

## BASEBALL SEASON STARTED FRIDAY

Old Tame New, 7-3

In an abbreviated contest on a slippery diamond, the new baseball talent bowed to the old to the tune of 7-3 Friday afternoon. Although a very poor exhibition of the national pastime, the game revealed some promising baseball material among the new fellows. "Lefty" Wing on the mound for the newcomers mowed down the opposition in one, two, three order for three innings, but in the fourth his support faltered and the old grabbed the game by scoring seven runs on three or four hits and several errors. For the old fellows, Charlie Leffingwell pitched well enough to deserve a shut out, the three runs scored on him resulting from errors.

### Purple-Gold Series Begins Today

At the opening of the annual Purple-Gold baseball series Friday afternoon, apparently the best and most evenly matched teams will take the field that have represented the two sides in several years.

The Gold are greatly strengthened and encouraged by the return of the mighty Burnham who has a most enviable pitching record here. Burnham and Mosher with one or two young pitchers will make up a formidable pitching staff.

The Purple will be reinforced by the unexpected return of Charlie Leffingwell, their star twirler of three seasons ago. It is also rumored that the Purple have another capable twirler, a newcomer. These two with Lane should compare favorably with the Gold array of pitchers.

The line ups for the opening game are still unknown but the batteries will undoubtedly be: Purple, Leffingwell and Lane; Gold, Burnham and Allen.

## SENIORS BREAKFAST IN OPEN

Final Year Opens with Much Gusto

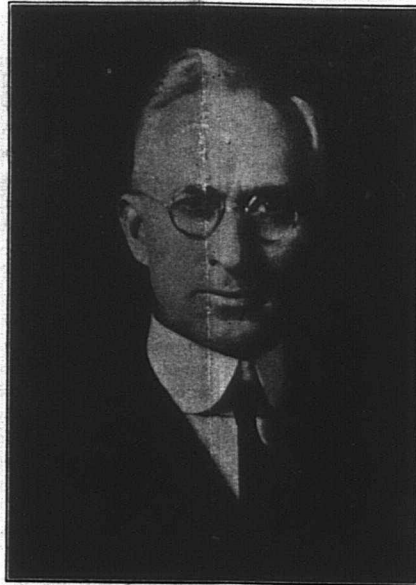
The Class of '28 was the first class of the year to raise her colors and display them to the breeze. On Wednesday morning, a one hundred per cent, loyal crowd of twenty-nine Seniors rolled out of bed at five o'clock, and blazed a new trail for this year through the pine forests to the grand old spot that has seen many a class breakfast during the last twenty years.

Three of the Senior boys, who feared that they might over-sleep and miss the good time, made their way to the spot through the night and were found by their classmates, at early dawn, lying cold in sleep, only two feet away from a smoldering fire. The boys were quickly brought back to life, and showed no ill-effects from their exposure during the night.

After every Senior's appetite had been satisfied by an overabundant breakfast, you may well know it was time to return to school. Upon arriving on the college hill, and learning that the rest of our school mates had not finished eating their breakfast, it was decided to let them know that the Seniors were still around school, and more nearly wide awake than the rest.

Frosh and Juniors, if you want to see some life and pep this year, just watch the Seniors' dust, and be careful that you do not become victims of "La Poudre Aux Yeux"!

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## HOUGHTON GETS PERMANENT CHARTER

Under the leadership of President J. S. Luckey, Houghton College has at last taken its rightful place among institutions of learning, and has gained through hard struggles that which it has labored so many terms for—a permanent charter from the State of New York, making it forever a part of the University of the commonwealth.

From a small institution situated on the hill east of the village,—a school where only a preparatory and semi-college course could be obtained—Houghton has grown to a flourishing college where boys and girls may gain the best education offered anywhere. With healthful surroundings, a beautiful campus, and clean Christian instruction, Houghton College may well be situated in a place of leadership. Her student body represents the flower of youth today; her faculty is second to none. We, as students, should be proud of our Alma Mater, and do all in our power to help her hold the position she has gained. Five years was the period of probation which Houghton was allotted after having received the provisional charter. But the prosperity of the college was such, that the State granted the permanent writ after only four years had expired.

