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PLAY, "WHEN'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?" WILL BE GIVEN BY SENIORS

Miss Moore Will Begin Practice When Copies of Books Are Received

PARTS ARE NOT YET ASSIGNED

Drama Is Three-Act Comedy With New England Family Chief Characters

"When's Your Birthday," a three-act comedy by Aurania Rouverol, has been selected as the senior play of 1930. Miss Vinco Moore, public speaking instructor, and Hunter Whiting, senior class sponsor, made the selection.

Miss Moore will coach the play and expects to begin practice as soon as the copies of it arrive.

The cast requires five men and five women. Miss Moore is casting the parts at present but has not completed the assigning of them. The cast will be published in next week's issue of the Mercury.

"When's Your Birthday?" is a comedy with the scene laid in a New England farm home. Mallory Dwight, who has been disappointed in love by one L. B. Nash, who formerly lived next door to him, lives with his sister Clary Dwight in their old ancestral home. At the opening of the play Clary is ill and hopes for her recovery seem limited. However, Ann Parsons, a neighboring nurse, declares that she is not ill but is pining for a lover, one Nick Jameson.

A circus comes to town and Leonore, the fortune teller, comes to Mallory's home whither she has fled from Ben Ali, the mesmerist. Leonore is employed as nurse and immediately begins, by her fortune telling ability, to straighten out affairs for the whole group concerned. How she makes Clary well and brings to her her lover, how Mallory is made happy, how Ann Parsons and Timothy Gale, an old man who is being righteous to save himself from going to hell and joining his wife are brought together, and make a plot which will bring out many surprises.

Humor is furnished by Nabby Nash and her husband, Jotham, who has every disease known to science and is looking for more.

DEBATERS TO MEET BROADDUS

Affirmative Team to Finish Dual Meet at Philippi Tomorrow

The Glenville State Normal School debating team will meet the Broadus College team at Philippi Tuesday night. Glenville will be represented by Seldon Brannon and Warren Blackhurst. The Glenville team will take the affirmative and Broadus the negative. The first debate in this dual meet was held at Glenville a few weeks ago, and the final contest was not held at the regular scheduled time because of the illness of one of the Broadus debaters.

If Glenville defeats Broadus on Tuesday night the meet will be a tie. Broadus defeated the Glenville negative team in the first contest.

The same Glenville team will meet Marshall College on April 25 at Huntington.

EDUCATION TEACHER HIRED

Earl Edwin Looker of Kansas Will Join Spring Term Faculty

Earl Edwin Looker will join the faculty of Glenville Normal School, at the opening of the special spring term, as an instructor in education, President E. G. Rohrbough announced Saturday.

Mr. Looker, a native of Kansas, is a graduate of Kansas University, and has done graduate work at Columbia and Harvard universities. He has taught in the schools of Kansas and was for a time director of religious education in a church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

President Rohrbough said that probably one or two more instructors would be employed.

ROTARY CLUB TO AWARD SWEATERS

Eight Basketball Players Will Receive Them—Vass, Lindell, Burk to Get Others

As an appreciation for their playing ability on the court this year, the Glenville Rotary Club will present sweaters to the first eight regular lettermen of the 1930 Pioneer basketball squad. The presentation will probably be made before long by Coach Natus Rohrbough at chapel. The sweaters are to be light weight and made in coat-style. The word "Pioneer" will be sewed on the arm.

At a recent meeting of the local Rotary Club, the suggestion for purchasing the sweaters was made and approved, and Carey Woofert, Dr. H. F. Withers, and Attorney B. W. Craddock were appointed a committee to purchase the sweaters and decide which members of the squad should receive them. Thus it was decided that the first eight lettermen should receive the awards.

In addition to the sweaters given by the Rotary, the school will present sweaters bearing the letter G to Howard Lindell, Frank Vass, and Harold Burk.

The members who will receive the sweaters from the Rotary are Thomas Rogers, Harry Hamilton, Frank Harrison, Harold Burk, Howard Lindell, Dorsey Hines, Frank Vass, and William Rafferty.

WORK ON LIBRARY HALTED

Soupart Rejects Stone Submitted For New Structure

Since the completion of the construction for the first floor about two weeks ago there has been little done on the new Robert F. Kidd Library because of the condemning of the samples of stone, by Albert Soupart, state inspector.

Mr. Soupart refused to permit the contractors to use the stone which they had submitted to him for his approval because it did not come up to the specifications set forth in the contract. Work can not be resumed until stone has been approved and shipped here.

It is not known when work will be resumed again, but probably the contractors will submit another sample of stone soon which will be accepted by the state, because the work has to be completed by the opening of the fall semester.

When stone is accepted and delivered, work will go forward rapidly because already there is good supply of other materials on the ground.

