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EIGHTEEN HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS MEET HERE

College Is Host to
Central State Group;
Study of Curriculum
Made

By William Hamilton

Eighteen high school principals from ten counties met with College instructors and A. J. Gibson, state supervisor of high schools, at the Bennett Hall Friday night and Saturday morning to determine why the new state course of study for secondary schools is not in more extensive and intensive use, to discuss problems relating to it, and to devise methods for putting it into more complete operation.

Culmination of the meeting was D. E. Dean's resolution providing a plan for a series of faculty meetings dealing with the course of study, the meetings to be held in the respective schools. The group that gathered here over the week-end also agreed to meet here again in May in order to present the results of their study and to again compare problems of the curriculum.

Dean H. Laban White called the meeting to order and presided until Earl R. Boggs was named permanent chairman and D. E. Dean was made secretary. Words of welcome were extended by Pres. E. G. Rohrbough. Mr. Gibson spoke briefly and also took an active part in the forums.

Present were I. I. Pitsenberger, Belington; C. N. Hill, Sutton; R. A. Grimes, Clay; Parker C. Black, Wenden; Earl R. Boggs, Glenville; James Bramlett, Normantown; A. S. Cooper, Tanner; Roland Butcher, Sand Fork; Pearl Pickens, Troy; E. L. Macrum, West Milford; Dana R. Ervin, East Bank; D. E. Dean, Richmond; W. F. Myers, Cairn; J. C. Culp, Harrisville; C. R. Sullivan, Pemberton; George B. Fisher, Pullman; Goff Ramsay, Walton; C. H. Conway, Webster Springs.

Members of the College education department also attended.

Roland Butcher Heads Athletic Conference

One member of the faculty and several College alumni shared in honors recently at a meeting of the Central West Virginia Athletic Conference in Burnsville.

A. F. Rohrbough, coach and director of athletics in the College, was the principal speaker. Roland Butcher, A. B. '34, a brother of Robert and Teresa Butcher, students here, was elected president of the conference to succeed Esley Arthur, of Cowen. Mr. Butcher is principal of Sand Fork High School.

Other officers are: Vice-president, C. H. Conway, of Webster Springs, and secretary-treasurer, C. D. Wilfong, of Glenville.

Richard McKinney, A. B. '37, is coach of the Burnsville football team, the conference champions this year.

Marvin Cooper, S. N. '12, presented a trophy to the team. Principal of the Burnsville school is Walter L. Moore, A. B. '32.

The spring meeting of the conference will be March 15 at Webster Springs, and the next fall meeting will be the first Monday in December at Burnsville.

JIM CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY PARTY

Peppermint candy canes, pop-corn balls, ice cream and cookies were served to members of the Jim Club and their guests at a party Tuesday evening in the College Lounge. Games and contests to determine skill furnished the evening's entertainment.

CHORAL CLASS SINGS AT PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE

The Choral Class of the College, directed by Miss Bertha E. Olsen, and accompanied by Mrs. John E. Arbuckle at the organ, and Miss Emma Gainer, pianist, sang at the Presbyterian Church the past Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The numbers sung were "Adeste Fideles," "The Apparition To The Shepherd," and "The Wise Men." "O Holy Night," a three-part carol was sung by the girls of the class.

G Club Will Present Minstrel Tomorrow Night

Trios, quartettes, solos and specialties will headline the fourth annual G Club Minstrel Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock.

Practice began the past Monday night in the College auditorium with twenty-three boys trying out for parts, including the interlocutor and end men.

Of special interest will be the end men, Robert Davies, Albert Lilley, Louis Romano, Carl Keister, Harold Voroski and Paul Collins, singing a lovely song, "Cheerful Glee." Other songs to be featured include: "Mexicala Rose," by the Bing Crosby of the campus, Harold Noroski; "I'm Gonna Lock My Heart and Throw Away the Key," by that second Salley Mason, Albert Lilley; "The Old Apple Tree," by the group, with Carl Keister as soloist. Piano accompanist will be Marguerite Moss.

Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

4-H Club Gets Eight New Members

Eight students joined the College Four-H Club at a meeting Thursday evening in the College Lounge. They were: Virginia Summers, Egbert Wolfe, Harry Hays, Monta Beal, Harold Scott, Mickey Davis, Elise Brannon and Pauline Rogers.

The Club plans to honor the Waynesburg debating team here January 11, and has named the following committees to carry out the program: Refreshments, Wynema Smith, Juanita Haught, Harold Scott, Madeline Borton and Virginia Summers; Arrangements, Simon Hall, Jr., Dorothy McClung, Monta Beal and Mary Jetty Kidd.

Dorothy McClung was appointed program chairman for the year.

ED ORR HAS ARTICLE IN "PETROLEUM ENGINEER"

Ed Orr, former student in the College and former member of the staff of the Glenville Democrat, had an article of interest in the September issue of the Petroleum Engineer. The article deals with an invention of a Weston man, Alex Villers, employee of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas Company. The invention is a valve which helps economize the consumption of gas and is thoroughly explained by Mr. Orr, who is a student in the University of Missouri this semester.

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB WILL DISCUSS THE "RADIO"

The topic "Radio" will be discussed by members of the Current Events Club tonight at 7 o'clock.

The meeting will be opened with a talk on the "Origin of the Operation of America's Radio Laws," by John Rogers. "How America's Radio Operates," will be discussed by Jack Francis. And the question, "Is America's Radio Industry Controlled by a Monopoly?" will be examined pro and con by Virginia Frymier and Agnes Wright.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY WILL MEET THURSDAY

Christmas stories and carols will constitute the program of a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. F. Withers.

The story of the history of the carols will be told by Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, and the story of "The Other Wise Man" will be told by Susan Summers. A group of girls, Helen Wright, Agnes Wright, Garnett Hamric, Marybelle Summers, Patty Jack and Catherine Withers will sing Christmas carols.

Exchange of gifts will be made which will be sent to the Davis Stewart Orphanage at Lewisburg.

Mrs. Lee Jack will be the assistant hostess.

STUDENTS WILL GET CHRISTMAS DINNER TOMORROW

A Christmas dinner will be served at Kinawha and Verona Mapel Halls tomorrow evening at 5:30 o'clock.