Pearl Russell, of Caneadea, was in town the former part of the week visiting friends.

## College Classes Elect

With the exception of the Sophomore group each college class has organized, and has commenced the year with vim and vigor. In the senior ranks, Virgil Hussey was chosen president; Howard Bain vice-president; Alta Albro, secretary; and Joseph Horton, treasurer. Entering upon their final year as Houghton students, the senior class has determined to make the most of their opportunities.

The Juniors most wisely selected "Bill" Sallberg as their highest official; Hollis Stevenson as vice-president; Katherine Snyder, secretary, and Frank Lane, treasurer.

The Freshman class chose Vanus Rosback, president; Homer Fero, vice-president; and Alice Folger, treasurer. Let's go for a year full of vim!

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## NEW STUDENTS FORMALLY WELCOMED

Largest Reception in Years

The annual students' reception, a tradition as old as the College itself, was more loyally attended than it has been in years. Many of the old alumni,—last years Seniors in a body—townsfolk, former faculty members, and friends,—all were enthusiastically signing names and getting acquainted. The short, but sure, receiving line started proceedings with a hearty handshake. By way of welcome to the new students Virgil Hussey read "Hullo" by Sam Walter Foss. Oliver Chrissy orated on the obtaining of the permanent charter. Pres. Luckey spoke a few fitting words. Jonsey sang "The Barefoot Trail," and the Male Quartet (Shipman, W. Bain, Stevenson, and Jones) delighted the audience by familiar selections. Miss Rothermel read "Courting Under Difficulties" and a pianologue of the same theme.

The pleasant evening came to a close with more conversing as wafers were nibbled and ice-cream consumed.

With the largest student body in the history of our institution, we expect to enjoy a most profitable and successful year in Houghton.

## SEELEY AUSTIN GREAT SOCIAL FIGURE

Lodges with Attorney-General Sargent

Until only recently, the fact that a social celebrity is in our midst was little known to Houghton's collegiate circles. Therefore, it was an astounding bit of information when almost unconsciously the experience of Seeley Austin, an honored college senior, was learned by a *Star* reporter. It is now generally known that society's golden threads not only entangle Fifth Avenue and Broadway, but also stretch to the most remote regions of the Vermont hills and woods—for such makes up the setting of our story.

Being an enthusiastic sportsman and hunter, Seeley, in company with a friend, together with a canine companion, started forth one fine day a few years ago, in quest of the deer, rabbit, and partridge which teem the northern forests. Things went exceedingly well for a time, and the game bag of the hunters was filling rapidly. As time went on, however, the wood road over which they advanced from time to time, grew extremely muddy and soft from the wet snow and rain that began to fall in the afternoon. Thinking that fate was against them, and realizing that night was fast approaching, Seeley and his hunter friend turned their footsteps toward the old Dodge Automobile which had brought them thither. In due time they found the car, and with satisfied smiles jumped in. But when Seeley threw in the clutch and stepped on the accelerator, the car moved forward only a comparatively short distance, then decided to take a downward course, sinking rapidly into the slush and mud underneath. In fact, the car became so embedded in the Vermont hills, that further progress was impossible. Abandoning the vehicle, the hunters started out on foot in search of shelter from the raging elements and cold.

Before long they came upon the hunting lodge of Attorney-General Sargent. Not finding a key to the house, they were driven by necessity to pull the staple to which the pad-lock was attached. Inside, all was cozy, and the boys settled themselves for a comfortable night, not dreaming of being apprehended. Soon, however, they were startled by the approach of an automobile, and their hearts stood still when Sargent's face appeared in the doorway. Seeley admits that he was scared stiff at the Attorney-General's gruff, "What's the meaning of this?" and both hunters narrowly escaped a nervous breakdown. The Attorney-General was naturally somewhat disturbed and angry at first, but by holding a composed outward appearance, and diplomatically explaining the nature of their plight, Seeley and his friend finally convinced the distinguished lawyer that they meant no harm. They were then allowed to remain overnight and to enjoy the comforts of cozy beds. Even after this notable adventure, Seeley carries his social importance with no outward evidences of pride.

