

## G. N. S. TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS FRIDAY

Majority of Faculty Members  
Will Spend Vacation at  
Their Homes

### HALLS NOT TO BE OPEN

Holiday Will End Tuesday Jan. 6, at  
8 A. M.—Busses, Cars to Take  
Students Away

Glenville Normal School will be closed Friday afternoon for the Christmas recess which will end Tuesday morning, Jan. 6, at 8 o'clock. Practically all of the students living out of town will leave here Friday and Saturday morning by busses and cars for their homes. Kanawha Hall and the Annex will be closed Saturday morning, and the other two dormitories will also be closed for the holidays.

Members of the faculty have planned to spend the vacation as follows:

President and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough will remain in Glenville for the first part of the holidays and have made no definite plans for the remainder.

Miss Willa Brand will visit with friends and relatives in Morgantown.

H. Y. Clark will spend Christmas with his parents at Hemlock. During the latter part of the vacation he will probably visit with friends at Erwin, Tenn.

A. E. Harris will leave here Saturday for his home at Little Birch, Braxton County.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Post will stay in Glenville for the first part of the holidays. After Christmas, Mrs. Post will visit at her home in Grafton.

Miss Bertha Olsen will go to her home in Boston. She will also spend a few days with friends in Portland, Me.

E. R. Grose will spend the holidays with his family at their home near Sago, Upshur County.

Mrs. Elwina Sample will go to Wheeling for a visit with friends and relatives.

E. E. Looker plans to go to St. Louis.

Miss Vinco Moore will go to her home in Georgetown, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough will probably spend a part of the holidays with Mr. Rohrbough's parents near Camden.

Robert Crawford will spend his vacation at his home in Walkersville.

Misses Ivy Lee Myers, Alma Arbuckle, Grace Lorentz, Bessie Bell, and Goldie James will remain in Glenville, as will Mrs. Erle Arbuckle, John R. Wagner, Hunter Whiting, Carey Woofert, and Everett Withers.

### Editor of W. Va. Review Here

While on their way to Clarksburg from Charleston, Phil Conley, editor of the West Virginia Review, and Boyd Stutler who works for Mr. Conley, were visitors at this school on Dec. 9. Mr. Conley was a teacher in the Normal in 1914. Mr. Stutler is a native of this county and was formerly editor of the Grantsville News.

### Is Seriously Ill With Pneumonia

Albert Stonestreet is seriously ill with pneumonia fever at his room in Kanawha Hall. His home is at Lost Creek with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Holbert. From Tuesday until Sunday morning Stonestreet had a temperature of 103, then it decreased to 102. He is under the care of Mrs. Holbert and a local doctor.

## CANTATA TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW

Glee Clubs, Directed by Miss Olsen, Will Present "Christmas" in Chapel

The boys' and girls' glee clubs of the Normal, under the direction of Miss Bertha Olsen, will present the cantata "Christmas," by Paul Bliss, in chapel tomorrow.

There will be four soloists, Miss Juanita Huff, soprano; Miss Mary Allman, alto; Tom Dever, tenor; and Earl Looker, baritone. The two pianists are Miss Jane Butler and Miss Susan Barnett.

The cantata opens with a carol sung in unison. This is followed by "Recitative" sung by Mr. Looker and the chorus. Then Mr. Looker sings "Fear Not Mary." This is followed by a carol for sopranos and altos, with a pastoral accompaniment. This dignified chorus is followed by a lullaby, sung by Miss Allman, followed by a chorus, and a soprano solo by Miss Huff. Then there is a tenor solo by Mr. Dever, and a duet by Mr. Dever and Miss Huff. The final chorus is "Ring Christmas Bells."

### Nephew of Miss Willa Brand Dies

Miss Willa Brand was called to Grafton Wednesday because of the death of her nephew, Harry Beverlin, Jr. The funeral was Thursday and Miss Brand returned to Glenville the same evening.

