

COLLEGE WILL ENTER CONTESTANTS IN THREE OF THE FOUR EVENTS AT STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL THIS WEEK

DEATH TAKES THREE 'FRONT PAGE' MEN IN AMERICAN LIFE

THE SAME FRONT page the past Friday carried news of the deaths of three front-page men. In New York, Edwin Markham, 87, author of "The Man With the Hoe," and other famous poems died of pneumonia Thursday night. Nearer home in distance and immediate interest was the death of Dr. Frank Butler Trotter, 77, at Morgantown. He left behind an educational record in the state, which included twelve years as president of the University. Also in New York died Dr. John H. Finley, 76, editor emeritus of the New York Times, and educator and director of the hall of fame of New York University.

MOTHER OF FORMER INSTRUCTOR DIES

Mrs. H. H. Withers Taken by Nephritis; Funeral Services Tomorrow at 2 P. M.

Mrs. H. H. Withers, mother of Everett Whiting Withers, founder of the Mercury and a former instructor in English and journalism in the College, died at her home here yesterday afternoon of nephritis after an illness of six years. She had been confined to her home only a short while and to her bedroom for three days. Her husband, Herbert Howard Withers, died September 7, 1939.

Mrs. Withers (Estella) was born at DeKalb, August 31, 1875, the eldest child of Samuel Fletcher Whiting and Sarah Elizabeth Wade Whiting. Mr. Whiting, who died in 1910, operated a farm on the lower waters of Cedar Creek and for many years was engaged in the lumber business. Robert Whiting, his father, was one of three brothers and two sisters who came to America from England. He built the first plastered house in Gilmer County and supervised construction of the old brick court house in Glenville.

Mrs. Withers was married on December 25, 1894, and lived at the Withers home in Glenville here for the forty-two years until her death. Since early girlhood she had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was also a member of the Glenville chapter of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. H. F. Withers, dentist of Glenville, and Everett Whiting Withers; three grandchildren by Dr. Withers, Catherine Estelle, Janet Anne and Herbert Scott; and the following brothers and sisters: Lee R. Whiting of DeKalb, Mrs. Mack Daniel of Glenville; Mrs. Walter Rutherford of Clarkburg; Clyde B. Whiting of Streator, Ill.; Mrs. B. W. Craddock of Glenville; Robert M. Whiting of Norfolk, Va.; and Mrs. J. Thierin Rogers of Northfork. Nelson Craddock, a sophomore in the College, and Bantz W. Craddock, Jr., A.B. '37 are nephews. Marjorie Craddock, A.B. '39, is a niece.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Withers home tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 p. m. by the Rev. W. D. Winters, pastor of the Glenville Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Stalnaker Cemetery.

PIONEERS WIN FIRST GAME

After holding a slim 20-18 lead at halftime, Glenville's Pioneers finished fast in their first game of the national intercollegiate basketball tournament last night to down Wayne (Neb.) Teachers College 50-38.

The Pioneers will remain idle tonight, but will meet the winner of the Southwestern-Loras contest tomorrow.

Every state and 47 foreign countries are represented in the Harvard University student body. Long Island University is the first and only U. S. institution authorized to give a Doctor of Podiatry degree. Fairmont State Teachers College is the oldest teacher training institution south of the Mason-Dixon line. Twelve tons of rubbish were removed from the Rose Bowl stadium after the Tennessee-Southern California gridiron battle.

Meeting Will Be Held In Buckhannon Under Auspices Of Wesleyan College

College students will participate in three of the four events in the State Speech Festival at Buckhannon this week, announces Miss Kathleen Robertson, instructor in speech in the College.

Representing the College in poetry interpretation will be Olive Myers, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Myers of Studley, Va., who will read a cutting from "The Chinese Nightingale," by Vachel Lindsay.

Paul Beal, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Beal, of Glenville; Helen Heaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Heaster of Weston; and Denver Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Barnett of Orlando, will participate in the debate. The question is: "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 international or civil conflict."

Will Enter Play

The College's play entry is "The Devil on Stilts," by Florence Ryonson and Colin Clements. It is a comedy of a novelist's wife and how she saves her husband from two designing females. The cast includes: Marguerite Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moss of Glenville; Marjorie Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnett, of Wheeling; and Maxine Bollinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bollinger, of Weston. Orris Studler, senior, is stage manager.

The plays, extemporaneous speaking, and poetry interpretation will be criticized on the non-decision festival. (Continued on Page 4)

TEACHERS ON NEA 1940 HONOR ROLL

West Virginia One of Five States Honored; Membership Increases 49%

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Indicative of unusually active interest and progressive professional spirit, the teachers of West Virginia have been listed on the 1940 honor roll of the National Education Association just released from NEA headquarters here.

One of five states to win this honor, West Virginia was outstanding by virtue of a forty-nine per cent increase in membership in the National Education Association, the national professional organization of over 200,000 educators. Representing practically every community in the United States and its territories, the National Education Association is organized to promote the welfare of pupils and teachers, and to advance the science and practice of education.

Mary Agnes Hackett and Helen McElwee spent the week-end at their homes in Richmond.

Journal Editor Says State Should Be Proud of College at Glenville

Received here the past week by Dean H. L. White was a letter from Mr. J. H. Hickman, editor-publisher of the West Virginia School Journal, who says:

"I was most deeply impressed with the growth in type of service by the College as revealed in the schedule of classes for the second semester which you sent me.

"That impression carries further conviction that not only has the institution greatly enlarged its services in what it offers in the classroom, but that other changes—faculty personnel, administration, buildings, equipment, activities of various sorts—have stepped up marvelously since the days when I was a student, and incidentally, a teacher, there for a short time.

