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## Four Ho'tonians Were Married in Past Week Summer School Will End This Week Prospects For New Year Appear Bright

### Fancher - Sheldon Wedding; J. Strong Weds R. Sandle

Miss F. Gwendolyn Fancher and Michael J. Sheldon were married at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon in Houghton Church. A large crowd of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. The marriage was performed by Prof. Claude Ries, assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. I. Armstrong.

The brides attendants were Ruth Fancher, maid of honor, and Rita Wright and Pat Sheldon, Bridesmaids. Alden Gannett was best man, while Max Fancher and Don Sheldon served as ushers. Before the ceremony took place, Doris Eyles, Doris Armstrong, and Vera Clocksin provided music in the form of a vocal trio, assisted at the organ by Mrs. Caro Carapetyan. The flower girl was Mary Jane Fancher.

Directly after the wedding, a reception was held on the lawn of Prof. Stanley Wright's residence. Following the reception, the bride and groom left for a honeymoon to an unknown destination. The couple will live in Upper Darby, Pa. Mr. Sheldon intends to enter the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in preparation for the ministry.

### STRONG - SANDLE WEDDING

Miss Janice Strong '43, and Sgt. Richard Sandle a former Houghton student, were married in the first Baptist Church in Bowl-

### Last Issue

With this issue, the summer school editions of the *Star* are completed. Being unacquainted with the task when we assumed responsibility, we naturally encountered many difficulties. Add to this the shortage of help in the print shop, shortage of student help, and most important shortage of news, it can plainly be seen just why the summer *Star* was short. However, we wish to thank the "boys in the print shop", Ward Hunting, the other students who contributed, and the subscribers who endured so faithfully. We trust that this precedence will be carried over into something more worthwhile in future summers.

ing Green, Kentucky on Tuesday, August 17. The bridesmaid was Miss Doris Anderson '43, a close friend of the bride. Sgt. Sandle is temporarily stationed in that part of Kentucky; his home is in East Rochester. In the coming school year, Mrs. Sandle expects to teach music in the high school at Walworth N. Y. At present, she and her husband are living in an apartment near his station.

## Session Enjoys Splendid Concerts

Summer School was especially favored this year by being privileged to hear not only several fine professional artists but also a splendid concert by a girl's student chorus. The last of the artist series was presented by Benjamin Grobani, baritone. Mr. Grobani sang a German group, an Italian, a French, and an English group. One of his French group was a number that he heard in Paris and brought to this country. Since his introduction of it, the song has gained moderate popularity, having been sung by Nelson Eddy.

At the end of his program, Mr. Grobani paid tribute to Prof. Cronk who accompanied him. He said that Prof. Cronk did in two days what the professional accom-

panist takes two months to do. In the last group, the artist chose several light, humorous selections. His last encore was the ever favorite "Volga Boat Song".

A summer school chorus, consisting of about twenty-two girls, presented a varied program in the college chapel. At the beginning of the summer, Prof. Carapetyan attempted a mixed chorus, but obvious reasons forced him to limit it to girls. The selections were mostly secular numbers; included among them were compositions by modern composers. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the variety of the pieces and excellence of the performance.

With final examinations given on Friday, August 13, the summer session was brought to a close. This division of instruction has grown constantly since its inauguration several years ago. This year's session exceeded others both in attendance and variety of courses offered. In the last chapel of the summer, held in the old library on Wednesday of the closing week, Dr. Moreland announced that next year there would be no separate summer session and semester, but the two would be combined into two six week periods. This is a tendency to slightly concentrate the semester courses and "dilute" the session courses.

There still remain about twenty students who are taking courses in the semester. This portion of summer school will be completed next week. Things at Houghton are being ordered into fine shape in preparation for the approaching school year. Despite pessimistic predictions and general circumstances, prospects for next year are far from discouraging. Many of the male registrants for the ensuing year are married, while several transfers from other colleges and Bible schools are helping to fill vacant places.

