

MERCURY MUSINGS

A Column of Highlights
From Here and There
And Everywhere

By ALBERT WOOFER
TWO officers in the United States Army Reserve Corps wound up minus their commissions the past week.
Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, whose democratic tendencies seem to be a debatable question, tendered his resignation to the War Department.
Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, newspaper columnist and opponent of the lend-lease bill, was denied renewal of his commission which expired April 10. The Associated Press said that the War Department approved his application for reappointment but that President Roosevelt "turned him down after an exchange of correspondence in which the peppy general charged that personalities were involved." This accusation was denied by Stephen T. Early, presidential secretary, the A. P. said.

OPEN FORUMS

DURING the next few weeks a number of students and teachers will visit communities and hold open forum discussions on national defense and the values of a democracy. They will call to the attention of the people the seriousness of the European situation in an effort to foster more cooperation for mutual defense. They will emphasize the danger, not so much from the standpoint of an actual invasion of this country, but from the economic paralysis that would result in case of Nazi victory. An article in the February issue of Harper's Magazine, "A House Divided Against Itself," should be required reading for all who plan to lead these discussions.

CROWNED QUEEN

BEFORE a crowd estimated at 10,000, Mollie Foules Lee, of New York, was crowned queen of the annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester, Va., the past Thursday. She received the crown from Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., former United States Steel executive.

ASKS FOR SHIPS

WENDELL L. Wulke, 1940 Republican standard-bearer, in the current issue of Collier's voice a plea for the U. S. to send more ships to Britain and to take steps to see that supplies from this country reach Britain. The article is an answer to one by Charles A. Lindbergh which appeared in the same magazine a few issues ago.

REPORTERS ARRIVE

TWO American newspaper men, Robert St. John of the Associated Press, and Leigh White, C. B. S. radio commentator and representative of the overseas news agency, arrived safely in Cairo, Egypt, Friday after a four-hundred mile voyage in a rowboat. Both were slightly wounded. They are two of the five reporters which the current issue of Time magazine reports as missing. Others are: Leon Kay, of the United Press; Russell Hill, of the New York Herald-Tribune; and Ray Brock, of the New York Times.

Group Visits Weston, Clarksburg Libraries

Off to Weston and Clarksburg went English 222 and 228 students yesterday to visit and observe libraries. Twenty students, instructor Miss Wilhelmina White, and bus driver, Allen Boggs, observed the free reading program at Weston High School, visited Washington Irving High School Library, the public library and the James & L. Book Co., at Clarksburg.

The group ate at the Golden Restaurant, operated by the father of E. G. Golden, a junior in the College.

Inscription in the lobby of the Miller College music building reads: "Such as the built in, such are the people of the commonwealth."

NEVER A WEDNESDAY WITHOUT MUSIC



Or What Would College Be Without An Orchestra?

Getting a good clear picture of the College orchestra has always been one 'tough' job for Mercury photographers, but this time Paul Beal, staff photographer, thinks readers may be able to get some conception of the number of students who report regularly for this type of campus collegiate activity. Here in this rather informal pose on the stage of the auditorium are Miss Bertha E. Olsen, left of drum major, and the following orchestra members: Carl Spurgeon, Eleanor Mace, Teresa Butcher, Evelyn Keith, Harry Bingham, Maxine Farrar, Robert Stalnaker, Miss Dorothy Queen, Donzel Betts, Kline Bush, Hoyt Umstead, Edith Pell, James Law, Catherine Howard, Oral Cunningham, Rose Marine Taylor, Ernestine Kennedy, Billy Adams, Charlott Holcomb, Don Shreve, (guest) Betty Elizabeth Rohr, Katy Adams, Emma Jane Murphy, Ray Baxter Musser, Mary Alice Wagner (guest) and Janet Murphy.

ROTARIANS HONOR MADELYN CONRAD, COLLEGE JUNIOR

Will Represent Club As Princess at Rhododendron Festival in Webster Springs

Madelyn Conrad, College junior and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland F. Conrad of this city, has been named princess to the Rhododendron Festival at Webster Springs to represent the Glenville Rotary Club. Miss Conrad, active in campus affairs and a former Home-coming princess, was named by a committee of three, Elmer Shaver, T. W. Hyer, and the Rev. C. Lloyd Arohart. She is the second Glenville girl in as many years to represent the Club. Princess the past year was Ruth Annahall Hull, College senior and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hull of Northvale Addition.

Miss Conrad will go to Webster Springs about July 2 and will remain for the three day program, which will be held July 3, 4 and 5. She will be a guest of Festival officials while there, as will princesses from many other towns and from the State Senatorial Districts. The festival will be the fifth annual one.

In addition to approving selection of Miss Conrad as the Club's princess Rotarians at their weekly luncheon Thursday heard a paper read by Earl McDonald, Mercury sports editor and College athletic publicity man. McDonald traced briefly the growth of athletics in the College and related humorous incidents in early contests here and throughout the state. In charge of the program was A. F. Rohrbough.

The Club elected Earl R. Boggs to serve on the board of directors of the Glenville County Recreation Center and voted to send Richard Whiting to Boys' State at Jackson's Mill, Whiting, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Whiting, is a nephew of Hunter Whiting of the College faculty.

In charge of the program this week will be Dr. E. G. Rohrbough, president of the College.

Seniors Start Play Practice

Practice on the one act plays to be presented by the senior class on June 3 began yesterday.