FRANZ AND BURKA TO MEET PIONEERS HERE ON THURSDAY

Coach Rohrbough Says That His Diamond Candidates Show Good Form

PITCHING STAFF IS STRONGEST

Probable Schedule Lists Seven Games—Four to Be Played at Home

The Glenville Normal School baseball team will open its season at Rohrbough Field on Thursday afternoon by meeting the Franz and Burka nine from Clarksburg. This will also be the Clarksburg club's first game of the season.

The game will probably be called at 3 o'clock so that all students who have classes may be given a chance to attend.

Coach A. F. Rohrbough has refused to commit himself on the probable outcome of the clash Thursday, but from all indications he is beginning to think well of his diamond candidates and is probably looking forward to a victory over the Franz and Burka nine.

Pitching Staff Strong

For about two weeks the Pioneer candidates have been laboring under the direction of Coach Natus Rohrbough and are now beginning to show some of their finer qualities. Coach Rohrbough in a recent interview said that his men are looking good.

The pitching staff seems to be exceptionally strong this year and has been showing up well in the practice sessions held each afternoon. Fred Wilson, Parkersburg twirler and a regular on the Pioneer nine for the past two years, is bidding strong for a first-string berth. James Creasy, also a last year's regular who carried most of the blunt at the pitcher's plate last year is also looking good. Along with these two former regulars the Pioneer mentor has Roy Matheny, Theodore Riddle, and Joseph Lewis to rely upon for the emergency calls.

Wilson, along with his abilities as a twirler, is also a valuable outfield man and will probably see considerable service in that field when he is not on the mound. Creasy can also work as an outfielder. Although Matheny has not played any ball here, he is said to be a neat twirler and will be a valuable addition to the outfield at times.

Heron Likely to Catch

The infield may be composed mostly of last year's regulars. Rogers at third, Hamilton at second, Roy Burk at shortstop, and Jeranko or Bloor will possibly compose the infield. Other promising candidates for the infield are Ratliff, and Gwinn.

Lionel Heron, of Spencer, who has had considerable experience behind the bat, is taking care of the catcher's job in fine order and seems to be the strongest man to bid for that important position.

"Pi" Davis, outfielder who has played good ball here for two years, is out again and will more than likely land a permanent berth for himself. Davis is a good hitter and can field the leather pill about as well as is necessary. Predictions as to the other two outfield positions can not be

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G. N. S. Has Graduated 1369 Students Since 1872—78 Per Cent Have Taught

Since the founding of Glenville State Normal School on Feb. 19, 1872, diplomas have been issued to 1369 students. Two men and two women in 1874 formed the first class to be graduated. Then the size of the graduating classes began a fairly regular and fairly rapid increase. Last year certificates were awarded to 105 students.

This total of 1369 does not represent so many different students, for several have completed more than one of the various courses that have been offered.

That the Normal as a teachers' school has efficiently effected its purpose is demonstrated by an analysis of the bulletins that it has issued yearly. From 1874 to 1928, and including the latter date, 1116 different students were graduated and 881 of these have taught or are teaching—a percentage of 78. During this period of fifty-four years, 1264 diplomas were issued.

Because of insufficient data given in the bulletins and because of the difficulty of making an absolutely accurate check, some of the statistics in this article may be slightly inaccurate. The probable error, however, should not be enough to change noticeably the percentages given.

Leading occupations of living graduates who are not teachers as listed in the bulletin for 1928-1929 are:

Clerks, (used loosely) 30; Salesmen, (used loosely) 25; Lawyers, 22; Farmers, 21; Physicians, 15; Merchants, 13; Engineers, 10; Ministers, 8; Bankers, 4.

Several persons now listed under these professional and trade groupings have at some time or other taught.

Many Older Persons Quit Teaching

One very noticeable trend is for the older persons to quit the profession of teaching and go into another business; or, with women, to marry. Of the 119 graduates in 1928, all but 4 are either teachers or students. Of the five living members of the class of 1875, one is a teacher, one is in the insurance business, and three women are married.

Only 65, or 5.8 per cent of the graduates, are listed as deceased. One hundred forty-six are living out of the state.

T. M. Marshall First Head

The first courses offered were the normal and academic, covering a period of two years of work. Since then the curriculum has been extended until now junior college, standard normal, and short normal courses are offered. Because high school work has been discontinued this year, graduating classes may be smaller for some time.

The act creating a State Normal School at Glenville was passed on Feb. 19, 1872 by the Legislature of West Virginia, on the condition that the citizens of the town would furnish suitable buildings without expense to the state.

The late T. M. Marshall, who was then attending Marshall College, was appointed to take charge of the young school but was not given the title of principal because of his youth. Mr. Marshall opened the school in the old courthouse, and this was used for two terms. Then the citizens purchased the building known as the "Lively House" and gave it to

the school. This building was occupied until 1885. Much credit is due Mr. Marshall for the labors he performed during his connection with the school. One year no appropriation was made by the Legislature for the school, but he and E. H. Dodson, his assistant, continued the school; and at times he himself would dig and carry the coal that was used for fuel.

