

STUDENTS' VOTE IN ASSEMBLY CHANGES CHRISTMAS RECESS

Holidays to Begin Friday, Dec. 16, End Monday, Jan. 2, Instead of Dec. 20 to Jan. 4

PETITIONS CIRCULATED

Too Few Sign to Obtain Second Revision — Holiday Plans Are Announced

Because of a vote taken in assembly on Dec. 7, the Christmas vacation at Glenville State Teachers College will begin on Friday, Dec. 16, and will end Monday morning, Jan. 2, at 8 o'clock.

The catalog announced that the mid-year holiday would begin on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 5:30 p. m., and would end at 8 a. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4. But because several students wanted additional time at home, which would be provided by the holiday beginning on a week-end, and because several other colleges in the state are beginning their holiday on Dec. 16, President E. G. Rohrbough decided to place the matter before the students for a vote.

Question Proposed in Assembly
A majority of students indicated their preference for a change in the holiday as President Rohrbough proposed—from Dec. 16, to Jan. 2—by rising. No previous announcement had been made that the question would be voted upon, although two instructors had thought that a vote might be taken and had announced that fact to some thirty students immediately before the assembly period. When the question was proposed to the students, no discussion of it was asked for.

From the fact that a minority believed that the students had made up their minds hastily on this matter, petitions were at once prepared which asked that the president change the vacation back to the original schedule, with several students who had voted for the change signing it when they realized that they would have to return to Glenville on New Year's Day. The proposal to change the holiday was not begun by the basketball squad, as was rumored; for several of them voted against it. President Rohrbough explained that it was no group, but various students who asked for the change.

President Rohrbough was willing to accept a petition for another change in the holiday because the voting was hastily done. He ruled that a majority of the students, about 225, should sign the petition for it to be effective.

Parties Have to Be Postponed

Miss Willa Brand had scheduled her Christmas party for the Canterbury Club on Monday, Dec. 19. The Junior Players had intended to present their plays on Saturday, Dec. 17, and the Christmas dance was to be held on Friday of the same week. The Players decided that they could move their date forward to after recess and the dance has also been moved forward to that period. Miss Brand's party will be held some night this week, as yet undetermined.

From the causes listed above, it was felt by the minority that the change in the holiday was not as popular as the vote in chapel indicated. At the same time that this group was preparing petitions, the

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"YULE PARTY" TO BE JAN. 13 OR 14

Variety Men Ask Increase in Wages—Different Orchestra May Be Engaged

The annual Christmas Party previously planned for Friday evening will be held on Jan. 13 or 14, Miss Goldie James, faculty chairman of the social committee has announced.

The postponement was decided upon after a vote taken at a phonograph dance Friday when a majority of students indicated their desire to have it later. The social committee raised no objection to the postponement.

What orchestra will be employed is a question now confronting the social committee. Del Beall's Variety Men have asked for a 39 per cent increase in wages, and this fact, together with a desire on the part of some members of the committee for another orchestra, has led to inquiries of bands and their prices. None will be employed until after the holidays. Nor will committees for the dance be appointed until then.

Miss James is trying to make arrangements to provide cloakrooms in the gymnasium where hats and wraps may be left without danger of being stolen or soiled. Heretofore they have been placed on the bleachers.

Better music rather than elaborate decorations and refreshments is being favored by most of the student and faculty members of the committee. To help lay a foundation for this, the committee has bought, under the direction of Mrs. Otis G. Wilson, some orchestral scores which will be placed in the library. It is now lent to Beall's orchestra. Five dollars worth of records have also been selected and purchased by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Alma Arbuckle for the committee.

Big Business Influences American Writers Tremendously, Dr. Wright Says

"What has the effect of big business been upon American writing?" This is one of several questions based on Theodore Dreiser's article, "The Great American Novel," in the December "American Spectator," which were asked Dr. Ernest Wright, Columbia University lecturer, who appeared here Thursday night. In answer to this question, Dr. Wright said that he thought that big business has asserted a tremendous influence upon the writers of this country. Early work, he said, was of a spirit which idealized the growth of large industries, while with Norris' "The Pitt," the new trend denouncing our business methods was begun. This was carried on by Sinclair's "Oil" and "The Jungle" and by the books of Dos Passos.

Dr. Wright differs with Theodore Dreiser in dating the beginning of the realistic influence. Dreiser believes that the trend begins with Stephen Crane's "The Red Badge of Courage," while Dr. Wright thinks it to begin with William Dean Howells' "Rise of Silas Lapham." Another variance of opinion between Dreiser and Dr. Wright occurs concerning Melville and Hawthorne. Dr. Wright thinks them too idealistic to be termed realists, while Dreiser calls them early exponents of American realism.