"West Virginians should be proud of the splendid college it has at Glenville and for its influence in Central West Virginia in contributing, not only teachers, but to a better and happier citizenship for that fine section of country.

"Respecting the annual chemistry day, Mr. Hickman stated: 'I really do believe you have something very much worthwhile there.'"

A NICE WAY TO TAKE GAS



BETTER not "light up" now, Freshman, or it will be just too bad. Wonder if he really drank that gas? Anyhow, 'twould be a pleasant way to take the stuff, even if it were coca cola. But foolin' or no foolin', the Mercury cameraman, Clark Hardman, Jr., happened along just in time to yell, "Hold that pose!" and they held it. Mildred Ruth Fitzpatrick, senior, whose father is College electrician, looks like a veteran holding that hose to a gasoline pump. And Elizabeth Pratt, sophomore, looks plenty happy with "love in her arms." The daring young Romeo who is about to "end it all" is Kermit Smith, Louis Bennett Hall freshman. In the background: Verona Mapel Hall and the library.

TO GIVE 'STUDIO' COMEDY, MARCH 19

Gwendolyn Beall Will Play Lead Role; Tickets on Sale This Week

The date for presenting "The Studio," a three-act comedy, written and directed by Clair Morrison, a senior, has been changed to Tuesday, March 19, because of the Easter vacation. The play, originally scheduled for March 21, has New York City as its setting and centers around a young girl who is set on becoming a model. Gwendolyn Beall, a junior, plays the lead role of Patsy, the would-be model. Bits of comedy are interspersed throughout the play, which is helped along by the Englishman, a lover of money and girls, played by Joe Herold, a freshman.

Other students in the cast are: James Furr, Agnes Wright, Mildred Runyon, Carl Chapman, Athena Null, Edna Crummett and Frank Lee.

Admission prices will be 15 and 25 cents. Tickets will be on sale this week.

GIVES RESUME OF ST. LOUIS MEETING

Pres. E. G. Rohrbough Talks To Students and Faculty At Weekly Assembly Period

Devotional service conducted by Dr. E. G. Rohrbough, president of the College, was the feature of the weekly assembly program Wednesday morning.

For his theme Pres. Rohrbough chose Paul's message to the Corinthians as related in the Twelfth Chapter, Verse 31—"But covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

In the brief service he stressed the importance of coveting the best gifts but emphasized most the proper use of these, once they are acquired.

During the latter part of the assembly hour Pres. Rohrbough gave a resume of the programs at the meetings of the American Association of School Administrators and the American Association of Teachers Colleges he recently attended in St. Louis. He spoke highly of the special music at the meetings and particularly so of the pageant of America's progress as told in songs sung by student groups from in and around St. Louis.

Led by Miss Bertha E. Olsen, students and faculty joined in singing from mimeographed sheets parts of some of the songs Pres. Rohrbough mentioned. Piano accompanist was Marguerite Moss, a senior.

Committee Named To Further Plans For Chemistry Day

Six members of the Chemistry Club have been appointed to interview College instructors concerning plans for furthering the ninth annual Chemistry Day to be held here April 6. Appointed were: Teresa Butcher, Dexter Dotson, Woodrow Showen, Rhoda Ann Bell, Leonard Wagner and Ralph Cox.

On the program the past Tuesday were discussion of "New Metals from Powder," by Thurman Beavers, and "Beryllium," by Bruce Skidmore. Mr. J. R. Wagner, club adviser, gave some electrical demonstrations.

A quiz will be given the Club members at the next meeting, March 19, and an article entitled "Magnetic Mine" will be discussed by Dexter Dotson.

ROLAND BUTCHER ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA ROUND TABLE ON MARCH 29-30

Library Has 68 Pages of What 'Confucius Say'

If this "Confucius Say" craze is going on forever like the story of the ants carrying the wheat grains out of the king's granary, maybe somebody would like to get straight on some of the things Confucius did say.

In the College library may be found "The Harvard Classics," Volume 44, which contains sixty-eight pages of the sayings of Confucius. Here are samples:

"Honeyed words and flattering looks seldom speak of love."

"To men above the common we may speak of things above the common. To men below the common, we must not speak of things above the common."

"I have met no man who loves good as he loves women."

"The whole end of a speech is to be understood."

PIONEER WEEK TEAMS NAMED

Groups Will Visit High Schools In Central West Virginia Next Month

Marjorie Barnett of Wheeling, Barbara Hauman of Glenville, Ora Mae Poling of Sandvick, Clifford Lamp of Grantsville, Carl Keister of Clarkburg, and Harold Noroski of Munnhall, Pa., have been chosen by the Student Council to represent the College in the third annual Pioneer Week. The selections were made the past Tuesday evening.

Three teams, each consisting of two seniors and a member of the faculty, will visit high schools throughout Central West Virginia about the middle of April and talk to seniors about Glenville's facilities for higher education.

Pioneer Week representatives the past year visited thirty-one schools.

KEISTER WILL PRESIDE AT STUDENT BODY MEETING

Additional nominations for officers of the Student Council and members of the Supreme Court for the school year 1940-41 may be made at a student body meeting tomorrow during the assembly hour. Carl Keister, vice-president of the Council, will preside in the absence of Pres. Harold Noroski.

MISS BRAND SPEAKS TO CLUB

Miss Willa Brand, instructor in English, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Women's Club of Glenville last night. Her subject was "Thomas Hardy and His Wessex." She spoke on the same subject before the Tanager Woman's Club Thursday night.

