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A THANKSGIVING BANQUET

The most delightful social function of the school year so far was the banquet given by the girls of the dormitory in honor of the football squad on Thanksgiving Day. The guests all arrived shortly before six o'clock and were ushered into the parlor where they were entertained by music until dinner was announced. Then everyone repaired to the large dining hall where a sumptuous banquet was served in three courses.

Menu

- Fruit Cocktail
- Turkey Dressing Gravy
- Mashed potatoes Buttered Peas
- Cranberry Sauce Celery
- Peach Preserves
- Pumpkin pie Doughnuts
- Mints Coffee

The tables were very artistically decorated, each having as centerpiece a basket of fruit surrounded by ferns. Yellow candles on all the tables brightened up everything with golden rays.

Miss Lois McQuain proved a very delightful toast mistress.

The following persons responded to toasts:

- Flirting with Lady Luck Mr. Dawson
- A Quarterback's Soliloquy Captain "Red" Wilfong
- How I Helped Coach Dawson Thomas Boggs

Football A is made Fero Huff
The Three Georges George McQuain
Thanksgiving Song Mae Ellyson
The Old Gray Mare Mr. W. D. Cooper
Reminiscences Pres. E. G. Rohrbough
Two songs were sung by the girls: one in honor of Coach Dawson; the other in honor of the team.
After all the toasts had been given Mr. Dawson took charge for a few minutes and led the men of the regular team to select a captain for next year. The two most popular candidates were Richard Powell and George McQuain. The latter won by a small majority. After all business matters had been settled, everyone was requested to return to the parlor where further entertainment was provided in the form of folk games. All entered into the games and the minutes passed by like seconds. The time to say "Goodnight" came all too soon.

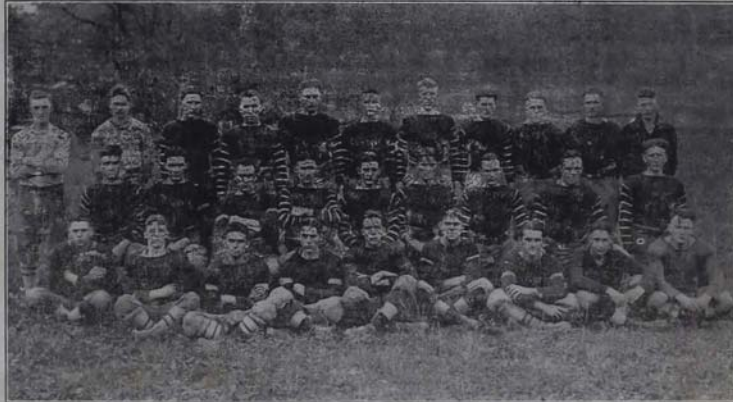
Other guests of honor besides the football squad were: Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Miss Trotter, Miss McCord, and Mr. W. D. Cooper, all enthusiastic boosters of the team.

WHITE CAPS

For a long time the boys have been wondering what the prerequisites for entrance at the dormitory are. Last week they thought they had solved the mystery. Two young gentlemen were seen passing down the streets in company with two dormitory girls. All

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G. N. S. Football Squad.



Back row, left to right: Johnson, Farnsworth, F. Woolfer, Paugh, McQuain, (Capt. elect. '23); Powell, G. Cooper, Spray, Ellyson, Smith.

Middle row: Coach Dawson, Jones, Gerwig, E. Cooper, Bias, B. Gainer, Lorentz, H. Wilfong, C. Wilfong, (Capt.); Reed.

Front row: Bush, Hall, Boggs, (Mgr.); Withers, L. Woolfer, Moss, W. Gainer, Miller, Townsend.

G. N. S. PROSPECTS FOR FOOTBALL, 1923

The Broadbus game, on November 10, marked the close of the G. N. S. football schedule for this season. In the first half of that game the team showed the best it has at any time this year. Although it had far from a successful season, winning only one game out of six, the team showed truly wonderful improvement toward the latter part of the season, and by next year it should be able to make a really creditable showing. George McQuain was elected captain, and is a very worthy man, indeed. He is a hard fighter, and never says "enough." Big "Almer" Paugh will be a real star next season, and, together with Dick Powell for a running mate, will make a fine pair of tackles. Ben Bias will probably be converted into a halfback, and he showed late in the season that he is a diamond in the rough when it comes to carrying the ball.

