

## TEMPORARY LIST OF 1930 GRADUATES HAS NAMES OF SEVENTY

42 Are Candidates for Normal  
and 28 for Junior College  
Certificates

## TWO REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET

Seniors Must Complete Prescribed  
Courses and Be Present at  
Commencement

A tentative list of candidates for graduation from Glenville State Normal School in June, 1930 has been received from Carey Woofter, registrar. It includes the names of forty-two persons taking the Standard Normal Course and twenty-eight taking the Junior College Course.

Mr. Woofter explained that this is only a temporary list and that it depends upon two kinds of requirements being met. One is that students must complete the demands of the school as to courses and grades; the other, that all candidates must appear at the regular commencement exercises. The school, he said, does not recommend any one for certification who does not attend commencement.

The list of names is as follows:

From the Standard Normal Course: Madelyn Beall, Pearl Bertha Bell, Irene Berry, Grace L. Boram, Louise Bowling, Seldon W. Brannon, Virginia Brannon, Roy H. Burk, Lena Carnifax, Nellie Cottrill, Ruby Daniell, Robert Dayton, Ethel Duffy, Fred W. Eberle, Garnett Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Griffin, David D. Grose, Grace Harris, Linn B. Hickman, Anna M. Hill, Ocie Hinkle, Hugh Hurst, Rhea Kee Johnson, Regina Kenney, Josephine Kiess, Joseph W. Lewis, Mary McFarlane, Marjorie Marple, Louise Morgan, Genevieve Morris, Carl E. Mullenix, Ruth Pierson, Ethel Post, Grace Probst, Marjorie Rinehart, Turia Rhinehart, Sara Rollyson, Ruth E. Smith, Ruby Swisher, Wilda Fay Tucker, Harold P. West, Grace Wolfe.

From the Junior College Course: Frank Bailey, Warren Blackhurst, Roland Butcher, John C. Callahan, Leona Davis, Paul Davis, Edwin Deem, Angelo F. Eagon, Burl Glover, Linn Hardman, Bernard Hayhurst, Blake Hayhurst, Linn B. Hickman, Hugh Hurst, Rhea Kee Johnson, Justine Jones, Regina Kenney, Albert MacTavish, Baneta McConkey, Rena Mick, Archie Morris, Herbert Nottingham, Mildred Rader, Trell Reger, Marjorie Rinehart, Helen Snodgrass, Harry B. Taylor, and Harold F. West.

## FUTURE TEACHERS ENTERTAIN

Program Given at Glenville Parent-Teachers Meeting

Students of the teachers' training department gave a program at the Glenville Parent-Teachers Association meeting, on Wednesday evening.

Miss Marjorie Rinehart told "The Last Leaf," by O. Henry. Mrs. Goff Boram read, "Putting the Baby Away," by Paul Laurence Dunbar.

A selection, "Now the Day is Over," was sung by Miss Marjorie Rinehart, Miss Mildred Rader, Howard Rhea, and Seldon Brannon. H. Y. Clark, being present, was asked to sing with them. Saying that they needed something a little colorful, he selected "Old Black Joe."

Following the program refreshments were served.

## WESTON ORCHESTRA TO PLAY

Program and Decorations for Christmas Party Near Completion

Plans for the Christmas party to be given in the gymnasium on the night of December 13 are going forward rapidly. A program is being prepared under the direction of Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough. Mrs. Sample has called her decoration committee together and started work on the decorations. Plans for refreshments have also been completed, and all is well under way for the party.

Music is to be furnished by an orchestra from Weston. The hours have been set at 8 to 12 p. m.

Tickets for the party will be twenty-five cents.

## GILLILAN DEPICTS 'ABOVE THE EARS'

Famous Humorist Keeps Listeners in Uproar During His Fun-Making

"The Region North of the Ears" by Strickland Gillilan afforded an opportunity Monday evening for about three hundred people to know how important the top part of the head really is.

Mr. Gillilan having been here some eighteen years ago, had established a name as a humorist for himself, and those who heard him then did not have to be asked to come again. President E. G. Rohrbough stated that Gillilan is one of the funniest men he has ever heard.

Mr. Gillilan began his lecture by stating that he was there to look into the faces of his audience just as much as the audience was to look at him. He also stated that there certainly were many faces present that needed to be looked into. That was enough to start the crowd smiling and from then on the audience was in a continuous uproar.

A rather striking example of humor was given by Mr. Gillilan when he stated that our science is a good specimen of real humor. He stated that science is not attempting to give facts since they are continually changing throughout the ages.

Mr. Gillilan related the story of the young man who, when called upon to say grace became so frightened that he did not know for a minute what to say, and after he had mustered up courage to say something did not know what he was saying. He began by quoting "Bless our sins and forgive this food to the nourishment of our bodies."

