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## ARBOR DAY A BIG SUCCESS

### RUNNING TRACK COMPLETED

A day of manual labor, when students lay aside their scholastic duties, Professors desert the classrooms, and pick and shovel are considered more important than pen and pencil, has become an annual event in Houghton College. The time is spent in the improvement of the campus and the melioration of outdoor necessities. Perfection is the student body watchword, and work is the avenue through which the definition of this word becomes a reality.

The date for this year's undertaking was designated as October 22, 1924, and upon the morning of that day, practically the entire student body turned out, ready and anxious to do the bidding of their superiors. The atmospheric conditions were such as to compel everyone to wield the ditch-digger's implements with vigor, and rejoice in the opportunity. Everything was in readiness, and when the plan of procedure was outlined, the students fell to work with a will. The student body had previously been separated into groups, each division having a particular duty to perform. Under this systematic organization supervised by the Houghton Athletic Association, the completion of the running track, which was the special task on foot, soon became an indisputable likelihood instead of a presumed probability.

While two student groups designated as the levelers and edgers performed their respective obligations of leveling the track bed and making the edges more uniform, and another cleaned the vacant lot situated close to Prof. Whitaker's home, the feminine representatives thoroughly cleaned the Bedford gym from basement to balcony. The floors were thoroughly mopped and everything arranged in perfect order. This work will be especially appreciated by the Athletic Association and basket-ball players in general. A group of men working under Prof. Whitaker repaired the foot-bridge leading from the campus steps across the creek to town.

Previous to the day of labor a committee appointed by the Association had personally interviewed the farmers of the community and had secured their endorsement of the plans. They unanimously pledged to support the movement, and promised to send teams in order to haul the cinders necessary for the track. At about eight o'clock the teams began to appear on the scene, and at least ten of them continued to work throughout the day. This necessitated increased activity, and resulted in two more groups of students being placed vigorously at work. Two groups, working in relays, were given the arduous task of filling the wagons with cinders from the pile directly behind the girls' dorm, while the other division spread the cinders after they were dumped, into the track bed. As a result of these reinforcements the track was nearly half completed when the welcome dinner bell was sounded.

When the noon hour arrived, tools were carelessly thrown aside. After a half hour's delay, during which time the farmers fed their faithful horses, and the hand-laborers either sought the diversion afforded by foot-ball playing, or the refreshment of the umbrageous trees. Soon, however, the

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### THANK YOU!

The Athletic Association wishes to thank every person who aided them last week in the completion of the running track. Most especially do we wish to thank the people of the community who came with their teams to assist us. The completion of the one-sixth mile cinder track will be the greatest boon that athletics in Houghton College has received for many years, and you have made it possible. Again we thank you.

We are sorry that the tables at the dining hall are so small. We understand that Mr. Fred Bedford has been assigned a double portion of space at the table.

### NOTICE

On December 12, the departments of Music and Oratory will give a recital for the benefit of the piano fund. Plan to come.

### Straw Vote

Calvin Coolidge is the choice of the Houghton students for President as expressed in the straw vote taken in chapel Friday.

The vote stood as follows:

Coolidge	104
Davis	14
LaFollette	13

A vote for governor was also taken in which Roosevelt received a very large majority over Smith.

### Juniors Celebrate Hallowe'en

About fourteen members of the high school junior class including "the specials" along with Mrs. Bowen met at Mrs. Johnson's last Friday evening. No one had any idea where the party was to be held except those honored three that were on the committee. All were dressed in costumes but differing from each other considerably. If anyone could have looked in the attic window of the high school building, they might have seen "Auntie", "the clown" "Pete" with his wig and red trousers, the spanish lady besides Indian girls and various other bedecked personages.

After playing games and telling spook stories, refreshments were served. At the usual time all dispersed having spent a very enjoyable evening.

### Freshmen Enjoy Party

Last Friday evening was a time of much merry-making and enjoyment on the part of the college Freshman class. The college study hall had been secured as a place in which to hold the festivities planned. Therefore at eight o'clock the worthy class assembled to participate in the excitement. The room was artistically decorated with articles pertaining to Hallowe'en which seemed to add interest to the gathering.

