

MERCURY MUSINGS

by Albert Woofert

Military experts are searching for reasons to account for Greece's apparent victories along the Italian-Greek front. Offered as a possible reason is the superiority of the Greek soldiers in hand-to-hand fighting. Lacking supplies for mechanized warfare the Greeks have been using rifles, bayonets and hand grenades in close conflict, a type of fighting at which the Italians are weak. On one occasion Greek soldiers are said to have rolled huge stones down a mountain side at the enemy with great effectiveness.

Italy's actions bring to mind the alleged statement of Adolph Hitler several years ago that the only orders Italian soldiers understand is retreat.

TO LENGTHEN LIFE

A new unit established in the U. S. Public Health Service is designed to lengthen life and to make old age more effective. Health officials, believing that the life span can be greatly increased by scientific study, plan to appoint an advisory board of physicians to study reports of laboratories and universities on diseases of middle and old age.

AGED COED

Most prominent coed at Stetson University, Deland, Fla., is back for her fifth year. She is 83 year-old Mrs. Letitia Reynolds, a resident of Illinois, who is doing graduate work.

A WEIGHTY PROBLEM

Now that the election is over, U. S. Congressmen must have something hanging over their heads.

Warned by capitol architects that there is danger of roof collapse in both chambers, Senators and Representatives have moved to new quarters.

READ THE MERCURY

Letters from graduates and former students of the College indicate they read the Mercury, and best of all they like it. Here are excerpts from a few: Donald B. Garrett, A. B. '38, of Charleston: "I am enjoying a very good school year, but something seems to be missing. I think it is the Mercury."

Woodrow Wolfe, A. B. '36, of Troy: "We are always glad to refer to the Mercury for correct style, make-up, etc."

Louise Frey, S. N. '32, of Elkins: "In my opinion the Glenville Mercury is the best college newspaper in the state."

Colleen Norman, A. B. '40, of Flower: "Campus Capers was good in its first appearance."

A GIFT FROM "TIME"

Instructors in the College recently received "Time" magazine's reprint of the War Atlas and a map and reprint of articles on South America that appeared in "Fortune" magazine. All are on display in the Journalism Laboratory.

NOTE FROM SORANTIN

Agnes Wright, Mercury news editor, recently received a complimentary letter from Dr. Eric Sorantin, conductor of the Chicago Little Philharmonic Orchestra that appeared here as a Lyceum number, October 22. In the letter said: "I wish to express my sincere appreciation of your fine and interesting write-up which will be reprinted in the advertising circulars for the orchestra."

Miss Wright's story, based on an interview with Sorantin, appeared in the October 29 issue of the Mercury.

COLLEGE'S CHRISTMAS RECESS TO START DEC. 20, END JAN. 6

The Christmas holiday recess for College students and faculty will begin Friday evening, Dec. 20, at 5 o'clock, and end Monday, Jan. 6, at 8 a. m., according to the calendar in the catalog. The holiday period for the Training School, grades and high, and for all other Glenville College schools will be from December 20 to December 30.

University of Detroit footballers scheduled games on both coasts—with Manhattan in New York and Gonzaga in Spokane, Washington.

CONCERT PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE HERE WEDNESDAY

Miss Susanne Fisher and Her Husband, Clifford Menz, Captivate Listeners

By Agnes Wright
Students, townspeople and visitors thoroughly enjoyed a bit of opera Wednesday night when Susanne Fisher, Metropolitan Opera soprano, and her husband, Clifford Menz, tenor, presented a joint recital in the auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.

Presenting a program of twelve numbers, and four encores, the two artists brought sincere applause from a large audience who apparently enjoyed the earnest presentation. From the time they began singing to the final curtain call the two were greeted with the greatest of enthusiasm.

Appearing first in a gown of black velvet and silk tulle, Miss Fisher sang five numbers, changing the regularly scheduled program to sing by request "One Fine Day," an aria from "Madame Butterfly," "The Little Shepherd Song," by Watts, was also substituted.

For the second part of the program Miss Fisher and Mr. Menz appeared in costumes to sing from the opera "Manon." Miss Fisher, dressed as a peasant girl, and Mr. Menz as a French cavalier in green cloak and uniform, had ease and grace in bearing, and sang in rich and colorful tones.

After a fifteen minute intermission, Mr. Menz appeared on the stage in full dress suit to sing five numbers and one encore.

