

MERCURY MUSINGS

A Column of Highlights
From Here and There
and Everywhere

By Albert Woolfer
SINCE THIS is the final issue of the Mercury for this year, and the last time I will fill this column, I would like, with your kind permission, to push aside the routine news, and to make a few remarks about college journalism as it appears to me. Don't try to stop me if you've heard this before.

FIRST of all, journalism, even on a college newspaper, is hard work. It takes a great deal of time to gather news and much more to write and proofread it. Every process that a story goes through from the time a reporter takes notes until it appears on the printed page takes time. Journalism students often find themselves working in the laboratory while others are watching tennis matches.

ANOTHER THING that makes writing a headache is the impossibility of pleasing everyone. No matter how hard one tries to deal fairly with others, there is always some person who honestly feels that he has received a dig in the back.

THEN THERE are others who want publicity for their organizations when, as a matter of fact, they have done nothing to make news. So interested are they in their organization that they forget that others are making news that is really worth while, and that it takes all of our time and space to do them justice.

ALSO THERE is always the fear of errors to keep one worrying when there is no work to do. Errors, will creep into a newspaper, no matter how carefully the news is handled. Sometimes, and happily, most of the time, they are small ones and do not harm any one. But once in a while, errors bring a great deal of embarrassment to both the newspaper and the news source.

THOSE REMARKS are not complaints, they are not alibis, not even rationalizations. They are merely facts, and they will never be altered as long as human nature remains as it is.

BUT THERE is another side. A reporter on a college newspaper receives valuable training. He learns to spell better than the average student, learns better grammar and learns to read rapidly and to condense the facts, clearly and concisely. The reporter learns that accuracy is the first law of journalism, that even a mislaid name can do a lot of harm, and that when he is sent out after news he must get it if possible. Those things are valuable in all walks of life.

IN CLOSING, I should like to pay tribute to members of the Student Council of both this, the past, and the coming year for their co-operation in providing sound public relations, and to Mr. Raymond E. Freed, Council adviser, who has given me material for dozens of stories. Also I wish to thank my readers for all of those compliments regarding the column. It was nice of all of you to be so kind.

Students Complete Directed Teaching

Sixteen students taking Education 442 and thirty-four taking Education 218 finished directed teaching the past week when the training school was out. Students teaching in the first grade finished yesterday. All elementary student teachers are meeting in Miss Ivy Lee Myers' room this week.

The summer training school will begin June 12 and end July 24. Free movies will be shown every Wednesday with the theme, "Our American Way."

SEE CAMPUS CARTOON

The College graduates of 1941—160,000 strong—will start to earn 20 billion dollars, in June. Each graduate will earn approximately \$194,000 before retiring of old age in 1981. (See page 2).

WILL PRESENT 3 ONE-ACT PLAYS



3 ONE-ACT PLAYS WILL BE FEATURE OF COMMENCEMENT

Ninety-Six Seniors Listed to Receive A. B. Degree Here Wednesday, June 4

Veering from the usual practice, the senior class, under the direction of Miss Kathleen Robertson, speech instructor, will present three one-act plays Tuesday night, June 3, at 8:15 o'clock in the auditorium: "Tenth Word," a comedy, with a cast of six, "Fixin's," a tragedy, with a cast of three, and "Sunday Costs Five Pesos," with five characters.

The baccalaureate sermon, to be preached by the Rev. Nelson H. Thorn, will open the eleventh annual commencement exercises Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Seniors will meet in Miss Goldie C. James' laboratory at 10:30 to receive caps and gowns and instructions for the procession. Dean H. L. White and Robert R. Fidler, president-elect of the Student Council, will be in charge.

Reservations have been made at a local hotel for Mr. John Temple Graves II, newspaper man of Birmingham, Ala., who will deliver the (Continued on page 4)

In Senior Plays

Pictured above are the cast of three one-act plays seniors will present. Left to right: "Tenth Word," front row, Gwendolyn Beall, Elizabeth Fryatt, Teresa Butcher; back row, Eula Mick, Thelma Peterson Hill, Eva Amos, "Fixin's," Helen Heister, James Woolfer, Robert Butcher, "Sunday Costs Five Pesos," front row, Geraldine McClain, Josephine Reeder. Back row, Agnes Wright, Ralph Cox, Athena Null.

