

COSMIC DUST

By Max Ward

"I REFER YOU . . ."

Thomas Arlie Clark, famed dean of men at the University of Illinois, once told of his experience with a young man who requested a recommendation for an important position.

He started the young man by asking him just how he would recommend himself to his prospective employer, and told him to go to his room and write his own recommendation. The dean promised to sign the recommendation, and it seemed to him fair, complete and exact. Suffice it to say the young man learned much in his brief experience with the dean who asked: "Just how well are you equipped? How well can you recommend yourself?"

You who will seek a job next year—and also someone to recommend you—Can you honestly recommend yourself? Do you feel secure or have qualms of conscience when you begin to write, "I refer you . . ."

NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS

Newspaper editorials of today probably do not have a very marked influence on public thought, was the recent admission of a young man who works on one of the state's daily papers.

Basis for his contention is mainly that only a comparatively few people read thoroughly the editorial offerings of the newspapers which daily come to their doors. And statistics have for some time lent confirmation to the idea that editorials are not widely read. So, there is little argument to be offered there.

Perhaps it is true that with the wide coverage of modern news and its accessibility to the public, the decline in influence of the editorial is not an alarming matter. Time was when the interpretation of the news and issues of the day were indispensable to the mass of newspaper readers. It is quite possible that the inability of the press to exert rapid and mass control of public opinion is not too great a disadvantage.

J. R. WAGNER GETS MINERAL EXHIBIT

From Canada to South America will come exhibits to John R. Wagner, instructor in physical science, for the ninth annual Chemistry Day to be held the second semester. Recently received was a mineral display from Brazil's exhibit at the New York World's Fair.

Exhibits from several other foreign countries will probably be received later. Mr. Wagner plans to get exhibits from all South American and Central American countries, Mexico, and Canada. Previous to this, ten sets of pamphlets concerning the country's industries, places of interest, one on "Brazilian Medical Contributions" were received.

Eight Legs, Two Tails, But Only One Head Had This Monstrosity

What has eight legs, two tails and one head? A pig! Of course it is not an ordinary pig, but eight weeks ago a black Poland-China sow belonging to Edward Dulaney, of Hays City, near Glenville, gave birth to such a monstrosity. Mr. Dulaney preserved the animal, and he displayed it in the biology laboratory the past Friday.

Part of the back, the shoulders, and the head of the animal are fused, while the lower part of the abdominal region and the hips are entirely separate. The size of the components of the Siamese structure is almost that of normal pigs at birth. The sex is not distinct.

Mr. Dulaney explained that the pig was the first-born of a two-year-old sow. Ten normal pigs made up the litter, but four of them were eaten soon after birth by the mother. The freak was also partly decastrated. The six remaining members of the litter are developing quite normally, Mr. Dulaney says.

Mr. E. R. Grose, instructor in biology, says the abnormality is of infrequent occurrence, but similar cases are more common than the layman ordinarily believes. These freaks are reported among most of the vertebrates.

Mr. Dulaney is employed locally by the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas Company.

COLLEGE DEBATE TEAM HAS FIVE MEETS SCHEDULED

Waynesburg College Students Were Here Wednesday for First Engagement

The College debating team opened its annual series of intercollegiate debates by playing host to the Waynesburg, (Pa.) College team in the Lounge, Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That the United States should follow a policy of strict (economic and military) isolation toward all nations outside the Western Hemisphere engaged in armed civil or international conflict."

Members of the College team this year are Helen Heater, a junior who is seeing her third year of debating experience; Denver Barnett, a junior who debated with the Salem College team the past year, and Paul Beal, a sophomore with one year of debating experience. Miss Kathleen Robertson, instructor in speech and English, is coach.

Prof. Arthur Mintiar, coach, accompanied the five members of the Waynesburg team. They arrived in Glenville Wednesday afternoon and left Thursday for an engagement with Salem College.

The debates are listed on the schedule of the College team. They will play host to the Morris Harvey and West Liberty teams here, while Morris Harvey, Concord and West Liberty are scheduled for engagements away from home. Dates for the meets have not been announced.

CURRICULUM STUDY PROGRAM IS READY

17 Instructors to Meet Student Groups Tomorrow and Start Advance Enrollment

"Now that curricular guidance has become a bit more necessary, we are taking advantage of this fact by providing systematic meetings of small groups with a faculty member," announces Dean H. L. White. The work is to be scheduled and carried on as courses in Educational Guidance I, II, III, and IV. These classes will meet at 10:00 a. m. the third Wednesday of each month, taking the place of assembly. The content of the course will include guidance in curriculum, schedule, how to study, and to some extent in social, ethical, health, and other matters, as needed. It is to be a required course, no credit, and running through the four years.

The purpose of the conferences to be held on January 17 is to make advance enrollment of all students who are to be in the College the second semester. Any special or part-time student who same does not appear on the list of any adviser should see the Dean or the Registrar about advance enrollment. Seventeen members of the College Faculty who have been designated to carry on this work have (Continued on Page 3)

Another Step Forward



This girl and boy, featured in this year's "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign, represent the legion of those who wear braces and the army that moves on crutches. Their pictures appear in all posters and literature of the "March of Dimes" campaign and the celebrations in honor of the President's birthday. Symbolic of the drive for funds they are the unknown soldiers in the mobilization of millions of citizens who will contribute their dimes and dollars to the cause.

Student Opinion Favors Continuing The Dies Committee For Another Year

The Dies Committee for investigating un-American activities should be continued, and more money for its work should be appropriated, says a majority of American college students.

This sentiment was reflected in a nation-wide poll among students shortly before Congress convened in Washington a few days ago. A few students voiced their dissatisfaction with the methods and results of the committee.

Asked by the Student Opinion Surveys of America, "Do you think the government should provide money to continue the Dies Committee for another year?" students across the country replied as follows: Yes, 56 per cent; no, 26 per cent. Seventeen per cent of those interviewed had no opinion, many admitting they had never heard of the committee. This question is said by the Surveys to be the least understood of nearly three dozen already used in the polls.

A year ago the Surveys found that only one out of every ten students believed there had been any attempt to influence him with fascist, socialist, or communist propaganda on his campus. Most of those who knew nothing of the Dies group expressed their belief that investigation of "isms" in this country is desirable and necessary.

