

FACULTY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN P-T. A. PROGRAM

Miss Eleanor C. White Plays Violin Solos, Accompanied By Miss Olsen

LINN B. HICKMAN SPEAKS

May Beal Conducts Symposium on Character Education; Juniors Win Banner

Two members of the College faculty and several students and alumni appeared on the program at a meeting of the Glenville Parent-Teachers Association Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

Principal E. G. Rohrbough features were violin solos by Miss Eleanor C. White, group singing led by Mrs. Robert Blair, devotionals by the Rev. W. H. Beal, an address by Linn B. Hickman, poetry readings by Marie Harper and Mary Walters, a skit, "Effect of Pets," directed by Juanita Bell, a symposium on "Character Education" conducted by May Beal, and a report on the state P-T. A. conference by Mrs. A. H. Moore, president of the Glenville association.

Miss White Plays Violin Solos
Miss White, a graduate of the School of Music, West Virginia University, and a daughter of Dean and Mrs. H. L. White, played "Rondino" by Beethoven, a Spanish Dance by Alfvén, and "A Moment Musical" by Schubert, and for an encore played "Londonderry Air." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Bertha E. Olsen.

Using the subject, "That Which Guides My Steps Aright," and stressing the advantages of leisure reading, Mr. Hickman implored teachers to encourage the study of good literature and urged parents to provide some libraries and workshops for their children as a means of inculcating a deeper interest in books and the written thoughts of the "world's great."

Following his address, Marie Harper, small daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Harper, read "There's An Old" (Continued on page 4)

WALTER HOLBERT DIES SUDDENLY

Father of College Student Buried Past Tuesday at Gay

Walter Holbert, 63 years old, father of Ruth Holbert, a student in the College, was buried the past Tuesday at Gay. He died following a paralytic stroke.

Mr. Holbert was a farmer of Jackson county and had taught school for many years. He is survived by the following children: Ruth, of the College; Ruby, Marie, Beva, and Mary at home; and Ray of Gay. He is also survived by seven brothers: Joe of Beckers, E. S. of Chicago, John, Fleet, M. L. and Paul of Charleston; and one sister, Elizabeth Winters, of Clay.

ASSEMBLY BY STUDENT BODY

Rexroad to Present "Safety Movement"; Musical to Close Program

The assembly program for this week will be in charge of the student body, announces President Denzel Garrett.

Vorley Rexroad, a student, will discuss the present "Safety Movement" which is being carried on by the Student Peace Service of Philadelphia, Pa.

A short musical program, under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Olsen, will complete the program.

WILL BE DINNER GUESTS THIS EVENING

Thanksgiving dinner guests at Kanawha Hall this evening will be President and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, Dean and Mrs. H. Laban White, and Miss Wills Brand will have as her guests at Verona Maple Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Post, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Shreve, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wagner, and Mr. Hunter Whiting.

Miss Eleanor C. White will be a guest of Miss Mary Lola Hawkins.

The first woman was named Eve, probably because her arrival brought an end to Adam's perfect day.

Plays For P-T. A.



Miss Eleanor C. White, above, daughter of Dean and Mrs. H. L. White, was the guest violinist on the Glenville Parent-Teachers Association program Thursday night.

COLLEGE IS HOST TO STUDENT GROUP

Representatives of Other State Schools Meet Here to Revise Constitution

The constitutional revision committee of the State Federation of College Students met here the past Saturday for the purpose of revising and rearranging the constitution to meet present day needs of the federation. A luncheon was served at Kanawha Hall immediately following the meeting.

Those who attended were: Earl Michael, Alderson-Broadbent College; Rex Bradley, Fairmont State Teachers College; and Denzel Garrett, Marjorie Craddock, John Rogers, Glenville State Teachers College, Kermit Holt, of Salem College, and James Stahl, West Virginia State College at Institute, were unable to attend.

Mr. Garrett was made chairman of the group. The constitution will be submitted for approval at the next student federation meeting at Institute.

ROUNDTABLE TO MEET HERE

Members of Committees Have Been Appointed in Gilmer County

The Central West Virginia Roundtable will meet in Glenville some time in the spring. Mr. Marvin Cooper announced here the past week. As yet plans have not been completed, but members of committees have been appointed. Mr. Cooper, assistant county superintendent, is a member of the executive committee, and Earl R. Boggs, principal of Glenville High School, is on the program committee.

Rooming facilities have been arranged for with residents of Glenville. Virgil B. Harris, A. B. '34, superintendent of Braxton County schools, is president of the Roundtable.

TO GIVE "EPIC OF AMERICA"

Leo Fontaine Adapts Book for Radio to Be Heard Over WOR

[Special to the Mercury]
NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The radio premiere of James Truslow Adams' "Epic of America" will be presented by the Radio Division of the WPA Federal Theater over Station WOR and the complete Mutual Broadcasting System on Sunday, Nov. 28, from 8:00 to 8:30 p. m.

Dr. Adams granted gratis to the WPA Federal Theater the radio rights to his book. For more than a year "Epic of America" headed the best seller lists in this country, primarily because of its popularization of the little-known causes of history, rather than the well-known effects. Alfred Wallenstein will direct the Simphonietta Orchestra in the musical background for "Epic of America." Leo Fontaine adapted the book for radio.

Is Taking Eye Treatments

Vesta Stalnaker, a sophomore in the College, is in Parkersburg taking treatment for her eyes. She probably will be out of school for some time.

Martino to Return to School Soon

Frank Martino, who was hurt during the Glenville-Wayneburg football game, is recovering and expects to be back in school by the last of this month.

FLOOR SQUAD TO BEGIN TRAINING ON NOVEMBER 29

Pre-Season Sessions Will Be Held Until Christmas Holidays

SCHEDULE NOT COMPLETE

Many Veterans to Be Back; Co-captain Frank Martino to Report Later

Athletic Director A. F. ("Nate") Rohrbough announced today that Glenville State's varsity basketball practices will begin Monday, Nov. 29, following the Thanksgiving recess. Pre-season sessions will be held daily until the Christmas holidays, and it is probable that the squad will be asked to return before school reopens on January 3 to complete the pre-season drills.