Many improvements of the campus and buildings have been made during the summer and several await completion. One of the most noticeable changes is the landscaping of the former athletic field and around the Luckey Memorial building. Then, too, the new Physics lab. arrangement is a definite asset which will facilitate work in that department. Several changes of rooms for the Preparatory department have been made. The new high school library will be situated in the former college library stack room. In the near future, the new mail system will be installed in the lower hall of the administration building on the side of the print shop.

Many of the college buildings used as girls dormitories have been painted, floors waxed, and serviceable pump house has been erected to house the pumping system for the water supply.

There is every indication of a good beginning of a good year of work and play.

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### The Navigators . . .

Houghtonians-in-the-service, have you heard about the Navigators? Under the leadership of Dawson E. Trotman, founder and director, the first Navigator's home was opened in California ten years ago. It is an organization of Christian service men, including all branches of the armed forces, with the purpose of bringing Christian fellows together for Bible study and mutual encouragement, and to give suggestions for effective personal testimony among their comrades. Its aim is not a large enrollment but to find the fellows who are interested enough to give first place in their lives to genuine Christian living and soul winning.

There are a number of Navigator homes throughout the country; and on board some of the larger ships, weekly Bible classes are held. Homes are located in Honolulu San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Norfolk Virginia, Washington D. C., and Navigators meet in homes opened to them in New York, and along the New England coast.

More information concerning the work of the Navigators may be obtained by writing to: The Navigators, Box 70, Los Angeles, California.

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## Annual Campmeeting Has Large Attendance

Despite prevailing adverse circumstances, the fortieth annual Houghton camp meeting has been well attended and especially beneficial. Dr. Peter Wiseman and Evangelist H. N. Couchenor have alternately given the main addresses in the evening meetings. The morning young people's services have been largely conducted by Rev. David Anderson, but yesterday the message was given by Dr. Wiseman's son who recently arrived after completing his course at Princeton Theological Seminary.

There were easily five hundred in attendance over the weekend. On Sunday morning a girls quartette composed of Vera Clocksin, Gwen Fancher, Doris Eyer and Doris Armstrong gave special music. In the evening Mrs. Edith Livenspire sang a solo. Mrs. Ruth B. Armstrong and Prof. Alfred D. Kreckman have presided at the pianos for most of the services.

At the Sunday services, Rev. Anderson announced that this year's young people's group is one of the finest and largest they have ever had. Many of them are staying in the college dormitories. Camp is not entirely a series of meetings for the young people, since a good part of the day is set aside for recreation.

### Village Flag Raising Held

A community flag pole was recently erected on the village plot located alongside of Houghton Hall. The event was celebrated by a patriotic program. It is interesting to note that the flag now stands where the farmer scrap pile was located.

The program was opened by the call to assembly played by Caroline Keil on her trumpet. Following this, the names of the fellows from Houghton community who are serving in the armed forces were read. Rev. C. I. Armstrong then led in prayer following which Dr. Myron Tripp gave an appropriate talk. The actual flag raising with the call to the colors and pledge of allegiance then took place. The ceremony was completed with the singing of America.

### NOT RETURNING?

Then you will surely want to receive the STAR regularly during the school year.

### HOW?

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## Confidentially Speaking



There is indeed much speculation concerning the nature and size of next year's class of nitwits, better known as freshmen. The registrar and one Dr. Luckey have, as usual, revived their aged controversy, and decided that the one who attains the closest approximation receives a sundae at the expense of the other. According to latest box office scores, neither one has come near. It is pure fancy on the part of both in assuming that the class will contain any free, happy males (single men).

Several of the high school youth are enjoying a paid vacation this summer. However, it is one of the most unique methods of spending a vacation that the writer ever witnessed. Seemingly, the boys do not care for swimming and the great out of doors, but rather content themselves within the confines of the campus buildings. At any time of the day they can be seen dozing against the walls with brooms and dust pans in their hands, sprinkling each other with fire extinguishers, or leaning out of the hall windows in a most jovial mood. They are to be thanked for their entertainment which they provide during dull class periods.