Completing the program was a love duet from Act I of "Madame Butterfly," in which Miss Fisher portrayed the part of Cio-Cio-San, the Japanese girl, and Mr. Menz played the role of Lieutenant B. F. Pinkerton, American Marine officer. Excessive applause demanded three encores, two of which were, "Will You Remember," from "Mastine," (Continued on page 4)

DEAN WHITE IS ROTARY SPEAKER

Club Organized at Grantsville With Joseph Haight, A. B. '39, As Secretary

Dean H. L. White was one of the speakers Friday at a charter-night presentation program for the Rotary Club of Calhoun County, at Grantsville—a club sponsored by the Glenville Rotarians and having for secretary Joseph Haight, A. B. '39. About eighty persons from nine clubs attended. There were fifteen from Glenville, including Pres. and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough, Dean White, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Withers, the Rev. G. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Boggs, Dr. and Mrs. Guy Stalaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, John E. Arbuckle, R. E. Freed and Linn B. Hickman.

Speakers in addition to Dean White, who reviewed Rotary objectives, were A. G. Matthews, Charleston, District Governor Ray Evans, Bluefield, and Dr. Joseph Rosier, president of Fairmont State Teachers College and a former district governor, who presented the charter. Twenty-one men from Calhoun County were listed on the Club roster as charter members.

At their luncheon here in Glenville Thursday Rotarians heard an address by Miss Margaret Prunty, county health nurse. This week the speaker will be Dr. H. F. Withers.

PTA Members To Meet Thursday

Members of the Glenville PTA and their guests will meet in the high school auditorium Thursday evening for a program, the theme of which will be "The American Philosophy of Christmas." The speaker, however, says Earl R. Boggs, school principal, has not been named. Also on the program will be a play, "Elmer," to be presented by the dramatic club of the junior high school under the direction of Miss Pearl Pickens.

With 109 members, the PTA has the largest enrollment in its history. The organization is planning for a safety program to be observed in January, and Mr. Boggs. The annual Founder's Day program will be observed in February.

College Play Cast Will Offer Farcial Comedy 'Seven Sisters' Wednesday, Dec. 11

Production Is Directed By Miss Robertson; Admission Will Be 25 and 35 Cents

A cast selected from the Alpha Psi Omega and Ohnimgoh Players will present "Seven Sisters," three farcial comedy arranged by Edith Ellis, Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 8:30 p. m., under the direction of Miss Kathleen Robertson, instructor of English and speech in the College.

Setting for the production is the home of a peasant family named "Gyurkovics" in a small garrison town near Budapest, Hungary. The plot centers around efforts of "Mrs. Gyurkovics," the widowed mother played by Miss Helen Heater who appeared in "Cradle Song" the past year; and "Ferenc Horkoy," an officer of the Huzars, portrayed by Carl Chapman, to obtain husbands for the three eldest daughters.

Olive Myers, who also acted in "Cradle Song" the past year, will play the role of "Kiska," the eldest sister, "Sari," twenty-one years old, will be Miss Agnes Wright, veteran of "The Studio," while Miss Adelaide Brown will represent "Ella," the twenty-year-old sister, "Mitzi," the problem child of nineteen who is obliged to "shrink" her age until her sisters get married, will be played by Jo Reeder.

Three youngest sisters, "Terka," "Liza," and "Klara," will be Misses Geraldine McClain, Reba Legg and Olga Young, respectively.

"Colonel Radvany," who becomes the first husband, will be performed by Robert Stalaker, while William Hughes will play "Baron Gida Radvany." Richard Harper will portray "Michael Sandorffy," an officer; "Toni Telaki," the mother's godson, will be given by James Heater, and "Janko," the butler, will be Donzel Betts.

Business manager for the play is Robert Hausman. Stage crew, managed by Clyde Dotson, is composed of Robert Fidler, house manager; Kline Bush, lighter; Dan Wagner, curtain (Continued on Page 3)

Five Members Of Mercury Staff To Attend Convention

Five members of the Mercury staff and the faculty adviser will attend the annual West Virginia Intercollegiate Press convention Friday and Saturday in Elkins. Those to go from here are Earl McDonald, WVIP president, Delis Blake, Mary Adelaide Brown, Elizabeth Fryatt, students, and Linn B. Hickman, faculty adviser.

Vincent Sheean, Noted War Correspondent, Will Lecture Here Thursday At 8:15 P. M.

Vincent Sheean, internationally known writer and famed American foreign correspondent who returned by Clipper from London about two months ago, will speak Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock in the College auditorium. This lecture will be the third Lyceum course number of the year and the last one this semester.

Author of novels, journalistic books and magazine articles, Mr. Sheean was eighteen years old at the time of the Armistice, left the University of Chicago, drifted from newspaper work in New York to the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune.