## Y.M.C.A. ANNOUNCE ELECTION RESULTS

'Is Christian Organization On a Campus Justified?' Receives Biggest Majority

Of the twenty present-day questions presented for vote by the Y. M. C. A. to the students and faculty of the Glenville Normal School, the question, "Is a Christian organization justified on a state campus?" received the greatest majority of affirmative votes. Next to this question came, "Is prayer a reasonable practice?" with a second majority of affirmative votes. The question receiving the least majority was, "Should the apportionment law, now on basis of population be amended to exclude the unnaturalized citizen in its population count in the various districts?"

Results of the election follow:

1. Do you prefer to list your teachers among your best friends, having them to react as your nearest friends do? 87 yes; 65 no.
2. Do you think the art of social dancing an asset to one? 119 yes; 35 no.
3. Should a boy and girl not engaged exchange affections? 112 yes; 34 no.
4. Is divorce an asset to society? 97 yes; 61 no.
5. Should all industries provide

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## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DRAWS 200 STUDENTS, FACULTY

Program Consists of Yuletide Celebration in a Rural School

### SANTA BRINGS PRESENTS

Gymnasium Decorated With Pine and Laurel—Open Fireplace at One End

The Christmas party which was given to the faculty and students of Glenville Normal School, Friday evening, was one of the most successful social affairs that have been held here this year. More than one hundred couples attended the party. Although there was no snow for Santa's sleigh, he came anyway by airplane, that he might give presents to the students, board of education, trustees, and tax-payers of Turkey-Scratch District School.

The gymnasium was attractively decorated with pine, laurel, and cedar boughs and red paper bells and streamers. At one end of the floor was an open fireplace and at the other end, the orchestra platform. The lights were covered with long, red streamers. An unusual number of red dresses was worn.

### County School Christmas Acted

The entertainment consisted of a program and dance. The program, which lasted until 9 o'clock, was humorous. It was the Christmas party of Cold Run School of Turkey-Scratch District. Warren Blackhurst was the teacher, and H. Y. Clark, of the education department of the Normal, the most mischievous of the pupils.

The Cold Run School presented the following program for the approval of the tax-payers (the guests): song by the entire school; poem of welcome, Neva Ward; recitation, advising every one to be good before Christmas, by Roland Butcher; dialogue of the primary grades; music by the school jug band; "Night Before Christmas," Olive O'Dell; son, "Jingle Bells," by entire school; speech by Humbolt Yokum Clark, called the "best declamator in the school"; reading, Ernestine Williams; game, entire school; and a play by the kindergarten.

### County School Christmas Acted

At the end of the kindergarten play, Santa Claus came in with gifts for the children and guests. These gifts were packages of candy, which were also a part of the refreshments. Punch and wafers were also served.

Following this program, the music by the Original Pioneer Dance Orchestra began. Dancing continued until 12 o'clock.

### FROSH TO BE ENTERTAINED

Y. M. C. A. Arranges Mystery Party for Tomorrow

The Y. M. C. A. is giving a party in the gymnasium tomorrow evening, for all freshmen boys and girls enrolled in Glenville Normal School. Besides the freshmen and members of the Y. M. C. A., there will be a few faculty guests. The party will last from 8 to 10:30 o'clock.

An entertainment program has been arranged which is divided into five parts. There are to be dates, stunts, games, Christmas cheer, and a mystery. The mystery at present is only known by the Y. M. C. A.

### Merry Christmas

The Mercury wishes the students and faculty of Glenville Normal School and its readers a very merry Christmas. As a greeting to the students and teachers who are not regular subscribers, copies will be distributed.

## FACULTY GUESTS AT TWO DINNERS

President and Mrs. Rohrbough Entertained Wednesday and Saturday

President E. G. Rohrbough and Mrs. Rohrbough gave at their home a series of formal dinners on Wednesday and Saturday evenings for the faculty of Glenville State Normal School.

Yellow and bronze chrysantheums with yellow tapers on the table composed the yellow color scheme at the first dinner which was given at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Place cards were written for Mrs. Elwina Sample, Miss Ivy Lee Myers, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Beall, Miss Bertha Olsen, Miss Goldie James, Miss Alice Arbuckle, Hunter Whiting, Curtis Baxter, and Everett Withers.

