their new laws will be of particular importance to the student body because there will be student membership on two committees: the Committee on Student affairs and the Committee on Counsel and Spiritual life.

The faculty will select two students from a group of four to be nominated by the Student council.

## OSUSKY TALKS ON RUSSIA



Using as his lecture title, "The Destiny of Western Civilization," Dr. Stefan Osusky, noted diplomat, will speak on Russia in Houghton college chapel at 8:00 p. m. tomorrow.

For many years Dr. Osusky was an important figure in the affairs of Czechoslovakia and the League of Nations. As early as 1918, he was Czechoslovakia's Minister to the Court of St. James. In 1919 he was Secretary General of the Czechoslovak delegation to the Peace Conference. For twenty years preceding World War II, Dr. Osusky, as Minister of France, carried many of the responsibilities ordinarily those of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Osusky has written four books and has a fifth ready to be published soon. His last book, "Essential Russia," was released recently by Mac Millan Company, London. During 1948-49 he is lecturing throughout the United States on problems of current international interest.

## Student Council Passes Unified Treasury Plan

All student group finances will be handled from a unified treasury in the near future, Warren Ball, head of a student council committee working in conjunction with Prof. Willard Smith reported.

According to the new system, the treasurer of each student group would set up a simple bookkeeping system as follows: a ledger, a card record for individual dues, a receipt form with duplicate or stub for each payment and a petty cash account with check-out slips for withdrawals. The purpose of this is to protect the various student organizations from any abuse of funds through absence or loss of records or carelessness.

Each class or organization should prepare an estimated budget of income and expenses for the school year and submit it to its own organization for approval. After it is approved by the organization it should be submitted to the Finance committee of the Student council and the college business manager for review. A copy of this budget shall be filed in the accounting office.

The small overhead expense incurred by the office in handling these funds will be charged against the general student body fund. Each group will be charged five cents for every check drawn. Treasurers should check with Mr. Robert L. Watson, accountant, for detailed instructions on procedures.

## CBS Will Air College Program

On November 14, 1948, Houghton college will present a religious program over the Columbia Broadcasting system. Under the auspices of the Church of the Air the program is to be given through the facilities of station WGR, Buffalo, New York, from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton college, and also president of the National Association of Evangelicals, is to be the speaker, and the Houghton college choir, under the direction of Prof. Donald Butterworth will provide music for the half hour broadcast.

Although the program is available to the entire CBS network, not all stations will carry it due to the fact that some have local religious services or other local commitments at this hour. Rebroadcast arrangements may be made by local stations at a different hour. A check of CBS station schedules will ascertain what time the program may be heard in any community.

## AMPARO ITURBI PERFORMS IN SECOND ARTIST SERIES OCT. 29

Amparo Iturbi, pianist, will perform for the second concert of the Houghton Artist's series, 1948-49 season, in the college chapel at 8:00 p. m., Friday, October 29. Of Madame Iturbi's playing the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* says, "... disclosed a poetical insight into the music she played ... welcomed with warm enthusiasm." The *New York Times* writes, "Her tone, feeling for phrase and nuance and even her approach to her work were strikingly akin to those of her brother (José Iturbi) ... Comely and gracious, her poise and modesty added to the excellent impression made by her expert control of the keyboard."

Born in Spain, where she studied under Maria Jordan, Madame Iturbi made trips to France and Italy to perform with several orchestras—including Orchestra Lamoureux with Paul Paray conductor; Pandeloup with Albert Wolff; Toulouse with Fregoire; Marseilles with Sechiare; and with Molinari in Italy.

Coming to the United States in 1938 with the expectation of teaching music, Madame Iturbi soon,

however, made her radio debut with Howard Barlow. Following this she was heard with the New York Philharmonic in Carnegie hall, Barbirolli conducting; the New symphony; the Rochester Philharmonic; the Los Angeles Philharmonic; and others. With her brother, José, she helped develop the "Iturbi technique" and played in their "two-piano" recitals.

Madame Iturbi gave over four hundred concerts for the Armed forces from the Caribbean to the Persian gulf during the war.

Since the war Madame Iturbi has continued her concerts and has also featured in the movies, on the radio and in recordings. She has appeared twice, on the Ford Sunday evening hour along with other important radio broadcasts. With her brother, José, she has made "two-piano" recordings of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," Mozart's "Concerto in E Flat," and many more.

When asked, "How does one become a concert pianist?" Madame Iturbi answered simply: "Will power! The will power to practice regularly every day and to let nothing interfere with this routine." From early childhood she has followed this course but it has been almost universally conceded that she always had a spark of musical genius.

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## HELPERS HEADS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Miss Marjorie Helpers was elected chairman of the Student Body Social committee at a recent organizational meeting.