B. Golden Named New President of Holy Roller Court

Brooks Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Golden, of Weston, was unanimously elected judge of the Holy Roller Court for the coming year, last night at a meeting in the College lounge. No other nominations for this office were heard. Golden presided over the meeting in the absence of the present judge, Johnson Burke. Other officers elected were: Clerk, James Heister, of Weston; treasurer, Carl Eismann, of Spencer; sheriff, William Kafer, of Jane Lew; prosecuting attorney, Jack Miles, of Sistersville; defense attorney, Robert Armstrong, of Warren, O.; and representative to Social Committee, William Whetsel, of Kingwood.

Students in Speech Recital Give Audience Touch of Romance, Comedy, Poetry

Comedy, tragedy, romance, and modern poetry were represented the past Tuesday night when advanced interpretation speech students presented in the College auditorium a recital at 8 o'clock under the direction of Miss Kathleen Robertson, instructor in speech.

Divided into two parts with an interlude of music by the College orchestra, the program was begun by Gwendolyn Beall who read three poems: "Eva," by Ralph Hodgson, "Cupid Swallowed," by Leigh Hunt, and "Portrait of a Neighbor," by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Following this, Geraldine McClain read "The Death of the Hired Man," by Robert Frost.

Closing the first part of the program, Paul Beal added a touch of humor and pathos with a scene from Edmond Rostand's "Cyrano De Bergerac," "The Man With the Hoe," by Edwin Markham.

After intermission, Agnes Wright read a group of twentieth century

poems, including "Time, You Old Gypsy Man," by Ralph Hodgson, "The Listeners," by Walter de la Mare, "Richard Cory," and "For a Dead Lady," by Edwin Arlington Robinson, and "Sea Treadle," "I Shall Not Care," Shakespeare scenes from "The Taming of the Shrew," "As You Like It," and "The Merchant of Venice," were presented by Geraldine McClain, Gwendolyn Beall, and Agnes Wright, respectively.

Jo Reeder concluded the program with a group of Emily Dickinson poems and a reading "The Waltz," by Dorothy Parker.

SENIORS WILL CONDUCT ASSEMBLY HOUR TOMORROW
The senior class will be in charge of the last assembly of the semester tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The traditional will, prophecy, and class poem will constitute a part of the program.

GLENNVILLE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE Final Examinations—Second Semester, 1940-41

Fri., May 30—8:00 Classes reciting at 8:00—MWF.
10:10 Classes reciting at 8:00—TTh.
1:30 Classes reciting at 9:00—MWF.
Sat., May 31—8:00 Classes reciting at 8:00—MWF.
10:10 Classes reciting at 10:00—MWF.
1:30 Classes reciting at 10:00—TTh.
Mon., June 2—8:00 Classes reciting at 11:00—MWF.
10:10 Classes reciting at 11:00—TTh.
1:30 Classes reciting at 1:00—MWF.
Tue., June 3—8:00 Classes reciting at 1:00—TTh.
10:10 Classes reciting at 2:00—MWF.
1:30 Classes reciting at 2:00—TTh.
Note 1: For other classes examinations will be given on the last two recitation periods.
Note 2: Variations from this schedule should be made only for good reason, and after consultation with the Dean.

MERCURY WRITER PICKS 10 BIGGEST STORIES OF YEAR

Also Scans Paper's Twenty-Eight Issues to Select Odds 'Yarn' Printed

By Albert Woolfer
Most newspapers, at one time or another during the year, publish a resume of the biggest stories of the year, in the light of interest and importance. In keeping with this practice, here is the Mercury's choice for the ten biggest stories of the past twenty-eight issues:

Graduates from three states return for the annual Home-coming, Oct. 19, see the Concord Lions defeat the Pioneers, 4-0, and dance to the music of Frank Beall and orchestra.

The Sutton-born Suzanne Fisher, Metropolitan Opera Soprano, and her husband, Clifford Menz, present a concert in the Auditorium, Wednesday night, Nov. 27.

Vincent Sheean, internationally known author and lecturer, tells a small audience, Thursday evening, Dec. 4, that Germany is sure to invade Britain this spring.

College allotted \$140,000 for a new science hall; plans made to house a new department of home economics.

Robert T. Crawford returns to the College as a faculty member, February 4, to replace Dr. W. B. Brown, mathematics instructor, who resigned.

Mrs. Henry Sherwood knits fifty-five sweaters for British war relief and plans to do more.

Chemistry Day, April 19, brings 412 delegates from all over the State.