Only New England failed to show a majority in favor of continuing the Dies committee. The vote in favor by sections and in percentages follows:

New England	49
Middle Atlantic	54
East Central	54
West Central	56
South	56
Pacific	60

The American Student Union, meeting recently in Madison, Wis., for its fifth annual session, commended the Dies committee with these words:

These Student Opinion Surveys polls used during this past semester by the Mercury are receiving the acclaim of many noted people and experts. Here are a few samples:

"The idea is excellent, and it should lead to a great deal of interest and give important information," says Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Vastly interesting . . . congratulations on careful organization and preparation," writes Dr. George Gallup's American Institute of Public Opinion. . . "I wish you a great deal of success in the important work you have undertaken," says J. W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education. . . This week the Mercury carries the results of the poll on continuing of the Dies Committee.

MRS. J. W. BEALL, COLLEGE ALUMNA, WILL DIRECT GILMER COUNTY'S 1940 INFANTILE PARALYSIS CAMPAIGN, DINNER, DANCE

'Y.M.' ELECTS OFFICERS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

The Y.M.C.A. elected officers for the second semester at a meeting Thursday. Max Ward, the president, was re-elected. Paul Beal succeeded Ralph Cox as vice president; and Hugh Boggs, Jr., replaced Woodrow Shoben as secretary-treasurer.

MARGUERITE MOSS IS VICTORIOUS ON QUIZ PROGRAM

Clifford Lamp Goes Into Finals Of Three - Unit Session Under Auspices of Freshmen

Twice a winner without a prize was Marguerite Moss, senior, in a quiz program presented by the freshman class in assembly Wednesday.

Miss Moss, as a result of winning the two-round battle over three other women contestants, met Clifford Lamp, senior and winner over the men in a similar tilt, in the final round of the quiz, a take-off on the nationally known "Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge" program.

Judges were Helen McElwee, Betty Sue Heater, Theodore Hollos, Ronald Holt and William Hughes, president of the class.

Quizzers were Mary Agnes Hackett and Frank Hammer, freshmen. Miss Hackett quizzed the men, Mr. Hammer the women. John Hunter Williams acted as official mistake-signaler.

Other contestants were Eva Cunningham, Madelyn Robinson, Agnes Wright, August Kafer, Kermit Smith and Brooks Golden.

As special features for the program, Evelyn Keith sang "Faithful Forever" and Garnet Hamrick, impersonating Shirley Temple, gave an original comic musical reading, which she dedicated to members of the senior class.

Will Complete Extension Work This Semester

Extension classes taught at Burnsville, Spencer, Elizabeth and Harrisville, by Mr. Carey Woolter, registrar, will be finished at the close of this semester.

Classes taught at Grantsville by Dr. J. C. Shreve, head of the department of education, and Earl R. Boggs, principal of the College Training School, will also be completed. Saturday classes here will continue until about April 1.

MRS. SHREVE IMPROVING

Continued improvement is reported in the condition of Mrs. John C. Shreve, of Court Street, who has been ill the past two weeks.

Treasurer Reports \$171.80 In George Firestone Fund

J. Wilbur Beall, treasurer of the George Firestone Memorial Fund Committee, reports that contributions totaling \$171.80 have been received.

The committee was named the past year following the death of George Firestone, who served for forty-three years as College janitor. Pres. E. G. Rohrbough appointed faculty and alumni representatives to work with the Student Council in securing funds for the memorial.

Mr. Beall states that the fund is still open for contributions. The type of memorial will not be determined until all contributions have been received.

The committee personnel is as follows: Marjorie Craddock, A. B. '39, and Teresa Butcher, junior, student members; J. Wilbur Beall and R. T. Crawford, alumni; and Goldie Clare James and Linn B. Hickman, faculty.

Richard Dyer, A. B. '39, deceased, was chairman of the original committee.

Gallaudet College (Washington, D. C.) is the only college for the deaf in the world.

Every Community Invited to Sponsor Activity: Half of Funds Remain In County

Gilmer County's fight infantile paralysis campaign committee, headed by Mrs. J. Wilbur Beall, of Glenville, will open activities here and throughout the county this week. Assisting Mrs. Beall, an alumna of the College, will be a six-member executive committee and at least seven community helpers.

The drive to raise funds, half of which will remain in the county to be used as needed, will be started immediately and will culminate on the day before the President's birthday. However, activities in some sections of the county may extend into February.

Mrs. Beall last year directed a successful campaign which raised \$260.

Dinner and Dance

Chief features in Glenville will be a President's dinner at the Methodist Church on January 29 and a dance in the College gymnasium following the dinner. Sponsor of the dance probably will be a local civic organization. Price of the dinner will be \$1.00 per plate; tickets to the dance also will cost \$1.00 a couple.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is this year stressing athletic events as a means of raising funds, and it is probable that most of the communities will adopt this type of program. Each community is at liberty, however, to sponsor its own activity in any way it elects.

Letters Out This Week

Mrs. Beall says letters explaining campaign details will go out this week to principals of all county high and junior high schools and to the graded school at Gilmer. Also letters will go to the farm women's clubs of Stewart's Creek and Stumpston and to the Women's Club at Tanne. Community campaign leaders will be the school principals, namely: Clyde Strader, Troy; James M. Bramlett, Tanner; Roland Butcher, Sand Fork; Edmund Powell, Cedarville; Bradford Davis, Rosedale; and Alton Peters, Gilmer.

Membership on the executive committee includes C. W. Marsh, Miss Bernice Criddle, Mrs. Mary H. Powell, H. Lahan White, Earl R. Boggs and Mrs. E. W. Craddock.

Purpose of Foundation

An outgrowth of the Warm Springs (Georgia) Foundation, the infantile paralysis drive has been waged throughout the United States for several years. Sensing the need for unified national organization to sponsor the campaign and direct activities, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on September 23, 1937, helped to create the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and also gave his consent to have most of the major activities center around his birthday anniversary.

