

WVPI DELEGATES WILL HEAR ADDRESS BY U. S. CONGRESSMAN JENNINGS RANDOLPH AT ELKINS

Earl McDonald, President, Will Preside At
Two-Day Meeting; To Feature 'Author-
ity Clinic' With Advisers As Judges

The Senator, student newspaper at Davis-Elkins College, the past week carried the announcement that Congressman Jennings Randolph would be one of the principal speakers at this year's two-day convention of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association.

The convention will be held at Elkins the first week-end in December and will be conducted on a similar plan as of former years. The past year Glenville State Teachers College was host to the meeting and had on the campus more than ninety delegates and faculty advisers from fourteen state and denominational colleges and the University.

President of the Association is Earl McDonald, sports editor of the Mercury and president of the Student Council. McDonald is the second Glenville student to serve as head of the group. First to serve from Glenville was Daniel Garrett.

Other officers are: Vice-president, Gerald Hays, Fairmont; secretary-treasurer, Charles Bartlett, Davis-Elkins College; faculty adviser, Dr. Elizabeth Atwater, Potomac State.

Purpose of the convention is to give student journalists and their advisers an opportunity to meet and talk shop, in which they pool their problems, discuss leading issues of college newspaper publishing and reach helpful conclusions where possible. Several outstanding newspaper personalities appear on the program at each year's convention, which is held at a different college.

One of the new features of this year's program will be an "authority roundtable clinic" in which college newspapers will be criticized constructively.

Several members of the Mercury staff and Linn B. Hickman, faculty adviser, will represent Glenville at the meeting.

MERCURY MUSINGS

By Albert Woolfer

STATESMEN DIE

Within two days, death took two statesmen.

Former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, better known to most Americans for his umbrella than for his signing the Munich peace pact, died at his home in Hockley, Hampshire, Saturday, Nov. 9. He was 71 years old and had been in ill health for several months.

Mr. Chamberlain was Britain's prime minister from 1937 to May 10, 1940. Noted for his conservatism he was always pictured wearing the antique dress of early statesmen. Offering a sharp contrast is cigar-smoking, derby-wearing Winston Churchill, who succeeded him as prime minister. Death came to Sen. Key Pittman of Nevada, chairman of the U. S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, November 10, following a heart attack.

In the election, less than a week before his death, he defeated Samuel Phibbs, Republican candidate for senator. It was his sixth successive victory for the office.

RUMANIAN EARTHQUAKE

An act of nature cheated Adolf Hitler out of a portion of the coveted oil deposits in Rumania the past week and killed from a thousand to two thousand persons.

The hardest earthquake in Rumania's history began Sunday, Nov. 10, tearing down whole villages and setting raging fires in oil fields.

In Bucharest a ten-story apartment house collapsed, burying two hundred people in a flaming pile of debris.

COLLEGE DEMOCRACY

Students at Black Mountain College in North Carolina are learning what democracy means and are making it pay immediate dividends.

Recently college officials there learned that the college would be unable to occupy its present buildings another year. Lacking funds for new quarters, students and instructors have begun construction of a new plant on a mutual cooperation basis. Time usually spent at competitive sports is now devoted to carpentry. Even the coeds are learning to use the saw and hammer.

Prof. John Dewey, noted educator, said the college is "a living example of democracy in action."

ECONOMIST DIES

Frank W. Taussig, professor-emeritus of Harvard University, died at Cambridge, Mass., Monday, Nov. 11. An internationally known political economist, he was the author of many books on economics and international trade. He was 80 years old.

A PROPHET ONCE

Gabriel Heatter, master of ceremonies of the radio program "We the People," was a foreign correspondent in Europe in the 1920's. He was also a prophet—at least once.

One day in the Italian chamber of deputies Heatter heard a man make one of the most impressive and forceful speeches he had ever heard. On inquiry he found that the speaker was a deputy from one of the most obscure parties represented. Nevertheless, Heatter said that man would one day rule Italy.

The obscure deputy was Benito Mussolini.

NYA REPORTS TOMORROW

NYA time reports for the second month will be due tomorrow. Teachers are urged to get reports in as early in the day as possible because of the holidays which begin at 12 noon.



Susanne Fisher and her husband, Clifford Menz

7-Piece Swing Band Organized On College Campus; Will Play For Dance Tonight

Earl McDonald, Charles Heasley Will Manage
Student Musicians; Rehearsals Held

Members of the "Campus Cats," the College's newly organized, 7-piece swing band, will appear together for the first time tonight at 8:30, when they play for a Thanksgiving dance and party in the gymnasium under auspices of the Student Council.

Under the management of Earl McDonald, president of the Student Council, and Charles Heasley, freshman, the band was organized the past week, and held its first practice Thursday evening.

In the organization are: Hoyt Umsted, freshman, of Grantsville, playing the first E flat alto saxophone. Along with his high school activities Mr. Umsted also played in the Grantsville dance band.

Besides being an ace basketball man, Robert Armstrong, junior, of Warren, O., will play the second B flat tenor saxophone. Mr. Armstrong also plays in the College orchestra.

Coming from the all-state Spencer High School Band is Charles Heasley, freshman, who will play first trumpet. Mr. Heasley also played two years in the Parkersburg High School band, one year in the Bergen High School band, at Bergen, Texas.

Robert Stalnaker, junior, with experience in the Parsons High School band, will handle the first clarinet. He also plays in the College orchestra.