Although several games have been carded, the schedule will not be completed until the West Virginia Inter-Collegiate conference meets at Clarksburg on December 3. At the present time, High Point College of High Point, N. C., and Emory and Henry College of Emory, Va. are the only new out-of-state foes that have been scheduled by the Pioneers.

Eleven lettermen of last year's champion team are expected to report for the initial workout. They are: Co-captain Willis Cottle, Robert Davies, Albert Lilley, Harold Noriski, Louie Romano, Earl Wolfe, John Marra, Earle Bickel, James Musser, Guy Bennett and James McMillen.

Although Co-captain Frank Martino will not be able to report for the first practice session, it is expected that he will be ready to go before the season opens. Two members of the past year's team, Willard Archer and Junior Rhodes, are not enrolled in school this semester.

REHEARSALS FOR COMEDY STARTED

To Be Given by Ohnimgohows; Several Staff Vacancies To Be Filled

"The Late Christopher Bean," Sidney Howard's three-act comedy which is to be presented here by the Ohnimgohows, Players, Thursday, Dec. 16, is meeting with success in the rehearsals, it is announced by Miss Kathleen Robertson, instructor in speech.

The production staff includes Estheline Frame and Lomis Guentz, assistant directors; Denzel Garrett, business manager; Jack Buchanan and Joe Jarvis, assistant stage managers; Olive Myers, paintings; and Imogene Dye, properties.

Several places on the production staff as sales manager, ticket sellers, carpenters, usher, publicity and property managers are still open. Persons who are interested or talented in this kind of work are asked to see Miss Kathleen Robertson soon.

Thanksgiving Has Varied Appeal; Turkey Still Heads Favorite Menu

By ELIZABETH LEWIS
Thanksgiving! How will this one be observed?

We wonder, after having made a casual survey and having found almost as many different answers as there have been Thanksgivings.

College students would have a football game in the afternoon and a dance at night; teachers would relax and enjoy a sumptuous turkey dinner, and business men would prefer to hunt rabbits. And the housewives—well, some would prefer to "eat out" and others said they are going to enjoy preparing a big "feed" for husband, children and perhaps guests. Almost all agreed that a morning religious service would be fitting.

Some of the Comments
Anyhow, here are some of the things we learned in the survey: One College professor said, "I would like to have a turkey dinner at noon, take a nap in the afternoon, and take my wife to the theater at night."

Another instructor wanted to spend the day at home, with friends, eating turkey, but added that "there ought to be more to Thanksgiving than feasting."

A Campus Winter Scene



Glenville's first big snow of the season did not catch the Mercury's candid cameraman sleeping. Attest: the above picture showing a campus view of Kanawha Hall and Administration Hall.

Red-Faced Maiden Chants "High C" Discord Over Mid-Term Grades

By ETHEL BROWN

"Hey, what are you trying to do, chisel in this line somewhere?" "Why don't you grin?"

Such were comments by students in a line of fifty or more as they pushed and shoved to and from the office for mid-semester grades the past week.

"Wow! I wonder if they send these grades now to Dad?" asked one weary freshman whose blue cap hung half-way out of his hip pocket.

"Say, he cheated me out of three per cent," came a vociferous yelp in high C from a red-faced maiden who stood in a corner in Administration

Hall and nervously jotted down figures on a ragged sheet of note-book paper.

"What are you going to do about these grades?"

"Nothing! Do you think I'm going to work five hours for sixty-five per cent?"

"How are your grades?"

"Not bad. Nothing below ninety."

"Yeah, she kids the teacher, too."

"O, you'll get more. He always raises your grade the second half."

"O, yeh! Wait and see."

And so on and on they chattered until the last one had pulled himself together and remarked, "Boy, am I making grades and how!"

TO HOLD SPORTS MEETING DEC. 3

Pres. E. G. Rohrbough Will Preside at Annual Conference in Waldo Hotel

The annual Winter meeting of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Conference will be held in the Waldo Hotel at Clarksburg, December 3, announces Dr. E. G. Rohrbough, president of the conference.

Basketball and football schedules for 1938 will be made, and the conference football championship for 1937 will be awarded. President Rohrbough and A. F. Rohrbough will represent Glenville at the meeting.

TO AMEND CLUB CONSTITUTION

Susan Summers, Laddie Bell and Willis Tatterton on Program

Two amendments were proposed by the constitution committee of the Canterbury Club Wednesday night of the past week. One concerns the membership and the other regards the qualifications of a person desiring to enter the club.

Voting on the amendments will be done at the next meeting, at which stories will be told by Susan Summers, Laddie Bell and Willis Tatterton.

The story "Labundo," by White, was told by Clifford Garrett at a meeting of the club the past week.

RECENT TOPICS DISCUSSED

Committee Named to Arrange Current Events Club Dance, Jan. 8

The Current Events Club met the past Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in Room 106. Topics discussed were: "Spain," Ruby Lamb; "Rainbow Over the Danube," Athena Null; "Latest Developments in China," Lovie Bell Stewart; "South American Grab Bag," John Rogers. A review of "The Arts" by Van Loon was given by Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, instructor in social studies.

John Rogers and Lovie Bell Stewart were named a committee to arrange for a dance, January 8.

RUSSELL LORENTZ, 52, DIES

Nephew of College Dietitian Buried Friday in Stalnaker Cemetery

Russell Lorentz, 52-year-old nephew of Miss Grace Lorentz, College dietitian, dropped dead of a heart attack the past Tuesday while rabbit hunting with six friends from Marion County. Funeral services were held Friday morning at the home on Spruce Run and burial was made at the Stalnaker cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Myra Goff Lorentz, and six children: Charles Lorentz, of Sugar Grove, Pendleton County; Mrs. Otis Saunders, of Glenville; Edwin, Gertrude, Helen Jean and Erma Lee, all at home. Mrs. Frank Keith, of Sand Fork, is a sister. Thomas and Henry Lorentz, of Glenville, and Robert Lorentz, of Seattle, Wash., are brothers. Mr. Lorentz's father, Edward Lorentz, and his stepmother, Mrs. Mary Garrett Lorentz, both of Spruce, also survive.