"Purpose of the foundation," said the President, "will be to lead, direct and unify the fight on every phase of this sickness." He urged adequate financial assistance to (Continued on Page 4)

Student Asked For Forty Ways to Amuse a Dog — He Got Forty Days of Musa Dagh

By Colleen Norman

Funny things happen in libraries—even in college libraries. For instance:

Underneath a poster on gardening was placed a book entitled "Fruit of the Family Tree." That was in New York. But then listen to these amusing incidents in the Robert F. Kidd Library:

A student asked for "Essays of a Liar." The librarian substituted "Essays of Elia." Another student wanted to locate "Feminine Cooper's" works. "A book on sicology" was requested by another. Two people asked for the magazine "Common Wheel," but were satisfied when given "Commonweal."

The persons who requested "Darwin's Descent on Man" must have had in mind air raids or insect pests.

A note received by Miss Willerna White, librarian, asked for a copy of "Mary Wise of Winsor." Miss White sent the customer "Merry Whites of Winsor." A student was much concerned because "page nineteen" was missing from this book, and page twenty is, too. He didn't realize that pages nineteen and twenty are like Mary and her little lamb.

Two enterprising history students

MARYBELL SUMMERS TAKES POSITION WITH WEST PENN

Miss Marybell Summers, A. B. '39 and a sister of Susan Summers, a senior, has been employed by the Monongahela West Penn. and is working in the company's store on Court Street. She began working January 2.

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Regret Is the College Student's Besetting Sin

What is the college student's besetting sin? The sin of regret, says Betty Curry, a senior up Westminster way. She has an article in the December issue of *College Years* called, "How's Your Moral I. Q.?" wherein she declares the college student is tired of being preached to. Some of the "fastest" kids of their time are the efficient business men, doctors, lawyers, etc. Miss Curry says individuality is often misconstrued as immorality. Then she asks, What is immorality? Well, even wearing shorts has been in that category. Shorts were carnal in grandma's day. And there will be a "grand old day" in the ages. . . . A number of don'ts in the moral code are illegal, so is driving more than fifty miles an hour in some places. Custom often determines moral ideas.

Says Miss Curry: "Psychologists with faith in the college generations say that no intelligent person is void of conscience—that little voice which tells one not to do what he wants to do. The chief sin is that of destroying that little voice. Humanity is hurt when we start hurting ourselves."

"The issue is not in the house-mother's, the minister's the Salvation Army's or the Missionary Society's. They have despoiled it beyond normal right. It's ours!"—Marguerite Moss.

Our Fathers Were Scholarly, But We Have Less Pessimism

Peter Sargent says that our fathers when tardy at school were often derisively greeted, "A dollar, a dollar, a ten o'clock scholar." Today the teacher greets, "Good morning pupils," or more realistically, "Good morning, children."

Of course, our fathers were not really scholars, but does not the name fit them better than it does us who are today in school?

And maybe it isn't quite fair for Mr. Sargent to call us children. However, we must admit that college now is quite different from what it was 40 years ago. It does seem the longer we are in college the less mature we become—at least in actions. On the other hand, forty years ago college was taken very seriously, perhaps because a college education was harder to obtain.

The question is: Is the modern "activity schools" a place to bluff, cram, flunk some subjects, worry about honor points, and meet a lot of people and have a good time? Are we modern college "children," who have the philosophy of carefully avoiding responsibility until it is thrust upon us, going to be better citizens than the college "scholars" of forty years ago, those who grew up too soon, took their work seriously, and did not take much time for diversions? Or will we be as good?

Half of the question can be answered, for the "scholars" of forty years ago have made good citizens. The other half must remain unanswered until we see what kind of citizens the present generation turns out.

One thing the "children" have in their favor is that the future citizens will not be pessimistic—and what the world needs now, and always will, is less pessimism.—Marjorie Barnett.

A continuing and increasing demand for highly educated and specially trained office workers of both sexes is indicated in the figures of a clerical report compiled by government agencies. The greatest expansion in office careers for women as well as men has occurred during the period when modern office equipment was being invented and coming into general use, the report shows.

It is seen that from 1920 to 1930, the period when office equipment came into general use, the number of clerical workers increased by nearly thirty per cent. In the same period census figures show a general population increase of sixteen per cent.

Merry Maiden's Movie Moments

"Gone With the Wind"—everyone is talking about it and Miss Olsen saw it. She says, "I enjoyed it thoroughly. Vivien Leigh was very good. The show was four hours and you don't know you have sat one hour." Miss Olsen saw it in Boston, and said it was received with a full house—the theater seating 1500 or more. She said, "It was beautiful to look at and thought provoking as well."

She advises everyone to see it. "The Old Maid," a social drama, staged in Civil War days, with a wealth of careful detail in settings and costumes, will be presented at the Pictorial Theater January 21 and 22. The story concerns a woman who, in choosing her path in life, pays bitterly for a gesture of love made to a man who cares nothing for her. Flash Maxine Bollinger says, "It is fantastic to believe that two sisters could live together for years and yet despise the sight of each other." The cast includes Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins, George Brent, Donald Crisp, and Jane Bryan.

"Everything's On Ice," a light social comedy in which Irene Dore, six years old, demonstrates her ability as an ice skater, will be shown at the Pictorial January 17 and 18.

Akim Tamiroff is starred in "The Magnificent Fraud" at the Lyric Theater tonight, as a gifted impersonator, when in France for murder. The picture is noted for Tamiroff's diversity of characterization.

CAMPUS CAPERS

Along with damp feet, a disgusting cold and the ill thoughts of the fast-approaching finals to contend with, it is easy to believe that college is far from a bowl of peaches and cream. But don't fret long, my dear ones, the end is always a pleasant one. So console yourself and listen to the latest as gathered from hither and yon by your roving campus spectator.

Heading the list of well circulated gossip is that: Wicky, the irresistible Daddy of feminine charms, has terminated a lovely courtship and married the girl. My, it is miraculous how fast things can happen. . . . To keep you well posted I suggest that you look for another in the near future. . . .

Woodrow reports that the generous hospitality of Wirt continues is quite popular with him. . . . Mile, awaits warm weather before furthering his feminine conquests. . . . Durgan and Carey Jr., again call at Verona Maple for Mary H. and Mickey, respectively. . . . Louie tries hard to find time for his many admirers, along with regular cage performances. . . .

Joe Greasy entertains an old acquaintance over week-end. . . . Helen R. remembers hometown friend well until Sammy turns on his charm. . . . A comely high school Miss across the stream offers comfortable winter quarters to a few lads. . . . B. Butcher's activities are suddenly handicapped by a foot injury. . . .