Four Students Graduated in 1874

The first class was graduated in 1874. There were only four in it, Bina Holt, H. Cornelia Marshall, Jacob F. Cork, and Elmer H. Dodson.

The brick building which is used as part of the main building of today, was constructed in 1885. In 1893 an appropriation of \$20,000 was made by the State Legislature to increase the size of this building. It is the "old building" of today. Then in 1911 the "new building" was erected and joined to the old one by a hallway.

The State Board of Control purchased a farm of 78 acres for the school in 1919. Its products are used at the dormitories. It was formerly used for agricultural demonstrations.

The first football team in the Glenville State Normal School was organized in 1908 by Arthur K. Brake. The first basketball and track teams were organized by Robert L. Cole in 1909. The Normal has been represented with a baseball team ever since the school has existed.

Some of the present members of the faculty that have been teaching here for several years are: President E. G. Rohrbough, who has held his present position since 1908, E. R. Grose, Hunter Whiting, Mrs. Elwina Sample, Clarence Post, Miss Willa Brand, and Miss Bessie Bell.

Some of the former principals and presidents of Glenville State Normal School have been Louis Bennett, S. P. Lazear, R. F. Kidd, E. I. Hall, S. B. Brown, Robert W. Tapp, Miss Verona Mapel, M. D. Helmick, W. J. Holden, and John C. Shaw.

Old History Gives Early Account

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia published in 1883, in a special local edition, has three short paragraphs about the Normal as follows:

"The State normal school at Glenville was established by an act of the legislature, passed on the 19th day of February, 1872, and was opened for admission of students on the 14th day of January, 1873. The building donated by the citizens of the town to the State, is fitted up with the best modern school furniture, and stands on a three acre lot which has been improved and beautified by the State.

"The site of the school is an excellent one in all respects. Although within the corporate limits of Glenville, it is on an eminence outside of the town where it readily receives the pure air and bright sunshine of this notably healthful climate.

"Since the opening of the school it has been steadily reaching abroad for its pupils, gathering them from twelve or fourteen counties of the fifty-four in the State, and has returned as graduates pupils to seven counties. Since its opening, it has been under the management of Professors Marshall and Frazier until the last year, since which time Prof. R. F. Kidd and Miss Verona Mapel have composed the faculty."

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THE AWAKENING OF SPRING

These are wonderful days. Every morning brings new arrivals; whether the wind be sharp or soft, there are new and exciting voices. When one wakes in the morning after a sound sleep, it is with the awareness that the orchestra of dawn is about to burst forth in glorious harmony, for at this season every tone has in it the perennial thrill of the spring awakening. To the one who is really alive, there are many of those delightful tinglings of veins and joyous recognitions of the beneficent compensations of nature.

The robin's carol seems full and sweet now; for today he is the chief soloist, and every piping song sparrow, every field sparrow trilling from the low, scrubby hillside shrubbery, even the cackling grackle and strident, assertive phebe, are only welcome players in the chorus. The long, sweet whistle of the meadow-lark, the confident "yarrup-yarrup" of the noisy flicker, the throaty rattle of the kingfisher, the rich "con-garee" of the red-winged blackbird in the marsh—all these notes in the chorus now arouse such a thrill as even the hermit thrush in midsummer can hardly engender in our breasts. But soon the robin will be dethroned, and his carol will seem thin: it will take a score of robins to fill in the background of the morning chorus.

Any lack of melody in the songs of these birds is made up for by the vigor of their performance. The tree-wandering nuthatch with its nasal squeaks perks up and tries to sing; the chickadee stops his midwinter chatter and whistles his frail, lovely "chick-a-dee-dee"; and the woodpecker seems to throw new artistry into the sonorous tattoo he beats upon dead trees.

The narrow-leaved toothwort and the pennywort with their small flowers peeping from deep beds of leaves in the woodland and the Virginia wild ginger whose flower may be seen only by digging into the leaves seem bright and beautiful now; the bursting alder leaf bud is to us the promising advance herald of a score of other kinds of leaves. Three weeks hence the white and red trilliums set against a background of moss-covered rocks will be making damp, dark, wooded flats places of alluring beauty. Six weeks hence the sweet honeysuckle will be garnishing dry, woody, road borders and rocky points with its showy, fragrant flowers; mountain laurel with its clammy, pubescent flowers and coriaceous leaves will be peering quiskily from the underbrush on the mountainside. But the contemplation of these cannot subtract from the present beauty of their simpler, less attractive sisters that precede them and announce their coming.