Guests at Kanawha Hall will be Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Freed and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough.

Land of 'The Head Hunters' Depicted In Address By the Rev. Herman Dixon

Students and Faculty Get Word Picture of 'The Head Hunters' Customs Observed on Island of Borneo

A lecture describing a land of tropical heat, head-hunters, tribal feuds and worship of evil spirits (believed in as assembly Wednesday) by the Rev. Herman Dixon of Warren, O., who has spent five years in Borneo as a missionary.

His discourse described the living conditions, weird customs and queer beliefs of the natives. The only clothing used by them is the loincloth and the headpiece. Their tattooed bodies are ornamented with antler-fang earrings, bracelets and anklets. Blackening the teeth is done by chewing a native nut.

"A great deal of time and energy is wasted by natives because of belief in and worship of evil spirits," asserted Mr. Dixon. Their belief that sickness, disease and misfortune are caused by the wrath of such spirits lead the people to make sacrifices and perform ceremonies to appease the wrath of these spirits.

During a partial eclipse of the sun the natives believe an evil spirit is trying to swallow the sun. In a frightened panic they make a great noise to frighten away the spirits and after the eclipse they rejoice that they have succeeded.

Mr. Dixon displayed various curios brought from Borneo, including the blow-gun, used to shoot poisoned darts, native-made mats, musical instruments, the skin of a seventeen-foot snake, a vanity case and a native umbrella.

Cots Provided As First Aid Emergency Measure

Two light weight, folding cots for emergency use of students have been received by Miss Goldie C. James, instructor in biology.

One of these cots is to be kept in the biology laboratory, and the other is to be kept in the bookstore, in Administration Hall.

Miss James points out that these cots are immediately available for any student or faculty member, and that they are light enough to convey a person who may be ill to the open air, as well as provide a desirable means of caring for those who are only briefly indisposed.

The cots are to be replaced immediately after use, in order that they will be ready for use at any time, Miss James emphasized.

Nothing Can Approach the Beauty of Snow-Covered West Virginia Hills

Student Says 'Few Indeed Are the Things That Harbor No Good'

By Lovie Belle Stewart

Few indeed are the things that harbor no good, and snow is no exception.

People seldom stop to realize that snow can be and is useful. They see it wrong side up. After all, what do a few spills amount to? It teaches some of us that we aren't always graceful, especially when we wander into a deceptive spot of snow and fall. However, we can always turn around and laugh at someone else. After all it is a splendid way to discover the kind of disposition we have cultivated. Or if we can't face the truth about ourselves—we can try being prettier after the third or fourth spill and find out what kind of neighbors we are living beside.

Children invariably like snow. In fact they usually look forward to it for months. To them it means grand times with their favorite sleds. Even those who aren't so fortunate as to have sleds, enjoy themselves thoroughly by building snow forts and pelting the enemy soundly with snow balls. Or if they tire of that—they are always the possibility of separating some man and his hat.

Even the merchants welcome snow. To them it means added business. Because with snow comes thoughts of Christmas—and that means shopping. Why they even sell chains to managers of some chain stores.

Snow teaches us as well as animals that cold weather is coming. It warns some of us to get out our red flannels, and even the dumb animals know that the time has come to

MISS SINGLETON VISITS HERE

Arrah Wiana Singleton, A.B. '35, a graduate of Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Md., was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Singleton, the past week.

Public Spooning Is Taboo These Days

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—(ACP)—Public spooning is taboo on the Oklahoma City University campus.

At least it will be if students here take to heart the lecture on social usages given to them in the new "White and Gold Book" on etiquette just finished by Dean of Women Lena E. Misener.

Here are a few of the don'ts she advocated:

Don't show marked affection for your sweetheart while in public. Don't dance while smoking. You may smudge the lady's hair or burn down the house. Don't ignore the alumnus who has returned for a good time. Help him along. Don't fail to express "audible thanks" for small favors. "Do not disdain good manners, for in so doing you admit a weakness in your own self."

Book-binding Project Displays Work Here

For the past few weeks the Stalaker and Miller barber shop has had on display a unit of the book-binding project carried on at Sand Fork since July 20, 1936.

During this time, workers, under the supervision of Mrs. Vera Garrett, have mended approximately 3948 books, magazines and bulletins for all sections of the county.

Salaries for the work are paid by the Works Progress Administration and supplies for the club and the school work are furnished by the State Department of Education. Mrs. Garrett also has done much work for the College, the expenses of which were paid by the State Board of Control.

"Y.W." WILL GIVE PARTY TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The College chapter of the Y.W. C. A. will give a party for the poor children Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock in the Club room.

GLENVILLE WILL ENTERTAIN W. V. I. P. ASSOCIATION AT EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEET; WARD IS SECRETARY-TREASURER

Music Department Will Present Cantata, Friday

Assembly this week will be held Friday instead of Wednesday in order that the music department may present a Christmas cantata, "The Wonder Child" with words and music by Stanley T. and Emilie Reiff. Miss Bertha E. Olsen will direct the cantata.

Classes that ordinarily meet on Friday at 10 a. m. will meet Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Canterbury Club Enjoys Annual Christmas Party

Miss Willa Brand, sponsor, entertained the Canterbury Club and one guest, the Rev. Lloyd C. Archard, at her annual Christmas party Saturday night.

Ernestine Harrison told Kate Douglas Wiggin's story, "The Bird's Christmas Carol"; Susan Summers related the story, "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke, and Clifford Garrett told Dickens' famous "Christmas Carol."

Christmas tree and Santa Claus word games and the drawing of reindeer while blindfolded occupied guests' attention following the more serious part of the program. Winners of mechanical toy prizes were Barbara Hauman, Max Ward, Agnes Wright and Ruth Annshell Hull.

A two-course buffet luncheon was served. The color scheme was red and green and the apartment was decorated with poinsettias, red candles and a Christmas pine.

Each student received a gift from the red stocking and Miss Brand received a gift from the Club.

Isadore Nachman, A.B. '36, a former member of the Club who is now on the staff of the Lebanon Daily News, in Lebanon, Mo., called Miss Brand by telephone early Saturday evening and extended best wishes for the success of the party.