Composed of two representatives from each class, this new student committee has as its objective the presentation of social activities on Friday evenings when nothing is scheduled. Since Bedford gymnasium is limited in spectator capacity, special social events are being planned for Friday evenings during the basketball season.

Suggestions from students or faculty may be forwarded to Miss Helpers.

## King Attends Meeting Of State University

Last week Dr. King attended two meetings in the State capital at Albany. They were the Eighty-second convocation of the University of the State of New York at which Pres. Dwight Eisenhower of Columbia university received a LLD and the Annual convention of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York.

## FIVE ARTS, INC., AWARDS CASH IN WRITING CONTESTS

New York, N. Y.—The National Five Arts award, Incorporated, a non-profit organization, designed to discover, aid and stimulate creative writing in the colleges and universities in the United States has announced the first of its annual contests for its awards and fellowships totalling one hundred thousand dollars.

Open to all writers, the contests are primarily for new, college-age writers in the fields of the full length play, the radio script, the popular song, the screen original, the short story and short short story. There are six cash awards in each category; a

\$2,000 first prize, a \$1,000 second prize and four prizes of \$500 each. In addition in a special effort to obtain recognition and financial assistance for young writers, \$70,000 of the total awards will be granted in the form of 140 fellowships of \$500 each.

The fellowships, like the cash prizes, will be awarded on the basis of merit alone and the winning writers may use the fellowship money in whatever manner will best further their writing careers.

Anyone interested please contact the *Star*.



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## It Could Happen Again!

Disaster can strike twice! That which has transpired earlier this week should have opened our eyes to the ruinous consequences of the ravages of fire. Fortunately damage was limited to personal effects, but what if a toll of lives had been taken? We hesitate to linger upon the tragedy which would have necessarily been attendant upon such a calamity.

It should have opened our eyes to the inadequacy of our entire fire protection system. We shall specifically cite outstanding inadequacies and hazards of campus buildings.

The High-school building contains the print shop, recitation rooms, and the college chapel. The chapel, seating between 500 and 600 students, has exactly two outlets—one wooden stairway (wide enough to provide escape for three lanes at the maximum) and an iron fire escape capable of discharging two lanes. It is evident from last week's fire drill that the present method of evacuation is entirely unsatisfactory; should any unforeseen difficulty arise, no margin of safety is provided.

The hazard confronting Luckey Memorial, which houses offices and the second-floor reading room (always a heavily congested student center) is the lack of any fireproof stairways. Moreover, the third-floor library stacks are seriously inaccessible.

The Science building, constructed of brick and including all the laboratories and the majority of the classrooms, also suffers from an almost total lack of indoor fireproof stairways and outdoor fire escapes. A critically serious sector in this building is the fourth floor, from which there are but two exits for the six classrooms, and whose isolation constitutes a peril in case of a break-down in the alarm system.

Exit from the Music hall, a three story brick structure, is furnished by wooden stairways at each end of the building. Gaoyadeo hall, the main women's dormitory accommodating 140, depends upon three stairways to empty the building. In both cases outside fire escapes are musts, in order to provide auxiliary routes of evacuation.

Dow hall (located on the campground), in addition to its inherent dangers of construction, does not have the same ready access to fire fighting equipment which other buildings possess. Here, again, lack of fireproof secondary escape routes is obvious.

This list does not pretend to be comprehensive. We have sought to bring to attention representative examples of a condition which has prevailed over a long period and which seemingly has been grossly neglected up to the present time. *There is a real danger to human lives.* This must be reckoned with immediately. The Student council has grappled with the problem and has made plans for a more efficient method of evacuation. Such plans, however, can only fill a partial need. Attention to safety factors in present buildings should certainly be given precedence before all other building projects. New fire escapes may not add grace to the architecture of campus structures, but they would increase the safety factor immeasurably. There is a certain satisfaction in utilitarianism which more than compensates for loss of beauty.

## TORCHBEARERS OFFER TALENT

Two Wesleyan Methodist churches, a Church of Christ, and a Covenant Presbyterian church enjoyed special music supplied by college students over the weekend.

A brass trio consisting of Joseph Howland, Norman Jones and Muriel Barrett, and a vocal duet consisting of Beverly Auchmoody and Betty Erhard provided the music at the two Wesleyan churches located at Chambers and Shady Grove near Corning in a service held Friday night. Harley Smith was the song leader.

The students who assisted in the services at the Christian church in Scio were Ernie Wharton who played the piano, and Robert Dingman. Edwin Hostetter and John Gililand who made up a brass trio.

Under the leadership of Gordon Talbot a group of students and one faculty member including Betty Erhard, Virginia Sell, Irene Titus and Mack Weiford supplied music for the Presbyterian church at Greece.

Approximately one hundred and eighty letters have recently been sent out to churches in northern New York state offering the services of the Torchbearers.

No meeting was possible at the Pike Labor camp because of the weather, there being no adequate facilities for indoor services. Next week the last meeting of the series will be held there. A quantity of clothing and \$15 in money to purchase shoes were given for the four families who had been burned out.