The voices of spring are many, audible and inaudible; and Pan is abroad "trolling out a stave of ecstasy to set the world a-singing," not with his whole orchestra, but with only his rustic reserves, his less gifted handboys, to play the opening measure ere the stage be filled with the whole romping troupe enchanting us with its gracious tremolo.

INWARD CONVERSATIONS

We all talk to ourselves. In each person there really are two persons, and these two with endless persistence confer with each other. And most people do not recognize the immense importance of this inward conversation.

We often get into the habit of talking to ourselves in a cynical manner. What is the use? What does life amount to anyway? Is it not just one big illusion and disillusion after another? It is mighty easy to drop in to this sort of self-communion.

People confuse being cynical with being philosophical. They mistake emotional discouragements for wisdom, and, being really cynical, they think themselves hard-headed philosophers. Such personal illusions debilitate personality and fairly tear to shreds one's finer self. The influential power of such inward talk is illustrated by the way popular catchwords get hold of one's psychology of life. Such thoughts as "I can get by with it" and "This will pull me through all right," repeated constantly in the privacy of the mind affect in a great way one's life. Witness how this same attitude makes students content merely to pass, employees satisfied merely to hold their positions, craftsmen produce articles just good enough to bring the price.

This sort of thing would not be if, in the intimacy of the mind where men talk to themselves, there were no such shoddy thoughts as "I can get by all right." Some words that men use to themselves are tonic, while others sap energy, undermine morale, and pro-

duce total destruction of one's spirit.

Doubtless there are problems that can not be solved even by talking rightly to one's self, situations where plans inevitably fail, disasters overtake, and the task is not to do but to endure. Nevertheless, some of the finest things accomplished by men have been done by handicapped fellows who never could have done it if they had talked to themselves with defeatist words.

One of the commonest tendencies of inward conversation is quarrelsomeness. Some people's minds are mental cockpits where there is always a fight on. Forever to be engaged in an inward conflict, writing imaginary letters attacking somebody, constructing imaginary conversation berating somebody, or pummeling oneself with wordy bludgeons, is utterly destructive of good personality.

When we are talking to ourselves, our occupation is of crucial importance. Inward conversation pitched in the key of cynicism, shoddiness, discouragement, cowardice, defeatism, or quarrelsomeness is more disruptive of human happiness and character than any other one thing.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

THE TEACHERS' DECALOGUE

(From The World)

The Federal Bureau of Education has issued a decalogue for the American school teacher. And that decalogue, if we have any nose for such things, is going to cause trouble for somebody.

Consider this: "Thou shalt not try to make of the children little images, for they are a live little bunch, visiting the wriggling of their captivity upon you, their teacher, unto the last weary moment of the day, and showing interest and co-operation unto those who can give them reasonable freedom in working." And this: "Remember the last day of the week, to keep it happy." And this: "Thou shalt laugh when it rains and we woolly ones muddy the floor; when it blows and doors bang; when little angels conceal their wings and wriggle; when Tommy spills ink and Mary flops a tray of trailing letters; when visitors appear at the precise moment when all small heads have forgotten everything you thought they knew. And again I say unto you, Laugh, for upon these commandments hang all the law and the profits in thy schoolroom."

Pretty good advice, you say. Granted. It is the best advice to teachers that we have seen in a long time. But it is humorous. It does not descend to overt wisecracks, it is true, but the whole tone of it is facetious, jocular, cheerful. And if one thing has been proven by the history of this great Republic of ours it is that humor has no place in the body politic. This thing, we repeat, is going to cause trouble. It may come from some taxpayer who throws a fit at the discovery that his Government is encouraging laughing and carrying on in a public building. It may come from some teacher who tries to laugh at the mistakes of her pupils when the superintendent pays a visit. But it will come. You cannot mix humor with public affairs. That way lies revolution.

CONVULSIONS

(From the Baltimore Evening Sun)

They return home from the movie and thank Aunt Sally for looking after the baby, who seems very quiet and contented. Mother says, by the way, weren't there three bells on the rattle? Now she sees only two.

Aunt Sally says gracious she hopes the baby has not swallowed the other one, as he has had the rattle in his mouth most of the time. Mother says, oh no it has probably come off in the carriage. Aunt Sally rushes out to look in the carriage and Mother calls does she see it, and Aunt Sally calls back no it is nowhere in the carriage.

Mother says goodness what if the baby has swallowed it, and Father says oh do not worry as children often swallow things and it does them no harm. But take a look in the baby's mouth. No, the bell is not there. Mother says it might be lodged in the windpipe, and does the baby's breathing sound normal? Father puts his ear down and reports that there is a little wheeze, but it is probably nothing. Mother asks if he does not think the baby looks a little purplish about the gills. The nthey look at its stomach, which appears to Mother a trifle distended.