Teresa Butcher Burned at Club Initiation

The first accident ever to happen at a College Chemistry Club initiation occurred Tuesday evening when Teresa Butcher, president of the sophomore class, was burned with acetic acid.

Miss Butcher had completed her part of the initiation and was waiting for the other members to finish, but had not removed her blindfold when a member of the club held up some of the acid for her to smell. It was accidentally knocked from his hands and spilled on Miss Butcher's face, shoulder and arm. Thinking it was a part of her initiation, she did not report the accident at once, but soothed the burn by rubbing it. When first noticed by Rhoda Ann Bell, another member of the Club, Miss Butcher's arm was already blistered. She was immediately taken to Dr. W. T. Smith, the College physician, for treatment.

COLLEGE ALUMNUS SCORES HIGHEST ON POLICE TEST

John Lewis Kirkpatrick, S. N. '32, former principal of the Hepsh school in Harrison County, in a new city patrolman in Clarksburg, Kirkpatrick made one of the three highest grades given under the civil service regulations and won his appointment over twenty-five other candidates.

OHINGOHOWS GET FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Five students were initiated at a meeting of the Ohingohows Players Wednesday evening in Room 205. They were: Teresa Butcher, Geraldine McClain, Alyce Marie Bonnett, Marjorie Barnett and Orris Stutler. Students who have been voted into the Club and were not present will be initiated at the next meeting.

The play, "Pink and Patches," which was to have been given Wednesday, was postponed.

Ten Colleges Represented At Conference In Beckley; Clyde O. Hess Is New President

By John Rogers

The College will be host to the 1939 convention of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association. Such was the unanimous decision of delegates representing ten colleges at the Association's seventeenth annual convention in Beckley, Friday and Saturday.

Max Ward, junior in the College, was elected secretary-treasurer. Other officers include: President, Clyde Hess, West Virginia University; vice-president, James Hart, Wesleyan; advisor, E. C. Keefe, Davis and Elkins; executive secretary, G. Montgomery, Logan College.

Speeches and forums which dealt with the theme of the Convention, "Modern Trends in Journalism," a business session, a tea, a banquet, and a dance occupied attention of the delegates.

In a welcoming address, J. Lewis Bumgarner, president of Beckley College, said, "It is up to the press, the journalistic brains of America to protect democracy."

Ted McDowell, editor of the Beckley Post-Herald, advanced the idea that a good column can express matter better than an editorial, during a talk on "Problems of the Modern Column Editor."

Following Mr. McDowell, Dorsey Biggs, advertising manager of the Beckley papers, emphasized the need for greater attention to the business side of a newspaper.

At the annual banquet Friday night, Charles Hudd, president of the Beckley Newspaper Corporation, compared American newspapers with those of Europe, and drew the conclusion that American papers are to be commended for their freedom and for their general mechanical superiority.

That newspapers should fit their make-up to their purpose and personality was the opinion of J. Ralston Watkins, editor of the Raleigh Register.

Other speakers included Linn B. Hickman, instructor in journalism here, who discussed the modern editorial page; and Miss Medora Mason, instructor in journalism in Fairmont State Teachers College.

Delegates from the College included Max Ward, Elizabeth Lewis, Earl McDonald, J. S. Richardson, John Rogers and Mr. Hickman, faculty adviser.

Other schools represented were New River, Logan, Wesleyan, Davis and Elkins, Beckley, Concord, Morris Harvey, Fairmont and West Virginia University.

WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTIES TONIGHT

Girls in Verona Mapel and Kanawha Hall will observe their annual Christmas parties this evening. Both halls have Christmas trees lighted and decorated.

TEN STUDENTS JOIN CHEMISTRY CLUB

Thursday night at 6:45 o'clock ten Chemistry Club pledges were initiated and given the oath of allegiance. Those initiated were: Jennings Jarvis, Teresa Butcher, Robert Butcher, Max Ward, Robert Stalaker, Everett Cooper, Alyce Marie Bonnett, Ralph Cox, Elise Brannon and Sarah Malcolm.

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY AT LOUIS BENNETT HALL

Residents of Louis Bennett Hall held open house Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. More than 100 persons, most of them girls, visited the hall during the two hours and enjoyed refreshments served in the lounge.

COMPANY REPAIRING DORMITORY BATHROOMS

Repairs to bathrooms in both student and faculty sections of Louis Bennett Hall are in progress. The work is being done by the Tile-Tec Company of Chicago and is in response to a complaint that the original contract was not satisfactory.

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CONDUCT WILL OUT

Opening of the College lounge to students three evenings a week from 6 to 7 o'clock is now effective through action by the Student Council and President E. G. Rohrbough.

Since students (members of the Council) are in charge, there is a general crystal-gazing in an effort to predict the outcome of the venture. And, as is the case with prognostications, different consequences are foreseen—some diametrically opposite.

At least a few pointed examples are offered in proof of the contention that the plan will not work under student supervision. Large colleges and universities have found unsuccessful similar experiments.

But it is the old story of respecting privileges—in Glenville State Teachers College or otherwise. The privilege, and such it is presumed to be, will likely continue so long as those who use it make its continuation desirable.

It is therefore quite possible that the lounge can be kept open through next semester for students—by students.—Max Ward.

GREATEST HOLIDAY OF ALL

We have all noticed the difference in the effect of Christmas upon us more than that of any other holiday. What is the cause of this?

It is the time when we all have a friendly feeling toward each other; even enemies relent in their hatred and almost love each other. It is a time when we can most easily obey the injunction of Him, in whose honor we celebrate this day, when He said, "Love your enemies." This is a time when we are prone to forget our differences and forgive those who oppose us.

Christmas is a time when we want to share. Even the poorest give gifts. The peculiar thing about it is that this spirit prevails at this time of the year in all countries that know Christ.

What does this mean? It means that Christ is divine and that He still lives in the hearts of men.

Some beautiful customs have developed in celebrating the birth of our Lord. The Christmas tree comes from Germany. Santa Claus from Holland. The Christmas stocking from Belgium or France. From England we get choral singing, the use of holly mistletoe and Christmas cards. However, many inappropriate methods of celebration are substituted and instead of being honored, Christ is put to shame. One of the common inappropriate methods of observance is the use of intoxicating drinks.—C. E. Whysell.

