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NEW KIDD LIBRARY MAY BE OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

Will Remedy Over-Crowding
of Old Reading and Stack
Rooms

SPACE FOR 30,000 BOOKS

Structure Named for Former Principal and Legislator of Glenville

Glenville Normal School's \$50,000 Robert F. Kidd Library will probably be opened this afternoon or tomorrow. No dedication ceremonies have been planned.

Books, furniture, and other equipment were moved from the old library in the administration building during the past week, and the work of arranging and checking the books and placing the furniture will probably be done sufficiently to permit opening the new library by tomorrow at the latest, Miss Alma Arbuckle, librarian, thinks.

Construction of the R. F. Kidd Library was begun in November, 1929, and the building was to have been completed by September, 1930. George Cunningham of Wheeling designed it, and Johnson and Gates of Portsmouth, O., contracted to build it for the sum of \$41,921.

Old Library Over-Crowded

The opening of the library will remedy the over-crowding of both the reading and stack rooms, as experienced with the old library. On the first floor is a reading room 90 by 21 feet and a stack room large enough for 30,000 volumes.

Situated beside Verona Maple Hall, Glenville Normal School's new library stands as a monument to the late Robert F. Kidd who did much toward making possible its erection.

Named for Principal-Legislator

Mr. Kidd represented Gilmer county in the house of representatives and the tenth senatorial district in the state senate for many years. While a legislator, he was very active in securing appropriations for Glenville Normal School. In recognition of these services the library is named for him. He was also principal of the Normal at one time.

As one views the front of the red-brick building, he sees leading down from it a wide row of steps on each side of which is a post lamp. Eight pillars that apparently support the eaves of the roof tend to make the immediate front colonial in appearance. Upon entering the library one finds himself in a vestibule, the walls of which are tile and plaster. Leave.

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ROLLER DANCE TO BE MAY 8

Sergent's - Sunshine Boys Engaged to Play for Party

The Holy Roller Club has announced that it will give its annual dance in the Normal gymnasium on Friday, May 8, from 8:30 until 1 o'clock. Ewell Sergent of Spencer and his eleven Sunshine Boys will play.

Invitations, which may be in the form of summons, will probably be sent out soon, Selden Brannon, chairman of the invitation committee, said Saturday. Other members of the committee are Lionel Heron and Bernard Hayhurst.

Twenty-Five Report for Baseball

About twenty-five candidates reported to Coach Natus Rohrbough at Rohrbough Field yesterday for the first baseball practice of the season. About six members of the 1930 squad were back in uniform. The schedule this year will include games with a few colleges and independent teams near by.

DEBATING TEAMS TO GET LETTERS

Are Accepted as Members of Varsity "G" Club by Vote Wednesday

Glenville Normal School debaters will receive "G" sweaters, President E. G. Rohrbough has announced. Those who will be awarded them are Warren Blackhurst, Selden Brannon, Fred Eberle, and Paul Phillips, winners of the 1931 State Intercollegiate Debating Contest. All except Phillips have been members of the debating team for two or more years. The sweaters will be blue with a white G and palm wreath.

This is the first time the Normal has given letters to debaters. Several years ago even athletes had to buy their own letters, as well as sweaters. For the past few years the Normal has given sweaters to its football and basketball teams, and occasionally one for baseball.

At a meeting held at Kanawha Hall on Wednesday, the Varsity "G" Club, heretofore composed only of athletes, voted to accept as members of that organization persons who receive letters for debating. At the request of President Rohrbough, Coach A. F. Rohrbough called the meeting of the letter association and asked that they vote upon receiving as members the debaters.

ORCHESTRA PLAYS FOR CLUB

Makes First Extramural Appearance At Rotary Gathering

The school orchestra, under the direction of Miss Bertha Olsen, played Monday evening for the banquet of the Spencer and Glenville Rotary Clubs at the Methodist Church of Glenville. Several selections were played before and during the banquet. The members of the orchestra and their positions are:

Ira Peterson and Paul Bramlett, first violinists; Theodore Taylor and Bruce Brannon, second violinists; Lynwood Zinn and Arlen Berry, trumpets; Frank Beall, clarinet; Donald Young, saxophone; Jesse Bell and Thornton Morton, trombone; Miss Susan Barnett, pianist; and Maynard Young, drums. This was the orchestra's first appearance outside of the Normal's chapel programs.

SPRING RECEPTION IS MAY 1

Program Will Consist of Dancing and Games

Glenville Normal School will give its special spring term reception in the Normal gymnasium, Friday, May 1, for the special spring term and present students and for the faculty members. The program will consist of games and dancing, for which Dever Stuart's Orchestra of Clarksburg will probably play. A group of girls will give a special May pole dance.