Concerning the influence of European writers upon American realism,

ROUSSEAU MEANS "NATURE IS RIGHT" SAYS LECTURER

Dr. Wright Believes Philosopher Better Understood in 18th Century than Now

"PRIDE HINDERS NATURE"

Natural Man Is Highest Development Which May Be Attained, Speaker Thinks

"The meaning of Rousseau can be put into the three words 'Nature is right,'" said Dr. Ernest H. Wright to an audience in the college auditorium Thursday night, Dec. 8. "Rousseau did not mean that animal desire should be a guide to action. Conscience and reason are also a part of our nature, appointed to check and control desire," he explained.

Dr. Wright, head of the English department of Columbia University, came to Glenville under the auspices of the Canterbury Club. The title of his lecture, "The Meaning of Rousseau," is also the title of a book he has lately published through the Oxford University Press.

"Criticism Clouds His Meaning"

"One hundred sixty years ago, when Rousseau was still living, people probably understood him better than they do today. A century and a half of criticism has done more to cloud than to clarify his meaning. Critics are in disagreement not so much in regard to the truth or falsity of what he says as they are in disagreement as to what he really said," Dr. Wright went on.

"Rousseau talked much of the 'natural man'. Now a natural man may mean anything to you that you want it to mean. To Rousseau a natural man was one developed perfectly.

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\$16,000 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR G. T. C. ANNOUNCED; BLEACHERS AND KANAWHA HALL ADDITION PLANNED

Merry Christmas

This issue of the Mercury is published today rather than Tuesday, Jan. 3, because of the demands of its advertising schedule and because there would not be time to prepare an issue for the latter date. Merry Christmas.

G. T. C. TO PLAY FRANZ-BURKA FIVE

Clothiers Expected to Test Mettle of '33 Edition of Pioneers Tonight

Coach Natus Rohrbough's Pioneer five will first be seen in a pre-season game with the Franz-Burka Juniors this evening at 8 o'clock.

This is the first time in two years that the Pioneers have met the Clothiers who have always had the reputation of having a good basketball team, and who will be in the game from the start to finish trying to stop the fast Pioneer five.

The Franz and Burka Juniors are a new organization composed of high school and college stars. Hart, Smith, and other old players of the Franz-Burka team will not likely be included in the lineup. Neal Sappington, who was a prominent member of the Pioneer squad last year, is playing at the pivot post for the Clothiers.

Coach Natus Rohrbough has been working his Pioneer candidates hard, whipping them into shape for the difficult schedule before them. The probable lineup for the Pioneers will be Lindell and Burke, forwards; Vass, center; Hackney and Porterfield, guards.

Y. M. C. A. TO HELP NEEDY

Worthy Children's Christmas to Be Made Happy by Gifts

Some needy children of this community who may be expecting nothing this Christmas will receive the surprise of their lives Christmas morning. So said the Y. M. C. A. at their last meeting when they voted to take \$15 from the club's treasury and buy shoes, gloves, sweaters, and other clothing for such worthy children.

The next meeting of the "Y" will be held after the holidays.

'Y. W.' to Give Party for Children

The Y. W. C. A. will give a Christmas party for eighteen primary grade children Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the "Y" club room. Santa Claus will be present to distribute a variety of gifts.

Students to Eat Turkey Thursday

A turkey dinner will be served to students of both Kanawha and Verona Maple halls tomorrow before the Christmas vacation begins on Friday, according to Miss Grace Lorentz, dietitian of the College.

Mrs. Rohrbough to Give Tea Today

Members of the Glenville Teachers College faculty will be tea guests of Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Concrete Grandstand Seating 2000 Projected for Rohrbough Field

ARCHITECT COMING SOON

President Thinks \$10,000 May Be Enough to Complete 12-Room "L" to Men's Dormitory

A \$16,000 two-part building program for Glenville Teachers College, to include concrete bleachers on Rohrbough Field and a twelve-room addition to Kanawha Hall, was announced yesterday by President E. G. Rohrbough. Construction will begin as soon as the plans are drawn by the architects and engineers, and the contracts let. It is expected that both structures will be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

The addition to Kanawha Hall is to be at the end toward the administration buildings and will extend for some distance in the rear. Its front will be flush with that of the hall. President Rohrbough said that although no definite estimate could be made until the plans are completed, the addition is expected to contain twelve rooms. This will increase the capacity of Kanawha Hall to about eighty persons.

Work will be started as soon as the plans are formed by the architect, R. A. Gillis, of Fairmont, who will be here soon. The cost of the project will be about \$10,000.

The concrete grandstand is to be built on the hillside at the west end of Rohrbough Field. Although no definite plans can be formed until the arrival of the engineer sometime this month, an estimate of the structure is that it will be 150 feet long, and will contain twenty-four rows of concrete seats. It is to be constructed so that additional units may be added in the future. The seating capacity will be about two thousand. There are now no bleachers of a permanent nature at Rohrbough Field. President Rohrbough says that this work will cost about \$6,000.

BROWN IS VICTIM OF HUNT

Former G. S. T. C. Student Killed in Randolph County

Charles N. Brown, Jr., of Swandale, a freshman in Glenville State Teachers College last year, was accidentally killed while deer hunting in Randolph County last Wednesday. Funeral services were held Sunday at Elizabeth, W. Va.