A person with no ideal is 33 1-3 per cent less than a naught with the rim erased. Egotism is the anesthetic nature gives to a fool. The region above the ears is the greatest home for idleness that has ever been known. The witty sayings by Mark Twain were only the steam rising off his well of humor. An expert is a very ordinary person away from home. If a person cannot remember when he was a fool he is still one.

A public sale is merely a reunion of tight-wads. These are a few of the humorous remarks made by Gillilan. Gillilan stated that the reason he did the work required of a lecturer was because he liked it and that his purpose was to put optimism into the people so that a rainbow of hope might come into every tear trickling from the eye. Before he had finished his one hour lecture the entire audience seemed to be putting all his sayings into practice and every one was apparently happy.

That the young people are as good today as those of any other generation was stated by Mr. Gillilan. He said that he loved the youth of today. (Continued on Page Two.)

## "THE NATIVITY" TO BE PRESENTED BY GLEE CLUBS DEC. 17

It Is a Mystery Play in Song  
Adapted From Old French  
Noels

## CAST INCLUDES 24 PLAYERS

Marjorie Rinehart, Harry Taylor,  
and Fred Wilson Will Have  
Leading Parts

The glee clubs under the direction of Wilma West will present a Christmas mystery play in song, "The Nativity," Dec. 17 at 8 o'clock in the auditorium.

The words and music of the play were adapted from old French noels and arranged by Linda Ekman and Elizabeth Fyffe.

The cast chosen by Miss West is as follows: the Virgin Mary, Marjorie Rinehart; St. Joseph, Harry Taylor; Host, Fred Wilson; Angel, Bonnie Williams; slothful shepherd, Howard Rhea; three wise men, Fred Wilson, Bruce Brannon, Burl Glover; shepherds, Robert Dayton, Carl Mullenix, Ernest Cogar; angels, Virginia Brannon, Mildred Rader, Barbara Lee Berry, Althia Hutson, Cinderella Teter, and Bonnie Williams.

The play has three scenes. Scene one is a street in Bethlehem. The Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and the Host sing, "Our Journey Now Is Ended."

Scene two opens afield near Bethlehem with an angel and a chorus of angels singing "Let No Fears Appal You." After two other songs by angels and shepherds, the scene ends with "Now with Deep Emotion" sung by a full chorus.

The Virgin's lullaby, "Sleep Now My Baby. Sleep My Child," sung in the stable is the beginning of the third scene. Then follow "The Shepherd at the Manger" sung by St. Joseph, the angel, and the shepherd; "Glory to God" by the full chorus; "The Shepherd's Cradle Song to the Child" by St. Joseph and the shepherds; "The March of the Three Kings" by the shepherds; "Three Wise Men" by the three wise men; and "Away in a Manger" by a chorus of eight children from the grades. The full chorus singing "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" and the play.

Admission will be free.

## ALUMNUS IS ON JUDGING TEAM

Russell Ellyson Represents W. V. U.  
in Chicago Contest

Russell Ellyson, Glenville Normal School graduate of 1926, is a member of the West Virginia University livestock judging team sent to Chicago on Nov. 27. He is a senior in the agricultural college at the university this year.

While he was in school here, Ellyson was a leader in student activities, being a member of the Cosmian Literary Society and Phi Delta. He was also a regular on the football team and won his letter two successive seasons.

Following his graduation from school here, Mr. Ellyson taught for two years in Gilmer County schools.

## Hines Referees at Sand Fork

Dorsey Hines of the Annex went to Sand Fork Friday night to referee a Sand Fork-Normantown high school basketball game. Sand Fork won the boys' game, which he called, 19-14, and the girls' game 21-14.

## ED ROHRBOUGH AT HOSPITAL

Goes for Treatment of Hand Injured  
Playing Football

Yesterday afternoon Ed Rohrbough was taken to the Mason Hospital at Clarksburg for treatment of a broken bone in his hand.

The injury was received in a game during the early part of the football season. He was not at his post at tackle for the game with New River State College, but during the rest of the season he played with his hand in a protecting plaster cast.

From all appearances the bone had healed, but a few days ago the break was renewed from boxing and has since caused Ed much pain. On Saturday night the pain was so intense that his temperature rose to 104, and he was delirious part of the night. His temperature came down somewhat yesterday morning.

He was accompanied to the hospital by his father and mother, President and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, and Bob Prim.