From Old Virginia Comes Three Little Trees For College Campus

From old Virginia came three little trees the past week to live on the College campus. Donated by Miss Ivy Lee Myers, instructor in elementary education, Olive Myers, a junior, and Frances Myers, a sophomore, they were taken from the Richmond, Va., farm of Dr. C. E. Myers, father of Olive and Frances. The species is albizzia julibrissin, commonly called "Mimosa" or "Silk tree," a member of the legume family which includes the locusts and redbud. A native of Persia and China, it has escaped cultivation throughout the Piedmont and mountain sections from Virginia to Florida and Louisiana, and is hardy as far north as Philadelphia.

With its small, pink, sweetly-scented flowers which blossom about June 15, and its leaves divided into forty or fifty one-sided leaflets, it is one of the best ornamental trees in the South. It casts little shade. It sometimes grows about thirty-five feet high and eighteen inches in diameter, and is not often diseased, explains Mr. E. R. Grose, who assisted in planting the trees here.

One was planted in front of Kanawha Hall, one between Kanawha

Dr. Douglas E. Scates and Dr. Thomas E. Ennis Will Speak At First General Session

Speakers for the annual meeting of the Central West Virginia Round Table to be held at Glenville State Teachers College, Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30, were announced yesterday by Roland Butcher, secretary of the Round Table and principal of Sand Fork High School.

Teachers, principals, superintendents, and attendance officers from six counties will attend the two-day meeting, which will open Friday at 9:45 a. m. with an address of welcome by Dr. E. G. Rohrbough, president of the College. The invocation will be given by the Rev. C. Lloyd Archart, local Presbyterian minister. Also to be heard at the first general session are Dr. Douglas E. Scates of the department of education at Duke University and a former director of research and statistics of the Cincinnati schools; and Dr. Thomas E. Ennis, of the department of social sciences, West Virginia University.

Group Meetings Friday

Friday afternoon from 1 until 3 o'clock there will be a series of group meetings, followed at 3 o'clock by a second general session with Dr. W. W. Trent, state superintendent of schools, as the speaker.

Friday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the third general session will be held. Speakers will be Dr. Scates and Earl R. Boggs, Round Table president, who will deliver the annual president's message. Climaxing Friday's activities will be an informal dance in the College gymnasium, beginning at 9 o'clock.

College Teachers on Program

Group meetings Friday afternoon, chairmen respectively and speakers will be: One room, Leon Samples of Clay, chairman. H. Y. Clark, speaker. (Continued on page 4)

COUNCIL PLANS FRESHMAN WEEK

Program Submitted to President Rohrbough for Approval Or Rejection

A proposal for a "freshman orientation period" at the beginning of each year received an almost unanimous vote by the Student Council the past Tuesday night. Harold Noroski, president of the Council, submitted the proposal to Pres. E. G. Rohrbough, who said Thursday that it would receive "due consideration."

The plan, as explained by Mr. Raymond E. Freed, adviser to the Council, will include practical advice, instructions in library use, and social events for freshmen during a three-day period prior to regular enrollment.

Also considered at the meeting was a proposal to furnish coat racks for the Kanawha Hall dining room, and a petition to extend the Easter recess through Monday, March 25.

LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE HABITUAL SMOKERS

Over half of the nation's college men and women are smokers, the Student Opinion Surveys disclose after carrying out a poll in the third. Of this number, less than a third call themselves habitual smokers.

Caricature of the typical college woman as a habitual smoker appear to be erroneous, for one-half of the coeds interviewed say they never smoke. Only 21.6 per cent stated that they smoke regularly.

Habitual users of cigarettes, pipes and cigars among the men account for 34.3 per cent of their total number on American campuses. Maintaining that they never smoke were 35.7 per cent of the men.

Cigarette preferences over the nation showed a possible influence of different kinds and amounts of advertising in the various sections of the country.

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Easter This Year Should Be A Time For Serious Thought

THIS approaching Easter will be commemorated by Christian nations throughout the world. For what reason is the day so widely celebrated? Of course in this section it signifies the disappearance of winter, the first spring flowers, a day of feasting, and a holiday of rest and recreation. But further, it is a day originally set aside to honor the resurrection of Christ. Thus it necessitates showing reverence for things for which He stood, the most significant being love, understanding and peace.

Even though many unwise things have been done in the name of Christianity, I believe it is popularly believed that the Christian influence has done more than any other factor to raise nations from their status in the "Dark Ages" to the heights of civilization which we think we have attained. It seems that those nations which have attained the highest degree of civilization are those which have encouraged most the practice of the principles for which Christ stood.

More than usual thought and consideration should be given to this year's Easter celebration. While the world is faced with so grave a crisis as it is at present, men of all nations need to get their minds clear of wars, retaliation, dictators, cut-throat competition, and strikes for a season and let their minds dwell upon those principles that Christian nations should honor.—W. T. Romine.

This Student Government Needs the Best of Leaders

ON THE first Tuesday in April members of the student body will elect five Student Council officers and two members to the Supreme Court for the coming school year. These officials will be the voters' choice from the fourteen candidates already named, along with those who may be nominated at the student body meeting tomorrow.

The advice "Vote for the best man," is good, but who is the best? Get acquainted with the candidates, learn their policies, ideas and viewpoints; sound out their attitude toward problems that affect the students in the College; ascertain whether or not they are personally capable of executing the duties of the office to which they aspire, then vote for the right man.

It is important that all of us be aware of these things. Especially is this true of those students who have not participated in a student government election. The success of next year's student government depends upon the right choice of leaders April 2.—Marjorie Harden.

Speech Festivals Require Long Hours of Practice

AS REGULAR as the Easter parade comes the speech festivals in which the students with oratorical skill compete each spring. The ephemeral nature of these contests seem to be proverbial, because the participants are remembered only during their one day of glory. Even then proper consideration of their efforts is often lacking, for many people are not aware of the time and effort spent in preparation for this meet.