Brown left school at the beginning of the second semester last year and spent several months in Colorado.

PLAYS WILL BE GIVEN JAN. 6

Casts to Be Chosen After Holidays By Mrs. Wilson, Director

The Junior Players will present their two plays, "The Drums of Oude" and "Columbine," on Friday night, Jan. 6 in the college auditorium at 8 o'clock. The postponement follows the change in the Christmas holiday. The admission is 15 cents.

Mrs. O. G. Wilson, director, says that the cast for "Columbine," and the girl's lead in "The Drums of Oude" will not be selected until the second or third rehearsal after the holidays.

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AFTER THE HOLIDAY VOTE

If the puerile quibbling last week over the date of dismissing school for the holidays proved anything at all, it proved that the students of Glenville State Teachers College do not know what they want. After voting in large majority to have school dismissed on Dec. 16, they frantically circulated a number of petitions asking both to change and to retain that decision.

Let all things be done decently and in order. Such behavior is not only regrettable... it is asinine!

President Rohrbough met the students more than halfway in this instance. He offered to change the date for the beginning of the holidays announced in the calendar; he placed himself subject to vigorous protestations just in order that he might give the students a deciding voice in the matter. If he should, in another instance of this kind, decide the question arbitrarily, who can blame him? The patience of even a college president must have a limit.

Student opinion, like the opinion of all large groups without centralized leadership—like that of the American Congress,—is fickle and erratic. President Rohrbough, in leaving decisions of this kind to the students, has placed upon us responsibility. It is up to us to rise to the occasion of this responsibility. If we cannot vote upon such a small question as when we want to go home for Christmas without wanting, two hours later, to enter a petition to change that vote, how can we be trusted with a matter of real importance?

The answer to this last question is student leadership. And this answer raises another question, "How?" A student council is, in our opinion, the solution. The four class presidents, another member from the senior class, and another member from the junior class, might constitute this council. If a question came up for student decision, this group could institute student discussion, in order that individuals might make up their minds in regard to their wishes before they went to vote. Then a vote in chapel should end the matter. If a number of students had a grievance, instead of merely grumbling about it as they do at present, they could tell it to the student council, who could officially present it to the president. A student council has been needed this year, particularly at the time of the show-raiding episode, and now, to give aid in the matter of determining whether or not we shall have a yearbook.

Such a council would provide both leadership for student opinion, and an organized and intelligent outlet for student opinion.

We hear talk in favor of such a council and suggest that this talk take form in action. The Senior Class might ask President Rohrbough whether such a council may be formed.

THE MESSIANIC COMPLEX

The reforming spirit has apparently hit the campus, with reformers hot on the trail of a job that a great many others have failed on—the reformation of the dance. Members of the Holy Roller Court, self-appointed and self-elected, have taken it on themselves to hail freshmen before them for failing to keep off the partner's feet at the college dances and for other violations of rules which no one seems to know except the makers themselves. This practice may not be so bad as long as the freshmen take it all in fun, but eventually someone will not like it, and then what?

Should this same idea spread to the other organizations we might find some rare situations on the campus. For instance the Canterbury Club might take a notion to reform the speech of the students. We could suggest some penalties as follow:

For splitting infinitives—split mouth of student until he looks like Joe E. Brown.

For saying ain't in polite company—make victim read Standard Dictionary through.

For saying ain't in other company—smoke wrong brand of cigarettes for several weeks.

For saying "due to a bad cold"—dash cold water on offender.

For saying "seen" for "saw"—saw student until he has seen the light.

The social science club might also lay some taboos. The following suggestions may prove helpful:

For not knowing how to play contract bridge—wear sign saying "Here lies wisdom."

For saying in a group of auction fans, "Dear me, I just can't stand auction anymore, since I took up contract"—freeze victim with cold stares.

For saying when he picks up his hand, "Partner, you bid, I can't help you, I always get the poorest hands," and then laying down two aces, a king, and a queen-jack suit—don't bother about this kind, they are hopeless.

These suggestions may prove of the greatest help to the other organizations of the campus should they also be struck with the messianic complex.

BACKGROUND

The large audience at Dr. Wright's lecture last Thursday night must have been gratifying to the Canterbury Club and to those members of the faculty who aided in bringing the speaker here. It is certain that the ticket-sellers received more than enough money to defray the club's share of the expense, the College paying the rest.

The size of the audience may be attributed to two causes: The first and more powerful cause was the excellent recommendation and advertising given by two teachers. The second and more desirable, though less probable, is that the students are realizing their deplorable lack of the type of culture symbolized by the lecture.

Most of the students at Glenville come from rural communities and farms. They have had experience with work and do not find it hard to learn to apply themselves. In this the College gives them assistance. In broadening and adding culture to the knowledge of the students, the aid that the College gives is somewhat less. This is, no doubt, because previous efforts of the institution toward lecture and lyceum courses were accorded such little response that these efforts were discontinued because of frequent financial failures.

