

## COSMIC DUST

By Max Ward

### AS I REMEMBER HIM

Anyone who has had a class to Mr. R. T. Crawford, former instructor here, is always sure of one thing: If he chooses to speak, he has the eminently desirable habit of saying some thing.

In his daily classwork he was always meticulous, precise and everlastingly thorough. There never was a student who worked harder than this teacher.

He never wasted time in the classroom—or anywhere else. His statements were complete, but his words ended the moment adequacy was reached. One was led to think here was the acme of professional efficiency. Students who failed his courses have spoken in his praise.

R. T. Crawford is one of those men who creates about him an atmosphere that is truly carbon-laden. Those who breathe thereof are indelibly stamped. He is a man in far more than physical stature.

### AUTUMN LEAVES

The prolonged dry weather has wrought havoc with the usual autumn colors. Those who pause to notice will observe that many of the leaves are drying immediately into an insipid brown and falling withered from the trees. Mr. E. R. Grose believes this year is worse than any he has ever seen.

One may recall a line from one of America's immortals: "And the leaves were crisped and sere..."

### RAZZBERRY NOTE

Certainly, the idea offered here last week was done in all seriousness. The idea arises from a condition that has been reached. The creator of the idea did not make these conditions; he merely has the acumen to see the shadow of the coming event brooding about thereby.

It is inevitable; if the idea is not carried out here it will be done somewhere else.

Hence, the thought was passed on to you, and, of course, not the slightest trace of offense or desire for reform lies in the plan.

### HOME-COMING

The annual Home-coming has come and gone, and the events of the day were considered quite good. Worthy of highest commendation are those who planned—and executed.

"Tis a rare delight to meet those who have returned. There is something of great depth involved. The warmth of a handclasp or the sincerity of a hearty greeting leave no room for hypocrisy. One is simply possessed of an acute feeling of gratitude that such meetings are a gain possible.

### THOSE WHO CREATE

Inclusion of some of Clark Hardman's poems in a recently published anthology is worth more than mere mention. It reminds one again how pleasant it is to know those who do things—who strive to create. See people don't move with the tide; they invent screw propellers.

### DUST...

A month's summary of inside news from Europe:  
"It was this way—"  
"Actually it was not!"

## Ernest Downey's Brother Buried Saturday at Clay

Bernard Downey, 24 years old and a brother of Ernest Downey, sophomore in the College, died Wednesday evening at the Hopmont Sanitarium following an illness of more than two years. Final rites were conducted at his home in Clay, Saturday afternoon, and buried followed in the Clay Cemetery.

Mr. Downey, a senior in Wesleyan College when he became ill, entered the sanitarium at Hopmont, January 25, 1938. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. G. S. Downey; by five brothers, including Ernest, and one sister.

### GUESTS AT BANQUET

Agnes Wright, a junior, and Helen Wright, S.M. '35, were guest singers at the Little Kanawha Valley Fox Hunters Association banquet Thursday evening.

## R. T. CRAWFORD IS CHAPEL SPEAKER HERE WEDNESDAY

Tells Students to Be Loyal  
To Themselves and Their  
Own Convictions

Robert T. Crawford, superintendent of Lewis County schools and a former instructor in the College, spoke briefly on "Making the Most of Your Opportunities," in assembly Wednesday.

"The subject is an ambiguous one and really has two interpretations," said Mr. Crawford. "The first is that you go out and create an opportunity. I like the attitude of a person who feels that he is capable of making a job for himself, if a job is not offered to him. The second is taking advantage of the breaks, whenever and wherever they come."

Mr. Crawford said it is up to the individual to play the game cunningly, and to grasp the opportunities that are before him. He especially stressed the importance of cultivating friendship and of being able to cooperate; also that a person must use gumption or plain horse sense in choosing his friends.

"One should be loyal to something. It may be his church, home, school, community or something else; but above all he should be loyal to himself and to his convictions. 'To thine own self be true' should be everyone's motto," Mr. Crawford admonished.

"Don't do it. It isn't worth the price. Don't spend all your time trying to make high marks, you will miss things that will be necessary later," admonished Mr. Crawford, as he recalled his college days during which he double-timed to complete his belated education in short order.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Crawford, the former Miss Mabel Rose of Sutton.

## Committee Lists Dates for College Social Calendar

Carl Keister, chairman of the Social Committee, announces that the calendar for the first semester has been completed.

Campus organizations that have reserved dates on the calendar are: Chemistry Club, October 20; Y. W. C. A., October 27; W. A. A., November 10; Jim Club, December 8; Y. M. C. A., January 12.

The annual G. Club minstrel will be held November 14.

## GAY CROWD HERE FOR NINTH ANNUAL HOME-COMING; JEAN M'GEE IS QUEEN; PIONEERS WIN

Four Featured Events Hold  
Visitors' Attention All  
Through the Day

Even the weather of a balmy Indian Summer day condescended to add to the well-being of the ninth annual Home-coming of several hundred alumni, former students and friends of the College here Saturday.

The day's program, planned and executed by committees of the Alumni Association, had as highlights the following: Coronation of the second successive Home-coming Queen by Pres. E. G. Rohrbough on the campus in front of the streamer-bedecked columns of Verona Chapel Hall; a parade of twenty-five campus and town units; the annual Pioneer-Bethany Bison football contest; and a reception and dance in the gymnasium from 9 p. m. till the clock in the tower struck twelve, marking the end of the Queen's rule and the termination of the Home-coming festivities.

Out-of-town visitors began to appear about 9 o'clock and a considerable crowd slowly gathered on the lawn in front of Verona Chapel Hall for the crowning of Miss Jean McGee, senior, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McGee of Glenville, as Queen of the Home-coming.

Queen Crowned at Verona Chapel  
At 9:42 a. m. the Gilmer County Band, under the direction of Frank M. Beall, Jr., began playing for the royal procession which formed at the Library. Came first the Student Council, which marched to the gilded throne and assumed a position immediately in the rear.