Pres. E. G. Rohrbough gives the (Continued on Page 3)

Dorothy Mae Queen Entered In Race For Miss Webster County

Dorothy Mae Queen, College freshman and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Queen, of Bergo, is one of thirteen girls to be entered in the race for "Miss Webster" honors in connection with the annual Rhododendron Festival.

The thirteen candidates were nominated the past week and the race will continue until Saturday, June 28.

Madelyn Conrad, College senior and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland F. Conrad, of Glenville, will be a princess at the Festival, having been chosen recently by the Rotary Club.

Annabel Hull, also a College senior, was a princess the past year.

TWO NEW FLAGS PLACED IN COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Two flags, one of West Virginia and one of America, were installed on pedestals in the front of the auditorium the past week. Both were 4 by 6 feet. Plans were also nearing completion yesterday for the erection of a sixty-foot flag pole on the lawn just outside the president's office, on which an American flag, 12 by 18 feet, will be placed.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES PLAN FOR TWO SIX WEEKS TERMS FOR SUMMER; PRESIDENT REAPPOINTED

No Changes Made in College Faculty; Two New Board Members Named by Governor; Dr. Rosier Granted Leave of Absence

Dr. E. G. Rohrbough attended a meeting of the State Board of Education in Charleston, Thursday and Friday, was reappointed president of the thirty-fourth consecutive time, and saw the Board approve a recommendation that the summer school include two six weeks terms in addition to one of nine weeks.

The three weeks term was abolished recently by the Board.

While in Charleston President Rohrbough also presided at a meeting of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and was reelected president of that organization. A. F. Rohrbough, coach and director of athletics in the College, also attended the meeting.

No changes were made in the teaching staff of the College and there were no major changes in any of the other colleges, save for the

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SUNDAY, June 1, 10:30 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, the Rev. Nelson H. Thorn, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg.

TUESDAY, June 3, 8:15 p. m., senior class plays; "The Tenth Word," "Sunday Costs Five Pesos," and "Fixin's."

WEDNESDAY, June 4, 10:30 a. m., commencement address, John Temple Graves, editor, Birmingham, Ala.

WEDNESDAY, June 4, 9:00 p. m., alumni reception and dance, Emerson Gill's orchestra.

Beal to Work With Methodist Youth Caravan

Honors came the way of Paul Beal, College junior, the past week when he was selected for eight weeks of service in a Methodist Youth Caravan in the South.

To Lake Junaluska, N. C., he will go June 13, for a week of training. From there with a caravan team he will go to churches in seven communities in one of the Methodist Conferences east of the Mississippi River. A caravan team is composed of two young men, two young women, and an adult counselor who is usually a college instructor. Teams will stay one week in each community where they will present a program of activities including classes, forum groups, special projects, group recreation and interviews.

In addition to work within the churches, caravan members will appear before schools, civic clubs, associations, and family groups. Each member specializes in one of four areas of youth work. Beal's area is community service.

Caravan work was begun in the South two years ago. This year it is being expanded to include all of the United States.

Jennings Jarvis Heads Commuters' Club For 1941-42

Members of the Commuters' Club and their guests attended a winter roast Thursday night at Log Cabin Park, on Route 16, eight miles south of Grantsville. Refreshments consisting of winners and soft drinks were served to twenty-six, and officers for the coming year were installed by Elmer Cawthon, Jr., outgoing president.

They are: President, Jennings Jarvis, who was secretary-treasurer this year; vice-president, Russell Moore, who replaces Eugene Crutchfield, and secretary-treasurer, Kenneth Skinner.

Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Linn B. Hickman, and daughter, Anne Lynne, Elmer Cawthon, Jr., Jennings Jarvis, Leonard Cox, Harold Pickens, Otto Miller, Burt Bragg, Kenneth Skinner, Leo Vannoy, Russell Moore, Eugene Crutchfield, Darrell Woolfer.

Teresa Butcher, Jean McMillan, Elizabeth Clovis, Albert Woolfer, James Woolfer, Hope Ball, Mary Lou Cooper, Neil Hendley, Atkins Knight, Eula Greathouse, Olga Young and Evelyn Self.

BILLY DECKER CONVALESCING AT HOME IN SAND FORD

Billy Decker, freshman, is convalescing at his home at Sand Ford from an attack of infectious mononucleosis, a disease of the blood for which he was treated in the Weston City Hospital the past week. He will not return to classes this semester.