"Y. W." GETS 22 PRIZE MONEY

Chapter Plans Silver Tea For Friday, December 16

The College Chapter of the Young Woman's Christian Association met in the auditorium the past Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock to hear talks on the "Origin and Observance of Thanksgiving" and to make plans for a silver tea to be given Friday afternoon, Dec. 16.

Two dollars was awarded the association by the alumni for the winning float, second place, in the recent home-coming parade.

To Hold Union Thanksgiving Service
A union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Glenville Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Beginning at 9:40 o'clock the church bell will be rung for five minutes as a reminder of the purpose of Thanksgiving Day observance. All ministers who are in town on Thursday will participate in the service. Special music will be rendered.

Miss Hinkle Is Casting Play

"Farewell Cruel World," William Kimball's one-act comedy, is being cast by Tulsa Hinkle of the speech class 201. The cast includes Wilma Bransford, Sally Lou Smith; Geraldine McClain, Annabel Withers; and Robert Butcher, Charlie Hunt.

COLLEGE WILL BE HOST TO SCIENCE TEACHERS, DEC. 4

Physics and Chemistry Departments to Sponsor Meeting

ALUMNI TO BE SPEAKERS

Benjamin Tatterson, Kyle Bask, Harley Reger on Program; Luncheon to Be Served

The program for the high school teachers' conference, to be sponsored by the physical and biological science departments of the College, will be held in Dean H. Laban White's room, No. 101, beginning at 9:45 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 4, announces John R. Wagner, instructor in physics and mathematics.

Science teachers from about forty high schools in central West Virginia will be invited, and Mr. Wagner announces that an invitation will be sent to Mr. David Kirby, secretary of the State Board of Education.

The program, including speeches and speakers, is as follows: Observations From a First Year Science Teacher," Benjamin Tatterson, Spencer High School; "Observation

AN INVITATION

All central West Virginia high school science teachers are invited to attend the science teachers' winter meeting which is sponsored by the Departments of Physics and Chemistry of Glenville State Teachers College on December 4, 1937 at 9:30 A. M.

After Years of Teaching," George G. Kerr, Clendenin High School; "The Future for Secondary Science Teachers," Kyle Bask, Tanner High School; "Do Other Departments Apply the Principles of Science," Harley Reger, Walkersville High School.

Other questions to be discussed are as follows: Should other departments apply the principles of science? In what way can other departments apply the principles of science? Does science live up to its objectives? Should there be more or less science taught? What are the objectives of science? Do science laws apply only to science, or do they apply also to the laws of society?

A luncheon will be served to all visiting instructors. Teachers are requested to make reservations by Thursday, Dec. 2.

STUDENTS HONOR GREAT EDUCATOR

Scenes in Life of Horace Mann Depicted Here Wednesday

By LOIS MASON

A Horace Mann centennial program, presented in assembly the past Wednesday by students in the education department, was, as a whole, a good one. It succeeded well in showing the two major aims of Horace Mann's life—to better the state by developing individual intelligence and to get public support for schools.

Archie Pratt, in the role of a boy, and Davy McClung, as a policeman, in the prelude of "Yon Golden Keys" are to be especially commended, and also Delmar Hutton for his portrayal of the Governor of Massachusetts. The scene in which John W. Mowrey, Jr., portrayed Horace Mann and Mary Leone West acted the role of his wife, also was well received.

The plays were directed by Dr. John C. Shreve, head of the education department; Miss Ivy Lee Myers, director of elementary teacher training, Dr. C. L. Underwood and Mr. H. Y. Clark, instructors in the education department.

Campus Calendar

TODAY: Chemistry Club, 6:30 p. m., physics laboratory; special Thanksgiving dinners at Kanawha and Verona Maple halls.

TOMORROW: Assembly, 10 a. m., student body in charge, Vorley Rexroad, speaker; 12 m., Thanksgiving holidays begin.

MONDAY: Thanksgiving holidays end, 8 a. m.; Student Council meeting, 6:30 p. m., College lounge.

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A JOLLY OLD-FASHIONED AFFAIR

The Thanksgiving dinner, by custom, is a jolly old-fashioned affair without any formality. On any other occasion the hostess may serve several courses to her guests and then hurry them into the drawing room, but not on Thanksgiving. It is one time in the year when everyone likes to linger at the table, reminiscing until the last candle has sputtered and died.

Games are entangled in our recollections of Thanksgiving and these help preserve the old Thanksgiving traditions and add informality to such occasions.

In an atmosphere of informality, as Thanksgiving Day should have, who could fail to enjoy himself?—Leah Stalnaker.

BOOSTING THE BATTING AVERAGE

Mid-semester marks were given out as usual from Pres. E. G. Rohrbough's office last week. The reason for such marks is to show the student where he stands when half the term is finished. Was anyone satisfied with the results? Was there one student in school who thought his grades might not have been improved a point or two?

The time is not yet too far gone for the ambitious student to raise that low grade enough to give him some extra honor points. It is not too late, even if one thinks there is no hope, to bring that pitifully low mark above the passing line.

But the low grades are not the only ones that can be improved. Many of the C's and B's can be raised to B's and A's with but little extra effort on the part of the student.

Low grades can be raised in only one way. That way is by the conscious effort of the student. An instructor does not give better marks without some evidence that the one who gets them is doing better work. The way to do better work is to become more diligent.—Newton Cooper.

THANKS FOR THANKSGIVING

The Pilgrim fathers who started the practice of setting aside a day for giving thanks may not have understood all the benefits of such an act, but they did feel that it was worthwhile. They started the practice because they were grateful for the blessings of the past year and because they felt that they should give thanks to God. It is right that we should acknowledge our gratitude to the Giver of all blessings. But giving thanks has deeper implications for our lives than most of us realize. There is a psychological value in being grateful for what we have.