Pres. E. G. Rohrbough stood to the



An informal pose, above, is that of Miss Jean McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McGee, of Glenville, who was crowned Home-coming Queen Saturday morning in the opening feature of Glenville's ninth annual festival. Next week the Mercury will bring readers pictures of the coronation, the queen and her princesses, interesting highlights of the parade and an action shot of the Glenville-Bethany game. Time would not permit our getting cuts for this week's paper. The Editors.

## JEAN M'GEE WINS ALL-EXPENSE TRIP TO WORLD'S FAIR

College Senior Gets 1,740,000  
Votes In Contest Sponsored  
by Pictureland

High honors are coming the way of Miss Jean McGee, college senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McGee of Glenville, and a niece of Miss Goldie C. James, of the College faculty.

Only the past week Miss McGee was crowned Home-coming queen, and previous to the coronation came the announcement that she had won a local contest entitling her to a free five-day all-expense trip to the New York World's Fair.

The contest was sponsored by The Pictureland Theater and eight local business places, namely: The Grill, Hub Clothing Company, Pritt's Beauty Parlor, I.G.A. Store, Home Service Store, Woodford's Radio Shop, Log Cabin Filling Station and Thompson Drug Company.

Miss McGee got 1,740,000 votes and James Satterfield, also a student in the College, second highest, received 1,275,000. The contest ran for several weeks.

Miss McGee plans to leave Friday for New York.

## Kathleen Wolfe Leads in Race For Cheerleader

College cheerleaders were elected Wednesday.

Winners in the contest sponsored by the Student Council were Kathleen Wolfe, of Glenville, 266 votes; Marguerite Moss, Glenville, 260; Frank Lee, Elizabeth, 253; Cornelia Bungarner, Elizabeth, 210; Maxine Bollinger, Weston, 205.

Miss Moss has served as cheerleader for three years and Miss Wolfe and Miss Bungarner two years each. This will be the first year for Miss Bollinger and Mr. Lee.

## Frank Hammer's Grandfather Dies

Frank Hammer, freshman in the College, was called home the past week because of the death of his grandfather, John W. Hammer, 84 years old, of Kitsonville addition, Weston, who died of heart disease.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Floyd Funeral Home and burial followed in the Broad Run Cemetery.

Mr. Hammer is the grandfather of Katherine Hammer and Glenn Hammer, both graduates of the College.

## Marvin Cooper Is Officer In Fox Hunters Assn.

Marvin Cooper, alumnus of the College and superintendent of Gilmer County schools, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Little Kanawha Valley Fox Hunters' Association here the past week.

Other officers are: President, Ronald Brinkley; vice-president, Fred Furr.

Declared the best dog in the Valley was Hi-Doctor, owned by J. H. Dupue of Spencer. Pat Lowrey, owned by Orville Baker of St. Clairsville, O., was declared the best dog in the show.

Bugle Ann, owned by Ronald Brinkley, won first place in the field, and Allman Brinkley's dog, Trixie, won first honors on the bench and in the field.

Other first-place winners were: Trailing, Flirl, owned by Hall Wilson; speed and driving, Bill, owned by Ola Ware; endurance, Bill, owned by Ola Ware; hunting, Trixie, owned by Allman Brinkley.

## HAS COLDEST REFRIGERATOR

BOSTON, MASS.—(ACP) — A famed Massachusetts Institute of Technology scientist, Prof. S. C. Collins, has developed the world's coldest refrigerator—and it will operate at 450 degrees below Fahrenheit.

## College and University Enrollments Show Gain of 22 Per Cent in Decade

Attendance Reached All-Time  
Low in 1933; Began  
Climb Again in 1934

CINCINNATI (ACP) — Despite business conditions in the current decade, American college and university attendance in this period has shown a gain of 22 per cent, Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, reports in a paper on "Recent Trends in Student Enrollment."

Factors contributing to the maintenance of college and university attendance from 1930 through 1938, according to Dr. Walters, included the sheer circumstance of a lack of jobs; financial help in the form of more than \$38,000,000 in a typical year given by the institutions themselves to 320,000 students as scholarships, grants-in-aid, loans, and similar assistance; and in the form of \$16,000,000 the same year from the National Youth Administration to 180,000 students; and the students' own desires to attain the objectives—intellectual and cultural enrichment of their lives and finer service to America.

## Gain Constant Since 1934

College and university attendance showed a general decrease first in 1932, reached its all-time low in 1933, and began to climb again in 1934, when the United States Government made available student aid funds through the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, which later were supplied by the N.Y.A. The gain

## JITNEY PLAYERS BOOKED FOR NEXT NUMBER ON LYCEUM COURSE; WILL COME TO COLLEGE FOR AFTERNOON, EVENING PERFORMANCES

Appearance of Famous Theatrical Troupe  
Here on Wednesday, Nov. 8, Will Be  
Third Time in Recent Years

The Jitney Players of New York will appear here Wednesday, Nov. 8, as the third number on the Lyceum program. An afternoon and evening performance will be given in this third appearance of the Players in the College.

The afternoon presentation will be a light comedy, while S. N. Behrman's "End of Summer" will be given in the evening. Ina Claire achieved marked success in the latter play.

It is expected that Ethel Barrymore Colt will be with the Players. She is the daughter of Ethel Barrymore and a niece of John and Lionel Barrymore, widely known stage and screen actors.

Featured also is Douglas Rowland, native of Detroit, who began his stage career at the age of eight.

The Jitney Players, organized in 1923 as a traveling company, have extended their tours to more than half of the United States. In their 1935 reorganization as the New Jitney Players, Alice Cheney, Ethel Barrymore Colt and Douglas Rowland became the controlling board. The group is now said to be America's oldest touring company.

## DON COSSACKS PLEASE AUDIENCE WITH CONCERT

Famous Russian Singers Come  
to Glenville for Their  
Third Appearance

Though it was the third appearance of the Don Cossack Chorus at Glenville, the audience that nearly filled the auditorium here last night asked for an encore—and got it.