In all probability practically all the men will be back, and it will be no easy task to conquer them when they take the field next fall; for they are in earnest about playing football. A great number of them are buying footballs with which to practice during the summer. This is the spirit that will make real football players of them in the end. Let all the students encourage them, and pull for a real team next season that will add to the glory of the old Blue and White.

G. N. S. TO HAVE INTER-CLASS BASKET BALL SERIES

With the approach of the opening of the basket ball season the different classes are preparing for what will be a very interesting and closely contested series of inter-class games. The "Tierney Cup" is of course the much-sought-for prize.

For the first time in the history of the school, the girls are going to play a series of inter-class games. If we may judge by the excellent work of the various class teams of last year and by the prevailing satisfactory spirit and attitude toward inter-class basket ball, we feel safe in predicting a very interesting series of games among both boys and girls.

At special meetings of every class during the past week, representatives were appointed from all the classes who will co-operate with Mr. Dawson and Miss Trotter in formulating regulations for governing the series of games.

The class representatives are as follows:

- Senior Class: George McQuain, Jesse Wolfe
- Junior Class: Ward Gainer, Mary Wolfe
- Sophomore Class: E. T. Moss, Elsie Roberts
- Freshman Class: Richard Powell, Virginia Morris

K. K. K.

Last Monday evening the people of Glenville were startled by a very violent explosion which came from the hill east of town. Immediately thereafter a burning cross appeared on the hill and burned brightly for several minutes. This aroused considerable curiosity, some even thinking the world was coming to an end, and that this was the signal for the assembling of the quick and the dead, but most people took these signs to mean that the Ku Klux Klan had been organized in the town. Although the Ku Klux Klan has organizations in several of the nearby counties this was the first sign that there was an organization in Gilmer County.

ERRATA

In the last issue of The Tower the copy of an article concerning an adventure which Mr. W. D. Cooper recently had become mixed with a description of Good English Week at G. N. S., resulting in a confused statement which might lead one to think that Bud English stragglers were trailing in the wake of Mr. Cooper. Now we are deeply penitent for this mistake and offer him our humblest apologies. However, there were a few details of that thrilling adventure which we failed to record in our last number. It appears that while the car was stand-

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INTER-CLASS GAMES

With the passing of the football season the students of the G. N. S. are beginning to discuss basket ball and inter-class games. A committee has already been appointed, from the faculty and the various classes, to draw up rules and regulations for the governing of inter-class games this year. This committee will meet soon, and it is to be hoped that it will settle all points of controversy, if there are any, in such a way as to satisfy everyone concerned.

The immediate object of class games is to win the Tierney Loving Cup, but the real object of having them, the object which Mr. Tierney had in mind when he presented the cup to the school, is to develop athletics in the school by promoting a spirit of friendly rivalry between the various classes, and to give every one who desires it an opportunity to participate in athletics. In their zeal to accomplish this first object students to frequently lose sight of the second and greater object, and, thereby, defeat the true end for having the contests at all. Indeed, once, since the contests were instituted, the spirit of animosity between the classes became so intense that the authorities of the school refused to award the prize to any one.

Inter-class games have a real value to the school. They develop many players for the school team, they add much to the interest of student life; and they actually cause many boys to study much harder than they would otherwise; for unless they carry three regular subjects in school they are ineligible to participate in class games.

Important, however, as class games are, they should always be made secondary to the school team, and under no circumstance should they be permitted to handicap it, but they should always serve as a means for its improvement. We believe that the student who puts his class above the school is unworthy of the name of student or the respect of the student body. We sincerely believe that we have no students of this character in G. N. S.

This year class games will be played

by both the boys and girls. This will be the first time in the history of the school that girls have engaged in these contests, but we feel sure that there will be as much interest manifested in the girls' games as in the games played by the boys.

Now, when the last game will have been played, we hope that every class in school will be able to say, in good faith, that the best team won.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE TOWER

The Tower is always glad to hear from old friends of Glenville Normal School. If you like what we are doing we would be glad to hear from you; if you do not we would be pleased to have suggestions. The following is an extract from a letter written to one of the staff a few days ago by Mr. Clay M. Bailey of Lost Creek who graduated from Glenville in 1920.