In case this column does not appear again, please draw this conclusion: A stiff final is the downfall of many a loafer. . . .

YOUR SPECTATOR.

Newspaper Verse

"Backward, turn backward, oh Time, in your flight,
And tell me just one thing I studied last night."
I've thought and I've thought with all of my might,
But can't seem to find the answer that's right.

For all those good grades I dreamed were in sight,
This blank of a mind seems to blight. . . .

Only ten minutes left. But that's time enough quite
To clear this old brain and let in some light.
Not till the bell rings will I give up the fight
Or trying to remember what I studied last night.

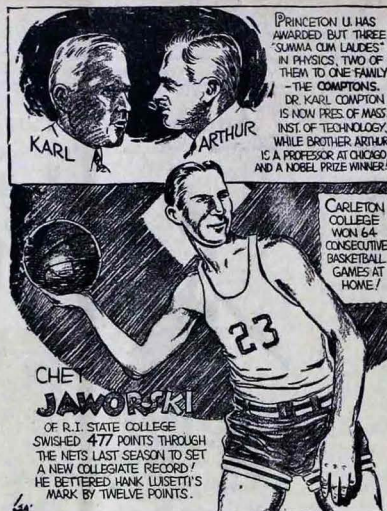
—Frances Myers.

THIS WEEK'S ADMONITION

IN SONG—"When It Is Stormy Weather," "Keep Your Sunny Side Up," for "Life Is Just A Bowl of Cherries."

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CAMPUS CAMERA



Responsibility For World Leadership Rests With Universities, Pennsylvanian Declares

This country's universities must take the initiative in carrying the culture and decency of civilization through the barbarity of our times, in the opinion of Dr. Thomas S. Gates, president of the University of Pennsylvania.

"The responsibilities of the University today," said Dr. Gates, "are perhaps greater than ever before. Another tragic victory of primitive emotions over reason has placed a large proportion of the world once more in subjection to the rule of force."

Dr. Gates' words were spoken in announcing the forthcoming broadcast stressing the central role of universities in our society, which will be heard over the Columbia Broadcasting System tomorrow night from 10:30 to 11 o'clock EST. The broadcast will be on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the University of Pennsylvania and will deal with the broad aspect of higher education and some of its controversial questions.

Founder of the University of Pennsylvania was Benjamin Franklin, whose birthday anniversary is observed. As a tribute to Franklin, the university broadcast will include several of his quotations on education, among them this one:

"The idea of what is true merit should also be often presented to youth, explain'd and impress'd on their minds, as consisting in an inclination join'd with an ability to serve mankind, one's Country, Family, and Friends; which ability is (with the blessing of God) to be acquired or greatly increased by true Learning; and should indeed be the great Aim and End of all Learning."

From The Exchanges

HO HUM
The sofa sagged in the center,
The shades were pulled just so:
The family had retired,
The prior lights burned low.
There came a sound from the sofa,
As the clock was striking two:
And the student closed his text-book.

With a thankful, "well, I'm through."
THE COLUMNS

"I'll bet you're peeved about the laundry not being done."
"Yes, it makes you feel all out of sorts."
THE CONCORDIAN

NICE IDEA
Life is like a journey
Taken on a train
With a pair of travelers
At each window pane.
I may sit beside you
All the journey through
Or I may sit elsewhere
Never knowing you.

But if fate should mark me
To sit by your side
Let's be pleasant travelers,
It's so short a ride.
THE PASQUINO

NOT RUB-UFF
He told the shy maid of his love,
The color left his cheeks,
But on the shoulder of his coat
It stayed for weeks and weeks.
THE COAL DIGGER

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GUIDEPOST FOR EDUCATION

"The college of tomorrow must insist on the spiritual connotations of education. Educators dare not think of education as making an appeal to the intellect only, nor dare they think of the intellect as something separate and distinct from the functional needs of mankind. The emotional, the volitional, the aesthetic and religious life of the individual must be cultivated quite as much as the intellect." Dr. H. J. Burgstahler, Ohio Wesleyan University president, puts up a guidepost on education's road of progress.

TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS

"It is not at all essential that a college teacher should have reached the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in his university course of study. What is essential is that he should have a sound and scholarly comprehension of the subject matter of which he is to teach, as well as skill and tact in its interpretation to younger and less developed minds. The high degree of specialization in study to which the doctor of philosophy has become accustomed is precisely that which is to be avoided in college teaching." Nicholas Murray Butler, famed president of Columbia University, asks that professors be teachers as well as scholars.

NEW SLANG DEPARTMENT

These are the latest slang definitions developed by Ohio State University students: Campus glamor boy—male with \$5; campus glamor girl—co-ed with a late model car; dive—any place with a neon sign, an orchestra and a college boy; swing—organized disorganization; friend—anybody who will lend you money; acquaintance—anyone who has lent you money; civilization—a collection of modern inconveniences.

Between Columns

As the cowboy ballad goes, so goes the College student—headin' for the last round-up—final semester examinations.

The branding—giving grades—will soon be over and life will begin at less than "forty."

What will the last round-up be? Will the best go on to greener pastures? Will there be one left to finish last year's hay? Will all trot onto a new range?

That all depends. We shall see when January 25 comes around and a few will be singin' and swayin' to "Home on the Range."—Mildred Riley.

Quick Quips

Mr. H. L. White

College Dean

Dear Dean White:

You've aroused our curiosity. Just who is this Professor Anonymous listed on the second semester schedule?

Yours,
QUICKSILVER.

Our Talk Should Give More Attention to Ideas

It has been said that all talk has three levels; the lowest is that about things; the middle about people; the highest, that about ideas.

I think these phases of talk deserve uninterrupted attention in the present era of national alterations. In every daily newspaper there are long columns pertaining to murder, accidents, and war casualties. There are hundreds of editorials written weekly about the same subjects, or other subjects of equal value.

Practically every page of our newspapers is overrun with pictures and columns about some individual who jumped five hundred feet to his death, or the picture of the dead strewn among the remnants of a recently bombed city.

Not only do subjects such as these comprise most of the news in newspapers, but they also hold a prominent place in everyday conversation. Almost any time during the day we can turn on our radio and hear of someone's committing suicide, being run over with an automobile, or of some movie star getting a cut in salary, or revolting against her studio because they want her to get her hair bobbed.