Led by their witty and dynamic conductor, diminutive Serge Jaroff, the group of twenty-eight Cossacks presented a program of fifteen numbers.

The program began with the surging power of Tchesnokoff's prayer, "Save Thy People, Oh Lord," and moved through an hour and thirty-five minutes of humor and solemnity. The Ural Cossacks Song, "On the Other Side of the Ural," ended their program, but the Chorus responded to the applause with a two-minute encore.

The Cossack Chorus has been organized sixteen years, beginning in 1923 outside a prison camp near Constantinople. It has appeared in more than 3700 concerts before audiences throughout Europe and America. The outbreak of the present European war found the Cossacks in Europe, and it was only with difficulty that the group reached America for the beginning of their present tour in Montreal, Oct. 1.

The concert here last night was the second number on the current Lyceum program.

Hunter Whiting, chairman of the Lyceum committee, states that about fifty tickets to the Don Cossack program were bought by a Spencer delegation headed by Gay Fletcher, an officer in the Spencer Choral Club. This group was the largest to attend the concert here last night.

## N. Y. A. Reports Rise In Youth Placements During September

More youths were placed in jobs in private industry during September, 1939 through the N.Y.A. junior employment divisions operated in cooperation with state employment services than in any previous month during the three and one-half years they have been functioning, reports Aubrey Williams, national N.Y.A. administrator.

Junior employment services operated in 87 cities in the 27 states covered in a preliminary tabulation showed percentage changes ranging from a 24 per cent decrease in North Carolina to a 261 per cent increase in Illinois. West Virginia had a 5 per cent decrease.

## GRANDMOTHER DIES

Ruth Core, senior in the College, received word Wednesday of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Elvina Core, 79 years old, of Wadestown.

Emil Velazco, above, and his 11-piece orchestra of New York City gave swing fans a treat here Saturday night when they played for the ninth annual Home-coming reception and ball. The orchestra was the highest-priced troupe ever to play here for a Home-coming dance.

## Jim Club Members Seek 1939 Pledges

President, Jim Brown; vice-president, Jim Heater; secretary, Jim Furr; and treasurer, Jim Walker constitute the personnel of the Jim Club.

This club is eager to accept new members and any student whose name is Jim is eligible for membership. Picnics and other forms of entertainment are to be arranged throughout the year. The sponsor is Miss Alma Arbuckle, librarian.

## THEY VISIT FOREST FESTIVAL

Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, Mrs. J. Wilbur Beall, Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, Mrs. E. G. Rollyson and Mrs. Linn B. Hickman attended the Mountain State Forest Festival at Elkins, Thursday.



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## Teachers Need the State Education Association

The annual State Education convention will be held this year in Wheeling on November 1, 2 and 3.

Teachers have already begun to debate the question, "Is it worth my while to attend the convention, or would it be more advantageous both to me and my pupils to keep school in session?"

Rumors are heard that teachers use the occasion to do their fall shopping, get drunk without being checked upon, or pretend to attend the meeting, though after enrolling or having friends enroll for them, they stroll off to some more inviting place to spend the money they were paid for attending the convention.

The success of the meeting largely depends on the support given by individual members. Teachers should not overlook the fact that the program will be the result of extensive preparation that has been going on since the last meeting. The selected speakers rank at the top of their specialized fields. Teachers have the opportunity to mingle with old friends, meet new ones, and find how their colleagues solve the same problems which they are facing.

In my opinion, the Association is directly responsible for recent legislation intended to raise the educational status of the state.

Should not West Virginia's teachers support this organization which undoubtedly will be their chief source of help in the near future?—W. T. Romine.

## The Picture That Hangs On the Wall?

In the first assembly program of the year, the Student Council dedicated a picture of the 1938-'39 Pioneer basketball squad to the school. It was to be hung in Administration Hall. We have looked high and low from the Book Store to the East Entrance to no avail. Many of us are quite eager to see the picture—on the wall. The basketball team deserves it; the Student Council dedicated it. What we want to know is: Where is it?—Marguerite Moss.

## You Can Help Others To Help Themselves

Practice dances, held in the College gymnasium and sponsored by the Social Committee, are for the purpose of teaching beginners and those who cannot dance well.

Students already skilled in dancing should take it upon themselves to help the poor dancers and bear with them while they are learning the art. Instead of this, we find that the majority of partners on the floor at practice dances are those who already know the best steps and who are not interested in others.

Let us all join hands with the Social Committee and help make such occasions a big success for the betterment of our social programs.—James McMillen.

## Every Person Is A Teacher and Leader

Every person in an executive position, whether he be president, or foreman of a small gang, must remember that he is a teacher and leader. He must also remember what Canon Newbolt said: "No teacher of a serious subject gives people what they like, but something much better which they will learn to like."—The Linotype News.

## MERRY MAIDEN'S MOVIE MOMENTS

By Summers and Hull

Glamour girls are certainly going in for freckles these days! Ginger Rogers is an example. . . by the way she is coming in "Bachelor Mother" with David Niven to the Pictureland soon.

David Niven, that new handsome and romantic actor, has a set of rules he goes by to decide whether or not he will "date" a girl the second time. He just won't ask her if she:

- 1.—Asks him to go shopping with her.
- 2.—Asks him to carry bundles for her.
- 3.—Fills his pockets with her make-up, evening bag, etc.
- 4.—Constantly asks for cigarettes.

Remember these, girls, just in case any of these G.S. T.C. fellows may be abiding by such rules.

A fur coat was given away Wednesday night at the Lyric after three different names were drawn. Mary Elizabeth Brown, a senior, was the second name to be drawn but, unluckily, she was not present. Next Wednesday night another coat will be given away. . . are you going to try your luck?

Do you know. . . that Charles Laughton will play the title role in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". . . that Frank Hammer and Helen McElwee were an outstanding movie couple this past week. . . That Bette Dav's wanted to shave her head for a particular scene in her latest picture, "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex". . . that Virginia Woolfer won ten dollars at the Lyric Thursday night. . . that it's not the slinky, night-blooming sophisticates but the simple souls registering good health who cause the men to "hurry, hurry." We'll be seen' you at the movies—until next Tuesday, Au Revoir. . .