MORE ORCHIDS, COUNCIL!

The recent assembly program devoted to discussion of women's rights must be considered a satisfactory one even if no further action is taken regarding the matter.

Activities of this kind help to bring about a unity and better organization among students. Several persons have suggested that other meetings of this kind be held for the discussion of other pressing questions.

The Council is commended for their progressiveness and originality which made the meeting possible.—R.L.D.

This Country Needs Well-Trained Amateurs

That "Joy is the obligation of the race" is the opinion of Hendrik Willem Van Loon, the best-known Dutchman in the world in an article printed in Etude Music Magazine. None of us get the joy from living to which we are entitled, he continues. Americans have so many worries and fears that they have been developing worry into a fine art.

Music, says this author, is of great importance at this time for this very reason. It helps one to generate joy, that factor that we are obligated to experience as a race.

There is a certain thrill, a feeling of joy that comes from working with music. Mr. Van Loon says, "Be patient. You do not learn to learn to read because you cannot be an Otis Skinner or a Katherine Cornell." If one were to play music for the same reason a golfer plays golf instead of exhibitionism, he would know this thrill.

Mr. Van Loon says Americans have very little fun because they have a distorted idea of it. They do not make enough fun themselves. This country needs well-trained amateurs who can give the people the joy that is their obligation.—Alyce Marie Bonnett.

OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

"Our educational system has been functioning on the principle that everyone who can afford a college education should get one, and as a result has 'watered' its academic program to permit students who cannot profit by training in academic scholarship to enter college." Dr. F. T. Spaulding, Harvard University, believes we should "breach the dignity of labor" to those unfitted for college.

"If you can find something on every page of your morning newspaper that interests you, then you are enormously vital and alive."—Dr. Wm. Phelps.

Thoughts For the Lovelorn Or Advice to the Broken Hearts

By Helena Hix

Dear Miss Hix,

Should a girl take a boy's arm when walking down street with him, or should the boy take the girl's arm? Janie

Dear Janie,

No, by all means, don't cling to a boy's arm when walking with him. Neither should a boy take yours except when crossing the street or when going up or down dark stairs. He should just place his hand beneath your elbow.

Helena Hix.

Keep the Radio On All Day? No!

Is the radio a necessity or a nuisance?

Is it worthwhile to endure advertising five minutes in order to enjoy a ten minute program? Sometimes it seems that the best programs must be marred by messages from the sponsors. Perhaps the best thing to do about it is to grin and bear the bitter with the sweet. Now and then the broadcasting companies offer an exceptional good program with no advertising at all. The series of great plays now being presented on Sunday afternoons are of this type.

Fortunately, one can always turn off the uninteresting or distasteful programs, or parts of programs. At least, one can if the receiving set is one's own. The radio which is a necessity to its owner may be a nuisance to the neighbors. A student who lives in one of our dormitories recently remarked, "I don't need a radio, I can hear the one in the room above me at any time of the day or night. It was turned on at five o'clock this morning." It is a nuisance of the radio to set the dial at one station and leave it on all day with the expectation of getting a good program sooner or later. Intelligent listeners consult advance program notices (we are not advertising Radio Guide) and choose the most worthwhile ones for the time they can devote to listening. Courteous listeners use the knob provided for restricting the volume.—Menta Real.

Quotes Quotable

"The general understanding that scholars are necessarily free men would be promoted if there radiated from our colleges and universities news reflecting the wide range of opinion on controversial issues which prevails on almost any campus."—Reed College's Pres. Dexter M. Keizer.

"The university must be custodian of scholarship, jealously guarding the truths which have been ascertained and ceaselessly seeking out unseen truths by study and experiment. The University is pledged to the cultivation of the mental, the esthetic and the spiritual capacities of its students, mindful always that they will be the active citizens of our democracy during the next generation."—Pres. Charles Seymour, Yale University.

"Intercollegiate athletics involves substituting a spectator psychosis for student participation. It meshes the college in with a semi-professional system in which scores are more important than pleasure and skill."—Pres. Stringfellow Barr, St. John's College.

"It is easy enough to study the past. It is equally easy to study toward some ideal future which may never come into being. But it is very difficult to translate all of these things into the dynamic understanding of the present. Any college which expects the first-hand study of the problems of the living present refuses to accept the most difficult and significant part of its task."—Yale University's Dr. C. M. Hill.

"We should study history and sociology and science and philosophy and economics, not that out of such investigations we may be able to find the immediate solution of pressing problems, but rather that we may regain a reasonable perspective."—New York University's Dean I. H. Berg.

COLLEGIANTICS . . .

Bull sessions are good or bad according to the subjects which are discussed. . . Furthermore, the attitude of a session determines the value of exchanging ideas on a given topic. . . Of course, it is natural that when bulls convene, the conversation drifts finally to cows. . . Straight "A" Showers airs his views on women. . . The would-be woman killer says that Woody doesn't know much about the subject. . . On the other hand, one with experience says that Woody knows enough to leave them alone. . . The women have frequent gatherings in order to express personal opinion. . . Dorothy believes the College will be a school for females alone in a few years. . . Others criticize the men for lack of sociability. . . In some cases, the women are the ones who have been backward. . . Yet, they are fortunate in that they have avoided the few who are undesirable. . . One commentator says that after the first glance and first conversation, he understands readily why some of the females are without male companionship. . . Arlene is not one of this group, for Wick is persistently seeking her company. . . His determination nets him an emphatic "NO". . . Lanky Harris strolls with Rhoda. . . Pauline receives weekly calls from the Old Dominion. . . Nellie is deserted as Ray uses her for a steppingstone to Rose. . . Corathers hurries to Northview to meet Marybell. . . Ralph and Goff chat in the halls. . . Kenton and Johnny show Mabel and Lorene the intricacies of the game. . . Harold drops in to tell of some cases of missing property. . . Those who have no respect for the rights of others should not be here. . . This is an institution of higher learning, not one for the instruction of those fundamental ethics which should be acquired long before matriculation. . . In spite of this blot on the holiday spirit, Joe still wishes you a Merry Christmas. . . See you next year.—Joe College.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS



Merry Maiden's Movie Moments

On Screen Showings, Current and Coming

By Marjorie Craddock

Pictures coming to the local theater are: Tonight and tomorrow night, "Romance In The Dark," presenting Gladys Swarthout, John Boles, and John Barrymore; also "The Rangers Roundup," starring Fred Scott; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," featuring Alice Faye, Tyrone Power and Don Ameche.