True it is that the people of America want and demand this kind of news. But these topics will not keep us out of war or eliminate depressions. It was once said that if we keep discussing an idea or a problem long enough we will finally come to the solution. So, why not devote more of our news, conversations, and radio broadcasts to ideas rather than to things and people?—Fred Garrett.

Americans Fear Results Of Another World War

"BUTCHERY IS BEGUN!" was the head used by the Augusta Herald shortly after the war commenced. Also a sub-head used was, "Roosevelt Believes That We Can Keep Out Of It." What weight does this statement carry? He does not assure us of either way. He cannot assure us either way.

As Americans do express opinions, so have they expressed their opinions about our entering another war. Some say we will not enter at all; others say we will but not enter for a year, two years, three years. It is evident that people have been thinking on the subject. What their true thoughts are will probably never be expressed. As peace loving people, but people who will fight for peace, they would certainly not express their fears of another war.

I think that in the heart of every American, there is a fear. Not fear of death, but a fear for what another war will do to America as well as for the world. A fear that is not expressed is hard to define. As for being afraid of any nation or nations, America is not. Perhaps it is the moral that causes this fear. War in any country effects the lives of people of other nations. We do not expect any one man to 'make war' for the United States, nor do we expect for any one man to keep us out of war. If our liberty and democracy is threatened, America will fight to the last.

This is not propaganda, it is merely what is in the minds of many Americans. We are of a civilized nation, but at the same time we know that if another war is forced upon us we will fight and conquer or die trying.—Eugene Williams.

"Let's Send the Debating Team to Kansas City!"

Apparently the College debating team is not receiving the recognition it should, or has it failed sufficiently to "sell itself" to the students and faculty? The small number who heard the debate between the College and Waynesburg College Wednesday evening indicates either that the debate was not well advertised or that people are not interested in debating. I would say that no large part of the students know even the names of the debaters.

In my opinion, a debating team should at least equal the athletic teams in importance and publicity. Its value in the training of public speaking cannot be overestimated. It should not only spur the debaters to clearer thinking, but it should also stimulate thought among the audience. Its significance demands that greater appreciation be shown for this activity, the success of which requires so much preparation.

Maybe the debating team should "sell its glamor" as do other more popular activities. Why should it not post a schedule of its debates at the beginning of the season and do a little more fancy advertising?

It seems to me to be a worthwhile proposition to strive to "send our debating team to Kansas City."—W. T. Romine.

Courses in Newspaper Reading Should Be Given in College

It has been long recognized that the newspaper is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, educators of man. The thought has probably come to many minds that a newspaper reading course should be conducted in school. In the November 1939 issue of the *Scholastic*, Editor C. W. Hach offers many reasons for the installation of a newspaper reading course. He says that since the newspaper is so valuable it would seem that high schools would conduct reading classes in order to help students get an intelligent understanding of the press and its problems.

Robert S. Ellwood, of Illinois State Normal University, further states that a large per cent of a student's knowledge comes from reading the daily press and that fifty per cent spend half their time outside of school reading papers.

The point is: If newspapers are so valuable, and they are, there should be a course in newspaper reading in high school, and college as well, to enable the student to become more sagacious and read with more intelligence.

It would be well for college students to think about this and express their views and opinions.—Agnes Wright.

PIONEERS CONTINUE WINNING STREAK WITH DEFEAT OF ALDERSON-BROADDUS AND COACH ED DAVIS' SALEM TIGERS

Louie Romano Drops in Winning Goal in Game at Philippi to Upset Hopes of Rex Pyles' Aces

Still undefeated in the 1939-40 season are the Glenville Pioneers, who the past week added a couple of hard-earned victories, both of conference rating.

Wednesday night at Philippi the Glenville machine played along at not to fast a pace and then nosed out Alderson-Broadbuddus, 52 to 51. Saturday night Glenville, after a first-half scare, came back and smothered Ed Davis' Tigers 55 to 37.

Two minutes before the half ended at Salem the Tigers fell completely to pieces when they lost their ace scorer, Brooms Abramovic, who tallied nine field goals before he went out on personal fouls. It had been a fair ball game until then, and the half ended with Salem leading 23 to 22. In the second half the Pioneers' offensive attack functioned almost to perfection and they garnered 33 markers while the Tigers collected 14.

To watch Salem without Abramovic was like following a one-legged man in a football game. Even Pioneer followers were disappointed at the Tigers' feeble efforts.

Between halves it was reported that Dominic Cantera would take over the scoring for the Tigers, but little Louie Romano throttled the Salem forward to a slow pace and allowed him only seven points.

In the Alderson-Broadbuddus game, Kenneth Griffith, challenged by the Pyles quintet went into a 51-50 lead with only two minutes left to play. Glenville's All-American guard, Romano, dribbled fast into scoring position and sunk the field goal that closed one of the greatest ball games of the season in the current State Conference race.

ROMANO COMES THROUGH

Time was resumed and it took Louie Romano less than thirty seconds to take the ball into scoring position and bang away at the basket, standing in an awkward position, for the winning marker. But all was not over, for Broadbuddus was still there in the game, and Captain Manning of the Baptists went in with a seemingly easy hop-shot. The ball rolled twice around the rim, quivered a little and fell. The towering Baptists made an attempt to bat the ball through the hoop, but a sturdy Pioneer took the bounding ball and Broadbuddus' hopes vanished.

LIONS-VIKING GAME

This scribble had an opportunity to look in on the Normantown-Sand Fork game the other evening, and it was a peach to watch. Frank Martino, Normantown's mentor, is a shining example of "a chip from the old block" when it comes to tutoring a case team. Frank saw service under Coach Rohrbough who is considered the best bench jockey in these parts. Martino is almost as good and was a prominent factor in the ball game until Referee "Chick" Wehl called a technical foul on Frank.

THIS TIME IT'S WICKY

Another glamorous Pioneer star has trodden the winding path to wedlock. This time it's Wicky. It's hard to believe, but I generously offer my congratulations.

POTOMAC HERE THURSDAY

After experiencing an extremely difficult week of court activities, the Glenville Pioneer cagers will enjoy a few days rest before they continue their current West Virginia Conference campaign on Thursday night against Potomac State's Catamounts.