For the next ten years he covered European crises, during one of which he became the friend and confidant of Madam Sun Yat Sen. Mr. Sheean has written articles for "Redbook," "The Saturday Evening Post" and "Liberty." He also has broadcast over major U. S. networks.

He says he would rather write fiction, but critics prefer his journalistic books and are now crediting him with aiding in creation of a new literary medium—book journalism.

To just what literary use the writer will put his experiences in France and Britain during the past year remains to be seen. His books, "Not Peace But A Sword," a Book-of-the-Month; "Personal History," a Literary Guild selection, and "A Day of Battle" are based on his adventures abroad.

Mr. Sheean's chief diversions, next to people, are music and reading. Last winter he attended all the "ring" performances at the Metropolitan Opera, but now he finds little time between plane and train connections in a tightly-packed transcontinental lecture tour. Edward Weeks has called him a "romantic" who is intentionally won to which ever cause appeals to him most.

Admission price will be 75c. Student tickets will be exchanged for

COLLEGE ALLOTTED FUNDS FOR A NEW SCIENCE HALL; PRES. E. G. ROHRBOUGH SAYS WORK MAY START THIS SPRING

Building Will Be Latest Addition To Campus; Plans For Structure May Be Drawn Within The Next Few Weeks; Site Not Selected

Pres. E. G. Rohrbough the past week said he had been assured by the State Board of Control that an allotment of \$140,000 had been made available by the Board of Public Works for the construction of a science building here on the campus.

Also he said he was of the opinion that work would be started this spring, though plans have not been drawn, a site has not been selected and other details have not been considered. He had been told, he said, that an architect would be here soon to consider plans.

Pres. Rohrbough, who said the Board's announcement came almost as a surprise to him, although there had been some intimation of the possibilities of a new structure, went to Fairmont the past Tuesday to inspect a science building erected there several years ago.

From State Fund
The allotment for Glenville's building came from a state contingent fund of more than \$5,000,000, which the Board of Public Works, headed by Gov. Homer A. Holt, will use in its program of institutional buildings started or projected this year. The contingent building program was set up by the 1939 Legislature.

The new building here, when completed, will be the eleventh on the campus and the tenth to be added since Dr. Rohrbough became president of the College (a normal school until 1930) in 1908. Only structure here when he came was the Old Building, erected in 1885 and enlarged in 1898.

STUDENTS HEAR TALK ON F.T.A.

Dean White Explains Possibilities of Organizing Chapter On College Campus

Possibilities of organizing a local chapter of the Future Teachers of America and including the activities on the College curriculum were explained by Dean H. Laban White in a brief assembly talk Wednesday. Though responsibility of organizing the FTA here rests with a faculty committee, Dean White suggested the organization, which would operate much as a class in education, might be effected at the beginning of the second semester.

Purpose of the FTA is fully explained in a letter which Dean White received recently from Mr. David Kirby, secretary of the State Board of Education, and of the FTA.

"The chapter," explains Mr. Kirby, "is a nucleus for continuous study of the professional outlook for teachers and teaching. On June 1 there were chapters in 64 colleges and two universities in 33 states. There were three chapters in West Virginia."

Membership fee is \$2, which includes payment of subscriptions to both the SEA and NEA journals for one year (nine months). These publications, in the main, said Dean White, could be used mainly as text material for chapter study.

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From 'Best I Ever Made' To 'Financial Obligations' Went Mid-Semester Chatter

Students Express Sentiments Over Grades For First Nine Weeks

By Delis Blake
In a line extending from the auditorium entrance to Room 101 anxious and frustrated students stood Wednesday afternoon waiting the bid to go inside the office of Dean H. L. White to receive mid-semester grades.

Though the chatter was much like that always heard when grades are revealed to students, there were many curt remarks and a few that represent the typical eeds and campus malice. For instance:

"Is 75 a C or a D?" asked one freshman who hadn't read his handbook.

"I'm going to tell that teacher a thing or two," whispered a disgruntled one.

"And I got a measly 75," yelled another, who came to College with high academic aims.

Then came a straight-A senior, who smiled and exulted, "Best mid-set I ever made. Hope it does-



Vincent Sheean, famed war correspondent, who will speak here Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Other College Buildings
Administration Hall was built in 1911, Kanawha Hall in 1916, Food and Storage House in 1919, Physical Education Building in 1926, Verona Chapel Hall in 1926, President's Home in 1929, Robert F. Kidd Library in 1930 and Firestone Lodge the same year.

The tract for Rohrbough Stadium was purchased in 1925 and grading and draining of the field completed in 1931. Bleachers and other equipment were added in 1935; the stadium was dedicated the same year.