It is impossible, and will continue to be so for some years, for the College to give its students a background of tradition. It is not entirely impossible however, for it, aided by the students, to offer more in the cultural field. To Mr. Curtis Baxter, who has upon several occasions helped to bring interesting speakers here, the College is indebted for having made Dr. Wright's appearance possible.

SIGNING OUT BOOKS

Without meaning to reflect the least on one of the departments of the College, a suggestion has arisen lately that might well be adopted by the library in the signing out of reserve books for the night. In the past these were not allowed to go out of the library until 9 o'clock, but this year the time has been changed to 8 o'clock. This has been popular.

Would it not be even better to let students sign out books at some late hour in the afternoon? This might be set at 4:30 o'clock so that almost anyone who wished a book could get it before dinner.

Doubtless the reason for the retaining of books in the library until so late an hour has been due in the past to their scarcity, but now when there are plenty of books for every course, it seems that this rule could be dispensed with. No one can deny that the reading of books in the privacy of one's room is not attended with better results than the same reading in the library, where there is always certain to be something to attract attention, if nothing more than persons leaving and entering.

Such a course could be adopted and instructors could make assignments a little more flexible to help it work; then if it were not working out to the satisfaction of everyone, the old system could be reinstated.

JUSTIFIED CYNICISM

From the Herald Tribune

It is reassuring and an adequate gauge of the liberalism of the great university of which he is a distinguished officer to hear from Dean Herbert E. Hawkes of Columbia that the cynicism and frequently embattled individuality of the present generation of college students is not only justifiable as a symbol of resolution and character, but also responsible in part for the general rise of intellectual standards of educational curricula. "It is far better," he says in his annual report to President Butler, "that our students should think seriously about what ought to be revolutionized and to express themselves on the subject with all vigor than to sit impassively in dull indifference." And in saying this Dean Hawkes, once and for all, sets the seal of his official approval upon the liberalism and forthrightness which has in the last few years been characteristic not only of Columbia students but of undergraduate bodies throughout the country.

One has but to recall the triumph of Yale students in 1926 over compulsory chapel, of the editors of "The Michigan Daily" last year over the university administration in the matter of criticizing the American Legion, and of the Harvard "Crimson's" outbursts against overemphasis of athletics to realize that aroused student opinion in our colleges is no callow and negligible force. A free student press and resolute student opinion have stanch champions in such men as Dean Hawkes at Columbia and President Lowell at Cambridge.

H. L. White Writes of Rousseau Lecture

To the Editors of the Mercury:

The natural and frequently heard question on the morning after was, What did you think of Dr. Wright's lecture? This deponent, having been asked the question some half dozen times, decided to set down a few "reactions" in somewhat discursive manner.

The man himself was likable. He seemed affable, courteous, and reasonably sincere. He lived up to all of his names—earnest, hunter, and wright (the last, as you know, meaning workman). His diction was clear, his delivery deliberate, and his voice distinct.

The fact that his work is in and with literature and the further fact that he was sponsored here by the English Department and the Canterbury Club suggested that the lecture would be of a literary nature. Any expectations of that kind were doomed to disappointment. The one connection with literature was not mentioned—the influence of Rousseau's thinking on the Romantic Movement in England and elsewhere.

The statement that Rousseau has been the most discussed man in the last one hundred and fifty years seemed a bit far-fetched and exaggerated. But it may be correct. Had YOU thought so? The same might be said of the extent and violence of the disagreement of the critics. Such variation has characterized the criticisms of any original thinker.

What did Rousseau mean? He said, "Return to Nature." What did he mean by that? "Nature is right." But he did not imply that animal desire is to be the guide of man's conduct. To get the best results from Nature requires cultivation and control of conditions. Proper art and science must harmonize with Nature. Instead of man's being inherently and naturally wicked, he is on the contrary more good than bad.

What are the traits of "natural man"? Self-love or self-preservation; sympathy, sociability, or altruism; and a conscience. The last was said to be the "gift of Nature." That is not accepted any more than that the alphabet or multiplication table is the gift of nature. Did Rousseau say that "conscience is a gift of nature"? The statement that conscience is not moral was not so clear as other parts of the lecture. It leaves the question, If conscience is not moral, is it conscience? Reason is born and grows out of perplexity, and its function is to tell us what is right and what is wrong. Is that view sound?

An interesting bit of speculation was that dealing with the Fall of Man—that he fell from self-love to pride, and that pride brought in its train envy, jealousy, greed, avarice; in short, pride is the mother of all

sins. Was such the meaning of Rousseau? Let the philosophers and the theologians answer. It was stated that Rousseau got his idea of the rightness of nature from observing the corruptness of the age, the corruptness resulting from pride. One was left to wonder whose pride brought the slum-dwellers of Paris into that plight—their own or that of others.