In the comedy, "Tenth Word," a play with two scenes, Gwendolyn Beall will have the leading role and will be supported by Eva Amos, Elizabeth Fryatt, Teresa Butcher, Eula Nick and Thelma Hill.

The play "Fixin'," an impressive tragedy, will be presented by Helen Reeder, Robert Butcher and James Woodford.

Gordonia McClain has been added to the cast for the final play, "Sunday Costa Five Pesos," a lively Mexican farce. Others playing parts will be: Agnes Wright, Athena Null, Jo Reeder and Ralph Cox.

Teachers College have convinced the faculty that little socks are a proper part of campus attire.

Pres. E. G. Rohrbough Will Crown G Club Queen at Annual Lettermen's Ball, May 17

Committees Working Out Details for Annual Coronation And Dance

The crowning of Catherine Withers as Miss G Club V, by Pres. E. G. Rohrbough, will take place at 10:30 p. m., following the grand march, at the fifth annual lettermen's ball, May 17, announce, Harold Scott, G Club president, John Davis Rohrbough, son of Coach and Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, will be crown bearer for the second consecutive year.

Miss Withers, recently elected queen by twenty-four members of the G Club, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Withers, of Glenville, and also the sophomore class president-elect.

As Miss G Club V, she is preceded by Lois Jarvis, of Grantsville; Wilma Bradford, of Walton; Arlene Workman, of Gasaway; and Olive Myers, of Glenville.

Princesses to the queen will be Lorraine Skeen, sophomore, daughter of Captain and Mrs. G. H. Lyn Beal, daughter of Mrs. Lenora Skeen of Charleston, and Gwendolyn Beal, of Glenville.

George Hall and his ten-piece orchestra from Shinnston, who have appeared on the campus on other occasions, will furnish the music. Earl McDonald, Brooks Golden, and William Kafer are in charge of decorations.

Students Will Vote On Constitutional Changes on May 14

Students in the College will vote on three proposed changes in the Student government constitution at their regular monthly meeting May 14. The Council, in a special meeting a week ago, agreed to place the three proposed changes before the student body. The amendments are: Article X, Section 1—(Strike out) "The president of the Student Council shall read or cause to be read the proposed amendment before the Student Body at the next meeting of that body. It shall not be discussed or otherwise acted upon at this meeting but..."

Article V, Section 3 (a) (To add) To apportion among the various student activities such part of the student activity fees as the President of the College may authorize.

Article IV, Section 1 (Strike Out) "No Student body officers shall succeed themselves in office."

WILL NOT GRADUATE ENOUGH COLLEGE TRAINED ENGINEERS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—(APC)—Engineering schools in American Colleges and universities, will graduate this June fewer than one-third of the number of engineers required to play important roles in ever-expanding defense industries, according to an estimate by Dr. R. P. Hammond, dean of the school of engineering at Pennsylvania State College.

GILMER COUNTY RECREATION CENTER DIRECTORS MEET, ELECT THREE-MEMBER PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Plans For Developing Project Move Forward
As Organizations Name Representatives
And Map Out Various Activities

H. L. White, dean of the College, was elected president of the Gilmer County Recreation Center at a meeting last night in which ten directors, representing as many different organizations, were present. Only other person nominated for the post was Earl R. Boggs, the Rotary Club's director-elect.

The meeting, called to order by County Agent I. N. Petty in order to effect a central organization for starting a long-term program and plan of activity, was the first to be held since original steps to get the center were taken several weeks ago. Mrs. Blair Gainer was elected secretary, and Russell Stivers, of Morgantown High School, treasurer.

Named a committee of three to work out a community treasury and present a plan at the next meeting, set for May 12, were I. N. Petty, Adele Harpold and Russell H. McQuinn.

Directors present agreed that the three elected officials should comprise an executive board with full authority to act in said capacity.

A motion to have water on the Center tested for drinking purposes carried and the executive committee was authorized to have the testing done.

The Recreation Center is the 110 acre tract formerly used as a county poor farm. Recently the organizations entered into an agreement with the County Court whereby the farm was released for recreation center purposes.

One of the first projects started was the laying out of a golf course and the building of greens and tees. This work is being done through the county NYA with the Golf Club bearing 25 per cent of the expense and the NYA 75 per cent.

Golf Club members lately have been donating their services and have assisted in cleaning up the grounds for a nine-hole course.

All organizations in the county will sponsor activities at the Center, located two miles from Glenville. On the farm is a three-story dwelling, now occupied by John Lovett.

Present at last night's meeting were Russell Stivers, Mrs. Carey Bush, Mrs. Blair Gainer, Earl R. Boggs, H. L. White, Lucy Wolfe, the Rev. W. H. Beal, Newton Cooper, I. N. Petty, Miss Harpold and Russell McQuinn.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT TO GIVE PROGRAM

Will Be Held Thursday Night
In College Auditorium
At 8:15 O'clock

Members of the College music department will present for students, faculty and townspeople a diversified program in the College Auditorium Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock. Directed by Miss Bertha E. Olsen, instructor in music, and including more than 100 students, the Concert will be the last major music function of the school year. The program follows:

"The Bohemian Girl," Balfe-Zamencik, "Voice of Spring," Strauss-Zamencik, by the orchestra; "Land of Our Hearts," Charwick, "The Water-Lily," Converse, and "The Home Road," Carpenter, by the chorus; "Old Folks at Home," Casey, trumpet solo, by Charles Hensley; "Ambrosius," Leck, "Morning Mood," Greig, piano solos, by Carl Spurgeon.