The fun was started by a few lusty

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### Westminster Quartet

The second number of the lecture course was rendered by the Westminster Quartet with the following personnel: first tenor, Mr. Gay; second tenor, Mr. Leonard; first bass, Mr. Farnsworth, and second bass, Mr. Pabst, with Mr. Leonard acting also as accompanist.

The program given was perhaps even more varied than is usually expected, for besides the regular quartet numbers there were tenor and bass solos, musical readings, piano solos, etc. The selections that were most appreciated and at the same time showed the versatility of the quartet were "On the Sea", "Medley of Old Time Songs", "A Bit of Close Harmony", and "Goin' Home". "On the Sea" represents the highest type of quartet music and it was rendered in a very acceptable manner except for the faulty enunciation which was prevalent throughout the whole program. The old time songs are always heartily received for audiences enjoy hearing something with which they are familiar. In "A Bit of Close Harmony" the blending of the voices was brought out to the best advantage. Modern music does not use as many of the minor chords which used to characterize quartet music, but if one can judge by applause they are still appreciated as much as ever. "Goin' Home" from Dvorak's New World Symphony" was fittingly used as the last number. This symphony is based upon the negro melodies, and although there are several arrangements taken from the symphony, "Goin' Home" is one of the most effective.

In reviewing the program, the solo numbers also deserve recognition. Mr. Gay gave several tenor solos, one of them being "Morning", by Speaks. Mr. Gay was in poor voice due to a cold, but he covered this defect by his style of interpretation. Mr. Leonard proved himself not only an able accompanist but a soloist as well when he played Rachmaninoff's Humoresque. The pleasing quality of Mr. Pabst's bass voice was brought out in "The Trumpeter" by Dix.

The presentation of the program, on the whole, was very good, although differing in some respects from the programs usually heard in Houghton.

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### Food for Your Soul

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Jehovah, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12.

### THE GOLDEN DAY

There are two days in the week upon which and about which I never worry. Two care-free days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday, with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought, I cannot unsay a word I said, on yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of wrong, regret and sorrow, is in the hands of the mighty Love that can bring honey out of the rock, and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the Love that can make the wrong things right, that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of night.

Save for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like the perfume of the roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine, it is God's.

And the other day I do not worry about is tomorrow—tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and poor per-

formance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of mastery as its dead sister, yesterday. It is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in roseate splendor, or behind a mask of weeping shrouds. But it will rise. Until then the same love and patience that hold yesterday hold tomorrow. Save for the star of hope that gleams forever on the brow of tomorrow, shining with tender promise into the heart of today, I have no possession of that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safe keeping of the Infinite Love that holds for me the treasures of yesterday. The love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, deeper than the seas. Tomorrow—it is God's day. It will be mine.

There is left for myself, then, but one day of the week—today. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. Any man can resist the temptations of today. O friends, it is only when, to the burdens and cares of today, carefully measured out by the infinite wisdom and might that gives them the promise, "As thy day so shall thy strength be," we willfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—such burdens as only the mighty can sustain—that we break down. It isn't the experiences of today that drives men mad. It is the remorse for something that happened yesterday, the dread of what tomorrow may disclose.

### H. A. A. Dispense Ice Cream

In a very poorly played game in which the absence of scientific basket ball was the only dominant feature, the levelers defeated the shovelers to the tune of 25-14 on the evening of Arbor Day. Other somewhat spurious features of the game were slow pass-work, poor basket shooting, stalling, and, what is sometimes the case in games of this sort, somewhat frayed tempers. However, the alibi in this case is perfect, inasmuch as every man on both squads had been exercising his physical being on that day to an extent which was far out of the ordinary, and consequently were much more prone to the general poor playing and the irritability mentioned above than would usually have been the case.

The game itself needs little comment as there were no outstanding stars, altho Farner, who played center for the levelers during the last half, dropped in more field baskets than any other one man.

Immediately after the game the Ath-

letic Association dispensed with two tubs of ice-cream and upwards of thirty gallons of punch. During the afternoon several of the girls had spent their time making the punch and in obtaining dishes and other receptacles in which to serve it. The refreshments were moved out of the dressing-room after the game and the crowd told to "Come and get it." It was a crowd of such good-natured self-assertiveness that we trust everyone procured at least something to eat.