Contrary to many beliefs, good public speakers are "made," not born. One may have an inherent talent for this art, but long hours must be spent to perfect it.

On March 26, students from schools in nine counties will enter the Six District Intercollegiate Public Speaking Contest. There is nothing for the students to lose by attending this contest, and there may be a great deal to gain. Here is their opportunity to show what can be accomplished by a little training. Shall we give them our support?—Mary Louise Woodford.

Those who stand on their own feet often tread on the toes of others. Genius means the transcendent capacity for taking trouble.—Caryle. A well-rounded college education will have few abrupt corners.

On the Shelves At the Robert F. Kidd Library

By Olive Myers

Banned books at the Robert F. Kidd Library?

Yes, fourteen volumes now on the shelves there have been banned at some time in their existence. "The Grapes of Wrath," at present banned by California authorities, has been ordered. Significantly, many of these books which have been in ill repute, have become classics.

The Library formerly banned books are: Homer's "Odyssey," which was once banished in Rome because "it expressed Greek ideals of freedom dangerous to autocratic Rome;" the Book of Ruth in the Bible, which was in 1926 banned in Russia, together with all other religiously dogmatic books; "The Analects" of Confucius, whose books were burned in 250 B. C.; Dante's "Divine Comedy," which suffered at the hands of inquisition in 1581; "Religio Medici" by Sir Thomas Browne, banned by Rome in 1645 for the author's heretical beliefs; John Milton's "Aeropagitica," which was condemned by Cromwell in 1644; "Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel Defoe, banned in England, Spain and Rome for its satire; "Flowers of Evil," by Charles Baudelaire; "Madame Bovary," by Gustave Flaubert; "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe; "The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne; "Leaves of Grass," by Walt Whitman; "Adventures of Tom Sawyer," by Mark Twain; and "Farewell to Arms," by Ernest Hemingway.

From The Exchanges

HOW D'YE FEEL

"Corking," said the bottle.
"Rotten," said the apple.
"Punk," said the fire cracker.
"Fine," said the judge.
"First class," said the postmaster.

"Grand," said the piano.
"Keen," said the knife.
"Ripping," said the blasted thread.

"Juicy," said the orange.
"All done up," said the shirt.
THE RECORD

LUCKY MAN

Whatever trouble Adam had, No man could make him sore, By saying when he told a joke, "I heard that one before."

THE COLUMNS

AGES OF A WOMAN

Safety pin
Hair pin
Fraternity pin
Diamond pin
Clothes pin
Rolling pin

THE RECORD

QUOTES WORTH QUOTING

By Associated Collegiate Press
"A person's intellectual capabilities do not decline after he is 40, if he uses those capabilities. The average person may show a little decrease in speed, perhaps, but in real intellectual accomplishments no substantial decline is indicated." University of California's Dean Frank H. Freeman can cite many tests to prove his theory that keenness of mind does not decline in the "frightening forties."

"College men and women are peculiarly the sentinels on the outer walls. There was never more need for clear thinking and courageous doing by college men and women than there is today. We of the universities must more aggressively, more earnestly, more militantly combat these fallacies and heresies and expound and 'sell' representative democracy. It is the bastion of our liberties; and the foundation of our faith must not be undermined." Diplomat Joseph E. Davies (Wisconsin '98) urged colleges to fight the fallacies of today's world.

Quick Quips

To the College Dramatists
Buchanan Bound

Dear Folks:

Your play, "Devil on Stilts," should give the audience something to look up to!

Yours,

QUICKSILVER

CAMPUS CAMERA



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THE BELL THAT CALLS COLLEGE STUDENTS TO CLASS BERS THE HALLMARK: PAUL REVERE & CO. 1824.

Keeping Wright With The News

By Agnes Wright

ACTIVITIES are a little slow these days, what with the fifth week of Lent and several students observing it. The Pioneer trip to Kansas City adds further interest thither and yon, and less around the campus and town.

IN KEEPING with the Easter season, special services are being held at the local churches. The Rev. D. A. Gilmore of Weston was guest speaker at the Presbyterian Church last night. Services at the Baptist and Methodist Churches will continue through Easter.

"THE STUDIO" comes next Tuesday night in the College auditorium for those who like drama written by a campus male. I suggest you come in and watch the grand opening. The Speech Festival at Buchanan this week affords entertainment and enjoyment for more dramatic-loving souls.

DON'T LOOK NOW, but from any store window in town you can

see evidences of spring. New dresses, hats, suits and spring vegetables all look refreshing in the downtown places. College students, too, have caught the spring spirit and many a lovely lass is tripping along with a song in her heart and a desire to skip down town and see what the merchants have to offer for Easter.

IN THE MUSIC world we find: Deane Jans, lovely singing star, recently picked as soloist on the new Rogers and Hart album released by Columbia records. Columbia recordings of Gene Krupa's band. Kate Smith's recording of "The Woodpecker Song," and many teachers, critics and musicians brought out recently by Columbia's demonstration of its "Add-a-Part" records.

SONG FAVORITES this week are: "What's The Matter With Me?", "To You Sweetheart, Ah-loa" and "Ma" (He's Makin' Eyes At Me.)

The LETTER BOX

Glenville, West Va.
March 11, 1940

TO THE EDITORS:

If you remember, last week I wrote a letter citing the need of a trophy case. That was one week ago. Until now I have not as much as heard the idea mentioned, much less heard anyone say he would cooperate in purchasing a case.

I don't believe there is a student or teacher in the College who will not agree that a case is needed. But talk will not bring results. We will have to act. The Pioneers are in Kansas City doing their utmost to bring our school national recognition and probably another trophy. Let's have the case ready to present to the Pioneers when they return. They will appreciate it.—Fred Garrett.