The Torchbearers are spending about \$30 a week for visitation work and they state that they are in need of greater student support.

At the Sunday afternoon Torchbearers meeting seventeen members were added to the roll.

## Business Manager Warns Halloween Pranksters

In an interview with the *Star* the Business manager pointed out that the college must maintain a very positive position regarding student conduct during the Halloween period. This is necessary for the protection of campus property and interests of the community.

Mr. Smith pointed out that certain pranks are outside college jurisdiction and students should recognize this in their behavior. Blowing the fire siren is a criminal offense in which the town takes a very active interest. The smashing of street lights is also considered as criminal by the Rochester Gas and Electric corp. The college is in definite sympathy with these groups in seeking to maintain respect for these community facilities.

Mr. Smith further emphasized that the college would not stand in the way of legal prosecution should property of any private citizens in the community be damaged.

Campus buildings, which include all college properties both rooming and instructional, are definitely out of bounds for Halloween pranks. Mr. Smith pointed out that sad and expensive experience in previous years has forced the college to take a firm stand in this matter.

In conclusion, Mr. Smith stated, "I believe that the majority of our student body are decent, intelligent individuals who will recognize our problem and conduct themselves decently and in order. It is my hope and prayer that no one will make the mistake of putting himself in the position where we have to handle him with a strong arm."

## Living for Him...

BY CORINNE HONG SLING

A Christian is one who follows Christ. Then am I a Christian? Why, how foolish it is to question myself on that point! Most certainly, I'm a Christian for I have placed my trust in Christ as my Savior and I know He has obtained for me forgiveness of sins and eternal life through His death on the cross. Moreover I'm glad I'm a Christian, for if I am without God, I am without hope, both for now and for eternity. Therefore I am a follower of Christ because of my faith in Him, but am I a follower of Him by confession and profession only? Am I also a follower of Him in my daily life and conduct? Do I show by my daily living that I am a Christian by virtue of possession—possession of the Spirit and life of Christ?

Sunday morning finds me in church. There it is easy to act like a Christian. I have donned my Sunday-best attire and feel at my best. When I sing the hymns, I do so as if I really meant what I sing. But after church, do I show by my behavior the rest of the day that I am following Jesus? Does my following end when I leave the church building or do I continue walking in the Master's footsteps long after the closing hymn and the benediction? Do I put on my Sunday go-to-meeting conduct the way I put on my Sunday suit and take it off just as nonchalantly, or are my actions the result of a true

and constant devotion to Him whom I profess to follow?

On Monday morning, if roommate's carelessness in setting the alarm causes me to be late for eight o'clock class, is my disposition like that of a snapping turtle or am I following Him whose tenderness and meekness invited even little children to come unto Him? On Tuesday if I witness Johnny falter and yield to temptation, do I appoint myself a one-man committee of censorship or am I walking with the good and gracious One who said, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more?" Do I remember that I am made of the same weak material and am kept only by the grace of God?

Does the midweek find me being carried about like an autumn leaf in the whirlwind of activity or does it find me pressing on toward the goal, my eyes fixed on Him? Thursday comes; am I fretting and worrying about the morrow's tests or am I diligently preparing myself with the calm assurance of one whose help cometh from above? Perhaps Friday brings disappointment; then am I following Him who gives me a love that bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things? It may be that success comes; does it make me puffed up and vain or do I still follow Him who made Himself of no reputation and humbled Himself for our sake? Will Saturday find me in a cloud of gloom because I am weary and bowed down with the burden of the week's labors or do I still endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, having found the inward rest and the renewing of strength that He imparts to those who follow Him?

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, if I truly follow my Shepherd. Then I can be sure that at my journey's end, He will lead me to the house of the Lord to dwell there forever.

## Q. A.

BY DEAN BECK

When are ladies first?

Ladies are always first. Preference is given them either in practice or in principle. Ladies should be given first consideration when entering or leaving a room, when seated, and when served at the table. Ladies follow the hostess in a restaurant or the usher in an auditorium. In case of absence of a hostess or usher, then the gentleman leads the way in courtesy to the lady.

When being seated at a table and when there is a lady on each side of the gentleman, whom does he assist?

The gentleman would assist the lady on his right first. If the lady on his left is not taken care of by the time he has finished his first courtesy, he could assist her, if he so desired. In any event, he should not sit down until the ladies are in their places.

Where could one find a concise outline of etiquette, something that would eliminate the necessity of struggling through a several hundred page volume?