Pink was the color scheme of the table at the second dinner which was given at 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Place cards for this dinner were written for: Mr. and Mrs. Erle Arbuckle, Miss Bessie Bell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Post, Miss Alma Arbuckle, Miss Vinco Moore, Miss Grace Lorentz, and E. E. Looker, H. Y. Clark, A. E. Harris, and E. R. Grose.

Linen place cards bearing the school's seal furnished local color to the decorations of each dinner. Solace of each occasion consisted of the new racing game, Kentucky Derby, Pango basketball, and bridge.

## PRESIDENT CALLS WORK CHRISTIAN

Emphasizes Assigned Task or Studies as Foremost of Student's Duties

"Several years ago" said President E. G. Rohrbough in chapel Wednesday, "a piece of papyrus was found which had five sentences on it. Four of these were found in the Bible as sayings of Jesus Christ and the fifth might well have been. It was, 'Smite the rock and thou shalt find Me; cleave the wood and there am I.'"

"Work today that you may profit tomorrow for each day spent in collegiate study is worth \$25. After all the thing you are here for is to study. Study is your most important work."

"School work," continued Mr. Rohrbough, "is Christian work; do each day the task assigned you and you will be working in accordance with Christian principles."

"A student in a certain college once gave as an excuse for his failing that he devoted a great deal of time to Christian activities. A student may spend too much time in this way and neglect his regular school work which is first of all his Christian duty."

"A true Christian rather than neglect any part of his work will constantly follow the Christian rule and strive to do each day the task assigned him."

## HUNTER WHITING GIVES LECTURE ON PASSION PLAY

Tells Woman's Club Finished Performance Shows Manliness of Christ

### DRAMA A PROMISE TO GOD

Why Crucifixion Should Be Remembered Is Miraculous Part of It, Instructor Says

Hunter Whiting talked to the Glenville Woman's Club on Dec. 15 in the social room of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the Passion Play. Mr. Whiting spent part of the past summer in Europe and while in Germany visited Oberammergau where the play was enacted.

"We (a travel bureau party) made the trip up to Oberammergau by motor on the first Saturday in August," Mr. Whiting said. "The route led from Innsbruck up through the Bavarian Alps to the Ammer Valley. The road wound up through a river valley among the mountains to a plateau. The village, lying in this pleasant valley on the Ammer River, contains about sixteen hundred people. There is only one small hotel and the guests are kept at the various homes."

### Visitors Live in Homes

"I sat and waited in a wind storm until 9 o'clock in the evening when a guide appeared and took me to a home where I was to stay. The food and service was excellent. Everything was done for our comfort."

"Next morning it was raining when I went down to the village. This was my first opportunity to inspect the town. It was clean and cool. The people seemed to be healthy and happy. For the most part the people are woodcarvers, although Anton Lang, who has played the Christus for the past three times is a potter. The people make many things to sell but there is no vending of trinkets as there is at many places in Europe. They have their shops, but if you do not wish to buy that is your business and the goods are not forced upon you. Even your ticket for the play is secured from the people with whom you are staying, the best seats selling for about five dollars."

"The Passion Play of Oberammergau was begun about 1600 when a terrible pestilence broke out among the villages of this section at the close of the Thirty Years War. Oberammergau had maintained a strict quarantine and for awhile there was no sickness until a man by the name of Caspar Shusler, who was working in a neighboring village, desiring to see his family, returned and carried the plague with him."

### Play Given to Stop Plague

"In thirty-three days, eighty-four of the villagers died. It was then they prayed and promised to give their Passion Play every ten years if the plague was stopped. From that hour the disease was checked and according to the records not another person died."

"It has been given every ten years with the exception of 1770 when it was prohibited. It was delayed one year because of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, and because of economic conditions after the World War it was not played until 1922."

"The present text of the play is (Continued on page 2)



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### THE CLOUDS RETURN

Some of us who read the Mercury are old enough to remember the acrid smoke which lingered even in hill villages remote from the firing line long after the simianists and anti-simianists had withdrawn from the great battle of the Darwinian theory. There is evidence that even then some people were not devoid of humor; for Father Tabb left us a verse of which this is the sense, although we may be misquoting sadly:

"Some folks," the monkey says, "there be  
Who claim descent from mine and me;  
But I respectfully decline  
Such compliments to me and mine."