Playing four years in the Gilmer County Band is David Bingham, sophomore, of Tanner, who will be the pianist. Mr. Bingham also plays the violin in the College orchestra.

Ray Baxter Musser, freshman, of Glenville, will play first trombone. Mr. Musser played in the Gilmer County Band, and he is a member of the College orchestra.

Presiding at the drums will be "pint-sized" James ("Doc") Law, freshman, who was the spark in the Grantsville dance band. Mr. Law is a drummer in the College orchestra.

'HAIL HOLY BABE' WILL BE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"Hail Holy Babe," a Christmas cantata by Franz C. Barnshein, will be presented by members of the Choral Club sometime in December, announces Miss Bertha E. Olsen, instructor in music in the College.

Thanksgiving Editorial

Three hundred and twenty years ago the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in Holland (ten years later, in a new world, they gave freedom for the watchful care and protection thanks to God for religious freedom and for a beautiful harvest).

Today, in the year 1941, we enjoy these same blessings for which the Pilgrims offered their thanks, and in addition, we enjoy the benefits of a highly mechanized civilization, a democratic government in a world where the number of democracies is rapidly increasing and where there is a school system second to none. Everywhere, boundless opportunities exist for disinterested service in creating a more healthful environment and in seeking to elevate the spiritual, mental, and economic status of mankind.

We give thanks for the progress that has been made, and for the youth of the land who will carry on. We pray for Divine guidance in the task that remains.—J. W.

SUSANNE FISHER, METROPOLITAN OPERA SOPRANO, AND HER HUSBAND, CLIFFORD MENZ, COMING WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

Program Will Be Second On Current Lyceum
Course; Vincent Sheehan, Author And
Lecturer, Booked For December 5

Second and third features on the College's 1940-41 Lyceum program will be a joint costume recital by Susanne Fisher, Metropolitan Opera soprano and Clifford Menz, her tenor husband, on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and a lecture by Vincent Sheehan, American war correspondent and internationally-known author, on Thursday, Dec. 5, announces Hunter Whiting, Lyceum committee chairman.

The Sutton-born prima-donna and her native Minnesotan co-artists, both still young, will present a group of songs, in addition to scenes from such operas as "Madame Butterfly," "La Boheme," and "Madam Butterfly."

Seven Years Ahead
Miss Fisher first studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. After three years at the Juillard School of Music in New York, she completed training in Fontainebleau and Berlin. Her Metropolitan debut as "Madam Butterfly" (December 25, 1935, climaxed seven active years at the Berlin Staatsoper and Paris Opera Comique.

Mr. Menz, graduate of the University, where he played quarterback on the varsity football team, suddenly changed his career from law to music. After making his debut in a road company of "A Thousand Cheers," he studied in Italy. Upon returning, Menz was appointed soloist at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York and has sung over N.B.C. networks.

Is War Correspondent
Vincent Sheehan, who recently returned by Clipper from London, was an eye-witness of bombing and burning in France and England throughout the summer and fall of 1940. The North American Newspaper Alliance representative culminated a career in which he covered the Rif Rebellion in Morocco, Chinese Revolution, Palestine Arab-Jewish riots of 1929, the Ruhr, Ethiopia and Spain wars.

In addition to his newspaper dispatches and magazine articles, Mr. Sheehan native of Pana, Ill., has written "Personal History," a literary guild selection, "Not Peace But A Sword," a book of the month warning of events that have since come to pass in Europe, "San Felice," a historical novel, and "Pieces of a Puzzle" and other short stories. The Sheehan family, which includes the former Diana Forbes-Robertson and two daughters, now live in New York and expect to make America their permanent home.

CHURCH YOUTHS MEET ON CAMPUS

Methodist Conference Leaders Hold Meeting to Discuss Religious Education
Leaders from six colleges in the state met in a conference on religious education, Friday from 2 to 5 p. m. in the College lounge. Making up the group were forty-three student leaders, ministers and faculty members.

Paul Reel, junior in the College, was named a member of an executive committee to plan a state-wide conference of campus religious organizations and leaders to be held this spring.

The conference was sponsored by the general board of education of the West Virginia Methodist Conference of which Dr. J. C. Shreve, head of the College's education department, is a member.

Included on the program was a talk by Dr. Harvey C. Brown, national conference representative, of Nashville, Tenn., who urged student leaders to cooperate in religious work. Discussing religious conferences he said: "I think there is a great deal of value in coming together like this. We feel that we are a part of a youth movement that is (Continued on page 3)

Where's The Guy Who Said 'This Is Snap Course'?

By Athena Nall

If the homely moral philosophy of Benjamin Franklin's "Never leave till tomorrow which you can do today," had been followed by students in the College, in all probability the following remarks regarding mid-semester tests would not have been heard:

"There may be freedom of speech and the press, but there's not enough for me to express my sentiments," commented one senior with disgust. From a freshman lad wiping perspiration from his forehead came "Where's that guy who said this was a snap course?"

If these tests get harder every year, thank God I'm only here for a Standard Normal," replied a sophomore, with a sigh of relief. A junior enthusiastically expressed her opinion with "I think that test flatter that a pancake." Comments varied in intensity with various individuals and classes, but my wager is that preceding remarks will be nothing compared to those that will be heard Monday when mid-semester grades are given.