Outstanding pictures during the holidays are: December 20 and 21, "Dr. Clitterhouse," with Claire Trevor and Edward G. Robinson; 29, 30 and 31, "Give Me A Sailor," starring Martha Raye, Bob Burns and Betty Grable.

"Come on and cheer, come on and cheer, it's 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'." with twenty-eight of Irving Berlin's songs, written in the period from 1911 to 1938. Perhaps the number one hit in this group were: "Now It Can Be Told," "My Walking Stick," and the song with the title role. The movie

Power depicts three decades beginning with the development in 1911 of Alexander's (Tyrone Power) band on the Barbary Coast the drama of the World War period, and the present era of swing time. Ethel Merman, Jack Haley and Jean Harlow add some of the support. An American Cavalcade is this four star picture.

CUPID AND COMMENTS: After having seen "Little Miss Broadway," I agree with Vogue Magazine's statement that "only the hard core of intellectuals" to be brought in by her (Shirley Temple) heart-punching miracles, and that she has a "world-wide emotion."

Joe has been escorting Neva Eloise to the flickers as has Earle and Marjiny, Rudy Ameche and Martha Lee, Laddie and Zela, Helen W., and one of the Bailey twins and Ernest and Iona.

The Mercury Questionnaire

1. Did Christopher Columbus die in prison?
2. Does a dead snake's tail wiggle until sunset?
3. Who were the first men to use buttons on their sleeves?
4. Where was the first appendectomy performed?
5. What General said, "War is hell?"

(Answers on Page 4)

Quick Quips . . .

To the Chemistry Club:

Novices should not be initiated by other novices.

Yours,

Quicksilver.

Notes On What to Read

Seen Among the Books And Magazines in the Robert F. Kidd Library

For you who are planning to be doctors, "The Horse and Bugby Doctor," by Arthur E. Hertzler, M. D., is a story of enchanting intimacy and homely humor of the life of an American country doctor, "Pop" Hertzler.

For Journalism students: "35,000 Days in Texas," a history of the Dallas News and its forerunners, by Sam Acheson.

"Man's Hope," by Andre Malraux, a book that will tell you all about the war in Spain will be in the Library after Christmas.

Another book which has been ordered and will be on the shelf after Christmas is "Rebecca," by Daphne Du Maurier. It is about a modern Jane Eyre.

For people who know nothing about science: "Science for the Citizen," by Lancelot. It is in the Library and if you read this it will be easy to understand what has been the history of science and why.

Nora Wain, author of "The House of Faith," has a continued article starting in December Atlantic Monthly. Its title is "Reaching for the Stars" and it is about her life in Germany from 1934 to 1938.

An article written by Dr. Sydney H. Ball, in December Science Monthly, titled "Luminous Gems: Mythical and Real" relates many interesting myths and true facts about precious gems.

Popular Mechanics for December has an article that tells you how to make your snapshots tell a story.

For the men: Find out what the American women think about men by reading Mary Cookman's article in January Ladies' Home Journal. For the girls: Graeme and Sarah Lorimer have a new Maude story in January Ladies' Home Journal.

The LETTER BOX

TO THE EDITORS:

The open house, which is being sponsored and chaperoned by the Student Council has, thus far, been a success. Let us keep it that way by managing our conduct so that more students will be induced to attend these meetings, and convince the faculty that the students of Glenville State Teachers College are capable of maintaining discipline.

Students should realize that the open house, is more or less, an experiment and they should continue to be temperate in their exercises. This is a big step forward in student government. We sincerely hope that the students will continue to cooperate with the Council in making it an even bigger success.

The only way to get more privileges is to use those that we have now, temperately and advantageously.—Paul Collins.

BETWEEN COLUMNS

WHAT A GRAND VACATION

How many students, after weeks of hard study, will begin and end their Christmas vacation by continued study? The numerous notebooks that must be finished, and the nearness of the final examinations take most of the enjoyment out of this—the best holiday of all.

Try to imagine what a real vacation would mean to students. First of all, it would mean complete relaxation. The superb feeling that for two weeks they need do nothing but rest and feel their tense nerves relax. Nothing to worry about. Nothing to do but thoroughly enjoy themselves. What a wonderful Christmas they would have.

Rested and happy themselves, students would bring happiness to their families and friends. Many of them would locate skates or sleds and join their old schoolmates in frolics that would make them feel like "kids" again. Some would browse through reading that had accumulated during their absence from home. And others would spend most of their time sleeping with the comforting thought that they wouldn't have to "roll" out of bed early in the morning—what a grand vacation that would be.—Lovie Belle Stewart.

For the first six months of 1938, gifts to educational institutions declined \$58,668,188 from the total of a similar period of last year.

Of the 13,225 young people who registered with the NYA employment service in October, only one per cent were college graduates.

"Christmas in land of the fir tree and pine,
Christmas in land of palm tree and vine;
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright;
Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight."

—Philip Brooks.

How the Coeds Dressed For the Christmas Dance

By Marjorie Craddock

Congratulations to the Holy Roller and the G Club for their successful co-sponsored Christmas Dance. It was quite wise of them to spend less money or decorations and put the money on the orchestra. A congenial and harmonious crowd was there.

It led the way for the coeds, particularly noticeable on Marjiny with red streamers falling from her hair, Ernestine and her swept-up hair too. Adeline in black and blue. Rorina cutting the severity of dull black by a white ruffle at the neck, and Marjorie Barnett attractive with a striped jacket over a formal gown. White glimmering satin was most becoming to the red hair of Agnes Sparks. Eileen Hamilton looked very pretty in pale blue lace, as did Arlene Workman making an old-fashioned silhouette in rose. Ruth Annabel's sleek red dress suited her personality. Charming indeed was Jean McGee in her off-the-shoulder creation of blue brocade with silver. One of the outstanding costumes was Madelyn Conrad's white chiffon setting off her platinum hair. Susan Summers looked very sweet in her ice-blue satin with an accordion pleated skirt.