But in those days life for us was so full of a number of things that, after the tumult and the shouting died, we scarcely paused to hear what they fought each other for.

Then, only a few years ago, some one, possibly after finding a dusty notebook or newspaper on a rainy afternoon spent in the attic, suddenly began a new crusade to save Christianity from the infidels. The infidels were the men of Science, spelled, of course, with a capital letter. The Fundamentalists, as they modestly called themselves, stopped knitting wristbands for the South Africans, absented themselves temporarily from the horrified felicity of their lurid booklets on the evils of life in regions less sanctified by self, and set forth to cleanse the tabernacles from those who disagreed with them. Immediately a smaller band of Modernists armed themselves to make the churches safe for Science. There were, it may be noted, a great many ordinary, every-day folk who pursued the usual course of their life and carried on the work of the church and the work of science, avoiding as much as they could the dirt of the fray and lending relief to the innocent victims of the zealots. It may have occurred to these less enthusiastic and more tolerant people that neither Christianity nor science needed saving—except from friends. They may have laughed quietly among themselves that the Modernists had chosen, or received, a name whose root meaning is associated with the word "moderation," and that the Fundamentalists professed no slightest doubt about their unerring ability to choose the fundamental. They may have had faith that Christianity and science would both continue their separate search for truth. Some may have been little concerned with creeds: others may have had a religion which was strong enough to fear no fact. The Scopes trial brought notoriety to one of the sovereign states and let in a great deal of light on the limitations of the educational system; a large and beautiful church was begun on Riverside Drive; the widening rift in several leading denominations was closed before complete separation took place; and the newspapers returned to their more accustomed hunting grounds while waiting for new prophets to lead them to fresh fights and headlines new.

And now, when the Glenville State Normal School has just grown out of its high school age and is trying to be a teachers' college, The Young Men's Christian Association, awakening from its long lethargy, has labored and brought forth a list of questions in which number eighteen reads: "Do you think that the present-day research in science, as that which tries to define man's origin, an enemy or a friend of religion?" If the organization yearns to do a little leading and must drag up the past, why did it not, instead of making a little square for a "yes" and another little square for a "no," suggest that the answer to that pointless question can well be neither?

Surely the road to truth is not so narrow that one traveller must perforce push another off. Perhaps the Young Men's Christian Association thinks that it is directing our wandering minds to a question of the day. Well, if the day which has dawned upon us in our new estate as a college is as foggy as question eighteen, let us hope that a clearer one may follow soon. And while weeping at the fact that the long line of checks for yes and no was made by young men and young women who will go out as teachers, we may be consoled by the thought that the same line does not mark the horizon for the entire school.

H. W.

### A FINAL ANSWER

Year after year at Christmas time children, the world over, ask their parents the old, old question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" and always the parents are

puzzled as to just what to say. Is it better to answer "No," and break youthful hearts or to answer "Yes," and then live in suspense until the question is asked again. Here is the answer.

Thirty-three years ago a little girl asked her father that question and he, seizing upon a way to avoid answering said, "Why not write to the newspaper about it? If you see it in the Sun it's right." That night Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to Charles Dana then editor of the New York Sun and asked him the question, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

Charles A. Dana might have disregarded this letter and thrown it in the waste-basket, but the child's faith in his paper attracted him and the plea which read:

"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon."

attracted him and he answered it with the following reply:

"VIRGINIA: Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They will not believe except they see.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in this world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest that ever lived could ever tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love and romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

### ON THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

Not well-known is the explanation that our celebration of Christmas has pagan antecedents. We are not accustomed to thinking of the day as being observed by others than people of Christian lands. Sir James Frazer in his learned and authoritatively considered "The Golden Bough" credits the idea that our Christmas has a pagan origin. His explanation, condensed, is as follows:

In the Julian calendar, the 25th of December was reckoned the winter solstice, and it was regarded as the Nativity of the Sun, because day begins to lengthen and the power of the sun to increase from that turning-point of the year. The ritual of the nativity, as it was celebrated in Egypt and Syria, was remarkable. The Egyptians even represented the new-born sun by the image of an infant, who on his birthday, the winter solstice, they brought forth and exhibited to his worshippers. No doubt the virgin who thus conceived and bore a son on the 25th of December, was the oriental goddess, whom the Semites called the Heavenly Virgin.

