

## COSMIC DUST

By Max Ward

### BABSON'S FORECAST

Roger W. Babson, eminent economist and statistician, offered a few days ago his predictions on what the first six months of this new year will bring to America and to the world.

In summary, he predicts the following: Business will make a ten to fifteen per cent gain over the first half of the past year (He says, "We will come closer to 'good times' in early 1940 than in any half year since 1929"); legislation enacted of that impending will be of no great importance; market prices will rise, though not greatly; the farmer's income and profits will become higher; jobs and wages will be better (and strikes more abundant); consumers need fear no more than a five per cent rise in living expenses; rents and realty values will remain steady; investments will strengthen, and building activity will show a marked increase.

Mr. Babson holds that the war's effect upon business is being overemphasized, and that, so far, it has neither helped nor hurt American business. He expects unemployment to be higher after June as the colleges discharge their graduates.

### STUDENTS AND POLITICS

Westminster College, of Fulton, Mo., has something new in the way of making students more conscious of politics. Inaugurated last fall was the practice of holding political clinics, to which were brought nationally known political figures to address the meetings.

"This current election year," says Dr. Franc L. McClure, president of the college, "is the ideal time to recapture student interest in politics and to direct student attention to public affairs toward the end of future dividends for democracy." Parties, conventions and a general election is part of the plan in politics for Westminster students.

The plan is receiving wide and favorable comment, and any of its developments will be watched with interest by colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Progress, it will be admitted, may be slow, but perhaps Westminster College has hit upon a procedure that will give a constructive answer to those who have long maintained that something must be done, here in America.

### CONSIDERING CHICAGO

From the University of Chicago has come the announcement that intercollegiate football is to be abandoned there.

Soothsayers across the country have seized the news with more or less eagerness, and their predictions are interesting. A considerable number have foreseen the certain decadence of the University as a result of their changes in athletic policy. And some of these predictions have been voiced in the deepest of earnestness, and sagacious wagging of heads has spelled out, "Poor Chicago!"

But all is not in chaos in the University. Its endowment nears a mere eighty million dollars. And eight million dollars of this was added in December, the month after the announcement indicating athletic innovations.

### 'Out Glenville Way'

An Editorial by R. H. Pritchard,  
Editor of The Weston Democrat

If you wish to be entertained properly, received well, and duly fed with a lot of good things, go to Glenville.

We knew for years that some of the finest people in central West Virginia have been born and reared in our neighboring county seat, but it had not been our good fortune to loiter there more than an hour or two at one time. This past week-end, we had ample opportunity to spend more than just an hour or so mingling with a number of residents of Gilmer County, some of them connected with the Normal School and some of them just plain, ordinary home folks. Naturally, we didn't pass up any passing moment we could crowd in with the business leaders.

People in Glenville know what is going on in more ways than you

## COLLEGE STUDENTS WOULD NOT ASK OLD AGE PENSIONS

National Survey Shows Women Most In Favor of Social Security Benefits

Do you think the government should pay you a pension when you reach the age of sixty-five?

Two-thirds of the nation's college men and women do not believe they are entitled to receive such pensions. Of this group, the greater number are men. Women voted a majority in favor of old age pensions in a recent nationwide poll. The Mercury conducted the poll of opinion on the College campus.

The national percentages tabulated in answer to the question of government pensions follow:

Men		Women		Both	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
34	66	56	44	44	56

"How much do you believe you will be able to earn from your first job after you leave college?" was another question asked college men and women in the Student Opinion Surveys poll. Student optimism that springs eternal was reflected in the answers. Not counting those who had no definite idea as to their future incomes or girls who did not plan to work, these were the results:

Salary	Percentage
\$75 or less	11 per cent
\$75 to \$100	30 per cent
\$100 to \$125	38 per cent
\$125 to \$150	16 per cent
\$150 or more	5 per cent

Findings of the American Youth Commission show that even in cities where wages are higher the typical youth's weekly pay envelope contains only fifteen dollars. College graduates often get much more, but the cases are not many, and the average is lower than what the under-graduate expect, the Student Opinion points out.

## HAS STORY IN STATE MAGAZINE

Irma West, College Alumna,  
Writes Short Story Under  
Name 'Peter Quincy'

In the December issue of the West Virginia Review appears the short story, "Bluff," written by Miss Irma West, of Glenville. It is the fifth article she has had published in this magazine in the past few years.

The short story bears the brief and expressive title, "Bluff," and Peter Quincy is named as the author. Miss West chose a pseudonym for the article, written from a masculine viewpoint.

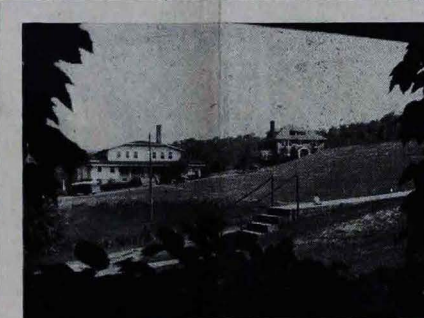
Miss West is an aunt of Mary Leone West, A.B. '38. She originally catalogued the College library and served a year as librarian, preceding the employment of Miss Alma Janet Arbuckle. She was previously graduated from Glenville Normal School. Subsequent library work was done in two colleges in Ohio and later in Fairmont State Teachers College.

Writing for Miss West is only a "pastime," though she has written extensively for years. She is employed at the Kanawha Union Bank, in Glenville.

Betty Jo Lynch, sophomore, has been confined to her room at Verona Chapel Hall because of illness the past week.