"Prayer" from "Hansel and Gretel," by Humperdinck-Elmrich, "The Banisher," Tappin, by the women's chorus; "Supplication," Guarante, saxophone solo, Hoyt Umstead; "March from 'Tannhauser,'" Wagner-Zamencik, "Andante Cantabile," Tchaikowsky-Zamencik, by the orchestra; and "The Village Blacksmith," Gaiques, a cantata, by the chorus.

Mrs. John E. Arbuckle will be piano accompanist and Miss Paustine Stump soloist.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR LLOYD ELLIOTT'S FATHER

Funeral services for John D. Elliott, 63-years old, retired school teacher of Clay County, were held Saturday afternoon at his home at Lenoire. He is the father of Lloyd Elliott, A. B. '37, now principal of Widen High School.

Mercury Offers Digest's Special Picture Edition

Best photographs taken by American collegiate amateurs in the 1940-41 school year are reproduced in a special edition of Collegiate Digest. The Mercury's weekly rotogravure section distributed today.

The Salon Edition publishes winners selected from 926 prints submitted by student and faculty photographers in forty states—a new all-time record for entries.

A board of judges made up of recognized leaders in the fields of photography and art selected winners. Top honors for any one school went to Los Angeles City College. Purpose of the Salon Edition is to pay honor to the high artistic and technical excellence of the work of camera artists on U. S. campuses.

The special honor award photo on the front page of Collegiate Digest, "Negro," was given prominent position because it combines photographic excellence with great reader appeal.

The Salon Edition will be featured again next year. Students of Glenville State Teachers College are invited to enter the contest. Deadline for the fifth contest will be about April 1, 1942.

FIVE STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN SPEECH RECITAL

A "variety of material" will be presented in the annual spring speech recital Tuesday, May 20, announces Miss Kathleen Robertson, director. Participants in the recital will be members of Speech 305 class. They are: Agnes Wright, Gwendolyn Beal, Joe Reeder, Geraldine McClain, and Paul Beal.

Earl Spencer returned Sunday from a Morgantown Hospital.

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Like Silent Partners They Help Make The Mercury

IN a nation-wide contest for college newspapers, the Mercury again won a first-place rating this year, and many who are never in the Journalism laboratory play parts in its winning.

Purpose of a newspaper is to give information, to tell the who, when, why, where, what and how of happenings. That is where students play their parts, for the Mercury writes of activities of students in the College. The steady stories deal with the YMCA, the YWCA, the Canterbury Club, the Student Council and similar organizations. They make news each week, maybe not big news each time, but there must be small stories as well as big ones.

The success of a newspaper depends upon the energy of the people whom it writes about. When students work hard and do worthwhile things, printing a newspaper is easy; the only difficulty being in finding space to record all the happenings.

If students want publicity for their organizations, all they have to do is to get busy. When they do something worthwhile we generally hear about it, and it becomes news. If students continue to work with the zeal which they have shown in the past, they will always have good organizations, and the Mercury will continue to receive first-place rating.—Albert Woolfer.

Up Again is Question Of Swing Vs 'Old Masters'

IN matters of taste there is no room for dispute. We saw in assembly Wednesday an example of two contending groups, each maintaining that it was right. This reminds one of the six blind men who went to see the elephant and concluded that the elephant was like a tree, rope, fan, etc.—after having examined only a part of the animal. Each group was willing to see only its point of view. The other side was wrong.

The classicists group say that swing music appeals to the primitive instinct of rhythm in man. They point to the fact that the native African will dance with glee to the regular recurring plunk, plunk, boom of the tom-tom, and that in order to appreciate the work of the masters we must develop an ear for music.

The other side just as vehemently maintain that swing is a product of this age and is inferior to none. They believe it unfair to measure modern music by the standards set up 100 or 200 years ago when form and content took precedence over appeal to the emotions.

It might be wise if the two would recognize that this disagreement cannot be settled. One will dance with glee and listening to the old masters while the other will gleefully listen to Benny Goodman and others. Let there be a truce. Both are good; but each is better for its audience.—Cleo Berry.

Over There It's Concentration; Over Here It's Consecration

SUMMER vacation time will soon be here and thousands of people will spend at least one week in a religious camp. In Europe Christians are in concentration camps; in America they will be in consecration camps. The two kinds are absolute opposites.

In the concentration camp, life is degraded to the lowest depths of misery; in the religious camp, it is elevated to a very high plane of happiness, because most of the persons in it are motivated by love of God and fellow-men, keynote of the Christian religion. They possess in common a desire to improve themselves morally and spiritually.

A day in a religious camp is packed full of study, discussion, worship of God, and wholesome recreation. During much of the time the camp rings with laughter and singing and at times all is still with deep reverence.

Perhaps the popularity of the religious camps is due mostly to the spirit of friendliness and good-will that pervades the atmosphere, making of it a little sample of the kingdom of God on earth.—Paul Beal.

Wit consists in knowing the resemblance of things which differ, and the difference of things which are alike.—Madame de Staël.

It is often stated that in 1914-1919 the Allies won the war but lost the peace.—Events.

From the standpoint of our national survival nothing could be more shortsighted than to give England some help but not enough to make certain her victory.—Editor of the New Republic.