There are on sale in the bookstore small pamphlets entitled "Handbook on Manners for College Men" and "Handbook on Manners for College Women," which are a thorough but concise treatment of etiquette. It is true that part of the included material does not have a direct bearing on our lives, but the principles given in those situations would be applicable to our social affairs. These pamphlets are 25¢ each.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

An x-ray unit under the direction of the American Red Cross will be at Houghton college infirmary, Thursday, October 28, for chest x-rays. The hours will be from 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon, and 1:30 to 5:00 p. m. All new students who do not have a written report of an x-ray taken in the last year must be x-rayed at this time. It is also suggested that every member of the faculty and staff of Houghton college take advantage of this opportunity. There is no charge to residents of Allegheny County, all others must pay 50¢.

## Library Registration Required by Nov. 1

Students who have not registered in the library are requested to do so as soon as possible. Last year's registrations are still effective in most cases, but some who were here last year did not sign their cards. New students who participated in the orientation program are registered. All others are among the number who should report now. Those not registered by November 1 will be required to see Miss Graham before they will be eligible for receiving any kind of library service. To obtain a card, ask at the loan desk.

The library has a set of the 1948 Compton's *Encyclopedia* on 30-day approval. Anyone interested in examining it and expressing an opinion on its desirability as a permanent acquisition is welcome at the librarian's office. Its publishers are promoting it as a college reference work rather than exclusively juvenile.

## Iturbi Performs

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For the coming program Madame Iturbi will play the following numbers: Part I—"Two Sonatas" by Scarlatte; "Sonata, No. 7" by Mozart. Part II—"Rondo Capriccioso" by Mendelssohn; "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12" by Franz Liszt. Part III—"Ritual Fire Dance" from "El Amor Brujo" by Manuel de Falla; "The Lady and the Nightingale" by Enrique Granados; "Ballade No. 1," "Berceuse," and "Polonaise in A Flat" by Chopin.





## THE RUT

BY JAN BURR

Open letter to Max Fancher:  
Please accept my humble apologies for dragging your name through the *Rut* and thus irrevocably defacing your family escutcheon. (I could tell you, but I'll let you look that one up.) Nevertheless, I don't think it was necessary to express your indignation by completely removing one line from last week's column and re-setting it in a news story from Prof. Smith. We ended up with a rather unusual statement about "Coach Wells of the sand dune", and "Baloney", Business Manager W. the parking committee looking for a G. Smith exclaimed . . ."

In the print shop we also have Sam Mack, who madly linotypes everything, including faintly penciled notes to the editors and what he reads between the lines. By the time a feature or news story is actually in print it's as new to the writer as it is to the public. In return, I shall threaten to reprint the name of Bob Smith's car. Last year they broke some gadget trying to get it into print and it cost them 35¢. Do I hear some new student asking for an explanation? Good—here it is: Charlesgamburambusdiasticutuspatabgarmybertieburchard Supercalifegelisticespidalidoshus Ford Smith.  
● You'll get the bill in the morning! —70¢ please.—That will teach you to play games.—(S.M.)

Frankie Vaughn: "Listen here, you guys, the only reason I'd like to be slim is just so I could have the joy of putting it all back on again!" (That's the spirit, Frankie)

The Misses Betty Erhard and Vi Donelson feel that one can't be too charitable with one's earthly possessions. On a recent Tuesday they left some clothes at the Pantry for the drycleaners to pick up. Returning the following Friday, they found their apparel still there. When they stopped in again the next Tuesday, the clothes were gone but nothing had been left by the drycleaners. That just didn't hang together. Upon further investigation they found that Miss Vi Blake had picked up their clothes, carefully packed them for *Inasmuch*, and was ready to ship them to Europe. You have to watch that stuff; first thing you know, the coat you had tailored in Podunk will be literally seen on the streets of Paris.

In the days of the last of the Mohicans they didn't talk about an eighteen inch rule, but they wore hats with eighteen inch brims. It all adds up to the same nothing.

## Newly-Organized Class Elects Year's Officers

The newly-organized Sunday school class for the church choir recently held an election of officers. Joy Carpenter, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted a list from which the following people were elected:

Alan Johnson, president; Robert Denny, vice-president; Joanna Fancher, secretary-treasurer; Marjorie Helfers, missionary-treasurer. These will serve as officers for the Sunday school class as well as for the choir.

Prof. Mack stated that as yet his plans for the church choir during this year are tentative. They will be announced at a later date.

Jane Crosby is a fast kid. Saturday morning she "came to" just enough to open one eye, look at the clock and exclaim, "Eek! It's twenty of eight! Allow me to point out that I have to be on duty in the library first thing this morning, is that clear?"

Taking just time to jump into her stockings and a pair of sleeves, she dashed over to the Luckey Memorial. Strange, though, that the library doors would not open. What was the matter with that Miss Graham, anyway; the place was as dead as a Monday morning in the dining hall. Finally Miss Crosby opened the other eye, tried another look at the clock and found that it was just five of seven. Which all goes to show that Crosby is a very fast kid, having arrived at work 45 minutes before she got up. It's the mad rushing spirit of this modern generation.