## H. L. WHITE TALKS AT WMMN WEEKLY

Speaker is Extension Director  
of G. N. S.—Says Mercury  
Is Promising Paper

H. Laban White, director of extension work of Glenville State Normal School, and his daughter, Eleanor White, a student of West Virginia University, broadcasted from radio station WMMN at Fairmont yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

By request, Mr. White used as his subject the late Dr. Waiman Barbe's "The Preacher of the Three Churches." Miss White, who is a member of the university orchestra, played several violin solos.

Mr. White, in a letter written to Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, made the following comment concerning the school paper: "The Mercury is promising, newsy, timely, and seems to fill a double purpose—class and beyond."

Mr. White broadcasts every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Fairmont.

## All for Alma Mater, Buttermilk Court and Holy Rollers Merge

Even justice has thrown off its dignified cloak to join hands with boisterous youth and be ranked as a "big business."

Consolidation of the two most noted organizations of the Normal, the Holy Rollers and Buttermilk Court, is about to be effected, according to announcements from officials of both organizations. Just what the nature of the club will be is not yet settled. However, the best features of both will be incorporated into the consolidation.

At a recent meeting of the officials of both clubs, tentative plans were discussed and agreement concerning the merger was reached. The only formality yet to be arranged is the voting of the measure by the respective clubs.

The question of consolidation has been discussed for some time and the members are generally in favor of the change.

A new name will have to be chosen if the consolidation goes through as expected. Whatever name may be selected is to bear out the high and noble aims that are embodied in their constitution.

Miss Willa Brand attended a meeting of the College Club at Clarksburg Saturday.

## RATLIFF AND ROGERS ELECTED CAPTAINS OF PIONEER ELEVEN

Balloting Done at Football Dinner  
at Kanawha Hall Saturday Evening

## VOTES FOR CANDIDATES TIED

President E. G. Rohrbough Acts as  
Toastmaster—Coaches and  
Players Talk

Carlos Ratliff and Thomas Rogers, both formerly of Hinton High School, were elected "captain" of the 1930 Pioneer football team.

When the votes were counted in the captaincy election held at the annual football banquet at Kanawha Hall Saturday evening, Rogers and Ratliff were tied. President E. G. Rohrbough, the toastmaster, called first upon Rogers for the "Thank You" speech, as scheduled on the program, to be made by the captain-elect. Rogers said that it is doubtful whether he will return next year and that he wished to give his votes to his opponent. Ratliff replied that because he is only a first-year man and Rogers is a second-year man, he would give him his votes.

Thus the election stood—and stands.

Coach Natus, who was neither person could bequeath his votes to his rival but could only refuse them. Then he added that he was glad that both were elected. The banquet ended, and the team has a two-man captain.

All of the football squad voted except Alex Regdon and Harry Taylor who were not present, Edward Rohrbough, Jr. who remained at his home because of illness, sent a sealed ballot.

Ratliff played quarterback during the past season and was the leading scorer on the Pioneer eleven; Rogers played his second year at end and has been a good defensive man.

The program consisted of talks by the players and by the coaches. Robert Prim spoke on "The Trials of a Captain," Archie Morris on "Captain Pro Tem," Frank Harrison on "A Hard Battle," Harry Hamilton on "On the Sidelines," Coach Rohrbough on "The Boys," Richard Selby on "Sportsmanship," and Jim Creasy on "The Outlook for 1930."

The tables were decorated with pine and silver trimming. The menu, planned by Miss Pearl V. Smith, dietitian for the school, was fruit cocktail; oyster soup and croutons with celery and olives; roast turkey, Irish potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered beets, pea trimbale, and clover leaf rolls; head lettuce with French dressing; ice cream and fruit cake; and coffee, nuts, and mints. Favors were chocolates in shapes of pipes, cigarettes, whiskey bottles, and dogs.

Guests were A. E. Harris and Everett Withers.

## FORMER PIONEER MAN PRAISED

"Newt" Anderson Called Great  
Defensive Player by Navy Scout

A football scout from the U. S. Naval Academy, according to an article in the Wesleyan Pharos, says that Newton Anderson, Wesleyan end, is one of the best defensive players he has seen this season.

Anderson played on the Pioneer team of 1926 and 1927, being captain the latter year. He was graduated from Glenville Normal School in 1927.



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## CAPTAINS ARE ELECTED

At the annual athletic banquet, Saturday night the squad became deadlocked in voting for next year's football captain. Carlos Ratliff and Thomas Rogers were both elected, and next year these two, if both are on the team, will act as co-captains, alternating in the games. In the event that one does not return the other will be captain alone.

Also, in case of the disability of either of these co-captains there will be no difficulty about a captain pro tempore, as there was this year. The uninjured one will automatically become captain for all the games.

We can see but one possible difficulty that might spring from this system—the jealousy of the two captains toward each other. This seems hardly possible, however, for the man who has learned sportsmanship on the football gridiron (if he has learned it) certainly should not be petty enough to let himself be controlled by personal jealousy. Then the modest way in which each captain-elect wished his votes to be given to the other makes jealousy seem almost impossible.