For the last three issues, "Baldy", local undercover man in the book store racket, has attempted to crash this publication with a commercial in favor of his enterprise. However, Al Smith, local censure of all good and evil, has successfully suppressed all attempts on the grounds that it is unpatriotic, non-patriotic, non-essential, and besides, he never pays for the ad. In retaliation, that hard-headed business man has resorted to the Oxydol type of advertisement. Conspicuously displayed is the following; George Wendell says; "Better bargains at Baldy's". O.K., Mr. Boice, hope you enjoyed that free bar of stale candy.

Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia will claim a goodly number of ex-Houghtonians next year. Included in the group are Mike Sheldon, Eddie Danner, Al Russell, Norman Meade, Hank Kennedy, Violet Foster, and several others. Besides this, there are other Houghtonians in the Philadelphia area. Prospects are that an alumni chapter or at least several get together be instituted. Of course, all the good citizens of that city should be given ample warning

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# Letters From Ho'ton's Servicemen



It's the last inch of column for this summer, boys—but don't stop writing, because it's only three weeks or so 'till the *Star* takes on a semblance of its former self, in size, anyway. As school begins again, and once more teams with life, and surges under the current of scholarly effort, there'll still be a desire to know who's where doing what.

## JOHN MILLER WRITES . . .

John Miller, presently at Camp Shelby, Miss., writes of "getting around" a little. Part of his letters says: My outfit is a Prisoner of War company and we were sent over there to pick up Heinies and transport them back to P. W. Camps. All the boats we went on were large, speedy transports. Life on these convoys or even the way we went is just about next to being a civilian-torturous. (Of course, I'm just kidding). You live in unbelievably cramped quarters; sometimes the beds are four or five tiers high. When you're on an army transport and you speak of the "kid in the upper 5", everybody knows it's not just a hypothetical case.

On our second trip over, which was far more interesting than our first, we stayed in one of the internment camps a few miles outside of Casablanca where a large number of German and Italian Prisoners are kept. The towers around the camp are manned by native French Moroccan troops, 60% of which were former prisoners of the Germans. Consequently, they are a blood thirsty mob and hard to keep in check. For no provocation at all, they'd start those guns spitting fire. It seemed to me they weren't partial to anybody, for some of our own men narrowly escaped getting hit themselves.

The Lord has been especially close to me since I've been in the army. "perfect peace" was my portion on our trips for I knew that my life was in His hands. May the Lord bless you, Ed, your staff, and the many other friends and acquaintances that I very reluctantly left behind in Houghton.

## DON KOUWE'S LETTER

Don "way down South in the land of cotton" Kouwe writes us soon after his visit here: "It was swell to visit Houghton last week while I was on leave and to walk around the old stamping grounds once more. It sure will be great when we can all come back again, but army life isn't too bad while it's necessary. The only fault I

can find with this place is that it's too hot. The field itself is really beautiful and we have good barracks to live in.

I'm working as a weather observer and I must say it isn't such a bad racket. I find the work interesting so far and I expect it will remain so. One thing I like is no K. P., guard duty, or drill. The most we have is a half hour of physical training four mornings a week. Not that I'm lazy, but I do like time off.

I took ten weeks training at Grand Rapids, Mich. and that sure was great. I attended Rev. Malcolm Cronk's church while I was there. Also one of the main events of my stay was to have Doc Paine and the quartet there for three days. It was really a touch of Houghton and I must confess it made me a little homesick to be back again. The Lord sure was good in providing Christian fellowship there even among the soldiers. I found a group there that held prayer meetings every night in their hotel room and we sure had some good times together.

It is great to know that wherever I go I have a Friend to go with me who will never fail. God has been good to me and I praise Him for it. I've said "I'll go where you want me to go", and I want that to be the aim of my life. Surely we have a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God.

## JAMES MADISON III SAYS . . .

From Camp Upton we receive a letter from Jim Strong. Jim met Tony La Sorte there and the two have been together quite a bit.

"Well, here I am at last; the draft board finally scraped the bottom of the pot and then took the pot. I've been in the Army two weeks now and feel like a veteran; as a matter of fact I'm the oldest resident in the barracks and as the new men come in, it's no one else but me who gives forth with a flowery speech on how to fold blankets—we Houghtonians really get ahead, don't we?"