In addition to these properties, the College owns a small frame cottage just north of the President's Home and owns and operates a 122-acre farm about one mile northwest of the campus.

Other state institutions who already are sharing or will share in the more than \$5,000,000 contingent building program are Fairmont, Concord, Shepherd, Marshall and West Virginia State colleges, the University, Girls' Industrial Home at Salem, Boys' Industrial Home at Lakin, Weston State Hospital, Medium Security Prison at Huttonsville, Huntington State Hospital, and Pinecrest Sanitarium.

CLARKSBURG ATTORNEY WILL ADDRESS ASSEMBLY AUDIENCE

A former member of the State Legislature, Atty. Harvey W. Harmer, of Clarksburg, will be here tomorrow to address students, faculty and visitors in assembly at 10 a. m. His address is sponsored by the Holy Roller Court, Miss Willis Brand, adviser.

A Brown University expedition will travel to South America to attempt to photograph the radical light of the sun during a total eclipse.

DUQUESNE AND UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO LISTED ON PIONEERS' BASKETBALL CARD IN '41, ANNOUNCES COACH ROHRBOUGH

Locals Will Meet Duquesne In Pittsburgh And Mexican Quintet Here; Nineteen Games Scheduled So Far; May Add Others

A 19-game basketball card, announced by Coach A. F. Rohrbough, lists Duquesne University of Pittsburgh and University of Mexico in addition to a pair of games with Fairmont, Davis-Elkins, Alderson-Broadus, Wesleyan, Concord, Morris Harvey, West Liberty and Bethany. Single games are scheduled with New River and Potomac State. The Potomac date is pending.

Duquesne, the highly reputed team of the East last season, will be played in Pittsburgh and the University of Mexico, on their lengthy journey into this section, will stop at the Pioneer gymnasium. The Pioneers, in a warm-up tilt, will meet an alumni aggregation December 28.

The 1940-41 card is as follows: Jan. 6—Fairmont, home; Jan. 10—West Liberty, away; Jan. 11—Bethany, away; Jan. 14—Wesleyan, away; Jan. 17—Alderson Broadus, home; Jan. 27—Fairmont, away; Jan. 30—West Liberty, home; Feb. 3—University of Mexico, home; Feb. 5—Morris Harvey, home; Feb. 7—Concord, home; Feb. 11—Davis Elkins, away; Feb. 17—Morris Harvey, away; Feb. 18—New River, away; Feb. 19—Concord, away; Feb. 22—Bethany, home; Feb. 24—Wesleyan, home; Feb. 26—Duquesne, away; March 1—Alderson Broadus, away; March 4—Davis Elkins, home.

Practice sessions hit a regular stride this week as Coach Rohrbough turned all attention on the court. With the squad now numbering twenty-two, the work is expected to progress at a rapid pace in the next few days. Missing from drills this year is Junior Rhoades, Louie Romano, Harold Noroski and James McMillen, all lost via graduation last spring after winding up the season in the National Intercollegiate tournament at Kansas City.

A. F. ROHRBOUGH IS BANQUET SPEAKER

College Coach Guest at Annual Central State Football Conference Meeting

Burnsville was host to coaches and school principals of the Central West Virginia Football Conference last evening at 6 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

One of the principal features of the meeting was a talk by A. F. Rohrbough, coach in the College, who also used several members of his Pioneer basketball squad to demonstrate finer points of the game.

The coaches and principals also arranged their basketball schedules for the year, awarded the conference honors in football to Burnsville's Bruins, coached by Richard McKinney, A. B. '37.

Also they picked an all-conference football team. Winning six conference titles, and one non-conference game, and losing one to Grantville, a non-conference foe, the Bruins scored 212 points to opponents' 47. In four years they have won twenty-eight games, lost four, and tied one, and have captured the conference title three times.

Students Hear Talk On FTA

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Mr. Kirby further explains that the FTA "will bring to the attention of the young candidate more forcefully than the 'revival meeting' of a professional relations conference can over the claims of teaching as a profession."

The pledge of members calls for attention to physical vitality, mental vigor, moral discrimination, whole some personality, helpfulness, knowledge, leadership.

Cast Will Offer 'Seven Sisters'

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Two promoters are Cora Lynn Bell and Athena Nall, while Misses Elizabeth Clark and Virginia Thomas are in charge of makeup and costumes. Responsible for properties are Misses Eunice Wilfong, Marion Jackle, Zula Lowther and Jane Wilson.

Peasant costumes are being made by girls in the play; uniforms of the officers and ball costumes are being rented from Leves in New York City. The College orchestra will furnish music between acts. Admission will be twenty-five and thirty-five cents.