The necessity of having to choose a captain pro tempore this year leads us to believe that perhaps this tie vote and the consequent choosing of two captains was something more than a mere happening. It may have something of significance in it, and undoubtedly if the co-captain project proves to be more satisfactory than the one captain system, a precedent will have been set for this school, at least.

## GILLILAN AND A GENRE

Punning, then, with a rising reflection, ending his sentences with a preposition on which he climbed and stood to speak again, Strickland Gilliland, native of Ohio, lectured here Monday.

"Native of Ohio" to which should be added "for some years a resident of the Middle West" is the core of the foregoing paragraph. Mr. Gillilan appeared on the platform as a rather unkempt person with a lock of hair over his forehead, with the accustomed ease of a public speaker, and with the lack of grace indicative of his humor. Then, as he himself said, "simply ate his speech up."

The way he ate it and what he had to eat reminds us that Bill Nye, James Whitcombe Riley, and Eugene Field must have given similar lectures, if they did lecture at all. Their humor which includes their verse is of an unstudied, boisterous kind. It sharply contrasts with that of Oliver Wendell Holmes, and other Easterners. So does their verse contrast with Holmes. Protruding from the rimes of the Westerners are the sins of sentimentality, and insincerity. They approach that variety known as "household verse." Eugene Field, whom we remember for his "Little Boy Blue" is reported to have said once in Chicago, "I must go home and write some mother-rot."

Few would deny that Mr. Gillilan or Bill Nye or the others are humorous, they are. We wonder only what force it is that engenders their type of humor and their verse which depends upon a free play of language.

And, too, those persons who were "wise-cracked" because they arrived late to Mr. Gilliland's lecture might have been unavoidably detained. Any one on the platform can bring a laugh at the expense of an individual in the audience.

## STUDENT LIBRARIES, RARE BOOKS

There is a tendency abroad just now, especially among students in the higher colleges and universities, to buy and make a part of private libraries many expensive books. The students at Princeton, for instance, are going in heavily for such books as the \$1,000 edition of Boswell's papers and other costly sets.

Not only are students purchasing expensive volumes and sets of volumes, but many undergraduate collectors are building up expensive libraries of their own. One Princeton sophomore now has shelves lined with more than 1200 volumes, and the book department of the university store estimates that at least a score of other students have libraries of more than 300 books.

These examples, however, appear to us to be airy and fantastic ideals, so far remote are they from any likelihood of our achieving such standards. They are somewhat idealistic, we must admit, but even the ordinary student need not be daunted by them.

Every person that truly is a student desires to have books that he may use at his will—otherwise he is not truly a student, for books are the chief medium of acquiring knowledge. Although that suggestion may not stand an acid test, it is the usual one accepted for students. Such a desire is worthy of effort and even sacrifice for achievement.

Perhaps herein lies one of the basic reasons for the poor reference work done by some students. Many desert going to the library to work. When one is writing

a theme that delves deeply into some matter and he has to search through the library volumes, jot down brief, inadequate notes, and then go to his desk and try to assemble them into a semblance of a finished manuscript, he has a task of often underestimated dimensions.

If it were possible to take these reference books, valuable in cost and from the viewpoint of the information they contain, from the library to one's own desk, this difficulty might be avoided. But it is not possible, except with great danger of losing the volume, and happy indeed is the lot of the student who has his own reference books—though perhaps only a few—for use at his own desk and in his own time.

While we recognize this as an infrequently achieved ideal, we maintain that there is such a thing as book economy, a fact little observed by students. That they (at least most of them) are careless with their books is shamefully true. Who was it that said "Books are the inestimably valuable treasures that contain the wisdom, hence the joys, of all ages of mankind"? It does not matter. He knew the value of books.

Though it may be impossible for most people to purchase costly sets of books with elegant bindings, it is possible for all to care for and save those books that come as necessities to good school work. Well preserved text books make an excellent beginning for a more substantial library in later years, and some time they may prove to be useful and valuable and perchance a source of joy.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

### THE TRAFFIC COP

By Clark S. Hobbs, in The Baltimore Evening Sun  
8:30 a. m.—Believe me, it was about all I could do to drag myself out of bed this a. m. If there was going to be another week like this one and especially if I had any more night parades to keep me on duty, darn if I wouldn't feel like I'd been dragged through a knot-hole. This here business of pushing and shoving on the midsections of a passel of taxpayers to keep them lined up on a curbstone while boom-a-laddies go, by and things like that is doggone wearying to the mortal flesh.