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Obnoxious Adjective Hits Student's Sore Spot

WEST VIRGINIA received a bit of adverse publicity the past week in "Time" magazine when on the first page of the election supplement of the November 12 issue it carried an account of Republican candidate Wendell L. Willkie's tour through this state. The author of the article referred to the train going to Charleston through the "black, smutty West Virginia mountains." The writer must have been sadly lacking in adjectives. The hills of this state are neither black nor smutty. True, the sky over certain parts of the state contains a great deal of smoke. In addition to being "the Switzerland of America," West Virginia is one of the leading industrial states. But the smoke that comes from her factories is clean dirt, if dirt at all. It shows that the state is alive—that it does not have to depend upon a tourist trade created by a sly chamber of commerce to support its population. It indicates that West Virginia is taking top honors in national preparedness by manufacturing products essential to defense.

There is certainly nothing about this state to justify the obnoxious adjective "smutty."—Albert Woolfer.

A Dollar To The Red Cross For A Worthy Cause

THE RED CROSS with 3,721 chapters in the United States began its drive for new members the past Tuesday and will continue the drive until November 30—a twenty-day period in which the American people are urged not to overlook this organization that lends a helping hand in time of need.

Whether it be to the depressed and unfortunate peoples of Europe, the Americans along the raging Mississippi or Ohio who are driven from their homes, the undernourished children of the slums, or the less fortunate coal miners of West Virginia and Pennsylvania—no matter who they are or what their color, race or creed—the American Red Cross will be there with doctors and nurses to heal, nurse, and clothe them.

To an organization of this type which has such far-reaching good effects, an organization that is building up instead of tearing down, one should not hesitate to give an extra dollar.

Through giving to the American Red Cross one becomes united in a great cause, a cause for the betterment and relief of suffering humanity.—Virginia West.

There Is Much To Be Thankful For This Year

THREE HUNDRED and twenty years ago of the Methodist conference held on our simple, wholehearted expression of thanks, voiced by a small number who found themselves saved from starvation and disaster.

On Thursday, Nov. 21, we will find ourselves again preserving the old Thanksgiving traditions.

Do we consider this a day for great feasting? Are we aware that we have as much to be thankful for as did the Puritans? Surely we, American citizens, cannot question the fact that today we have much more for which to be thankful. After we finish our second and third serving of turkey, sauce, pumpkin pie and many other delicacies, let us stop and offer a prayer of thanks and appreciation. Remember this: We have freedom of religion, freedom of speech, a free press; we have a democracy, our own personal desires and belongings; and last, we have confidence in the future.

Are we doing justice to ourselves and to humanity if we forget the whole meaning of Thanksgiving? A few moments of thankfulness can easily be ushered into your Thanksgiving program.—Forest White.

And what is so tedious as a twice-told tale.—Homer.

Let fools be studious despise, There's nothing lost by being wise.—La Fontaine.

Woman's at best a contradiction still.—Fope.

LETTERS from Our Readers

The past week there came a letter from Fred Garrett, former student of Glenville, now in the U. S. Aviation Service and located at Sikeston, Mo.

He writes that the ground school is "plenty tough, as well as the flying."

Two weeks ago Garrett made his first solo flight and he said, "I got a big thrill from it." He has been flying alone ever since and only once has he had any trouble, that time when he went to land and he hit the top of a tree. He was not hurt, however, and did not damage his plane.

"I can 'fix' my bed up in two minutes flat," says Garrett, "but the hardest part is getting up at 5:45 o'clock in the morning."

JO REEDER WINS QUIZ CONTEST

Senior Girl Takes Honors At Open House Party Sponsored in College Library

Richard Harper, sophomore, conducted a Professor Quiz program at the open house held in the Robert F. Kidd Library (Wednesday from 3 to 5 p. m. in observance of National Book Week.

Jo Reeder, senior, won the contest in which Agnes Wright, Helen Heister, Edwin Don Hinkle, Roland Holt, Jr., and John Hunter Williams participated. The girls scored twelve points, surpassing the boys' total by four. Mary Susan Simon, sophomore, judged the contest, and Pauline Burke, freshman, was the timekeeper.

Winners of other contests were: Carolyn Sims, freshman, who matched authors' names with portraits; Helen Heister, senior, who unscrambled book characters; and Mary Jane Griffith, sophomore, who deciphered book titles from descriptive pictures.

Miss Alma Arbuckle and Miss Willma White, librarians, were hostesses. Punch and wafers were served to approximately 100 persons. The library was decorated with roses and chrysanthemums.

Faculty members who attended were: Miss Kathleen Robertson, Miss Bertha E. Olsen, Miss Goldie C. James, Miss Ivy Lee Myers, Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, Miss Willa Brand and Mr. Hunter Whiting.

STUDENTS HEAR CAPT. R. N. OTT

Air Corps Official Shows Pictures of U. S. Army Aviation Activities

"It is not our purpose to have young men discontinue their education in order to join the Air Corps," said Captain R. N. Ott, commander of the West Virginia recruiting district, during a talk before sixty-five students and two faculty members in the College auditorium, Wednesday.

"It is hoped," he said, "that these pictures will cause interest and intelligent discussion with the result that some students, after graduation, will have a desire to enter the field of aviation."

He continued: "The course, offered in various recognized air schools, is divided into three divisions—primary, basic and advanced. Having completed the course, a graduate is commissioned a second lieutenant."

Several students met Captain Ott after the program and asked questions concerning the government's expanding air corps and aviation activities.

WOLFE'S VISIT RELATIVES IN BALTIMORE, MD.