"I want to compliment the staff and the school upon their ability to put out so good a paper as the copies I have received are. It is full of news and logic which we who still have a very live interest in Glenville Normal like to get and read. I can assure you of my most loyal support, and I hope every former student of G. N. S. thinks the same about it. The thing that has interested me most is a review of the graduates of the former classes. We still like to know where all our old friends are and what they are doing."

CHRISTMAS GIVING

The season is here when people begin to seek presents for their friends. The question of what to give is often a source of worry for many, and Christmas instead of the time of happiness it should be becomes a period of nerve-racking anxiety. This ought not to be. It is better not to give presents than to feel that they are a burden. Christmas gifts should be given because the giver wants to give, not because he feels that it is his duty to give. If any one really wants to give gifts, he will be in a sufficiently happy frame of mind to enjoy the process of selecting them. Christmas time is supposed to be a happy time. Why spoil it with useless worry? After all, it is not the gift that counts but the spirit in which it is given. The true gift is

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare."

MORE ABOUT THE GLENVILLE-FAIRMONT GAME

We notice in the columns of the Fairmont Normal School Bulletin that Sandy Toothman's football team reported upon its return to Fairmont that it had fallen among thieves and was robbed of the game by unheard of officials.

We do not wish to accuse our good Fairmont friends of misrepresenting facts, but we do wish them to remember that it is the part of good sportsmanship to abide by the decision of the officials without accusing them of be-

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ing unfair. When our team goes abroad, it expects to be refereed by officials chosen by the opposing team, and it has long since learned that it is discourteous to blame them for its defeat. Could the members of any one team referee their own games, there would be little reason why that particular team should go down to defeat. We wonder if the unheard of officials were the cause of Fairmont's downfall elsewhere? We should like to know if unheard of officials were responsible for Fairmont's loss in basketball to G. N. S. on its own floor to the tune of 43 to 4 in 1921? And again, if anyone wishes to know who refereed the Glenville-Fairmont game, we will say that Harold Want, a former quarterback of the W. V. U. was the referee. It should not be necessary to say that he is a man who understands the game thoroughly, and decides with fairness to all.

Reports of the game given by others than Glenville Normal School students were very erroneous, to say the least. And even Fairmont's school paper goes so far as to say several things about the game that were not noticeable at the time the game was played. It says that Glenville is fast making a name for itself insofar as unfair methods of winning are concerned. If such uncomplimentary write-ups as the Fairmont Bulletin gives would not help to drag a school downward, we should like to know what would.

Notwithstanding the fact that Fairmont met up with a stronger team than it expected, we are glad to give the team credit for playing a good game. We are very sorry it met with defeat, but we know how to sympathize

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for our team also lost a few games by narrow margins—but they were away from home. And, by the way, we are proud of the fact that Glenville Normal School played all the games on its schedule, not canceling when it knew a one-sided defeat was in store for it.

Let us look forward to a good game of basketball on Fairmont's floor, where there will be no cause of censuring officials.

Why doesn't Salem College send her basketball team to Glenville this year?

ERRATA

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ing in the river the river washed all the water out of the water tank, and Mr. Cooper started on his return journey without noting this. He had not progressed far, however, when the car began to crack and smoke in a most disagreeable manner. He wondered what could be wrong with the thing. Suddenly there was a report like the crack of a gun. The gasoline tank must have blown up. Mr. Cooper got out and discovered that it was only a "blow-out." He patched the damaged tire, refilled the water tank, and then proceeded on his homeward journey without further accident. Now, although we might desire to be there, to see when Mr. Cooper next goes forth on such a venture bold, we certainly have no desire to be in the car with him.

In the last issue of The Tower there was an editorial on literary performance. In this editorial is found the statement that monitors often eliminate much overestimated material from our programs. Now, doubtless, many of our readers would like to know what overestimated material is. Well, so would we. However, the word which should have been used was over-estimation, and we doubt if there are very many who are not familiar with that word.

J. W. FELL

EXPERT WATCHMAKER

Glenville, W. Va.

