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## Missionary Brings Challenging Message

The Rev. Mr. George Powell, missionary from Africa, brought to the Houghton student body in Monday's chapel the challenge of Christ's command, "Go Ye" and the encouragement of Christ's transforming power. "For 2000 years the 'go' sign has been up before the church to evangelize the world," he said. "One may try to civilize or dress up the heathen but there is nothing more wonderful than to see God change their lives. Young people, fill your lives with the Word of God, with the Spirit of God." There are no agents more powerful for transforming lives.

The speaker related one instance when, limited by the difficulties of a strange language, he and his wife persevered in preaching, praying and singing the Gospel at their station. As a result one man was converted who during the rest of his lifetime led at least a thousand to his Lord. A nephew of this same convert was the means of bringing thirteen children to the missionaries' home whereupon the first Sunday School of that station was begun.

Mr. Powell revealed the fact that although he had gone to Africa with expectations of finding little but lions, leopards, snakes, and impenetrable jungle, he found Dakar and similar cities which are modern enough to remind one of cities in Florida. The missionary goes, not to live as a jungle man, for he often enjoys conveniences such as electric lights which one might have in America, but he goes to take the Word of God. "That Word still saves from sin and we have a right to declare it everywhere."

Sixty years ago men of God dared to penetrate the "white man's graveyard" in an endeavor to reach the Sudan. For some years the sum of missionary deaths exceeded the number of converts. Then a few of the workers crossed over the border into French West Africa where, two years later, Mr. Powell went to preach. For twenty-three years he has labored there, sixteen of those years being spent on what is known as the "Ivory Coast."

## C. W. SORENSON GIVES LECTURE

Clarence Woodrow Sorenson, geographer and foreign correspondent, will be the guest lecturer on Wednesday night, April 10. Literally a world of experience belongs to Mr. Sorenson whose work has taken him to more than thirty-five countries since 1934.

Following long expeditions in Arabia he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London. His exclusive photos of new pipe-lines, truck routes and airports were published all over the world.

Currently Mr. Sorenson is engaged in research and writing. His lectures are about only those areas where he has actually lived and worked.

## APRIL MUSIC CALENDAR

Professor Alton Cronk has announced the following schedule of music events for the remainder of the current school year:

Thurs., Apr. 11—General Recital  
Fri., Apr. 12—Artist Series: Earle Spicer, baritone.

Mon., Apr. 15—Senior Recital: Ruthe Meade, soprano.

Thurs., Apr. 18—Senior Recital: Jessie Taylor, pianist.

Fri., Apr. 19—General Recital.

Mon., Apr. 22—Senior Recital: Barbara VanDyke, contralto.

Fri., Apr. 26—Artist Series: Percy Granger, pianist.

Mon., Apr. 29—General Recital (3:45).

Mon., Apr. 29—Senior Recital: Phyllis Perry, pianist.

## Letter Expresses Thanks

Paris, France  
March 12, 1946

Dear Mrs. Ditchfield,

First of all let me express to you and your charming fellow students my gratitude. I am the advocate of all, here, in France to thank our American friends for their spontaneous and so hearty help. I just received yesterday a large parcel from you, Mrs. Ditchfield. It came with a letter of your kind husband, Leslie, explaining how you took care of our miserable people. Everything arrived safely.

For the present our children have hardly recovered from the six years of German invasion, occupation, and starvation. Many families are scattered, ruined, towns and villages have been destroyed by bombardments and still worse, some places were burnt by the enemy. At The Boche the whole population parked in the church and were killed. Can you believe this awful reality?

Such is the case that I bring to your special attention. I am enclosing the full list of the 23 survivors of one country place called: "Oradour-Sur-Glane." These people live in a wooden barrack while nothing remains of the rich village—in the church, a large crater now, a box contains the bones and ashes of those who were savagely burned and shot by the German soldiers before they had left France as the Allies arrived for our Liberation! They are all miserable things, who have nothing, absolutely nothing and some are seriously ill or injured. The boy of ten years old is the only child who lives now. He escaped from his house before the fire. All the other boys and girls of the country were killed by the Germans.

I have sent all your clothing to these wretched people; I am sure they will write a few words to you when possible.

I think it would be a grand and most generous accomplishment for your college to adopt these "Twenty-three souls," the survivors of "Oradour sur Glane."

Yours very truly,  
R. Lascroux

## Conductor D. Butterworth



## A Cappella Choir Begins Spring Tour on March 28

The A Cappella Choir under the direction of Donald Butterworth will begin its annual spring tour on Thursday, March 28. The first concert will be given at Westfield, N. Y. The remaining programs will be given in the larger cities of Ohio and Michigan.