The editorial reprinted here was written and published by Mr. Robert H. Pritchard, editor of The Weston Democrat and a former president of the National Editorial Association, after he had appeared on the speaking program at the eighteenth annual West Virginia Intercollegiate Press convention, held in Glenville under the auspices of Glenville State Teachers College, December 8 and 9.

would imagine. One of the reasons for this situation is that they have pretty much one living there. And another reason is that Pres. E. G. (Continued on Page 4)



## A Camera Club Picture And Why It Is a Good One, As Explained by Clark Hardman, Jr.

By Clark Hardman, Jr.

A good picture is one that pleases the person looking at it, soothes, starts the imagination ticking, leads into mystic realms, starts the heart turning cartwheels and handspins and the head swimming, etc. Did you ever see one? Do they exist, and Francis Myers has hit close the mark with this picture of the Gymnasium and the President's Home.

Miss Myers has used two of the four basic picture patterns, the dominant mass and the diagonal, in composing this picture. It is framed, in a rather striking manner by the ivy vines around the auditorium window, and becomes a more emphatic dominant mass that commands attention.

## New Year's In New York and From Maine to Texas Went The Faculty For Vacations

From Maine's wintry weather to the balmy skies of southern Texas was the variety in the holiday vacations coming the way of the faculty.

Though they were not actually south of the border, Pres. and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough took their usual trip down Mexico way. They spent several days in Austin, Texas, visiting their son, Edward G. Rohrbough, Jr., and Mrs. Rohrbough. Christmas they spent in San Antonio, visiting a number of the old missions in the vicinity. Included in the things of interest there was the San Jose Mission and the nationally publicized dog which, the Mission attendants maintain, brings money regularly to the Mission. More orthodox was the dramatic quality seen in "Taming of the Shrew," and "The Great Victor Herbert," two plays they saw in Austin. That the weather was pleasant in Texas is indicated in the absence of frosts before Christmas. They were accompanied by Miss Adele Harpold, Gilmer County 4 - H Club leader. They returned to Glenville on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

## Schedule of Final - Examinations -

Final examinations for the first semester are to be held as follows:

**MONDAY, JAN. 22**

8:00 Classes reciting 8:00 MWF.

10:10 Classes reciting 8:00 TTh.

1:00 Classes reciting 9:00 MWF.

3:10 Classes reciting 9:00 TTh.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 23**

8:00 Classes reciting 10:00 MF.

10:10 Classes reciting 10:00 TTh.

1:00 Classes reciting 11:00 MWF.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24**

8:00 Classes reciting 11:00 TTh.

10:10 Classes reciting 1:00 MWF.

1:00 Classes reciting 1:00 TTh.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 25**

8:00 Classes reciting 2:00 MWF.

10:10 Classes reciting 2:00 TTh.

For all other classes examinations will be given on the last two recitation periods.

Variations from this schedule should be made only for good reason, and after consultation with the Dean.

### FRESHMAN TO GIVE PROGRAM

A program of a varied nature will be presented by members of the freshman class in assembly tomorrow.

The game of football is the ultimate result of an illegal play made by an English Rugby player in 1823.

Rhythm is as pleasing to the eye as it is to the ear, and this photograph has rhythm galore. Notice those diagonals, the walk, the road, the buildings, the skyline, the wire, each an echo of the other. The steps and the iron railings add a pleasing variation to the whole. Cover them with a finger and it is easy to see how important they are.

Another point that carries a punch is the depth. From the window to the horizon, each object is one behind the other suggesting a third dimension.

Unity, clarity, balance, harmony, line, position, shape, size—nothing to complain about. However, a few cumulus clouds would make the sky more effective.

### 10 BIGGEST STORIES

Here are listed the ten biggest campus news stories of the semester. They appear in order of their probable importance.

1. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's lecture here September 18.
2. Semester enrollment gain.
3. The W.V.L.P. convention, December 8 and 9; Earl McDonald elected president of group.
4. The annual Home-coming, October 7; Jean McGee crowned queen.
5. R. E. Freed's assembly address, October 25.
6. Jitney Players here November 8; give two plays.
7. Pioneers maintain successful football season.
8. Dr. C. P. Harper's book receives successive reviews.
9. Curriculum study proposed and adopted.
10. Ohningohows present two-act "Cradle Song." Students and faculty give production wide acclaim.

## DR. HARPER AT WASHINGTON MEET

College Instructor Attends National Congress of Political Science Association

Dr. Charles P. Harper, instructor in the social sciences, represented the College at the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Political Science Association, which met in Washington, December 28, 29, and 30. There was an attendance of 1500 people, which was the largest delegation to attend the association meeting.

Dr. Harper said, "I enjoyed every meeting that I attended and found the discussions worth while. Some of the sectional meetings were repeated so that all would have the opportunity to hear the many subjects discussed."

"Principal speakers were nationally and internationally known political scientists and government officials. It gave the visitors the opportunity to see, hear, and meet the leaders in the political science field."

Attends Three Forums  
Dr. Harper attended three open (Continued on Page 4)

## Seven New Courses Listed on Second Semester Schedule

The schedule of classes for the second semester has been completed. In addition to the courses given in the past, seven new courses will be offered this semester. They are, Ed. 108, Prin. & Methods, Dr. J. C. Shreve; Sociology 404, Crime and Delinquency, R. E. Freed; Pol. Sci. 402, Pol. Parties, Dr. C. P. Harper; Biology 356, Animal Ecology, E. R. Gross; Ed. I, H. III, IV, Guidance, 17 instructors; Phy. Ed. 222, Soc. Dancing (M & W), Anon; Journalism, Laboratory, Linn B. Hickman.

Dr. C. P. Harper, instructor in political science, is listed on the schedule for special research work in compiling a history of the College.

At Cornell University, football receipts pay the expenses of all other sports.