Miss Eloise Wolfe, sophomore in the College, spent the past week-end in Baltimore visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bush, former students. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Minnie Wolfe, her brother, Earl, A.B. '38, and Everett Howes, A.B. '38.

WILL INSTALL FURNACE AT VERONA MAPLE HALL

A new Ideal Red Flash furnace, purchased from Bailey-Ferrell and company, Charleston, for Verona Maple Hall, will be installed during the Christmas holidays, says Pres. E. G. Rohrbough.

Students will meet with their respective advisors tomorrow at 10 a. m., at which time curriculum guidance meetings will take the place of the weekly assembly exercises.



Keeping Wright With The News

By Agnes Wright

LIFE IN Glenville the rest of this week will prove dull for many with vacation time beginning tomorrow for College students. . . . Four and one-half days of pleasure . . . rest for some . . . work for others . . . travel time for many . . . All of which should never fail to remind us that this is a week of Thanksgiving. . . . A thought that should be uppermost in our minds in all we do.

Looking around one can forever see changes, additions, and happenings in the College and town. . . . Most recent was the opening of the new building on the training school grounds. . . . Physical education and manual training are two major subjects taught. . . . Then there's the new street improvements—Linn and Bridge streets. . . . The erection of a wall along the west side of the Arbuckle properties. . . . Revival meetings being conducted at out-of-town places by local ministers. . . . Piano tuner visiting the College the past week.

In the December issue of Ladies' Home Journal an article entitled "How Many Years Longer Are We Likely To Live?" shows that the average length of life for one in the United States is 63 years. . . . That people do not live any longer nowadays than previously. . . . The average age of life is longest in South Dakota. . . . That going to college apparently makes one live longer. . . . That musicians and poets do not die younger than scientists and philosophers.

LIBRARY NOTES

For leisure time during the Thanksgiving holidays, students will enjoy "The Side of Glory." Gwen Bristow has the struggle of a beautiful woman's choice between pride and love with a battle between twentieth century South and the old plantation days.

Last spring the Dial Press offered a \$1000 award, plus author's royalties to Sophia Engstrand, for her book "Miss Munday." Chosen from 481 manuscripts from every state in the union, this story is not one of a single woman's life, but a dramatic picture of the entire teaching profession. In Helen Munday's struggle to achieve happiness, as a teacher and woman, Miss Engstrand has written a "poignantly beautiful love story."

"Seven for a Secret," by Mary Webb, is a love story laid in "the country that lies between the dimpled lands of England and the gaunt purple steeps of Wales." Through its pages is unfolded "seven for a secret that's never been told."

All students want to know the art of getting a liberal education. "How to Read a Book" is a practical guide by M. J. Adler, written for all who are uneasily aware of their small schooling. The four-hundred page book is divided into three parts: reading in relation to learning and thinking, how and what to read and basic reasons for literacy. Clifton Fadiman says, "From 'How to Read a Book' I have actually learned how to read a book."

Teachers of today, as well as tomorrow, will find Anne T. Eaton's "Reading With Children" not only a basic reference book, but an enjoyable volume of essays resulting from years of acquaintance with children. Miss Eaton tells of changes in children's books of the last generation.

For students who faced mid-sem-

What's New And Interesting In The Book World

over took last week, "The Falling Student," by K. L. Heaton and Vivian Weedon is pertinent. It is a study of academic failure containing suggestions for readjustments in educational guidance.

Daffy-Nitions

ECHO—Something that cheats a woman out of the last word.

TEACHER—Someone who couldn't be a politician but chose the nearest thing to it.

WILL GIVE SMALLPOX AND TYPHOID INOCULATIONS

Seventy-four students will take smallpox and typhoid inoculations this month. Shots, which were started Saturday, will be given from 9 to 12 o'clock on the mornings of November 23 and 30, at the College clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ritter and daughter, Sandra Sue, of Phillips, were Sunday visitors of Miss Sarah Malcolm, a junior in the College.

Mary Norman, sophomore, who recently underwent an operation in a Charleston hospital, returned to her classes here the past Tuesday.

Quick Quips

College Instructors
 G. S. T. C.

Dear Prof,
 Now that we are not to get our mid-semester grades until after the 25th, we can enjoy Thanksgiving.

Yours,
 QUICKSILVER.

COSMIC

DUST

By James Woolfer

THE FOLLOWING is a summary of an article entitled "What Every Freshman Should Know," by Roger W. Holmes, appearing in the November issue of the American Mercury.

You will be told that classes are the most important thing in college. Don't believe it. President Eliot of Harvard said that if he wished to found a college the first thing he would build would be a dormitory. If there were money left, he would erect a library and fill it with books. And if he had money to burn he would hire a faculty and build a classroom building.

YOU WILL be told that marks are important. But they are a mere indication of a student's worth. Marks provide the outward and visible sign of the whole academic tradition. Every college student should get a chance to watch his instructors doling out grades on papers and bluebooks. They have such curious foibles. The odds are definitely in favor of a paper read after than before dinner. A typewritten paper stands a better chance than one in longhand. It is a matter of record that given the same set of papers twice they will be graded differently.

YOU HAVE probably been told that your academic record as an undergraduate will make or break your life. There is not a college president worthy of his position who does not know that a Phi Beta Kappa key is small indication of your promise as a teacher; countless men and women with average grades as undergraduates have done brilliantly in professional schools.