The party will be in charge of the regular social committee.

BOWERY PARTY TO BE ON SATURDAY; STUART TO PLAY

Miss Alma Arbuckle Is Chairman of Refreshments and Vass of Decorations

DRESS TO BE OF NINETIES

Decorations Are to Be in Keeping With Times—Hours Are From 8:30 to 11:30

The spirit of the gay nineties will prevail at the Bowery Dance which will be held in the Normal gymnasium Saturday evening from 8:30 till 11:30 o'clock. It will be a program dance. The social committee urges all persons to come dressed as the Bowery lads and lassies of their grandparents' youth.

Committees for the dance have been appointed by Archie Morris, student social chairman, and are as follows: Decorating committee: Frank Vass, chairman, Paul Phillips, Lloyd Swisher, Marvin Lee, Misses Mary Miller, Mable Huffman, Mable Morrison, and Kathryn Rohrbough. Refreshment committee: Miss Alma Arbuckle, chairman, Miss Mary Lou Kittle, Miss Mary Myers, and Troy Floyd. More definite plans for decorations and refreshments will be made by the committees.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Dever Stuart's six piece orchestra of Clarksburg. Admission will be 50 cents for each couple, 25 cents for girls, and 50 cents for stags.

LABAN WHITE IS NAMED CHAIRMAN

Ways and Means Committee to Plan For Commencement Exercises

President E. G. Rohrbough, last week, appointed a faculty Ways and Means Committee which will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Room 103, to make plans for commencement exercises. The committee, according to H. L. White, chairman, will make plans for the academic parade, caps, gowns, and hoods, and for other matters relative to graduation exercises.

The committee, consisting of faculty members who are former students of the Normal, is Chairman H. L. White, Misses Alma Arbuckle, Bessie Bell, Goldie James, Grace Lorentz, and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough; and Robert T. Crawford, A. E. Harris, Hunter Whiting, Everett Withers, and Carey Woofter.

Fifty Attend Dime Dance Friday

About fifty persons attended the dime dance that was given in the gymnasium Friday evening from 8 until 10:30 o'clock. Bernard Hayhurst, member of the social committee, was in charge of arrangements for the dance.

Warren Blackhurst and Hudson Hull, students in the Normal, returned to Glenville Sunday after a trout fishing trip to Pocahontas County where they live. They accompanied B. W. Craddock and his two sons, Bantz and Nelson. A small catch was reported.

'Sylvia' Will Be Given by Glee Clubs

Miss Bertha Olsen of the music department, has chosen "Sylvia," as the operetta to be given by the glee clubs. It is a Fisher publication, written by Rhys-Herbert. A definite date has not been decided on, but it will be presented sometime during commencement week.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER CHOSEN

President Elmer B. Bryan of Ohio University To Address 1931 Class

President Elmer B. Bryan of Ohio University, Athens, O., will deliver the annual commencement address to the 1931 graduating class on Monday, June 1, according to President E. G. Rohrbough. The Rohrbough Class of 1931, which includes the first persons to receive degrees from Glenville Normal School, will consist of more than a hundred standard normal seniors and college seniors.

Mr. Bryan received his LL.D. Degree from Franklin College, Indiana, and his L. H. D. Degree from the University of Maine. He has done educational work at Indiana, Harvard, and Clark universities. In 1903 he was professor of educational and social psychology at Indiana University. He has written two books on education, "The Basis of Practical Teaching," and "Fundamental Facts for the Teacher."

A minister for the baccalaureate sermon which will be during commencement week has not been secured. This will be the first baccalaureate sermon to be preached at Glenville State Normal School for the reason that this is the first class that will receive degrees.

UNDERGOES LEG OPERATION

Ralph Lee Is Taken to Charleston Hospital for Infected Tibia

The condition of Ralph Lee, freshman, who underwent a bone operation in Staats Hospital, Charleston, was reported yesterday to be satisfactory. Surgeons performed an operation on his left tibia and scraped the bone.

Lee, during football practice in the fall, received an injury to the bone. This spring during scrimmage again his leg was hurt and became infected.

Marvin Lee, a brother, and Archie Morris took him to Charleston Friday. The Lees live at Clendenin. Lee will probably be able to return to school in two weeks.