Father insists there is really no reason to get excited, but perhaps just for safety he might call the doctor and see what is to be done and Mother says you do hear of such terrible things happening. Now look, the baby is unusually quiet, lying there and not making a sound. And Aunt Sally says she knew something terrible like that would happen and she tried so hard to be careful. And the cook hears the commotion and rushes in to know what has happened. Aunt Sally is in tears, and Mother says the baby is beginning to look faint and there is a sort of rasp to its breathing, and Father says for heaven sake don't worry and he will have the doctor here in a minute.

Just then the cook calls from outside that here is the bell under the carriage seat, and Father, who has connected with the doctor tells him never mind, just a lot of excited females. And Mother says Father was just as alarmed as they, and Father says nonsense, he knew all along the baby had not swallowed anything.

The New Planet

By Elsie McCormick in The World

The discovery of the new planet created somewhat less excitement than is usually aroused by the finding of an interesting love nest.

This is hardly surprising when you consider that the newcomer is not even an addition to the celestial scenery. Lying far out in the trans-Neptunian cold, it can never be viewed except with the aid of a powerful telescope. Its year is three centuries long; its temperature is low enough to freeze out air into a solid mass; and it is so far removed from the sun that its high noon is only a milky dusk.

Still, I must admit that I am glad it was discovered. I feel vaguely patriotic toward our little string of planets, and am inclined to shout, "Hooray for our side!" when their number is increased.

Compared to the majestic train of the heavens, these little spheres are really pitiable objects. Lately their prestige has been further decreased by the scientific statement that they are mere freaks of nature. To hear one's favorite planetary system called a freak is so humiliating that it makes one grateful for even distant reinforcements.

However, having a tendency toward claustrophobia, I'm glad I didn't live in the days of the ancient Hellas. Then the people believed that the sky was a great dome fitting tightly around the flat edges of the earth like a glass covering over a platter. It must have seemed a stuffy little world even to those who knew the fresh winds of the Aegean.

The only thing I regret about the finding of the planet was the lack of drama in its discovery. Instead of swimming into the ken of a watcher at the telescope, it was revealed in a dark room as a bit of light on a photographic plate.

The first planet to be discovered—five others having always been visible to the naked eye—was found by the son of an oboe player from Hanover. While sweeping the skies with his telescope one evening, William Herschel noted a round nebulous disk moving slowly among the stars.

At first he thought it was a comet, but he soon came to realize that he was looking at a new planet that lay far beyond Jupiter. This great world later named Uranus, has a day that is eight and a half hours long and a year that lasts eight decades.

Incidentally, Herschel's association with hierarchy of the heavens didn't prevent him from exhibiting a little shrewdness here on earth. Shortly after his discovery he was invited by George III to spend the evening at court and bring his telescope. A number of ladies it seemed, were anxious to view Saturn.

The night turned out to be cloudy and damp, but Herschel, who had his keen sky-sweeping eye on royal favor, did not want to cause any disappointment. He therefore rigged up a Saturn out of a card and some tissue paper, put a lantern behind it, and set it in a distant part of the garden wall. King George and his ladies were satisfied, and the astronomer found a new telescope in his Christmas stocking.

Neptune was located in 1846. The discovery would have been credited entirely to England if it hadn't been for the haughtiness of a butler.

A young man just out of Cambridge called on the Astronomer Royal of England with some calculations indicating just where the unknown known planet might be seen. The butler looked down his nose at the youth and told him that the Astronomer Royal was at dinner and could not be disturbed.

Later, when the King's star-gazer wrote to the graduate concerning his figures the insulted youth refused to answer. Meanwhile a French astronomer made the same calculations and

published them just about the time the young man came out of his sulks. Neptune was found by telescope a very short time afterward.

One of the chief reasons why I hope for a life beyond this is because it would give me a chance to explore the planets. Dressed in a gauzy body that would not be affected by heat or cold, I would first skip off to Mercury—a sphere that is seven times hotter than the earth on its sunward side and colder on its other face than the bleakest polar cairn.

I should also like to investigate those strange red spots on the surface of Jupiter, whirl through the silvery rings of Saturn, and penetrate the mantle of clouds that always cover the planet Venus. A little further exploration would settle the question concerning the inhabitants of Mars. One of the most ardent champions of their existence was the late Percival Lowell, whose investigations had much to do with the discovery of the new planet.

From our standpoint, however, the Martians must be tough babies. Their daily temperature range is from zero at night to 125 degrees Fahrenheit around noon.

Still, I am willing to bet five yards of astral soul material that all the planets are inhabited. We always measure the possibilities of life by our own limitations, regardless of the fact that even here on earth there are creatures living in environments that would kill us in six minutes.

The pother about naming the new heavenly body will probably go on for some time. It was thirty-one years before Herschel's discovery settled down quietly to being Uranus. In England it answered for a long time to the name of Georgium Sidis, a title that was presented to it in honor of George III.