YOUR PROFESSORS form part of the academic taradiddle too. They stand on little raised platforms, the academic equivalent of the pedestal; they call themselves "doctors" and smile with patient condescension when mistaken for medical men; they put high-sounding letters after their names; and they march in academic processions, clothed in magnificent medieval costumes. All in all they teach; and that marks devices to convey the impression that they know what they are talking about.

ONE OF THE major instruments of torture in collegiate education is the course examination. By this device the professor is enabled to discover how much of what he has said in class you have committed to memory. You leave all notes and books in the hall, and you write on questions the answers to which you will have forgotten within a week, answers which in ordinary life no one in his right mind would ask you to remember, because the information is available in the reference books where it belongs.

STUDENTS should make instructors understand their interests and understandings should spread into every field; that the students are at least as important as the subjects which they teach; and that marks and examinations are mere administrative conveniences to be taken far less seriously than they are. In short, insist that you and they get together as a unified organization in order that you may be provided with a liberal education.

Religious Education Is A Part Of College Life

A HIGHLY important question was that of the Methodist conference held on our campus Friday, Nov. 15.—"What can be done in the way of religious education for college students?"

There is a rich heritage of religious culture that is not widely disseminated. This heritage has to do with a high and noble conception of God, man's relationship to God, and man's relationship to man. It has been built up by great men of religion who have expressed it in literature and art. The medium by which it can be disseminated more widely is religious education.

Enrichment of the spiritual life which results from the acquisition of religious culture is, of course, important to everyone. It is particularly important to college students because it will inspire them to use the abilities acquired in college for the benefit of mankind.—Paul Beal.

Good Books Are Good Friends Now, Always

THE OBSERVANCE of National Book Week in the college library was well carried on Wednesday afternoon, with an interesting program entitled "Good Books—Good Friends."

The library took on a rather informal atmosphere with the brightly colored picture-posters representing the different kinds of books found there. Everyone who attended the reception enjoyed it. I feel sure, and appreciated the efforts of Miss Willma White and Miss Alma Arbuckle, librarians, to bring National Book Week to our campus.

We should be glad and should appreciate the fact that we can enjoy the observance of such a week. Why not take an inventory of our minds and see how much we know that we didn't get first-hand from some book. I daresay it would be very little. Were we to do this, we would soon see why good books are good friends.—Jean McMillian.

SPORTS CHATTER

By A Cub Columnist

Earl McDonald

One thing is sure about that miserable football season we just passed through. We're one up on the weatherman. At least we finished before Coach A. F. Rohrbough had to buy his lads mittens and toboggans. And those wintry breezes and snow flurries which have been whistling around this man's campus lately indicate clearly that it's time to get into basketball practice.

We all know that it's a good sport and most of us take it as something to do in the winter while ol' Sol turns his attention southward thus prohibiting the play of outside sports. But let's get into the history of the game just a little.

Dr. James A. Naismith, who died a year ago this November, introduced the game in 1891 with two peach baskets as equipment at the Springfield (Mass.) training school. Now the sport has risen to national prominence.

This coming season when teams from all over the nation begin shooting for the Dr. Naismith's modified hoops, basketball will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. It now ranks first among all American sports. More people play it—more people watch it—than any other game. It is said there are more than 20 million basketball players in the world, three-fourths of them in the United States.

Anyone can understand and appreciate basketball. That is why it draws more paid admissions annually than any other sport.

It hardly looks like a Pioneer cage squad this year without seeing such familiar lads as Louie Romano, Junior Rhoades, Harold Noroski, James McMillen and Clifford Lamp buzzing 'em through the hoop during the regular afternoon sessions, now in their second week. Coach Rohrbough is bound to bebumbling the loss of these performers before that row of bebumbling blocks in the conference is cracked this winter.

There is no doubt but that the 1940-41 team will be a "sleeper" aggregation, with a lot of weight, height and ruggedness, but advance indications show little speed, a characteristic always possessed by Rohrbough's teams in the past. William Whetsell, husky lad from Kingwood, found it tough to get along with such boys as Lilley, Davies, Cottle and Martino a couple of years ago. Now he's back and finds the boys have changed their way a bit. Whetsell earned a letter in '37-'38 doing relief roles for Lilley and his strong defensive tactics may give him a starting post this coming season after a couple of years of rest from collegiate ball.

Coach Rohrbough Says 'You Gotta Have Rhythm To Play Basketball These Days'

Applicants for Team Positions
Asked to Step Around
To Swing Tunes

"You gotta have rhythm to play basketball." At least this is what Coach A. F. Rohrbough, veteran Pioneer mentor, thinks. During early court drills the past week he hauled out the victrola on the gymnasium floor and had his men stepping and skipping around to a lively beat of a snappy record.

Declaring this practice to be entirely new in the fundamentals of basketball, Coach Rohrbough emphasized that this was the best method he'd ever tried to have his men able to shift weight and retain balance. Practice sessions to date have been chiefly composed of light conditioning drills similar to rhythm dances, passing exercises, some dribbling drills with short scrimmage each evening.

COEDS IN SPORTS

Mildred McClung earned three points toward her letter last week by winning in three different tournaments. She defeated Lorraine Skeen in the final game of the singles badminton tournament and she and Helen Taylor won the doubles by defeating Nina Snyder and Madeline Payne.

On Wednesday night Miss McClung was on Reva Hanna's volleyball team which defeated Martha Howard's team 55-18. This was the final game, and the girls who earned a point by being on the winning team besides McClung and Hanna are: Elizabeth Fryatt, Elma Enrick, Marian Jacks and Nina Snyder. The other two captains, Pauline Burke and Martha Howard, will also receive a point each.