ALUMNA HARVARD EMPLOYEE

Mrs. Eva Rouse Received Ph. D. at Washington U. Last Year

Mrs. Eva M. Fling Rouse, Ph.D., assistant in the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, and a former student of Glenville Normal School, recently had a paper on taxonomy, "A Synopsis of Robinsonella," published in the Journal of the Arnold Arboretum. She received her doctor of philosophy degree in botany at Washington University in St. Louis, last year, and her thesis will be published in the April issue of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Mrs. Rouse was born in Gilmer County and is an acquaintance of several of the Normal faculty members. Her nephews, Bayard, Donald, and Maynard Young, are students of the Normal at the present time.

ABOUT 200 MAY ENROLL IN SPRING TERM THURSDAY

Miss Minnie Boyd of Columbia University to Be Added to Faculty

24 COURSES TO BE GIVEN

Fourteen Regular Instructors Will Teach Classes in Special Session

From one hundred fifty to two hundred students are expected to enroll in the special spring term of Glenville Normal School which begins Thursday. About two hundred persons enrolled in this special term last year, and a similar number is expected this year. This term of school is being held especially for teachers who have completed their year's work and for high school students who wish to obtain credit toward a certificate.

Besides the regular faculty, one additional teacher has been employed to assist in giving this work. She is Miss Minnie Boyd of Columbia University, and she will teach in the history department.

14 of Regular Faculty to Teach

Fourteen of the regular faculty who will teach courses for the special spring term are: Mrs. Erle Arbuckle, Mrs. Elwina Sample, Miss Vinco Moore, Miss Goldie James, Miss Bertha Olsen, Miss Ivy Lee Myers, John R. Wagner, H. Y. Clark, H. Laban White, Earl Looker, Carey Woofter, A. E. Harris, Clarence Post, and E. R. Grose.

New courses which will be given for the first time in Glenville Normal School are Geography 10, "Geography of South America," and Biology 14, "Educational Biology." Twenty-four courses in all will be offered for which two semester hours each will be given. The maximum amount of credit that one can obtain during this term is six semester hours. This credit will count toward the completion of the several curricula of standard normal and college courses.

Directed Teaching Open to Seniors

Courses in directed teaching are open only to students graduating in June or August, 1931, except by written permission from President E. G. Rohrbough. Written permission must also be obtained before students enrolled in the regular courses for the second semester may register in the spring term.

The fee for enrollment in this term will be \$7.50, and registration will be made in the old chapel hall.

Although the rooms in the dormitories are all filled, meals may be obtained there for \$4 a week. Rooms may be found in Glenville homes.

Three Extension Courses Completed

Three extension courses taught by members of the Glenville State Normal School faculty have been completed recently. They are "Survey of Ancient History," a three-hour course meeting here, taught by Miss Bessie Boyd Bell; "History of the West," a three-hour course taught by A. E. Harris at Grantsville; and "Shelley," a two-hour course taught by Hunter Whiting at Weston.

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RADICALISM: A POINT OF VIEW

The much-discussed college student has now become a matter of political concern. But what is said of him apropos of politics is more important for the insight it gives into the speaker than for any new revelations concerning the student. Almost simultaneously, Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican National Committee, publically worries because young Republicans are losing their faith while studying in our socialistic and radical colleges, and H. L. Mencken, Norman Thomas, and Waldo Frank lament the fact that the student is entirely without ideas.

Let Mr. Lucas speak for himself:

"Inasmuch as it seems to be hopeless to expect a reform in the textbooks which teach free trade, internationalism, public ownership of private industry, abolition of party government, etc., and inasmuch as it is apparently hopeless to expect the teachers in institutions of higher education to abandon their radicalism and socialistic theories, the approach to the young man and the young woman who is about to become a citizen must be made independent of our educational system.

"This can best be done by organizing clubs and societies of young Republican men and women in each local community throughout the country, under the leadership and with the advice and counsel of the regular State and county organization leaders."

And Mr. Mencken, as quoted in the Liberal of Ohio State University:

"So far as my observation goes there is little radicalism among American college students. A small number of them, apparently for a short while, show a certain interest in the ideas that are commonly but often erroneously called radical. But in the long run they seem to conform to what is generally believed.

"I know of no college radical organization that is formidable in numbers or seems to be making any appreciable number of converts. Why this should be I don't know. In most European universities the students delight in playing with ideas and are frequently heard from in the political department. This is true, also, in Latin America, as recent events in Havana demonstrate. But in America, especially in the State universities, at least ninety-five per cent of the students appear to think and act precisely like so many Presbyterians."

