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Rank 'n' File



Lt. Richard Bennet, ex '45 Killed in England on July 26

Lt. Richard D. Bennett was killed in an airplane accident in England on July 26. "Dick" was a member of the college class which graduated this June.

"Dick" enlisted in the Air Forces in June 1942. He successfully completed his training and became a flight leader, flying a B-17. With his original B-17 crew he had completed more than 30 missions. At the time of his death "Dick" was the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and several Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart.

Before going overseas last fall, "Dick" visited Houghton. Outstanding in the memory of many students was his excellent solo voice. Lt. Bennett was engaged to Ruth Brooks, editor of the '44 *Boulder*, in June 1942.

From Those Letters

Last night as we sat in the chapel we saw pictures saluting the different branches of the service and of the invasion and other battles. We back here in Houghton could to some measure at least realize some of the things you are going through, and it is our prayer that God will keep you and help you and that peace soon will come again.

"Art" Gravlin Promoted

From the public relations office of the United States Army Forces for China-Burma-India, came the following notice headed New Delhi, India: "Arthur M. Gravlin . . . has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant from that of second lieutenant according to a report from the China, Burma, India Headquarters of Lt. General Joseph W. Stilwell. Lt. Gravlin left the class of '43 at Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y. to be inducted into the army on Nov. 30, 1940. He spent all of his enlisted time with the 114 Infantry and became a 2nd lieutenant on Nov. 16, 1942, arriving in India in April, 1944.

"Happy" Earl in Texas

"Happy" Earl Campbell (ex '45) writes from Texas: "I may have mentioned before that I've been asked to play the piano part time at least for the Sunday church services. They really are hard up for pianists when they call on me to play, but of course I'm glad for this opportunity to serve even in this capacity for my Lord. I really enjoy playing these good old hymns and gospel songs. I'd like to get some chorus books and teach these fellows some good choruses.

"I'm also singing in the 92nd Regiment Glee Club. We're trying to work up a variety program to be presented soon. I think we have 40 or so fellows singing in it. And no kidding, we sound pretty good too, even if I do say so."

Sherwood Stratton Marries a Texas Girl

Miss Muriel McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McCullough of Refugio, Texas, became the bride of Lt. Sherwood W. Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stratton of Houghton, in a ceremony performed by Dr. William H. Wallace, Jr., in the First Methodist Church of Corpus Christi, Texas, Thursday evening, July 13.

The bride was exquisitely gowned in white and carried a white testament and orchid. She was given in marriage by Flying Officer Francis Croxter. Maid of honor was Miss Chrystine Douglas, with Lt. Paul Wallace serving as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors.

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Lt. and Mrs. Stratton took a short wedding trip. They are living at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he is stationed as Flight Instructor in the Marine Air Corps.

Norm Walker Writes

This week we had an inspiring letter from Norm Walker (ex '47) who said, "There have been quite a few spots where the Lord has kept me on His side since I've been in this man's army . . . I played a little basketball for the second time since I came here and they have a gym that could put Houghton's "Bedford" in one corner and not notice it. But I'd give all the money that I'd ever have to go back to Houghton this fall."

Ezra Gearhart a Corporal

In a recent letter from Ezra Gearhart, who is at Fort Riley, Kansas, he says, "I like it better than any camp I have been in. I have also been made corporal and it is better than being a private, plus having responsibility. I have several men under me and the care of much equipment . . ." and of the STAR he says, "I always enjoy reading Houghton news."

Cronk Made First Lieutenant

Theos E. Cronk ('32) was promoted recently to first lieutenant at Scott Field, Ill. "Ted" is at the parent radio school of the Army Air Forces Training Command at Scott Field. He is serving as assistant special service officer.

George Wells in Pacific

A letter dated July 8 to Prof. and Mrs. W. G. Smith from Ensign George R. Wells (ex '44) contained among other things the following: "I'm many thousands of miles from home . . . The last month has been a very interesting one in spite of the fact I've learned what it is to be scared and have been kept very busy. . . It seemed very strange to me the last of May not to be with my class graduating. Believe it or

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Thousand Dollar Gift Gives Post War Radio Broadcast Plan Big Boost

FRANK WRIGHT AGAIN BECOMES DEAN OF MEN

Professor Frank H. Wright, chairman of the Division of Theology and Religious Education, has been appointed dean of men for the coming year. He succeeds Dr. George E. Moreland, who vacated the position upon his appointment as acting dean of the college. Prof. Frank Wright was dean of men several years ago.