Lanky Jack Tabscott, one of the best set shot artists in the Mountain State League, is reported to be the spark of the Catamount attack. Tabscott, center, is a former Elkins High ace and stands six foot two inches tall.

GOLDEN BEARS COMING

Completing the week of court activities on Saturday night will be the Glenville - New River engagement. The Golden Bear team has had a bit of trouble in getting off to a good start, but can be expected to make things interesting for the Pioneers.

Since Harold ("Dink") Noroski has been called home because of the illness of his mother, Coach Rohrbough has been forced to alter his lineup considerably lately. Jim McMillen has been shifted to the guard post, formerly held by the Munhall lad, and Earle Spencer has taken over McMillen's pivot position.

A ONE-MAN TEAM

Never before have I seen one man mean so much to a basketball team as did Brooms Abramovic, a freshman, to the Salem Tigers Saturday night in their game with the Pioneers. The Ford City, (Pa.) cager is really good when he can make nine field goals in less than twenty minutes against the Glenville machine. It will be a real attraction to see Abramovic and Kenneth Griffith, A-B. pivot man,

Harold Noroski Returns For Game With Salem Tigers

Harold Noroski, senior and president of the student body, is back in school after a few days absence because of the illness of his mother, at Munhall, Pa.



Noroski, a member of the Pioneer basketball team, received word of his mother's illness the past Tuesday evening and was preparing to leave Wednesday morning when he learned her condition was better. He went to Philippi Wednesday night, played against the Alderson-Broadbuddus quintet, and from there went home. He returned via Salem and was on hand Saturday night for the Pioneer-Tiger affair.

INTRAMURALS

Loss of Jack Stalnaker, small sophomore sharpshooting forward and captain of his team, is a blow to the College intramural loop. Jack was spotted by Coach A. F. Rohrbough and invited to report for varsity practice, Thursday. At present he is the smallest member of the Pioneer squad.

Last week's games were better than usual, although fouls fall fast and furious and so do hot words at times.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Stalnaker 52 Smith 32
Downey 31 Doston 28
Maxwell 55 Keister 40
Brooks 37 Kafer 33

POSTMASTER HAS SERVED 30 YEARS

M. B. Boggs, Grandfather of Winifred Stalnaker, Will Retire on January 31

M. B. Boggs, Orton postmaster, will be the first person in Gilmer County to be retired under the new act passed the last session of Congress, which provided for the retirement of all postmasters who have reached the age of seventy and have served fifteen or more years.

Mr. Boggs, 85 years old, has had thirty years of service and will be retired January 31. He is the grandfather of Earl Boggs, A.B. '32, and principal of Glenville High School, Muriel Boggs, A.B. '39, Mary Helen Stalnaker, S.N. '38, and Winifred Stalnaker, a senior in the College.

WILL OFFER COURSE HERE IN DANCING

Student Consensus Indicates Approval; Olive Myers Says, "It's An Excellent Idea"

By Maxine Bollinger

If you don't know how to dance and would like to learn, you will have an opportunity to do so during the second semester, for Social Dancing, Physical Education 222, has been added to the curriculum.

About the new course, Dean H. L. White explained: "Physical Education 222 was put on the schedule to afford opportunity for students to acquire some information and practice in social dancing so as to remove timidity in going to social affairs, of which dancing was to be a part. It was suggested by the fact that students, not only here but in other colleges, sometimes pay out money to individuals for coaching them in dancing.

"These considerations, plus the further fact that dancing affords as good exercise as other activities in the gymnasium led to the scheduling of this course the second semester."

Student opinion showed general approval of the course. "I think the scheduling of the course is a commendable step on the part of the College," said Max Ward, senior. Olive Myers, junior, remarked, "I think it is an excellent idea. We have needed something of that sort ever since I have been in school here."

"This course should be especially helpful to the students who have always wanted to dance but have been too timid to begin. The difficulty will come if several experienced dancers sign up for the course to get an hour's credit and disregard the primary purpose of it," said Helen Heater, junior. Observed Clark Hardman, Jr.: "I think it is an excellent idea, although I believe tossing wooden dumbbells would be better for the arms."

WILL PUBLISH 'VIKING RE-VUE'

Fred Madison Whiting, Jr., A.B. '38, announces the fourth annual issue of "The Viking Re-Vue," yearbook at Potomac State High School, is forthwith, and that the price will be about \$1.00 per copy. Almost all of the work on the book will be done by a student staff headed by Miss Norma Callahan, a senior.

Almost totally blind since the age of 10, a Keuka College student has written a new psychology book in Braille.

Came Snow and Came "Hespercy" and "Miss Kanawha Hall," Campus Creations

By Marjorie Harden

Came snow the past week and came "Hespercy" and "Miss Kanawha Hall."

Unlike Rome, "Hespercy" was built in a day, and "Miss Kanawha Hall" was created in half a day.

Built in two sections and joined properly, "Hespercy" is about seven feet long, twenty inches wide, four inches high, and he carried six passengers.

John Hall, one of the creators, says: "John Strickling designed him, Rudolph Rohr saved him and I nailed him. Mr. Law, the custodian of buildings, furnished the lumber. The engineer was Harry Cooper."

"Hespercy," a bobble, served his day, one fierce day and sweet, and now he lies dejected behind Louis Bennett Hall.

And the way of all snow girls went "Miss Kanawha Hall," who, regal and proud, stood until the campus males made her the object of their affections (snowballs). She was really queen for an hour, and many there were who passed down Kanawha Hall way and admired the lovely white creation, the petite and deft young snow girl with everything but a dynamic personality.

Oh, for another snow!

WCTU Representative Speaks At College on 'Narcotics Education'

Miss Mary E. Grimmer, one of four national alcoholic teachers under the direction of the W.C.T.U., gave her lecture, "Narcotics Education," here Thursday and Friday to the biology and health and various other classes.

The National W.C.T.U. works in cooperation with the State W.C.T.U. and State Board of Education to send Miss Grimmer to all the colleges within the state. According to Miss Grimmer, Florida and West Virginia are the most advanced of the southern states in this type of education. While here, she taught Miss Goldie C. James' classes in biology.

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Curriculum Study ...