Newspaper Verse

DEBATE

Paul Bell constructed Our argument strong To show that isolation Is definitely wrong.

"I'm asking the questions," Said Helen Heater, debater, When West Liberty's team To rules didn't enter.

Their bluff didn't faze her; She talked them right down When West Liberty shouted Names of men of renown.

Then Denver Barnett Took the floor for rebuttal, And proceeded all of their Arguments to scuttle.

—Frances Myers

A project consisting of charcoal drawings painted with water color is being worked out by members of the Art Club.

Harlan Starkey and Robert Grudier were in Spencer over the weekend.

COSMIC DUST

By Max Ward

CLASSICAL ST. JOHN'S

LITTLE known to most people in America today is the third oldest college in the country, Maryland's St. John's.

Three years ago the college received wide mention. The small institution, in uncomfortable financial condition, was taken over by a group of educators, under the leadership of Chicago's Robert Maynard Hutchins. Stringfellow Barr was selected to head the school, and the curriculum was announced to be entirely classical. And educators throughout the country looked on.

AN ACADEMIC EXPERIMENT . . .

HERE at St. John's was to be tried an experiment designed to alleviate some of the academic ills of the country. The incoherent curriculum, the hodge-podge of instruction, the mechanical graduation of men and women who could not think—all characteristics of college processes today—were to be supplanted by something more constructive, more conducive to turning out really educated men and women. This latter thought, a number of educators have long held, is an important matter in an unstable academic status in Western civilization. And three years ago St. John's College set out to see what could be done, much as an experiment or practical demonstration.

AFTER THREE YEARS . . .

COMES now an opportunity to look in on this classical curriculum at work, after three years. The 100 "great books" of Western thought and culture have been listed as the basis for the rigid training everyone admits is present at St. John's. Readings and problems are thrashed out in seminars, and really inspired conclusions come the way of the students. Laboratory processes seek to re-examine and demonstrate the great scientific conclusion of civilization, and the understanding here obtained is pointed to as a worthwhile goal for any college undergraduate.

Rigorous tutorial sessions have demonstrated that it is possible for a college student to gain much therefrom. The whole plan is directed toward independent and constructive thought and action—a capacity often called lacking in most products of academic mills. It is contended that success of the classical idea in twentieth century education is seen in the progress of St. John's juniors: They have a grasp of the history of ideas that would put to shame the students of larger colleges.

THE 100 BOOKS . . .

SHOULD a visitor browse about the library shelves whereon are placed the 100 books called the outstanding ones of Western thought, he may find a few of which he has never heard. Again he will find that a considerable number of them he has heard mention; but most of them he will not recall having read.

Most of the titles will, indeed, not be new to most people. Often they are mentioned in any sizeable list of books purported to be among the world's best. Old are many of them, proving their worth because they have stood the test of time. A random sampling of the titles will show the kind and quality of the books:

Moliere's "Plays," Hegel's "Science of Logic," Will James' "Principles of Psychology," John Locke's "Essays on Human Understanding" and Karl Marx's "Kapital." Novels are not excluded, for they are also great, so Charles Dickens' "Bleak House" may be found on the shelf with the Bible and Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations."

And educators throughout the nation continue to look toward St. John's for the answer: What will be the outcome of this classical curriculum in twentieth century education?

BYRD GOES SOUTH AGAIN

FEW OF us who have heard that Richard E. Byrd is making another Antarctic expedition seriously ask ourselves why he is doing it. The lure of adventure, the thrill of finding something new, or the sound of acclaim usually seem sufficient justification for taking such a chance and so very much trouble.

A report published by the sponsors of the previous expedition (some ten years ago) modestly told at the end of quite lengthy and thrilling experiences that one purpose was the accumulation of meteorological data which might have a bearing on the lives of people in remote sections of the world.

Shall We Demand Better Qualified Board Members?

TEACHERS should be qualified—and highly. After all, the teacher is the one who molds and shapes the lives, and shares the responsibilities of her school. No doubt the failure or the success of a child's life may rightfully be attributed to some one of his teachers in the past.

More truthful words were probably never spoken than these: "Teachers should be highly qualified before they are sent out to educate the world." But wouldn't it seem logical that the controlling force back of the educational world should be well qualified in order to justify his power of setting up standards for others? We wonder how much progress we are going to make as well-qualified teachers (or school officials) unless we have a well-qualified board of education back of us?—Mildred Riley.

SPORTS CHATTER

by
A Cub Columnist
Earl McDonald

NOW THAT the Pioneers have conquered their '39-'40 basketball games and that we have had time to reflect on things that were, we settle down with these few little highlights and off-the-record remembrances:

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT

PERHAPS THE biggest disappointment of the season came when the continent-roaming bearded beauties, the House of David, came to Glenville and staged a disgusting show, which even the most rabid fan was able to detect. Their playing was rough and irregular, they carried only one substitute and they made foul after foul.

GLENVILLE'S PACKED HOUSE

BILLED AS the outstanding battle in the State was the Glenville-Wesleyan game this year, February 5. The crowd that packed every corner in the Glenville gymnasium rocked in glee when Louie Romano and mates turned back the Bobcats 55 to 41. The contest gave Cele Ross, Bobcat coach, a headache, especially when he had to watch his freshman ace, Frank Ellis, accept six points, his total for the evening.

80 POINTS IN ONE GAME

HIGHEST NUMBER of points the Pioneers scored in a single game was the 80 against New River. Glenville got 86 against the House of David (non-collegiate), and were embarrassed when they gave Bethany only 24.

The opponent to score most against Glenville was Concord with 66. Salem managed to hold the Pioneers to a low of 45. Most thrilling game perhaps was the one at Philippi. That spine-tickling finish almost got the fans. There was roaring aplenty when Romano pulled the game out of the fire with a long shot in the closing seconds. That shot was not heard half way around the world, but it may be remembered half way around West Virginia.