Without asking anybody's leave, the Italians have been calling the newcomer Pluto. There are also groups who favor Percival and others who have suggested the perplexing title of Onehtn.

Perhaps it might be a good idea to name the planet as the family named me—by drawing slips out of a hat. Also, when the valleys and mountains of Mars and the moon were being labeled freely after many people, a professor suggested that the names be limited to those who wanted to endow the science of the stars.

It might be a good plan to tell the new heavenly body to the highest bidder. Whoever promised to leave the greatest fortune to astronomy could have his name attached to this vast new sphere and thus glitter forever in the remote heavens. Only let us hope for the planet's sake that the generous ones will not bear a respected but unpoetic cognomen such as McGinnis.

Fairmont Collegians' Player Dies

Lee Satterfield of Fairmont, who is remembered here for his stellar performance in the Fairmont Collegians-Pioneers basketball game, died at his home last from a blood clot on his brain. He first became ill with what the doctors called influenza and died a few days later. It is thought that the clot resulted from an injury that he had received at some time.

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so easily made. Coach Rohrbough stated recently that he would probably use the remainder of his material in the outfield and would probably alternate the fielding positions considerable.

Two Games Scheduled With W.V.V.
The following is a probable schedule for the Pioneer 1930 baseball season: April 17, Franz and Burka, here; April 25-26, Morris-Harvey, there; May 21, Wesleyan, here; May 30, Wesleyan, there; May 19 and 20, Morris-Harvey, here.

West Liberty, one school which Glenville usually cards for the baseball season, will not be met this year, according to Coach Rohrbough. The games with Wesleyan will probably be the features of the season. Glenville has not played baseball against the Bobcats for several years, and the defeats in basketball handed to the Wesleyanites by the Pioneers this year will likely bring about some intense rivalry which in itself is the big factor in making any athletic contest just what it should be.

PLEIADES ARE QUITE VISIBLE

**Nature Study Classes See 10 of
20 First-Magnitude Stars**

Tuesday evening the nature study classes under the direction of E. R. Grose, were able to see ten of the twenty first magnitude stars. The constellation Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, was quite visible. With the aid of binoculars, the nebulae in Orion were easily distinguished.

Two planets are visible to the naked eye at this time of year. They are Venus and Jupiter. Venus in the northwest is particularly brilliant for about an hour after sunset. These planets are known as the evening stars.

HOW G. N. S. ADVERTISED IN '82

**Board Is \$2 and \$3 Per Week, Says
Glenville Crescent**

The following advertisement appeared in the Glenville Crescent in 1882. The Crescent was the first newspaper published in Glenville. R. F. Kidd, in whose honor the new library is to be named, was principal at that time. Miss Verona Mapel, the assistant, is now Mrs. Linn Brannon of Weston. The girls' dormitory, Verona Mapel Hall, bears her name.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

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R. F. Kidd, Principal
Miss Verona Mapel, ... Assist.

Fall term begins September 4th, 1882. Winter term begins January 3rd, 1883. Spring term begins April 2nd, 1883. State pupils admitted free of tuition. Board \$2 to \$3 per week. For further information apply to

R. F. KIDD, Principal,
or Milton Norris, Chair'n Ex. Com.

Rohrboughs Motor to Charleston

President and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough motored to Charleston Friday morning and returned in the evening. Mr. Rohrbough had an audience with the State Road Commission concerning the hard-surfacing of the Glenville-Gilmer and other graded roads in the county. The commission is taking the matter "under advisement."

President Talks on "Recessional"

At convocation on Wednesday, President E. G. Rohrbough read Kipling's "Recessional," and gave the facts concerned with its writing. Kipling wrote the poem as a prayer, at the time of the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Athletes to Do Three Turns Around Field for Profane Language

When one has to trot three laps around Rohrbough Field for swearing and is forced to repeat the task each time he swears, it is not likely that much profane language will be used by those in training. At least that is the idea that Coach Natus Rohrbough has been nursing this spring, and from the general indications and improvements already made in this respect, the system is working to perfection.

The no-swearing rule is the latest one that has been added to the Pioneer training list for some time. Although it may sound odd to say that a big athlete can not use profane language on the training field, it can readily be explained when one considers that very often women enjoy watching the baseball men practice, and they do not enjoy hearing language that can not be employed at home. Then, too, the neighbors in that section will spend more peaceful afternoons when they know that they can sit on their front porches and not hear the swearing that has formerly been such a pronounced practice at the training field.

Should any one desire the particulars about this new custom recently established by Coach Natus Rohrbough or want to find out how severe the penalty is, the writer of this article refers him or her to Assistant Coach Dick Selby who was one of the first to trot the required three laps around the field. Selby is not the only one that has performed this duty. There are many others who have either taken their medicine or have gotten wise before their turn came about.