Rosine Nocera Captivates Large Summer Audience

A high point of the summer programs was the piano recital by the eleven-year-old Rosine Nocera. Her recital on Friday evening, July 21, was one of the summer artist series presented by the summer school.

Beginning her program with the stirring strains of the *Star Spangled Banner*, Rosine gave her audience a foretaste of the power and feeling that was revealed in the program. The concert was attended by one of the largest summer school audiences in several years. The audience reaction was very enthusiastic.

The little artist gave a varied program both as to subject and composer, from Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique to MacDowell's "Witches' Dance". Rosine graciously obliged her audience by returning three times for encores. Her program follows:

"Sonata Pathetique" (three movements) by Beethoven; "Music Box", Liadow; "Malaguena", Albeniz; "Golliwog's Cakewalk", Debussy; "Arabesque No. 1", Debussy; "Etude", Mendelssohn; "Etude in F Minor No. 2", Chopin; "Waltz in C sharp Minor", Chopin; "Le Coucou", Dequin; "Jesus Joy of Man's Desire", Bach; "Adagio", Bach; "Italian Concerto" (last movement), Bach; "The Little White Donkey", Ibert; "Witches' Dance", MacDowell; "Concerto in G Minor", Mendelssohn.

FACULTY FINDS FRIENDS FOOD, AND FUN FOR ALL

The faculty and their families turned out in full force to enjoy an outing and picnic together on the Point. A large group attended this event on Wednesday evening of last week.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Williams and children were guests. Rev. Mr. Williams was the evangelist at the winter revival services on the campus in February 1943. They are spending a few days in Houghton at the home of President and Mrs. Paine.

A "goodly" number of the faculty youngsters gave increased activity and animation to the event.

Anonymous Gift Received by the Houghton Church.

Announcement of an anonymous gift of \$1000 for the purpose of beginning a radio fund was made recently by Dr. C. I. Armstrong, pastor of the Houghton Church. This gift makes a very substantial beginning on a project of radio evangelism from Houghton, which has been envisioned by both students and church leaders in the community.

During the past year a group of students carried on a successful program over WBTA in Batavia. The great draw-back to this to the time and expense consumed in travel to and from the station.

The radio work at Houghton will probably begin with the purchase of the basic equipment from making transcriptions and the establishment of a studio. With this set-up programs can be put on the discs here and sent to various radio stations. Of course, anything beyond planning will have to wait until after the war.

Mauro-Cottone Gave Final Concert of Summer Series

The final number on the summer school artist series was the pleasing and capable pianist, Aurora Mauro-Cottone. She was well received in this her first appearance in Houghton.

Her first group was unusually fine, both in understanding and feeling. It consisted of two chorale preludes by Bach-Busoni: "Now Comes the Gentle Saviour," and "Rejoice Beloved Christians"; "Rondo in E flat Major" by Hummel; Prelude, Chorale, and Fugue by Franck, a difficult composition beautifully played.

Her second group to the "Sonata in G Minor" by Schumann. This number is not often presented in the concert programs. The third group consisted of three compositions by Chopin. The concluding group began with "El Puerto" by Albeniz, a characteristically spanish piece. In contrast were the numbers by Ravel which concluded the program: "Oiseaux Tristes" and "Toccata".

Among the encores which the artist offered were an arrangement of a Straws-waltz, "The Bat", and the "C sharp Minor Prelude" by Rachmaninoff.

APPLICATIONS REACH THE PREVIOUS RECORD

Applications from girls for entrance into college this fall have reached the peak of the highest registration figures of the late 1930's. According to the Registrar there are 145 applicants planning to enter Houghton this fall. Of these 100 are girls and 45 boys.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S S. O. S.