Was the lecture complete or entire? Reference was made above to the omission of Rousseau's influence on the "Nature Poets." Was it made clear that he was a political philosopher and what influence he exerted in bringing about the French Revolution? What, if any, influence did his writings have on Burke, Franklin, or Jefferson? Except for the brief hint that the way to "inherit the earth is to become meek" (which was hardly original with Rousseau), little was said as to his influence on morals or religion. Were these not found in Rousseau's writings? And, finally, since Rousseau was a patron saint of pedagogy, were those interested in the study of Education justly disappointed in hearing nothing as to how he has modified both the materials and methods of the schools?

In conclusion, Was the lecture popular? As yet, no straw vote has been taken to determine the answer to this question. However, considerable comment has been indicative. Asked one, with some show of disappointment, "Well, who was Rousseau?" But maybe the questioner should have known that already. It was taken for granted by the speaker. Did any of the views attributed to Rousseau have any bearing on current problems? Was asked by others. Are we now better fitted to wrestle with the Debts, or Prohibition, or Prosperity? Was the lecture up to expectation? And, was it somewhat over-advertised? Great credit is due the English Department and the Canterbury Club for their intention and efforts to bring "worthwhile" things to the College and town. Will the next lecture be more eagerly awaited because of this one? In popularity, how does it rank with those given by Tom Skeyhill? Choosing a lecturer is a fine art, and delicate.

H. L. WHITE, Instructor in Education and President of the G. S. T. C. Alumni Association.

[Editor's note: Dr. Wright was not brought here by the English department, as an organization, acting in co-operation with the Canterbury Club.]

THE MAID SERVANT AT THE INN (A Christmas Poem) By Dorothy Parker

"It's queer," she said, "I see the light

As plain as I beheld it then,
All silver-like and calm and bright—
We've not had stars like that again!

"And she was such a gentle thing
To birth a baby in the cold.
The barn was dark and frightening—
This new one's better than the old.

"I mind my eyes were full of tears,
For I was young and quick-distressed,
But she was less than me in years
That held a Son against her breast.

"I never saw a sweeter child—
The little One, the darling One!—
I mind I told her, when He smiled
You'd know He was His mother's Son.

"It's queer that I should see them
so—

The time they came to Bethlehem
Was more than thirty years ago;
I've prayed that all is well with them."

O, SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

O, Spirit of Adventure—
Forerunner of civilization;
Maker of nations;
Youth's God;
Filled with tragedy,
Yet foremost
In man and nature—
Give counsel to me
From the Olympian Gods
Presided over
By mighty Jove,
Hurler of thunder bolts.

Let them unveil
The future of one,
In whom thy spirit dwells
Like the dragon
Of one hundred eyes.
Shall I leave undone
This work at home—
Follow in thy forging
Footsteps?

—Franklin W. Bowen, '36

PIONEER SCHEDULE IS NOW COMPLETE; OPENER ON JAN. 7

Glenville Will Meet Wesleyan Here Jan. 12, in 2nd Encounter of 15 Contests

TO BE 7 HOME GAMES

Waynesburg, Westminster Added to Make Toughest Card Locals Ever Faced

A fifteen-game basketball schedule, the hardest that any Pioneer team has ever attempted, has been announced by Coach A. F. Rohrbough. Seven games have been arranged at home and eight abroad.

The regular season will open Jan. 7, when Glenville will meet Slippery Rock Teachers from Pennsylvania on the local court, and it will close Mar. 3, when the Pioneers will journey to Keyser to meet the Potomac State team. Three new teams, have been added to the Pioneer schedule. Two games will be played with Charleston Business College, one game being in Charleston and the other on the local floor. Waynesburg too, will be met twice, one game abroad and the other game at home. The third new team to be played will be Westminster, one of the best teams in Eastern Pennsylvania last year. Only one game will be played, however, that being at New Wilmington on Feb. 17.

Squad Cut to 28

Wesleyan again is on the Pioneer schedule and will be played two games, one in Buckhannon and the other at home. Other teams that will be met are Morris Harvey and Salem.

Coach Rohrbough says that the squad of twenty-eight are in good condition except for a few colds. Allen Morford, Carlos Ratliff, and Tony Miller, who were confined to their beds last week, are able now to take part in the daily scrimmages.

Schedule Announced

The schedule is as follows:
Jan. 7—Slippery Rock—here
Jan. 12—Wesleyan—here
Jan. 14—Charleston Business College—here
Jan. 24—Waynesburg—here
Jan. 26—Morris Harvey—there
Jan. 27—Charleston Business College—there
Feb. 3 or 4—Potomac State—here
Feb. 9—Morris Harvey—here
Feb. 11—Salem—there
Feb. 15—Waynesburg—there
Feb. 16—Slippery Rock—there
Feb. 17—Westminster—there
Feb. 21—Salem—here
Feb. 23—Wesleyan—there
Mar. 3—Potomac—there

22 BOXERS ARE REPORTING

Fistic Bouts to Be Arranged for Team to Be Selected

About twenty-five aspirants for the boxing team have been reporting to Coach Edward Rohrbough for daily work-outs in preparation for an anticipated schedule. As yet the matches have not been arranged, but it is expected that Wesleyan, Marshall, and Salem as well as others will be on the schedule. The squad has been forced to practice in the evenings so as not to interfere with basketball practice.