WHITE CAPS

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the boys gazed long at the two lucky young gentlemen, striving to ascertain wherein they were different from other boys. Presently, the secret of their success was discovered. Each of the gallants was "topped out" with a white felt hat. The next morning all the boys in school purchased white felt hats and prepared to invade the dormitory. But it seems that they were a little precocious; for on the following Friday night two boys, who did not wear white hats, escorted two dormitory girls to the literary society. However, it was said that these two gentlemen wore white caps. So it seems that while the size of a man's hat may not be material, the color of it does have an important influence on his chances of success at the dormitory.

THE CANTERBURY CLUB

The Canterbury Club grows in interest, importance, and membership as time passes. The last meeting was held on November 22, 1922 in the school building. Graydon Cooper and Thomas Boggs were elected to membership. After this the members seated in a large circle around a gas fire under brilliant electric lights that rivaled the rays from the chariot of Phoebus, listened to a very interesting program. The program as usual consisted of three stories which were:

England to America, told by Dorothy Hatfield.

The Romance of a Busy Broker, told by Fred Barnett.

Lost on Dress Parade, told by Harley Townsend.

It was pronounced by many to be the most interesting meeting of this term.

Mrs. Paul B. Dawson has been on the sick list for a few days.

THE McVANY BOARDING CLUB

The one big problem which confronts the prospective student, after having chosen the school desired, is that of securing a suitable living place. Until recently this has been a handicap to many young men who wished to attend the Glenville Normal School, but this handicap was removed when Mrs. McVany began to operate the "boarding club."

The Club is more than a boarding place, for it is surrounded by that atmosphere which says, "Be at ease, make yourself at home." A home it truly is, for when Mr. Harris first began to do without his breakfast, Mrs. McVany inquired if he was sick. This inquiry was repeated every morning. Finally Ben told her to watch him eat his dinner and supper, and she informed him that she had been.

All the young men have the highest respect for Mrs. McVany, for she has learned that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

"Big Boy" refuses to walk up the street alone since Thanksgiving. The reason for this is, that at the dinner table on Thanksgiving, "Big Boy" somehow, caused the other boys at the table to think that the glasses at their plates contained vinegar. The glasses were left untouched, and "Big Boy" remained at the table, until the others had gone, and then he took precaution to see to it, that the boys should not be fooled on vinegar again by emptying the glasses. The glasses contained wine.

Mr. Erlewine and Mr. Blas, for he is no longer known as Ben, since he goes to the dormitory, are our musicians.

An inquiry is being made for Mr. W. D. Cooper's tardiness at breakfasts. The Club is that thing about which the young men are so interested and the young women are so curious.

When Mrs. McVany was arranging the flowers on Thanksgiving, Mr. Rollyson asked her to place a fern at his table.

Mrs. McVany has ordered some tin plates for Mr. Rexroad's table.

The following conversation was heard Wednesday morning of last week:

"Virgil, hurry and sweep the steps," said Mrs. McVany.

"It's no use," replied Virgil.

"Why?"

"'Shorty' Baker wore his overcoat this morning."

THINGS HEARD AT THE DINNER HOUR

Rexroad and McLaughlin discussing "Special Methods."

Ben playing, "Down in Arkansas."

"Baby" Krenn and "Big Boy" playing crokinole.

Tom Boggs and Bill Spray playing basket ball.

Houghton and Bush telling about their next cases.

Bernard Gainer trying to buy Ben off.

Harry baker discussing politics.

Russell Ellyson telling the Cooper boys how to get a girl.

Mr. Erlewine winding the Victrola.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Rollyson talking about "last night."

Arvill Harris telling Coach Dawson

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INDEPENDENT LITERARY SOCIETY

The Independent Literary Society have one of the best programs it has ever given this year, last Friday night Essays were read by Tom Woodyard, Lewis Wooster, and Shirley Westfall; musical numbers were given by Misses Roberts, Branon, Morris and Starcher. A special feature, consisting of a Scotch dance, was given by Misses Cain and Danley; and Miss Lois McQuinn gave Patrick Henry's famous "Liberty or Death" oration.

Mr. Francis Gainer of Tanner, was in town last week.

THE BOOK SHELF

We have been asked to contribute some talk on books and things to THE TOWER*** We like to talk*** About books and things. Or just to talk*** Sometimes we have a great deal to say and like as not our subject eludes us completely. In which case we usually talk right ahead. Nobody ever notices anything wrong so far as we can tell.