OFFERS HUMOR

ACCOMPANYING the team all the way through and into the National tournament at Kansas City was Manager Robert Butcher, whose antics could keep any ball club in good spirits. This one, we believe is his best performance:

The Pioneers were on their annual northern panhandle jaunt and were staying between games at a Wheeling hotel. After whipping Bethany on Saturday night, Coach Rohrbaugh, hoping to get an early start for Glenville on Sunday morning, requested the hotel clerk to call his lads at 6:30 a. m. When Manager Bob's phone rang the next morning, the sleepy Pioneer aide rolled out of bed and answered, "six-thirty." Butcher, in a retorted reply, yelled, "H— No, this is not 6:30. This is 7:07."

WHAT! NO ENTHUSIASM!

NOTICEABLE WAS the lack of enthusiasm shown, this year when the Pioneers embarked for Kansas City—that is in comparison to the lively situation shown when the Glenville machine pulled out the past year. There are indications that too many of us had the general assumption that Glenville had the bid in the box early in the season. Let us hope that that assumption does not go too far at the tournament site.

THE RED TERRORS of Glenville High School found the going tough in their Regional assignment in Clarkburg this past week-end but Jack Conrad, Glenville's youth-pivot man gave Washington-Irving followers a scare by chalking up thirty-five points for a record on the Carmichael floor. With a couple more Conrads the Terrors would have little difficulty in reaching the Morgantown playoff.

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ROMANO AND RHOADES RATE FIRST ON ALL-WEST VIRGINIA INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TEAM, 1940

Pioneers Are In Kansas City This Week for Second Try At National Honors

The spectacular season's play of the Glenville Pioneers in the West Virginia conference gained them two berths on the All-West Virginia Collegiate basketball team announced Sunday by Dick Hudson of the Charleston Daily Mail who conducted the poll in which ten coaches made the selections.

This week the Pioneers are in Kansas City for the second consecutive year where they will attempt to win the national intercollegiate basketball tournament. Because of their invitation to Kansas City, the Pioneers, led by Coach A. F. (Nate) Rohrbaugh, withdrew from the state tournament, which will be concluded tonight at Buckhannon. Glenville withdrew from the state tournament last year also in order to play in the national meet.

Louie Romano of Glenville and Kenneth Griffith of Broadus received first-team votes from every conference coach to lead the balloting. Junior Rhoades, high-scoring Pioneer forward, landed a forward post on the first five to pair with Frank Ellis of Wesleyan, the only freshman listed on the all-star quintet. Press Marovich, D. and E. spark, was placed at a guard to complete the team. Honorable mention was given three Pioneer regulars, Harold Noroski, James McMillen and Robert Armstrong.

The selections follow with the number of points each player received shown in parenthesis:

FIRST TEAM			
Player	Pts.	Pos.	College
Ellis	(41)	F.	Wesleyan
Rhoades	(14)	F.	Glenville
Griffith	(20)	C.	Ald.-Broad.
Romano	(20)	G.	Glenville
Marovich	(12)	G.	Davis-Elkins

SECOND TEAM			
Player	Pts.	Pos.	College
Canterna	(7)	F.	Salem
McNeish	(10)	F.	Concord
Abramovic	(9)	C.	Salem
Starrett	(8)	G.	Morris Har.
Shade	(11)	C.	W. Liberty

HONORABLE MENTION
Glenville, McMillen (1), Noroski (1), Armstrong (1); Wesleyan, Kosko (3), Grosden (2), Vandervort (1); Fairmont, Pence (6), Conway (1); Davis and Elkins, Green (2); Winne (1); Concord, Adams (2); Broadus, Manning (3); Potomac State, Tabscott (1).

REGIONAL WINNERS

Eight high school basketball teams of West Virginia qualified the past week-end for the State meet at Morgantown, March 14, 15 and 16.

Regional winners are: No. 1—Wheeling; No. 2—Washington Irving; No. 3—West Fairmont; No. 4—Kingwood; No. 5—Beckley; No. 6—South Charleston; No. 7—Logan; No. 8—Gary.

BARNETT AND BEAL ENTERTAIN ROTARIANS

Paul Beal, sophomore, and Denver Barnett, junior, members of the College debating team, argued the isolation question before the Rotary Club Thursday. Barnett upheld the affirmative and Beal the negative. They were guests of Mr. Raymond E. Freed, instructor in the social sciences, who was in charge of the program.

Damon Starcher, A.B. '39, of South Charleston, was a visitor here over the week-end.

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86—House of David	51	
64—Fairmont	40	
57—Morris Harvey	36	
52—Alderson Broadus	51	
55—Salem	37	
66—Potomac State	44	
80—New River	38	
49—Davis Elkins	47	
67—Fairmont	20	
62—Bethany	24	
55—Wesleyan	41	
65—Concord	43	
58—West Liberty	49	
45—Salem	49	
69—West Liberty	62	
60—Bethany	38	
72—Alderson Broadus	62	
50—Wesleyan	47	
57—Morris Harvey	47	
63—Concord	65	
71—Davis Elkins	69	

1408 Won 21—Lost 2—Pct. .913
Glenville's average per game—61
Opponents' average per game—45

Coeds In Sport

Teresa Butcher's Pioneerettes took their fifth straight victory Thursday night in the girls' basketball league when they defeated Threda Crummett's team 37-7.

Elizabeth Fryatt's team was beaten by Eloise Penningar's team 23-7. One more game in the round-robin tournament will be played before the two leading teams will be seeded for the final tournament. Each girl must have played in four games before she will be eligible to take part.