## Looking Toward 1940

## As a College Student, I, Joe College, Do Resolve That I Will . . . . .

1. Make this year my masterpiece.
2. Make better use of my time.
3. Endeavor to add a little more to the growth and pleasure of those from whom I learn much.
4. Refrain from supine forming of excuses for my shortcomings and failings.
5. Broaden my knowledge in 1940—to read more, to think, to ascertain the significance of things.
6. Attempt to define and discover that collegiate attitude, and act accordingly.
7. Support my class, my club, my school, my nation.
8. Try to distinguish between the shadow and the substance, to develop my discernment.
9. Think of the faculty as men

## MERCURY SELECTS BIGGEST CAMPUS NEWS HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Roosevelt's Appearance Here Sept. 18 Picked As Top Event of Semester

The end of the old year and the beginning of the new brings, among other things, a review of that which has been.

Looking back to the first issue of the Mercury in the present semester on September 26, the ten stories following may be included as among the biggest campus news events, listed in time sequence.

Elsewhere on this page the stories are listed in order of their probable importance.

1. The visit and address of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt here on Monday, Sept. 18. Her nationally syndicated column mentioned her visit.
2. The semester enrollment which exceeded by fifty the figures announced for the same period in the previous September. Registration days were Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 11 and 12.

3. Athletically speaking, the big news is difficult to localize. Not to be overlooked in attempting a selection are these: The Home-coming on September 26, the ten stories with a score of 30-7. Then, Friday, Oct. 13, brought the 25-0 defeat of the Pioneers at the hands of West Liberty's Hilltoppers. The loss to Morris Harvey claimed its share of news importance.

4. The annual Home-coming on October 7 brought the usual pageantry, parade and football game. Queen of the event was Jean McGee. Perfect autumn weather made the day very pleasant, and the expensive music of Emil Velasco and his orchestra climaxed the annual alumni pilgrimage.

5. On October 25, Mr. R. E. Freed spoke at some length in assembly on the timely topic: Causes of the Present European War.

6. The Jitney Players made their third appearance here on November 8, giving "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "End of Summer." Ethel Barrymore Colt expressed her conviction that prospective young actors are entirely too casual about their work.

7. A month later the Ohningohows Players presented the "Cradle Song," a play which won acclaim from the campus and visitors as well.

8. Came December 5 and the announcement that one assembly period each month will be set aside for the study of the curriculum. Dean H. L. White explained through the Mercury, later in assembly, the plan in an article entitled "Curriculum vs. Certificate."

9. Glenville first played host to the West Virginia Intercollegiate Press on December 8 and 9. Eleven visiting colleges with sixty delegates and faculty advisers marked this eighteenth annual meeting. Glenville's Earl McDonald was chosen as head of the organization for the following year, after the convention had heard several distinguished speakers and selected Elkins as the 1940 convention center.

10. Dr. C. P. Harper's book, "Administration of the Civilian Conservation Corps," was reviewed during the semester by the American Political Science Review and the Army and Navy Register. Previous review appeared in the New York Times Magazine.

and women, indispensable to my growth.

10. Show my appreciation of the friendly cooperation of Glenville's citizens and business men.

11. Attend Lyceum Course numbers and glean real educational contributions.

MRS. J. C. SHREVE III

Mrs. John C. Shreve, although still seriously ill at her home on Court Street, is resting a little more comfortably today and her condition is somewhat improved.

Bicycle polo is a new sport that has been introduced in several eastern colleges.



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## American Newspapers—the Watchdog of Conflicting Foreign Propaganda

"It is my considered opinion that our newspapers have to be—for the duration of the war at least—the watchdog of foreign radio propaganda," says B. E. Lucas, writer of a daily column, "We're Listening." He states that news reports from government-controlled short-wave stations are stale and are mostly taken from dispatches already on the cables. "The entire period is soaked through with the intention of making the listeners well-disposed toward the country from which the broadcast emanates."

Not all propaganda is bad. Not all is good. How is the American public to know what is bad and what is good? Could it be possible that this country be dragged blindly into the present European conflict through the influence of foreign propaganda? If the American press is to be the watchdog of foreign propaganda, shall we accept its authority without question?

It is impossible and probably unwise to keep propaganda from the American public. The press in this country is generally ruled by decency and fairness, but that does not relieve individual responsibility. The reader must receive information pro and con and then, to the best of his judgment, draw his own conclusions.—W. T. Romine.

## What Did New Year's Eve Bring You—A Profitable Inventory, Or a Headache?

How did you spend New Year's Eve? Did you spend hours planning a good time for the evening of December 31 and then wake up sometime January 1 with nothing to show for it but a headache and a handful of memories, either pleasant or unpleasant? Did 12:00 o'clock midnight of December 31 mean just a time to blow a horn, don a cap and sing Auld Lang Syne? Or did it mean a time for taking inventory within yourself, a sort of checking up and a renewal of faith in human nature?

We have left the '30's behind and stand on the threshold of a new decade. What it holds in store is not for us to say, but it is good to know that it's still not too late to forget the unpleasant things that are in the past and look forward to the '40's—when life begins, they say. Marguerite Moss.

## Editorials Are Regularly Read; Can We Add Students to the List?

When I say that people do read editorials, that four classes read them consistently, I won't be surprised if you don't believe it. Maybe you would say, as did Esquire Magazine, that editorials are that part of a newspaper which nobody reads.

Should you agree with the Esquire, there is Ray Bunton of the Kansas City Journal to say that the Esquire article is an overstatement. He says that editorials are read regularly by four classes and names them: Linotype operators, necessarily; proofreaders, also necessarily; editorial writers themselves, to revel in the mastery of their own logic and expression; authors of magazine articles on editorial pages. Otherwise where would they get the lowdown?

The omission of college students as a class is noticeable. Of course, though, he was naming only the classes he was positive read editorials regularly.