## Quotable Quotes

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

"The American position on academic freedom has brought to our universities men of great distinction whose race or whose views are held to disqualify them from carrying on the search for truth in certain other countries. It may turn out that Hitler and Mussolini will be the great builders of the American universities." University of Chicago's Pres. Robert M. Hutchins sees at least one ray of sunshine in the present European situation.

"A knowing kind of citizenry do not fall for the same old shibboleths. If the majority of the people are ruled by hate or intolerance or blind impulse, democracy will destroy itself. Obviously, the collective wisdom can rise no higher than the education and character of the individuals who make up the state." Dean John T. Madden of New York University believes that the individuals of the nation should possess greater knowledge and the capacity to act on that knowledge.

"The alert and well-balanced student in this extraordinary era should live at once in the past, the present, and the future, because he has a better chance for real perspective than almost any one else." Robert Moses told Union College students they balance present events against the strong lessons of historical events.

## On Planning Our Assembly Programs

Again this year we are going to have student chapel programs. How much preparation will precede the presentation of these programs? Of course, with little preparation we can be entertained, but do we derive anything of value from poorly planned programs?

Since all students will be attending chapel this year, they deserve to obtain something beneficial in that hour. If the program shows no thought or preparation—if it does not even entertain—one hour is wasted by each student. Multiply that by 400 students, and there are 400 hours—16 2/3 days—wasted.

Let us plan our chapel programs this year so that they will be both profitable and interesting to every student.—Marjorie Barnett.

## Compulsory Assembly Attendance Here Again

Two weeks ago in assembly, seats were assigned to all students. Maybe this was a good idea and maybe it wasn't. To the average student it was an indication of compulsory attendance. If this were so, personally I can't see that much good could come of it, because no student enjoys anything that is forced upon him. On the other hand, if it were to get students to come, thinking that perhaps once they were there they would enjoy the programs and look forward to returning, the idea might prove to be a good one. But, whatever the purpose, with no criticism toward anyone, and as a firm advocate of assembly attendance, I maintain that people who are old enough to be in college are old enough to realize the importance of assembly attendance without being assigned seats and forced to go.—Agnes Wright.

## Business Institution Must Have Clearly Defined Ideal

A business institution without a clearly defined ideal is like a steamboat with many hands at the wheel, zigzagging down a rocky river, bumping here, scraping there, with terrified passengers hanging over the rails and no hope in their hearts that they will reach port.—Linotype News.

## CAMPUS CAMERA



## CAMPUS CAPERS

Another Home-coming has come and gone and it has left much to say. Many grads returned to their old haunts to find themselves replaced by some cocky freshman or a determined sophomore but still they felt that their replacement was valuable although a little inexperienced.

"(Sheriff)" Smith finds trouble in dislodging Russell Jr. but succeeds in winning Lucille back for one evening. . . . Shumate re-enters Armstrong's triumvirate. . . . the comely Workman spends brief but pleasant moments with "Ruth" after the dance. . . .

Wick Annabel, neglected by Cedarville Burke, is swung by Thompson. . . . Both Kafers, Tamoshke and Hollet import Weston girls for week-end fling. . . . The Royal one, Jean, is boldly escorted by Mac, local dispenser of athletic propaganda. . . . Princesses Susan and Gwendolyn appear as usual with Evert and Laban Jr., respectively, while Rose finds time only for Ray Baxter. . . . Smith, of the variety, scours to Huntington with local girls. . . . Grudier, sleazebagger, is sought by many, lone some fens. . . . Fidler and Fryatt appear very friendly. . . . the blonde Conrad appears briefly with J. Allen. . . . Bob Butcher and Junita have a slight misunderstanding. . . . Roselle Williams, hard little Doddridge Miss, finds it hard to elude campus pursuers because of hometown boy friend. . . .

Rose T. accepts last minute bid for hop with Starcher. . . . Mc-Clain, "Boobs" ex-flame, is accompanied by Freshman Prexy Hughes. . . . the popular Brenice of Kanawha Hall presents Parkersburg boy friend. . . . Hammer, the wrestler, matches with McElwee. . . . Joe Merra enjoys street conversation with a high school Miss. . . . Gladys R. finds Red Headed Miller waiting each evening outside of theater. . . . And so closes another hectic week-end. Come and get it copy boy, the head is beginning to swim again. Your Spectator.

## BETWEEN COLUMNS

In this time of war and strife and misunderstanding people everywhere are often confronted with various kinds of propaganda. Many of us use the word propaganda, talk about it, and see it but do not know exactly what it is. Webster defines it as "any organization for spreading a particular doctrine or a system of principles; the doctrine or systems thus propagated; the scheme or plan for the propagation of a doctrine or system of principles."

Times, as they are today, call for very careful judgment and consideration when it comes to weighing the value of any type of propaganda, whether it be good or bad. Let us not be influenced by any kind of doctrine which would be adverse to our own principles here in a country that offers life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.—Clark Wolfe.

Indiana University social organizations have just spent \$50,000 for repairs to their dwellings.

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## Library Notes

Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe—you learned to name presidents back in the seventh grade. But how much do you really know about these men who at one time directed the affairs of our nation? Do you ever think of them as real men who lived and loved, struggled and suffered, fought and sometimes failed just as we do? Do you know anything about the human side of their personality?

For instance: (1) What president was taught to write by his wife? (2) What president made his own edition of the Bible? (3) What president married the same woman twice? (4) What president had his clothes stolen while swimming in the Potomac River? (5) When did a president write a review to save the life of a turkey? (6) Where was Lincoln's bodyguard when he was shot?

You'll find the answers to these and many more unusual questions in a new book at the Library, entitled "Peculiarities of the Presidents," by Don Smith of Van Wert, O., published September, 1938. The author, went nine years, traveled thousands of miles, and explored countless dusty volumes in collecting these strange facts about our chief executives. Some were rich, some poor, some outstanding, some mediocre, yet the stories of their lives are most interesting. Don't miss it.