The men out for the team are Henry, McCauley, Snyder, Smyth, Thompson, Deitz, Corder, Reed, Wilson, Blackhurst, Reger, Bickle, Rumbach, Armstrong, Primm, Bryant, Perrine, Lawson, Patton, Rishel, T. Reger, and Wiant.

Wilson to Address Ritchie Teachers
Otis G. Wilson, head of the education department, will make two addresses at the Ritchie County Teachers' Round Table. This meeting will be held at Harrisville, Saturday, Jan. 7.

What Do You Say?

This column will appear in various issues of the Mercury with a leading question to show the general opinion of the students on some of the problems that confront them. Obviously this does not necessarily represent the opinion of the administration or the Mercury staff, but, as far as possible, it will be representative of all the students.

The question used in this issue is supposed to arouse discussion concerning the college annual. If sufficient interest is discerned, and the idea thought practicable and approved, immediate action could be taken on its construction. Correspondence is underway to find out whether satisfactory estimates of production costs can be obtained from various printing companies. Reports will be made on this after the holidays.

Question:

Should we have a yearbook this year and are you willing to support it financially and by labor?

Arien Beery (President Junior Class):

I think it would be a very good thing and I would like to see it put across, but I wouldn't be willing to be responsible for the financial outcome. I will call a meeting of the Junior Class and find out their opinion. I'm willing to give it my time as much as may be possible.

Frank Vass (President Senior Class):

If some definite arrangement is made to finance it, I'm for it. Personally, I would like to have one.

Robert Combs (President Sophomore Class):

I would like to have one and am willing to give as much time as possible on its construction. Other schools in no worse circumstance than ours can afford them and so could we.

Jennings Keffer (President Freshman Class):

Why not? It's not just a custom but it's something that in future years will bring forth fresh memories of ancient happenings. I'd be glad to do all I can to put it across.

Kathryn Rohrbough (Social Committee):

Sure, we ought to have one. Other colleges have yearbooks, and even high schools put out good ones. It may cost a few dollars but it's worth it.

Wallace Grant:

Sure, I would like to have one. . . It won't be over \$3 or \$4 will it?

Virginia Brannon:

Well, I think it's rather late in the year to begin work on it now. But it does seem a shame not to have one. I'd certainly be willing to give it my support. If we have one this year, we should not go into it without some knowledge of the procedure necessary.

Charles Wilson (Y. M. C. A. President):

I think it would be a good idea. I'll support it to a reasonable extent, but I don't intend to pay \$50 for one.

Joy Bailes:

Of course we should have a yearbook! I'd be more than willing to help with it.

Gordon Eismen (Football Captain):

Sure! I'll take one.

Miss Brand to Entertain Tonight

Miss Willa Brand will entertain the girls of Verona Maple Hall with her annual Christmas party at the hall tonight. Each girl has been requested to hang up a stocking and to bring a small gift. The gifts will be numbered and drawn from the assortment.

STUDENTS' VOTE IN ASSEMBLY CHANGES CHRISTMAS RECESS

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opposite camp also secured names on a petition for a status quo.

Petitions Have 190 Signers

On Friday the petitions were presented and those in favor of the Tuesday closing date lost, having only about one-hundred-ninety names. Their cause was further hurt by the fact that there were cases of duplications in the lists and also because names of unknown persons were placed on them.

A variety of activities is scheduled for students and faculty members for the Christmas vacation. Two students will make long trips. Rowley Baker, a member of the football and basketball teams, will visit his home at Ruston, La., for the second time since coming to Glenville. This 1400-mile trip will be made by Mr. Baker by hitch-hiking. This will be his first trip home in a year and a half. He says that he hopes to make about two hundred miles a day, and with good luck will arrive home seven days after he leaves Glenville on Friday morning. The trip will be made by way of Huntington, Louisville, Nashville, and Memphis. He will cross the Mississippi at either Lake Village or Little Rock, Ark.

Foster Hedges, of Spencer will go to Florida during the holiday season along with his parents. He will return in time for the opening of school in January.

Miss Bertha E. Olsen, instructor in music, will leave on Friday evening for her home in Kittery, Me. She has planned to spend one of the week ends in Boston, visiting friends and shopping.

President's Plans Incomplete

President and Mrs. Rohrbough have planned to take a trip somewhere during the vacation period, but at press time their plans were incomplete.

Miss Margaret Dobson, instructor in expression, is planning to leave Glenville on Friday evening for her home in Decatur, Ill., where she will spend Christmas with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis G. Wilson, of the department of education, will spend their vacations in Glenville, unless plans are changed. They expect to entertain a number of visitors over the Yuletide, among whom will be their son, William Guy Wilson, a senior at Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.

H. L. White will visit his family in Fairmont and friends in Morgantown; H. Y. Clark will go to his parents' home at Hemlock, Randolph County; R. T. Crawford will be with his family at Walkersville; and E. R. Grose will spend the holidays on his farm near Sago.