## Gospel Workers Active Many Calls for Service

Those who are interested in the Christian work of Houghton College will be glad to know that active work for the Master began the very first Sunday of the school year. Calls for services have come in fast perhaps more than can be met this fall.

On September 18th a group of students composed of Mr. Hess, Mr. Robert Stark, Mr. Lutz, Miss Ries, Miss Linquest and Miss Davidson attended the afternoon service held

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### Collegiate Sam Says:

—If a college man is a good guesser, he generally credits himself with extraordinary judgment.

### EDITORIAL

#### OUR POLICY

Before us stretches a long period of many weeks and months when the editor and his staff of loyal workers will expend a great amount of energy in preparing each week a copy of the Houghton Star for your enjoyment and approval. It is not an easy task which confronts us. There are obstacles which cannot be quickly surmounted. Therefore, it will be remarkable indeed if numerous mistakes are not committed. However, we are determined through your co-operation to make this year's STAR as near perfect as possible. If you, as a group of readers, wish to help us, subscribe first, then from time to time submit articles of interest to students and alumni. We are always open for criticism, and he is a poor kicker who cannot offer something better than the thing which he opposes. Our policy is to represent Houghton College as it should be represented, glean and publishing news from every department of College life. We can only do our best, and await the results. If you like the STAR tell others; if you oppose its principles, tell us. Now is the time to subscribe.

#### THE WORLD IN SONG

The simple, somewhat crude melody of today's popular song, although attacked by many as a jazzy creation unworthy of our consideration, often becomes a thing of infinite value, cheering our hearts, and arousing us once more to action. It is not our desire to uphold the worldly, dazzling actions of mankind which may or may not be direct results of the modern song; it is not our aim to justify the awkward and sometimes suggestive methods used in the creation of the "best sellers." But our argument rather is that underneath these jazzy tunes, behind these careless words, lurk human emotions and thoughts which cannot be denied, truths of everlasting strength common to the majority of people. The song of today embodies the spirit of youth, and expresses many of the characteristics with which God has endowed us. Did you ever weigh the popular hit in the scales of justice and try to pick from its many flaws a few points of merit? Did you ever feel the mighty power and truth in a single expression of a song-writer's thought? When you are far from home and loved ones, you will understand the one who wrote, "You're A Million Miles From Nowhere When You're One Little Mile From Home." When you've left our college halls never to return as a student, you will not wonder at those once popular words, "Gee, but I'd give the world to see that old gang of mine." When you are out on your own, facing the hard, cold world with only darkness ahead, you'll appreciate the humor and inspiration in that phrase, "I'm lookin' at the world through rose-colored glasses, and everything looks rosey now." Almost every situation and emotion in life has been immortalized by a song. Note the feeling of pure, undefiled love of one human being towards another in that creation, "Let Me call You Sweetheart." Study the thought and meaning in the musical poem, "Till The Sands of the Desert Grow Cold." If you will think, and think hard, I believe there is much to recommend them in spite of their numerous drawbacks. After all, it is the good we should take from life, leaving that which is inferior.

### Town News

Miss Ruth Clement is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. C. J. Crandall.

George Clarke is spending some time on his farm in Falconer, N. Y.

The Hartman household left Thursday morning for their respective winter homes. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman and daughter Helen will be in New York, Mrs. H. C. Tucker and Gregory Hartman in California, and Miss

Bess Hartman in Hartford, Connecticut, where she is engaged as an art teacher.