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LOOKING BACK FOR FIVE YEARS

Year	No. Games Played	Won	Lost	Pioneers' total	Avg. per game	Opp. total	Avg. per game
1939-40	23	21	2	1408	61	1052	45
1938-39	24	22	2	1416	59	1082	45
1937-38	24	24	0	1495	55	1030	42
1936-37	22	16	6	1171	53	921	41
1935-36	19	14	5	959	50	801	42

Total games played in five years 112; won 97; lost 15. Average points per game for five years 58.

300 PERSONS OUT FOR CLINIC HERE

C. Taylor, Nationally Known
Basketball Authority, Shows
Latest 'Tips' of Game

Nearly three hundred coaches and players, assembled in the Pioneer gymnasium last evening while Chuck Taylor, nationally prominent authority in basketball, illustrated latest "tips" of the cage game. It was the first appearance in this state for Taylor, who came directly from Pittsburgh, Pa.

The clinic, directed by Coach A. F. Rohrbough, Pioneer mentor, started in the afternoon with the showing of the film made of the Glenville-Southwestern game last spring in the intercollegiate tournament at Kansas City.

Emphasizing that the most essential factor in the game today was handling the ball, Taylor used a squad of ten Pioneers to demonstrate this.

College coaches attending were: Steve Harrick, New River; Jasper Colebank, Fairmont; Ed Davis, Salem; Judson Hudson, Davis-Elkins. High school coaches here were: C. D. Wilfong, Glenville; Paul Fulks, Weston; Earle Bickle, Summersville; Hick Hamrick, Grantsville; Rowley Baker, Clay; Mac Bowles, Richwood; John Williams, Lost Creek; Royce Snodgrass, Sand Fork; Frank Martino, Normantown; Paul West, West Milford; William Moore, Tanner; Richard McKinney, Burnsville; John Mowrey, Sutton; Marvin Lee, Clendenin.

How Teams Scored

Results of state college and university football games the past weekend: West Virginia 9, Kentucky 7; Marshall 41, Xavier 0; St. Francis 13, Morris Harvey 6; Mt. St. Mary (Md.) 6, Davis-Elkins 0; West Liberty 18, Potomac 0; Bluefield 25, William and Mary (Norfolk, Va.) 0; Greenbrier Military Academy 28, Hargreave Institute 0.

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COUNTY TEACHERS HEAR DEAN WHITE

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In conclusion, Mr. White briefly summarized the life of the state school system since 1911. "I believe history is about to repeat itself," prophesied Dean White, and added, "From 1941-1961 schools and school teachers of West Virginia are going to have a period of prosperity equal to or greater than any we have had since 1863. To that end, we must get together, work together, push or pull in the same direction."

The Association program also included a film, "On to Jupiter," fifteen-minute talk on future plans by Pres. Charles B. Maxwell and discussion of a type constitution, which will be considered further at a county teachers' banquet, Friday, Dec. 13.

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22 PLAYERS OUT FOR FLOOR SQUAD

Coach Rohrbough Opens Drills
For Current Basketball
Season

Candidates for the 1940-41 Pioneer basketball squad took a day of rest yesterday on account of the Chuck Taylor clinic held in the gymnasium last night, but returned to work this afternoon. Today marked the opening of the second week of pre-season drills for the local cage prospects under the direction of Coach A. F. Rohrbough, now in his fifteenth year as head master of Pioneer quints.

The squad, now numbering twenty-two, has limited work thus far to light conditioning drills, passing maneuvers and a few short scrimmages were held the latter part of the week by Rohrbough in order to get an advance estimate on the available material for the coming season.

Those reporting for the opening drills included: Robert Armstrong, Eugene Bowers, Steryl Brown, Mike Cristo, Ralph Cross, Arnett Dunbar, Hayward Groves, Guy Harris, Warren Lamb, Sam Marchio, Joe Marra, Jack Miles, Nicholas Martin, Ray Musser, Harold Scott, Arthur Short, Earle Spencer, Jack Stalnakar, Bennett Stump, William Whetsell and William Wolfe.

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Wed., Thurs., Nov. 20 & 21
Jane Withers In
GIRL FROM AVENUE A
Friday, Saturday, Nov. 15-16
Osa Johnson In
I MARRIED ADVENTURE
Based On Mrs. Martin Johnson's Epoch-Making Book

Sunday, Monday, Nov. 24-25
Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer
in
THE MAN I MARRIED

CHURCH YOUTHS MEET ON CAMPUS

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working and doing good."

The Rev. W. S. Boyd, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Morgantown, was chairman of a roundtable discussion of problems relating to religious work on the campus. A motion was passed to hold a state conference this spring. Its time and place will be determined by an executive committee made up of a student from each of the colleges represented here Friday.

Institutions represented here were: Morris Harvey, the University, New River, Salem, Wesleyan and Glenville.

Those who discussed the College's religious organizations were Ralph Cox, YMCA president; Jessie Biffle, YWCA president; Dr. J. C. Shreve; the Rev. G. J. Johnson, Glenville Methodist minister; Paul Beal, leader of the mid-week services.

Mrs. James Bramlett, secretary of student work and Mrs. Marvin Cooper, adult leader of young people's prayer and study groups, Glenville, also spoke.