We agree with Mr. Mencken. The college student, however, is hardly conservative; he is more nearly not anything at all, and is interested almost solely in personal pleasures and in retiring from business at thirty-five or forty for a life of amusements, travel, and sports. The fiery socialistic doctrines of a few instructors and the free trade theories of most teachers of economics become, at the beginning of his senior year, if not sooner, ideas to be stowed away, as his dance programs and other obsolete trinkets, for his corporation job will give him no time for them. Or, should he return to his father's law office or department store in his home town, work, the contentment of being well-to-do, and the country club will stifle any liberal beliefs he once nourished. This will not be a difficult metamorphosis, for he is now skillful in conforming to the standards of dress, action, and thought of his fraternity brothers. Becoming well-known on the campus does not give him time to read, and he is always too tired or has too much studying to do to think. He has too much freedom to make him resourceful and discontented and is too prosperous to be alive and kicking. He may assume sophomore and pseudo-liberal attitude toward the academic government of the university when some one of its laws pinches him, but he knows nothing about the real oppressions of political government. A thick lotion of well-to-do-ness prevents radicalism and socialism from burning him. To be concerned is too much bother.

Mr. Lucas, or any other party's executive, may think that college instructors are making his expectations hopeless. Really he has little to worry about, although he should be deeply concerned. It is still true that no party exists for its committeemen and ward-healers, but for the people. Had Mr. Lucas this perspective, he would welcome socialistic discontent and a few vigorous shoots of radicalism.

The work is never done while the power to work remains.

—Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the United States Supreme Court.

SWEATERS AT DANCES

Perhaps it is more a matter of carelessness than any thing else that causes a number of men to attend the weekly dances dressed in sweaters and jackets. Whatever it is, it is a cause that should be removed. The clothes in which some of them attend dances give the appearance that they might have been put on about five minutes before an 8 o'clock class and left on because it was too much trouble to change.

Coats should at least be preferred to sweaters, and neckties are quite helpful, especially when one's collar button is off. Nor is it always necessary to slip down the knot to prevent strangulation.

To dress as if one were going for an afternoon romp is not showing due respect for the women who attend the dances and who are properly attired for the occasion. Neither does it speak well for the Normal. Visitors from other colleges frequently attend, and they must judge us by our appearances at the dances. Carelessness, rather than lack of individuality, marks incorrect dress at the parties.

INTEREST IN TENNIS

We are pleased to see a renewed interest in tennis this spring. Besides a troop of students and faculty members who are working on the courts, sweeping, rolling, and taping them, we notice that fans and players are more numerous and seem more interested in the game than they have been formerly at the opening of the season.

Interest in tennis has been growing since the new courts were completed a year ago. Now the Normal has courts as good, or even better, than those of the other state schools. Because of the renewed interest and the improved courts, the Normal should have a good tennis team this spring and summer.

Tennis is a very popular sport at the present time, and this is as it should be. It is one of the few games that students will continue to follow actively in later life. It is a game for the school teacher and business man, as well as for the student. For this reason playing tennis should be urged for students in order that they will learn a game that will be beneficial after they leave school.

We hope tennis will continue to be a popular sport this spring and summer, and it will if the courts are kept clean and in order.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

EYE AND EAR IN EDUCATION

From The New York Times

A thoroughgoing study is to be made of the value of the radio in education. The personnel of the committee undertaking it, and assured financial support, promise a result that will undoubtedly have great influence in determining how and to what extent this agency may be used in the school. In the new methods of education emphasis is placed on activity rather than receptivity—on the doing of the child rather than on the instruction by the teacher. The radio cannot be so helpful in that way as the guiding voice of the teacher near at hand, who adapts advice to the individual need of the pupil. Neither the printed word nor that spoken at a distance will ever replace the teacher.

Nor can the ear say to the eye, "I have no need of thee." The printed word will ever be basic in education. But the far-spoken words of wise men and women are valuable not only for the information with which they supplement the teacher's store, and even the printed word, but also for the stimulus of their own achievement. Thousands, even millions, of pupils may take part, through hearing, in contemporary events that become the substance of history. It is as saying as old as HERODOTUS that the ear is a less trustworthy witness than the eye; and as old as HORACE that what the ear communicates to the mind less impresses it than that which is seen "by the un-mistaking eyes." But the ear has from antiquity been the road to the heart. And while the voice at a distance has not the power to stir, except by the very miracle of its reach, it is as a "sounding alchemy" that has the power to fuse a multitude of minds.