The Collegiate World

A University of Minnesota survey indicates that college graduates may expect to be earning between \$2,000 and \$3,000 annually eight years after graduation.

University of Toledo collegians voted 81 per cent against the new "up-sweep" hair-dress for women. Dartmouth College is one of the few U. S. Colleges that has an officially recognized student fire department.

University of Oklahoma women have formed the American Co-ed Protective League to insure members from being stood up on a date. A majority of St. Lawrence University students favor subsidization of athletes.

South Dakota State College students eat on an average of 100 ice cream cones daily. There are 22 sets of brothers on the Washington and Lee University campus.

One-third of the University of Chicago students prefer symphonic music to swing.

PORTERFIELD AND BICKEL RATE FIRST HONORS ON CHARLESTON GAZETTE'S ALL WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE TEAM

McMillen Placed on Second Team and Mendenhall Gets Honorable Mention

Four Pioneers were honored the past week when the Charleston Gazette named a 1938 All-West Virginia Conference team.

Co-captains Russell Porterfield and Earlie Bickel were first choice candidates and were placed on the Gazette eleven and McMillen was placed on the second team. Mendenhall received honorable mention. Porterfield was easily the outstanding fullback candidate of the season and was unanimously chosen for the position. Earlie Bickel topped a host of fine centers throughout the state during the past campaign and was chosen on the merits of his outstanding defensive play.

James McMillen, a junior in the College, who played both end and halfback during the season, was chosen because of his spectacular running ability.

SPORTS

Intramural basketball is the talk of the campus and there is much enthusiasm among boys. In past years, intramural sports have been tried without much success, because many of the boys did not take advantage of the recreational opportunity thus afforded.

Sports create a friendlier attitude among students who play the game fairly. Sports also make for a better school spirit.

Intramural sports which help to improve one mentally as well as physically, will be welcomed as a recreational period by those who care to come and watch as well as those who play. The opportunity to play is open to all College students and it should be a desire of all boys to participate.—Carl Keister.

MORE THAN INTRAMURALS

Should basketball be the only intramural sport in progress? Emphatically no! There are many students who are uninterested in basketball and, therefore, fail to participate. If a variety of sports were offered there would be an opportunity for these students to find some sport in which they were interested.

This would develop a tendency for more students to engage in intramural sports, whereas, if nothing is offered but basketball, those uninterested students, will fail to get their much needed exercise, and will fail miserably to receive the most important thing in college life — association with other students.—Paul Collins.

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PIONEERS TO RETURN DEC. 27

The Pioneer basketball squad will cut short a two weeks' Christmas vacation period and return to the campus Tuesday, Dec. 27, to resume practice in preparation for the first scheduled game of the season against Fairmont Teachers here on Saturday night, Jan. 7.

McClung Wins Girls' Volley Ball Honors

McClung defeated Davis 38-31 to become winner of the girls' intramural volleyball tournament Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. McClung had previously won over Wolfe, 40-19, and Davis had trounced White by a score of 46 to 20. Officials for the game were: Referee, Sara Malcolm; umpire, Elva Wright; linesman, Zela Chapman, Alice Ryan.

A Great World's Fair Is Planned For 1939

It may be you are going to the New York World's Fair in 1939; certainly you are going to see and hear a lot concerning it. But go or not, did you know—

"The 'City of Tomorrow,' enclosed in the 18-story Perisphere, is named 'Democracy'; the two longest moving stairways ever to be built will convey one to the entrance of the Perisphere.

There will be at least eighty restaurants accommodating more than 250,000 persons daily. Nearly 350,000 rooms are available for transients.

No chances will be taken with the health of visitors; there will be ten first aid stations, a large corps of physicians and surgeons, nearly 100 nurses, ten motor ambulances, and a mobile X-ray truck.

The "Children's World" may prove to be the most popular attraction for adults as well as children. Children may be left to play, eat and rest watched by trained supervisors.

Officials estimate that out-of-town visitors to the Fair will number 15,000,000. By the estimated 60,000,000 gate admissions \$33,000,000 will be grossed.

An exact architectural replica of Independence Hall, the "Cradle of American Liberty," will be the Pennsylvania exhibit building.

WILL ADDRESS ROTARY CLUB

Karl Brown, director of the Spencer High School Band, will address the Rotary Club Thursday. Mr. Carey Woolf is in charge of the program.

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Pioneers Attend Floor Clinic In Morgantown

Coach A. F. Rohrbough and the College basketball squad were in Morgantown Saturday for the sixth annual University basketball clinic. Demonstrations were given by Frank Wimer, Elkins High School; Rex Pyles, Alderson-Broadus College; Evert Brinkman, Wheeling High School; Rand McKinney, Grafton High School; and Richard Raese, West Virginia University.

In the evening the squad saw West Virginia University defeat Wesleyan, 43-29. Those who went from here were: James McMillen, Gilbert Rhoades, Jr., Harold Scott, Albert Lilley, Louie Romano, Harold Noriski, Robert Armstrong, Forrest White, Jack Miles and Clifford Lamp.

Willis Riddle Is Leading Scorer In Floor Games

Captain Willis Riddle is the top scorer in the intramural basketball league with a total of twenty-four points. Irwin Conley, of Walton, and Glen Bennett, of Glenville, are second with twenty-one points each. Russell Porterfield, of Richwood, has twenty points.

In the league standing Carl Keister's team and Lawrence Nuce's five are in first place, both having a 10-0 rating. Keister has won three games and Nuce tallies with two wins and no losses. Roy Mace and his dribblers are in third position, having won two out of three contests. In the fight for fourth place, Willis Riddle and Johnson Burke are running neck and neck at the 500 mark, and Paul Collins is sixth, having won one game and lost two. Snodgrass and Meadows have failed to win and are seventh and eighth respectively.

Officials for the games last week were Gilbert Rhoades, Jr. and James McMillen.