And that ain't all made me tired last night, either. In fact, I don't know but what getting the earful I did where I was stationed at done more to make me dog-tired than physical exertion did. I mean it was just my luck to be where there was a bunch of smart Alecks that thought they could give me the razzle-dazzle while they was waiting for the parade to come along. I got hep to them when one of the freshies sung out:

"Say, I wonder if the big boy here is a Elk."

"Heck no!" says another one. "Them things sticking out the sides of his head ain't antlers; they're ears."

"Well, then, maybe he's a Eagle," says the first freshie, while I ignored the conversation in my haughty way.

"Huh!" remarks a third guy, horning in on it, "Everything ain't an eagle that's baldheaded."

"What's most likely," speaks up a new voice, "he don't belong to no brotherhood—Moose or Owls, nor anything."

"Of course not," chirps still another. "What he belongs to is the Brotherhood of Bulls."

But I didn't say nothing. All I done was jab a couple of them in the stomach with my elbows.

10 a. m.—If you didn't see a parade like that last night, there ain't nothing you ever see would make you imagine there is so many men that loves their fellowman. But maybe that's because the fraternal spirit only works on lodge nights.

11 a. m.—Huh! The sergeant just now told me he hoped I'd learn something from the hysterical pageant this afternoon. Well, all I've got to say is I get enough of that sort of thing living in a boarding house with three females.

—F. P. A. in The World.

The esteemed Evening Post takes Dean Clarence Mendell to task for his expressed attitude on the election to fraternities of students who have received scholarship warnings. The Post, on the platform that everybody loves a frat man, says that every one knows that many of the most valuable members of all fraternities have been and are those with the worst marks. We confess to being one who doesn't know any such thing, though when the Post says "valuable," one feels like asking "to whom?" The American Credo that a student's chances of success and happiness and companionability vary inversely as his ability to study, or even to get good marks, is bunk. On a thousand Phi Beta Kappa men against a thousand men who either just skinned through or failed of graduation, our bets, at any odds you choose, are on the Phi Beta Kappas every time.

The rigidity with which all persons without college education are excluded from university clubs is only matched by the rigidity with which all intellectual problems are excluded.—Dr. J. G. Laing, University of Chicago.

"The intensity of conviction in most people is directly proportional to their narrowness of vision."—Dr. David S. Muzzey.

What I would say to women is just four words: "Be yourself. Be feminine."—Geraldine Farrar.

## C. W. POST TALKS OF GRAND CANYON

Lecture Illustrated by Slides—Has Seen Most Places of Geologic Interest

An illustrated lecture featuring the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River and the great Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City, was given at the Glenville State Normal School auditorium Wednesday evening by C. W. Post, instructor in geography. Many slides which had been made from actual Kodak pictures taken of the scenes by Mr. Post were used to portray the lecture of these two important places.

Mr. Post who has seen practically all the places of geologic interest in the United States stated that one would profit by a visit to either of the spots described in his lecture.

Mr. Post discussed in the first part of his lecture the early formation of the Grand Canyon and illustrated his lecture by slides of the chief beauty spots and places of interest. He also described in detail the rock structure of the canyon and the great forces that have been at work throughout the ages tending to modify the conditions of this mighty wall of colored stone.

A complete description of the Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City was clearly pictured by Mr. Post during the latter part of his program. The importance of this temple to the people of that section was mentioned, and the pride of the people in this most cherished relic was stressed by

the lecturer.

More than one hundred students and members of the faculty were present. This is the second lecture to be given by Mr. Post on the principal scenic spots of the United States.

## GILLILAN DEPICTS 'ABOVE THE EARS'

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The example of great achievement attained by the youth at present was cited from the success of Charles A. Lindbergh. Mr. Gillilan gave Lindbergh quite a bit of praise during the latter part of his speech.

In the closing part of the lecture the laugh-maker mentioned the importance of parents looking after their children in a better manner and stated that the real business of parents, more than ever before, is their children. He emphasized the fact that soon the children are to step into the important places of their fathers and unless they are properly trained they will never be able to carry out the big jobs of their country.

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"When I got ready to leave Glenville to go home for Thanksgiving vacation and the taxi arrived, I rushed into my room and snatched up my roommate's traveling bag instead of my own. I did not realize the mistake until I started to dress for a dance in Burnsville that night. The friend with whom I was staying loaned me a dress for the evening.

"Since my money was in my week-end bag, I had to borrow some to finish my journey the next day. I was to have left Burnsville on the 3:51 train the next morning, but the roads were bad and cars scarce; however, walking wasn't crowded, but slow. I missed that train and had to run to catch the next train later in the morning. Finally I did arrive at home.

### Visits Forest School

"While I was at home, I got up every morning at 5 o'clock—time just couldn't be wasted.