Capers

A Column of Spies And Life For College Males And Females

We don't know whether it's clannish or just what, but when one Richwooder goes they all go. . . . Even F. Bowles. . . . B. Stalner devotes all his time to the lawn chairs and Rosemary. . . . G. Lang and J. Moss Whisk in from the Buckeye state for the weekend at Verona Maple. . . . C. Spurgeon and D. Wagner enjoy flower trips and bug hunts frequently. . . . It's a mystery why A. Reese shines his shoes so often and why "Doc" Wagner didn't attend the Verona Maple house party Saturday night. . . . E. Pickens says he lost his gal, so he and H. Boston "celebrate." . . . A move has been made for the weekend period to be extended, especially for H. McElwee and F. White.

Flash! It's the latest! I. Hoover and E. Hershman are said to be moving forward at a rapid pace.

Please note: All persons with the mumps are asked to get in touch with Mr. Hunter Whiting.

The Bailes-Clarke affair has become quite common, but a new addition has been made, a new Chevrolet, and N. Bader and P. Burke to make a crowd. . . . W. Lamb still frequents the Wilson farm.

Boobie Smith sings "We Three" as he returns from a sojourn into Nicholas. . . . L. Skeen's Charleston boy-friend breezes in to give Betty Golden some needed relief.

There's been some comment recently as to the same names appearing in this column week after week. A suggestion: Either stop or do something different. . . . So long 'til Tuesday. D. B. et al.

O' Wisdom

As Recorded In The Past By Sages And Others

I would far rather be ignorant than wise in the foreboding of evil.—Aeschylus.

Look in my face: My name is Might-have been;

I am also called No-more, Tossle, Farewell.—D. Gabriel Rossetti.

To treat a poor wretch with a bottle of Burgandy, and fill his snuff-box, is like giving a pair of leaved ruffles to a man that has never a shirt on his back.—Tom Brown.

As evidence accumulates it becomes increasingly clear that in education, as in other things, we get what we pay for.—L. R. Kilzer.

You may think they are radical sometimes, but if you really want to see democracy in this country, go into the average high school of this nation.—Willis A. Sutton.

Men died from time to time, and worms have eaten them,—but not for love.—Shakespeare.

Miss Lorentz Directs Foreign Missions Program

Miss Grace Lorentz, College dietitian, was in charge of a children's foreign missions program at the Glenville Presbyterian Sunday School Sunday. Introduction was read by Miss Lorentz, and was followed by a brief description and location with flags of five mission fields of Japan, Korea, Belgian Congo, China and Brazil, by Mary Jean Ralston. Patty Glascock, Roberta Cain, Anne Lynne Hickman, John Rohrbough, and Loretta Ann Cain of the beginners class, sang a song and gave a Bible verse. A story, "Bright Sky Tomorrow," was told by Anne Withers, and the story of "Zoma's Gift," was related by Margy Jack.

Roger Cain, Marilyn Cain, Scott Withers, George Schimmel and Marie Harver presented a play, and a prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. C. Lloyd Arehart.

College Humor

Student: Teacher, do you want map No. 23 to be of ancient or modern Europe?

Teacher: Modern, of course. Why are you late in handing yours in?

Student: Hitler moves faster than I, so I've been unable to make a modern map.

CAMPUS CARTOON



Notes from

The Robert F. Kidd Library

By CLYDE DOTSON

THE Library has one hundred books ready to send to the binders for new covers. Perhaps old volumes in new apparel will have more reading appeal.

Some time ago there was received a new fluorescent floor lamp—"four speeds forward"—which brings daylight to a dark corner of the office.

Mr. Raymond E. Freed and Coach A. F. Rohrbough have the clipping department, thanks for the many magazines donated. Other instructors having discarded magazines may please note.

SPEAKING of magazines, the following should be worth the attention of students in education: Some are of special interest to seniors seeking aid for teaching positions.

"School and Society"; "Clearing House"; for secondary schools; "Debunking and up to date"; "Journal of National Education Association"; once each year a list of fifty educational books recommended;

"Educational Method", published by the department of supervisors and directors of instruction, National Education Association.

OTHERS: "Education", devoted to the science, art, philosophy and literature of education; "Education Digest", digest of articles from other magazines; "American School Board Journal"; "Elementary School Journal"; "Educational Administration and Supervision"; "Journal of Educational Psychology"; "Journal of Educational Research"; "Journal of Health and Physical Education"; "School Arts Magazine"; "School Executive"; and "School Review". Many others are of interest but space does not permit listing them.

THREE books in keeping with the discussions on democracy, now being held are: "Democracy's Challenge to Education", by Benjamin Amidon, "American Faith", by E. S. Bates, and "Group Education for Democracy" by W. H. Kilpatrick.

Robert Fidler Leads Student Body In Open Forum on Budget Problem

Discussions pro and con concerning possibilities of an annual to be published next year, and allotments for the Lyceum Committee next year were heard in assembly Wednesday during an open forum conducted by Robert Fidler, Council president-elect.

Mr. Fidler stated that in order to have a yearbook, approximately \$300 would have to be set aside from the portion of the activity fee which the Council will budget. It was voted by the students, to publish a yearbook providing the proper number of subscribers could be obtained next fall. Fidler also asked for discussion on the Lyceum programs, stating that some of the numbers this year were attended by very few students.

William Hughes, sophomore, cited a lack of variety in the programs and suggested a dance band at least once a year.

Miss Bertha E. Olsen, member of the Lyceum Committee felt that a dance band was not educational but purely entertaining.

Charles Heasley, freshman, argued that a dance band and the new type of music were educational.

Homor Moore, College junior suggested that Mr. Fidler appoint a committee to find out what the term "Lyceum" means. On the committee Fidler appointed Mr. Moore, William Hughes, Paul Beal, and Leon Smith.