SCORES LAST WEEK

Keister, 18 — Collins, 13
Mace, 24 — Meadows, 20
Burke, 12 — Nuce, 18
Riddle, 35 — Snodgrass, 22
Mace, 33 — Collins, 27
Keister, 30 — Meadows, 18

THE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Per.
Keister	3	0	1000
Nuce	2	0	1000
Mace	2	1	.666
Burke	1	1	.500
Riddle	1	1	.500
Collins	1	2	.333
Snodgrass	0	2	.000
Meadows	0	3	.000

GIRLS HONOR MISS BRAND

"This is one of the nicest things that has ever happened to me," said Miss Wills Brand, instructor in English, the past week when she was honored with a handkerchief shower by the upper class girls of Verona Mapel Hall. Nineteen girls were present.

Gordon Eison Has Established Somewhat Of a Record at Wirt County High School



GORDON EISON

Former Pioneer Turns Out Winning Football Teams During Past Five Years

Pioneers usually go places following their graduation here, but all of them don't set records like those of Gordon Eison.

The past week the Wirt County Journal at Elizabeth carried a front-page story summing up the achievements of Coach Eison, who has directed athletics at the Wirt County High School since 1934.

In the past five years Eison's teams have won 34 games, lost 12 and tied 2, and have scored 860 points against 169 for opponents.

The Journal story concludes with this paragraph: "Besides being one of the best coaches in the state, Gordon Eison is one of Wirt County's most popular instructors."

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS IN METHODIST CHURCH

The Woman's Club of Glenville held its regular monthly meeting last night in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 6:30 o'clock. Dinner was served to sixty members. The feature of Dr. Thomas Mann's "Joseph in Egypt" by Miss Erma L. West.

Guest speakers were Mrs. John R. Davis of Weston, district president of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. C. R. Davison, president of the Weston Club.

Mrs. Marvin Cooper reported on the Christmas seals sale. The amount received to date is \$260.05, which is more than received last year at this time.

The hostesses were: Mrs. W. H. Beal and Mrs. J. C. Musser.

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MONONGAHELA SYSTEM

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H. Laban White, Jr., A.B. '37, spent the week-end at his home here. Eva Cunningham spent the past week-end at her home in Harrisville. Robert H. Kidd was at his home in Burnsville Sunday. Mary Means was a Saturday shopper in Clarkburg.

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G. S. T. C. STUDENTS

The New Lyric Theatre Will Open Sometime During Christmas Holidays

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"ARKANSAS TRAVELER," starring Bob Burns (a Paramount Picture) and "COMING AROUND THE MOUNTAIN," starring Gene Autry (a Republic Picture). Also a Serial, "PHANTOM EMPIRE," starring Gene Autry.

Sidelights On the WVIP Convention

By Max Ward

"Modern Trends in Journalism" suggests startling innovations, yet, when they are discussed and the smoke of battle clears away, the newspaper still moves on much as before.

Though the Beckley conference lacked the smoke of battle, the review of the trends of journalism differed much that made attendance worth while.

Mr. Ted McDowell's reflections on the growth of the newspaper column were as pleasant as the speaker himself. His view is that people know what the columnist probably will say, so they read to see it he says it. Incidentally, I went back to the hotel and read his column.

The plant of Beckley Newspapers proclaimed a definite efficiency—far more, I secretly admit, than I knew existed in the southern West Virginia city.

I anticipated perfectly the content of the discussion on European journalism by Mr. Chas. Hodel, President of Beckley Newspapers. I was startled when he didn't give the speech I expected. The picture he did present served to accent the qualities of American journalism and to remind one that there is such thing as the "freedom of the press."

Speaking of newspapers in general, Mr. Hodel indicated his belief in the increasing necessity for interpretative writing—the need of people for someone to think for them. Perhaps he is right.

Mr. H. Boone Michelson of the University, echoed a similar view: "Newspapers must become not mere bearers of facts, but of qualified interpretation." Likely both men are right, but there are many readers who desire drawing their conclusions from facts alone rather than a series of other conclusions.

But with Mr. Michelson's view on gossip columns I heartily agree (and whether or not I agree makes no particular difference). Joe College will be informed of this. (Note to Mercury readers: If you want to know what Mr. Michelson and others think of your favorite newspaper column, I'll be delighted to tell you.)

Beckley College, about which I knew little and learned much, did an excellent job of being host to the conference. The hotel accommodations were excellent, the meals were more than merely satisfactory, and the entertainments were quite delightful.

The dance, quoth the others of our party, was very good. And though I speak only from hearsay, it seems conceded that at least two Beckley College couples were found particularly charming by the Glenville delegation.

I regretted not going over to the dance, but the snow was infinitely more pleasant from inside the Beckley Hotel. Then, too, I had an appointment with Morpheus (from no college) at 10:30, and I didn't like to be late. I wasn't.

Postscript to Beckley: Though we left in a hurry after the conference, rest assured we merely felt eager to get back to Glenville, not eager to leave Beckley.

To those whom we met at the conference: Greetings! We were delighted to meet you, and we shall be more delighted to welcome you to Glenville.

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By Imogene Dye

SISSY, HUH?
I rolled over in my bed
I had ice packs on my head
I couldn't remember a thing I'd said
I sighed and wished that I were dead.

Boo! Head! Said! Dead!
Where had I been the night before?

The Concordian

1938 ALL-AMERICA
Fountain—Penn—end
Boop—Parque—end
Christ—Holly Cross—guard
Babbling—Brooklyn—center
Hunchback—Notre Dame—
tackle
Beans—Boston—tackle
Viva—Villanova—back
Black—Tuskegee—back
Shirley—Temple—back
Wayback—Kentucky—Way,
Way, back
The Kentucky Kernel

ME TOO—
If an "S" and an "I" and an
"O" and a "U" with an "X" at
the end spells "Su" and an "E"
and a "Y" and an "E" spells "I"
Pray what is a speller to do?

Then if also an "S" and an "I"
and a "C" and an "H," "EY,"
"D" spells side there is nothing
on earth for a speller to do but
go on and commit—Siouxeye-
sighed.

Boys' Life

NO SUCH ANIMALS—
Did you ever hear a student say:
"I eagerly yearn for the coming day."
When I go to classes from eight
till four
And then hurry home to study
some more?"
P.S.—There ain't no such animal.