## The Collegiate Review

By Associated Collegiate Press  
The Ohio University football team was undefeated in a home football game from 1927 to 1937.

University of Wyoming students last year spent \$64,500 in membership dues in student organizations. Of this amount, \$23,375 was for national dues, pins and initiation fees.

Thirteen University of Texas students were on the British ship Atheni when it was torpedoed at the opening of the European war.

It would take 141 years to complete all the courses at the University of Texas.

Of the 1500 different types of positions for which the U. S. civil service commission offers examinations, only about 200 require a college degree.

Louisiana State University has been placed on probation for six months as regards federal student aid.

This year's college and university enrollment in the U. S. is expected to total approximately 1,400,000.

## Gilmer County Teachers Highest In Certification

H. K. Baer, state supervisor of elementary schools, made the statement the past week that Gilmer County is the highest in teacher certification in the state and has made more progress in certification than any other county.

One hundred and twenty-four of the 130 teachers employed are graduates of Glenville State Teachers College, and since 1936 all teachers employed have had a Standard Normal certificate or better.

In Gilmer County this year the enrollment is: High Schools, 875; elementary grades, 927; one-room schools, 1246. Five one-room schools had 100 per cent attendance for the first month.

## The LETTER BOX

Glenville  
October 6, 1939

Dear Editor,

May I suggest an interesting assembly feature for Glenville State Teachers College which would contribute a great deal to our education? I would like to hear Mr. Raymond E. Freed speak to the student body about international relations, explaining how affairs of the past should influence our conclusions concerning international relations of the present.

Most of us have conclusions concerning international relations, but it is all too likely that those conclusions are the result of a hasty view of things on the surface, prejudice carried over from the World War of 1914, and that natural tendency of nations which have, to see things in an entirely different light from that of the nations which have not.

Now, I have heard Mr. Freed make public speeches and I have heard him lead informal discussions on current problems, including international affairs. He strikes me as a man who has a broad background of wide reading and careful thinking. I have heard students express keen appreciation for an Armistice Day address made by Mr. Freed the past year. I am sure they would consider it profitable to hear him speak now on the all-important subject of international relations.

Sincerely yours,  
Paul Beal

## From The Exchanges

## CLEANINGS

It's back to the United States and Yale University for Byron (Whizzer) White, All-American halfback and Rhodes scholar, who arrived in New York, Saturday, Sept. 20. Whizzer White, a football player turned student, has enrolled at Yale Law School, after all Rhodes scholarships for 1939 were canceled or suspended because of the European conflict.

It was "Howdy Day" for all students on City College campus in Los Angeles recently. "Howdy Day" gave everyone a chance to meet everyone else—introvert meets extrovert and vice versa. It is just another day, but not such a bad idea after all.—Los Angeles Collegian.

## DAFFINITIONS

A banana is longer than an orange is rounder than. You peel it from both ends, and it is something that horses like apples better than.—New River State Collegian.

Propaganda minister — Misinformation bureau.  
Contraband—Hill-billy orchestra.  
Conceal—Prisoners' hideout.  
Daily Antheneum

## DO YOU KNOW???

That 25 cent of the Holy Cross College student body is studying Greek in the original.

That the University of Virginia's first curriculum was written by Thomas Jefferson.

That a drive has been started to raise \$10,000 in U. S. colleges to send the American team to the 1940 Olympics.—Los Angeles Collegian.

## GOOD EXERCISE

"What's the nicest way to lose weight?"  
"Shrink from kissing!"  
—Los Angeles Collegian

## Dartmouth Students Will Help Plan Academic Policies

HANOVER, N. H.—(ACP)—For the first time in the long history of Dartmouth College, undergraduates this fall are actively participating in the determination of the institution's academic policies.

In a new plan designed to give students a greater interest in their own education, juniors and seniors will discuss with their instructors the requirements, curricular problems and departmental mechanics of their courses. Economics, sociology and political science are the first three courses to be included in the new plan.

## Quick Quips

The Pioneers

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Dear Boys:

It looked as if the Bison hunt turned out to be a stampede.

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# SPORTS CHATTER

## by A Cub Columnist

Earl McDonald

Judging from the performance which the Pioneers displayed Saturday in the Home-coming game it is evident that they really needed to know that they were capable of scoring. After the early first quarter score by the locals there was new life plenty in the local unit.

Speaking of the Morris Harvey game, we in this corner were not alone when we concluded last week that the final score might have been different had Glenville been at full strength when they met the Eagles. Fred Schroeder, writing in the Spencer Times Reporter says:

"Glenville, without the services of her two ace backs, Romano and McMillen, battled the Eagles all the way, but just didn't have it. Had those boys been in, it's a safe bet the game might have had far more fireworks for the 2,000-odd spectators who went away feeling that they had seen a listless display of grid manuevers."

Also coming from Spencer way is another bit of comment from Official J. B. Bunting who watched the game at Spencer two weeks ago. Many spectators in the stands were somewhat confused when the referee made a certain decision concerning Morris Harvey's try for extra point after a touchdown. There was a penalty involved which was not any too clear to the average on-looker.

The Spencer official commented that many contested plays would be eliminated if four officials were assigned to work college games. He added that an official who understood rules also would be valuable in helping spectators understand close decisions if he were placed in the stands with a loud speaker and could give explanations just following penalties or other decisions.

Carl Keister, field general for the Pioneers, informs this commentator that he is somewhat skeptic about the game is scheduled for Friday the 13th and he, by some misfortune, happens to have a jersey assigned to him with the number 13. Well, "Greek," this type of jinx has been broken before and we feel that this situation can be survived. The Pioneers, in this column are rated three touchdowns better than the Hilltoppers, so we say forget those insignificant indications.

## GLENVILLE WILL MEET HILLTOPPERS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Glenville's Pioneer gridders will encounter a hand-to-hand aggregation Friday night when they go to New Martinsville to meet the West Liberty Hilltoppers on Magnolia high school's athletic field.