We're given almost five minutes to get up, wash shave, make the beds, and get dressed. Any time left over is yours to spend as you please, write letters, etc. At 6:05 o'clock we line up for "chow" and for the next 10 minutes the corporals amuse themselves shouting commands with machine gun rapidity. The shipping list is also read at this time, usually by some alien

who can't even talk English let alone read some of those 13 syllable names found in every company. After this ordeal we're marched to chow and allowed all the time we want to eat one slice of bacon, one piece of toast, a dish of cereal, and all the water one can drink; personally I think the water is the best part of the meal and always return for seconds.

## HERE'S WHAT GORDY WRITES

Gordon Barnett sends us news from Baylor University where he is stationed. Go ahead Gordy!

"More than I can say, I'm glad I'm in the service of my country. Of course, the Naval Air Corps is "tops", but it does have its ups and downs. In six months we have had 230 hours of navigation and in the past three months 60 hours of flying.

Next, comes preflight, known to many as the Navy's Muscle factory. Maybe Al Ramsley thinks his branch of the service is toughest; I'll assure you, ours up to now is just as bad, not saying what it will be in the future. This extra six months that is added to the Navy V-5 program is to weed out the weaker fellows, and for all to obtain more navigation.

I have found that the boys respect you when you live the life of a Christian. Also, I've found that the men in this branch of the service are morally superior to that which I expected. I long for the day when I can get back to Houghton and get another grade point. I love that new system."

As we misplaced our dictionary it was sometime before the full meaning of Houser's letter became evident, however, upon translation, it seemed to deserved the last, and far from least place in the series of letters the *Star* has been publishing. Send three cent stamp for simplified translation.

## HOUSER DROPS A LINE . . .

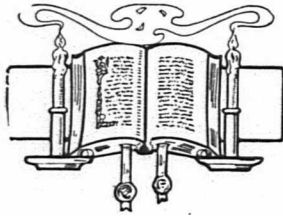
"My first taste of regimentation reminds me of my first olive. I do hope my assimilation of Navy life will be analogous to the second and third olives. However, I am merely being indoctrinated with this platitude, "He who would command must first learn to obey." The adjustments must be numerous and decisive—particularly where college bred rugged individualism gives way almost completely for the good of the whole group. It's good sociology and the results are obtained but the method of regimentation used is a hard pill to swallow. Perhaps it is good training for future life if what the realists say is true—"inevitable government control."

I was writing this letter in Dave Paine's room when who should come to visit us but Mark Armstrong, Gerry McKinley, and Jack Haynes. Ensign Armstrong—in profoundest sympathy for the woes of Apprentice Seaman—brought us a beautiful sprig of gladiola with several "blooms and buds" surmounting it. Our aesthetic senses

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## Spiritual Manna

BY FORREST GEARHARDT



We shall deal today with the climax contained in Eph. 5: "having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Christ Jesus." This will, for convenience, be dealt with in three parts. The first is an exposition of predestination. Having predestinated is an eorist infinitive from the verb "pro-orizq", the R.V. renders it "fore-ordain". The root meaning of this word is—to mark out the boundaries or limits beforehand, to define, determine beforehand. God has marked out a purpose for his people. He has called them, chosen them, that they might walk in the way of holiness which he has before planned for them.

The direct object of this predestination are these "holy ones", to whom Paul is writing. This predestination has nothing at all to do with the unregenerate; it is exclusively for those separated from sin and sinning. The scope and purpose of the predestination is "the adoption of children" of the Holy ones. The word translated "adoption of children" is more clearly and literally translated "unto a son-placing of sons."

This does not mean "son-making" but "son-placing". Son-making is regeneration and is not referred to here. It does not mean legal adoption as such. Paul was writing to the "separated" ones. They were sons of God by new-birth and thus partakers of the Divine nature. This son-placing to which we are marked out before looks to the future for its consummation. Christians have now the "spirit of soul-placing", i.e., the Holy Spirit as the pledge and earnest of it; they are waiting for the event itself.

