

LONGEST VACATION IN HISTORY OF G. N. S. BEGINS TOMORROW

Will Start at 4 O'clock, Dec. 20
and Ends Monday Morn-
ing, Jan. 6.

DORMITORIES CLOSE SATURDAY

Majority of Students and Teachers
Will Spend Holidays Out
of Town

Classes at Glenville Normal School will be dismissed tomorrow afternoon for the Christmas holidays which begin then and end at 8 a. m. Jan. 6, 1930. This is probably the longest vacation that the school has given. Midyear examinations will begin the last week in January, and the second semester will open Jan. 30, 1930.

The majority of the students and faculty will leave town for the vacation period. Kanawha Hall, Verona Mapel Hall, and the Annex will close Saturday at 11 a. m.

Because of the illness of their son, Edward, President and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough have made no definite plans for their vacation.

The members of the faculty who will likely remain in Glenville are Miss Ivy Lee Myers, Mrs. J. Wilbur Beall, Carey Woofter, Everett Withers, Hunter Witting, and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wagner.

Miss Pearl V. Smith and Mrs. Elvina Sample will spend the holidays at their home in Wheeling. On Christmas day, Miss Smith will attend the wedding of her sister, Sylvia, a former student of G. N. S., to Frederick Armand of Proctor, W. Va.

Miss Alma Arbuckle will visit with Miss Mary Dent of Wilkes Barre, Pa. Miss Dent, a former student of G. N. S., is now first assistant in the children's department of the Osterhout Free Library.

Miss Bessie Boyd Bell will visit her sister, Mrs. Cam Henderson of Elkins.

Miss Vinco Moore will spend the vacation with her sister at Lafayette, Ind.

Miss Willa Brand, of Morgantown, Miss Wilma West of Buckhannon, A. E. Harris of Little Birch, H. Y. Clark of Hemlock, and E. R. Grose of Sago will spend the holidays at their homes.

HICKMAN "MAKES FRONT PAGE"

Friday 13 Proves Unlucky for G. N. S. Student

Linn Hickman of the Mercury staff and correspondent for The Clarksburg Telegram "made the front page" on Friday 13.

Ten years ago to the day, and on Friday 13, Emmett Woodell, now a taxi driver of Wesotn lost an arm when a tractor upset on him. Last Friday when Hickman was driving toward Weston, Woodell was parked on the road putting on chains. Another car was coming toward them. Hickman's car struck Woodell and knocked him into a three-foot ditch which the car jumped then stopped.

Woodell crawled from under the car smiling and said he was all right. Neither is blamed for the accident.

Ed Rohrbough Still Improving
Edward Rohrbough, Jr., who is in the Mason Hospital at Clarksburg suffering from an infected hand, is continuing to improve. He sat up for the first time yesterday.

TWO ON CONFERENCE ELEVEN

Morris and Rogers Selected by Beacom on All-State Team

Archie Morris, center and captain pro tem of the 1929 Pioneer football team, and Thomas Rogers, end, were selected by P. J. Beacom on his first All-West Virginia Conference Eleven, normal school division. Morris, who lives at Shinnston, played his third year for the Pioneers; and Rogers, of Hinton, played his second. Rogers is also one of the two captains-elect for 1930.

Beacom is a well-known football official of this state, and it is his selection that has appeared in most of the dailies in the state.

CLUBS SPONSOR COMMUNITY TREE

To Use Big Pine on Main Street
—Program in Front of Baptist Church

Again, as has been the custom here for several years, Santa Claus will direct his team of figgity reindeers to Glenville and will pause long enough in front of the big Christmas tree just opposite the Baptist church to see that every youngster in this city gets a treat of sweets and nuts.

The services of Santa Claus for this evening and the treat have been made possible through the combined efforts of the Glenville Woman's Club, Rotary Club, and Lions Club. An elaborate Christmas program to be given on the steps of the Baptist church has also been arranged for the evening. The committees in charge, as announced by the different clubs, are as follows: Woman's Club, Mrs. Max Lynch, Mrs. John E. Arbuckle, Mrs. Worthy Davis; the Rotary Club, Dr. T. E. Cato, Lionel Fell, George McQuain; Lions Club, A. N. West, Guy B. Young and Grover E. Brannon.