There are, as stated, three problems: first, to develop sound programs of educational value; second, to broadcast them, a process so well developed that the fall of a pin may be heard across the continent; and third, to measure the effectiveness of the instruction—which is most difficult of all. The mere receptivity by the pupils may be estimated with some degree of accuracy. But who can know what single word may light as with an undying fire, here and there, the minds of pupil hearers and make them luminant citizens? Education is entering upon a new chapter in its history. It is having more and more to do with the present and the universal. It is concerned with the best that anywhere comes to be around the globe. The radio is to bring that best within the hearing of the ear, supplementing but not supplanting that which comes through the printed word and the picture to the seeing of the eye.

NEW KIDD LIBRARY MAY BE OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

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ing the vestibule, he enters the main reading room—a room 90 feet long and 21 feet wide. Sixteen windows and eight dark brown chandeliers furnish this room with light and eight steam heaters placed around the room supply the necessary heat. A twelve-inch engraved plaster border appears at the top of the white plaster walls. Baseboards of walnut are at the bottom. The floor is of a brown composition fabric.

One may enter the stack room through a door on either side of the librarian's desk. The stack room is approximately two-thirds the size of the main reading room. Nine book racks, two stories high, hold approximately 30,000 volumes. Each rack which is dark green in color is furnished with one light.

Two classrooms occupy half of the second floor, and the stack room most of the remaining space. These rooms are lighted by four windows and four white chandeliers. The chairs are dark walnut.

Moving of books into the library began Friday. Miss Alma Arbuckle, librarian, reports that there will be approximately 8000 books to be moved.

MYSTICS AND MEDIUMS

Elsie McCormick in The World

Last night I visited a medium and wandered a while in the mystic realm of the spirits.

The clairvoyant told me that by the end of the year I would have ceased to wonder what was going to happen next. This sounded quite upsetting, for it suggested either unconsciousness or else a complete loss of curiosity, which would be quite as bad.

Possibly the medium did not intend to be alarming. She tempered the statement by saying that "things would be much better," though of course she might have meant that they would be better for the readers rather than for myself.

Still, even this information was more than I received on my two earlier visits to professional clairvoyants. I might add that I never happened to be in a circle led by a famous medium, or by one who pursued his experiments on a non-commercial basis.

The first seance I ever tried to attend was conducted in a little house in California, where the price of contact with the boundless world of space was only 25 cents.

However, my college sophomore companion and I did not greatly impress the medium with our seriousness. After a good look at us she announced to her gray-haired circle that, owing to the presence of hostile influences, the spirit friends could not be with them that night.

My next adventure—a private seance—was hardly more satisfactory. It was conducted by a medium of Boston, an elderly gentleman who looked decidedly prosperous. He shuddered, went into a sudden daylight trance, and began to speak in the voice of a long-dead Indian chief.

This might have impressed me considerably if, in the middle of, his revelations, he had not kicked my foot and said "Excuse me." One does not expect this remark from an Indian chief who has just been conversing in tribal grunts. It doesn't seem to go with the feathers or the tomahawk, and somehow it dampened my enthusiasm.

But being a persevering soul, I

went to hear more spirit messages last night. The meeting took place in an office building, although the group was technically known as a church.

Outside the frosted glass door stood a gentleman who took up initial queries to ask the medium, and personal possessions to give her inspiration. He also gathered money for the "collection," straight fees for spirit communications being forbidden by law. To foil those who might put 10 cents in the plate, he told each one that the amount hallowed by custom was half a dollar.

I was recently surprised to learn that darkness, phosphorescent glows, and dancing tambourines are now out of date among the message-giving clairvoyants. Houdini and other materialists have shown that feats similar to these can be done with out any astral aid at all; hence many mediums have given them up through fear of being misunderstood.

Besides, say the unconverted, it is much harder to prove that the seer's falsetto is not the voice of Little Laughing Water than to show that the dancing tambourine is being worked by a pedal.

The lady I heard last night did not even speak in strange intonations all the messages being adorned with the strong Scotch burr that was peculiarly her own. She stood under a bright light and in a bower of blossoms, a setting that was a long way from the old-fashioned eeriness of mediums' back parlors.

The lady was also extremely efficient. It used to take thirty minutes of darkness before even one shade would drift reluctantly out of space but the little, rotund Scotchwoman could come in touch with veils of them by merely closing her eyes and

She would pick up an object, look advice of the spirits.

"Someone one named John is at the initials and questions that accompanied it, and then report the placing her hand to her forehead, trying to touch through to you," she would say. "I also hear the name of Henry. There is also a mother—I don't say that it is your mother—but I see a mother that wants to help you."

One of the things that impressed me was the large number of spirits named John, Edward, Mary and Joe who are trying to get in touch with their friends in the flesh. Indeed, few names more rare than these were mentioned all the evening.