Miss Willa Brand and Hunter Whiting have not completed their vacation plans.

The misses Ivy Lee Myers and Goldie James will remain in Glenville, as will C. W. Post, Carey Wooster, Curtis Baxter, except for a few days in Huntington, and Everett Withers.

'CHEMOTHERAPY' DISCUSSED

Carl Armour Outlines "Chemistry of Medicine"

In discussing "The Chemistry of Medicine" at a recent meeting of the Chemistry Club, Carl Armour gave a general idea of what the chemistry of medicine included, mainly hypnotics, anaesthetics, antiseptics, and other chemicals which supply the deficiencies in a diseased body. An outline was presented showing the different steps in synthesizing a drug. Then a short description was given of the different gland extracts and the progress made by chemists in analyzing these compounds in the laboratory and their subsequent

synthesis. A summary was made of some of the chemicals used in specific diseases, such as certain gold compounds in tuberculosis and the curing of insanity with certain chemicals.

Miss Addie Cokeley, dietitian at Wooster College, Wooster, O., will visit Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wagner during the holidays.

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Regulations of 'Gay' Nineties Would Impose Hardships on Present Students

The regulations of Glenville Normal School during the gay nineties afford an interesting contrast to the rules which concern the students of today. Every student had to be in his room by 7 o'clock in the evening. It is said that Principal John C. Shaw, who resigned in 1908 would make nightly rounds and that any student who was discovered out after that hour, unless he had permission, was suspended for the following day and received a zero for the day's work.

Class periods were forty-five minutes and chapel was held every day. Attendance at chapel was compulsory. The boys were required to sit on one side and the girls on the other. Boys and girls could play tennis but never against each other. Mixed doubles were also contrary to the rules and regulations.

Literary Performance Compulsory

It was not against the rules for a young man to walk with a young woman, but if it occurred too often he was apt to be called into the office to explain just what his intentions were. Such a rule now would keep the president pretty busy.

Every student was expected to belong to one of the two literary societies which were the Cosmian and Independent. Each student was required to give one performance a term. Those students who did not belong to either of the societies were required to appear before the president in a special society. Failure to comply with this regulation meant that no grades would be issued to those students.

A regular speaker was not obtained for commencement but each senior who was to be graduated had to take part in the exercises. Essays, orations, and readings were given by the members of the Senior Class on these occasions. The 7 o'clock rule greatly interfered with the attendance at town social functions and at one time three students, including Charles E. Barnett, present county clerk, were expelled for attending a dance given by Mrs. C. T. Whiting. On another occasion a number of the boys were threatened with expulsion because they had attended a night session of the noted trial in which Governor Atkinson's wife was being tried for forgery. However, such action would have sent home almost every boy in school; so the matter was quietly dropped.

Carrying of Firearms Forbidden

Some of the other rules listed in the school bulletins were:

1. "Students shall not be permitted to leave the school ground during school hours without giving satisfactory reasons."
2. "Students are forbidden to visit any place where intoxicating drinks are sold as a beverage, under the penalty of suspension or dismissal."
3. "Pupils shall not visit or receive company during the nights of school days after the hour appointed by the faculty for study."
4. "The carrying of firearms, or any deadly weapon, is strictly forbidden. The violation of this rule shall subject the offender to the severest penalty of the school. The playing of cards or the bringing of them on the school grounds, is prohibited."
5. "In all cases where a student attending a recitation is not prepared to recite, it is his or her duty to make it known before the commencement of the exercise to the teacher who conducts it."
6. "Such excuses as the following are deemed inadmissible; viz: not hearing the bell; not being able to prepare the lesson; mislaying books or articles of apparel; interruption by students or visitors."
7. "Any person who has been knowingly exposed to a contagious disease, and who shall enter or be

enrolled in this school so soon after exposure as to render it possible to communicate such disease to others, may upon proof of such exposure be expelled by the faculty."

Mr. Shaw Watches Practice

The story is told that Mr. Shaw once gave permission to a group of girls to play basketball on the outdoor court which the school had then, provided they would permit no boys to watch them play. During the practice one girl happened to look up from the court (it was below the Lodge and farther down the river) to the level on which the Old Building stands, and there stood Mr. Shaw, a man extremely cautious in his conduct with women.

Would you like to return to the "gay" nineties?

PIONEERS NAME BEST OPPONENTS

Wesleyan and West Liberty Is Each Given Three Positions on Selected Group

By Howard Lindell

Eleven members of the Glenville Pioneers have announced their second annual all-opponent team. There were no unanimous choices this year, but Kerchella, fleet freshman West Liberty back, polled ten ballots.

Repeaters from Glenville's 1931 all-opponent team included Edmundson and Blondin of Wesleyan, and Speiser who was given honorable mention last year.

Wesleyan and West Liberty each won three positions, Grove City and Salem two each, and Slippery Rock won the remaining post.