Mary Norman, of Butcher's team, leads all scoring for the five games played with 45 points. Kathleen Wolfe, of Crummett's team, is second with 36 points. Lourene Radcliff, of Butcher's team, is third with 34 points.

Standings of teams after five games played:

	W	L	Pct.
Butcher	5	0	1.000
Penningar	3	2	.600
Crummett	3	2	.600
Fryatt	0	5	.000

WEST LIBERTY DEBATORS MEET GLENVILLE HERE

Fast and furiously flew the words at the non-decision debate Thursday at 4 o'clock in the College lounge. The word duel was between West Liberty and Glenville State Teachers Colleges. The home team, Paul Beal, Helen Heater and Denver Barnett, defended the negative side of the isolation question. The affirmative was advanced by Robert Cannon, Masen Isminger and John Lockyer from West Liberty, who were accompanied by J. T. Walter, debate coach.

Agnes Wright and Eddie Chapman were guest vocalists at the Glenville Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

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COLLEGIAN FAVORS STRONG DEFENSES

Believes Youth Is Not Going To 'The Dogs'; Too Optimistic About Pay Check

After sampling campus opinion for more than a year, the Student Opinion Surveys pauses to summarize results and let the student see a composite picture of the typical collegian.

Here is how the college student sees himself in the mirror the Survey holds for him:

Although "Time" says that undergraduates make lower grades on its current tests than do "Time" readers, the Surveys finds the college student better informed than the average voter. . . . He is conscious of the world in which he lives, not just the campus. . . . He is convinced that the U. S. can stay out of war, but he sympathizes with the democracies. . . . He appears emphatic in the attempt to avoid European entanglements. . . . He favors strong defenses and is opposed to compulsory military training.

Socially the collegian is a liberal. . . . would require sex education and Wasserman of all before marriage. . . . thinks moderate drinking is all right. . . . believes youth is not going to the dogs. If he could run the college, he'd emphasize cultural background over technical training. . . . make class attendance voluntary. . . . He believes education is behind modern times. . . . he is too optimistic about the pay check he expects after college.

"FIRST CENTURY OF BASEBALL"

OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEAGUE SOUND PICTURE

"The First Century of Baseball," a 42-minute sound picture commemorating the first hundred years of the great American game of baseball, will be screened as an additional attraction at Pictureland Theatre, Glenville, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 15, 16, and 17.

This picture will entertain and thrill all lovers of this great sport—and that includes almost everybody. The film traces the course of the game from its rudimentary forms in 1839 to the present highly developed type of "big-league" play. All the notable characters of baseball, past and present, are portrayed by professional motion picture actors from Hollywood. The film is 1600 feet long and requires 42 minutes to screen.

(Paid Advertising)

Princeton University has a copy of the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" printed in 1463.

On the University of California's new geological clock, one second represents the passage of 50,000 years.

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB MEETS TONIGHT IN COLLEGE LOUNGE

At a Current Events Club meeting in the Lounge tonight, Pearl Dotson will formulate some answer to the question, "Is Italy Winning the War?" Mildred Ruth Fitzpatrick will discuss "British Broadcasting and the War," and "Bureaucracy Rules the Navy" will be commented on by Madge Shears.

Refreshments will be served after the program by Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, sponsor of the Club, and Helen Curtis, hostesses to the group at this meeting.

Sixty per cent of Columbia University's graduates continue their studies in the university's advanced schools.

Miss Kenney's class in Art 304 went to Hays City, one mile out of Glenville, and sketched, Thursday morning.

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SCORES HIGHEST ON CURRENT TEST

College Junior Gets 76 Out of Possible 105; Lowest Mark Is 21, Made by A Senior

A junior in the College scored seventy-six points to gain highest ranking in a current affairs test recently given here under the direction of Beanie Boyd Bell, instructor in history; Linn B. Hickman, instructor in English and journalism; and Dr. C. P. Harper, instructor in political sciences and economics.

Scores on the test, furnished free to teachers by Time Magazine, ranged from the seventy-six points down to a score of twenty-one, made by a senior. The greatest number of scores were between thirty and thirty-nine points. Highest possible score is 105.

The tests, which are sent out twice each year, are prepared by Alvin C. Eurich, of Stanford University, and Elmo C. Wilson, of the University of Minnesota, co-authors of the cooperative contemporary affairs test for the American Council on Education.

Additional copies of the current test are available for students who wish to take them. A similar test was given here the past year.

NAMED ON COMMITTEE

Harold Noroski and Maxine Bollinger, seniors, have been appointed student members of the George Firestone Memorial Fund Committee. They fill vacancies left by Richard Dyer, (deceased), and Marjorie Craddock, both of whom were graduated the past year. Teresa Butcher, a junior, is the third student member.

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SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

Helen McGee Is New Sec'y-Treas. of Literary Society

Helen McGee, A.B. '33, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Stone-wall Jackson Literary Society at its eleventh annual contest at Jane Lew on Wednesday. Helen Davison, instructor in public speaking at Jane Lew High School, succeeded Ann Griffin, of Weston, as president of the society.

Jane Lew High School was the winner in the contest. Unida High School, of West Milford, took second place. Glenville was third, and Weston and Lost Creek were fourth and fifth, respectively.

H. Y. Clark Leads Glenville P.-T. A. Program, Thursday

Mr. H. Y. Clark, instructor in education, discussed children's allowances at a P.-T. A. meeting Thursday night in the College Training School. Following the discussion, he entertained with a Professor Quiz contest in which the women won 35 points; men, 28.

Preceding Mr. Clark's discussion, teachers held open house in their home rooms. The fathers were special guests.

Fifty-three persons danced to the music of the victrola at a round dance in the gymnasium Saturday night from 8 until 11 o'clock. The dance was under the direction of the Social Committee.