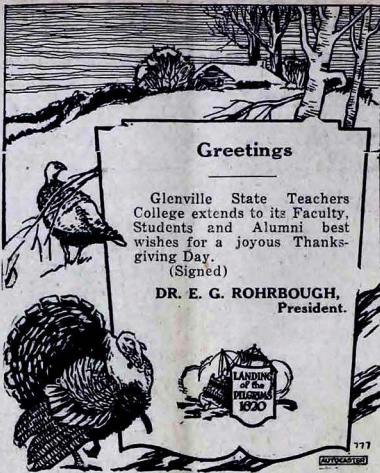
At any time, a sure recipe for getting out of a mood of self-pity and of anxiety caused by petty worries is to stop and give thanks for all the good things we enjoy. It gives a happy exultant feeling and a deep contentment with life.

For a nation to give thanks, there are just as many benefits. First of all, it makes people more reverent to humble themselves in an act of worship, and giving thanks to God is worship. It makes them pause and take stock of themselves, and above all, it lifts them out of themselves to a less selfish attitude toward life.

In the second place, taking stock of their blessings as individuals and as a nation, tends to make people contented and happy. If today, on the eve of Thanksgiving, the people of the United States would pause to appreciate and give thanks for what they have, there would be far less discontent and vain striving and greed for more material wealth. Many people are losing their chance for happiness in spending all their time regretting the things they do not have and grasping for things out of their reach.

Finally, it is a good thing for people to pause physically for a day of rest and recreation. In view of the pace at which life goes on today, there could scarcely be too many holidays on the calendar. In reality there is not as much need for rushing through life as there seems to be. There is nothing we have to do except die and we will do that anyway, regardless of how we live. If we could realize that we are living for today as well as tomorrow, we would be much more inclined to stop and enjoy our existence. But we seldom do that and not only do we miss this means of enrichment, but the pace at which we travel is a decided strain on our nervous systems. Setting aside a day for giving thanks and for enjoying the fellowship of family and friends enables us to catch up with ourselves, and sometimes shows us the value of slowing up in our hectic rush through life.

The practice of attending church on Thanksgiving Day is in keeping with the spirit of the day. Not only does the offering of sincere thanks make people humble and reverent, but during the quiet of a worship service they are better able to see things in their true perspective. Not only is their pathway clearer, but they receive inspiration and strength to live according to their best impulses. Giving thanks in a public worship service is the most vital part of the Thanksgiving Day observance, and it is a part which should be preserved.—May Beal.

Campus
Frantic Antics

Old Man Winter covers the earth with his soft, white mantle to remind us that he rules the skies from now until spring. However, there will be a few who will brave the cold to be together. Mid-semester grades leave feelings of elation and dejection. Some unfortunate individuals received zero. Helen Heater makes ninety-nine. Marjorie Craddock is second with ninety-seven. Congratulations to J. Arthur Becker for the highest average. His grades run from ninety-four to ninety-six. A matter of policy prevents disclosure of the person who made five F's. Leaving the day of reckoning. I find Pop Mason rushes Wilma. FLASH! Peggy and Mildred tangle with violent intent. McDonald tries to raise garden. Arden and Woolter swing it. Bubbling Bill and Parnel Buzzed stop in Gaudville en route to Charleston. Damon has his eye still on the Roberts girl. The constitutional committee of the Student Federation goes into a closed session. An apprentice pays tribute to a master as Walter Winchell resumes his work of gossiping. For a good account of the conditions during the transition from hand production to machine production, read "The Brothers Ashkenazi" by I. J. Singer. Some say that men are weaker than women because the former always give in to the latter. This is a result of training and not of weakness. American men are supposed to be kind and generous to women. In Europe, according to various reports, men treat women entirely different. Generally, the woman bows to the will of the man. As for the relationship between American men and women, the dominant one will be so because of superior mental ability or physical strength. A sociological law has further bearing on the case. "In any sentimental personal relation the one who cares less can exploit the one who cares more." Moral: Be sure you are the one who has more intelligence and strength and the one who cares less. Thanksgiving is upon us with its turkey and other things which make for good cheer. Turkey reminds me of a grace that some smart alec said one time over Thanksgiving dinner: "God bless the meat, God damn the skin, pull back your ears and then die in." I hope you have an enjoyable holiday and a pleasant relaxation from the grind of school work. I leave you now to make a rush for the festive board groaning under its load, followed by a dash for the bicarbonate of soda.—THE INNOCENT ABROAD.

Among new newspaper exchanges received by the Mercury the past week are The Braxton Democrat, Sutton weekly; The Skyline, student weekly published at Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine, Texas; The Spy Glass, publication of Nitro High School, and the Washington Square College Bulletin, New York University.

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Campus
Questionnaire

By MARJORIE BARNETT

- 1.—How old is the Current Events Club, and what was it first called?
- 2.—When was the first annual College home-coming?
- 3.—Where was the county seat of Gilmer County before it was located at Glenville?
- 4.—How often did the students in the directed teaching department, teach in the Art and Woolter swing it?
- 5.—Who is head of the English department?
- 6.—How did the College receive the land on which the College buildings stand?

(Answers on page 4)

Thoughts This Week

By JOHN W. MOWREY, JR.

Aside from the fact that some of the performances given last Wednesday in assembly were only fair, no doubt students are more familiar now with the life of Horace Mann than they were before the program. On the whole, individual performances were poor, but the original purpose was achieved. The program was to dramatize some of the more important episodes in the life of this great man, with more emphasis placed upon dramatization than individual acting.

Glenville State Teachers College is fortunate in having the library it has. But we are appreciative for its value to us and do we always treat those who are connected with it fairly? Too often books and magazines, placed there for the benefit of all, are carried away by one individual who never brings them back. The result is the loss of many books that can be replaced only by large sums of money; the loss of many magazines that can never be replaced, and the loss of much time and effort on the part of the student who looks for the book or magazine that will never be seen again. This matter needs the attention of only a few—those persons who would be so small as to steal from their own College library.