Gov. M. M. Neely yesterday announced the appointment, effective July 1, of Mrs. Lydia C. Hearne, Republican, of Wheeling, as a member of the State Board of Education, to succeed Mr. Dan N. Mohler, Republican, of Charleston, whose term will expire June 30.

granting of a leave of absence to Dr. Joseph Rosier, president of Fairmont State Teachers College, who recently was appointed United States senator to fill the unexpired term of Gov. M. M. Neely, who resigned to become governor of West Virginia.

Two Fairmont men named to handle Dr. Rosier's work at the College during his absence are: Mr. John W. Fente, dean of men, and Mr. Oliver Shortliff, dean of the faculty. Dr. Rohrbough's reappointment confirms again his state-wide record as the oldest college president in West Virginia in point of service. In February 1939 Dr. Rohrbough was honored at a meeting of the National Education Association in Cleveland as the fourth oldest teachers college president in point of service in the United States.

The new plan for summer school which will operate on an experimental basis this summer will give students a choice of attending six, nine or twelve weeks. Heretofore a nine-week term was offered and was followed by a three-week term, known as an intercession.

All other state colleges were given the privilege of substituting for the old three-week post-summer school a system under which two six-week terms would be started at the same time as the regular nine-week summer school.

A few days before the State Board's meeting, Gov. M. M. Neely announced his appointment of two new members of the Board; namely, Mr. Raymond Brewster, editor of the Huntington Herald-Dispatch, and Mrs. Thelma B. Louden of Fairmont.

Mr. Brewster, a Republican, was named to a term expiring June 30, 1946, in succession to Dr. S. T. Bird of Princeton, Democrat.

Mrs. Louden succeeds Mrs. Mary Bachler Boyd of Wheeling. Both are Democrats. Mrs. Louden's term will expire June 30, 1945.

Other members of the board are State School Superintendent W. W. Trent, ex-officio president; Dan H. Mohler, Charleston; Philip P. Gibson, Huntington; A. B. White, Parkersburg; and Frank J. Beckwith, Charles Town.

Secretary of the Board is Mr. David Kirby.

MISS WILLERMA WHITE ATTENDS LIBRARY MEET

Miss Willerma White, College librarian and vice-president of the West Virginia Library Association, attended a district conference of the Association at Wheeling, Saturday, May 17. About thirty-nine members heard discussions of library work and a talk, "Summing It Up," by Miss Virginia Patterson, librarian, West Liberty State Teachers College, and president of the Association.

Berlin Anderson, A. B. '39, director of attendance in Webster County schools and John Shock, A. B. '39, assistant superintendent of schools, Webster County, visited the College yesterday.

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Better Hang Around For Last 'Round'

ABOUT this time of year students become anxious to go home and begin the summer vacation. By leaving just as soon as the final examinations are over, they miss the graduation exercises which should be the highlight of the College year. Some students have never attended a graduation exercise since they have been in College.

This year students are urged to remain for the closing exercises. A good program of activities has been planned. Always enlightening and inspiring is the baccalaureate sermon. This year the Rev. Nelson H. Thorn, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg, has been engaged for this event. Through his wide experience in education and the ministry he should have a sermon which will be of benefit to all students.

Then for the graduation address, Mr. John Temple Graves II, one of the leading newspaper men of the South, will speak to seniors and their guests. Author of a syndicated column and a number of books, Mr. Graves has had an interesting and varied life. To miss hearing him would be equal to missing many days of routine classroom work.

The graduation exercises are a sort of summing up, a grand finale of the year's activities. By missing them, students leave much undone.—Albert Woofor.

Progress In Profiting By Mistakes of the Past

AT the end of a College year it is natural to recall many good things that happened during the year. That is good; but if there is to be progress, students and faculty members who will return for another term should think of the shortcomings, too, in order to profit by mistakes and failures. For example:

We let the time slip by without having the Good-Will Week, advocated by the Mercury. It would have afforded an excellent opportunity to enjoy the spirit of friendliness that could have been fostered.

Several of the assembly programs were rather dull and unprofitable in comparison to what they could have been. For a group as large as 350 can secure corporately without great difficulty good program features that could not be easily secured by smaller groups. Perhaps more speakers approaching the excellence of Dr. Samuel Gradin and Dr. Sherwood Eddy could be secured. The assembly periods could be made more interesting and worthwhile by the showing of more educational motion pictures.

And while reflecting on the shortcomings we should make an effort to discover and remove their cause so that history will not repeat itself. Failure to have a Good-Will Week probably was due to inertia. If some organization will exert itself a little bit next year, it can promote the welfare of the whole college, and, incidentally to that, win honor for itself. If the assembly programs were not better because of a lack of finances, perhaps the activity fee should be higher. Anyhow, best wishes for an excellent College year in 1941-42.—Paul Beal.