Since finding their scoring punch here on the local field in Saturday's Home-coming affair, the Pioneers will enter the fray at the Wetzel County town as heavy favorites over the Hilltoppers.

Under the tutelage of Joe Bartell, young but experienced mentor, the hand-to-handers have always proved themselves a capable opponent for the Pioneers. Two years ago Glenville drubbed West Liberty 31 to 13 and last year chalked up a 20 to 0 victory over the up-state team.

There is a slight possibility that Louie Romano will return to the Pioneer lineup, providing a serious ankle injury which he received in the initial game of the year against Salem responds favorably to treatment within the next few days. Roy Mace, who was out of the Bethany game, is also expected to be ready for action by Friday. Mace has been nursing an arm injury during the past week.

Coach A. F. Rohrbough was well pleased with the showing of his lads against a heavy veteran Bethany team and will probably rely upon many of his reserves Friday night as he did in the contest against the Bisons.

The University of Maine has a new wind tunnel that develops a 110-mile an hour gale.

Elbert F. Corwin of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has invented a new device to aid airplane safety. It determines the "up and down" winds high in the skies.

Fl Batar Kapper is the name of the mock honorary fraternity at West Virginia University.

## PIONEERS GO ON SCORING RAMPAGE TO WIN A 30 TO 7 DECISION OVER BETHANY BISONS BEFORE 9TH ANNUAL HOME-COMING CROWD

### McMillen Tosses Pass to White, Who Races Across Goal Line For First Marker

Sparked by an early first quarter score in the first four minutes of play which resulted when McMillen heaved a 32-yard pass to White, the Glenville Pioneers trounced the Bethany Bisons 30 to 7 Saturday afternoon at Rohrbough Stadium before a large Home-coming crowd.

After discovering scoring strength in the initial stages of the game, the Pioneers continued their onslaught throughout the contest by adding a touchdown in every period.

Both teams displayed aerial attacks during the contest, Bethany attempting 20 passes, Glenville tried nine passes and gained 96 yards.

Score in Second Period  
Glenville's second tally came midway in the second canto after Pioneer backs made a series of six first downs while marching from Glenville's 6-yard stripe to the Bethany 1-yard line where August Kaffer plunged through center for the score. Shortly after this Co-captain Jim McMillen intercepted Cullison's pass on his own 40 and raced 60 yards for another score, which put the Pioneers in front at the end of the half 18 to 0.

Following the kick-off in the second half the Pioneers started another goalward march which terminated when A. Kaffer again carried the oval over the goal from the 5-yard stripe. Glenville's last period tally was made by Patsy Palumbo who snagged a 23-yard pass and scampered the remaining eight yards for the final Pioneer score.

Bethany scored their lone marker midway in the fourth period when Coach Rohrbough injected a reserve eleven into the fray. Cullison made the tally, going over from the six. Kuhn converted by placement.

The Pioneers suffered a serious blow early in the second quarter when Forest White, lanky sophomore end, was carried from the field with a badly injured ankle, which will probably keep the sterling terminal out of the lineup for the rest of the season.

Lineups:  
Glenville: White, LE, Kuhn; Long, LT, Hoffman; Fidler, LG, Morrill; Lamb, C, Moore; Marchio, RG, Myers; Dotson, RT, Dowley; Maxwell, RE, Jordan; Keister, QB, Cornary; McMillen, RH, Patsy; A. Kaffer, LH, Cullison; Lamp, FB, Jackson.

Glenville subs: Hammer, W. Kaffer, Palumbo, Rhodes, Grudner, Montrose, Murrin, Stalnaker, Smith, Corathers, Thompson, Bailis; Bethany: Kaler, Porter, Harris, Carroll, Simeral, Taylor, Roberts, Holland, Conn, Waterman, Finch, Webb.

Officials: Referee, Art Ward, Marjatta; Umpire, F. P. Wehl, Wesleyan; Headlinesman, Fred Chenoweth, W.V.U.

Some 52,000 cigarettes were used by Williams College fraternities during rushing season this fall. Los Angeles City College student's

## Here in Glenville, I Hope, I Am Building the Foundation of My Career, Says Senior

Lois Clair Gulentz Says Dormitory Life "I Especially Like"; Enjoys Sports

By Lois Clair Gulentz  
I entered Glenville State Teachers College as a freshman in the fall of 1936, believing I had a clear conception of college life. However, I came to the conclusion after the first few days in school that I knew very little about real college life.

College is nothing like high school. I didn't like it the first few days. This was due to my knowing none of the students or instructors. I was prepared to "flunk" everything. Then each day as I became better acquainted, I enjoyed college more. At the end of the first semester, I enjoyed college very much and would not give up my career. I did not flunk as I had expected, but made average grades.

Dormitory life is a life that can be thoroughly understood only by those residing in one. This life I especially like.

I find great pleasure in studying, going to dances and social activities, and being with my many friends. I am especially interested in musical activities, biology courses and sports. Football and basketball to me are the life of the college.

I have worked for N.Y.A. during my entire college life and have gained much by doing so. I have had

many experiences while doing this work that would have otherwise been unattainable.

Now that I am a senior I am sorry, for these are the most exciting days of my life. Here in Glenville State Teachers College I am building, I hope, the foundation of my career.

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Penalties	55 10
Ave. dist. kickoffs	46 40
Score by periods:	
Glenville	6 12 6 6-30
Bethany	0 0 0 0-7

## How State Teams Scored Over The Week-end

Glenville, Bluefield, Morris Harvey, Marshall, Concord and West Liberty added football victories in the state college and university group over the week-end. On Friday Marjatta downed Fairmont 13 to 12. Bluefield nosed out New River 7 to 6. St. Vincents whipped Wesleyan 32 to 6, and Morris Harvey walked over Arkansas A. and M. 33 to 0.