Are you a friend? Is there someone in school who believes you to be his friend? Do you strive every day to make a new friend and to be a better one yourself? These are questions to consider now. Friendships, made while in College last through out life. Look about you. Lend your best qualities to your friend and in turn borrow his best for yourself.

Seventy Persons Attend Dance

Approximately seventy persons attended the Thanksgiving dance in the College gymnasium Friday night from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. Music was furnished by the nickelodeon. As a special feature, Harvey Beall entertained with a tap dance. Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Underwood were the chaperons.

Headline says: "Jury Gives Nurse \$20,000 For a Kiss." Well, it is worth that to kiss some juror we've seen.—New York American.

A Maiden's Mid-Semester Mania

[With Apologies to Walt Whitman] Students were getting their grades! Silently shaking scholars stood sadly in a string—some snappy, some snub, some having sand to satirize. The office door opened and a long languid line of lackadaisical and lamentable laborers changed in to laughing lively learners lurching forward like lava toward a lift for the lucky and a lam for the loser. Skipper slid grades to smiling and robbing skirts, and sometimes slipped surprises to strong and slight sons, scolding saucy sleepers. Glibbing gallants, game guys, and glum greenhorns ganged the giggling girls and goaded the grouchy gooses. Proud parents praised plucky pupils and riled ones roundly rebuked rattle-headed rascals. Well, mid-semester's march might make a manine of a merry little maiden, so the most mindful midster withdrew.—Mary Leone West.

Robert F. Kidd Library

By MARMEL BROWN

Records at the Robert F. Kidd Library show there was an increased number of fourteen-day books checked out during Book Week, November 14 to 21.

The preceding week, 61 books were checked out in comparison to 102 during the past week. Twice as many books of fiction were called for during Book Week. Seventeen fiction books were checked out Thursday, which was the largest number for any one day. Many of those selected were from the "browsing collection" in the reading room.

New books of history and science ready for circulation at the Robert F. Kidd Library include END OF SOCIALISM IN RUSSIA, Eastman; POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF RUSSIA, by Vernadsky; EUROPE SINCE NAPOLEON, Palm; ANCIENT HISTORY, Perkins; UNHAPPY SPAIN, Crabtree; A NEW AMERICAN HISTORY, Woodward; SOUTH AFTER GETTYSBURG, Hancock; STRUGGLE BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND CONGRESS, Chadsey.

Books of science are WILD FLOWERS OF THE ALLEGHENIES, Harned; CONDENSED CHEMICAL DICTIONARY, by Chemical Catalog Company; DRAMA OF CHEMISTRY, French; CHEMICALS IN WAR, Prentiss; WORLD OF ATOMS, Hoas; SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Croxton; ELEMENTARY SURVEY OF MODERN PHYSICS, Hull; ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, Whitmore.

Book Notes

LAWRENCE; THE EAST CRUSADE; a dramatic-narrative poem by Seiden Rodman. Viking Press. \$2.50.

This is a long narrative poem on the life of T. E. Lawrence. It links the portions of his life, that which is pictured in THE SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM with his earlier life as an archeologist, and his later life when he was known as Shaw of the air force.

With the College Alumni

Mrs. Cleora Deltz Rohrbough, S. N. '31, of Richmond, has been chosen a member of the cast for Susan Glaspell's drama, "Alison's House," which will be produced soon by the Curtain Club at the University of Texas, where Mrs. Rohrbough and her husband, Edward G. Rohrbough, Jr., are students this year. Mrs. Rohrbough's appointment to the cast is considered one of the few honors conferred by the Curtain Club, for according to the organization's rules only students of unusual talent are permitted to try out for parts in major productions during their first semester.

The Collegiate World

IN THE WEEK'S NEWS—

A professor at Carnegie Institute of Technology in measuring the decibels of sound in the men's dormitory found that between 5 p. m. and 12 midnight the average noise level was 112.1 decibels of "equivalent" to that given by two riveting machines or a sustained roll of thunder. Bucking horses and wild steers are considered less dangerous than football in the opinion of the Cheyenne School of Colorado Springs; therefore, they have discarded that sport. According to the Boston University News, a sophomore is only a freshman who has paid his tuition twice. College is just like a washing machine, you get out of it just what you put into it, but you'd never recognize it. N. Y. U. girls will wear red flannel step-ins because of a boycott that they have placed on Japanese silk.

A 273-year-old silk of a deceased New England gentleman amassed an interest of \$10,000. This fact was discovered when a relative of the dead man tried to pay the fine which originally was 83 cents. A University of Minnesota freshman has had to say "Ugh" 97,000 times in the past few weeks. That one word is his entire speaking part in a play. Statistics show that students from 40 to 49 years of age make better grades than those from 15 to 19. An electric eye detects latecomers to physics classes at St. Thomas College. Even while the professor's back is turned, a person can't slip in undetected, for he must cross the light beam and when he does, a gong clangs.

—AND THEN THERE WAS: The fellow who thought that the most outstanding part of the William Tell opera was "The Big Apple."

THE AVERAGE GIRL'S—

Notion of an ideal boy friend is one that is clever enough to make money and foolish enough to spend it.

—AND THEY SAY THAT: Many a man has been stung trying to get a little honey for himself.

An absent-minded professor went into a shop to buy a jar. Seeing that one was upside down he exclaimed, "How absurd! This jar has no mouth!" Turning it over he was once more astonished. "Why, the bottom's gone too!" he exclaimed.

The reason why so many people rest their chin in their hands when they are thinking is to keep their mouth shut so that they won't disturb themselves.

A drunken Congressman said to Horace Greeley, one day: "I am a self-made man."

"Then, sir," replied the philosophical Greeley, "a great relieves the Almighty of a fraction responsibility."

And Some Humor

Mrs. Newbridge: I took the recipe for this cake out of the cook book. Hubby: You did perfectly right, my dear. It should never have been in there.