Prof. Heydenburk will provide the organ accompaniment for several of the selections.

## Senior Breakfast

Those early noises meant the Seniors were going out for a breakfast—their March party. The committee in charge fed pancakes, sausages, doughnuts and coffee or milk to a group of fifty in the attractively arranged Rec Hall. Music was played on a recording machine throughout the meal. Harris Earl led the devotions prior to the feast. Some of the students had to leave because of their eight o'clock classes, but some of the fellows downed thirds and fourths!

## Library Holds Canvass For Children's Branch

There will be a canvass of the community soon for contributions to the support of the new Children's Branch of the library, which is located in the District School. These contributions will be used to offset a part of the State Fund, for which the library is no longer eligible. In the future the college will match what the community contributes up to fifty dollars annually instead of matching the one hundred dollars from the State, which was supplied for the Community Branch.

Work on the library has been progressing, and it is hoped that service to the children may be possible this week.

"He that saith I know Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked." (I John 2:6.)

## Houghton Plans For Increase In Enrollment

At a meeting called by Governor Dewey in Albany about two weeks ago, the colleges of New York were asked to increase their enrollment for the fall semester by 40%, if possible, by using all available facilities on or off the campus.

As far as facilities for classes, Houghton has room for one hundred more students without making the college too cramped, but the question of dormitory space is dismaying.

It was suggested at the meeting which was attended by Dr. Paine and Prof. Smith that the P.O.W. Camp at Letchworth Park which is now vacant may be available. In that case an extension service would be operated there with several members of the faculty placed there. The government would provide transportation to and from the campus. This is all very indefinite, however, and this plan may be impossible.

There is a slight possibility that the college may be granted additional housing by the government in the form of two men's dorms that would accommodate about eighty men.

Already thirty applications for family units for next year have been received, but only twenty-one units have been granted by the Federal Public Housing Authority. Word has been received, however, that Congress has appropriated more money for additional units.

At the present time the college has the largest enrollment it has ever had, totaling five hundred. In the way of interesting notes, it may be said that Ed "Mogey" Mehne was the five hundredth student to register.

## RUSSELLS THANK FRIENDS FOR AID

We wish to express our thanks to the many friends who have shown us so much kindness during the illness of Mrs. Russell and at other times. The gifts of fruits, candy, and many items of food have not only helped cheer the sick but have been a substantial contribution in supplying the needs of the family. The work of those who did sewing for the family is appreciated. The many valuable articles of clothing supplied have saved us much expense. For gifts of flowers, for offers of blood for transfusion, for the use of cars, for the money gift from Mrs. Russell's Sunday School class, for labors of love, for the prayers of those who remembered us at the throne of grace, and for every service and kindness we thank you and praise the Lord for His provisions.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Russell  
and Family

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## Freedom From Want!!!

It's a privilege to live in America. It's a privilege to be a college student. It's more than a privilege to be an American college student.

European students even in normal times were poor. Now they have nothing. Like most people, they live in holes in the ground; they can see through the soles of their shoes; butter, meat, and sugar are the "stuff" dreams are made of.

Dr. Alberta Szent-Gyorgyi of the medical faculty of the University of Budapest tells the following about one of the students working in his laboratory: "When he came to me in September he wore trousers of sack-ing. He had one shirt, a lumber jacket, and one pair of shoes in hopeless condition. That was all—absolutely nothing else."

The French students in historic Sorbonne are carrying on valiantly. Three underground shelters have been converted by the Ministry of Education to provide extra living space for students. In the middle of this "dormitory" two bicycles have been installed and when the electricity fails, two students mount the bicycles, which have been geared to the aeration system, and pedal vigorously to keep their comrades from suffocating to death.

We know Europe needs food, shelter, and money. This is not a plea for you to give to some national fund or organization. This is a plea for you to accept the challenge presented to Houghton in a recent letter received by Mrs. Ditchfield from the lady who aided Mr. Ditchfield to escape the Germans by posing as a Frenchman. Parts of this letter have been reprinted in this week's *Star*.

Why not take the providing for this group of twenty-three people as a special project? Perhaps, this would best be done through a single organization or club. This would be an excellent opportunity for Houghton to spread the Gospel through deeds as well as words. Let's not take the complacent attitude that we are so much more fortunate than they are and not be willing to do anything for them. By taking over this responsibility, we will be doing a share in the work of aiding the people of war-torn countries.

Certainly you have a blouse, a shirt, a sweater, or a dress which is in good condition, but which you no longer wear. Can you not do without a few sundaes or creamsticks to send at least a small sum of money to these needy people? America has as one of its four freedoms, "Freedom from Want." Why not help to extend this freedom to our neighbors in France?