Upon taking hold of my string of crystal beads, the medium at once saw the spirit of a red-haired youth with freckles extending down over his chin. He was of a jovial nature, it seemed, and he had "gone out" as the result of an accident. I recollected no such person; still, the lady remarked earlier in the evening that non-recognition was no reason for doubt. The spirits, she said, sometimes come from very far back in the family.

No hint was given by the disembodied souls concerning my occupation. They are almost as slow in recognizing newspaper women as in identifying detectives.

Although the medium sometimes reported that she saw money, nothing at all was said about love. It was a middle-aged audience, rather weary and drab-looking, and far more interested in knowing whether or not "things" would be better pretty soon than in hearing about a glamorous amour that was waiting around the corner of the year.

Of course, even the best of mystics sometimes make mistakes. A famous Hindu once told a European lady that she had better give up her high ambitions, because her status in life would always be obscure. The customer turned out to be Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, traveling incognito.

MAY 2, NEW DATE FOR TWO DRAMAS

Cast of "Double Demon" Is
Selected—Rehearsals for
"Bond" and It Begun

The presentation date of "The Bond," and "Double Demon," two plays being given under the auspices of the Mercury for the Red Cross, has been changed from Saturday, April 25, to Saturday, May 2. The Bowery Party which was scheduled for May 2, has been moved forward to April 25.

In the cast of "Double Demon," in which there are eleven jurywomen and one jurymen, are Ward McClain, Mrs. Emma Joan Haumann, Misses Virginia Wise, Hazel Hyer, Ernestine Williams, Mildred Murray, Mabel Morrison, and Glenna Gainer. Others are yet to be chosen. The first rehearsal was held Friday under the direction of Hunter Whiting.

Rehearsals for "The Bond" have been under way for several days, Miss Vinco Moore, who is directing, has appointed Miss Winnie Hamric assistant director.

ELIMINATION MATCHES ON

Purpose Is To Help Select Men for
G. N. S. Tennis Team

A tennis tournament, consisting of single matches for men only, began Saturday morning and is to end Thursday, 23. E. E. Looker, of the faculty, says the purpose of this tournament is to help select candidates for the school team. A few of the matches were played Saturday and yesterday.

The drawings for the tournament are as follows:

Bye vs. Bye, English vs. Berger, Lindell vs. Graham, Skidmore vs. Jeranko, Mearns vs. Pentony, Zorbrist vs. Harris, Bloor vs. Deitz, E. Withers vs. Wilson, Looker vs. Hull, Clark vs. Heron, Sertick vs. Zinn, Young vs. Simmons, Brannon vs. Boggs, Bennett vs. Posey, Bird vs. Bland, and Henderson vs. Morford.

H. LABAN WHITE WILL SPEAK
To Visit Grant District High School
April 30

H. L. White, of Glenville Normal School faculty, will be the principal speaker at the final meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Literary Association to be held at Grant District High School, Lost Creek, on April 30. The meeting is being conducted by this high school, because Lost Creek won from Jane Lew, West Milford, and Weston high schools in the literary contest consisting of five events, including essay, oration, reading, extempore speech, and debate.

Mr. White spoke at Burnsville at the district teachers' institute on April 11. His subject was "Rating Teachers on Basis of Accomplishment as Determined Through Testing Pupils."

WHITING CONDUCTS CHAPEL

Says Most Important Language Is
Being Neglected

Hunter Whiting, assistant to the president, conducted the regular chapel services on Wednesday, in the absence of President E. G. Rohrbough.

In his talk he stated, "Slothfulness is one of the deadly sins. It is often due to this that people are unable to read. Inability to read is often due to the lack of knowing English. We are neglecting the most important thing in an education, the English language."

The Normal school orchestra directed by Miss Bertha Olsen, played two selections at the chapel period, "Stony Point March" and "Dance of the Crickets."

Glenville State Normal School Special Spring Term Schedule, 1931

8:00-9:00
English 28 ... Survey English Literature 2 ... Mrs. Arbuckle
English 31 ... Children's Literature ... Miss Moore
History 11 ... Survey of Ancient History ... Miss Boyd
Hygiene ... Hygiene and Sanitation ... Mr. Wagner

9:00-10:00
Biology 14 ... Educational Biology ... Miss James
Education 11 ... Method in Arithmetic ... Mr. Clark
Education 18 ... Directed Teaching 1 ... Miss Myers
Music 1 ... Principles of Music ... Miss Olsen
Education 27 ... High School Administration ... Mr. White