The large pine tree in front of Mrs. Lydia Morris' home will be decorated and lighted in Christmas fashion and will be used as headquarters from which Santa Claus will present his gifts which have been made possible by the Glenville business men. About four hundred pounds of candy are to be given to the children during the evening.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

Titles Include Histories, Essays,
Fairy Tales, and Religion

Fourteen new books have been added recently to the Glenville State Normal School Library. One of the books is "Woodrow Wilson's Life and Letters," by Ray Stannard Baker. It has two parts, the first dealing with his youth, and the second telling of his days at Princeton.

Some of the other books are: two history books, "Union and Democracy," "Beginning of the American People," three books of essays, "Studies in Religion," "Darwinism and Other Essays," "Excursions of an Evolutionist," a set of fairy tales, "The Crimson Fairy Book," "The Green Fairy Book," "The Blue Fairy Book," and one book of philosophy, "Rousseau and Romanticism" by Irving Babbitt.

U. S. S. Wright Ordered to Haiti
Robert Whiting of Glenville, a former student at the Normal, is one of the crew of the U. S. S. Wright which was recently ordered to Haiti by President Herbert Hoover. According to the latest press dispatches, the Wright was afterwards ordered to stop at Guatemala, instead of proceeding to Haiti.

LEADING BASKETBALL MEN TO RETURN FOR PRACTICE ON JAN. 2

Squad Has Last Workout Before
Adjourning for Christmas Holidays

HARRISON INJURES ANKLE

Pioneers to Play Franz & Burke
Jan. 8—May Have Two Games
Before That

The Glenville State Normal School basketball squad yesterday afternoon held its last practice until after the Christmas holidays.

Coach Natus Rohrbough ordered his 15 leading candidates to return Jan. 2 in time for practice that night in preparation for their second game of the season, Jan. 8 with Franz & Burke, an independent team of Clarksburg, made up of former college and high school stars. Two or three games may be played between Jan. 2 and Jan. 6, when school will start.

The playing of the team in the game last Saturday with the Clarksburg Wreckers was not at all satisfactory to Coach Rohrbough, and since then he has been trying out several new combinations in an attempt to find one that suits him.

Capt. Frank Harrison has been absent from practice this week because of a wrenched ankle sustained in the game Saturday night. It is rapidly improving, and he will be back in uniform after the vacation.

The following men will report Jan. 2 for practice: Vess, Harrison, Rogers, Hines, Lindell, English, Deitz, Rafferty, Ratliff, Jones, Jeranko, Harold Burk, Hamilton, and Eakins.

Canterbury Club Guest of Critic

Miss Brand Entertains With
Annual Christmas Party—
Program of Stories.

Miss Willa Brand entertained the Canterbury Club at Verona Mapel Hall Saturday evening.

The stories told were "The Story of the Other Wise Man," by Van Dyke, told by Helen Snodgrass; "Jimmy the Christmas Kid," by Leon Darlymple, told by Warren Blackhurst; and "The Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, told by George McQuain.

After the program refreshments were served in the dining room from a table made festive with mistletoe, holly, and lighted candles.

Miss Brand was presented with an electric toaster by Lynwood Zinn, president of the club.

The remainder of the time was spent in dancing.

The members of the club present were Lynwood Zinn, Rena Mick, Regina Kenney, Goldine Woodford, Roland Butcher, Clavel Smith, Ruth Smith, Warren Blackhurst, Juanita Brown, Carl Mullenix, Trel Reger, Frank Bailey, Helen Snodgrass, Bannetta McConkey, Maynard Young, Sandy Murray, Seldon Brannon, Marjorie Rinehart, Linn Hickman, and Virginia Brannon.

Other guests were Miss Vinco Moore, A. E. Harris, George McQuain, and H. Y. Clark. Mr. E. Harris and Mr. McQuain are honorary members of the club.

Carey Woofter Tells of Some Weather Superstitions of Central West Virginia.