Dedicated to the waiters, particularly one Arleen Werres:  
The waiter did not heed my call  
He did not serve me food at all  
"I'm working," he said, "don't beat my pate;  
They also serve who only stand and wait."

SOMMERS CORSON: at last your dreams are realized; you have seen your name in the *Star*—a noble aspiration rewarded. Happy Birthday!

## PUSSY IN THE WELL

One small white cat and an old cistern almost delayed the program of Professor Stockin's class in Intermediate Latin last week.

As the professor breathlessly explained upon arriving several minutes late for his 8:00 a. m. class, he had heard the plaintive wails of the pussy as he was leaving home, and after dispatching a student to inform the class that their teacher might be late, he stopped to investigate.

He discovered that the cat, which has been a family pet for a year, had fallen into a partly boarded-over cistern located under the kitchen floor.

Donning a pair of overalls, the professor crawled under the house and by the illumination of a flashlight located the cat at the bottom of the five-foot cistern, neck deep in water and complaining vigorously.

A rescue was effected by the aid of a ski which the quick witted professor thrust down under the pet. The wet white cat walked the plank to safety and Professor Stockin arrived at his class before the messenger whom he had dispatched.

## 'Let's Think' -- Wightman

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Do too numerous religious activities, as such, leave our lives undeveloped along other essential lines? (3) Do our student clubs and organizations tend to build moral fibre?

Dr. Wightman realizes the possibilities that no one now in Houghton will be the bright boy who finally scores with all the right answers, but he also knows from years of watching young lives develop that warming the bench will not build solid muscles.

(Editor's note. This is the first of a series of interviews, to be published periodically, offering constructive suggestions for the mental health of Houghton students. An effort will be made to keep pace with evidence of campus problems.)

## ZWEMER SPEAKS ON MOSLEMS

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, missionary to the moslems, declared in Houghton college's annual missionary day chapel, October 19, that the incompleteness of the great commission to spread the gospel is a problem "for those who will pay the price."

He presented the "mystery" of the moslem religion as the most difficult task confronting gospel messengers. "Only a crucified life," Dr. Zwemer exhorted, "qualifies one for this supremely, exacting task. The missionary to moslem people encounters a firm denial of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Dr. Zwemer related an incident of lecturing to a large garden party on the crucifixion of the Lord, which lead to the following comment in a paper: 'Is it possible to put the experience of millions of Christians against the two verses in the *Koran*?'"

Statistically, study of the problem reveals 315,000,000 mohammedans in the world today. Still the condition remains that one can not draw a line in men's hearts today, the speaker observed.

John Rommel led the student body in the singing of "O Zion Haste" with Richard Meloon at the piano. Miss Winona Ingles, missionary to Africa led in prayer.

## MC CONN by MC CLURE

Houghton college's music department has added another bachelor to its ranks in the person of Professor Maynard McConn.

A stranger meeting Mr. McConn on Houghton campus would be more likely to guess that he were a student than a teacher. Even some of the regular students have had some rather embarrassing experiences along that line. However, his genuine friendliness and pleasing personality makes him easy to become acquainted with.

Mr. McConn was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He has lived in Miltonvale, Kansas, where his father was president of Miltonvale Wesleyan college for seven years and in Marion, Indiana, where his father is president of Marion college.

Mr. McConn attended college at Marion for two years before leaving for the army where he served thirty three months. While in the service he studied one term at Alfred university and one term at Clemson S. C., under the A. S. T. C., after which he went to Germany. When cautiously asked what rank he attained, Mr. McConn laughed and replied, "This is going to be good—I was all of a corporal when they let me out."

Mr. McConn graduated with his A.B. from Marion college in June of 1947. One year later he earned his M.S. in Music education given jointly by the Arthur Jordan conservatory and Butler university.

Mr. McConn has one brother Dean, a freshman at Marion. Last summer Dean's picture appeared in *LOOK* magazine after he had been chosen for *LOOK*'s All-American track team.

When asked the inevitable, "What do you think of Houghton?", Mr. McConn replied, "I like it here better than any place I've ever been—so far as the school is concerned." When further probed, "Only the school?" he quickly exclaimed, "Well, that's what's here, isn't it?"

When it was casually suggested that Houghton is known as a "match-factory", Professor McConn replied just as casually, "Well, I guess every college is." However, does every college have Sadie Hawkins Day or its equivalent?

## Talk of Many Things . . .

BY MIRIAM KING

As the hour hand of my too-faithful clock hovered around the twelfth numeral, I stopped my reading in order to rest my tired eyes. This book was an unexplored territory; the test was tomorrow. Returning somewhat mechanically to my work I spotted suddenly from among the confused tangle of words a sentence or two that had real meaning in them. "It was a tragedy—for Meredith and for his readers . . . Here is a thinker who, whether one accepts all the implications of his philosophy or not did have something to say to his age in terms which that age ought to have been able to understand; yet because he was unable or unwilling to make himself clear to his contemporaries, he has never reached—and he never will reach—more than a fraction of his potential audience."