An Addition to Next Year's Seniors

COLLEGE is coming to a close. Soon the seniors will have sought, and, if fortunate, found jobs. It will be their duty to work, giving not their second best but first best to their employers' benefits.

Seniors do not have to wait until school is out in order to begin to work. There are the senior plays which have required a great deal of labor. They are nearly ready for presentation, but I have noticed a trend that is not exactly complimentary to us as a group. A few years ago practically every senior was anxious to find a place for himself in the senior play. Now, the observant person can see even the best students scampering across the campus dodging this or that person for fear of being asked to do something.

A good year's accomplishment deserves to be climaxed by some major event. Without such a climax, the entire year's work reminds one of an informally dressed person at a formal occasion. Each must cooperate in order to make this year's plays the most successful of any that have ever been given. Then we can go away feeling that the job was completed.—Cleo Berry.

Dartmouth College officials hurriedly replaced the campus flag after a student reported it contained only forty-five stars.

Conclusion from a recent metabolism test at Texas Technological college is that mountain-born coeds should eat more than those who come from the prairies.

Capers

A Column of Spice And Life for College Men And Women

As this column goes into print for the last time this year, we wonder what has been accomplished in the past months as a result of such gossip. Some have said that as a result they were wall-flowers; other twosomes it altered in the wrong direction; to some it might have given oomph and some degree of courage.

And now for the review of reviews, and the hi-lights of the year, with their present status . . . Oct. 22, Nina S. is the cream in the coffee of G. Harris, and still is . . . Dec. 3, the likable Patty Jack announces her interests in the Navy; they're still there . . . B. Butcher appears plenty keen over the Keener case at Verona, not so keen . . . Dec. 16, why is Scott so particular about his appearance when having his picture snapped? Who is she, "Boss"? We don't know yet . . . Jan. 21, Humpy Conley leaves for the Army, poor Margie, gone and forgotten . . . Feb. 4, R. Cross makes headway with Z. Lowther and I. Hoover, "you can't love but one"; he doesn't love but one . . . Feb. 11, what's the connection between a dollar's worth of beer and S. Brown? settled . . . Feb. 25, P. Beal and H. Light can't seem to get together; Kind peculiar, they never did . . . Heasley turns down Holcomb's bid to the Sadie Hawkins stag, but he and cell-mate Harper enjoy moonlight strolls with two Kanawha "innuents"; she never asks him no more . . . March 18, election draws nearer; B. Stalaker sleeps with his tie on; he took it off . . . April 22, B. Clovis has at last made up her mind between Heater and Hensley; it wasn't Heater . . . May 6, Boob Smith sings "We Three" after a sojourn into Nicholas County; he's changed his tune; and so have we.—D. B. et al.

O' Wisdom

As Recorded In The Past By Sages And Others

The worst kind of shame is being ashamed of frugality or poverty.—Livy.

The moderation of fortunate people comes from the calm which good fortune gives to their tempers.—La Rochefoucauld.

Money is like muck, not good except it be spread.—Bacon.

I would live the same life over if I had to live again, and the chance, are I go where most men go.—Adam L. Gordon.

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.—George Eliot.

To know when one's self is interested, is the first condition of interesting other people.—Walter Pater.

All sentiment aside, there seems to me no valid excuse for a defeatist attitude in relation to Britain's prospects in the war.—Major Alexander de Seversky.

Free men call to other free men when both are threatened by a common menace.—Francis E. McMahon.

It is not an ordinary war. It is a revolution which proposes, not to set men free, but to reduce them to slavery.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Quick Quips

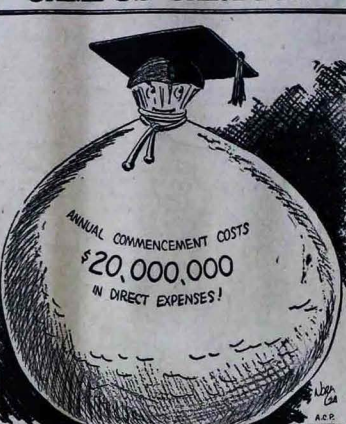
To College Seniors GSTC Campus

Dear A. B. Candidates:

From the Associated Collegiate Press: Harvard is conducting a campaign to have future graduates with "heads up, chins in, chests out." We like the idea of heads up, but first we would like something in them.