BY CAREY WOOFTER
Registrar of Glenville Normal School

One of the earliest memories of the years spent with my grandparents on a farm, part of which was in Ritchie County and part in Gilmer, was the talk around the big fireplace in early spring, about doing the work on the farm and in the garden "in the sign." Now, I didn't know what a "sign" was; but I did know grandfather's rule, "Children should not speak until spoken to." Many a time I looked around the woodpile, or in the cow pasture, or about the barn for "signs." Not until I was older did I realize that these signs were old sayings, beliefs, experiences, observations, or superstitions which had been handed down by word of mouth, perhaps for generations.

In many neighborhoods of this state, shut off by mountains, rivers or creeks from easy communication with adjoining sections until the coming of improved or semi-improved highways, the older residents had many such sayings, in which they firmly believed and about which their children laugh, yet are almost persuaded to accept.

Rises Are Basis for Sayings

Gilmer County is traversed by many streams. Rises in the creeks and the river supply the basis for many sayings. The frequency of high water was supposed to be determined by such sayings as raises always go in threes; if the second is larger than the first, the third will still be larger; if smaller, the third will be still smaller; there will be as many rises in July as there are thunders in February; after dry weather the smaller streams will swell before a raise; there is always a raise when the elderberries are in bloom; buckeye bloom; always brings a raise.

Whether or not the raise was to be high was decided by the height of the nests of birds of birds, for the water never covered either eggs or young birds in the nest. If the rats came out of their holes along the river, there would be a big raise. Should the river come to a stand, it would take twice the water to start a second raise.

In the days when timber was run down the river, ice in the winter was an important factor. To determine this, we were told the river would freeze as many times after Christmas as it did before; that when high water froze and left ice behind it, a second raise would get the ice before the first one had entirely run down; that the way the first ice of the winter went out, all the ice of the winter would go; that it was always safe to put timber in the river after the twentieth of February.

So high water in the streams can come, you say, without rain or snow. Just so, and in recognition of this truth the signs of falling weather are very numerous. Turkeys dance before a rain. When frostitened feet ache, there will soon be snow or rain. Sweating rocks are a sign of rain. When the pitcher sweats, it will rain. When the salt melts, it will soon rain. To burn brush will cause rain. If the wool snurls up when you spin, it will rain soon. After three white frosts there will be a rain. A dog or a cat eating grass is a sign of rain.

Too Many Stars Sign of Rain

When there is a glimmer over the ground it will rain soon. When the rain makes large bubbles on the ground, it will rain the next day. Foam on the water is a sign of rain. Too many stars are a sign of rain. When bees play on the water it is a

sign of rain. When the fish jump above water, there will be rain. If swallows fly low, it is a sign of rain. If the corners of the moon hang down, it will be a rainy moon; if they stand up, it will be a dry moon. Rain on the first day of dog days, rain for forty days.

If the lamp flickers continuously, there will be rain. When the corn twists up, rain is coming. A rain crow calling is a sign of rain. A tree toad calling is a sign of rain. When the fish worms come near the top of the ground, it will rain soon. If the chickens oil their feathers, rain is coming. If chickens seek shelter when it is raining, the rain will soon cease; if they stay out in it, the rain will last long. If a rooster crows after six in the evening, his head will be wet before morning. If chickens pick themselves after a rain, there will be rain soon again.

Bird Calls Often Mean Rain

If the fog lifts early, it will rain. Cows at peaceful rest in evening denote rain before morning. When the cat washes over its ears, there will be rainy weather, when it only washes its face, the weather will be fair. Rain on Easter, rain for seven Sundays. When there is a ring around the moon and the stars in it are bright, it will not rain for as many days as there are stars in the ring; if pale, it will rain for that many days. When gnats swarm, rain will follow. When flies bite you, it is rain. When the flies swarm into the house, rain will follow. When the whip-poor-wills call, it will rain before midnight. When red birds call in the morning it will rain before night.

If the sun sets behind a cloud on Wednesday it will rain before Sunday. If it rains when the sun is shining, it will rain the next day at the same hour. When the sun draws water it will rain soon. Rain before seven, clear before eleven. If the leaves of the trees turn up on Monday, it will rain before Wednesday. Raindrops hanging on the twigs denote a rainy day. When the edges of poplar or grape leaves turn up, rain will surely follow. When the leaves blow up white there will be rain. When blacksnakes come out it is a sign of rain.