Since the editor suggested books, though, we may as well admit that we cribbed "Queen Victoria," by Lytton Strachey, out of the office before it even got to the library and read it through all at once*** It's that kind of a book*** We felt very sorry for Prince Albert and all stirred up over what might have happened to England if he had lived to be eighty-something as the queen did*** Mr. Strachey says when Victoria was young her idea of a good time was to dance all night and take a horseback ride at daylight*** Or something like that*** It surprised us. In the pictures of her we remembered she didn't look like a dancer*** Not our notion of a dancer*** But anyway she was a great lady even if her literary style was a bit gushing*** We've returned the book.

We see the library has a lot of new history books*** But we don't expect to read most of them*** Unless we have to*** Still there was a life of Martha Luther that we want to look at to see if it's just dry bones or if it has some of Martin's rugged spirit and "dare you" blood*** Some of the lot were about Greece and Rome and the other neighbors they didn't get along with very well*** But we think we'll read Herodotus again*** Especially some of the gorgeously preposterous places*** The new ones can't be as good as those*** Except H. G. Wells and Hendrik Van Loon*** We didn't get to finish Van Loon's "Story of Mankind." We lost our bookmark and before we could remember where we should read from page 130 or from page 327. Miss Bell had put it on her reserve shelf*** Maybe we can get it again some time before commencement*** Anyway we're going to read a lot of novels now or Snappy Stories or something like that.

The number of exchanges on our list is getting larger each week. However, some of the college papers are not so "bring on" our tables. Among these are the Wesleyan College "Pharos" and the Concord Normal "Argos." Our exchange list is as follows:

- Green and White.....Salem College
- The Pasquin.....Potomac State College
- The Parthenon.....Marshall College
- The Athenaeum.....West Virginia University
- The Bulletin.....Fairmont Normal School
- The Trumpet.....West Liberty Normal School
- The Comet.....Morris Harvey College
- The Broadusonian.....Broadus Coll ge
- The Hilltop.....Washington Irving High School
- The Head Light.....Richwood High School
- The Picket.....Shepherd College Normal

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PERSONALS

Mr. Carl McGinnis attended the West Virginia-Washington Jefferson football game at Morgantown on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. J. A. Pirkey, an alumnus of this school, was in Glenville last Saturday.

Some workmen are engaged in putting up new curtains in the assembly hall.

Miss Beulah Beall, a graduate of this school, visited at the home of her brother, Wilbur, the last week-end.

Mr. Ota K. Wilfong, who is teaching in the Littleton schools, spent the last week-end at home.

Mr. Stanley Hardman of Salem College, came home Thanksgiving and remained over Sunday.

Mr. Howard Sommerville, who is teaching in the Sand Fork High School, was in Glenville during the last week-end.

Mr. Warren Lewis, a prominent farmer of Cox's Mills and a former student of the G. N. S., spent a night at the home of his brother, Fred, recently.

President Rohrbough was attending to business matters in Charleston, the first of the week.

School

The Cliff Dweller.....Spencer High School

So-To-Speak.....Salem High School

Mr. W. O. Stalnaker was visiting at the home of his bride's father, Mr. L. N. Hardman, recently. While he was here some of the young people of the town serenaded him.

Curry Wooster, Dallas Bailey, and Paul Kidd attended the football game between Washington and Jefferson College and West Virginia University at Morgantown last Thursday.

W. D. Cooper, C. E. Barnett, C. Wood Crawford, and Dana Farnsworth made an automobile trip to Clarksburg last Saturday to see the football game between Bethany College and Wesleyan College.

Miss Brand, in one of her English classes, was asked if there were any men angels in heaven.

"Why certainly," said Miss Brand.

"Well," returned the student, "I never saw any pictures of angels who had whiskers."

"That's easily explained," said Miss Brand. "You see the men get in by a very close shave."

At the beginning of school, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Rexroad walked from their homes to Glenville. It was a long and exhausting journey. They were on the verge of collapse when they met an old farmer. On inquiring they were informed that they still had four miles to travel before reaching Glenville. "I'll never make it," said Mr. McLaughlin dispiritedly. "Oh, come on," cried the optimistic Mr. Rexroad, "only two miles a piece, we can soon stop that off."