C. J. Crandell's brother and family from Coudersport visited at the Crandall home Tuesday.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Whitaker suffered a severe fall while she and Professor Whitaker were returning from their summer vacation in the West.

Bernard Ernest is the name of the 5½ lb. son born on Sept. 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crocker.

### Camp-ground Scene of Festivity

#### Jollity, Hilarity, Riot Reign

One of the most successful social events of the autumn season took place last Friday night, when the remnant of last year's "Dirty Dozen" assembled once more. The Camp Ground kitchen was again a place of riot and confusion.

"Bee" Cooper and "Baldy" Scott returned for the evening. Of course they added dignity and poise to the occasion.

Some one suggested that it might easily be called a faculty party. It is true that that august body was well represented. In addition to Aunt Dora and Aunt Bertha (without whom there could be no party) were Professor Lawless, and Misses Rachel and Helen Davison,—Mr. Stark was also present.

However we are sure that a stranger could have seen no difference between students and faculty, for the spirit and jollity of the evening were universal.

Ears of corn by the dozen, coffee by the gallon, and hot dogs without number were consumed. It's queer how much people eat when once they have the chance, isn't it?

Miss Burnell had provided several games, which were most interesting, even though they were nerve-racking. The only serious mishap occurred when Miss Rothermell's choice gray felt sky piece fell into a pint of cream. Our spirits were all rather dampened (as well as the hat) for we only had a pint of cream.

At eight-thirty the college songs were chanted. With their usual decorum, the guests betook themselves to other haunts.

### Twelve Reasons for Church School

1. The founding of our Government was upon the corner stone of education which the church school conserves. Of the first 109 colleges in America 105 were established and maintained by the church.

2. Our ideals of civilization are Christian. They must continue to be Christian. The mind of youth is the most susceptible mind in the world. The church needs to see this, and strengthen its power by fortifying its schools.

3. The church school emphasizes spiritual values which are leaven to life. Where it does so in fullness, life profits and prospers.

4. It is justified by its fruits. In every realm of research, every avenue of life, every philanthropic undertaking, the church school lives in power through men and women who have learned in its halls.

5. It is the unfailing fountain for the Christianizing of foreign lands. If the roster of Christian missionary service were deleted of those of the church school, little would be left.

6. It is potential in formulating thought and opinion. It stands for soundness in modern scholarship, but is opposed to the spirit or manifestation of undesirable radicalism.

7. It is free from the domination of political contention and untouched by private interest. It exists for the education of youth, the challenge to men and the glory of God.

8. Never does it lose sight of moral and religious values. The two are the ballast that holds it steady and keeps it off the rocks.

9. It aims that those who sit in its chairs of instruction shall have learned light and love and life at the feet of the Great Teacher.

10. It takes young men and women fearlessly into the mazes of modern research, while it manifests clearly that the loftiest thought of the ages is Christian; that the best life is that which is hid with Christ in God.

11. It offers the privilege of enduring investments in life service and achievements. The Lord's money invested in the church school pays unfailing dividends, and bears rich reward through safeguarding the democracy of oncoming generations.

12. Through its triune service to body, mind and spirit of youth, the church school strikes clearly and without muffling, its full, positive note in modern education.—*Christian Education.*

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### Ban Exams Next

Ask Students of Ohio U.

Cigarette smoking by women students at Ohio Wesleyan University will be followed by their expulsion from the university, President John W. Hoffman has announced in a letter he is sending to parents of all students expected to enroll at the university in September.

A ban on student automobiles and on student marriages which has been in effect at the university for some years is again announced to parents in President Hoffman's letter.

Ohio Wesleyan will permit its co-eds to dance, however, if they will file a written request from their parents with the dean of women. No student is permitted to attend out of town dances.

President Hoffman's letter advises any prospective student who does not approve of the school's rules to begin his higher education elsewhere.

While smoking by women students has never been a serious problem at Ohio Wesleyan, the more drastic statement has been issued to insure that the practice will be entirely eliminated, administrative officers of the school say in explanation of the regulation.—Exchange.