The moon was dim and all was still And no one was suspecting That in those trees, upon that hill A boy and girl were necking (period) He whispered things that had no sense

But to her they were sublime, For she loved him and he loved her So was it not divine (question mark) He vowed his love forever more If she would give him all, Since she loved him and he loved her There's nothing more to scrawl (period)

Miss James Donates Magazines

Miss Goldie C. James, instructor in the College, has given several copies of the Scientific Monthly to the Robert F. Kidd Library. These magazines, which are to be used as references, are now being bound.

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Thanksgiving Customs Date Back to First Fall Festival of 1621

By LEAH STALNAKER

On Thanksgiving Day children sometimes dress themselves in grotesque fashion, paint their faces and go about the streets singing or blowing horns. This custom is derived from the Indians at their first Thanksgiving and in this way delights the primitive personality to dress in gay costumes.

The custom of singing in the streets and of going from house to house begging for pennies is of English origin. This idea is probably applied to Thanksgiving Day because of the Christmas. Carols that are sung on Christmas. Some places to sing children on the street at Thanksgiving time shout, "Anything for Thanksgiving?" to passersby and even parade from one house to another.

In an ancient Argive festival held

yearly like our Thanksgiving, the women dressed in men's garments and the men donned women's robes and veils. This practice of disguise at times of festivity is very old.

Pumpkin pie and turkey are associated with the Thanksgiving feast because both appeared on the table of the first Thanksgiving. Cranberries have no definite significance but are used because this fruit happens to ripen at the end of October.

Thanksgiving is a time of great social activity, probably because the Puritans invited Massachusetts and ninety of his men. The hostess today invites more friends and acquaintances to dinner at Thanksgiving than she does ordinarily and persons seem to be more hospitable and eager to share on Thanksgiving and Christmas than any other times of the year.

Farmer Dashes Forth in Red Flannels to Give Color to "The Siege of Troy"

The following story is an account of "The Siege of Troy" as related by the Rev. Mr. Kellar of Cedarville, W. Va., and retold by Miss Pearl Pechens at a recent program at Sand Fork High School.

The siege of Troy occurred between the Cedarville Rebels and the Troy Home Guards about the middle of the Civil War. This skirmish took place below the old mill where Troy High School now stands. Some of the home guards were Dan Steinbeck, Joe Putnam, George Kellar's father, Clay Heckert, Tommy Radcliff and Dan Talbert. Steinbeck owned a store at the time of the siege. Mr. Steinbeck ran out of his

home in his night clothes and entered his store. Taking goods from his store, he ran across the creek and jumped a picket fence. The Rebels then entered his store and took what goods they could find and scattered them through the woods. Clay Heckert, one of the Home Guards, ran to Glenville for aid. Dan Talbert was shot and his boy also was killed when he attempted to run to the coal house. Had it not been for Joe Putnam they would have taken Tommy Radcliff, too. When the Cedar Creek boys got there they were stirred by the spirit of war and they composed the song "The Siege of Troy."

MINSTREL GIVEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Sand Fork High School Presents Annual Show Under Direction of Miss Lewis

Sand Fork High School presented "Kentucky Minstrels of 1937" in the high school auditorium Friday night.

The program consisted of music, jokes and skits, and the end men and interlocutor made this year's performance outstanding. The cast included seventy-five students.

Musical numbers featured a medley of Stephen Foster songs, and a Negro spiritual group sang by the ensemble.

The minstrel was given under direction of Miss Mary Louise Lewis, A. 24, county music supervisor, assisted by W. H. McGinnis, S. N. 27, of the high school faculty. Other members of the faculty who helped were Roland Butcher, A. B. '34, principal of Sand Fork High School; Nelson Wells, A. B. '34, Eustace Jenkins, Oneta Arnold, and Genevieve Manning, members of the high school faculty.

Several College students attended the minstrel.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK DELAYED

Weather Halts Progress on H. Y. Clark's New Home

Construction on H. Y. Clark's house on College Street was delayed the past week because of bad weather.

The frame-work on the first story and the sub-floor of the second story have been completed. Material has arrived to install part of the heating system and when the weather permits the work will be rushed to completion.

Miss White Will Be Dinner Guest

Miss Eleanor White will be the guest of Miss Mary Lola Hawkins at a Thanksgiving dinner to be served at Verona Maple Hall this evening.

Why do they call it a shipment when it goes on a car and a cargo when it goes on a ship?—Atlanta Constitution.

They now operate on the head to improve a boy's disposition. They used to operate in the opposite direction.

All men are born free and equal, but some of them grow up and get married.—Nashville Tennessean.

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With the exception of half a dozen or so major classics to be played Thanksgiving Day, the football season of 1937 is practically concluded. Most of the state colleges will ring down the curtain this week, and in the next two weeks the majority of the nation's football aggregations will have ceased their gridiron hostilities.

If a national football championship is to be awarded, the honor will undoubtedly fall to the powerful Panthers of the University of Pittsburgh. Other formidable aggregations that should come in for a share of such glory would be Minnesota, Fordham, California, Alabama, Baylor, Washington, Nebraska and Yale. Pitt and California are yours truly's choices for the Rose Bowl game.

Speaking of bowls, another bowl contest will be added to the growing list of post-season games played on New Year's Day. The new addition is named the "Tobacco Bowl," which will be played in "ole Kentucky." I understand that Cam Henderson's powerful Thundering Herd of Marshall College has been invited to participate in the initial contest.

We now have the Rose Bowl, the original bowl game, the Sugar Bowl, the Dust Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Cotton Bowl and numerous other post-season games listed among the nation's New Year's Day headlines. It is alleged that W. V. U. has a couple of these bowl invitations, but several of the state's leading sports writers contend that they are "phonyes."

It is rumored that the officials of West Virginia University and of Marshall College are dickering for a contest between the Mountaineers and the Herd. Such a game, if played this season, would have been a Natural. Both teams have enjoyed unusually good seasons, and are adequately prepared to give state followers an eyeful of thrilling gridiron strategy.

Came Henderson, the Crafty One, is certainly to be commended for the work he has done since making his debut at the Huntington institution. Constant building has enabled the Herd to rise from an obscure football machine to a formidable gridiron aggregation. Marshall's 7-0 conquest of Dayton last Saturday enabled the Herd to annex its first Buckeye Conference championship.

