

## Ditchfields To Tell Of War Prison Escape

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ditchfield, recently arrived in this country from England, will be speaking on Houghton college campus on Wednesday, February 27. Mr. Ditchfield, at one time a prisoner in a German concentration camp outside Paris, will speak in chapel concerning the experience of his escape. At the time of his internment, he was studying in a university near Paris. In due time he escaped with two other men, one a concert violinist and the other a Jesuit priest from Canada.

Mrs. Ditchfield, former assistant dean of women at Houghton college and evangelist for the Primitive Methodist church, will be the speaker at the meeting of the F.M.F. on Wednesday evening, at 7:30. With her husband, Mrs. Ditchfield has recently conducted a series of meetings in Pennsylvania and Ohio. At present they are traveling about speaking to various groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Ditchfield, with their young daughter, Lisebeth Ann will be the guests of Miss Elizabeth Beck, arriving on Monday, February 25, and staying until the end of the week. It is possible that the Ditchfields will be going to South America to work among the unevangelized tribes of the upper Amazon region.

## F.M.F. Begins New Projects

Two projects undertaken by the F.M.F. include the new mission map in S-24 and a mission chapel program. The new map is designed to point out particularly by lights and pictures, the places where Houghton's missionaries are stationed.

Dr. Paine will be the speaker for the chapel program when the book-mark prayer reminders for our missionaries will be distributed. At that time also, possible candidates for future W.Y.P.S. support will be considered.

Refurbishing and equipping of the room, which was completed over the Christmas vacation, was made possible through funds contributed by Herbert J. Taylor, president of the Club Aluminum Company.

## Juniors Seek Rejuvenation, Venerate Love's Patron Saint

The venerable juniors proved once again that despite their age they still have limber brains. Walking into S-27 this Valentine Monday morning, half past the hour of nine, this staff writer was amazed to find not a few anxious students boning for the next class, but a hearty group of mid-centurians.

Debater Ruby Rabe, genial class president and usually a paragon of parliamentary virtue, was not exercising his usual Monday morning prerogative of haranguing his classmates upon the virtues of supporting class functions. Neither was the popular second-in-command and well-known man about campus, Norm Jones, engrossed in quieting sedition among the ranks.

For the moment it appeared that pint-sized Mitz Maeda had usurped the proxy's powers, but I was soon apprised of the fact that his impassioned inquiry was, "Do ya wunt any more cake?" Being of an in-

## Specialist Aids Addressing Forms

Mr. Morton Eschner, brother of Mrs. Willard Ortlip, a specialist in direct-mail advertising and regularly employed in Erie, Pennsylvania, is contributing his services in the Public Relations' office. He is assisting in the circulation of forms.

A modern rebuilt graphotype, electrically operated, is expected to arrive soon for use as a standard addressograph machine. Needed for a long time, this additional equipment will greatly facilitate and speed the entering of names on files, especially in the present campaign for the new dormitory funds.

In about two weeks the Public Relations' office will appeal to the alumni for the lists of prospective donors. The office also announces that a committee is drawing up plans for a new college auditorium. The present work is preliminary to the blue-prints.

## Business Office Shows College Financial Report

The 1948 financial report of the college showed a total gross expenditure of \$526,677.47. Over against this there is a total income of \$509,880.75 which leaves a net operating loss for the year of \$16,796.72. In view of the size of the college operation, this is not a large deficit. However, it will be necessary for the college to take steps to improve its income sufficiently to overcome a deficit in operation and to create a small balance as a cushion against a reversal of general financial condition. The general financial condition of the college has steadily improved since the opening of the fall semester. The trustees of the college at their February meeting will give special consideration to the problem of increasing the income of the college sufficient to cover its expenses. A full report of matters affecting students will be made at that time.

To foster this elusive element which they call class spirit, a wide-awake cabinet had decided to have an informal get-together. Of course business proceeded as usual at first, then the committee broke out chow and the usually sedate group fell to eating, without further ado. Nor did my responsive informant conclude here; this, he assured me, was not the first of such episodes.

The 9:40 bell sounded and I began edging toward the door as he began telling me of the class' birthday party for Prof. Shea. This, I concluded was a class where dues would be due, and not delinquent.