### Hartmann Plays in New York

Arthur Hartmann, world renowned violinist, gave his first New York recital for this season at Aeolian Hall, on the afternoon of October 21. The following report was given in the Musical Digest:

"A violin recital of more than ordinary interest' according to Pitts Sanborn of the Telegram and Mail, 'was that of Arthur Hartmann at Aeolian Hall, on October 21. The skillful, scholarly playing of the program much of which was devoted to Bach, gave evident pleasure to an audience of good size, continued Mr. Sanborn.

The Times reviewer could not but admire "the seasoned musicianship" of the violinist and the directness and simplicity of Mr. Hartmann's style" were accorded due praise by the writer in the Sun. In the Tribune Mr. Hartmann received applause for his "firm, strong tone of unruffled surface" and his quality of playing with "assurance and confident technical skill".

### Throwing In a Little Cheerfulness

A man who is not interested in his job beyond a desire to make money cannot expect to get any more happiness and success out of life than is represented by the contents of his pay envelope. And when he gets nothing more than money out of his work, his appreciation of life is negligible.

There is no denying the fact that all of us have to work in order to get along in this world, and we might as well reap as much happiness as possible while performing the tasks before us. The man who does his work ungrudgingly, with a song in his heart, is the one who gets ahead; not the one who whines because he has to work. To be happy at our work we must be glad we are able to work. If this feeling of gladness cannot be had in any other way, we need only to look about us and observe the misfortune of others—men permanently injured who would give all they owned for the strength to do a

day's work and an appetite created by a hard day's work that would permit them to enjoy a meal.

Observing these helpless men, this thought strikes us squarely between the eyes: "We don't know how well off we are."

Prof. Fancher (in German class): "Now Miss Sartwell, if I were addressing several people, I would use the pronoun, each; but if I were talking to you alone, I would say dir (dear)."

### HOUGHTON LOCALS

Clinton Donahue was a caller in town Sunday.

Dorothy Bennett spent a few days in town this week.

Evan Molyneaux returned Saturday from a hunting trip in Canada.

Harold Douglass and Ernest Crocker spent Sunday with friends in Swain.

We note from the last Wesleyan that Miss Tanner sailed for Africa on October 18.

Prof. and Mrs. Hazlett are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mildred Jean, born Nov. 3.

Mrs. L. C. Wright and daughter, of Rochester, visited "Billy" Wright over the week-end.

We are glad to see that Grace Wright, Lloyd Tingley, and Ruth Rockwell are able to be about again.

Alfred Kreckman, Wilber Clarke, Irwin Enty, and George Shroder sang in the Baptist church in Belmont Sunday evening.

Hollowe'en was observed in appropriate manner. The burning of two crosses and the exploding of two charges of dynamite were features of the occasion.

What almost proved a serious accident happened near Mr. Molyneaux's Tuesday night. To cars collided, one being thrown completely over. No one was badly injured.

Mrs. Reese of Niagara Falls, a sister of Mrs. Eyer died Saturday. Mrs. Reese, who was formerly Miss Pearl Schouten, graduated from Houghton in 1916.

A troupe of Boy Scouts has been organized here, with Joe Newman as scout-master, and Howard Bain as assistant. One meeting and a weiner roast have been held, and it is reported that the boys are very enthusiastic over the organization.

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**Athenian Society**

Monday evening the Athenians enjoyed a patriotic program which was very fitting for the eve of a presidential election. "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" was the opening song.

Professor Wright then gave an inspiring talk on "Citizenship and its Duties". He defined a citizen as a person who belongs to a state or nation and shares the privileges of government. It is the duty of every citizen to be honest, to take his place as an officer when chosen to that position, and to see that the law is enforced. The franchise involves both duty and privilege. Whether voting with the winning party or not, an individual has not lost his vote if he has registered his convictions. Professor Wright continued with glimpses of the personal qualities of the presidential candidates of the three larger parties, and of several of the candidates for state offices, emphasizing the moral obligation of registering an intelligent choice of these men.

After the singing of "America" Miss Doris Neal read "The Old Flag" a poem of Civil War days. "The Star Spangled Banner" and the salute to the flag concluded the program.