Snows Often As August Rains

The Indian sign for a hard rain is black all around, poured down in the middle. There will be as many snows in winter as there are rains in August. A snow will lay on soft ground, but will leave frozen ground. The snow will lay on the ground as many weeks as it hangs days on the trees. The snow will be as deep as the hornets' nests are high. The snow will be as deep as the wasps' nests are high above the ground. The snow will fall as deep in winter as the rabbits bark the bushes. If it thunders in February there will be snow in May. The rain always is lighter at three in the afternoon than at any other hour of the day. It always clears off in time to milk.

So, before science brought us the barometer, and until weather forecasts were read from the daily papers, or broadcast over the radio, weather was predicted by coincidences, which were gradually crystallized into proverbial forms and were accepted as reasonably accurate by many people.

Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough returned from Clarksburg where she had been with her son, Edward who is in a hospital, on Friday night.

Dewey Anderson of the Annex left for his home in Jackson County today.

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WHY CHRISTMAS?

One of the strangest facts we have in the world today is Christmas. How do we think of this day? We must confess that most of us, although churchgoers and believers in the One "who on this day was born," take it as a thing for granted—just another of the recurring dates of the year. In this speeding, flying, material, prosperous age we never stop to think really how queer Christmas is.

It is more peculiar, more mysterious than any of the hundreds of scientific discoveries that dazzle even our modern minds, such as the radio, talking pictures, or aviation—queerer and greater in import than the next dozen sensational scientific discoveries will be. Yet, because it is old we fail to grasp the true significance of the day.

Why do we so madly celebrate the birthday of an obscure young Carpenter who died two thousand years ago? We do. He wrote no book, had no money and few friends, and was executed as a common criminal for high treason against His country. He was only a teacher—a Teacher whose teachings sounded crazy then and to our modern materialistic minds only a little less so now.

This man lived in a town smaller than even Glenville. Carpenters are living every day and dying every day—carpenters very like Him so far as their profession is concerned, some of them perhaps even better than He was. How then was He different? Or was He different at all?

Consider His teachings. What is that puzzling talk about brotherhood and forgiveness and love? Why do all the shop and home windows have those decorations of holly, silver ribbons, and red and golden bells? Why do sober folk go mad with love and generosity and spend hundreds of dollars when, a few months before, they grudgingly gave pennies? Why the stocking, the tree, the home celebration—why are hotels, clubs, theaters, and parks all blazing with lights and fragrant with holly for His day?

Try to explain Christmas on the grounds of custom and mere sentimentality. We read Socrates, Dante, and Emerson, we study about Alexander the Great, Caesar, and Napoleon, all of whom are admittedly considered greater in their ages than was Christ. But we do not celebrate their birthdays with music, gifts, and renewing of friendships. The difference lies in that they were for an age, but He was for all ages.

How we love today to demolish tradition and break customs. Education, government, law, science—all are changed. They have been altered by the minds of searchers after better things. These have left us little else of the age to which Christmas belongs. Why should they have saved us Christmas?

It is because there is a deeper, finer, nobler sentiment, indeed somewhat intangible, at the base that makes this one day different from all other days. For that space we turn back and try to keep pace with the young Carpenter and believe His incredible teachings. Perhaps stupidly, but honestly, we try to follow Him by giving—giving those very things that He despised—furs, jewels, ritual, and other sorts of extravagances.

Why, indeed, all this, unless, despite all our materialism and stupidity, we know, or at least feel, that He was right.

LUCK IN SHOPPING

At Christmas time, young and old, inconspicuous and great, Christian and infidel—all take part in the holiday clamor and heyday. Everybody shops or window-shops.

If one were to observe the crowds in the shopping districts of a city at this season, he would conclude that there are two types of shoppers—those who see many things they would like to buy but cannot afford, and those who can afford anything but cannot find what they want. Most people can be put in these two classes. But there are a few, perhaps, who strike a happy medium—of equalizing to a certain extent, their wants and pocketbooks.