Funeral services were held November 11 for Mrs. W. J. Burwell, 72 years old, of Goffs. Mrs. Burwell was the grandmother of Gladys Reynolds, senior in the College.

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Miss Brand Writes For School Journal; Stresses Idea Of Composition Workshop

College Instructor Says Writers' Laboratory Will Improve Attitude, Bring Better Work

An argument for a composition workshop for college students is presented here by Miss Willa Brand, instructor in English in the College, who has had several years of experience in teaching freshman and advanced courses in writing. Her observations and reflections, written in this paper, appeared on page 24 of the "West Virginia School Journal," November issue, and are reprinted here in full:

The composition problem, like the poor, is always with us. It is the fly in the ointment in the English department. Many interested persons have tried to find a way by which to eliminate the drudgery from composition study and teaching. I am not among those who think that one day we shall find a royal road to writing. Plenty of hard work always has been and always will be required of both the student and the teacher of composition. However, it is worth while to try to find the easiest, the most pleasant, and the most effective means of securing the best results.

"I just can't write" has long been the excuse for slovenly, poorly prepared work in composition. To change this attitude is one task of the composition teacher; for while most of our students will never write literary English, they can learn to write clear, correct, English, and many can acquire some degree of effectiveness in writing.

There is a method, which if put into practice, I am convinced would do much to improve both the attitude toward writing and the work in composition. This is a composition laboratory. By laboratory I mean a writing workshop and a certain time set aside for the student to do his composition work under the direction of the teacher. There are several reasons why this method seems to be worthy of a trial.

Too often students, dreading composition, put it off until the last minute and then hurriedly, carelessly, and sloppily write with no purpose but to have something to hand the teacher. Frequently they excuse themselves with "What's the use? I can't write anyway." A writing laboratory or workshop would help to eliminate this condition, for the student would have an allotted time when it would be his duty to devote himself to composition. Besides, the teacher would be there to help him in case he needed help. A little time aid from the teacher to help a student over a difficulty while he is working on his composition is worth more than correction on a carelessly written paper. In the workshop, too, he would have access to dictionaries and reference books which many do not have at home. Surely these conditions would stimulate a student to improve his work.

The timid student often shrinks from asking help or advice from the teacher. The informal atmosphere of the workshop brings about a better understanding and a more friendly relation between student and teacher, and this encourages the student to seek the services of the teacher. In the workshop where many students are working at the same kind of work and are giving an equal amount of time to it, a good spirit usually predominates; and the students work cheerfully, hopefully, and with at least a degree of pride in their results. Such conditions certainly tend to improve the student's attitude and work habits.

The workshop solves the old prob-

lem of the student's temptation and bad habit of substituting copying for writing. The laboratory method requires the student to work and to think for himself. Thus, he develops self-reliance and comes to respect his own work.

I have not seen a workshop like this though such do exist, but I have experimented in my classes by occasionally turning my classroom into a workshop for the class period. I have found it good. During such periods, I have secured my best results in composition. Why should we not have workshops for composition as well as laboratories for science in our high schools? I believe that the results would justify the workshop.

ALBERT WOOFER ATTENDS FARM BUREAU LUNCHEON

Russell H. Gist, state agricultural agent, and C. V. Wilson, of the University, were principal speakers at the annual luncheon of the Gilmer County Farm Bureau Saturday at the Baptist Church. About 100 guests and Bureau members attended; later went to the Methodist Church to view an annual display of prize farm products. Albert Woofler, College senior, was a guest at the luncheon.

SON BORN TO MR. AND MRS. STANLEY WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley West, of Glenville, announce the birth of a six-pound, eight ounce son, Sunday, Nov. 10. The baby has been named Thomas. Mrs. West is the former Dorothy Moore, and is a sister of Homer Lee Moore, a junior in the College, and Madeline Moore, A.B. '40.

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB MEMBERS DISCUSS ELECTION

A discussion of the recent general election featured a meeting of the Current Events Club the past Tuesday evening in the College lounge. Also Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, adviser, related highlights of her recent trip to South Carolina, where she attended the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association.

Twenty-one members and two guests of the Holy Roller Church, attended services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

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CIVIC CLUB MEMBERS ON PROGRAM AT SUTTON

Six former students and a senior in the College, representing the Glenville Civic Club, presented a "Know West Virginia" program before members of the Sutton Woman's Club Thursday evening in the Masonic lodge hall at Sutton. Comprising the program was a sketch of the history of West Virginia, related by Agnes Wright, a senior; a vocal duet, "Where the Rhododendron Blooms," by Helen and Agnes Wright; and slides on scenic West Virginia, by Mary E. Young and Oneta Arnold. Refreshments were served at a late hour by the Sutton Woman's Club. Those making the trip were: Mrs. Paul S. Moyers, president of the Civic Club; Oneta Arnold, Mary E. Young, Erma Edwards, Freda Arnold, Helen Wright and Agnes Wright.

HELEN CLUB TO SPONSOR HAMBURGER FRY

Plans for a hamburger fry to be held in the Louis Bennett Lounge were made at a meeting of the Helen Club the past Tuesday evening in the Library. Each member is to invite a guest.

Officers elected at the meeting are: President, Helen Heater; secretary, Helen Taylor. Membership is composed of six girls: Helen Taylor, Helen Heater, Helen McElwee, Helen Jackie, Helen Fleming and Helen Light. Miss Willerna White is faculty adviser.