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yells given by the entire group, and two extremely clever stories told by Professor Douglas, the chaperone. Howard Bain then delighted the group when he dramatically plunged to the bottom of a well-filled wash-tub, in a determined effort to capture a floating apple. He succeeded in his attempt, but not without experiencing the clammy effects of a goodly amount of the aqueous fluid.

Numerous games were played and other frolics enjoyed; interspersed by clever readings and musical numbers. Miss Mary Alice Sloan favored the assembly with a well-rendered piano solo and Harold Douglass followed with a delightful vocal selection. Miss John-

son showed her power as an entertainer with the very humorous reading which she gave. Toward the close of the evening, Miss Remington created a hubbub of applause when she gave the reading entitled, "The Sin of the Carpenter Man." She was forced to respond to an encore.

About nine-thirty the refreshments were served, consisting of pumpkin pie, doughnuts, and punch. After everyone had eaten their fill, most of the students adjourned, leaving behind only a few who were given the inevitable task of cleaning up. The party was a decided success, and the next social function is awaited with anticipation.

**EXCHANGES**

We are receiving the following exchanges: "Maroon and Gold", Eton College; "The Papyrus", Greenville; "Marion College Journal"; "Fiat Lux", Alfred University; "The Augustana Mirror"; "Rushford Spectator" "The Keukonian" Keuka Park.

Students interested in any of the colleges where these are published, may read the papers at the Star Office.

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He won't know how many teardrops you have shed;

If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to give it to him,

For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny

And the hearty, warm approval of a friend,

For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you stronger, braver,

And it gives you heart and courage to the end;

If he earns your praise—bestow it; if if you like him let him know it;

Let the words of true encouragement be said;

Do not wait till life is over, and he's underneath the clover,

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**Chapel Services**

We were privileged again this week in having one of our visiting pastors conduct our chapel service. On Thursday, Rev. Bain of Cattaraugus, brought us a message from Paul's second letter to Timothy, using as a basis for his remarks the words, "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

All here have an aim set for themselves in life but we must observe the laws that govern the purpose which we have. There are no short cuts to success. Our motto should be, "I'll find a way or make it." If we are to be at our best physically, we must observe the laws which govern health. If we are to be at our best mentally, we must observe the laws which govern our mental life. And if we are to be at our best spiritually, we must observe the laws which govern our spiritual welfare. Success will come in every sense of the word to the one who carries on an honest fair strife."

Calvin Coolidge was overwhelmingly elected President of the United States, in our special chapel services on Friday. The election followed the interesting program given by the Neosophic

Literary Society, in which three members of the society discussed the three leading candidates for the presidency, Coolidge, LaFollette, and Davis. We were interested in Miss Waldherr's statement that President Coolidge when a boy received only one vote when his classmates voted on the one of their number whom they thought would be the greatest man. Who knows what possibilities lie hidden in the youngest freshman in Houghton College?

**Neosophic Society**

C-A-T spells cat. Do you know how to spell? Florence Fish does for she won a box of homemade candy because she came out first in our spelling-bee Monday night.

Olive Benning and Alice Huntsman were leaders for their respective sides. Miss Edith Warburton pronounced the words.

Next week we want to hear your favorite poem. Be sure to bring it with you, either on paper or in your mind. You may be called on. If you haven't a favorite bring some poem you like.

We are planning a musical program for the following meeting. Miss Hildreth has promised to sing for us and we expect a very entertaining time.

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food was placed upon the table, and the workers partook of an abundant feast, thanks to the matron and the girls of the student body. After a few yells had been given and a short program enjoyed in which Mrs. Lennox recited by request the selection entitled the "Cuckoo Clock", the men again went forth and began their labors. When evening came upon them, the track was practically finished; in fact, it was so near completed that only three or four loads of cinders had to be hauled the next day.

Expect for a few lame backs and stiffened joints, no ill effects have been seen as a result of the unusual activity. Everyone is well pleased with the outcome, and through these columns the Houghton Athletic Association wishes to take the opportunity of thanking the farmers who so loyally stood by the banner, and so materially aided in attaining the desired end.

It is the general opinion that more was accomplished and that this was the best arbor day Houghton has ever had.

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