CHAPEL  
Friday, Feb. 18  
Rev. H. K. Sheets  
Tuesday, Feb. 22  
Rev. Earl Beale  
Wednesday, Feb. 23  
Mr. Leslie Ditchfield  
Thursday, Feb. 24  
Rev. H. C. VanWormer  
Friday, Feb. 25  
Dr. Stephen W. Paine

## Hale, Totman Present Joint Recital Here

Virgil Hale, tenor, and Floyd Totman, bass, will present a joint recital in the Houghton college chapel on Wednesday, February 23, at 7:30 p. m. Among the selections chosen for the seven groups are numbers from Haydn's *The Creation*, "Elegie" by Massenet, "Danny Boy," and "Golden Days" from Romberg's, *The Student Prince*.

Mr. Hale, a voice major, is now a member of the radio choir and the college quarter, and was one of the tenor soloists in the annual *Messiah* production.

Majoring in voice and minoring in piano, Mr. Totman is a soloist in the A Cappella choir and is active in extension work. He was also a soloist in the presentation of the *Messiah*.

Calendar  
Feb. 18, Friday  
Special service, Rev. H. K. Sheets, 7:30 p. m. — church.  
Feb. 19, Saturday  
Singspiration — 6:45 p. m. — dorm reception room.  
Church choir practice — 7:30 p. m.—church aud.  
Feb. 22, Tuesday  
Student prayer meeting—7:30 p. m.—chapel.  
Feb. 23, Wednesday  
Purple-gold basketball series— 7:30 p. m.—gym.  
Hale-Totman recital — 7:30 p. m.—chapel.  
F.M.F.—7:30 p. m.—S-24.  
Student council — 7:30 p. m.—S-21.  
Expression club—7:30 p. m.—music hall aud.  
Feb. 24, Thursday  
Class prayer meetings — 6:45 p. m.  
Psychology club—7:30 p. m.—S-23.  
Feb. 25, Friday  
Boulder benefit concert—Raymond McAfee—8:00 p. m.—chapel.

## Torchbearers Hold Services

Torchbearers' ministry was limited to three activities this week. The Gospel Envoyes were in charge of the Saturday night Youth for Christ rally in East Aurora, with Dr. Stephen W. Paine as speaker. On Sunday evening the College Quartet—James Harr, Paul Ellenberger, Arland Reese, and James Mills, provided music for the Education day service at the Free Methodist church in Olean.

## Radio Station Asks College Broadcasts

### Professor's Wife To Be Head Nurse

Mrs. Marvin O. Nelson, wife of Professor Marvin O. Nelson of the Houghton college faculty, has recently been appointed as head nurse of the Houghton college infirmary.

Mrs. Nelson assumed her duties, which consist of directing the infirmary staff in the care of students and faculty, on Monday, February 14. She will continue in the position until the end of the present semester.

Mrs. Nelson received her training at the Sarnia General Hospital in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. She has held positions as head nurse at Greenville college, Greenville, Illinois and at Central college, McPherson, Kansas.

At present Mrs. Nelson is also teaching a course in personal hygiene at Houghton college.

### Dean Issues Rules For Use of Music Hall

In order to prevent misuse of the music building and its facilities, Dr. Lauren A. King, Dean of Houghton college, announced new regulations governing evening use of the building will go into effect February 21.

Students will be admitted only by regular and special tickets after 7:30 each evening. Regular tickets are to be issued to students having regular practice time, and to certified extension groups and will be kept by the individuals concerned. Special tickets are to be issued to students required to make up practice deficiency and to those given a special assignment of time.

A proctor, who will be near the rear door, will check all tickets, collecting special tickets that are expired. The front door of the music building will be locked each evening at 7:30, and the entire building will be closed during Tuesday student prayer meeting.

## College Bequeathed \$500 In Will; Library Given Books

Houghton college has been bequeathed \$500 by the will of Mr. Merrill M. McGan of Lisbon, New York.

Mr. McGan's interest in Houghton developed after hearing a college representative speak at Lisbon church a few years ago, and also in the close friendship of the Rev. G. D. Lack, former pastor at Lisbon Wesleyan Methodist church.

The Willard Houghton Memorial library has recently received several gifts from friends of the college.