Could college students be added as a fifth class?—Marjorie Barnett.

## College's Growth Has Been Steady, And We Should Make It Better

It is a fact that Glenville State Teachers College has made a steady, sturdy growth. From a small normal school, it has developed into an outstanding teachers college. It is centered among true American people and is an example of their creative traits for the advancement of the generations to come.

The college has graduated many great people, maybe not many famous ones, certainly many who are talented and educated for the management of a great democratic nation. In this time of war and wholesale murder in other countries this fact should be appreciated more than ever before. The people of the world are in need of leaders who are fit to teach and train, and Glenville State Teachers College is fitting people to do these very tasks.

As students, we should know where we stand in the eyes of the world and take advantage of every opportunity for building a bigger and better school.—Eugene Williams.

## CAMPUS CAMERA

"TINY" GRAYSON  
CLANSON COLLEGE CALET,  
CLAIMS TO BE THE WORLD'S  
TALLEST COLLEGE STUDENT  
HE IS 7'2" IN HEIGHT AND  
WEIGHS A MERE 302 LBS.



ACTUAL PLAYING TIME OF  
THE AVERAGE BASKETBALL  
GAME IS 29 MIN. AND 50 SEC.



J.H. HENICA,  
65 YEAR OLD HEAD OF THE  
GATTECH WOOD SHOP, USES  
A PORTABLE MICROPHONE  
WHEN HE LECTURES

## With Apologies to Shakespeare

In Shakespeare's "As You Like It," he has Jacques say the famous quotation beginning with "All the world's a stage" with a decidedly pessimistic outlook. With apologies to Shakespeare, I have endeavored to rewrite it in an optimistic way. All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances, And one man in his time plays many parts, His acts and scenes seven ages. At first the infant, Cooing and smiling in his mother's arms, And then the studious schoolboy, with his satchel And shining morning face, skipping and running Joyously to school. And then the lover, Singing like a lark, with a cheerful song. Praising his mistress' qualities. Then a soldier, Full of patriotism, and with a manly beard,

Generous and honorable, good-natured and slow to quarrel, Doing brave and courageous work Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the justice, Square shoulders, well poised, with stately form. With cordial eyes and well-trimmed beard, Full of wise saws and humorous instances; And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts Into the ripe old age of this, our time. With spectacles on nose and pouch on side, His youthful hose, well saved, still covering His active limbs; and his big manly voice, Turning again to be soft as a child's, Is melody in its sound. Last scene of all, That ends this strange eventful history, Is the beautiful end and loving care, Sans pain, sans sorrow, sans tears, with beauty.

—Frances Myers.

## Quotes Worth Quoting

## Collegians Reminded to Maintain Personal Honor Above All Else

## HONOR ABOVE ALL ELSE

"A job well done is one that is done with honesty and integrity. Setting a goal for ourselves and accomplishing it can mean nothing if we do not infuse the age-old virtues of honesty into our methods. Dishonor in trivial things soon leads to deceitful action in major issues, and we suddenly are awakened to the fact that we have been steered in the ignominy of a corrupt set of morals." Lawrence College's Pres. Barrows urges collegians to maintain honor above all else.

## PROVIDING OWN SECURITY

"If the new generation of which you are a part has not the wisdom to sweat for its own security as free men on the long, adventurous road, college education is no good and the driving force of ingenuity has gone out. With wisdom, young men will come not to care whether they wear white collars or no collars. The trouble is that there are too few of us who are ambitious enough, industrious enough, ingenious enough, courageous enough to provide our own personal security." Famed Editor Grove Patterson tells Oberlin College and all U. S. students how they can attain success without artificial securities.

## NEED CREATIVE OUTLOOK

"The great need of this generation is for a venturesome and creative outlook on the problems of our day. The great problems of social adjustment and the challenge of scientific discovery in the social as well as the natural sciences require the same sort of daring as the pioneer exhibited. And the pioneer did not ask for security but a chance, and in that spirit he wrought his miracles of conquest." Vanderbilt University's Chancellor O. C. Carmichael believes that security should be only the by-product of a well-ordered life.

## Merry Maidens' Movie Moments

By Moore & Hull  
"The March of Time," one of the world's greatest reviews of current events, has been added to the Pictureland program . . . starting January 14. It will alternate Sundays and Monday with Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse comedy.

Friday and Saturday the pictureland will be showing "Hollywood Cavalcade," a fictionalized history of motion pictures . . . Alice Faye and Don Ameche . . . filmed in Technicolor. Bits from the silent films are used, bringing out the contrast to the present-day technique and photography.

Tonight and tomorrow night the Lyric gives us "The Magnificent Fraud," based on the play "Cavalcade for His Excellency" by Charles G. Booth. Akin Tamiroff's diversity of characterization is notable.

We enjoyed Wallace Beery and Chester Morris in "Thunder Afloat," shown at the Lyric last night. Virginia Grey was all right too . . . Remember she used to be a model, until she came to Hollywood. Oh, yes, we find we can afford more shows at the Lyric now that the rates have been cut . . . Thanks, millions.

Sunday and Monday the Pictureland presents "Fifth Avenue Girl," a light satirical comedy that pokes fun at the rich and those who envy them. Ginger Rogers is starred in this story. See how a lonely man confides to a pen-pal acquaintance who helps him formulate a plan to humanize his family and teach them to be economical.

## THIS WEEK'S ADMONITION

BE not simply good, but be good for something.—Thoreau.

## From --- The Exchanges

By Marjorie Harden  
POOR GAL

They sent me off to college To make a lady of me. I crammed my head with knowledge. Oh I was smart as smart could be. Home I came a-trooping Diplomas in my hand. To find that while I'd got my learning Someone else had got my man.