In the boxing world we find Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, tiring of inactivity and clamoring for a bout... Johnny Risko, erstwhile heavyweight contender, is making a comeback... Bob Pastor, the boy who stayed ten gruelling rounds with the Brown Bomber, will meet Nathan Mann, prominent newcomer to the heavyweight ranks, this Friday in Madison Square Garden. While the odds are against him, this scribe picks Pastor.

As you have already observed, various all-American, all-Eastern and all-Southern football selections are being published. We are also looking for the all-State selections to be announced soon. West Virginia sports moguls should find posts for Glenville's Bohensky, Summers, Porterfield, Martino, Cottle and Bickel, to say the least.

Mill Throw-Outs: The intramural volleyball league seems to have fallen into oblivion... Perhaps the boys are anxious to organize a basketball circuit... Martino is expected to return to his classes after the Thanksgiving holidays... Samuel Whitman, former Pioneer tackle, was in town last week. Sam is assistant mentor at Cowen High School this year. He is anticipating a Cowen victory over Paul ("Babe") Jones' Richwood High School Lumberjacks this Thursday... See where Washington Irving and Victory's football game last Saturday ended in a dead heat... Concerning West Virginia games this week, this writer picks W. V. U. over George Washington, Concord over Salem and Marshall over Wesleyan... Don't say you weren't informed.

Jim Club Members Plan Activities

Nine members of the Jim Club met the past Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Robert F. Kidd Li-

brary where they heard a report of the club finances. Additional dues were paid and plans were made for several social activities of the club to take place soon.

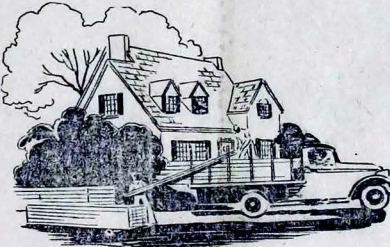
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Social Chairman



John Barnett, senior, above, is chairman of the College Social Committee and is vice-president of the Student Body Association. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Barnett of Wheeling and a brother of Miss Marjorie Barnett, student here this year.

Baby Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunn

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gunn, of Grantsville, announce the birth of a seven pound daughter, born at Nantamtown, Tuesday, Nov. 16. Mrs. Gunn was before her marriage, Miss Lorraine White, S. N. '35, of Nantamtown. The baby has not been named.

G Club Minstrel Rehearsals Start

The G Club started rehearsals last night in preparation for the fourth annual minstrel to be presented in the College auditorium, Thursday night, Dec. 9. Members of the club will endeavor to display their talents in comedy and song as well as they have on the gridiron and basketball court.

Miss Brand's Niece to Visit Here

Miss Willa Brand, English instructor, is expecting to have as her guest during Christmas holidays her niece, Miss Virginia Brand, of Austin, Texas.

G CLUB HONORS SENIOR MEMBERS

Medals Awarded for Service Here During Athletic Careers in All Sports

Eighteen members of the G Club were presented keys the past week by Andrew Edwards, secretary of the club. These insignia are given each year to the members who are to be graduated.

Members who received medals are: Captain Lee Summers, Summersville; Andrew Edwards, Wheeling; Evert Howes, Weston; John Bohensky, Clarksburg; Hillis Cottle, Spencer; Nathan Callahan, Richwood; John W. Mowrey, Jr., Clarksburg; Clifton Huffman, Spencer; John Marra, Clarksburg; Frank Martino, Clarksburg; Willis Tatterson, Reedy; Ralph Hought, West Union; John Barnett, Wheeling; Robert Gibson, Kingwood; Brooks Shepard, Elizabeth; C. I. Karnes, Jr., Kegley; Paul Mason, Terra Alta; and Guy Bennett, Jr., Philippi, West Virginia.

To Sponsor Entertainment Nov. 30

The Current Events Club will sponsor an informal entertainment Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the recreation room of the new dormitory. The party will be held after the regular meeting of the Club and will be open to members only.

Mr. A. J. Gibson Is Visitor Here

A. J. Gibson, state supervisor of high schools, of Charleston, was a house guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Shreve, Monday night. While in this section, Mr. Gibson visited the Nantamtown, Burnsville, Tanner and Troy schools and on Tuesday was a luncheon guest of Dean and Mrs. H. L. White.

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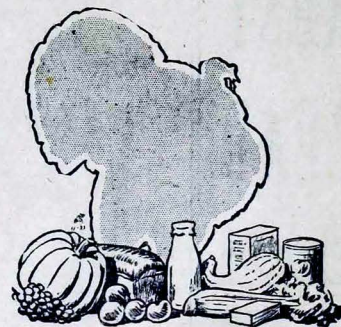
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P.-T. A. Meeting....

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Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" and Mary Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walters, interpreted "A Child's Birthright."

Character Education Stressed
"Character Education" was stressed in a symposium conducted by May Beal, who spoke briefly, and then introduced Mary Elizabeth Young, Ruth Annabel Hull and Miss Alice Britton. Miss Young listed major advantages of the study of music as a means of building character. Miss Hull talked on "Art Education" and Miss Britton stressed the need of health education.

A skit, "Effect of Pets," was presented under the direction of Miss Juanita Bell and included pantomimes by Margy Jack, Donna Jean Balat, Philip Haumann, Nina Lee Moore and Colene Boone.

The Rev. W. H. Beal, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, conducted the devotionals and also spoke briefly on the essentials of Christian education.

Four-H Members Speak
"What the Four-H Camp Meant to Me" was explained in brief talks by Evelyn Wagner and Virginia Hupp.

Earl R. Boggs, principal of the high school, explained the monthly attendance banner ratings and awarded the "red P.-T. A. flag" to Miss Frances Myers of the junior class. Second highest attendance percentage was scored by the second grade pupils.

Stanley Hall, instructor in the high school, registered visitors and members and compiled the attendance scores.

Concluding the meeting, Mrs. Moore, president, reviewed a report of the recent state P.-T. A. conference held in Huntington.