It depends on you. Will you back up this effort?

E. N. D.

## INDIANS WIN CONTEST

The Houghton Indians last Saturday night won the county championship for Wyoming County. Castile previously had been champs for the tourney.

The semifinals were held Thursday night at Castile and Houghton beat the here-to-fore once beaten Castile quintet 46-43. This matched the Indians with Warsaw for the finals Saturday.

Both teams were evenly matched before the contest and according to all sports experts, neither was the favorite. The game began with both teams obviously tense but Houghton jumped off to an early lead. They ran it up to 20 points before the half, and from then on it was an evenly fought contest. John Sheffer, Max Nichols, Norm Walker, Doc Luckey, and By Sheesley played almost the entire game and all the scoring was evenly spread throughout the five. By Sheesley and Doc Luckey played the defensive ball for the team while Sheffer, Nichols and Walker were the offensive men. The game ended with the Indians having a 16-point lead, 63-47.

HC

The Junior and Sophomore classes met together on Tuesday, March 26, and elected Irving Cook, Editor and Ken Clark, Business Manager of the '47 *Boulder*.

HC

Don't Let  
your  
Dollar Down



Barker's—Have you noticed a change in our town? Yes, you're right! They are remodeling and expanding Barker's General Store. But don't be alarmed! The store carries the same line of stock as before, and the Barkers are willing and eager to serve you.

College Inn—Those of you who have spent the whole year studying and have never gone to the College Inn—did you know that you can buy sandwiches—ham salad, westerns and cheeseburgers, too?

Cotts—Girls! Is your family wash a tattle tale gray? Ask your folks to get you a Horton Washer and Ironer for your next birthday. And you married vets—are you starting housekeeping soon?

Pantry—And up at the Pantry they're selling hot buttered popcorn—(doesn't that make your mouth water?) some for 5c and twice as much for 10c.

Word Bearer Press—Those of you in Prof. Hazlett's class especially, take a tour with the "Walking Preacher of the Ozarks" with Guy Howard as your guide.

Bookstore—Don't forget that birthday! You'll find the bookstore supplied with just the thing you need for the right gift. Attractive Bible stands, Scripture letter openers, and necklaces of ebony and rosewood will be pleasing to the receiver.

Paul's Gospel Press—Just off the press! "Heresies Exposed" by William C. Irvine, which gives to us a clearer vision of the false teachings of today.

## Inklings by Izzie

Then there's the story of the young couple who went to the parsonage of a very busy pastor to inquire about a time for the ceremony. He told them that directly after the morning service, while the congregation was still there, he would join them in matrimony. The young couple went to church and after the benediction the minister said, "Will those who wish to be married please come forward?" Seven old maids stood up and marched down the aisle.

A rare and goodly gem, forsooth and I would gladly step aside for such noble bits of literature. I heard a bit of news from the art department, which is said to be credited to Mrs. Stockin. She was lecturing on the bad taste displayed by those who lined the top of an upright piano or a mantle with pictures of various members of their family. "It is not an art gallery—your piano top, BUT—if you have pictures of your relatives that you want hanged . . . ." That is as far as she got, for the uproarious laughter slightly drowned her out.

Back to the campus this week are "Gerrie" and "Kasie." "Gerrie" has been going to school in Maryland this past year. Both she and "Kasie" hope to be back next September.

Welcome back, Glenda and Leola, two goodly members of last year's York-wood Harem. Some of these visits are a little too brief, I'd say.

"That man from Maine" hit Houghton for a few minutes Sunday. I could spend hours over this next sentence, Clafly, but what I'm trying to say is that we miss you, yet we know you're doing a fine piece of work in New England.

Enough's enough. Run along home, kiddies, and a merry vacation.

## Faith in Action

Paul Troup's favorite verse is Acts 20:24: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Paul didn't always feel that way about it. Before he was a senior in high school, he was sure that he would never preach or be a missionary. He despised the thoughts of ever doing either. But before he was born, his father and mother had dedicated him to the Lord's work. They prayed for him constantly; when he would come in late at night from "carousing around" with the gang, he would find his mother praying; when he got up in the morning, he would see his father interceding for him. Finally in his senior year of high school he promised God that he would give his life to Him, if He would give him that satisfaction that his heart craved. God did, and led him to go to Nyack and then to Houghton. While here he is the pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Franklinville. He testifies that he is extremely happy in knowing that he is in the center of the will of God to be preaching, and that he would be exceedingly glad if the Lord should call him into definite missionary work.