The Columns

## SOME FUN

"College chum: 'How do you pass away your time in the long winter evenings—with some sort of a puzzle, I suppose?' Victim: 'Yeh—the one I married.'"

The Blue and Gray  
Little handkerchief, don't you cry, You'll be a bathing suit, by and by. Parkersburg H. S. Journal

## WHERE IS HE?

"I've a friend I'd like you girls to meet." Athletic Girl: "What can he do?" Library Girl: "What does he read?" Chorus Girl: "How much has he?" Society Girl: "Who are his family?" Religious Girl: "What church does he attend?" G.S.T.C. Girl: "Where is he?" The Coal Digger

## Quick Quips

Old Man Winter  
Here, There, Everywhere  
Dear Old Man:  
If we admit you are still powerful, will you modify your efforts to convince us?  
Yours,  
QUICKSILVER

## BETWEEN COLUMNS

Let America Remain at Peace In 1940

Nine days of the new year have come and gone—in which we have looked back over the many happenings of 1939, wishing to forget some; longing to remember others; days in which history has been made over night, and will continue to be made until something is done to stop this bedlam; days in which resolutions have been made and broken.

But in our hearts there is one resolution that towers above everything—one we hope will never be broken. It is the will that our country, America, will remain at peace. Whether we are young or old, rich or poor, white or black, we can all join in hoping that 1940 will be the happiest and most peaceful year ever. — Agnes Wright.

"What is good is easy; everything divine runs with light feet." — Nietzsche.

"Brilliant qualities of mind win admiration, but never friends." — Schopenhauer.

Purdue University conducts a special school for the chaperons and housemothers of college fraternities.

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## Glenville Cagers Credited With Outstanding Achievement of '39

The Glenville Pioneer basketball team of 1938-'39 received the plaudits of West Virginia sports writers recently when the sports commentators voted in the annual poll—selecting the outstanding features in state athletics this past year.

The team was cited for its advance in the National Collegiate tournament in Kansas City last Spring, being selected as the outstanding achievement in West Virginia sports for 1939.

### SPORTS CHATTER by A Cub Columnist

Earl McDonald

#### CONFERENCE SEASON OPENS

The Pioneers got off to another good start in West Virginia conference competition last Friday night at Fairmont but frequently showed rough spots in their attack that must be worked out before some of the more formidable foes are met.

#### OVER PHILIPPI WAY

Tomorrow night the Pioneers will probably encounter one of their stiffest opponents when Philippi becomes the scene of a major conference tilt.

It will be a case of teacher versus pupil at Broadbush, because Coach Rex Pyles of the Battlers once wore a Blue and White uniform for Glenville in his college days.

Over around Philippi they are saying this is the year that the Glenville "jinx" is to be broken. But after the smoke has cleared away tomorrow night, we imagine that that "jinx" will still loom over the Barbours County campus.

#### SPORTS WRITERS' HONORS

The West Virginia Sports Writers' association finally saw light and selected the Pioneers' showing in the national tourney as the outstanding sports achievement of the past year. This is the first time that any Glenville team has received such recognition.

#### HER EXHAUST EXHAUSTED

Ferdinand, the College's antiquated bus and widely-herald motor coach, broke down in the wee hours Saturday morning with a squad of Pioneers aboard—and the basketball team rode from Weston to Glenville in taxicabs.

The Pioneers had been to Fairmont, where they had successfully trounced the Fighting Teachers, and were enroute to Gilmer County when the mishap occurred.

After an exhaust line had fallen from the manifold, filling the interior with fumes and smoke, and the brakes had gone bad, Coach Rohrbough ordered his men to abandon the Pioneer chariot and ride to Glenville in a little better fashion.

#### W.V.U. PUBLICITY DEPT.

Speaking of the University, they do have an able publicity director these years who is getting athletic teams there far more space in the papers than they deserve. The lad is Arden Skidmore who formerly worked on a Morgantown publication.

In a 32-page booklet which he recently released pertaining to winter sports at the U., he lists an all-West Virginia University basketball five as selected by Francis Stalsdorf who coached there from 1920 to 1934. A. F. Rohrbough is listed as a guard on the all-time five.

Bob Crosby, popular orchestra leader, has presented Wesleyan College a real live Bobcat. . . . Perhaps it will add much roughness to the already tough Roanoke. . . . Brooks Sheppard, former Pioneer, now rates a private office with the Real Silk Co. in Washington, D. C. . . . Mr. Spencer of Richmond remarked to Lloyd Jones, College financial secretary, recently, that he had had a big night when Earle, plebe cager, scored 21 points against Kingwood and another son became a proud father.

#### WILL ORGANIZE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS

Girls' basketball teams will be organized, officials chosen, and weekly practices arranged at a meeting in the near future, announces Teresa Butcher, basketball sports leader. Four captains will be elected, who in turn will choose teams from girls who have signed to play basketball.

There are more than 26,000 plants in the Clark University herbarium.

## What Glenville's Pioneers Did in The '38-'39 Season

### 1938-1939 RECORD

Glenville	Opponent
89—Kingwood	40
57—Fairmont	40
40—Toledo U.	48
24—Akron U.	29
63—West Liberty	47
64—Morris Harvey	36
59—Davis Elkins	46
51—Wesleyan	49
35—Akron U.	27
57—Salem	53
50—Morris Harvey	48
59—New River	36
63—Concord	47
64—Concord	50
62—West Liberty	48
66—Bethany	45
57—Alderson Broadbush	43
70—Wesleyan	56
74—Davis Elkins	50
74—Potomac State	55
61—Salem	39
62—Bethany	41
61—Fairmont	55

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#### NAT'L TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Glenville 49	Simpson 34
Glenville 56	Wayne U. 50
Glenville 52	St. Ambrose 46
Glenville 37	Southwestern 46
Consolation	
Glenville 73	Peru 49

## McMillen Named on Pat Beacom's All-State Conference Football Team

Maxwell On Second Eleven; Keister, Mace, Montrose, Kafer, Also Mentioned

Co-captains of the 1939 Pioneer gridiron eleven were honored recently when Pat Beacom named his all-West Virginia Conference selections.