### Athenian Literary Society

The Athenian Society held its first meeting September 20, 1927. The following officers were elected:

- President—Ralph Jones.
  - Vice President—Joseph Shipman.
  - Secretary—Elsie Bacon.
  - Treasurer—Margaret Carnahan.
- The executive Committee filled the remaining offices by appointment as follows:
- Chaplain—Erma Anderson.
  - Critic—Catherine Secord.
  - Pianist—Alton Cronk.
  - Sergeant-at-arms—Paul Roy.

Program Committee—  
Katherine Snyder, Chairman.  
Mildred Stevenson.  
Robert Hess.

### Splendid Attendance Monday

There is going to be a good Athenian Literary Society this year. The prospects of a large roll of members are fine and the attendance at the meeting on Monday evening, September twenty-sixth was excellent. A very entertaining, instructive program was rendered.

Miss Margaret Carnahan gave a reading "Advice to Firemen" in a very interesting, competent manner. The sarcasm and dry humor of its ridiculous advice aroused hearty laughs and applause from the audience.

The splendid ability of Mr. Wesley Gleason was displayed in his piano solo, "Kamenoi Sstrow" by Rubenstein. The musical reading "The Eskimos" which was given as an encore was enjoyed immensely if hearty applause is any evidence.

Our President Luckey gave a very instructive talk on "What the Society Should Be and Do." He urged the students to consider having two separate societies, men's and women's. He presented the idea that the work of the society programs should be for instruction instead of entertainment.

Gordon and Hollis Stevenson with Wesley Gleason as accompanist on the piano, very beautifully rendered a vocal duet, "In a Cottage Small by a Waterfall."

Next Monday night at six-thirty Professor Boardman is to give a demonstrated lecture of physics experiments in the High School study room. Everyone is invited.

### Neosophic News

On Monday, September 19, the Neosophic Society met for election of officers. The following were elected:

- Fredric Hauser, president; William Boehune, vice-president; Anna English, secretary; Clifford Mix, treasurer; and Raymond Berry, janitor.

### Folger Purple Captain

Alice Folger, whose athletic abilities have been abundantly displayed during the past few years, was elected captain of the Purple girls. The girls are to be congratulated upon so wise a choice.

"When I was twenty, I made up my mind to get rich."

"But you never became rich."

"No, I decided it was easier to change my mind."

### GOSPEL WORKERS ACTIVE

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at the site of the new Dam, which was in charge of Rev. Crippen, pastor of the M. E. Church at Rushford. Miss Davidson and Miss Linguist sang a duet. The Rushford churches have been holding Sunday afternoon services there during the past summer but now wish to give the work into the hands of the Houghton students. There seems to be a wonderful opportunity there for taking the Gospel to those men who have no other means of attending church.

On September 25th another group went to the service at the Dam. Mr. Lutz was in charge, while Mr. Shipman and Mr. Stevenson brought messages in song. In the evening two auto-loads of students held an evangelistic service in the Baptist church at Hunt, N. Y., of which Rev. Peterson is pastor. A song was sung by the ladies' quartette. Then the Houghton students responded to the roll-call with personal testimonies. After a duet by Luella and Viola Roth, Mr. VanWormer brought an excellent gospel message in which he showed plainly by Scripture that there is no other way to obtain eternal life than by repentance, and forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus. The ladies' quartette sang an invitation hymn, after which the benediction was pronounced. God's presence has been felt in these services and we earnestly desire the prayers of God's children for the furtherance of the work.

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**Alumni Welcomed**

Houghton always welcomes the old students and faculty when they return for a visit. Last week, we had with us Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lennox; the former a member of the class of '25, and the latter head of our Oratory Department for several years. This was Mr. and Mrs. Lennox's first visit since they left in June 1925, and we were more than glad to have them with us.