10:00-11:00
Education 21 ... Educational Psychology 2 ... Mr. Looker
Education 18 ... Directed Teaching 1 ... Miss Myers
Art 2 ... Public School Art ... Mrs. Sample
History 4 ... American, 1750-1800 ... Miss Boyd
English 41 ... The Old Testament as Literature ... Mr. Woofter

11:00-12:00
Education 14 ... Tests and Measurements ... Mr. Clark
Education 19 ... Directed Teaching 2 ... Miss Myers
Art 1 ... Principles of Art ... Mrs. Sample
History 5 ... American, 1800-1865 ... Miss Boyd
English 20 ... Composition and Rhetoric 2 ... Mr. Harris

1:30-2:30
Education 19 ... Directed Teaching 2 ... Mr. Looker
English 19 ... Composition and Rhetoric 1 ... Mrs. Arbuckle
Geography 10 ... Geography of South America ... Mr. Post
Music 2 ... Public School Music ... Miss Olsen

4:00-5:00
Nature Study ... General Course ... Mr. Grose

Hot Weather and Bent for Books Makes G.N.S. Gridders Bibliophiles

Glenville State Normal School's football players have become bibliophiles, or perhaps only bibliophiles, to judge from their moving stack after stack of books from the old library rooms in the administration building to the new R. F. Kidd Library last week.

The cause of this metamorphosis was an agreement between Coach A. F. Rohrbough and the football squad to discontinue spring football practice. The forward pass, or water bucket brigade system, was used extensively in transporting the furniture. Each player became a backfield man, carrying a stack of books across the goal line, the threshold of the new library, for a touchdown. Good training as well as a good time was had by one and all.

Although spring football practice had been planned to last from April 8 to May 1, it was discontinued because of the warm spring weather, the coach said. Four practices were held.

Miss Marjory Hefner spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Markum, at Lost Creek.

Whiting's B. & B.

Especially
Welcomes

Students

To Its Opening

Thursday

Everything New!

"Where You Will Want
to Go"

Miss Ruth Smith spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lynn Morris, at Clarksburg.

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Six Attend Meet at Negro School

E. E. Looker, Sigel Taylor, Byron Turner, Eugene Dietz, and Lynwood Zinn, were guests of the Y. M. C. A. organization of West Virginia College Institute at Institute last Saturday, when they attended a Y. M. C. A. convention held there. They returned to Glenville Sunday evening.

H. L. White, instructor in education, returned to Glenville Sunday

after spending the week-end with his family in Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Truslow Waldo, of Grantsville, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beall, of College Hill.

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Gilmer County's Only Public Hanging Took Place in Ravine Below Normal

Only the oldest of Gilmer County residents now remember the only public execution that ever took place in the county. Seventy-two years ago William the Slave was publicly hanged in the little ravine below the administration building of Glenville State Normal School in Glenville. William the Slave died for the murder of his master, Benjamin Johnson, a resident of Low Gap Run.

In slavery days negroes had no family name but were simply known by their surnames. Therefore, the court records carry the name of the negro as William the Slave. The records are not as complete as court records are kept at the present time, but from their meager accounts and from information given by old residents the following facts have been ascertained.

Slave Revolts Against Master

On the fourth day of June 1858, William was assisting his master in transplanting some tobacco plants and in subsequence for some infraction of rules the master promised the slave punishment when the day's work should be finished. The negro, rather than take the punishment, waited until the master bent over to insert a plant in the ground and then struck him on the head with a hoe causing death. Officers arrived and found the negro hiding near the scene of his crime. He was placed in jail and arraigned before the regular June term of Court, 1858.

The trial of the negro was held over to the July court on motion of his counsel, William E. Lively. At the regular term of court on July 22, 1858, the trial was completed and the negro found guilty. The trial was held in Gilmer county's first courthouse which occupied the same site of the present courthouse.

In poor English the negro freely admitted his guilt, expressing the deepest sorrow for his master but simply saying that he preferred to take the consequences of his act rather than face the punishment of the evening. While his testimony was being given, and in all other proceedings of the trial, the courtroom was packed with spectators, and those who could not get inside waited eagerly on the outside for any news that might filter through the doors.

Guilt Brings Conviction

In slavery days there could be no extenuating circumstances in the case of a negro who murdered his master. Guilt brought conviction and the penalty was death. In accordance with the law, the court, on July 22, 1858, ordered that William the Slave be hanged by the neck until dead and set the time of execution as Oct. 1, 1858. In those days hangings were public and were carried out in the county where the murder was committed, with the sheriff acting as hangman.