RUTH E. SMITH AND JACK WHITEMAN WED

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Smith of West Union announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruth, to Jack Whiteman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Whiteman of Shinnston. The marriage was an event of November 9, at Ashland, Ky.

Mrs. Whiteman, former student in the College, teaches in the West Union grade school.

Mr. Whiteman, who attended Fairmont State Teachers College, is employed by the South Penn Natural Gas Company.

Mid-semester grades will be given out Monday, Nov. 25, instead of Wednesday, Nov. 20, on account of the Thanksgiving holidays which will begin tomorrow at 12 noon.

LYRIC THEATRE

Tues., Wed., Nov. 19 & 20
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Madeline Carroll in
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Sunday, Monday, Nov. 24-25
William Powell, Myrna Loy in
"I LOVE YOU AGAIN"

DENVER BARNETT AND MISS ROSE AMOS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amos of Burnsville announce the marriage of their daughter, Rose, to Denver Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barnett of Orlando. The marriage was an event of November 7, at Russell, Ky.

Mrs. Barnett, sister of Eva Amos, senior in the College, was graduated from Burnsville High School the past spring.

Mr. Barnett was graduated from Burnsville High School, then attended Salem College for two years and the past year was a student in the College. Mr. Barnett teaches in Braxton County. The Barnetts will live in Burnsville.

LARGE CROWD OUT FOR WOOLWORTH BALL

A Woolworth Ball, sponsored by the Jim Club from 8 till 10:45 o'clock Friday evening in the gymnasium, succeeded in drawing one of the largest crowds of any of the week-end events this semester.

Featuring the evening of round dancing was a "flashlight dance", in which about twenty-six couples danced under the rays of three flashlights and a flickering electric bulb, hooked up by an extension cord.

Other attractions of the evening were: A "paper bag tag dance" and a "lemon dance".

Candy was served by Miss Alma Arbuckle, chaperon. Music was furnished by the College's radio-victrola by one of the "Jims", James Cain, another of the "Jims", collected admission fees.

Proceeds from the dance went to purchase six records, one gross of balloons and eight new games. Records consisted of five Glen Miller selections, and one Bob Chester number. Games were Lone Ranger Double Target, Jungle Target, Midway Shooting Gallery, Pick-up Sticks, Pile 'Em High, Robin Hood Archery Target, Shoot-A-Loop, and Sorry.

TUNES COLLEGE'S PIANOS

K. H. Cooper, of Clarksburg, tuned the pianos in Kanawha Hall and Verona Mapel Hall and in the auditorium the past week. Edward Pickens, a junior, tuned the piano in the gymnasium and one in the Louis Bennett Hall lounge.



Mrs. Charles Creasy, above, was before her marriage on August 20, Miss Erma Cantrell, a former student in the College. Story of the marriage appeared in the Mercury the past week. (Cut courtesy the Gazette, Charleston.)

MR. GROSE CHAPERON AT OPEN HOUSE PARTY

E. R. Grose, instructor in biology, was the chaperon at open house in the College lounge Saturday night. Several new games, purchased under the direction of Miss Alma Arbuckle, faculty representative on the Social Committee, were presented. They included: Pick-up-sticks, dart guns, build-up-sticks and "101". These were used along with Chinese checkers, marble bingo, dominos, checkers, setback, bowling, hearts, billiards, rummy and jig-saw puzzles. Ninety-seven persons attended.

MRS. H. Y. CLARK MAY BE HOME SOON

Mrs. Louise Cain Clark, of Glenville, wife of H. Y. Clark, instructor in education in the College, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Clarksburg, November 8. Mrs. Clark is ill of a partial paralysis of the facial nerves. Her condition is much improved, but it will be several days before she can return to her home.

34 PERSONS AT TANNER MEETING

Glenville Rotarians Sponsor First of Inter-community Dinners, Thursday

Fourteen Glenville Rotarians joined twenty-four citizens of Tanner Thursday night at the high school building in the first of a series of inter-community meetings which the Rotarians plan to sponsor under the direction of R. E. Freed, instructor in the College and chairman of the civic group's committee on community service.

Rotarians and their Tanner guests were welcomed by J. M. Brantlett, Tanner school principal, and members of the Tanner Woman's Club, president of which is Mrs. Adrain Collins, served the dinner. Principal program feature was a talk by the Rev. G. J. Johnson, Glenville Methodist minister, following an introduction of Dr. J. C. Shreve, head of the College's department of education and the Rotarian in charge of the program. Tanner guests were introduced by Charles Maxwell, alumnus of the College. R. E. Freed introduced the Rotarians and read the club's four objectives.

Dean H. L. White, program chairman, announced that Dr. Guy Stalnaker would have charge of the next club luncheon meeting at the Whiting Tea Room in Glenville, November 28.

Rotarians who attended the Tanner meeting were Pres. Earl Boggs, E. G. Rohrbough, R. E. Freed, A. F. Rohrbough, H. L. White, J. C. Shreve, C. L. Underwood, Dr. H. F. Withers, John E. Arbuckle, Elmer Shaver, Linn B. Hickman, Lionel Fell, T. W. Hyer, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson. Mr. Marvin Cooper, college alumnus and county superintendent of schools, was a Glenville guest at the meeting.

R. E. FREED TO SPEAK TO LEWIS-GILMER YOUTH

R. E. Freed, instructor in the College, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Lewis-Gilmer Union of Methodist Youth at the Stannards Methodist Church, Tuesday, Dec. 4. Paul Beal, Union president, announced here today.

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