The custom of commemorating the birth of Christ on the 6th of January was changed to the 25th of December because the doctors of the church perceived that the Christians had a liking for the solemnities and festivities of the heathen custom of celebrating the birth of the sun on Dec. 25. The pagan origin of Christmas is plainly intimated by Augustine when he exhorts his Christian followers to celebrate that solemn day, not as the heathen on account of the sun, but on account of Him who made the sun.

Thus it appears that the Christian church chose to celebrate the birthday of Christ on the 25th of December in order to transfer the devotion of the heathen from the sun to Him who was called the Son of Righteousness.

Peggy Hopkins Joyce does not want to be buried or cremated when she dies—she just wants to be put back into Tiffany's.

—Texas Guinan

There are two schools of economic philosophy. One would have the Joneses speed up; the other would have them lag along until we can grab their coat-tails.

—Wheeling Intelligencer.

If you believe in the Lord, he will do half the work—but the last half.

—Cyrus H. K. Curtis.

## HUNTER WHITING GIVES LECTURE ON PASSION PLAY

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in part the old play, but it was revised and all the crudeness was taken out by one of the priests, Father Daisenberger. The music for the play was composed first in 1811 by Dedler, the village schoolmaster, but this score was destroyed by fire. He rewrote this again in 1820.

"Two years before the play, they begin preparing for it. New talent is developed by plays given each year. But the real work began with the meeting of the committee on Mar. 13, 1928. At this time the people all started letting their hair and beard grow.

### Cast Chosen by Vote

"The cast is selected by vote. This is done in three series of balloting. The third is done secretly with white and black balls. Four things are counted in the selection of the cast: character, figure, voice, and ability to act.

"The stage is out of doors and is a huge affair. There is on it a smaller stage on which the tableaux and indoor scenes are given. The seats of the audience are covered and the play goes on in any kind of weather.

"The players are reverent and skilled. I went merely because the play was on the tour that I was taking. I had expected to find a group of amateur actors enthusiastic and reverent, but I found a completely finished performance. The mob scenes were handled in such a way as I have never seen before. Their color harmonies were always in perfect taste and were handled like a picture. The scenery of the covered stage was exquisite. The costumes were excellent and were made of the best material for they looked rich even in the rain. The chorus of fifty people was dressed in long flowing white garments and wore grey cloaks over them. They were changed to black at the time of the Crucifixion.

### Crucifixion Remarkable

"The life of Christ is played from the time of his entrance into Jerusalem until the ascension.

Palm Sunday is the first scene in the morning performance which begins at 8 o'clock, and the last scene of the morning is Christ in the garden of Gethsemane. The afternoon session begins with Christ before Annas and ends with the ascension.

"Possibly one of the most remarkable things in the play was the manner in which the crucifixion was presented. Nicodemus went behind the cross and set up a ladder. Linen was placed around the body, but I noticed that it went slack. Joseph of Arimathea took the body, one bigger than his, from the cross and carried it down with perfect ease.

### Tells What Makes the Play

"How do people take the play? This is a thing that I tried to find out. I asked everybody. One woman in the party said that she had a good cry. The leader of the party wept and wept and wept, not trying to conceal his feelings. He said that he would not want to see it again because it disturbed him too much emotionally. This attitude was expressed by several. I should like very much to see it again for there is so much happening that one cannot begin to see it all.

"What makes the play? It is a finished performance done by real actors. It shows the manliness of the Christ. Why should one Jew crucified 200 years ago be remembered so long? This is the astounding thing and the miraculous part of the play."

Jake Reed, coach at Clay High School, was visiting his wife, Mrs. Helen Lykins Reed, this week-end.

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## G. N. S. TO PLAY ROLLINS THURS.