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FIFTY STUDENTS ATTEND Y. M. C. A. PARTY

About fifty students attended the party sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. in the gymnasium Friday night. The evening was devoted to games led by Rhoda Ann Bell and singing led by Agnes Wright and Helen Stanard. Peanut butter kisses were served for refreshments.

Simeon Hall and Don Hinkle were accepted for membership by the Y. M. C. A. at a meeting Thursday. The club made plans for a meeting with the Y. W. C. A. next Thursday.

Lawrence Nuce, Miss Talkington Married, Aug. 26

The marriage of Miss Mamie Ernestine Talkington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Talkington of Clarksburg, to Lawrence A. Nuce, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nuce of Kingwood, was announced the past week.

The ceremony was performed at Winchester, Va., Saturday, Aug. 26, 1939, by the Rev. L. G. Bridgers, pastor of the United Brethren Church.

Mrs. Nuce is a graduate of Victory High School, Clarksburg, and attended Shenandoah College at Dayton, Va. Mr. Nuce, a senior in the College, was graduated from Kingwood High School and was a student at Shenandoah College for two years prior to his enrolling here.

He has been a member of the National Guard for eight years and is at present a sergeant in Weston Company E, 201st Infantry.

Round Table ...

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er; elementary (including two-room schools) Okey M. Cogar of Camden-Gauley, chairman, H. K. Baer, state supervisor of elementary schools, speaker; high school, D. E. Dean of Richwood, chairman, Jean Valjean Roberts, field representative of the SEA, speaker; attendance officers, Lester Outby of Sutton, chairman, Samuel J. Lambert, of the state department of education, speaker; and school administrators, H. G. Deahl of Grantsville, chairman, Dr. W. W. Trent and Dean H. L. White, speakers.

Principal activity Saturday will be music contests, both vocal and band for grade and high school organizations.

The 1940 meeting will be the second in three years for Glenville. Last year's meeting was held at Webster Springs.

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Civic Club May Sponsor 'Sample Fair' Next Month

June Wilson, a freshman, was nominated chairman of the junior department of the Glenville Civic Club, Monday night, March 4, in the social room of the Methodist Church. Other officers nominated were: President, Mrs. Paul S. Moyers, A.B. '34; vice-president, Mabel Wolfe, A.B. '33; recording secretary, Annabel Garrett; corresponding secretary, Oneta Arnold, A.B. '36; treasurer, Mrs. Newton McFerrin; parliamentarian, Alice Krug; and auditor, Lilla Mae Gladwell. Other officers will be elected at the April meeting and installed at the annual May dinner.

Excerpts from one-act plays were read by members of the Advanced Interpretation Speech class in the College, and Eva Amos, a junior, gave a musical reading, "Talk, Talk, Talk."

Following the program, plans were made to sponsor a show, "Daytime Wife" at the Pictureland Theater, March 24 and 25.

Investigations are now being made with manufacturers for samples to be used at a "sample fair" scheduled for sometime in April. Tickets to the fair will be fifty cents a person.

Eleanor C. White to Try For Place On Stokowski's National Orchestra

In line for a try-out for a position on Leopold Stokowski's hand-picked national orchestra is Miss Eleanor C. White, former student in the College and a daughter of Dean and Mrs. H. L. White of Glenville.

Miss White, now employed as a music teacher in McDowell County, recently received notice that she had been selected as one from West Virginia eligible to appear for a national and final try-out in Washington on May 24. If she is successful in her audition there, she will become a member of the Stokowski Orchestra, which will tour South America this summer, beginning about July 1.

Similar try-outs and elimination contests are being held throughout the United States in an effort to pick

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GARNETT HAMRIC HOSTESS TO GIRLS' CIRCLE

Members of the Girls' Circle of the Presbyterian Church conducted an open forum Monday night at the home of Miss Alice Arbuckle on College Street. Ways and means of obtaining money for the Church and Circle, and plans for future activities were discussed.

Refreshments of date squares and grape juice were served to the following: Marybell Summers, president; Susan Summers, Patty Jack, Catherine Withers, Belle Hall, Miss Arbuckle, and Garnett Hamric, hostess.

JESSIE WILLIAMS AND CHESTER CURRY MARRIED

Announcement was received here the past week of the marriage of Miss Jessie Eleanor Williams, a former student and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen B. Williams, of Rupert, to Mr. Chester Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Curry of Williamson. The marriage was solemnized December 15, 1939, in Ashland, Ky., with the Rev. C. E. Vogel officiating.

STUDENT TEACHERS GET NEW ASSIGNMENTS

In compliance with the new state requirement that teachers be experienced in both upper and lower grades, students in elementary teacher training have been given new teacher assignments. This change gives them a new class, a new subject, and a new critic teacher.

Speech Festival ...

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tival plan. Decisions will be given in debate.

Mrs. Neil is Chairman
Mrs. C. Edmond Neil, instructor in speech in Wesleyan and general chairman of the festival, has charge of the poetry division. The play division will be conducted by Mr. Lawrence E. Tucker of Marshall College.

Dr. William B. Robertson of Concord College is debate chairman; Frank Hipps of West Liberty will preside at the extemporaneous

speaking contest. Mr. Lawrence A. Wallman, of Fairmont, is secretary of the Association.

Schools expected to enter are: Fairmont, Marshall, Morris Harvey, Wesleyan, Salem, West Liberty, Concord, West Virginia University, Potomac, Shepherd, and Glenville.

Herbert Patterson, S.N. '34, of Linn, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Clarksburg Thursday night for medical treatment. Mr. Patterson is a teacher in the Gilmer County schools.

Lillian Hefner and Mary Moran visited at their home in Burnsville the past week-end.



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