Glenn E. Burgess, agent for the American Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company of Illinois, has presented the library with a 1948 Rand McNally Road Atlas of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

A 1914 edition of *The Century Dictionary* is the gift of Rev. Clarence M. Dudley, 1910, of Wells-ville, New York. The volume is

bound in corduroy and contains over 8,000 pages. Ed Buck, '45 has given the library a 1948 edition of *American Universities and Colleges*. The library possesses a compilation of papers on various religious cults, edited and given to the library by Professor Bert Hall. The studies were made by the students of one of his philosophy classes in the school year 1947-1948.

At the request of the Rev. Cecil F. Clifton a group of college students with the help of Dr. Robert Luckey recorded a broadcast of college chatter from the Twin Spruce Inn last Saturday evening. The Rev. Mr. Clifton, owner and manager of the Apollo radio station in Pennsylvania, has been sponsoring religious broadcasts from Houghton, particularly young peoples' services. Letters from radio listeners wishing to know whether Houghton were simply a Bible college inspired the station manager with a desire for a series of secular programs as proof of Houghton's liberal arts status.

A student council committee, under the direction of Edward Brill, is handling the project. In addition to this meet-the-people sort of thing which has already begun to materialize, the committee is considering the possibility of a discussion forum conducted by the debate squad, an Expression club presentation of a one act play, and a musical recital.

Robert Nuernberger acted as master of ceremonies in the Twin Spruce experiment. He reports that the procedure was astonishingly free of mishaps although he had trouble occasionally untangling himself from the "mike" cord. He had prepared his introduction and conclusion in writing, but his guidance of the student patter interspersed with comments from staff members enjoying the fun, was impromptu. Reverend George Failing rambled a bit about the departments of the school. Joe Sastic insisted that he was Joe Lincoln, and the group lustily sang "Happy Birthday" to him, thus dating the performance. Med Sutton, unaware of the purpose of it all, announced in answer to Bob's questions that he planned to indulge in a four year sleep upon his graduation from Houghton and that he was "one of the weaker members of the strong English department." Professor Butterworth, Professor Stockin, and Doctor Luckey also made contributions. Miss Blake, the head resident of the dorm, admitted that she was stealing away from her career of "the children." Altogether, about twenty persons were interviewed. The faculty will listen to the records before they are actually used.

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### To Address Gideons

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton college, will address the Corning Camp of Gideons, at the Baron Steuben hotel of Corning, New York, on Saturday, February 26.

The College male quartet will accompany him.



# Editorial . . .

Commenting on trends reported in a survey by the Veterans Administration from Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Time* magazine, February 7, makes some striking predictions which indicate that a bachelor's degree may mean little in succeeding years.

The article reveals that severe overcrowding will prevail in many fields, especially in engineering where in 1950 nearly 50,000 graduates will enter a field which needs only 7,000 annually in replacements. In other occupations such as chemistry and psychology an undergraduate degree is inadequate and graduate work is approaching the stage of necessity; this is even becoming increasingly true in the field of secondary education—where crowding is keen in physical education, social science, and English.

The few large sectors where job-seekers will find ready placement are medicine, dentistry, nursing and grade-school teaching. The survey made this recommendation says *Time*, "more students ought to be getting set for the workaday world of the trades or should be prepared for a start as clerks and office workers."

No one expects that we're all going to automatically drop out of school just because a writor tells us what a stiff time it is to get a job; but we might do well to pull our heads out of the sand, rub the sand out of our eyes and look at the situation as it really is. Some of our alumni who got their "start as clerks," and who are still clerks, might allude to the fact that the last half of the senior year is rather late to begin thinking.

Just this week a letter to the editor (later retracted by the writer) asked in effect, "Why no vocational guidance?" Thinking of the trends summarized above we are inclined to ask rhetorically, too, "Why no vocational guidance?" To answer our own question; it appears that we are faced with the dilemma of any small school—too much to do with too little to do it. So where does that put us? Why obviously, if no one else is going to assume the responsibility, then it is left at each individual's own doorstep.

The basic question is why am I in college? When that has been settled and you know where you're going it is only good sense, before you go farther, to find out whether you're the fish that can jump the falls, and which way is the shortest way. This will entail conscientious effort—conferences with the department head, aptitude tests, in comparison of your I.Q. with averages of those who've been successful in your prospective field—in a word, self-inventory. The idea is not to break your neck on a falls which you can't jump, but to look for one which you can jump. The moral being that if you're pre-med and your index is 1.5, don't conclude that you'll never be able to do anything, but rather conclude that you'd make a better teacher. We haven't yet heard of the fish that bounded over Niagara.