"How sad," I thought. "Isn't it unfortunate—and unusual—for a person to thus shackle his usefulness by something he can't or won't give up! With Meredith it was his complex style. I wonder . . ."

At the sharp, familiar note of the class bell, the usual buzz of the room settled to a general hush. The day's lesson was hard, and the students felt somewhat nervous, for Prof. Kay was known as a tough number. Students never felt very close to him in spite of his keen mind. "John, discuss question four, please." Prof. Kay was looking at a retiring boy on the back row.

"I'm afraid I don't know it," John admitted.

"Why don't you know it? Too much night life? You never know the answer."

John's face turned red all over; the whole class was uncomfortable. Prof. Kay had an intellectual message to give. That class, at least, would never be reached by it.

"Judy, can I talk with you a moment?"

"Of course, Marian, what can I do for you?"

"I have noticed that you have a good testimony, Judy, and I thought maybe you would help me. You see I have been doing some thinking, and

I find myself confused about an idea on naturalism that our prof gave out in philosophy class yesterday. I'd like to talk to you about a Christian solution to the problem."

"I don't fool around with that stuff, Marian, and you'll be better off if you don't either. You are confused already. If I think too much I'm sure to lose my religion, so I don't think."

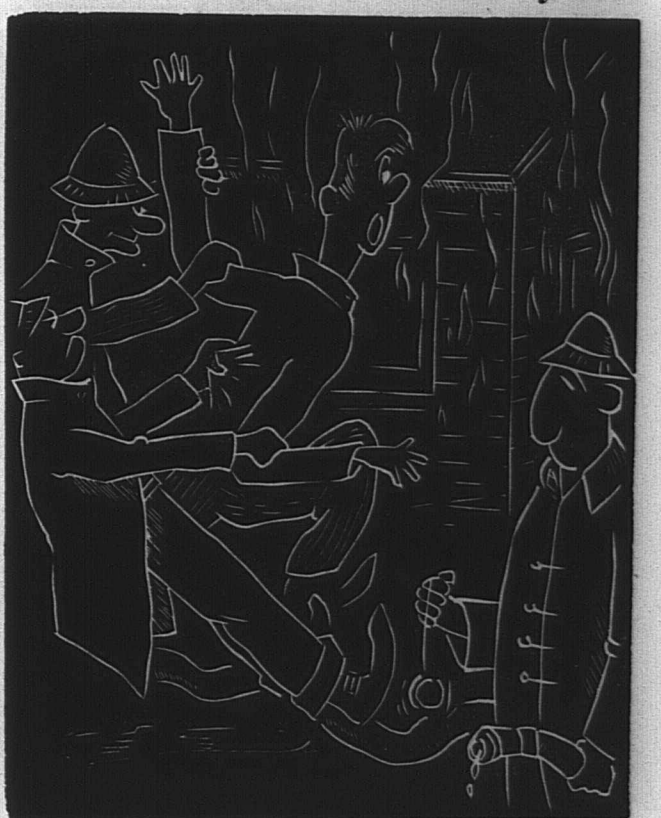
Judy had a message of eternal value to give; Marian for one would never be reached by it.

Sam wanted advice. Sam needed example for his wavering and constantly shifting steps. He often considered to whom he might turn for help. There was Dave. Dave was a leader at school, but Sam had seen him walk away from a table at which one colored boy was sitting. Next Sam thought of Rev. Smith at one of the local churches. He seemed a fine, spiritual man, but then, his sermons were so vague. He never did come down to the listening level of his audience. Probably he had too many high thoughts to be very practical.

In turn Sam remembered Phil, who could never be enticed from his books long enough for a good discussion; Jim with his high opinion of himself; Fred and his inferiority complex that kept him from being helpful; Mary, whose flair for sarcasm and wit kept everyone at disgust's distance; Fran with her cloak of flippancy that prevented anyone from having more than small talk with her; Jane, who thought study unessential; Amy and her supreme love of the old grade point; George, who never met a hard situation squarely, who didn't do anything he didn't want to, who practiced no discipline; Sally, who acted angry when she wasn't with all "good Christian kids." Each had a basic message he might have given Sam. He will never be reached by it. If only they had more excuse than the often lightly tossed phrase, "It's just the way I am."

"How sad," I repeated. And I turned again to the place in my book where the type began, "It was a tragedy . . ."

## It Shouldn't Happen To A Frosh by Jerz



But I gotta get in—my research paper is in there.



## The End Zone

BY MED

Hey, don't rush me Bitner. I know you're anxious to learn the outcome of the most classic classic in football history, but you'll have to wait and see just like the paying fans. If you get too impatient, I'm liable to take the tomahawk I got from Magua and scalp you.