If the observer were of the few in this happy medium, he might stop to wonder which would be the most unpleasant—to want so much he could not have, or to have so much he could think of nothing else he wanted. And if he were wise, he would probably decide himself to be the luckiest of the three.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Was Christ really born on Dec. 25, and if not why do we observe that day? All indications point to the birthday of Jesus as having been in September or October. We have the Biblical statement concerning the shepherds watching their flocks on that memorable night. Commentaries tell us that it was customary for all Palestine shepherds to have brought their sheep

extremely unlikely that any shepherds would still have their flocks out so late as the day we think of as the birth of Christ.

In Palestine the rainy season begins in the fall and the poor roads of the time of Christ, soon after the rains, became impassable. On this account the Roman governors had the annual registration for taxation in the early fall, as most of the Jews had to travel a great distance to reach Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph had to travel about eighty miles to reach the city and the distance was over a country whose roads were impassable during the month of December. History tells us that the taxation was held in the fall because they had no means of travel during the later months.

The chief reason for the observance of Christmas on Dec. 25 is that the custom was not begun until years later and then by the recently Christianized German barbarians. Before taking up Christianity these people had been sun worshippers and held their biggest celebration during the days immediately following Dec. 21, when the sun had just reached its southernmost journey and would now start back, bringing with it longer days and increased warmth. This had been a time of rejoicing with these people for ages so now instead of giving up their feast time they incorporated Christmas with the more ancient observance.

To the Germans we also are indebted for the custom of the Christmas tree. Many authorities think that this too is a reversion to their more ancient worship. It harks back to the worship of trees and sacred groves. The Christmas tree was introduced into England by George I, the first Hanoverian king. Coming from Germany, he found it hard to get away from the customs of his people, and to make the best of affairs, he brought as much of German influence into England as possible.

In England, King Arthur celebrated the first Christmas in 521 A. D.

The Christmas card originated with the English long ago. It was their custom to shout Christmas greetings from their windows on Christmas morning. Later, this greeting was sent by a card or a letter of congratulation.

Saint Nicholas, a patron saint of the children of Holland, was altered until he is the origin of the American Santa Claus.

Early Christians believed that Christ came to the world in the form of a beggar. Thus, giving to the poor became a custom.

The custom which we now observe had a special significance. The holly wreath meant a crown of thorns and the berries drops of blood. Druids believed that mistletoe placed over the door brought happiness.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

DISILLUSION

From the Baltimore Evening Sun.

They give you warning well in advance. Come to see her in her first all-talking picture. She speaks, she sings, she dances. Don't miss this. It's a knockout.

You go and sit through the comic and the news films and the announcements. Then comes the feature with the special orchestral accompaniment introducing the popular song, "Adrienne." And there she is, the gorgeous beauty of your dreams, the ethereal spirit that you have worshiped for years, with her dainty nose, her large wondering eyes, her wealth of golden hair, her lovely mouth with the complete set of teeth, so effective in registering happiness.

She speaks. And who would have believed that so divine a creature, so far divorced from time and space, could harbor an accent redolent of those regions where the nasal twang is at its strongest, a twang whose quality is not enhanced by the fact that she appears to be talking through a megaphone.

She sings. Well, how can she avoid it when the popular song "Adrienne" is the motif of the picture, and the principles really must sing it before it is given over to the chorus? Science today is capable of such wonders. If the song could only just seem to come from her.

She dances. Anyone, of course, can dance after a fashion. No one can be expected to do everything perfectly. Her art lay so decidedly in the direction of the close-up and cuddling and shedding glycerine tears. But the public demands dances with its talkies. So they make her dance.

Poor child! She is very brave. She even tries to act. You begin to say to yourself that she is rather young to retire. You hope that she has had a wise adviser in making her investments and that she has saved something from the millions made in previous triumphs. It would be a shame for her to sacrifice her lovely villa in Hollywood.

As you steal out of the theatre you sense that feeling of bitter pain that comes with the shattering of an idol. You blame the producers, not her. How cruel to have made you witness it!

Frank Harrison, William Heckert, ward Hood will go to Grantsville to Willis McClung, Dale White, and Ed- tomorrow to play a Grantsville team.