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## Letters To The Editor

The article entitled "Coptic Church" of the February 11 *Star* attracted the attention of my roommate and me.

In connecting Judaism and the Coptic Church, we ask your caution that you may not altogether conclude that they are quite similar. Judaism is intensely felt in this denomination for the simple reason that the ancestors of the members of this denomination had the Old-Testament (Judaism) before Christ came to the world. How influential is Judaism on those denominations directly plunged into the New Testament? Then compare its influence on those who lived according to its law for centuries before Christ.

As for the reference to the independence of Ethiopia in relation to fasting, I should like to make it clear that fasting includes all Christian supplications such as prayer and most of all, faith in Him. We would be most foolish to confine Christianity to fasting. Also we do not wish to be identified as uncompromising foes of Catholicism—in spite of the shortcomings of the Vatican. Some of our most intimate friends are Catholics.

Sincerely,  
H. M. Kebede

The student body and faculty of Houghton college extends its deepest sympathies to Douglas Silvernail upon the death of his father.

## Hart - Weigle

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hart of Quaker Hill, Connecticut, announce the engagement of their daughter Joan Winifred, to Francis G. Weigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Weigle, also of Quaker Hill.

The wedding date has not been determined.

## "And God Asks . . ."

BY CAROL DAVIS

Asking a pointed question is one of God's most effective methods of causing an individual to face reality. Just as He demanded of Adam, "Where art thou?" so God asks men today to consider the same question.

"Where am I? Where am I going? What is the nature of the universe of which I am a part?" are some philosophical reflections which will drive one to utter confusion and hopeless despair unless one turns to God, for He through Jesus Christ gives coherence to life.

"Where art thou?" God asks. And as one tries to answer one realizes his state of alienation from God. He sees himself as a wandering sheep not having a shepherd, and still outside the fold of God. He knows no hope or means of salvation until he sees Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd who "will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick." (Ezek. 34:16)

Having been restored to a personal relationship with Him, one's horizon immediately broadens so that one's responsibility includes others. God's question to Cain is applicable as well to Christians—"Where is thy brother?" Unless one's heart is a Spirit-filled that one's life is controlled by a passionate concern for the spiritual welfare of others, there is adequate reason for the world to question the effectiveness of Christianity.

During these days of revival let us seriously consider these two eternal questions of God—"Where art thou?" and "Where is thy brother?"

The Social committee announces that dinner on February 25th, the evening of the concert presented by the Boulder, is to be formal. A Reserved list for tables will be posted later.

## Scribblings . . .

All students interested in participating in the Strong Memorial Bible Reading contest should contact Professor Frank H. Wright as soon as possible.

The contest, which was originated in memory of the Rev. Mrs. Leroy Strong, is sponsored by the department of theology and Christian education. Prizes of ten and five dollars will be given.

"Children in Trouble" and "Families First," two films of vital interest to all students, especially those in the sociology groups, will be presented in the Houghton college chapel on Monday, February 21, at 4:00 p. m.

These pictures, under the auspices of the New York State Youth commission, will also be presented in the Rec hall at 7:30 p. m. for the benefit of the townpeople.

Mr. Lawrence H. Parson, Scout executive of Seneca council, Inc., Olean, New York, will be on the campus on Thursday, February 24, at 1:00 p. m. to interview any sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in the Boy Scouts as a career.

Please leave your name at the Registrar's office if you wish to confer with Mr. Parsons.

During the calendar year 1948 the college employed some 570 different students and paid them a total of \$49,990.77, which is a statistical average of \$87.72 per student. The large

number of students listed is due to the fact that the calendar year covers all of one semester, parts of two other semesters and the summer school.

Professor Frank H. Wright says: "Thank you" to the 16 students who furnished music for the Wellsville revival services. The people there frequently expressed appreciation.

The movie, "Problem Children," and the election of permanent officer of the psychology club, originally scheduled for February 16, have been postponed until Wednesday night February 23, at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. F. Gordon Stockin will give Art club members instructions on how to build form by the correct use of light and shading at the next meeting of the club, which will be February 24. Club members will be provided materials with which they may experiment under Mrs. Stockin's direction.