The Answers

- 1.—Nine years old. It was first called the History Club.
- 2.—1931.
- 3.—At DeKalb, about 6 miles below Glenville. In order to have the county seat here, some Glenville men went to DeKalb in the night, took the court records, swam the river, and brought them up here where they have since remained.
- 4.—They taught one lesson a year.
- 5.—Miss Willis Brand.
- 6.—Nine citizens bought it and donated it to the state.

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What a Student Thinks
Between Columns

By MAY BEAL

The other day a boy in West Virginia took his own life because he was hungry. When he came home and found only two grapes in the house, life no longer seemed bearable. After the tragedy occurred, the people in the neighborhood brought in plenty of food. The other members of the family were so starved they ate in spite of their grief. This happened in West Virginia.

Someone remarked that it would have been a tragedy anywhere. Yes. But for it to happen in our own state makes us all feel a little ashamed as if we were a party to the deed. Although most of us merely read about it and were too far away to help in this particular situation, there still remains a little guilt on our conscience. Perhaps we are commonly too negligent of the needy persons around us. Although we are not wealthy, we have food and comfortable clothing and it is quite possible that with a little thoughtfulness we could make life easier for someone else.

Pleasures Far All

We are getting out of the depression. Money is not as scarce as it was and we are again indulging in little luxuries as a matter of course. These poorer people, too, have more perhaps than they had during the worst days of the depression, but the breach between those dependent on relief and the people with regular incomes is widening, rather than lessening. The one group is buying new clothes, new furniture, and taking trips, while the other is still so poorly clad that it appears out of place in the most ordinary gathering. It all seems illogical. If there is more, if there is enough for a more abundant existence, the less fortunate group should reap at least some of the benefits of recovery. They should have enough food to eat and respectable clothing, with perhaps a few pleasures thrown in.

Hidden Behind Selfish Desires

We can assign many reasons for the conditions which now exist, but the fact is that we often hide behind the screen of our own selfish desires. Though we can not change things over night, we can, by giving a little thought to the matter, see

instances in which we might help by giving a little employment here and a little lift there. We could at least be slower in spending all our money on trifles for ourselves, so that when an opportunity arose for helping an individual who could not help himself, we would have the means with which to do it.

There are people living in abject poverty in our own state and communities. One need only visit the shacks up the hollows or investigate living conditions of some of our more remote rural inhabitants to find real distress. Persons who live in town and do not see these things can hardly realize the conditions which do exist.

If a tragedy should occur in our midst similar to the one which occurred the past week, who could say that the blame could not be laid at our door? Let us keep our eyes open and live with a view to sharing what we have, whenever possible—May Beal.

Orchestra to Play for Dance

The Social Committee discussed plans for a Christmas dance at a meeting Wednesday evening in the reception room of the new dormitory. Jack Watkins' Orchestra of Parkersburg may be employed to play for the dance, announces John Earnett, chairman of the Committee.

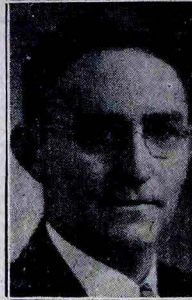
McKinney Guest at Turkey Dinner

Richard McKinney, A. B. '37, coach of Burnsville High School, will be guest of honor at a turkey dinner in the Burnsville school gymnasium Wednesday evening. The Burnsville football squad has been one of the outstanding teams in central West Virginia, having won six games, lost one, and tied one.

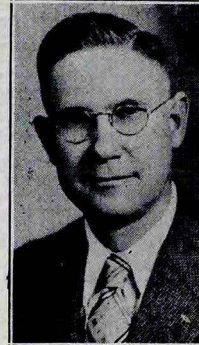
Mother of Gay Pettit Dies

Mrs. Gay Brannon Pettit, mother of Miss Gay Pettit, S. N. '29, died Sunday morning at her home in Sutton, following a week's illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Pettit was 65 years old and had taught for more than 20 years in Braxton County schools.

Science Teachers



Mr. John R. Wagner, above, instructor in physics and mathematics, and Dr. C. L. Underwood, below, instructor in chemistry and education, will have charge of the science teachers' conference which is to be held here on Saturday, Dec. 4.



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Freshmen Attend Party in Room 110

Fifty freshmen attended a series of open house parties the past Friday in Room 110 from 1 to 4 o'clock. Refreshments consisted of eight kinds of nuts. In charge of the party was Miss Ivy Lee Myers, who entertained with a brief talk on penmanship and improvement of grades and also demonstrated a handwriting lesson. Other faculty members present were Mr. H. Y. Clark and Mr. E. R. Grose.

Miss Alice Arbuckle Is Ill

Miss Alice Arbuckle, sister of Miss Alma Janet Arbuckle, College librarian, has been taken to the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore for observation and treatment.

Personals

Geraldine Cunningham spent the week-end at Tanner.

Helen Rollins was a week-end visitor in Hurst.

Elfreda Wiseman visited her parents at Hurst over the week-end.

Roy Mace spent the week-end at his home in Elizabeth.

Jack Mace spent the week-end at his home in Elizabeth.

Lucille Spray visited her parents at Hurst over the week-end.

Angela Stark was a week-end visitor in Alum Bridge.

Harold Noble was in Elizabeth the past week-end.

Miss Grace Lorentz, College dietitian, has been ill for the past week.

Thanksgiving....

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is also preferred. A high school teacher even went so far as to say, "If I can't have the white meat, I don't want any." A College professor said, "Give me pork or give me death."

As for cranberries, all agreed that they should accompany a turkey spread. And yes, many persons said they would relish oysters, the proverbial "punkin" pie, and celery hearts.

Some who chose to comment on the weather said they would rather see snow than rain. Others said, "Nix on that cold weather stuff."

The English language contains nearly 500,000 words, one of the most useful of which is "punk."

Santa Claus is the only person who pays any attention to silk stockings when there is nothing in them.

It seems that European diplomacy is a poker game played with chips on the shoulder.—Washington Post.

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