So, for those who wish to visit the South Glenville field any afternoon and watch the Pioneers go through the usual list of training tactics, it may safely be predicted that they will not hear any profane language. Also they will be surprised to find that the fellows like the new rule.

Many Students Visit Chemistry Room to Ride Wooden Rotator

A great curiosity, to the chemistry and physics students, as well as to many visitors, is a wooden rotator, made by the instructor, John R. Wagner. This rotator is composed of a wooden base and is made with an automobile axle with ball bearings. A wooden disc over the axle completes the machine. A person may stand on this, hold out his arms, then the disc is given a slight turn. When one lowers his arms the disc revolves much more rapidly.

Nearly every visitor to the chemistry laboratory for the past week has been invited to try the new toy. It is not possible to remain on the rotator for very long. E. R. Grose, instructor in natural sciences, tried the rotator and was not very favorably impressed with it.

James Creasy, a student, is said to have the championship for remaining on the whirling disc. He was able to keep his balance for about a minute.

100 ATTEND Y. W. C. A. DANCE

Receipts to Be Used by Local Organization—Radio-Lites Play

About one hundred people attended a dance in the gymnasium Saturday night. The dance, given by the girls of the Y. W. C. A., was for the purpose of raising funds for the Glenville Normal School branch of the organization. An admission fee of 25 cents was charged.

The dance began at 7:30 and ended at 11 o'clock. Music was furnished by the Radio-lites of Glenville.

Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough and Miss Willa Brand motored to Weston on Thursday.

TRACK CONTEST IS SCHEDULED MAY 3

**G. N. S. Will Meet Bobcats
There—Delay in Arrival
of Material**

A track meet with Wesleyan College has been scheduled for May 3, at Buckhannon according to an announcement by Coach Natus Rohrbough.

Although the track team has not yet been called out, a few of the track squad are already practicing and it is thought that the track material will arrive this week so that every one who wishes to participate may do so. Elmer English and Charles Anderson have been doing some training at Rohrbough Field during the past week. English will compete with Wesleyan in the dashes while Anderson will probably try for shot and hammer events or the javelin throw.

A meet with New River was planned, however no official announcement has been made as to whether it will be held or not.

Coach Rohrbough stated that the track material had been shipped to Gilmer Station by express and had been sent back to Weston, but that he was not certain just when the material would arrive.

SCIENCE CLUB SELECTS CAST

**Roland Butcher Will Play Part of
Alchemist**

At the Science Club meeting Tuesday night, the characters for the play which the group will present were decided upon. Roland Butcher has the part of chief alchemist, with Trell Reger as his assistant. The rest of the characters are as follows: Miss Thelma Richardson, Miss Manoka Woods, Dale Cunningham, James Creasy, Frank Bailey, Hugh Hurst, Linn Hickman, Everett Ellison, Eugene Dietz, Clifford Clem, Herbert Nottingham, and Archie Morris, property man.

John R. Wagner, instructor, performed an experiment with the Geissler tube producing various colored lights. A demonstration of Newton's third law was made with a toy engine on a circular track, showing that for every action equal reaction takes place.

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BOYD STUTLER VISITS G. N. S.

**Former Student Owns Complete
Library About John Brown**
Boyd E. Stutler, a former student at the Normal and now a member of the advertising staff of the West Virginia Review, was at the school on Wednesday.

Mr. Stutler has collected about six hundred books concerning John Brown, and his library about this man who has been and is the subject of much controversy, is one of the most nearly complete in the country. Recently an instructor in one of the northeastern universities spent a week at Mr. Stutler's home studying his books on Brown.

REPAIRING OF COURTS BEGUN

**Fences to Be Finished This Week,
Then Leveling Will Be Done**

Repair work on the fences surrounding the three tennis courts at the Normal was begun Saturday and will probably be completed the last of this week, according to the workmen.

The settling of the courts which were rebuilt last fall twisted some of the iron posts and made it necessary to take down part of the fence. Part of the slope above the courts nearest Verona Mapel Hall has slipped in bending much of the wire. Some more grading and draining is to be done on it. The lower court is in better condition and not much more work will need to be done.

Workmen will level and smooth the courts as soon as the fences are repaired.

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FORTY-SIX APPLY FOR CERTIFICATES

Number Is 11 Greater Now Than Last Year—27 Are For Standard Normal

Exceeding last year's number at this time by eleven, forty-six persons have made application to Carey Woofter, registrar, for certificates to teach. Of this number, twenty-seven have applied for standard normal, nine for short course, nine for first grade temporary, and one for second grade temporary certificates.

Mr. Woofter explained that the number of persons seeking certificates will be greatly increased when special spring and summer term students make their applications. Students registered now who will be in school during the summer will make application then. These certificates will not be issued, of course, unless all required work is completed.