Good Start



A Glenville A. B. graduate of 1935 with major in physical education who is getting along nicely in the coaching line is Lawrence Nuce, pictured above. Nuce just finished his first season as football coach at Roosevelt Junior High School with his team holding second place in the Kanawha County junior high circuit. —Cut courtesy the Charleston Gazette.

SHREVE'S TEAM IS WINNER 44 TO 25

College Intramural League Off To Good Start; Spencer, Groves Are Referees

Fred Shreve and his sharpshooters defeated Robert Butcher's quintet, 44-25, in the opening game of the College's intramural basketball league, Thursday evening. The scoring attack was led by Hayward Groves, who gathered twenty-two points for the Shreve five.

In the second game Hollitt's team won over Frank Hammer's five, fifty-two to forty-nine.

The line-ups:
Players Pts.
Butcher (c) 3
Cross 7
McDonald 2
Blake 2
Smith 5

Totals 25
Players Pts.
Shreve (c) 14
Groves 22
Snodgrass 3
J. Stalnaker 5
Wilmoth 0

Totals 44
Players Pts.
Hammer (c) 10
B. Stump 20
Simon 3
Crutchfield 16
Steorts 0

Totals 49
Players Pts.
Hollitt (c) 10
Crisis 17
Thompson 4
Smith 11
Brooks 8
Summers 2

Totals 52
Referees: First game, Earle Spencer; second game, Hayward Groves.

JACK HUNT LEADER IN STATE SCORING THIS YEAR

Following are the leading scorers in the West Virginia Football Conference for 1940:

Hunt, Marshall, 162; Adams, Concord, 78; Pichler, West Liberty, 70; Kuhl, Marshall, 60; Part, Bethany, 56; Seltzer, Morris Harvey, 51; Sine, West Liberty, 39; Beughan, New River, and Darby, New River, 25 each.

University of Minnesota employment bureau received 3,500 applications for part-time jobs this fall.

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SPORTS CHATTER

By A Cub Columnist

Earl McDonald

Far be it from this humble schoolboy scribe to tell the noted columnist, Grantland Rice, how to write, but he sure scattered orchids extremely generous the past week when he said Marshall College's Jack Hunt had replaced Sammy Snead as West Virginia's greatest representative in the sporting world.

I have all the respect in the world for Friend Jack, whom I came to know well while he was in school here the past summer, but it's my opinion that Hunt's feats on the gridiron the past fall have been equalled many times by West Virginia collegians such as Gyp Battles, Leonard Barnum, Gibby Welch or George Cafego. Mr. Hunt as undoubtedly great as a junior with the Big Green this fall but not nearly as great as Mr. Rice claims.

Glenville's Pioneers, after a good taste of football as it is played in Tennessee and New York states, will stay in their own league next fall, according to the schedule which is nearly completed. (Bethany, West Liberty, Concord, Morris Harvey, Potomac State, Fairmont, New River and Shepherd, all conference schools, are listed tentatively on the '41 card.

The Pioneers will be stepping up when they hit the Smoky City crew, Duquesne, in basketball, for the Dukes have a good reputation in the Eastern division of the N.C.A.A. Their squad roster lists twelve men, nine of whom are more than six feet in height. Three of the boys claim Homestead as their prep school. And judging from the Homestead product, Albert Libby, who matriculated here, they're bound to be among the best. Their schedule lists the best teams of the country, not excluding the Pioneers. They meet such teams as Oregon, Carnegie Tech, Long Island, Western Kentucky State, Ohio State and Marquette.

C. D. ("Red") Wilfong's Glenville

How State Teams Finished In The 1940 Conference Football Campaign

| Team | Won | Lost | Tied | Pts. | Opp. Pts. |
|---------------|-----|------|------|------|-----------|
| Concord | 7 | 1 | 0 | 125 | 33 |
| Marshall | 6 | 2 | 0 | 324 | 75 |
| West Liberty | 6 | 2 | 0 | 208 | 36 |
| Bethany | 6 | 2 | 0 | 104 | 52 |
| Morris Harvey | 5 | 3 | 1 | 134 | 104 |
| W. V. U. | 4 | 4 | 1 | 127 | 94 |
| New River | 2 | 2 | 1 | 90 | 52 |
| Fairmont | 3 | 4 | 1 | 62 | 97 |
| Wesleyan | 3 | 5 | 0 | 62 | 142 |
| Glenville | 2 | 5 | 1 | 73 | 127 |
| Salem | 2 | 7 | 0 | 58 | 161 |
| Shepherd | 1 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 197 |
| Davis Elkins | 1 | 7 | 1 | 59 | 132 |
| Potomac | 1 | 8 | 0 | 45 | 167 |

J. Marra, L. Heffner And T. Hollot Will Get G Sweaters

Coach A. F. Rohrbough announces that only three boys will receive sweaters for their performances in football this season. Theodore Hollot, of Clarksburg, sophomore, will receive a letter for his duty at the pivot position. Joe Marra, sophomore, of Clarksburg and Lloyd Heffner, freshman, of Harrisville, will receive sweaters for their duty at guard and tackle, respectively. Johnson Burke, a senior, will receive a sweater for his performance as College "Pioneer."