Glenville upset Bethany 30 to 7 on Saturday. Marshall swamped Salem 64 to 0. Pittsburgh defeated West Virginia 20 to 0. Concord got a 7 to 0 decision over Potomac State. West Liberty downed Holbrook 20 to 0, and George Washington won over Davis and Elkins 19 to 0.

Among the games of state interest this week are the following: West Virginia at Cincinnati on Saturday, Salem vs Bethany at Sistersville on Thursday, Morris Harvey vs Wesleyan at Charleston on Saturday, and Glenville vs West Liberty in a night game at New Martinsville on Friday.

## Intramural Sports Program Is Started

The first of the intramural sports of this year got underway the past week with the initial games being played in the volleyball league.

Under supervision of Harold Noroski, senior, six teams with eight members each have been organized. Captains are: Herbert Brooks, Joe Creasy, Simeon Hall, Roland Holt, Franklin Harris and Earle Spencer.

Games are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week until Thanksgiving.

Former President Herbert Hoover is chairman of a special committee to select a successor to Ray Lyman Wilbur, retiring president of Stanford University.

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## GLENVILLE PIONEERS SCORE 219 POINTS TO 122 FOR OPPONENTS

### In 17 Games Glenville Has Won 9, Tied 2, and Lost 6; Is 53.90% Average

Glenville has played three games on the 1939 schedule, and looking back over a three-year period, here is how the records stand: In 1937, Glenville 19, Morris Harvey 12; Glenville 21, Bethany 6. (Did not play Salem in 1937).

In 1938, Glenville 0, Morris Harvey 7; Glenville 21, Bethany 6. (Glenville-Salem game canceled).

In 1939, Glenville 0, Salem 0; Glenville 0, Morris Harvey 14; Glenville 30, Bethany 7.

Total scoring in three games the past three years: Glenville 19, Morris Harvey 32; Glenville 58, Bethany 19.

In 6 games on the 1937 schedule, Glenville scored 113 points; opponents, 69. In 8 games on the 1938 schedule, Glenville scored 76 points; opponents 33. In 3 games so far on the 1939 schedule Glenville has scored 30 points; opponents 20. In three games this year, 8 in 1938 and 6 in 1937, a total of 17, Glenville scored 219 points; opponents 122.

In the past seventeen consecutive games, Glenville has won 9, tied 2 and lost 6. Glenville failed to score in only 6 of the 17 games.

The Pioneers have won 52.94 per cent of their games for 1937, 1938 and so far in 1939.

And maybe these figures will help you to forecast the outcome of the Glenville-West Liberty game on Friday: In 1935, Glenville 13, West Liberty 7; 1936, Glenville 0, West Liberty 6; 1937, Glenville 31, West Liberty 13; 1938, Glenville 20, West Liberty 0.

The Hendrix College news bureau last year sent out 850 stories about the school's activities and personalities.

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## HOME-COMING . . .

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procession gradually disbanded as it returned to Court Street.

Band Leads Parade  
Floats and units in the parade were as follows: (The procession was led by Trooper C. W. Dye, of the local state police, and members of the Glenville Boy Scouts).

The Gilmer County Band; Pres. and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough; the G Club-Holly Roller Court float; the Pioneer, Herbert Brooks; the blue and white float of the Queen and her princesses; two cars with members of the Student Council and faculty adviser, R. E. Freed; the senior float with the theme, "Life Begins in '40"; an athletic unit; the junior class; the sophomore float and members of the class; the freshmen girls, with plaited hair, carrying umbrellas and chewing gum; the boys palmas-clad.

The faculty group was led by Dean H. L. White. Following were the remaining units in order: The huge Ehrenmeyer flash of the Chemistry Club, labeled "Black Magic"; Canterbury unit; Current Events Club float, symbolizing the nations of the earth in an appeal to "educate for peace"; members of the Choral Club; the Jim Club; the Y. W. C. A.; the Women's Athletic Association float; Training School unit; Glenville Civic Club and its junior branch; the local Red Cross; Girl Scouts; and members of the Gilmer County 4-H Clubs.

Parade Lasts 35 Minutes  
The parade took eight and one-half minutes to pass Kanawha Hall; six minutes to pass the postoffice downtown. Disbandment came about 11 o'clock after thirty-five minutes of movement through the streets before hundreds of spectators, concentrated mainly along Main Street.

Arrival of more out-of-town visitors expanded the crowd that watched the Glenville Pioneers compensate for a hitherto scoreless season by stampeding the Bethany Bison at Rohrbough Stadium at 2:30.

Dance Climax of the Day  
The day's events were climaxed by the unprecedented attendance at the dance with Emil Velazco and his ten musicians under the yellow-streamer lights at the gymnasium from 9 o'clock till midnight. The dance followed a brief reception, and was accented by Velazco's lively pipe organ, said to be the only portable organ in the world. Velazco offered as soloists Helen Gray, Cuple Schaefer, Johnny Pechman and Mowrey Seaman.

The orchestra came here from the Forest Festival at Elkins, and left immediately for Cleveland's Southern Tavern. A series of performances were recently completed in the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta.

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# SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

## Glenville Civic Clubs Announce Year's Program

Programs for two Glenville civic clubs for the year have been announced here as follows: Glenville Civic Club, which meets the first Monday in each month: November, birthday dinner; December, history and singing of Christmas carols; January, literature; February, poetry; March, drama; April, styles of dress; May, May dinner and installation of officers. Miss Erma Edwards, a former student in the College, is chairman of the program committee.

The Woman's Club meets the second Monday in each month. October 16, president's reception; November 13, characterizations by Christine Rohrbough. This meeting will be open to the public. December 11, lecture by Robert Pritchard of Weston; January 8, book review dinner; February 12, art program; March 11, lecture, "Thomas Hardy and His Wessex," by Miss Willa Brand; April 30, club presidents of the 1939's will present the program. May 13, May dinner and one-act play. Mrs. J. Wilbur Beall is chairman of the program committee.

Rotary Club programs will be made out this week by a committee including Dr. John C. Shreve, Dr. C. L. Underwood and Dr. Guy D. Stalnaker.