**Clarksburg Glassmakers Will Bring Several Old Stars Here for Opener**

The Rollin Glass Company's quintet of Clarksburg will open the new basketball season here Thursday evening when it meets the Pioneers at the G. N. S. gymnasium. The glassmakers are said to have several former college stars in their line-up and will probably furnish stiff opposition for the locals.

With Dorsey ("Shumie") Hines, Howard Lindell, and Frank Vass, Pioneer basketball veterans, leading the squad for permanent positions on the 1931 quintet, Coach Natus Rohrbough will finish his second week of floor work here tomorrow afternoon. The guard positions, left vacant from last season by the loss of Capt. Frank Harrison, Thomas Rogers, and William Rafferty are still in the making and will probably not be even temporarily filled until a week or more of practice will have been had. Edwin Bloor of East Liverpool, George Sertick of Homestead, Pa., and Stanley Jeranko of Clarksburg, appear to be the three strong contenders for the guard posts, and from this trio the two regulars for the defense will likely be chosen.

### Vass Finding His Stride

In Hines and Lindell the Pioneer mentor has a pair of scoring aces that are certain to give but little cause for worry during the coming campaign. Frank Vass veteran pivot man, has also begun to find his stellar stride on the court so that these regulars are assured of starting positions.

From the outset of the season which opened here Dec. 3, prospects for a fast stepping quintet have been rather favorable, however, the molding of two guards that can hold up the standards of the last year's regulars is no small task. Bloor and Jeranko are both sophomores at Glenville and are classed as veterans but neither of them has had much actual experience with the Pioneer regulars. Sertick, the other strong bidder for a guard position, is a freshman.

**Hearty Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year**

**Rhoades' Barber Shop**

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### Reserve Maerial Strong

The reserve strength this year will measure up to or will probably surpass that of last season. Harold Burk who several times saved the day for Glenville last year as a substitute forward, Eugene Deitz, of Richwood, veteran substitute forward, and O. Deitz and Harold Porterfield, both of Richwood, and both freshman forward recruits appear to be the outstanding forward reserve material; while Rob Holbert of Lost Creek, a freshman, is probably the Pioneer mentor's second selection for the center post.

Wells, of Glenville, Berger, of Homestead, Pa. and Morford, of Spencer, give promise of seeing reserve duty at the guard posts.

### Alumna Buried Here Yesterday

Mrs. Mary Johnson Summers, 35, of Glenville, was buried yesterday

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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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Jeweler

afternoon in the Glenville Cemetery. Death came Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Summers had been ill with cancer for several months at the home here of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Summers, and three children, Bruce, Mary Sue, and Isabell, her parents, and Mrs. H. Dale Lockney, Mrs. Glenn S. Callahan, Hays Johnson, and Merlin Johnson, sisters and brothers. After being graduated from the Normal in 1914, Mrs. Summers taught in the local schools. Her husband was also graduated from G. N. S. in 1913.

**BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and a  
**VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## Christmas Trees Few in England, Says Miss Olsen Depicting Holiday

"Christmas in England is not a time for pine trees, sleds, and wreaths, but for sprigs of holly and mistletoe, roller skates and hoops, and a big plum pudding," says Miss Bertha Olsen instructor in the music department. Miss Olsen lived in England, within thirty miles of London, until she was eight. At that age she came to America with her parents.

"Christmas day is a family day. It is spent at home with only the immediate members of the household. The hanging of the stocking in the fireplace is a Christmas feature enjoyed by the young and old alike. English homes are not decorated with wreaths, pine trees, and bells but with only sprigs of holly and mistletoe. Christmas trees are very few. In fact I never saw one until I came to America.

"The English lad does not receive sleds and ice skates because there is very little snow, but in their stead he gets roller skates, hoops, and sets of shuttle-cock and battle-dore, a popular game there. The big feature of the Christmas dinner is an enormous pudding stuffed with plums and decorated with sprigs of holly.

"The day after Christmas is called Boxing or Party Day. Parties begin at any hour and continue until midnight or even until the next day. Gifts are exchanged at this time. These festivities continue until New Year's.