The applicants for standard normal certificates are Miss Ruby Swisher, Buckhannon; Miss Marjorie Rhinehart, Sutton; Miss Marjorie Marple, Flatwoods; Miss Irene Berry, Flatwoods; Miss Loretta Bell, Camden-on-Gauley; Harold West, Sand Fork; Miss Ruth Pierson, Frametown; Miss Genevieve Morris, Glenville; Miss Faye Morris, Weston; Miss Regina Kenney, Alum Bridge; Hugh Hurst, Auburn; Miss Sara Rollyson, Servia; Miss Grace Wolfe, Glenville and

Fred Eberle, Wheeling; Mrs. Grace Boram, Weston; Miss Frances Morgan, Weston; Carl Mullenix, Harrisville; Miss Anna Hill, Ivydale; Miss Nellie Cottrill, Glenville; David Grose, Clay; Miss Ethel Post, Wolf Summit; Miss Grace Probst, Weston; Miss Virginia Brannon, Spencer; Seldon Brannon, Orma, Roy Burk Sand Fork; Miss Ocie Hinkle, Richwood; and, Miss Grace Harris, Little Birch.

G. N. S. GETS SPINTHARISCOPE

Instrument Shows Alpha Ray Produced by Radium Disintegration

The physics department has received a hammer spintariscope. The spintariscope consists of a nickel-plated metal tube with a phosphorescent screen at one end and a high-powered lens at the other. Projecting from the center of the phosphorescent screen is a pin on the side of which has been placed a small quantity of radium salt.

With this instrument scintillations produced on the screen by the constant emanating of the alpha particles, a product of the disintegration of the radium of the screen, are showed. In order that this phenomenon be observed in the daytime it is necessary to remain in a dark room until the eye becomes sufficiently sensitive.

Other equipment received by this department includes an ammeter, voltmeter, galvanometer, induction coil, 2½ ampere charger, tube transformer, ¼ horse-power motor, resistance coil, Greissler tubes, a Crookes tube, and an induction coil.

NEW MEMBERS TELL STORIES

Canterbury Club Program Receives Praise From Critic-Advisor

The Canterbury program, Monday night, was given by the new members of the club. Miss Helen Lykins told "The Old Pearl Necklace," written by Mary Valentine Stanly; Cleora Deitz gave "The Unknown Warrior," written by Sarah Boogher; and Charles Anderson gave "To-day's To-morrow," written by Margaret Prescott Montague, a West Virginian, who lives at White Sulphur Springs.

Miss Willa Brand, critic, expressed herself very well pleased with the program.

BENNETT TALKS TO HISTORY CLUB

Local Lawyer Honors Andrew Price, Well-Known Editor, Who Died Recently

C. M. Bennett, lawyer and oil and gas operator of Glenville, was present at the History Club meeting Thursday night, and gave an interesting talk about Andrew Price, a well-known West Virginian, who died a few weeks ago. Mr. Bennett, who was a member of the first class to be graduated here in the old auditorium, was a room-mate of Mr. Price's at West Virginia University.

Mr. Bennett said that at the University, Mr. Price took every opportunity offered to learn everything he could about anything that he thought would benefit his interests. He was extremely interested in frontier history, and continued to make that his hobby up until his death. He was appointed by Governor Gore to be the first president of the West Virginia Historical Society, of which President E. G. Rohrbough is a member.

Andrew Price, although best known as a writer for the Pocahontas Times and other journals, was a lawyer also. His chief interest lay in doing everything and anything he could for West Virginia. He was influential in getting historical places marked, and in securing appropriate names for well-known spots. Seneca Trail was a name suggested first by him. About a year ago, through an act of the legislature, Droop Mountain, where an important battle of the Civil War was fought, was marked by the erection of a memorial, and Andrew Price was prominent in getting the appropriation to build this.

As a continuation of the program,

Regina Kenney read "The Cornet Tree" written by Andrew Price. Kermit McKeever then gave a poem "Gem of the Mountains," written by Karl Myers about Marlinton, the home of Mr. Price.

CLASS GIVES DIAGNOSTIC TEST

About Twenty-five Students Take Arithmetic Examination

H. Y. Clark's class in tests and measurements is giving a series of diagnostic tests in arithmetic to about twenty-five students who failed the standard arithmetic test given some weeks ago. A diagnostic quiz covering compound numbers was given Friday afternoon.

All students in order to be recommended for teachers' certificates must pass a standard arithmetic test. About twenty-nine in the hundred-thirty who took the first test failed.

Miss Geneva Hinzman spent the week-end at her home in Hodgeville.

Hunter Whiting, assistant to the president, and Everett Withers, and Olin Wetzell were in Clarksburg Thursday afternoon.

Misses Alma Jo Wilson and Ruth Smith spent the week-end in Clarksburg.

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