James McMillen, senior, was listed on the first eleven as a utility man. Woodrow Maxwell, also playing his final year at Glenville, who shared the captaincy of the Pioneers with McMillen, was named on the second team at an end.

McMillen was named at the utility post because of his ability to play at end and in the backfield.

Other members of the Pioneer squad who were given honorable mention are Carl Keister, Roy Mace, August Kafer and Frank Montrose.

### INTRAMURALS

Intramural basketball is in full swing with an eight team league of non-varsity players. Games are scheduled for every week night, with the exception of Pioneer home games and Glenville High home games.

The league is under the supervision of five seniors who are taking directed teaching in physical education under Coach A. F. Rohrbough. James McMillen, Carl Keister, Louie Romano, Woodrow Maxwell and Harold Noroki are the five supervisors.

Seventy-one players are participating in the league with Coach Rohrbough himself playing. Captains of the eight teams are Herbert Brooks, Woodrow Maxwell, Homer Lee Smith, Dexter Dotson, Carl Keister, August Kafer, Jack Stalaker and Ernest Downey.

#### GAMES THE PAST WEEK

Maxwell 35; Brooks 33.  
Keister 52; Kafer 25.  
Smith 35; Dotson 28.  
Stalaker 39; Downey 25.

### They Know Not of Them

By Colleen Norman  
"How many of the Student Council officers can you name?"

That's what twenty-six students were asked the past week, and only two named all nine officers. One student named eight of the nine; another person, a senior, could name only one, the president.

One girl, a sophomore, declared she didn't know any of them, and then asked whether Harold Noroki is one.

Very few knew that class presidents are officers of the Council. The moral: Students ought to take more interest in local elections, politics, campus affairs and ought to know their fellow students.

### PIONEERS' COACH



A. F. ROHRBOUGH

## GLENVILLE TO MEET A-B. QUINTET AT PHILIPPI TOMORROW

Will Play Another Hard Game At Salem on Saturday Night, Jan. 13

"Philippi will be the port of call for the Pioneer cage five tomorrow night when Coach A. F. Rohrbough pits his team of veterans against the protégés of a former Pioneer who learned his court tricks under the genial Glenville mentor.

Coach Rohrbough will give his lads a light drill this afternoon and conclude preparations for the tilt. The Battlers, always a tough foe, are expected to furnish stiff opposition. With such players as Kenneth Griffith, who scored 380 points last season, Captain Manning, Hart, Wilmoth and Woolfer it is highly probable that the White Wave will be facing trouble.

Last year's games between the Battlers and Glenville ended in 57-42 and 53-41 victories for the Pioneers.

Saturday night will find the Glenville combination facing another equally strong foe abroad at Salem with Coach T. Edward Davis' Tigers offering the opposition. The reportedly strong Salem team will be headed by Dominic Canters, an all-conference forward last season.

## PIONEER CAPTAINS GET GOLD TROPHIES

Co-captains of the Pioneer football and basketball teams were presented with miniature gold trophies by Coach A. F. Rohrbough the past week.

Gold football watch charms were given to James McMillen and Woodrow Maxwell, co-captains of the 1939 gridirers. Basketball charms were presented to Louie Romano and Gilbert Rhoades, Jr., co-captains of the current basketball team.

The words "Co-captain," the date, and the player's name is inscribed on each trophy. A blue and white "G" in bold relief occupies the center.

Cornell University student and faculty car drivers are required by the student council to buy liability insurance.



### BEST WISHES FOR 1940

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## PIONEERS DOWN FAIRMONT TEACHERS 64-40 IN FIRST STATE CONFERENCE GAME

By Earl McDonald

Sports Editor, The Mercury

FAIRMONT, Jan. 6.—After watching Fairmont's Fighting Teachers get off to an early 10-40 lead in the first three minutes of their game here tonight with the Glenville Pioneers, there was considerable speculation about the stands that Jasper Colebank had molded a fair basketball team. The score was 64 to 40, Glenville.

But the next three minutes revealed another story, because by the time six minutes had been played, the White Wave scoring attack had begun to function and was leading 18 to 14.

From then on Glenville took possession of everything but cheerleader Kathryn Vennart's megaphone and the Fairmonters became just another ball club, lacking the stuff which has carried the Pioneers to six consecutive West Virginia conference titles.

Little Junior Rhoades sparked his mates in the second half by tallying 15 points, and taking most of the honors.

The Teachers had a highly respected team on the floor here tonight but the experience of the Pioneer veterans add much to the defeat for the Marion countians.

L. Romano and R. Armstrong of the Pioneers, and Miller of the

Colebankers scored four field goals and four fouls to divide the second place scoring honors.

Glenville	G	F	T
Rhoades	7	4	18
Armstrong	4	4	12
McMillen	2	1	6
Noroki	0	2	2
Romano	4	4	12
Scott	2	0	4
Lamp	1	0	2
Spencer	3	3	9

Totals 23 18 64

Fairmont	G	F	T
Billingham	3	2	8
Cummins	1	0	2
Pence	4	1	8
Ankrom	1	1	3
Miller	4	4	12
Conaway	1	0	2
R. McClung	1	0	2
Tatta	0	2	2

Totals 15 10 40

### In This Corner, Jim McMillen

## Down From the Buckwheat Country Came This Tall, Handsome Athlete

By Earl McDonald

Concluding another great career in athletics this year at Glenville State Teachers College is James McMillen. Big Jim, as we know him, comes from Masontown in Preston County, where he says the finest buckwheat in the country is grown.