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Olin Wetzel, Four Years in Navy, Tells of Christmas Aboard Ship at Shanghai.

Wherever the American flag flies Christmas is celebrated. Regardless of the attitude of any foreign nation in which sailors may be regarding Christmas, the day is a legal holiday in all embassies and aboard ships.

From Olin Wetzel, a student of Glenville Normal School and a former sailor, we get an interesting account of a Christmas spent aboard ship in the port of Shanghai, China. Wetzel served for four years in the navy and spent two and one-half years of that time spent with the Asiatic patrol in China.

On Christmas of 1926 his ship, the Sacramento, was in Yangtze River at Shanghai. The Chinese do not celebrate our Christmas, but the day was nevertheless a legal holiday for the sailors. On English and French ships in the harbor the day was also observed.

On Christmas morning only necessary work was done on board. The ship was "dressed," that is, all the flags were flown to show that it was a holiday. Liberty was given to the sailors at 8 a. m. instead of at 4 p. m. as was customary. This meant that the boys were at liberty to go ashore and celebrate, each according to his conscience. As the "sailorly" conscience is reputed to be somewhat elastic, we may draw on our imagination for the type of celebration.

At noon, a regular Christmas dinner was served. When Uncle Sam sets out to feed his boys, he does the job superbly. Everything was complete from soup to nuts. To this dinner were invited, as representatives, five of each nationality of sailors in the port. The ships there were English, French, Japanese, and Chinese.

After the dinner, a contest was staged to determine which of five companies had prepared the best Christmas tree. The presents on the trees were, for the most part, the

compliments of one sailor to another, such as a corset, pair of step-ins, or ladies' hose.

The day ended with one casualty. A sailor returning from shore fell overboard the sampen and was drowned.

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

"BROADWAY

MELODY"

CHARLES KING
ANITA PAGE
BESSIE LOVE

"Hot Stuff"

ALICE WHITE
LOUISE FAZENDA

DENOUNCES MOVIE FILM 'BEAU GESTE'

Foreign Legion Commander
Does Not Want American
or English Soldiers

From the United Press

Abbes, Algeria—"The greatest blessing is that we do not have more American and English volunteers in the Legion," was the very frank and startling declaration of Colonel Rollet, kind-eyed little commander of the French Foreign Legion, who presides over the scores of desert outposts through which the famous regiment is scattered.

"They make the worst soldiers of them all in what you call peace times. They do not lend themselves to army discipline, although I am the first to admit that in battle they are magnificent."

"Your American film 'Beau Geste' was piffle. It was very harmful, and I can understand that the opinion of the world toward the Legion was poisoned. But I insist that the Legion has never been like the film. We are hard but not cruel; we never strike anyone but the enemy."

"We have an open house to any courageous man who cares to come, but it is not true that we invite criminals who seek only to repay justice for their crimes. If a criminal gets into the Legion and fits our standard, we do not betray him, but the Legion must not be measured by such a few."

Colonel Rollet admits but does not care to speak of it that alcohol is the Legion's worst enemy.

"We do not waste any time trying to reform our men, we see only that they learn their trade of fighting."

The Legion today consists of four regiments of infantry, three of them in Morocco at Fez, Marrakech and Kerkennah; one regiment of cavalry; three battalions of foot infantry in Tonkin, and a camel-mounted company of cavalry in Syria.

At the Theater

Among the films this week at the Pictureland is "Beggars of Life" made from Jim Tully's novel of the same name. Briefly, it is a story of a girl who kills her foster-father, escapes with a tramp, and finally marries him. While there are several situations in the plot that seem as if they will not be justified by appearing true to life, the death of Oklahoma Red—played by Noah Berry—at the end may counterbalance part of these.

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"Where the College Crowd Goes"

H. Y. Clark Says That His Most Unusual Christmas Was in Army Hospital in 1918

"The most unusual Christmas I ever spent? Well, probably the most unusual Christmas I ever spent was in the army at Camp Meade, Md." was the reply of H. Y. Clark, instructor in education.

"It was in the year of 1918 that I was in the base hospital there, having been sick with the 'flu' for several days. I had been fortunate in keeping this fact from my family and they did not know that I was ill.