"On Friday I visited a school in the wilds where bears hibernate and wild turkeys stray and taught half of that day. I carried away many sou-

venirs of the place, such as bows and arrows, arrow heads, and sling shots.

"Friday night I spent with some high school friends, but alas! on the next morning I reached the railroad station just in time to see my train leaving. I started toward home in a car and finally got there by dint of much pumping up of tires and pushing through bad places in the road.

### Misses North Train

"On Sunday morning I was to have returned to school and got up early to go twelve miles to the station. The car was frozen up, and no amount of coaxing with hot water would persuade it to go. Train number 3 missed!

"On Monday morning the start was made, but oh, the fickleness of Fate! We had a flat tire just as we started, and no spare. We kept going, but soon the chain dropped down and locked the wheel. In ten minutes we were going again. But not for long. A rut interrupted the functioning of a wheel, and in my mind I could see train number 4 fading from my view.

"However, a friend saved me from disaster that time by taking me the rest of the way. That train was boarded. My troubles over? Not quite. In a taxi coming from Gilmer to Glenville I received the supreme scare of my life. The machine hit a rut, bounced, and all but catapulted over a high precipice.

"But believe it or not, I did arrive safely."

## PIONEERS MAKE MOST POINTS

### Ratlift With 72 of Team's 177 Counts May Be Conference Leader

By scoring a total of seventy-two points during the past season, Carlos Ratlift of the Glenville Pioneers made himself one of the highest scorers of the state conference. Ratlift is a fast shifty quarterback from Hinton. His opponents found him extremely unwilling to be stopped when carrying the ball and on many occasions did not succeed in doing so at all until he had galloped across the goal line. His eleven touchdowns and six extra points attest to his ability as a player.

The excellent running and line plunging of Powell, English and Harrison also contributed much to the success of the Pioneers.

With a total of 177 points scored against their opponents, the Glenville Pioneers led the state conference teams for high score during the past football season. In the standing of the teams on a basis of games won and lost the Pioneers were fourth. The schools ranking higher were, Davis-Elkins, first; West Liberty, second; New River, third.

Glenville piled up the highest score of the conference by defeating Alderson 65-0.

The number of touchdowns, extra points, and total points, respectively, made by each player is as follows:

Player	touchdowns	Extra pts	total
Ratlift	11	6	72
English	4	0	24
Powell	4	3	27
Harrison	3	3	21
Hines	2	0	12
Rogers	2	0	12
Graham	1	1	7
Hebb	1	0	6
Dell	1	0	6

### Two Initiated Into Phi Delta

Eugene Deitz and Cray Callahan were given the second degree into the Phi Delta society at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The climax of their initiation was a mock trial. A new member will be taken into the society at its next meeting on December 16.

Miss Justine Jones visited in Morgantown the past week-end.

### Social Hour Not Held Last Week

Thursday night was the regular night for the recreational hour in the gymnasium. Because of a full calendar of different affairs during the week Miss Alma Arbuckle, social committee chairman, omitted this social hour from the week's schedule. However, the recreational hour is to be continued each week when possible.

### George Firsstone Says Students Are Flunking His Course In Courtin'

According to George Firsstone, instructor in "courtin'," more students have flunked his course this semester than during any previous year.

For thirty years George has conducted the matchmaking department of the school with such pronounced success that he has been the envy of the other teachers.

This year laboratory classes, which are held in the post office, have been very poorly attended. Radiators have not been used as leaning posts for couples enough to pay for the space they occupy, while the corners of the old hall are scarcely ever used.

George says that many couples that started the year with excellent prospects have completely flunked the course. Even a few who started last year have flunked and dropped out of class. He wishes to remind these couples that their first year is of no avail if they flunk the second.

## THE GLENVILLE MERCURY

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### School Quartet Sings at Church

The members of the school quartet, H. Y. Clark, Howard Rhea, Seldon Brannon, and Fred Wilson, sang at the Presbyterian Church services Sunday evening.

On These Cold  
Winter Evenings  
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THE GRILLE

### Dr. Haines, Well Known Here, Killed

Dr. Robert A. Haines, Clarksburg surgeon, well known here to many students and towns-people, was instantly killed in an automobile wreck on the Clarksburg-Buckhannon road Thursday afternoon, when his car skidded into a tree.

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### THURSDAY "Seven Footprints To Satan"

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### FRIDAY "The Circus"

CHARLES CHAPLIN

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### MONDAY "Madonna of Avenue A"

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## 44 MEN REPORT AT OPENING PRACTICE OF PIONEER CAGERS

Excellent Early Season Form  
Shown by Candidates  
for Hoop Team

### NO DEARTH OF GOOD MATERIAL

Several Freshmen Are Strong Con-  
tenders—Season May Open  
With Broadbus Here

Forty-four candidates for the Glenville Normal School basketball squad reported to Coach Natus Rohrbough Monday for the first practice of the new season.