McMillen came to Glenville highly publicized as a grinder, but no mention was made of his basketball ability. During an intramural contest one evening in his freshman year the sturdy buckwheat-fed lad attracted the eye of Coach Rohrbough and was requested to report for varsity duty immediately.

With acres aplenty on the Pioneer roster, Mac found the going very tough in his first three years; he did see a great deal of action as a reserve guard. When Albert Lilley concluded his collegiate days last graduation and Forest White received a broken ankle the past fall, Rohrbough began casting his eyes around for a capable pivot man for his 1939-'40 cage team.

McMillen had seen three years of frequent substitute service at a guard post and possessed the required height to make a competent center. Consequently, he became the replacement for the vacated post and has started all the Pioneers' encounters this season.

The well-built McMillen shared the captaincy of the football team this past season with Woodrow Max-

well. This pair comprised the best set of terminals the Pioneers have had in years.

## PIONEERS DOWN EAGLES, 57-36

Glenville's Pioneer cage team chalked up its fifth consecutive victory of the current season last night by winning a convincing 57-36 victory over Morris Harvey.

The Pioneers were paced by their pint-sized co-captain, Louie Romano, who scored 17 points. Del Pauley and Rob Starrett led the Eagles' offensive attack with seven points each.

To date the White Wave has won games from the following teams: Culver-Stockton, 47-40; Alfred Holbrook, 58-44; House of David, 86-51; Fairmont, 64-40; and Morris Harvey.

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## Obituary

Wilson F. Brannon, 85 years old, grandfather of Russell Reed, Jr., freshman in the College, died Monday, Jan. 1, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Reed, of Glenville. Interment was in the College Hill Cemetery.

Funeral services were held the past Thursday at the Burke Chapel near Oedonville for Mrs. Lucy A. Smith of Cedar County. Mrs. Smith was the mother of Homer Lee Smith, junior in the College.

Mack C. Danley, 64 years old, of Glenville, died in the Union Protestant Hospital, Clarksburg, Sunday, Dec. 24. He was the father of Karl Danley, a senior in the College. Burial was in the Pisgah Cemetery, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

James A. Hardman, S.N. '24, died at his home in Parkersburg, Tuesday, Dec. 26, and was buried Friday, Dec. 29, near Troy.

Peter Lohan, grandfather of Mildred Ruth Fitzgerald, junior in the College, died at his home in Camden Flats, Wednesday, Dec. 27. Burial was in the Woodlee Cemetery near Alam Bridge, Lewis County.

James Harland McKown of Spencer, father of Mrs. Marie L. Sennett, former student in the College, died Sunday, Dec. 31, and was buried Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the Spencer L.O. O. F. Cemetery.

Funeral services were held the past Tuesday for A. H. Stump at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church at Stumpstown. Burial was in the family cemetery at Stumpstown. He was the grandfather of Erma Stump, freshman in the College.

Funeral services were conducted December 26, for Mrs. Isabelle Ross Kennedy, at the Steer Run Baptist Church, and burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery. She was the mother of Spurgeon C. Kennedy, S.N. '35, and Fell Kennedy, A.B. '35.

### GIBONEYS HAVE BABY DAUGHTER, FIRST CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Goff Giboney of Troy recently announced the arrival of a daughter, Anne Reynolds, born at the Weston City Hospital Thursday, Dec. 21. The baby is the first child.

Mr. Giboney, A. B. '37, is an instructor of mathematics and science in Troy High School.

Mrs. Giboney, before her marriage, was Miss Mildred Reynolds, S. N. '29.

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## WAR DECLARATION RATED AS BIGGEST NEWS OF DECADE

A. P. and U. P. Association's  
Pick 10 Big Stories; Squa-  
lus Disaster Listed

The Associated Press and the United Press have selected the ten best stories of the year and have agreed on five of them. Here is the list picked by AP Feature writer Morgan M. Beatty and twelve AP news experts:

### Big Stories of 1939

(1) France and Great Britain declare war on Germany; (2) British royalty visits America; (3) Congress repeals the arms embargo; (4) Cardinals elect Piacelli Pope Pius XII; (5) Assassin misses Hitler by 11 minutes; (6) Roosevelt to run—or not to run (7) Thanksgiving debate; (8) Supreme Court outlaws the sit-down strikes; (9) The Dies committee battles the 'isms'; (10) Fascist Britain wins Spanish Civil War.

The U. P. client editors selected seven other stories to be included in this list, the Submarine Squalus disaster, being named.

### Big News of Past Decade

(1) Allies' declaration of war on Germany, '39; (2) Lindbergh kidnapping, '32; (3) Abdication of Edward VIII, '36; (4) Roosevelt Bank holiday, '33; (5) Diplomatic victory of Hitler at Munich, '38; (6) Birth of Dionne quintuplets, '34; (7) Repeal of prohibition, '33; (8) Death of Rogers and Post, '35; (9) British royal tour of America, '39; (10) Assassination of Huey Long, '35.

The people of the year, according to the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" roll of honor are: Franklin D. Roosevelt, president; Queen Elizabeth of England; Procopio, minister of England; Attorney General Frank Murphy; Fulton Lewis, Jr., radio newscaster; Charles McNary, senator; William Bankhead, congressman from Alabama; and Walter Winchell, newspaperman.

### DR. HARPER AT WASHINGTON MEET (Continued from page 1)

forums. The first one, "Political Parties and Public Opinion," was presided over by Robert C. Brooks, author of many books on political science. The discussion was led by Ernest K. Lindley, newspaper commentator. In Dr. Harper's opinion, the most interesting meeting was the one on "Alignments for the 1940 Election." Dr. Thomas Reed led the discussion for the Republicans, and Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, represented the Democrats. Arthur Bromage and C. M. Kneier, of the University of Illinois, authors of textbooks on state governments, were the principal speakers on the subject, "State and Local Government."