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entered into it with zest and interest and are rapidly acquiring the necessary information for the work. The advisers for each class are: Freshman Educational Guidance I: H. Y. Clark, chairman; Miss Iry Lee Myers, Mr. Carey Wooster, Dr. C. P. Harper, Miss Kathleen Robertson, Mr. R. E. Freed, and Miss Wilma White. Sophomore Educational Guidance II: Miss Bessie B. Bell, chairman, Dr. C. L. Underwood, Miss Margaret Kenney, Mr. E. R. Grose, and Mr. John R. Wagner.

Junior Educational Guidance III: Mr. Hunter Whiting and Miss Goldie C. James. Senior Educational Guidance IV: Dr. John C. Shreve and Miss Bertha E. Olsen.

It has become a fairly well established custom in colleges to have Freshman Week just preceding the opening of the fall term. "We hope to accomplish through the Guidance program all the beneficial results that come out of Freshman Week and perhaps a few in addition," said Mr. White. "Freshmen, perhaps, need guidance more than other students but all students need it so long as they remain students. Further, nine opportunities scattered through the college year should afford more specific information, suggestion, and advice than would be the case when given before the term opens."

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SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

Civic Club Members Hear Book Review By Mrs. W. T. Myers

Mrs. William T. Myers, of Clarksville, reviewed a fiction book at an open meeting of the Glenville Civic Club, in the auditorium of the Methodist Church last night. Mrs. Garland Brannon was chairman of the program; Mrs. Charles Gerwig and Mrs. Harry Bennett were hostesses.

At the annual book review dinner of the Glenville Woman's Club, January 8, Miss Willerna White, instructor in Library Science in the College, reviewed "The American Nabob" by Holmes Alexander, and Mrs. Erie Arbuckle reviewed "Visions of Wakefield" by Oliver Goldsmith.

The following people were elected to membership in the Club: Mrs. Clark Ellis, Mrs. Paul Weekley, Mrs. Mary Fleisher, Mrs. William Brecher, and Mrs. Arlan W. Berry.

Enid Given and Frederick Rymer Married January 1

Mrs. Pay H. Given, A. B. '38, of Glenville, announces the marriage of her daughter, Enid Ruth Given, to Frederick Rymer, also of Glenville. The marriage was performed in Glenville by the Rev. J. M. Hays on January 1, 1940, at 9:30 p. m.

Mrs. Rymer is a sophomore in the College and will receive her S. N. certificate this spring. She is a graduate of Glenville High School, class of '38.

Mr. Rymer is a son of Mrs. Lena Rymer, of Glenville, and the late Dr. W. A. Rymer. At the present time he operates the motion picture machine at the Pictureland Theatre and works at Thompson's Rexall Store. He is a former student in the College and is a graduate of Glenville High School, class of '30. While in high school, he was president of the Hi-Y Club, and captain of the '29-'30 basketball team.

WILL TELL O. HENRY STORIES

O. Henry stories will be told tomorrow night at the Canterbury meeting in Room 1 of the Library by James Hester, Marjorie Harden and Jean McGee.

THIS WEEK AT THE PICTURELAND THEATRE

Tonight, Jan. 16, Last Showing
John Carroll in
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CECIL LEE HAYS AND DOROTHY McCracken WED

Announcement was received here recently of the marriage of Miss Dorothy McCracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. McCracken, of Starkville, Miss., to Cecil Lee Hays, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Hays, also of Starkville. The marriage was solemnized November 27, with the Rev. L. F. Fowler of Carrollton, Miss., officiating.

Mrs. Hays is a graduate of George High School of Carrollton. At the time of the wedding she was employed at the Fatherree Drug Co. of Grenada, Miss.

Mr. Hays is a graduate of Glenville High School, and was a student in the College the past year. He also attended Mississippi State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays will live in Starkville.

Miss Irene McElwee Weds Clifford Lamp

The marriage of Irene McElwee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McElwee of Richmond, to Clifford Lamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lamp of Grantsville, was announced here the past week. The marriage was solemnized December 16, 1939, in Canada, Ky., with the Rev. G. B. Bird officiating.

Mrs. Lamp, a freshman in the College, is enrolled in elementary education.

Mr. Lamp, a senior in the College, will receive his A. B. degree in both secondary and elementary education work in June. He is president of the senior class, a member of the Student Council, Holy Roller Court and G Club and has served on the Pioneer football and basketball teams.

WILL BE P.T.A. FOUNDERS' DAY SPEAKER HERE FEB. 1

The Rev. Roy Hashinger, of Morgantown, second vice-president of the West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers, is to be the guest speaker at a Glenville P.T.A. Founders' Day program, February 1, in the high school auditorium, announces Mrs. A. H. Moore, chairman.

HAS INFECTED FOOT

Robert Butcher, junior in the College and manager in the athletic department, is suffering from a streptococci infection on his right foot and the past week has had to walk on crutches.

Zinns Entertain With Party For B.Y.P.U. Members

Progressive games provided entertainment for members of the Baptist Young People's Union Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Zinn, South Glenville. Lucy Wolfe, A. B. '34, directed the entertainment and was assisted by Gwendolyn Beall and Kathleen Wolfe, juniors in the College.

Prizes went to the Rev. J. C. Musser, pastor of the Baptist Church, and to Frank Lee and Beulah Farnsworth, freshman and junior respectively in the College.

A salad course was served to the following persons: The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Musser, Ray Baxter Musser, Frank Lee, Rose Hanna, Ione Collins, Mary Helen Porterfield, W. Clair Morrison, Marie Morrison, Beulah Farnsworth, Mildred Ruth Fitzpatrick, Annabel Bush, Beulah Alltop, Gwendolyn Beall, Mae Elizabeth Weaver, Marjorie Bush, Lucy Wolfe, Madelyn Moore, Mrs. Earl R. Boggs and Mrs. Zinn.

College Alumna Is Named Principal of Charleston School

Mrs. Earl F. Cottrill, who before her marriage was Miss Martha Jarvis, S.N. '23, has been made principal of the Kanawha City High School in Charleston, it was learned here the past week.

Mrs. Cottrill, who has been teaching in Charleston since 1925, recently was a student here in Summer School, and also was employed here as a critic teacher in the Training School. More recently she was graduated with the M.A. degree at Columbia University. She is a sister of Carl Jarvis, S.N. '23. Her husband owns and operates a filling station on Washington Street in Charleston.