Coach Rohrbough, in following out his slogan, "action to begin with," selected from his array of candidates eight teams and immediately scrimmaged them in five minute sessions. Most of the men appeared to be in good condition and in excellent form for a beginning practice.

Throughout the practice last week it looked as if it will be an unusually hard job to select any near the regular five. Playing on what appears to be a first-selection group are Hines, English, and Lindell at forwards; Vass and Rafferty at center; and Capt. Harrison, Heckert, Rafferty, and Rogers at guards. A team made up of some combination of these nine men probably represent the one that Coach Rohrbough thinks are looking best just now.

The survival-of-the-fittest process of eliminating has begun to work, and Saturday the number of candidates had dwindled to about thirty. It will be some time yet before all the players reach their form of previous seasons, and those who are looking the best right now may be surpassed by others.

As for the quality of the material, there seems to be no reason why the pioneers will not have the best team it has had. Besides most of last year's squad, there are English and Lindell, freshmen from East Liverpool, who are bidding high for forward berths, along with Hines of Victory high, also a freshman. Trying to out Vass from center are Jones of Richmond and Rafferty of Weston, both freshmen. For no position is there a dearth of either new or old material.

Coach Rohrbough thinks that the pioneers will open their season by playing Broadbus College here on Jan. 11. It is doubtful if there will be a barn-storming trip during the Christmas holidays; but if games can be scheduled, one may be arranged.

Uniforms were issued to the following men: Wilson, Deitz, Rogers, Vass, Harrison, Deem, Blair, Rafferty, Prim, Heckert, Hines, Ratliff, Jones, MacTavish, Lee, Lindell, English, Vincent, Powell, Heron, Davis, Roy Burk, Harold Burk, Harris, Taylor, O'Dell, Eakin, White, Leeber, Jeranko, McClung, Dayton, Hatfield, Stonestreet, Clem, Boggs, Bell, Graham, Grose, Brannon, Lewis, Glover, Floyd, and J. Jones.

### MISS BRAND TO ENTERTAIN

Christmas Party Planned For Next  
Canterbury Club Meeting

Miss Willa Brand is planning to give a Christmas party for the Canterbury Club, Dec. 14, at Verona Mapel Hall. This will be the last meeting of the club before the holidays.

At the regular meeting of the club Wednesday night, the following stories were told: "The Widow's Cruise," by Frank Stockton—Frank Bailey; "The Third Ingredient," by O. Henry—Mabel Wolf. Ruth Smith, who was to have told a story also, was unable to be present.

Mary Hazel Butcher of Cedarville returned to school Wednesday after having spent a few days at her home where she was called because of the illness of her grandmother.

## REGDON TO COACH BOXING AT G. N. S.

Twenty Candidates Report for  
Practice—Instructor Says  
Prospects Are Good

Boxing will be introduced as a sport into Glenville State Normal School this year, announced Coach Nate Rohrbough.

Extensive plans are being made by the school to support a boxing team. Equipment, including gloves, shoes, punching bags, and punching bag platforms has been ordered.

Practice began Tuesday, with twenty men reporting. Alex Regdon has been chosen instructor, and there is no doubt that Director Rohrbough picked a capable man for this position, as Regdon is classed as one of the best middleweights in Pittsburgh. It is due to his past fighting experience that he will be able to teach the newcomers several tricks in the art of boxing.

Although there are many inexperienced candidates, there are a few who are very adept at this manly art of self defense. Among the most promising of these is Ed. Rohrbough, a big 190-pound boy who is very much interested, as well as experienced, in boxing.

Regdon says that prospects are good considering the fact that this is the first time Glenville has attempted to have a boxing team.

The following are the twenty who reported: Clifford Clem, Charles Anderson, Kermit McKeever, Olin Wetzel, D. Smith, Gordon Eisman, Troy Floyd, French Jones, John Harvey, Lionel Heron, Clavel Smith, Trell Reger, Cray Callahan, Edward Rohrbough, Alex Regdon, Dana Johnson, Khale Vincent, Paul Davis, Robert Molohan, and Jim Creasy.

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS DISCUSSED

Better Speech Club Talks About  
Topics of the Day

Will the Wall Street crash cause a dangerous depression in American business?, was Sen. Brookhart justified in his revelations, or should he have kept quiet out of courtesy to his host?, and is America too informal? were among the subjects of discussion at the meeting of the Better Speech Club on Tuesday.