Ezekiel Stout of Stout's Mill was then sheriff of Gilmer County. He was charged with carrying out all details of the hanging. The place of the execution was set by the court as "on a lot belonging to J. P. Fell and above and adjoining the town of Glenville." Before the day of execution Sheriff Stout had the scaffold completed and all arrangements in readiness for the execution.

Since the hanging was to be public there was much excitement in the county as the time drew near. People came from all parts of Gilmer and surrounding counties to see the execution. The streets of Glenville were crowded with wagons, buggies, carts, saddle horses, and pedestrians. Early in the morning on the day of the execution a great crowd surrounded the scaffold and sought the most advantageous places. Many brought lunches and

prepared to spend the day if necessary. House tops, natural elevations, and other points of vantage were eagerly sought for several hundred yards around the scaffold.

The scaffold was a high platform with a beam directly over the center and a trap door fitted in the center of the floor. The trap door was released by a lever which was to be operated by the sheriff.

Great Crowds Watch Execution

The negro was conveyed to the scaffold from the jail in an ox cart. The coffin in which he should be buried was also placed in the cart and the negro sat astride the box. When the cart reached a point as near to the scaffold as it could go, the negro stepped down and walked the remaining distance. Some days previous he had secured a hymn book from a minister of the town and had learned from it some sacred hymns.

He ascended the scaffold without assistance and calmly surveyed the crowd while his arms and legs were being bound, and the noose was adjusted about his neck. Sheriff Stout then asked the condemned man if he had anything to say. The prisoner shook his head and at the same time stepped forward and in a loud clear voice that could be heard to the farthest parts of the crowd he offered up a short prayer. The prayer finished he raised his voice in the words of a hymn:

"And must I be to judgment brought,

And answer in that day,

For every vain and idle thought,

For every word I say"

After running through several verses of the song the negro nodded to the sheriff that he was ready. There was a moment of silence, the trap door swung open and the body dropped from sight.

Court Appraises Negro

After the hanging the court still had one more task, that of appraising the negro. Slaves were property and were valued as any other property. A board of appraisers after some deliberation decided that the slave should be valued at \$635.

The final order of the court was to pay William E. Lively of Weston, who has been defense attorney, \$25. This sum was to be paid from the estate of the deceased.

Six Students Attend Fairmont Dance

Miss Leona Davis, Kahle Vincent, Gordon Eismen, Frank Beall, Paul Bramlett, and Maynard Young, students of the Normal, and Miss Wahneta Moss, Holly Gainer, Royce Miles, and William Lorentz of Glenville attended the Fairmont East Side High School Lettermen's dance, Tuesday evening. Joe Haymes and his Missourians, well-known dance orchestra from Cincinnati, played for the dance. Beall, Bramlett, Miles, and Young also broadcasted from WMMN the same evening.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO PRESENT READER

Christine Rohrbough to Give Humorous Sketches and One-Act Play Friday

The Woman's Club of Glenville will present Mrs. Christine McWhorter Rohrbough, of Clarksburg, in a recital Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock, in the Normal auditorium. Mrs. Rohrbough is a reader and is well known in West Virginia.

The first part of the program will consist of short, humorous readings, and Mrs. Rohrbough will read a serious one-act play for the second part.

For the past several years it has been the aim of the local club to present a musical event of some kind; but since the club was able to secure Mrs. Rohrbough this spring, it was decided to substitute a recital of readings instead of the usual musical program.

Tickets will be 25 cents each and no seats will be reserved.

'ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE' MADE

Canterbury Club Members Hear Chaucer's Tales

The First Annual Pilgrimage of the Canterbury Club was held on Wednesday evening. The program consisted of stories which were chosen from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. They were as follows: The Nun Priest's Tale, told by Miss Olive O'Dell, The Knight's Tale, told by Miss Mildred Murray, and The Priores' Tale, told by Selden Brannon.

Instead of going to a shrine to worship, as did the original Canterbury Pilgrims, the pilgrims of the club went to the Crystal Restaurant after the program where lunch was served.

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ROHRBOUGHS RETURN HERE

Innovations in Teachers' Training Discussed at New York Meeting

President and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough returned to Glenville, Monday after spending three days in New York where Mr. Rohrbough attended the conference of the Eastern States' Association of Professional Schools for Teachers.

This conference, which was held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, was attended by representatives from teacher training institutions of all the New England and Eastern states. Activities of the convention included the discussion of topics related to important innovations in the theory and practice of teacher training.

Among those who attended this meeting was Walter Barnes, a former instructor in Glenville Normal

school, and now an instructor in New York University.

Mrs. Edward Hood of Berkeley Springs is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stern of Glenville. She was a student in the Normal during the past year.

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