Well, getting back to the dream world, the juniors win the toss, keep the dime to buy creamsticks, and elect to kick off. They kick Nast off the field. The two teams line up. Each player has determined set to his jaw (he's chewing bubble gum), a determined clench of fist, and a mighty determined crease in his spotless blue overalls. But wait! Just as the game is about to commence, the announcer's voice drones over the speakers. "Ladies and gentlemen, may I present the gift of the music department to the world, our own star of the Metropolitan Opera Company, the darling of television from coast to coast, MISS CLORINE BUMSTED." A cheer goes up from the frosh, who have never seen her. "She will sing for us the National Anthem and our Alma Mater at the same time." Really. I must admit—that's a tough assignment for even an opera star. As for the actual result of the game, please show your smiling face there tomorrow. Every effort will be made to accommodate the crowd.

This weekend is homecoming, but you'd never know it. The only persons who knew anything about it were the waiters, who are not allowed to leave the campus. I guess they'll get a lot of tips if they stay. Down at Geneva college they celebrate homecoming by playing Washington and Jefferson, having a reunion of the team that beat Harvard in 1924, and crowning one of their prettiest girls homecoming queen. Now I know very well that we could have none of these things—we couldn't even acclaim those warriors who won the Salad Bowl. But we could have shifted the junior-soph game to Saturday and shown the alumni how we play ball. We could have thrown passes into the wires; we could have run into that hydrant in the end zone and broken a couple of legs. We could have let the alumni stand along the sidelines until their backs ached; we could have elected one of our better looking girls queen and let the papas stand there and say, "I bet my son dates that girl." Maybe then the alumni would see what we are up against and increase the fervor with which they support the new athletic field. Yes, we could have done a great many things, but we didn't. We are content to let the Purple-

Gold alumni conduct a rip-bang soft-ball game that will get no one anything but lumbago. That just it—we are too content.

Purple-Gold football starts next week. Gold, as usual, has all the talent. Purple, as usual, has none of it. Would it be out of the way to predict a Gold victory? The trouble is—I can't figure out which is sadder—Purple's past or their future.

Sommers Corson said that he has never had his name in the paper. He may no longer make this statement!

### Letter Department...

Dear Athletes:

Frankly, boys, we girls are tired of lonesome, dateless Friday nights. The blackest kind of melancholy seizes us as we sit forsaken in our rooms. What's the matter, anyhow? After all, we aren't such ogres, once you get to know us. In fact, you'd find those bull sessions pretty dull after a few dates with scintillating us! We don't mind if you're not up on the latest thing in chivalry. You can practice on us. Nor do we ask you to spend your last cent feeding us—we're all dieting fast and furiously. Simply escort us to whatever entertainment the school provides. You'll find that Friday night takes on a new zest—and so will we!

### Soph Girls Take Hockey Tourney

Thursday, Oct. 14—The soph field hockey team finished the season undefeated by beating the seniors 10-1. The sophs have thus won the championship two years in a row and shall receive the keys which are given to the first place team each year.

The game was decidedly one sided, and though the sophs were without the services of Lemmon they scored at will and threatened continually. The seniors could not keep a drive going once they had the ball in soph territory. Their only goal was made after a long drive by Ellenberger was passed to Hogue who pushed it past the soph goalie. Gibb was high scorer for the sophs by making six goals. Knapp added three and Russell made one to complete the scoring.

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### ALUMNI TO HOLD BANQUET OCT. 23

Homecoming alumni will be told of the importance of the athletic field, an alumni project, at their banquet October 23. \$1,487.00 has been collected thus far.

The dinner, which will be held in the college dining hall at 7:00 p. m., will be followed by a program featuring alumni talent. Unusual decorations that will publicize the new bookstore are being planned for the event.

At 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon there will be a Purple-Gold alumni game.

### NAST AND CO. TRAMPLE FROSH

A valiant frosh football team fought the 1947 co-champ junior footballers to a standstill for two entire periods but were finally nosed out to the tune of 20-0 on Friday, October 15.

The underdog first year men and their upper class opponents battled to a see-saw deadlock with neither team making any scoring threats during the first half which ended in a scoreless tie.

In the third period a rejuvenated junior team took the field and swamped the frosh secondary defense with a passing offensive which struck pay dirt on the third play of this fast moving quarter. Nast threw to Dongell for 20 yards, another pass attempt was broken up by alert frosh linemen but again Nast connected to MacPherson for the first T. D. of the game. Lombardi converted from placement to bring the score to 7-0. A few minutes later MacPherson caught another Nast pass in the end zone for 6 points and a 13-0 lead.

Midway in the last period Inkster intercepted a frosh pass and scampered to the midfield stripe. On the first play after taking possession Dongell took a lateral from Nast and heaved a long forward pass to MacPherson which accounted for touchdown number 3. Lombardi's kick after touch down was good to bring the final score to 20-0 with the frosh on the short end.