BY DON PHILLIPS

Dr. S. D. Gordon, the great preacher and author, imagines a scene in heaven shortly after the ascension of Jesus. Gabriel and Jesus are busily engaged in conversation as they walk together the streets of Glory. Gabriel is speaking, "Master, you suffered and bled and died for poor lost sinners didn't you?" "Yes," Jesus replies, as He reveals His nail pierced hands. "But Lord, sinners must be told of such love. Who will tell the story?" Jesus answers, "My disciples and those who follow them must tell." "I know," says Gabriel, "but what if they should fail?" Jesus replies, "I have no other plan."

He is counting on us! Will we fail Him? He says in effect, "I have done my part, I have suffered and died—now I am counting on you—will you do your part?" He has no other plan than that we should tell the story. He calls, "Follow Me." Will we follow? Will we "deny ourselves and take up our cross daily"? The call to follow is a clear call—Yes, an S. O. S. call for it involves Surrender, Obedience, and Service.

First, are we willing to surrender completely? The apostle Paul said to the Christians at Rome, "Yield yourselves unto God," and again, "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice". Absolute surrender is a "must"—there is no alternative—we must yield, we must surrender, we must "let go and let God". We must come to the place in our experience where we are willing to fall on our knees before the Lord Jesus and say, "O Lord, 'at any cost, at any loss, at any cross' I yield to Thee."

When the transaction is complete and we are unreservedly surrendered, obedience naturally follows. Obedience to all the commands of Christ becomes a joy. This joy, in unconditional obedience, is therefore dependent upon the extent of our surrender. We can test the validity of our surrender by the joy we have in complete obedience to His will. If we find in our hearts an unwillingness to obey we can have every reason to doubt our surrender. It is our place to stay yielded, and unquestioning obedience, no matter what it involves, will of necessity follow. The surrendered life is an obedient life! It no longer questions the demands of Christ nor His authority. It unflinchingly performs His every desire. Yes, when surrendered we sing without any reservation, "Where He leads me I will follow" and "I will go where You want me to go, dear Lord, I will be what You want me to be." We now obey because of our love for the One who indwells us and who has become very life in us!

Finally, when we are thus unreservedly surrendered and therefore absolutely

obedient, the Lord Jesus begins to work in and through us. "Christ in us" becomes a reality! We can say with the great apostle, "I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me". We find the characteristics of the living Christ being "shed abroad in our hearts". Where we have not previously loved, we now love, we now have compassion. We become conscious of His love, His compassion, His power, His peace, His joy, His victory, and out of our lives begin to flow "rivers of living water". Souls are touched, made mellow, and brought to repentance—not by anything that we do but by what we allow Him to do in and through us.

Yes, the Lord has no other plan than that we should tell the wondrous story. Will we fail Him? No! We will Surrender! We will Obey! We will Serve!

HOUGHTONIANS PROMINENT IN BIBLE CONFERENCE

Several Houghtonians were prominent in the Berian Bible Conference, held this year from July 11-17, in Canandaigua, N. Y. This Le Tourneau Christian camp was attended by 215 registrants from Rochester's fundamental Baptist churches. The camp has 25 cabins, a \$10,000 recreation hall, a large auditorium, and a dining hall.

Rev. Hildreth Wilcox, Houghton student and pastor of the South Side Baptist Church in Hornell, was dean of the Conference. Among the leaders of the various classes was Frances Wightman ('42), who had a class of 80 in chorus conducting. She was also pianist for the conference. "Don" Phillips, a present Houghton student taught a class in personal evangelism. Rev. James N. Bedford ('36) has been registrar of the camp for several years.

Alden Gannett ('44) and his wife were there. Alden was the conference evangelist, having been chosen by the churches represented to bring the evening messages. These services were richly blessed, four or five accepting the Lord every night, while many more sought deeper experiences.

Miss Mary Graham to Be the New College Librarian

The college recently announced that Miss Mary Graham of Kansas will be librarian this next year. She will replace Mrs. Mary Neighbour, who resigned this spring.

Miss Graham has her A.B. from Tarkio College, and her B.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois Library School, where she graduated with honors. She has recently been employed by the Kansas State College library.

Speech Instructor Secured for the Coming School Year

Mrs. Edna C. Lennox has been given a contract as Instructor in Speech and assistant to the librarian, beginning this fall. Mrs. Lennox is returning to teach at Houghton after an absence of 19 years. When Mrs. Lennox was Miss Edna Culp she taught speech and oratory here.