"Christmas day found me in a ward with about thirty other patients. There were men of various nationalities and religions, Italians, Greeks, Jews, and two negroes. Several people had died lately in that room and no one knew who would be the next to go.

"Early Christmas day we were surprised to see the nurses come into the ward wearing costumes and singing Christmas carols. After they had gone some of us began to sing. One of the men whom I had been very friendly with insisted that we all sing 'There's a Long, Long Trail A-Winding.' It was sung practically the whole morning, louder and louder each time.

"At noon we had Christmas dinner with a few special dishes for that meal. Shortly afterwards, Pete, the man who had asked that we sing the song, that morning, began to sing it again softly to himself.

"The men listened to it and com-

mented about Pete's cheerfulness. The song grew softer and softer and finally ceased altogether. Eventually, the nurse came in and went to Pete's bed. He did not say a word. The men all called 'Pete, wake up. What's wrong?'

"The nurse said nothing but silently drew the sheet over his head and tiptoed from the room. No one spoke. All knew that Pete had died on that Christmas afternoon."

His chief joy came, Mr. Clark said, in the evening when he received letters and presents from home. Later that night he said that he enjoyed a checker game with a negro who occupied the cot adjoining his.

DISCUSSES CHRISTMAS HISTORY

Other Topics of History Club are Wilson and Current Events

The "History and Meaning of Christmas," was the subject of Doris Lantz' talk at the weekly meeting of the History Club, Thursday, Dec. 12, in the old Chapel Hall. "The Life of Woodrow Wilson," was discussed by Thelma Hawkins. The club held an open discussion of current events after the program.

Other topics had been planned for this special holiday meeting but the students who were assigned topics failed to appear, making the program of short duration.

The program committee has planned an interesting program for the next meeting, which will not be until after the Christmas holidays.

William Shimer Visits in State

William A. Shimer, Glenville Normal School graduate of the class of 1914, and now a member of the faculty of Ohio State University at Columbus, recently visited his grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Shimer of Freed, Wirt Co., who is 90 years old. Mr. Shimer, an honor student while in school here, has the distinction of completing the four-year undergraduate course at Harvard in three years and of being elected to Phi Beta Kappa while he was doing it.

Library To Get Many New Books

Among the new books that will be found on the library history shelf after the holidays are the following: "Mark Hanna" by Beer, "The Tragic Era" by Bowers, "Franklyn, The

Apostle of Modern Times" by Bernard Fay, and "Lorenzo the Magnificent" by Loth.

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Boxing Team Under Regdon Is Rounding Into Good Condition

Every evening for the past three weeks a small squad of men has been meeting in the basement of the gymnasium for the sole purpose of becoming future heavyweights and other class champions. Who knows, maybe a future champion will be discovered, not this year of course, but next year or the year following, and set the prize fighting world fans on fire with his list of knockouts and many decisions. Let's hope something like that will happen, so we can say we went to school with a champion.

These meetings that are under the direction of Alex Regdon, football star, have not been held without something being accomplished. The boys have been practicing on the finer points of the game, such as, developing a punch blocking, and getting in tip-top condition. Probably the first thing that is essential for boxing is to be in condition, and the Pioneer candidates are doing just this. To watch these boys work out, one is thoroughly convinced that they are doing this very thing.

Most of the conditioning is being done by road work, two or three miles every day. This is to strengthen the legs, develop the wind, and put the boxer in a general all-round condition.

Christmas Customs Discussed

At the meeting of the Better Speech Club on Tuesday, the conversation was centered around Christmas. Does America spend too much for Christmas celebration? How different countries celebrate Christmas, the origin of gift giving, the tree, the candle, the stocking, and the amount spent annually for red neck ties, were among topics discussed. Misses Tressie Bodkin and Rena Mick were conversation leaders. Anthony Leeber reviewed some common mistakes, and Barbara Lee Berry introduced a number of new words.

Miss Ruth Smith of Verona Maple Hall recently won a turkey which she shipped to her home at West Union.

Misses Regina Kenney, Ruby Danzell, Sandy Murray, and Banetta McConey shopped in Weston Wednesday.

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