### JUNIOR GIRLS NOSE OUT PREP

Tues., Oct. 19—The high school hockey team proved their worth today when they gave the juniors a run for their money by making two goals to the juniors' three.

In the first quarter the game seemed like a give-away to the juniors when Lynne Phillips drove a goal through for her team. However, the high schoolers retaliated valiantly during the second quarter, by keeping the ball in the soph end of the field. The onlookers cheered loudly as Sally Shea scored for the high school. The fighting spirit of the juniors was aroused in the third quarter and Lynne Phillips again banged the ball through for a goal. Both teams were fighting for blood as the last quarter came up. The high schoolers scored again with Carol Hazlett making the goal. But the indomitable Lynne Phillips broke the tie in favor of the juniors, leaving the final score 3-2.

### News From Coach

Coach Wells announced this week that there will be a house league basketball series this year as previously held before. All games will be played on Saturdays. The first game will take place November 6.

Coach said that all teams should hand a list of players to him or drop it in the official slot. The teams may be made up of any group providing no two houses combine that have more than seven men in either house. All who participate must be carrying a minimum index of 2.0000.

Coach stated that this year there will be a period set aside each day for general recreation. Badminton, paddle tennis, deck tennis and other types of individual recreation will be made available. The time now set aside will be from 2:40 to 3:30 every day except Saturday.

According to Coach, basketball practices have been underway since Wednesday. He further stated that the first game will be played Friday November 5, at 7:30. The schedule will be published in the next issue of the Star.

### POSSIBLE MERGER TO BE DISCUSSED

The possible joining of the Free Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist denominations will be discussed at Winona Lake, Indiana, October 29 and 30, by two committees of five representatives from each denomination.

For two days preceding the general meeting, Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton college, and other members of the Wesleyan Methodist group will meet at Marion, Indiana.

### FUNDS NEEDED FOR COMPLETION

Use of the new classroom building began last week with the moving of the Art department into its new quarters where a high-ceiling room at the northeast end of the building has been especially constructed for art work.

Work is practically completed on the main floor of the building. The plumbers are now installing the heating system which should be ready for operation within a week or ten days. As soon as this is ready the other classrooms will be used. Temporarily a space heater is being used for the art room.

The general plan is to go as far as possible on the stone work outside the building before winter. The basement work will not go forward until more funds are available.

### WYPS TRY RECORDING

The first effort to turn the Sunday evening WYPS into sixteen-inch disks for broadcasting over WAVL, Apollo, Pa. resulted in a "good try," according to Dr. Robert Luckey. Everyone was "scared," he said, and a good many false starts and stammerings may be heard when the disk is run. "It was a good experience, and they'll do better next time," he commented.

## Seniors Win - At Last

The senior footballers notched their first victory last Monday at the expense of the freshmen as they passed and intercepted their way to a 41-0 route. Three of the four tallies in the first half were set up by interceptions, and the fourth was made on an interception. Two frosh passes caught by seniors paved the way for two touchdowns in the last half and a fumble by the frosh in their end zone cost them two more points.

The scores were made on passes from Walker to Sutton, which accounted for eighteen points, Walker to Beach for one touchdown, and Sutton to Walker for another. The remaining six points were made on an interception by Walker, who had perfect blocking as he went from his own 40 for the score. Iggy booted one conversion and passed for two others.

The frosh could not get their team in motion to make even an attempt to score and their defense was very weak. Frazee, Eckler, and Johnson tried vainly to penetrate the senior defense with passes, only to have interceptions give the ball over to the fourth year men.

The seniors and frosh have each won one game now but the frosh have lost one more than the seniors which puts the upperclassmen a step above them in the league standings. The juniors and sophomores are tied for first, thus putting the seniors in third position, the frosh in fourth, and the high school last.

### Spanish Fans Organize And Elect Officers

The Spanish club met for organization, Monday, October 18, at 3:45 p. m. in room S-42.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Anthony Lombardi; Vice President, Elmer Ritzman; Secretary, Maria Alvarado; Treasurer, Kenneth Decker.

Members of special committees are: Program, Nellie Carvajal, Betty Dilling, and Lester Fuller; food, Ada Sue Groome and Harriet Richards.

Throughout the year the group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Some of the meetings will be devoted to study of the life and customs of Spain and South America.

The club consists mostly of Spanish students. However, interested students, not enrolled in any of the Spanish classes are invited to join the organization.

### Yorkwood Girls to Hold Open House

Saturday, October 23, is the date that the girls of Yorkwood have set for their annual open house. They will receive guests from three until five on that afternoon, and everyone, is extended a most cordial invitation to visit their home.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT . . .

The calendar committee announces that Saturday evening October 30, the weekend before Halloween, will be open for parties. Requests should be submitted immediately.

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