POOR TECHNIQUE—
When an office manager, a stickler
for efficiency, put his head in
the door and saw a young man em-
bracing the stenographer, he said:
"You used three unnecessary
movements in that transaction,
young man."

Brooke News

TSK! TSK!
Then there was the Scotchman
who ran all the way to the stadium
to keep from paying car fare, but
didn't see the game because he was
too tired to climb the wall.

The Book Strap

WHAT DID SHE MEAN?
I went to her and asked her to wed.
She said, "Go to father instead."
And she knew that I knew that her
father was dead.
And she knew that I knew what a
life he had led.
And she knew that I knew what she
meant when she said,
"Go to father instead."

December Is Month of Activity; Birth Of Christ Is Greatest Single Event

Presidents, Inventors, Writers,
Historians, Military Leaders and Naval Officers
Born in This Month

By Berlin Anderson
Because it is the birthmonth of
Christ, December perhaps stands out
as Christendom's great month of the
year.

But aside from its importance in
connection with the birth of the Sa-
vior, December is also a month of ac-
tivity, a month in which great events
of international importance have
been recorded. Here, for instance, are
a few of the highlights of Decem-
ber as a month of historic sig-
nificance.

Born: Three presidents of the United States, Martin Van Buren, Dec. 5, 1782; Woodrow Wilson, Dec. 28, 1856; and Andrew Johnson, Dec. 29, 1808; and two famous inventors, Eli Whitney, Dec. 8, 1765, inventor of the cotton gin; and Charles Goodyear, Dec. 29, 1800, inventor of the process of vulcanizing rubber.

Born in December
Also born in December were George Armstrong Custer, Dec. 5, 1839, cavalry officer and Indian fighter and known as General Custer at the battle of Big Horn, Montana; Joel Chandler Harris, Dec. 8, 1848, southern journalist and author, the creator of "Uncle Remus"; Melvil Dewey, Dec. 10, 1851, librarian and author of the Dewey Decimal classification of books; William Lloyd Garrison, Dec. 10, 1805, abolitionist, journalist, editor of the Liberator; John Jay, Dec. 12, 1754, first Chief Justice of the United States; John Greenleaf Whittier, Dec. 17, 1807, New England poet, editor, reformer; William Frederick Poole, Dec. 24, 1821, librarian, originator of "Poole's Index to Periodical Literature"; Christopher (Kit) Carson, Dec. 24, 1809, hunter, trapper, guide and western scout; Clara Harlowe Barton, Dec. 25, 1821, founder of the American Red Cross; and George Dewey, Dec. 26, 1837, admiral of the United States navy.

Admitted to Union
States admitted to the Union in December were: Illinois, Dec. 3, 1818; Mississippi, Dec. 10, 1817; Indiana, Dec. 11, 1816; Alabama, Dec. 14, 1819; Iowa, Dec. 28, 1846; and Texas Dec. 29, 1845.

Two states ratified the Constitution of the United States in December: Delaware, Dec. 7, 1787 and Pennsylvania, Dec. 12, 1787.

Events important to American history: Boston Tea Party, Dec. 16, 1773; The "Monroe Doctrine" was enunciated in a message to Congress, Dec. 2, 1823; Washington crossed the Delaware river to attack Trenton, Dec. 25, 1776; Battle of Trenton, Dec. 25, 1776; Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and the United States, signed at Ghent, Dec. 24, 1814; and Washington, D. C. became the permanent home of the United States government, Dec. 12, 1800.

Also the first American Y.M.C.A. was established at Boston, Dec. 29, 1851 and Forefathers' Day, Dec. 21,

is celebrated as the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1620.

Student Forum

LET'S HAVE PRIDE
Who has not noticed waste paper, empty cigarette packages, cigarette stubs, and other discarded articles, strewn about and on the walks and campus of the College?

It is usually taken for granted that college students come from the best homes, but one would certainly not think so if he were to judge by the appearance of this campus.

Because we are privileged to attend such a splendid college as is ours, we should show our appreciation by refraining from doing anything which would mar the appearance of either buildings or grounds. We are disposed to think that no student would purposely "litter" the campus. However, we are responsible for what we do carelessly.

The College is ours. We may think of it as belonging to the State, but we are the State—at least a part of it. Most of us expect to be teachers, leaders in the community in which we teach, and certainly we would not tolerate our pupils treating our school grounds as we treat our College campus.

Then, too, while we are all mature men and women, yet we are still forming habits. Let us see to it that we form good habits.—C. E. W.

ROHRBOUGHS WILL VISIT IN TEXAS DURING HOLIDAYS

President and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough will spend the Christmas holidays in Austin, Texas, visiting their son, E. G. Rohrbough, Jr., an associate professor in the University of Texas, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, Jr.

President Rohrbough said tentative plans also include a short trip into Mexico.

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Personals

John Barnett, teacher in Wirt County High School, was the week-end guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Haumann.

Miss Erma Stump, of Stumptown, spent the week-end with Miss Enid Given, of Court Street.

Miss Eloise Peninger visited at her home in Weston the past week-end. Miss Lorraine Heflin spent the past week-end at her home in Weston. Eva Amos spent Sunday in Burnsville.

Mame Stump and Justine Carper were shoppers in Spencer Friday. Edna and Theda Crummett spent the past week-end at their home in Cairo.

FLEAS HAVE ROYAL LIFE

BERKELEY, CALIF. — (ACP)—The lowly flea, long a trouble-causer to man and beast, is going to live the life of a king at the University of California.

But his new-found kingly existence will be a life with a purpose, for his life in a new air-conditioned home will be subject to the whims of scientists who seek to determine his habits and activities.

The new flea laboratory, believed to be the first of its kind in the world, will be used to study the causes and cures of sylvatic plague, a disease prevalent on the west coast and known to be transmitted to man by fleas.

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The Answers

- No.
- A snake's tail does not wiggle until sunset, although it may wiggle a short time after it is killed.
- Soldiers under Frederick the Great.
- The Roosevelt Hospital in New York City in 1886.
- General Sherman.

DAUGHTER BORN TO MR. AND MRS. KENNETH NORRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Norris are parents of a seven and a half pound daughter, Stephanie, born at the City Hospital in Weston. Mr. Norris is a former student and a brother to Mary Margaret Norris, a freshman.

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