SON BORN TO DR. AND MRS. LYNWOOD ZINN

A son, Lynwood Zinn, a first child, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Lynwood Zinn, Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Women's Hospital in Baltimore. Dr. Zinn, A.B. '33, studied at the University, was graduated from Harvard and recently was named a resident physician at the Women's Hospital. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Zinn of South Glenville. Mrs. Zinn is the former Miss Ruth Blake, S.N. '31, of Weston.

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Miss Eula White And Mr. Ernest B. Stone Married Here

Mrs. Ida B. White of Cox's Mills announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Eula White, to Mr. Ernest B. Stone of Grantsville. The marriage took place Saturday morning in the Baptist parsonage here. The Rev. J. C. Musser, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Stone is a graduate of Sutton High School and attended the College. She is a graduate of Martz School of Beauty Culture in Huntington, and operates a beauty shop in Grantsville.

Mr. Stone, a former student in Salem College, is employed by the Hope Gas Company at Grantsville, where the couple will reside. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Stone of Salem.

MRS. ARLAN W. BERRY HONORED AT BRIDGE PARTY

A bridge party and kitchen shower was given in honor of Mrs. Arlan W. Berry, by Mrs. L. Duane Zinn and Miss Bernice Criddle at the Zinn home in Brooklyn the past Tuesday night. Mrs. Berry is the recent bride of Arlan W. Berry, instructor in the College and a local attorney at law.

Guests were: Mrs. E. G. Rollyson, Mrs. J. Erie Arbuckle, Mrs. John E. Arbuckle, Mr. C. M. Bennett, Mrs. Linn B. Hickman, Miss Bessie B. Bell, Miss Adele Harpold, Mrs. C. D. Wilfong, Mrs. T. W. Hyre, Mrs. Lynn W. Hoey, Mrs. Orville J. White, Mrs. Stanley Hall, Mrs. Paul Weekley, Miss Mabel Wolfe, Miss Lucy Wolfe, Miss Russell Reed, Mrs. H. F. Withers, Mrs. Kathryn Gainer, Mrs. J. H. Larkey, Mrs. Haymon H. Boggs, Mrs. C. Lloyd Arehart, Miss Cora Clare Larkey, Mrs. Overt Hardman, Mrs. Earl R. Boggs and Mrs. Berry.

ART CLUB PLANS EXHIBIT

Clair Morrison, president of the Art Club, announces a small exhibit will be on display in the Library Thursday. The Club is sponsoring a party this evening in the College Lounge from 8 until 10 o'clock.

Approximately one-third of the University of North Dakota students are Lutherans.

Chemistry Club Re-elects Officers

The Chemistry Club the past Tuesday re-elected all its present officers, who are: President, Woodrow Shown; vice-president, Shirley Brown; recording secretary, Rhoda Ann Bell; corresponding secretary, Teresa Butcher; treasurer, Ralph Cox.

Miss Butcher and Dexter Dotson were asked to assist the vice-president in planning Club programs.

Given at the meeting were talks in "Cancer's Mysterious Puzzle" by Teresa Butcher, "Our Point of View" by Martha Howard, and "Could We Defend Our Ports?" by Dexter Dotson.

SARGENTS VISIT MR. AND MRS. A. F. ROHRBOUGH

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough had as guests the past week Mrs. Rohrbough's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Sargent, and son, Bobby, of Toledo, O.

Mr. Sargent, a professional golf player, will be in Chicago next spring at Club Hinsdale.

The Sargents stopped here enroute to Washington and Atlanta to spend the winter. George Sargent, father of Mr. Sargent, lives at Atlanta.

THIRTY STUDENTS ATTEND OPEN HOUSE PARTY

Approximately thirty students enjoyed an evening of quiet games in the College Lounge, Friday evening. The party, an open house, was a substitute for a Y.M.C.A. party, which was to have been held in the gymnasium, but was canceled because of a high school basketball game. Mr. R. E. Freed was the chaperon.

COUNTY WILL PURCHASE NEW SCHOOL BUS

A new school bus has been ordered by the Gilmer County Board of Education to be used on the Northman route, announces Mabel Wolfe, secretary. Seventeen College students will be accommodated by this bus.

Mrs. Ida Benefy Judd of New York City is working to have some U. S. university establish a Mark Twain Chair for the Advancement of Humor.

Infantile Paralysis ... (Continued from page 1)

search agencies attempting to determine the causes of the disease and to hospitals for diagnosis and treatment of cases as reported.

A statement of the national foundation's income and expenses for the period from January 3, 1938, the date of incorporation, to September 30, 1939, lists a total of \$1,613,985.43 as the net proceeds from committees for the celebration of the President's Birthdays in 1938 and 1939.

Cosmic Dust ... (Continued from page 1)

useful. The fifteen per cent who do read them are those who largely do the thinking for the other eighty-five per cent.

THAT MINERAL COLLECTION

(Wherever Mr. John R. Wagner goes, he is perpetually on the look-out for any bit of material that will make a worth while addition to the displays and equipment of the science classes.)

While he visited the New York World's Fair he jotted down notes about prospective sources of display material. Since his return he has written to a number of the foreign exhibitors, asking for any contributions they might care to make to the permanent displays he has for years been building here in the College.

The most outstanding fruit of these requests to date is an excellent mineral collection from Brazil, donated by the Brazilian officials from their country's displays at the Fair.

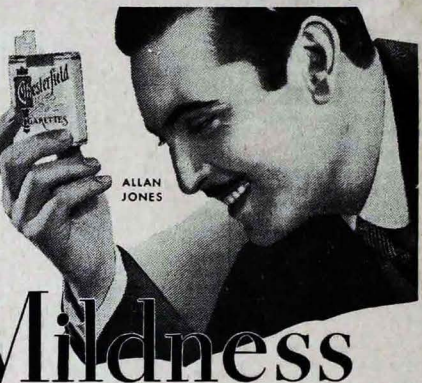
Mr. Wagner is enthusiastic over the response. His theory about this international good will is a workable one: If nations would spend more for making themselves acquainted with each other, there would be less need of expenditures for destruction of men and their civilizations.

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