Clyde Dotson, a junior, suggested club, and organizations on the campus be allowed a portion of the money to be spent, to send delegations to different conferences and to use as they see fit.

Other persons speaking for an allotment in the Council's budget were Mr. Lynn B. Hickman, in behalf of The Glenville Mercury; Delis Bliss for the Social Committee; and Robert Stalner for a pep-band for ball games.

They that stand high have many blasts to shake them;

And if they fall, they dash themselves to pieces.—Shakespeare.

Faculty Members Entertain At Bridge Luncheon

Miss Goldie C. James, Miss Margaret D. Kenney, Miss Bertha E. Olsen, Miss Kathleen Robertson and Miss Willema White, members of the College faculty, were hostesses to more than eighty-five friends and relatives at a bridge luncheon at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Clarksburg, Saturday.

From tables arranged with a variety of spring flowers, luncheon was served in the Dixie room, after which guests assembled in the ballroom for bridge and other games. Prizes awarded at the close of the bridge games went to Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, high; Mrs. C. M. Bennett, second; Miss Adele Harpold, traveling; and Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough, chair. For other games Miss Belle Hall was awarded high score; Mrs. Harry Brown, of Buckhannon, second; and Mrs. R. L. McGee, chair.

Numbers of guests present by towns were: Buckhannon, 6; Clarksburg, 5; Clendenin, 4; Gratton, 1; Huntington, 3; Keyser, 1; Tamer, 1; Weston, 6; and Glenville 60.

TOO MUCH FOR LEISURE

A midwestern survey shows the average college student spends 41.1 hours a week in leisure pursuits. The greatest amount of this time is occupied by relatively aimless loafing, bull sessions, radio listening, drinking and driving.

Quick

QUIPS

Charles Heasley College Freshman My dear Sir:

Swing music is educational, but so is saloon—in the evils of drinking.

Yours, Quicksilver.

Right With the News

by Agnes Wright

CERTAIN to attract attention of all music lovers is the annual Spring Music Concert to be given in the College auditorium Thursday night. . . . Comprised of the entire music groups, orchestra and townspeople, and presenting music of a varied nature, the Concert will be the last major music activity of the school year. . . . An outstanding feature: Presentation of the familiar Longfellow "Village Blacksmith," cantata form, arranged by Gaines. . . . Deserving special praise is Miss Bertha E. Olsen, director, for time and energy spent.



Agnes Wright energy spent.

SOCIAL activities now in the making: Along about this time every year Current Events members journey to the home of speech, Mrs. Beale B. Bell, for an annual spring outing to celebrate a successful year's work. . . . This time it's May 18. . . . Canterburyans, not to be neglected, and to receive the full benefit of a lovely May morning, trip to the Beeches each year for a breakfast as a last celebration. . . . However, time and place are undecided as yet. . . . Speech 206 students will release pent-up emotions and dramatic ability for those who care to hear it Tuesday, May 20, in the auditorium. . . . Alpha Psi will put on the "Ritz" May 16—to be climaxed by the G Club dance the 17th. . . . And plans are well under way for the annual Press banquet at the Whiting Tea Room, May 23.

To those who feel that College has nothing to offer: Key Fraternity of St. Olaf College presents an annual "Flunker's Frolic." . . . For those who must dance before work, a hop such as this might well be in order here.

As a part of the NYA's broader music program, Symphony orchestras of the NYA will broadcast a series of Sunday concerts beginning May 18—dedicated to the contributions of foreign-born citizens to American democracy. . . . Tribute will be paid to contributors by playing music of the Old World from which they came and of the New World to which they have expressed allegiance. . . . First broadcast will feature Italian and North American music.

MUSIC: From federal feature syndicate of New York City this week comes reviews of favorite recordings in the music world. . . . "Dolores," a new Columbia waxing by Harry James, rates high. . . . James, who, said by many may be the "band of tomorrow," does it up right with his trumpet solo specially. . . . "Walkin' by the River" (Columbia) and "Amopola" (Victor) find favor also.

MERRY MAIDEN'S MOVIE MOMENTS

COME on and hear, come on and see, "Alexander's Ragtime Band." I don't know whether it's the bestest band what am, but anyhow it's here, for a return engagement at the Pictureland Theater, tonight and tomorrow night. Alice Faye couldn't be better. And—girls! Tyrone Power is in it!

Thursday and Friday night, "Tugboat Annie Sails Again." Marjorie Rameau has the leading role, and Alan Hale is her rival. Jane Wyman and Ronald Reagan, who are now married, are also in the cast. What is this thing called love? Maybe we will get a few clues from the picture "This Thing Called Love," at the Pictureland, Sunday and Monday, in which Rosalind Russell and Melvyn Douglas, as a young married couple, decide upon a three months' abstinence period to prove their love is genuine.

Hope you didn't miss the short at the Pictureland last week which starred Elsa Maxwell. She gave us the low-down on how she broke into society. It ended with a beautiful three-point landing.

THAT double feature at the Lyric Theater tonight and tomorrow night, should be worth your time and money. The Higgins Family is featured in "Meet the Missus," and "Bowery Boy," stars Dennis O'Keefe and Louise Campbell. Marlene Dietrich stars in "Seven Sinners," coming to the Lyric, Thursday and Friday. She plays the role of a lovely cave singer, who has been deported from our South Sea island after another because everywhere she goes men fight over her. John Wayne plays opposite Dietrich, and others in the cast include Albert Dekker, Broderick Crawford, Mischa Auer, Billy Gilbert, Anna Lee and Oscar Homolka.