Four men were practically unanimous choices, each receiving nine out of eleven votes. They were Poti and Blondin, guards from Grove City and Wesleyan respectively; Africa, spectacular running and passing back from Slippery Rock, and Edmundson, Wesleyan's flashy center.

The greatest variety of opinion occurred in the selection of tackles, but Speiser of West Liberty and Hogue of Salem were finally awarded the positions with eight and five ballots respectively.

Other backs named besides Kerchella and Africa were Howell of Wesleyan at full-back with eight votes, and Teberi, Salem's speedy back, with seven ballots.

Honorable mention was accorded Giantonio, Wesleyan tackle, Blackwood, guard on the Morris Harvey team and Fagler, Salem's quarter-back.

Name	Position	College
Tomko	L. End	Grove City
Speiser	L. Tackle	West Liberty
Blondin	L. Guard	Wesleyan
Edmundson	Center	Wesleyan
Poti	R. Guard	Grove City
Hogue	R. Tackle	Salem
Heffner	R. End	West Liberty
Carey (tied)	R. End	West Liberty
Africa	Q. Back	Slippery Rock
Kerchella	L. H. Back	West Liberty
Teberi	R. H. Back	Salem
Howell	F. Back	Wesleyan

WILL ENTERTAIN CHAUCERIANS

Miss Willa Brand Will Be Hostess at Christmas Meeting

Miss Willa Brand will be hostess to the Canterbury Club tomorrow night at Verona Mapel Hall when the annual Christmas party will be held.

Miss Marjorie Lindell will tell "The Birds' Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wiggin, and Miss Virginia Brannon will relate "The Other Wise Man" by Henry vanDyke. George McQuain, of West Virginia University, had promised to attend the party and to relate Dickens' "Christmas Carol," but because of the change of holidays, it will be impossible for him to be here, according to Miss Brand.

ROUSSEAU MEANS "NATURE IS RIGHT" SAYS LECTURER

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ly in the ways that nature originally intended him to be.

"Change is natural. Progress is natural. Many believe that Rousseau meant only small children and savages when he spoke of natural men. A child is natural only when he changes, grows into a man and ceases to be a child. A savage is natural only when he progresses and ceases to be a savage. Any man is natural only when he is pressing on to the highest stage of right culture. 'Right culture' is development in accord with nature.

"There are two kinds of art: the art that tends to fulfill nature, and the art that hinders nature. Removing obstructions to the growth of a tree is the right kind; bending or contorting the tree is the wrong kind. If nature is right, then all art that helps nature fulfill her purposes is right.

Says Conscience Preceded Morality

"There is a popular belief that nature is desperately wicked, and that it is the purpose of art and science to change nature. Rousseau believed that nature is good; that the proper thing to do is to get back to it. On this premise, he set out to find what is natural to man. He found two things: 'self-love'—self-preservation, and 'sympathy'—gregariousness. These were in the beginning. Almost at the same time, born of mitigation and older than reason, came conscience. Conscience is a feeling that we ought to do so and so. There was no morality as yet. Morality arrived only when reason came to direct our actions toward an end conceived as good.

"Reason can fashion our natural goodness into moral goodness. If we didn't have reason, we should not know right from wrong; if we did not have conscience we should not care whether we did.

"It is natural for us to be good. We are not good. What, then, is the trouble? The trouble is that we strayed from nature when we allowed self-love, which is natural, to become pride, which is unnatural. Rousseau's remedy is obvious: Give up pride and rediscover your own soul.

"A return to nature, in my opinion," concluded Dr. Wright, "means only an expulsion of pride from the unnatural men that we are. A natural man is the highest development to which a man may attain.

Two hundred fifty persons, mainly from the college, heard the lecture.

4-H CLUB PLANS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Parties, Vesper Services, and Play Are Offered on Program

A calendar of activities for the rest of the school year was made out by the College 4-H Club at the regular meeting Dec. 6. In addition to other activities, the calendar calls for a coasting party, a theater party, a council circle, and a vesper program.

Yesterday the college club presented a typical 4-H Club program to the local high school club. The program consisted of songs, stunts, and a talk on the heart-H by Miss Janie Marple of Flatwoods.

To help carry out the suggestions of the calendar, at the regular meeting plans were made for members of the club to visit some rural clubs near Glenville and teach games and songs. The possibility of the club's producing a short one-act play to be given at rural club meetings was discussed, and it is planned to get a play ready for presentation about the last of January.

At the end of the regular business meeting a questionnaire prepared by the University of Wisconsin was given each member to fill out. A general discussion was then held on the first two questions asked: What are the needs of farm young people between the ages of 15 and 25 today? What information is needed (by county agents, county superintendents, and other workers) to help them formulate a program for this age? In answering these questions it was generally agreed concerning the first that rural young people need leaders above everything else. Next in demand is training in how to spend leisure time to the best advantage. To the second question this answer was proposed: Leaders must know what the young peoples' interest is, what training and schooling they have had, and what outlook they have for their future.

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