The meeting was held in an informal manner, the members sitting in a wide circle and from their places contributing bits to the conversation. It is the plan of the club that all of the programs shall be conducted in a similar fashion. At each meeting certain members, appointed by the program committee, will be prepared to suggest various topics of general interest. Every member is requested to keep himself well enough informed to be able to contribute something to the suggested topic or to introduce a thought of his own.

At the next meeting, Dec. 17, the program will be in charge of Rena Mick, Tressie Bodkin, Anthony Leeber, and Barbara Lee Berry.

Miss Margaret Riley, student at the Normal, has been confined to her room at Verona Mapel Hall for several days with scarletina.

## Gillilan Says Lecturing Is a Device to Show Off—Only Works at Jobs He Likes

"A fellow can be anything that he wishes if he wishes hard enough," says Strickland Gillilan of Washington, D. C. Mr. Gillilan will be remembered as the laugh-making man who lectured at the Normal auditorium Monday evening. Gillilan for many years has been interested in newspaper work and from 1892 until 1905 he was directly connected with several of the leading papers of the country. Mr. Gillilan named the papers for which he had written as follows: Athens Herald, Jackson (Ohio) Herald, Richmond Telegram, Richmond (Ind.) Stem, Richmond Paladium, Marion (Ind.) Tribune, Los Angeles Herald, Baltimore Sun, Baltimore Herald, Chicago Daily News, Indianapolis Star, and special articles for Collier's Weekly, one of which appeared only last month.

Gillilan stated that he always let his engagements to speak pile upon him and then he would arrange a schedule that would include the greatest number of speeches in the least possible time. Monday noon, before he came to Glenville, he spoke before the Weston Rotary Club. Monday evening he lectured here; Tuesday noon and night he was to speak in Columbus; Wednesday noon he was to fill an engagement at Pittsburgh; Wednesday night at Latrobe, Pa.; Thursday would find him in Indianapolis; Friday he would speak at Perry, Pa., and also at that city Friday evening.

### Visits Presidents Twice Weekly

For many years Strickland Gillilan has visited West Virginia cities giving his fun-making lectures. When Gillilan was asked how many towns in this state he had visited, he began by naming them one by one until he decided that it would be much easier to name the ones he had not visited.

Gillilan has the privilege of visiting the president of the United States twice weekly, along with several other press men. On one occasion, he had the honor of taking his only son with him when visiting the president and of hearing his son engage in a personal conversation with Mr. Hoover. Gillilan likes Washington very much and has lived there for several years.

Very few speakers can go before an audience without being somewhat

self-conscious, but Strickland Gillilan stated that he could not remember when he laid aside that form of timidity. "In fact," he said, "to say when I became prone to that scared feeling on the stage is almost as hard to recall as it is to tell when a pup becomes a dog."

### Public Speaking Is Showing Off

Certainly this humorous lecturer enjoys his work, for he says in his own words that he would not do anything for a living that he would not do for fun. If he can see no way to enjoy the work, he does not undertake it. "When I undertake a speech," he said, "I simply eat it up from start to finish." Another idea expressed by Gillilan that might seem striking is that his definition of public speaking is only the desire to show off.

Gillilan received his early education in the rural schools and was graduated from Ohio University at Athens. He then took up his work as a newspaper reporter. In 1897 he first began to lecture. He comes from a family of seven, five of them have been school teachers. He taught for a few years during his early manhood, but stated that he did not like the work very well.

Mr. Gillilan has one son and two daughters. The daughters are both married. The son works in a bank at Washington. "I would like to have had my son finish college," he said, "but he did not want to go, and there is no use trying to make any one succumb to an education. You can give one plenty of it but you can not make them take it."

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### MANY ATTEND FRIDAY DANCE

Radio—Victrola Music Better Than  
on Previous Occasions

The new radio which was tried out at the dance in the gymnasium on Friday night was far better than the two previously tried. The later hour may have had something to do with the better performance. Formerly the hours have been from 7 to 9 o'clock but last week the time was changed to 9 to 11. Better music was on the air at this time and the radio performed better.

That a radio will be purchased is practically certain. However, the one tried last week may not be the one.

A good-sized group was in attendance at the dance, and, for the most part, they expressed themselves pleased with the radio.

The dance, which was previously announced to begin at 7 o'clock began at 9 because of other activities, Miss Alma Arbuckle, chairman of the social committee said.

### Coach to Attend Grid Banquet

Coach Natus Rohrbough left this afternoon for Weston where he will attend a banquet given by the Lions Club of Weston for the Weston High School football squad. "Cebe" Ross, athletic director of Wesleyan, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

Miss Audra Powers of Verona Mapel Hall has returned from Cleveland, W. Va., where she attended the funeral services of her grandfather, Benjamin Owney.

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