WILLIAMS AND REED ON CHEMISTRY CLUB PROGRAM

John Hunter Williams and Rudolf Reed, Jr., both sophomores, were speakers on a Chemistry Club program the past Tuesday in the physics laboratory. Williams explained the method used in extracting nitrobenzene from air and Reed talked on "Ideal Gases."

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They examined the debris.
His shoulder blades and his collar bone
Were a messy mass of meat.
He couldn't talk and he couldn't groan,
He couldn't move his feet.

One knee cap slipped half way up his thigh,
The other was split in two.
Of his teeth they found he was thirteen shy,
One eye was gone from view.
His left ear slipped to the back of his neck,
His right dropped under his chin.

His nose was gone, there was left instead
Just a place where his nose had been.
His spinal cord had fallen away
And tangled in a knot.
Pieces of his vertebrae
Were scattered about the lot.
His left foot pointed east by south,
His right foot north by west.
Half his tongue was in his mouth—
They never found the rest.

With every breath that he'd inhale
His ribs would creak and crack.
But why prolong the sorry tale
Of the plunging quarterback?
At last he woke and with a smile
He sprang up from the dirt.
"Gee Whiz," he said, "for a little while
I thought that I was hurt."

Electric Scoreboard Will Be Installed In Gymnasium

A new electric scoreboard and timekeeper is being purchased by the athletic department announced Coach A. F. Rohrbough. This new addition, operating from the bench, keeps time by minutes and periods, and tallies scores for both teams. It will be installed by January 1.

6-Team Intramural League Organized

A boys' intramural basketball league was organized the past Tuesday evening in the gymnasium under the direction of Coach A. F. Rohrbough. Six teams are in the league with six players each.

Teams are: No. 1, Fred Shreve, captain; Hayward Groves, Joe Snodgrass, Donald Green, Junior Stalnaker, Troy Wilmoth. No. 2, Robert Butcher, captain; Ralph Cross, Earl McDonald, Delis Blake, Homer Lee Smith, Frank Bowles. No. 3, Frank Hammer, captain; Bennett Stump, Carl Eismen, Charles Crutchfield, Arnold Steorts, Clifford Stalnaker. No. 4, Theodore Hollot, captain; Mike Cristo, Gordon Thompson, Kermit Smith, Reynolds Brooks, Robert Summers. No. 5, August Kafer, captain; Jack Byers, Eugene Bowers, Brooks Golden, Garland Cross, Leonard Wagner. No. 6, Patsy Palumbo, captain; Warren Lamb, John Fryatt, Johnson Burke, Raymond Tracy.

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SOCIETY

YMCA MEMBERS SPONSOR PARTY IN GYMNASIUM

Main feature of a Young Men's Christian Association "Touring" party in the gymnasium Friday evening from 8 to 10:30 o'clock was a detective story told by Mr. Hunter Whitling, Y.M.C.A. adviser. His story, "The Cherry Pit Escape", actually happened in France.

Other features were a mock model-T Ford tour, folk games of the French, German and the deep South, a peanut pitching contest and group singing led by Geraldine McClain, College senior.

Peanuts were served to about thirty-five guests.

Faculty members present were Mr. Whiting, Miss Bertha E. Olsen, instructor in music, and Miss Margaret D. Kenney, art instructor.

HANNAH HUFF AND JAMES BOYD SMITH MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Huff, of Grove, recently announced the marriage of their daughter, Hannah, to James Boyd Smith, of West Union.

The marriage was performed November 9 in the First Christian Church of Ashland, Ky., with the Rev. Mr. Faulconer, pastor, reading the ceremony.

Mrs. Smith, A.B. '38, teaches in the West Union grade school.

Mr. Smith, who received the LL.B. degree at the University in 1936, is prosecuting attorney of Doddridge County.

Mrs. Smith is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Rosalie Williams Huff, a sophomore in the College, and a sister of Mrs. E. G. Rollyson, of Glenville, and Juanita Huff Foley, of Grove, College alumnae.