CECIL B. DeMille truly outdoes himself in his "North West Mounted Police," an exciting Technicolor production of how a Texas Ranger gets the man the Mounties are after, but a Mountie gets the girl (Madeleine Carroll).

PERSONAL

Dear M. D. and R. R.—Ain't It Grand . . . "This Thing Called Love?"

What is "This Thing Called Love?"

?? Pictureland Theatre ??

SUNDAY-MONDAY

Pioneers Present Strong Tennis Team

LOCAL NETMEN SCORE 7-0 VICTORY AT MONTGOMERY OVER WEST VIRGINIA TECH AND WIN ON HOME COURT 6 TO 1

Fred Shreve, Glenville's No. 1 Man, Drops Only One Point to Young; Loses at Fairmont to E. Pyles

Pioneer tennis players got off to a busy start the past week when they whirled into action on three different fronts in as many days. On Thursday they breezed through an assignment at Montgomery against West Virginia Tech to win 7-0, the first tennis victory for the Pioneers in two years.

Friday the Pioneers were in Fairmont where they dropped a close nine-point match, 6-4. Tech paid the locals a return visit Saturday afternoon and lost 6-1. Furman Young, No. 1 man for the Montgomery team, garnered Tech's only point when he disposed of Glenville's Fred Shreve 6-1; 0-6, 6-2. Shreve whipped Young at Montgomery Thursday, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Eugene Pyles of Fairmont, state junior doubles champion, showed Shreve aside Friday, winning 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. Jack Miles, Glenville's No. 2 man, fell before J. Satterfield of Fairmont, 6-2, 6-2. Miles and Shreve paired in the doubles to win over Satterfield and Pyles, 6-4, 6-4. Other points earned by Glenville against Fairmont were credited to Boly Armstrong, James Cain and Ray Baxter Musser. William Whetzel lost his No. 6 match and paired with Musser to drop the No. 3 doubles.

Complete results of the Glenville-West Virginia Tech match here Saturday are: (Singles) No. 1—Young (Tech) beat Shreve 6-1, 0-6, 6-2; No. 2—Armstrong (G) won over Gray 7-5, 6-2. No. 3—Cain (G) beat Frazier 6-3, 6-3. No. 4—Miles (G) beat Tolley 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. No. 5—Musser beat Keener 6-2, 6-4. (Doubles) Shreve and Musser (G) beat Young and Tolley 6-0, 6-4. Cain and Armstrong (G) defeated Frazier and Gray 6-2, 6-0.

MERCURY GETS FIRST-CLASS HONOR RATING AWARDED BY ALL-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER CRITICAL SERVICE, 1941

Judging Done at University of Minnesota Under Direction of Fred L. Kildow; About 500 Papers Entered in Contest

When journalism students and their guests met the evening of May 23 for their second annual Mercury Press Banquet, they'll have another record to pass along to next year's staff.

The past week the Mercury, for the second consecutive year, was awarded the first-class honor rating in the Associate Collegiate Press college and university newspaper contest, conducted at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis.

Approximately 500 papers from all sections of the United States were entered in the contest, each paper, of course, being classified on the basis of enrollment in the college or university it represents. The Mercury was entered in the Teachers College group, weekly publication, enrollment of less than 500. Some fifty or more other newspapers were entered in this classification.

Winning the first-class honor rating entitles the Mercury to a certificate issued by the All-American Newspaper Critical Service of the National Scholastic Press Association, directed by Fred L. Kildow. Certificate earned the past year has been framed and hangs in the Mercury office. Also received each year as a part of the critical service is a scorebook, showing ratings given in all departments. Judging includes these principal phases of the paper: News values and sources, balance, vitality and originality; news writing and editing, content, organization and style; copy reading and proof reading; features, headlines, typography and make-up; departmental pages and special issues, editorials, printing, etc.

The Mercury's rating will appear later in a national news release sent out by the contest officials.

STUMPTOWN RED CAPS TO PLAY CHARLESTON TEAM

The Stumptown Red Caps baseball team, led by Bennett Stump, College junior, will play their opening game Sunday afternoon at the Gilmer County Fair Grounds against the Charleston Du Pont club. On the Stumptown team will be Frank Martin, James Shock and Albert Moore, all former students in the College.

CHEMISTRY CLUB MEETS

A business meeting of the Chemistry Club was held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock in the laboratory.

The College's W. A. A. Council



Leaders in planning sports activities for College girls are these coeds and their instructors, pictured above. Reading, left to right, Mrs. Earl R. Boggs, instructor in women's physical education, Mildred McClung, Summersville; Elizabeth Rohr, Alum Bridge; Lillian Hefner, Burnsville; Teresa Butcher, Cedarville; Lorraine Skeen, Charleston; Catherine Howard, Grantsville; Reva Hanna, Craigsville; Helen McElwee, Richwood. Photo by H. J. Peers.

W. A. A. NOTES

Unless more girls show an interest in softball, this sport for women on the campus will not be featured. It was learned the past week when only nine persons reported to the gymnasium for an organization meeting.

A tennis schedule will be made out this week and girls will play each afternoon at 3 o'clock. A leader for horseshoes will be chosen this week and practices will be started.