"England plans for the Yuletide with entertainments by churches and other religious organizations. The schools give plays and parties for the students. The shops are not decorated to any great extent. Homemade decorations of colored paper chains are used extensively. Caroling is the main event on Christmas Eve. Everyone takes part and wanders from house to house singing until far into the night."

### Song Services to Be Held Thursday

In commemoration of the birthday of Christ, a noonday song service will be held in the Glenville Normal School auditorium Thursday at 1:30 o'clock. Christmas carols will be sung and a short program will be given. The program is being directed by the Y. M. C. A.

### Stacks For New Library Arrive

Stacks for the Robert F. Kidd Library have arrived at last and are now being installed. Chairs and tables for the library have not been received. The furniture of the present library will probably be moved to the Kidd building for service until the new equipment arrives. The books and equipment will be moved into the Kidd Library during the Christmas holidays so that the building may be ready for use, if possible, when school begins after the holidays.

### Students Move Into Firestone Lodge

Firestone Lodge has been completed. The rooms in the second story were finished last week, and are being occupied by students now. Sixteen men students and an instructor, Robert Crawford, are living in the upper story. The lower story is a garage for automobiles belonging to the school.

Miss Willa Brand had as her guests Sunday evening for supper, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Arbuckle and Miss Vinco Moore.

Robert Crawford, instructor in mathematics, spent the week-end at his home in Walkersville.

Mrs. C. F. Morrison, Miss Virginia Wise, and Don West, students in the Normal, were shopping in Charleston Saturday.

## CANDLES LIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Miss Willa Brand Entertains  
Canterbury Club at Verona  
Mapel Hall

Miss Willa Brand entertained the members of the Canterbury Club at Verona Mapel Hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the main sitting room.

The club gave a program which consisted of the following stories: "The Birds Christmas Carol" by Douglas told by Warren Blackhurst. "The Other Wise man" by Henry Van Dyke told by Miss Olive O'Dell, and "The Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens told by George McQuain.

The room was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree, bells, and branches of holly and evergreen. The only light was that of candles. The members were told that a paper hat for each one, with his name written on it, was hidden in the room and each person must find his own. After the hat hunt, red and green balloons were given out and a game similar to volley ball was played. The winner, Dale Henderson, was given a book-mark which Miss Brand had brought from Stratford-On-Avon.

Refreshments were served by four girls who wore white dresses, red ties, and red paper hats.

Dancing was then the entertainment until midnight at which time the Canterbury pilgrims gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols.

## Y.M.C.A. ANNOUNCE ELECTION RESULTS

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unemployment insurance for their employees? 132 yes; 23 no.

6. Is the present movie your conception of the best movie for our national life? 30 yes; 127 no.

7. Do you prefer the modification of the Eighteenth Amendment? 68 yes; 91 no.

8. Should home-life be privileged to manufacture beverage of alcoholic content for own use? 72 yes; 86 no.

9. Should England give India her freedom? 89 yes; 66 no.

10. Should the United States join the World Court? 80 no; 71 yes.

11. Should the apportionment law, now on basis of population, be amended to exclude the unnaturalized citizen in its population count in the various districts? 77 yes; 74 no.

12. Do you feel that political parties afford the highest type of government? 64 yes; 87 no.

13. In business dealings would you have any race prejudice? 52 yes; 101 no.

14. Is the five-year plan of the Land of Soviets Christian? 31 yes; 81 no.

15. Is boycotting Christian? 41 yes; 99 no.

16. Is prayer a reasonable practice? 142 yes; 14 no.

17. Do you favor the union of all churches of Christianity? 83 yes; 72 no.

18. Do you think that the present-day research in science, as that which tries to define man's origin, an enemy or a friend of religion? 58 yes; 92 no.

19. Is a Christian organization justified on a state campus? 141 yes; 10 no.

Answers to "Looking at the world as a whole, thinking what it is - and might be, what should you like most to see changed?" were in part:

1. Change in the industrial and unemployment situation (28 votes): Industrial situation, unemployment situation, elimination of poverty, taxes, financial situation, distribution of wealth, and relationship between capital and labor.

2. Politics: the present political situation. (5 votes.)

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