On Wednesday, September 21, Mr. Lennox had charge of our devotional exercises in chapel, giving us a splendid talk on "The Worth of a Christian Life." Mrs. Lennox was unable to read because of a severe cold, which was a sincere disappointment to the old students as well as the new.

Mr. Lennox has been studying at the Garret Bible Institute, Chicago, since leaving Houghton, and received his B. D. degree last June. This year he is continuing his work for an M. A. degree in North Western University. More than this, however, he has a pastorate in a little town near the city of Kenosha, Wis., twelve miles north of Chicago.

Mrs. Lennox has found her place as a pastor's wife and homemaker. We wonder if she practices her beautiful art of storytelling upon their little blackeyed girl?

The object of their trip East was to attend the annual meeting of Erie Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Westfield, N. Y., at which time, Mr. Lennox was ordained in the church.

In honor of their return the Class of '25 held a reunion in the Cozy Corner Tea Room at Wellsville. Fourteen members were present and all reported a splendid time.

**Sensible Non-sense**

Tom, Jock and Pat had stolen a horse, a cow and a cart. They had been conducted to the police station. The officer in charge first turned to Tom, inquiring how long he had had the horse. "Ever since it was a colt," said Tom. Next the officer turned to Jock, asking how long he had had the cow. "Ever since it was a calf," replied Jock. Finally Pat was asked how long he had possessed the cart. Pat looked puzzled and began scratching his head. At last he cried: "Faith and begorra! Ever since it was a wheelbarrow."

Prof. Lawless—I was awfully bored in faculty meeting.

Miss Rothermell—Ah, were you? I got quite a kick out of it.

Prof. Lawless—Ah! who sat behind you?

Miss Rothermell—You did.

A bookseller had an "account rendered" returned to him with this reply scratched across it:

"Dear Sir:—I never ordered this beastly book. If I did, you didn't send it. If you sent it, I never got it. If I got it, I paid for it. If I didn't, I won't. Yours respectfully."

She (at County fair)—Look at the people. Aren't they numerous?

He—Yes, and ain't there a lot of them?

"Waiter," said the customer after waiting fifteen minutes for his soup, "have you ever been to the zoo?"

"No sir."

"Well, you ought to go. You'd enjoy seeing the turtles whiz past you."

Evolution.

Frosh—I dont know.

Soph.—I am not prepared.

Junior—I do not remember.

Senior—I don't believe I can add anything.

Miss Burnell, holding a beaker of liquid in her hand in General Chemistry class.

"Each one of you smell of this and see if you can recognize what is in the container."

Miss Rothermell—Sniff, sniff "Oh its ammonia."

Miss Burnell—"You're wrong—its only water."

Latest proverb—Take snap-shots today for tomorrow it may rain

**King's Daughters  
Camp Out**

Responding to the insistent call of the wild, twenty-seven members of the King's Daughters Sunday School class, their systems atingle with the anticipation of a night in the woods, started forth, a few days ago to the beautiful camping spot known as Shenawana. The group arrived at the camp about 4:00 in the afternoon, and immediately afterwards indulged in an abundantly sufficient supper. Games were then played until darkness fell upon them, when the girls made their way to bed, or in other words "hit the hay."

Everything was lovely for a time; and the occupants of one room of the camp-lodge were bravely attempting to sleep. Those in the adjoining room, however, were more hilarious than the rest, and about 1:00 o'clock in the morning this group of campers arose. With much shouting they dashed forth, stepping unconcernedly upon those who were beginning to sleep. Riot reigned supreme for a period; then quiet settled down once more.

An interesting side-light upon the adventure was told by the camp care-taker. He had arrived at camp before the college group assembled, and was peacefully sleeping within when shouts called him outside. He found his lodge surrounded by State troopers who believed they had captured the notorious Wagner. The caretaker easily explained the situation, and the officers adjourned.

The girls pronounced their trip a decided success, and are extremely enthusiastic for Shenawana. They arrived in Houghton early the next morning.

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