## Purple-Gold Basketball Series

Feb. 23	Wednesday
March 2	Wednesday
March 4	Friday
March 9	Wednesday
March 11	Friday
March 16	Varsity-Frost
March 18	Varsity-Alumni

## "Militant Church; Active Youth"

--- H. K. Sheets

BY CONNIE JACKSON

Are Christian young people taking time out for serious thinking? "There is a degree of sober thought among Christian young people, but the pressure of the age in which we live is making tremendous assaults on youth," answered Rev. H. K. Sheets, evangelist of the school revival meetings. "Youth with their thirst for excitement and love for life are more vulnerable than adults," Mr. Sheets believes. There is a real need of a militant spirit in Christian life in order to break with the world current of shallowness.

Mr. Sheets enjoys his work as director of young people's work more than any other period in his ministry. The buoyancy and sparkle of young lives is more than compensation for the untiring effort involved in maintaining the work. At times he misses the pastorate, but he feels that God has called him into a ministry with youth because of the challenge and possibilities of winning them for Christ before adulthood.

"Activity is the keyword of young people," Mr. Sheets asserted emphatically. "They cannot be expected to twiddle their thumbs and meditate; they want to taste life." Mr. Sheets is a strong advocate of a through-the-week program in the churches. In this way the social and religious urges are fully satisfied in close Christian fellowship.

When he is not traveling around the country, Mr. Sheets enjoys a slight taste of home life with his wife and three daughters in Marion, Indiana. These visits are hasty affairs with hardly time for more than a breathing space, and even then he must work hard in the office keeping pace with his writing for several Wesleyan Methodist periodicals. Leisure time is almost nonexistent. With the little there is of it he acts as repairman around his home.

Mr. Sheets likes the atmosphere of Houghton immensely. Campus life appeals to him and his interests will always lie in the progress of the school.

## THE RUT



February 11th, 1949

Dear Mr. Limburger:

Today, I got copy of Houghton *Star*, and read wat you say about Roosia. I think maybe I find something out about it, bat, Mr. Limburger, I tink you get wrong slant. Beink dat I haf first class information about Roosia lat me tall you something about da country dat maybe you don't know.

First, I tink your story 'bout Roosian in Hamericka (you notiz you spallit wrong for everting in Hamericka got to haf a "K" in it. Hamericka witout "K" iz lak "Borsch witout Sour Cream." But dat I can forgif for you don't really know, you jas try to ful people!) okay, but plez my dear Mr. Limburger, don't efer tink dat any Roosian come to Hamericka by bot, dat is known all through Roosia dat nobody come to Hamericka by bot no more. We haf a better way. We go by dok sled to Ziberia, fram dere we go to Vladivostock, and den we wait for Roosian Submarine to tak uz to Hamericka. Let me tell you something, da next time you come, come dat way. No immagratoon, no thin, no nothing. It iz lot ezier. Roosian lak to travel by dok sled anyhow, easier dan walking, and stinkin' peckle boats. Ugh! (Modern werzion uf "Zput-tueee")

Nodder ting, Mr. Hamburger, is dis. You kam to Hamericka, you ride, wat you call "Taxi," you met people, you to all sort dumb tings. But you say noting about yeat. Don you yeat, huh? Lat me tall you something, if you no yeat, you got no sense kaming to Hamericka, for in Hamericka efrbody yeats. I go to plaz to yeat, I tell man I want coffee. He brink me some stuff I wouldn't feet to Joe, not efen to my dok. It taste lak, how you Hamerickans call, lak you empty Bendix instead of Silex.

Wan more ting is Roosia Gnip Gnop is game of state, Joe play all da time. Not only doz int mean "Ping-Pong spelled backward", bat it also mean, dat you play backward. Joe, he hit table back and forth ofer net, paddles, and balls. Dat is hart, you Hamerickans efer try?

Well, Mr. Cheeseburger, I mus cloz for now, becaus my Aunt Liederkrantz just died, I hope you are da same.

Wit luf for Joe and Roosia,  
Joe Creamstick

Columnist's note: After last week's guest column, I retired to a nearby sub cruising around this watery grave and left the hole open for an answer to "Zat Roosianburgher." If the weather permits, I'll brave the mud again next week, before my guests get too popular.  
—J.B.