ALBERT BRAKE ON Y. M. C. A. PROGRAM

Albert Brake, College senior, reviewed a chapter from Dr. Henry C. Link's book, "Return To Religion", at a Y.M.C.A. meeting the past week. The chapter, entitled "I Go To Church," emphasized that one must do the things which he does not like; otherwise he will become narrow and despondent.

Concert Pleases Large Audience

(Continued from page 1) and "Indian Love Call." They were accompanied at the piano by Evelyn Smith Austin.

Large delegations from Sutton, Buckhannon, Spencer, Grantville, Harrisville, Burnsville, Weston, Hurricane, West Union and Charleston were here for the concert, the second feature of the current Lyceum series.

Many persons went to the front of the auditorium after the concert to meet the two guest artists, who before they opened their program were gracious in granting brief interviews to two members of the Mercury staff. One of the interviews appears elsewhere in this issue.

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JIM CLUB MEMBERS ENTERTAINED IN LOUNGE

Miss Alma Arbuckle, adviser, entertained members of the Jim Club and their guests, Thursday from 8:15 till 10:30 o'clock in the Louis Bennett Hall lounge.

After games and a social period, refreshments were served to Pauline Burke, James Heater, James Long, James Satterfield, James Woofter, Miss Goldie C. James, honorary Jim Club member, Miss Bertha E. Olsen, and the hostess, Miss Arbuckle.

SIXTY-FIVE STUDENTS ATTEND OPEN HOUSE

Approximately sixty-five students attended open house in the College lounge Saturday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Miss Ivy Lee Myers, instructor in education, chaperoned, while Brooks Golden and August Kaser of the social committee, assisted.

Visitors included Ralph Mendenhall, A.B. '39, Raymond Mendenhall and Robert Huerman, all of Sistersville.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Grover J. Johnson has announced that the first Sunday in each month will be "College Sunday" at the Glenville Methodist Church. At the 11 a. m. worship service on this day, he will have a sermon especially adapted to the needs of College people. At various times students will participate in the service with special music and in other ways.

RECREATION SPECIALIST TO BE HERE DECEMBER 5-6

Miss Jane Farwell, recreation specialist from Oglesby Park, Wheeling, will direct games for College students in the gymnasium Thursday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 8:15 o'clock, and Friday, Dec. 6 from 8 to 10:30 o'clock. Miss Farwell, who has studied in New York and Europe, accompanies her games with accordion music.

The recreation leader will come to the College under the auspices of the 4-H Club.

PAGE MORRISON HERE

Page Morrison, S. N. '27, of Bluefield, district supervisor for the Equitable Life Insurance Co., was a visitor in the Mercury office Friday afternoon.

Teresa (Butcher) visited Evelyn McClain of Normantown over the weekend.

Helen Heater and Geraldine McClain were week-end guests of Ora Mae Poling, A.B. '40, of Sand Ridge.

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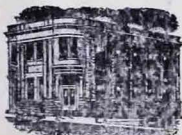
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Miss Fisher Says She Could Have Concert Audience From Relatives Alone

By Mary Adelaide Brown
A half hour before the curtains were drawn for the concert Wednesday night, I was taken backstage and introduced to Miss Susanne Fisher.

While she was making up for the stage, the gracious prima donna granted an informal interview. Clad in an orchid dressing gown and slippers, Miss Fisher admitted that though it was "grand" to be home again where "I could make a concert audience from my relatives alone," snow covered West Virginia mountains very nearly caused Glenville admirers disappointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Menz left immediately after the concert, which completed a three weeks' tour of Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee, for New York where both had Friday rehearsals in preparation for yesterday's opening of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Miss Fisher regretted she was unable to visit her home in Sutton. The star's traveling costume included a rust and rose tailored frock, Mercury hat, brown shoes and ermine coat.

Miss Fisher's favorite opera is "La Boheme," in which she met Mr. Menz.

As the leading tenor sang to the leading soprano, both realized "it was love at first sight."

When asked her favorite song, she replied, "There are so many beautiful songs that I have no special one. I like the one I happen to be singing."

She explained that success in singing on the stage or radio depends on the type of voice and experience one has had, and added: "It is the survival of the fittest, you know." She also maintained that Hollywood has not lessened stage appreciation.

"On the other hand," she said, "the movie, have shown us we have to be able to act."

Miss Fisher proudly displayed three photographs of her blond, two-year old daughter, Sally.

"Are you going to teach her to sing, too," I asked.

She replied, "No, we are going to teach her to play the piano. Then she can accompany us on our tour." The brunette singer herself planned to be a pianist before her voice was discovered at the Cincinnati Conservatory. Immediately she completed three years of work in six months.