COMMUTERS' CLUB MAY FORM A CONSTITUTION

Members of the Commuters' Club expressed enthusiasm for continuation of the Club next year and made plans for a constitution at a meeting Friday. Elmer Cawthon, Jr., president of the Club, said that plans were made for a winner roast for club members at Haystack Grove Friday evening. Chairpersons will probably be Miss Goldie Clare James and Miss Alma Arbuckle. Officers for the coming year will be elected May 14.

Absent the past week because of illness were Ralph Cox, senior, and Robert Hausman, sophomore.

TENNIS TEAM WILL MEET 2 OPPONENTS

Pioneer tennis men will continue their collegiate campaign this coming week-end with two matches scheduled, Wesleyan's Bobcats at Buckhannon Friday, and Alderson-Broadhead Saturday at Philippi. Both matches will be seven point affairs.

James Cain and Ray Baxter Musser, newcomers to this year's squad, have added some strength to the No. 1 and No. 5 positions. Neither one has dropped a match in the squad's three engagements the past week-end. Bob Armstrong, two-year veteran, has also kept his singles record clean in three starts.

Holding the No. 1 post on the Bobcat team is Dick Beppert. In a match the past spring against Wesleyan, Beppert licked Glenville's best, Fred Shreve, 6-0, 8-6.

CONTOUR SURVEY FOR NEW SCIENCE HALL COMPLETED

R. F. Ehrke, supervisor of building and construction under the State Board of Control, and an assistant engineer were here the past week and made surveys and contours for the proposed new \$140,000 science hall to be erected on the campus.

Sports Chatter

By EARL MCDONALD, Mercury Sports Editor

LOOKING around this spring we notice that nearly all the state College leagues are in the midst of a rapidly progressing baseball season—except Glenville, Fairmont, West Liberty, West Virginia Tech, all supported by brother taxpayer, and the denominational Colleges, including Salem, Morris Harvey, Alderson-Broadhead and Wesleyan are going strong at the diamond sport with apparently no financial worries yet. It looks as though Glenville's Pioneers should be in there "pitchin'" their bit for honors. The increased popularity of the sport in the past two years among Colleges in this state is almost proof enough that it should be placed back on the intercollegiate sports calendar at Glenville.

That tennis match between Fred Shreve and Furman Young of West Virginia Tech Saturday afternoon, was a most peculiar affair. Shreve was completely off form in the first set as Young, won easily 6-1. But the lanky Glenville ace got "hot" in the second set to give about fifty spectators a real thrill as he mowed Young aside easily, 6-0. And it looked as if Shreve would have easy sailing in the final set. He took the first game, allowing Young only one point. Young won the next three; Shreve scored another, and then Young sailed through the next three, giving up only nine points.

Young had the ability to volley well. His sense of placement was one of the best this writer has ever witnessed. As for his serve, Young could hardly stir the dust with his first ball, but the one thing he did make sure was that he got one of them in there. Only twice during the entire match did he double fault. Shreve is set for another test this week-end when the red-haired Wesleyan ace, Reppert, handles the No. 1 post for the Bobcats. In a match at Buckhannon.

OVER around Morgantown everybody is yelling about the Mountaineer victory over the Alumni Saturday. I wonder if anybody bought a seat in Mountaineer stadium that afternoon expecting to see the Alumni win? Down in Huntington the past week was reported that a member of Marshall's coaching staff had slugged a grimmer during spring drills and that several members of the Thundering Herd were up in arms about the matter. A broken jaw was said to have been suffered by the player in question. Dick Hudson, Marshall's All-entury since three Morris Harvey boys were declared ineligible the past fall, writes in the Charleston Daily Mail: "The State Board of Control had better do some controlling down Huntington way."

TO less than ten good freshman basketball players are due to enroll at the Pioneer camp next fall. Care fans in these parts should keep their eyes open next winter for surprises in the Pioneer cage squad.

Spring sports fever is catching on the campus faster than the fire did at the Dobbins lumber mill recently. Miss Alma Arbuckle is ready to organize another archery club. The horseshoe pits are always full of activity. Softballers are taking advantage of sunny afternoons, and badminton players take possession of the gymnasium for late evening recreation.

DEAN H. L. WHITE WILL TALK AT RANDOLPH SCHOOL

Dean H. L. White, will be the commencement speaker at the graduation exercises at Harman High School, Randolph County, May 21. His subject will be: "Montani Semper Liberi." Principal of the school is Jason Meadows, A. B. '36.

MARRA, HEFFNER SOFTBALL TEAMS ARE UNDEFEATED

College League Moves Ahead With Four Games To Be Played This Week

The College softball league moved ahead the past week with Joe Marra's and Lloyd Heffner's teams undefeated.

J. Marra's team won over A. Kafer's team, 9-7, with B. Stump and F. White pitching and F. Bowles catching for the winners, and W. Lamb and J. Shumate pitching and catching for Kafer's team. Marra's team also defeated Hollo's team, 13-11, although B. Golden knocked a home run with the bases loaded for the losers. Heffner's team defeated Kafer's team, 9-6, in the last game of the week.

The league continues this week with Hollo vs. Kafer, Heffner vs. Marra, Hollo vs. Heffner and Marra vs. Kafer.

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FACULTY MEMBERS, COLLEGE STUDENTS HOLD OPEN FORUM

**Raymond E. Freed is Leader
Of Talks on "Is Democracy
Worth Saving?"**

At the first of a series of discussions on democracy Thursday night in the College Lounge, twenty students, visitors and faculty members contributed opinions and answers to the question, "Is Democracy Worth Preserving in the United States?"

Raymond E. Freed, chairman and leader of the discussion, believes that "we want to get away from the conception of democracy as a form of government."