Mrs. Lennox has her bachelor's degree from the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston, Mass. She is now in the process of completing her master's degree at the same school. Recently she has been teaching in Wisconsin.

PREPARATORY ISSUE A SEPARATE CATALOGUE

For the first time the Preparatory catalogue has been issued under its own cover. Previously it was bound into the back of the general college catalogue.

As a means of saving paper this year it was issued separately. The students and faculty consider this more satisfactory. Thus a policy has been established for coming years, according to the opinion of the principal, Prof. F. Gordon Stockin.

The cover design of this attractive catalogue was drawn and cut from a linoleum block by Paul Ortlip, a graduate of the Preparatory class of '44.

The prospects for the Preparatory registration this fall are very good. Applications are considerable ahead of last year.

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not, in the past year there have been times when I've been homesick for Houghton . . . I didn't believe it was possible for a place to come so much a part of one as Houghton did me. I'm especially glad for my salvation and for my constant companion, and "shield and defender" in this part of the war torn world. There have been times when nothing else could have done any good." George is somewhere in the Pacific.

Lt. Clements Injured

Lt. Wallace Clements (ex '44) has been in the hospital for about a month and will be there for several more weeks. At 17,000 feet a fighter plane collided with his bomber and cut off a wing. "Wallie" was one of the three out of eleven who lived. Write to him at the Army Air Base Hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska.

A Breeze from "Burp"

Pvt. Burdette Curtis, now in Camp Blanding, Fla., writes that he likes to get letters, and is looking forward to the STAR, and to seeing his Boulder. He also says that they even have to have permission by the company commander if they want a drink of H₂O. He expects to be there for seventeen weeks in training. "I'm a Christian and therefore have help and strength that many don't. I am happy and contented, as I know its where Christ has put me.

We have a grand chaplain . . . It does seem like Houghton's services . . . I have had chances to witness and talk and God has helped me."

Changes Made in Teaching Staff of the Preparatory

Two new teachers will join the Preparatory faculty this September to fill vacancies left by Miss Ellen Mills and Miss Alice Pool. Miss Mills is teaching in a public school and Miss Pool has been granted a leave of absence for missionary work and study in South America.

Mrs. Wenona Cronk, former English instructor in the college and graduate of the college class of '34, will teach English II and IV, and two courses in social studies. Mrs. Cronk has had good teaching experience and insures a genuine strengthening of the high school staff.

Miss Martha Woolsey will begin her first regular teaching work in the foreign language department. Her scholastic record and practice teaching experience promise a successful year for her students. Miss Woolsey is a Houghton graduate of '44, and majored in French and Latin. She was the one Senior to negotiate successfully the New York State Teacher's Examination in French this past year. In her graduating class she held salutatory honors. She will also supervise the athletics for the girls of the Preparatory.

Several changes in the curriculum have been made, to become effective this fall. The new social studies sequence for the New York schools will be inaugurated. The usual course in Earth Science will be replaced by Advanced Biology, and the new unit course in Health will be introduced. Courses in Rudiments and Harmony are offered in an effort to encourage an academic major in music.

CAMP MEETING WILL OPEN ON AUGUST 17

The forty-first annual Holiness Camp Meeting begins on the Houghton camp grounds on August 17 and continues through August 27. Evangelists are Rev. Howard W. Sweeten of Ashley, Ill. and Rev. R. G. Flexon of Reading, Pa.

The daily young people's services are to be under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. S. I. McMillen of Houghton and Rev. David Anderson of Bradford, Pa. The children's work is in charge of Mrs. Ruth Senson Liddick of Houghton. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp of Topeka, Kansas have charge of the music.

News was recently received that Dr. Philip F. Ashton, who resigned his position at Houghton this year, is returning to Seattle-Pacific College in Seattle, Wash. instead of going to Wheaton College as was originally planned.

The faculty transportation committee is preparing instructions which will be mailed soon to all new and old students coming to Houghton this fall. It is very important that those coming by bus and train comply with the plans which they have worked out. Otherwise there is no assurance of adequate transportation facilities from the various terminal points to Houghton.