Secretary Wallace Speaks  
Henry A. Wallace, secretary of Agriculture, spoke on the emerging of public administration. An off-the-record talk on maintenance of free trade was given by Thurman Arnold, assistant Attorney General of the United States, and former dean of the West Virginia Law School. While in Washington, Dr. Harper attended a meeting of the Johns Hopkins University political science alumni. Speaking at one of the luncheons was Dr. Carl Swisher, native of Weston, and now head of Johns Hopkins University's political science department.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

### Y. W. Members Elect Officers For Semester

Officers of the Y. W. C. A. for the second semester, who were elected at a meeting of the club the past Thursday evening in the College Lounge, are: President, Rhoda Ann Bell, senior; vice-president, Marjorie Harden, sophomore; secretary-treasurer, Eunice Walkup, sophomore.

Miss Bell and Miss Walkup retain the same positions they held the first semester. Miss Harden succeeds Frances Myers, sophomore.

After a short program was presented, committees were named to plan for a joint-meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. to be held February 15.

The Y. M. C. A. members will be guests at a Valentine party, being planned by the Y. W. C. A. girls, after the program to be arranged for the joint-meeting has been given.

### WRIGHTS ENTERTAIN GIRLS' CIRCLE

The Misses Helen and Agnes Wright were hostesses to seven members of the Girls' Circle Thursday night at their home in South Glenville. "Foreign Missions" was the topic discussed and Patty Jack was program leader. Susan Summers, a senior, discussed "What Place Has Missions in Making This World Christian Fellowship Possible?"

Refreshments were served to the following: Marybelle Summers, Susan Summers, Ella Summers, Patty Jack, Mrs. C. L. Arehart, and the hostesses.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 29, at the home of Patty Jack.

### MISS IVY LEE MYERS RETURNS TO COLLEGE WORK

Miss Ivy Lee Myers, director of elementary teacher training, has returned to her classroom work after an absence of thirty days because of the illness of her mother, Mrs. A. F. Myers, who recently suffered a broken hip.

In the absence of Miss Myers, the work of the department was carried on by Mrs. Marvin Cooper, assisted by the various critic teachers.

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### Many Former Students Married During Holidays

A number of students, former students, and graduates of the College, announced their marriages during Christmas season.

Those married are: Paul Brooks, S. N. '37, and Kathleen Alkire, A. B. '37, and Shirley Bush, at Ashland, Ky., Sept. 1; Audrey Ellen Jarvis, freshman in the College, and James A. Hickman, at Weston, Dec. 20; Cecil Lee Hays, former student, and Dorothy McCracken, at Carrollton, Miss., Nov. 27; James Shock, S. N. '34, and Eleanor Brown, at Newark, O., Dec. 26; Sara Marie Nottingham, S. N. '35, and Junior Conn, at Gettysburg, Ky., Dec. 2; Edna Cain, A. B. '38, and George Howes, Glenville, Dec. 24; Daisy Davis, former student, and Roscoe J. Bailey, A. B. '39, at Buckhannon, Dec. 2.

Alfred McCauley, A.B. '39, and Miss Lola Smith, S.N. '33, at Ashland, Ky., Dec. 23.

### Notes From the Library

"Beacon Lights of West Virginia History," by Phil Conley, has been received at the Library. This book, volume one of a series of three, portrays, briefly the principal events that have occurred in the state from its beginning up to and including the formation of the new state, June 20, 1863.

Two more volumes will be ready in the next year.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jennings Jarvis, January 8.

Leon Cato, January 9.

The scholastic averages for Lafayette College students who come from public schools are higher than of those who come from private schools.

### Personals

R. E. Freed was a guest speaker of the Waynesboro, Va., Rotary Club while he was visiting relatives there during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. C. E. Myers of the State Department of Education, Richmond, Va., and family were guests at the home of his mother and sister, Mrs. A. F. Myers and Miss Ivy Lee Myers, during the Christmas holidays.

Lynn Hardman, S.N. '31, has been appointed census enumerator for Gilmer County.

Clyde R. Montgomery, former student in the College, recently was made editor of the Junaluska Journal, a small community newspaper of Andrews, Va. Before going to Andrews, Mr. Montgomery was managing editor of the Tyler Star News at Middlebourne, W. Va., from 1925-'30, and more recently he taught in Logan College.

The John R. Wagner Sunday School class of the Methodist Church entertained with an "Automobile Party" Friday evening. About thirty members and guests were present for the program and refreshments.



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### Pritchard Writes . . . (Continued from page 1)

Rohrbough and his assistants at the College are alert and on their toes all the time. We know pretty well here in Weston how many thorough modern thinkers and very fine entertainers they have been bringing to the College each season for the past several years. Many of the top-notchers have been on their programs and Weston people have been taking advantage of the opportunity to hear them.

And the campus at Glenville State Teachers College is really pretty and attractive. In the springtime we can imagine how impressive the place must be; how sweet is the sound of music coming through the tree tops as nature plays her tunes in natural tone; how pleasant must be the aroma coming from hillside and finding its way through the buds and flowers all 'round about. And to get back to earth for a moment, the pleasure of sitting down to a bountiful table of faultlessly prepared food under the direction of Miss Grace Lorentz is something one is unable to forget. When a Lorentz prepares food in Glenville (or anywhere else), other culinary artists might just as well admit that the last full touch has been added. All one then has to do is sit down and gorge himself. As gorgers, we lead the pack! We like the genuine friendliness of Glenville—more power to them.

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