During the discussion it was brought out that democracy is a way of life, and if it is worth saving it must have certain advantages over other forms of government.

Paul Beal quoted Dr. Ephraim Edward Erickson as saying, "Far from being an impoverished eternal structure, democracy is a dynamic principle of loyal service and mutual helpfulness."

Donnel Betts thinks one advantage of a democracy is the privilege of a people to change their form of government without revolution.

"Democracy encourages the development of initiative—a dictatorship form of government submerges it," said Mr. Robert T. Crawford.

Richard Harper believes that a dictator, if the most intelligent person be found, might give the people the best form of government, "but, the next person assuming the office might not be so benevolent."

John Hunter Williams says "there is likely to be a greater education of the masses under a democracy. John R. Wagner says a greater freedom of enterprise could be found in our form of government."

"How We Can Improve and Save Democracy in America" will be held May 15, and "To What Extent, if any, would an Axis Victory Endanger the Circumstances of Democracy in America?" the last of the series, is scheduled for May 29.

First In Series Of Forums Held

**Prof. Raymond Freed, Clyde Dotson and Harold Boston
Speak at Elizabeth**

Raymond E. Freed, instructor in the social sciences, Harold Boston, senior, and Clyde Dotson, junior, were speakers at an open forum at Elizabeth last night, in the first of a series of meetings to be held in neighboring counties for the promotion of national defense. The meeting was sponsored by the Adult Education division of the W. P. A., under the supervision of Marie T. Owens.

Mr. Freed, leader of the College group and introductory speaker, pointed out the need of a stronger national defense. In answer to the question, "Why Have It?" second speaker, Boston, cited a number of reasons why we must defend.

Clyde Dotson mentioned a number of ways in which everyone might aid in the defense program. Other College teachers scheduled to visit counties with groups are Miss Beadie B. Bell, Dr. C. F. Harper, H. Y. Clark, and Robert T. Crawford.

**H. Y. CLARK TO SPEAK AT
NORMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. H. Y. Clark, instructor in the College, will speak at the Junior-Senior Banquet at Normantown High School, Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. He will also be guest speaker at the Fluvanna Eighth Grade commencement exercises, Friday, May 16.

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SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

Will Elect Epworth League Officers This Week

A committee of the Epworth League of the Trinity Methodist Church will meet this week to nominate officers for the coming year.

In office now are: Albert Brake, Mildred McClung, Robert Hauman, Helen Heater, Olga Young and Geraldine McClain.

The program Sunday evening was conducted by Wilma Stannard and included talks by Helen Heater and Verdie Braggs; and a vocal duet by Paul Beal and June Wilson, accompanied by Geraldine McClain. The hour for services has been changed from 6:30 to 7:00 p. m.

Anne Amick Heads Sand Fork Alumni

Alumni of Sand Fork High School held their annual party Friday evening in the school gymnasium and elected the following officers: President, Anne Amick, former student in the College; vice-president, Robert Butcher, College senior; and secretary-treasurer, Harolbella Tomney.

College students who attended were: Elizabeth O'Leary, Lanita Rose Casto, Anna Butcher, Mildred Garrett, Elizabeth Fryatt, Charlotte Hyer, Laurene Radcliffe, Johnson Burke, Robert Butcher, Robert Fidler, James Heater, John Fryatt, Billy Decker, Harold Scott, Billy Wheeler and Jack Stalnaker.

Mrs. Rohrbough Is New President of Garden Club

Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough was elected president of the Glenville Garden club at a meeting in the courthouse, Friday night. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. Myra Mick; secretary, Mrs. Raymond H. Boggs; treasurer, Mrs. Carey Bush.

The program consisted of talks by Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough on "Flower Arrangements," Mr. Hunter Whittington on "Porch Boxes," and I. N. Petty, Gilmer county farm agent, on "Fertilizers and Sprays."

College Alumna



Pictured above is Miss Goldie Reynolds, A. B. '38, whose engagement to Harley B. Reger, A. B. '36, of Ireland, was announced recently.

Madeline Moore And Demming Wells Married

Announcement was received here the past week of the marriage of Miss Madeline Moore, A. B. '40, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moore of Glenville, to Mr. Demming Wells, son of H. D. Wells and the late Mrs. Wells of Spencer. The marriage was an event of April 12, at Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Wells, a sister of Homer L. Moore, College junior, teaches at Mount Pleasant, O.

Mr. Wells received the A. B. degree from Marshall College, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was employed by the State Road Commission for some time after graduation but enlisted in the U. S. Army early this year and has been stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., since January 21.

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College Alumni Attend Wedding in Milwaukee

Two College alumni, Miss Elsie V. Roberts and Ladore Nachman, both of Chicago, were in Milwaukee, Wis., over the week-end to attend the wedding of Mr. Kermit Holt and Miss Gisela Marie Leers. Mr. Holt is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Holt, of Clarksburg, former students in the College.

Good nature and good-sense must ever join;
To err is human, to forgive, divine.—Pope.

TO SPEAK AT ROSEDALE

Dr. John C. Shreve, head of the College's education department, will be the commencement speaker at Rosedale Junior High School, Wednesday night, May 14.

TO VOTE ON MEMBERSHIPS

Application for membership in the Olinthobys players will be voted upon by members at the next meeting.

The University of Kentucky is offering a five-week course in billiards for co-eds.

Men became the pursued and women the pursuers at Illinois Wesleyan University's recent "Vice Versa" week.

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