Just what will compose the son-placing? Dr. H. S. Miller explains it thusly; "This son-placing is connected in time, with the glory which shall be revealed in us", the manifestation of the Sons of God, the redemption of our bodies, the redemption of the purchased possession. The redemption of our bodies is the resurrection. Hence the son-placing will culminate when Jesus comes and the saints are publicly manifested as children and heirs of God. You, Christian, have a great future marked out for you—walk worthily.

## Short Shots . . .

Several of last year's graduates have secured teaching positions in schools lying in the vicinity of Houghton. For most of them, the new year will begin around the first of September. Marjorie Smith will teach vocal music in the Fillmore High School this coming year. Since the addition of extra grades, this is the first year that Fillmore will have had two teachers in the music department. Frannie LaSorte will teach at the high school in Rushford, while Carol Watson will teach music in the Belmont School.

This week, about 20,000 copies of a new autumn bulletin will be sent out to students, prospectives, and friends. The attractive issue, containing many new shots of recent events and faculty members, will be of special interest to the returning students since it contains much valuable information about transportation into Houghton. The bulletin also gives several statements about the prospects of the next college year.

Lauren Robison, now classified as an army air corps pilot, and waiting to be shipped to flight school from his present station in Tennessee, visited the campus last week. Perry Hill has been at Houghton several days, having completed one semester at Westminster Seminary in Maryland.

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previous to the occasion. Civilian defense authorities should not confuse the event with an air raid; there is some difference between the two I believe.

## TRANSPORTATION?

*This is a question that faces all students coming to Houghton for the fall semester which begins on Wednesday the fifteenth.*

*An important statement of the transportation arrangements for this fall is made on page three of the August general bulletin which is being mailed this week. Be sure to read this and notify the college at once of your plans.*

Address communications to the Transportation Committee, Houghton College, Houghton, New York.

## WANTED — A PIANO

Anyone having a good piano for rent or for sale please get in touch with J. H. Douglass, Houghton, N. Y.

## Reunion in New York City

The second reunion of Houghtonians within recent months was held in New York City over the Labor Day week-end. Among those present were. "Jake" Oehrig, Frank Houser, Dave Paine, Max Fancher, Ward Hunting, Mary Dukeshire, "Doc" Luckey, Ed Mehne, "Boo's" Keeler, Rees Pritchett, Ellen Giebel, Jack Phillips, Glenda Fridfelt, Jane Harrison, "Scotty" Scott, Mary Lou Sacker, Violet Foster, Hope Wells, Dot Falkins, Jack Haynes, and Gerry McKinley.

Among other things, some of the group attended Jack Wyrzens program, several NBC broadcasts, a ball game, and the zoo. In their spare time, several of the couples rode the subway, tried the one remaining elevated, and fed rice to the pigeons at Coney Island. The group almost ran riot when Dave and Frank appeared, dressed in their sailor suits complete with detachable collars. Jake, garbed in the conventional army khaki, was estranged from the group during a rush down Fifth Avenue, when a civilian mistook him for a gas station attendant and insisted on redeeming the last of his A book.

"Doc" was fairly temperate for the first few days, but his joy knew no bounds when the majority of the group decided to change the scene of action to Philadelphia. The reunion ended with Sunday dinner at the home of the newly-weds—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sheldon.

Note: Your reporter has been moved by a sense of things to come and trusts that he will not be disappointed.

## SERVICEMEN . . .

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were again enlivened and our horizons were lifted.

There are gallons of coffee, but I'm a Christian. (I don't smoke either) One other gripe Dave and I have is the lack of time for recreational exercise. Sundays are the only days in which much time is allotted for sports—and that day is all reserved for Him."

You can't guess how hungry Houghton grads are for news concerning their classmates. It's the prime subject of discussion every time we meet. Incidentally, the next event in life to which I'm looking with avid interest is a visit to Houghton if and when I graduate from here—and if and when I get a leave. Say hello to all my Houghton friends."

Don't forget fellows, Houghton's soldiers of the Cross are following you with their prayers wherever you are!

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