Comment most frequently heard after the concert, and I cannot think of a more fitting one, was, "Whew! she certainly has personality plus."

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED FOR CANTERBURY CLUB

Miss Willa Brand, faculty adviser of the Canterbury Club, has invited club members to a Christmas party at her apartment Saturday, Dec. 14. The program will include: "The Story of the Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke, told by Helen Heater; "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, Geraldine McClain and "Budd's Christmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggin, James Heater. Modern short stories were told the past Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in Room 1 of the Robert F. Kidd Library. Teresa Butcher told "Old Man Minick," by Edna Ferber, and Paul Real, "The Happy Prince," by Oscar Wilde.

Miss Goldie C. James visited relatives in Fairmont over the week-end. While there she was a guest of Fairmont State Teachers College officials who conducted her on a tour through the science hall.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown drove to Clarksburg Saturday. They were accompanied by their daughters, Katharine, Belle and Frances Ann, and Miss Gayla Bryant.

S. C. KENNEDY, COLLEGE ALUMNUS, BURIED, NOV. 25

Funeral services for S. C. Kennedy, S. N. '35, fifty-seven years old, were held at the Steer Run Church Monday, Nov. 25. Mr. Kennedy was the father of Junior Kennedy, former student in the College, and a brother of the Rev. Fell Kennedy, A. B. '35. He died Sunday, November 25, following a short illness of pneumonia and complications. Burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Mr. Carey Woofter of the College faculty attended.

PAKIES PLANNED FOR GIRLS' DORMITORIES

Christmas parties are being planned by Mrs. Emma Speir and Mrs. Nora V. Roberts for the girls in Kanawha and Verona Maple Halls. Tentative date for both parties is Tuesday, Dec. 17.

LIBRARY NOTES

Vincent Sheean, foreign war correspondent and internationally known writer who will speak here Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock, has written several historical novels, as well as an autobiography and numerous magazine articles. The Library has a copy of the book that brought him fame—"Personal History," a Literary Guild selection giving Sheean's own ambitions and ideas as well as his adventures in Morocco, China and Palestine.

Students may also obtain the lecturer's three historical novels. "Not Peace But a Sword," a Book-of-the-Month, is his eye-witness account of events during the fateful year March 1938 to March 1939 in Prague, Vienna, Madrid, London, Paris and Berlin. G. M. A. Grube says "Sanfelice," a historical novel of the unsuccessful Jewish revolution at Naples in 1789, is "a trifle heavy at times but undoubtedly holds the attention and fills the reader's mind from beginning to end."

"A Day of Battle" describes, through action taking place on May 11, 1745, not only the battle of Fontenoy between French and English troops, but the lives of characters and history of the whole period. Fanny Butcher said Mr. Sheean "writes with authority and dignity and at times a definite charm."

Students are doubly fortunate in having access to two rare books recently presented to the Library by Mr. Carey Woofter, College registrar. E. A. Pillard's "Lost Cause," a history of the Civil War published at that time, contains a "full and accurate account of the rise and progress of the Southern Confederacy."

The other unusual book, published in 1862, deals also with the rise, progress and decline of secession. "Pardon Brownlow's Book" is written by W. G. Brownlow, an uneducated country preacher who had taught himself to read by the Bible. Later he became editor of a Tennessee newspaper, the Knoxville Whig. Brownlow's sentiments

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and efforts were on the side of the Union; therefore, since his office was the last place to fly the Confederate flag, he was arrested, put in prison and sent to Ohio where he wrote the book. After the War, Brownlow returned to Tennessee where he was elected governor and later became a member of the Senate.

Statistics compiled by the librarians show that during the year October 1937 to October 1938, there were 434 books checked out; 1938 to 1939, 668 were lent and October 1939 to October 1940, circulation has increased to 918. This includes only two-weeks loan books.

Equipment added to the Library this week, some of which students will notice and other of which will pass unobserved, includes reference book ends, magazine strapper, tape for magazine stacks and catalog cards.

These Students Were Thankful

These students doubled their thanks during Thanksgiving vacation: Delis Blake, for a sprained ankle instead of a broken one, as he thought after he fell while rabbit hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Berry for a screen door which their car tore from a home near Lockney when things turned topsy turvy and their machine left the highway and rolled about fifty feet before coming to a halt.

Newman Rader for torn ligaments in his arm instead of an arm torn off—he was injured while operating a tractor on his father's farm.

ELSIE ROBERTS VISITS HERE

Miss Elsie Roberts, alumna of the College and a supervisor of nurses in the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, was here over the week-end for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Nora V. Roberts, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Linn B. Hickman.

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