## The Care and Feeding Of Hobby Horses Will Be Book Week Theme

"The Care and Feeding of Hobby Horses" will be the theme of National Book Week beginning October 23, says Miss Willerna White, instructor in library science.

To announce the event here Miss White will have a poster of red and white-checked gingham on which will appear a black hobby horse. Collections of stamps, dogs, pictures, cartoons, quilts and scrap books also will be on exhibit in the Library during Book Week.

## CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

Neutrality was the major topic discussed at the Current Events Club meeting Tuesday evening. Helen Easter, a junior, led the discussion.

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## 'Best Seller' Here Would Carry Title of 'Personality, War and Successful Living'

### 'Helen Club' Is Youngest On the Campus

The newly organized "Helen" Club is the youngest on the campus. The initial meeting was held the past Thursday at the Library in the office of the faculty adviser, Miss Willerna White.

Purely social is the stated object of the club. Membership is open to those whose first or middle name is Helen.

Officers of the club were selected by class precedence. Mary Helen Smith is president; Helen Heister, vice president and Helen Curtis, secretary-treasurer.

Charter members of the organization are Helen Stanard, Irene Helen Bailes, Helen McCoy, Helen Rexroad, Helen West, Mary Helen Smith, Helen Heister and Helen Curtis.

Clark Hardman Has Poetry Published In Copy Of World's Fair Anthology

Clark Hardman, a senior in the College, recently had three poems published in Volume Three of the 1939 edition of the World's Fair Anthology and Verse. "My Wind," "Clouds," and "Grass," are the names of the poems submitted.

More than 14,000 poems by 3000 authors were entered in the contest. Many of the poems are included in the book, published in September.

Eight students of Little Rock Junior College are earning their college expenses operating a peanut butter plant.

Fifty per cent of the Washington and Jefferson student body are taking one or more courses in chemistry.

The third president of Fordham University was a cousin of Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of the President.

Milton Horn, noted sculptor, is a resident instructor at Olivet College this year.

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### Library Class Makes Survey to Determine Reading Interests of Students

By Colleen Norman  
"Lincoln's Doctor's Dog" might well be used for the slogan to best-selling books these days. The reason: A survey shows that current best sellers are about Lincoln, or doctors, or dogs.

And on this same basis one might conclude that a best seller in Glenville State Teachers College would be entitled "Personality, War, and Successful Living."

To test reading interests, Miss Willerna White, instructor in Library science, gave her English 327 class a little exercise recently and found to be of greatest appeal these three topics: (1) What makes a personality? (2) How are nations preparing for war? (3) What makes a successful marriage?

Next most interesting topic is travel, and then comes health and aviation. Education is in fifth place. The feeling of other nations toward the United States is a popular topic, as is crime prevention, personal success in business, and how to get along with other people.

None of the men and only a few of the women in the class are interested in big business or the behavior of the money market. Men read more about industrial science than do women. Neither men nor women care to read about famous personalities, except authors.

Students don't care much about art or plant and animal life. Surprising to a West Virginian is that part of the survey which shows students here are not interested in mining or metal industries.

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## N. Y. A. to Aid 500,000 Students During 1939-40

(Special to the Mercury)  
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The number of needy students between the ages of 16 and 24, inclusive, to be given part-time jobs during 1939-40 is the highest for any single year since establishment of the N.Y.A. Since some students will be employed for only one semester, it is estimated that a total of 650,000 different students will be aided this year.

Mr. Williams' estimates are based on anticipated average monthly employment of 370,000 elementary and high school students and 130,000 college and graduate students. During the school year 1938-39 monthly employment averaged 265,000 elementary and high school students and 110,000 college students.

Employment on the student-aid programs for the 1939-40 academic year will bring to well over 1,000,000 the estimated total number of needy young men and women the opportunity to continue their education as a result of the activities of the N.Y.A.

Los Angeles City College students drank 1,500 bottles of pop daily during the recent California heat wave.

Gonzaga University's athletic coaching staff is composed entirely of graduates of the school.

The Temple University school of medicine had 2,000 applications for 110 vacancies in its freshman class.

## Yosemite National Park

### As Seen by Vivian Price, Who Writes The Second Installment of Her Travelogue

[The following article is the second in a series of travelogue sketches written for the Mercury by Vivian Price, member of the editorial staff the past summer. This week she gives her impressions of California's Yosemite National Park.—The Editors.]

#### YOSEMITE

Can you imagine gleaming white mountains rising against a background of limitless blue? The first glimpse of the magnificent Sierra Nevada in Yosemite presents just such a view.

From Glacier Point one sees a panorama of peaks and misty waterfalls dominated by the granite-white sculpturing of Half Dome, El Capitan and Cathedral Spire add their sun-washed heights to wall in a valley of breath-taking beauty. Far below the silvery band of the Merced River winds its way across a carpet of green. Gray squirrels, dainty chipmunks, and saucy jays vie with each other in begging nuts and other dainties from the hands of visitors.

The winding road beckons and one reluctantly leaves the Point for the valley below. How cool and green it is! The tall peaks that look inspiring from above now seem formidable as evening wraps them in his gray-shadowed cloak.

Night! The tall cliffs hover overhead like great black-winged clouds. The stars are silvery pin points of light in the dark vault of the heavens.

It is nine o'clock. Travelers' voices are hushed in expectant silence. All eyes turn toward Glacier Point. The

evening quiet is broken by the strong voice of a ranger. Again—silence. Then faintly comes the reply of a ranger stationed some four thousand feet above. Before the echo of his voice has died away comes the call, "Let the fire fall!" Out of the night above comes a cascade of ruby-red light. Silently the jeweled embers fall to a rocky ledge fourteen hundred feet below.

As the brilliant veil of fiery coals stream over the point, the night breeze brings the clean odor of the pines. Softly the fiery veil begins to fade. Now only a glowing gray mist remains. One stray spark, and darkness reigns again in Yosemite Valley.

Agnes Wright, a junior, visited friends and relatives in Parkersburg and Pennsboro Sunday.

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