Yours,
QUICKSILVER.

CAMPUS CARTOON



THE CLASS OF 1941-1940 STRONG-WILL START TO EARN 29 BILLION DOLLARS IN JUNE/ EACH GRADUATE WILL EARN APPROXIMATELY \$154,000 BEFORE RETIRING OF OLD AGE IN 1981

Notes from

The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Clyde Dotson
WITH senior exemptions from final tests, last minute reviews for less fortunate, papers overdue, and warm weather again in the offing, it may not be amiss to call attention to a diversified list of additions to the Robert F. Kidd Library shelves—some heavy and some light in content.

If any are so fortunate as to be contemplating a vacation in Canada, don't miss the twenty-four books, numerous maps, travel catalogues and folders about this "enchanted land to the north," all displayed beneath the attractive poster, "KNOW THY NEIGHBOR."

For imaginary travel, read "Foster Ulysses," by C. P. Rodocanachi.

GOOD guide books are the four volume, for: Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Maryland. West Virginia is not out yet. . . . From the four corners of the earth comes the material for "The Bible of the World." It includes Hindu, Buddhist, Confucianist, Taoist, Zoroastrian, Judeo-Christian, and Mohammedan Scriptures, —also the addition of three Apocryphal books to the Old Testament and an Apocryphal addition to the New Testament.

Don't miss reading Phil Strong's "If School Keeps"—genuine humor incorporated in a real life story of school days from primer to university graduation with all the episodes of the average boy. Of heavier vein is "Schoolmaster of Yesterday," by Millard F. Kennedy, "Elihu Yale," biography of the founder of Yale University, by Hiram Bingham, also should be of interest to biography readers.

OTHER new additions to the Library are: A new and up-to-date seven-volume "Groves Dictionary of Music and Musicians"; "The Artists' Handbook of Materials and Techniques," by Ralph Mayer; a new thin volume of "Gone With the Wind," by Margaret Mitchell; "The Art of Useful Writing," Walter Picking; "Book of Garden Improvements," Walter Brett; "The Turning Wheels," Stuart Clauette; "In This Our Life," Ellen Glasgow; "Oliver Wiswell," Kenneth Roberts; "Winston Churchill," a biography, by Rene Kraus; and that famous number, "Out of the Night," by (Richard Krebs) Jan Valtin. Oh, yes, be sure to read "The Lives and Times of Archy and Mehitabel," by Don Marquis. . . . Archy, the Cockroach, writes the life story of Mehitabel, the cat, but can't use capital because he can't press down the shift key.

Columbia College Dean Asks Colleges To Stress Only the Best in Americanism

A plea to the colleges and universities in the United States to stress only the best in Americanism is offered in the Associated Collegiate Press digest of a speech by Dean Herbert E. Hawkes of Columbia College. Said Dean Hawkes:

"With the world tottering about us and all that we value in our customary way of life hanging in the balance, it is sometimes difficult to realize that the workaday routine of college work is significant. At the same time, the college must continue to operate, and it will, more than ever, be important for the college to stimulate the emotional and spiritual values as well as the intellectual.

"What we all need now more than ever is faith in the validity of our essential traditions, a conviction that during the past 200 years our way of life has been on the upward grade and that the contributions to this development are due to men of vision, high purpose and wisdom. This is no time to emphasize the sunny side of our past—or even of our present—if there be such. A nation, like an individual, has a right to be taken at its best rather than at its worst, until the contrary is proved."

"CREAM PUFF" EDUCATION

LORETTA, COLO. — (ACP) — Less "cream puff" teaching and more "intellectual spinach" is needed in American colleges, in the opinion of Dr. Paul J. Ketchik, president of Loretto Heights College.

The "rigid, lockstep system" of Victorian days failed as did the "football bowl, conkiskin coat and pigskin helmet" system of post-war days, he believes. What is needed, now, Dr. Ketchik declares, is "intelligent participation in a well-ordered education plan."

Students May Get Library Books Via Mail This Summer

Student, who will not be in College this summer may still enjoy the service of the Robert F. Kidd Library, it was learned here today. Because of the low postage rates on books, one half that for other parcel post, one may mail them more cheaply than letters. As an example, the postage on an ordinary book from Glenville to Buckhannon is one and one half cents. The Library is providing for long time loans of books, other than reference numbers, by mail for vacation reading. The recipient will have to pay only the postage.

Many new fiction numbers have come into the Library lately, and the shipment of 100 titles, the past week included the much discussed new novel, "Dillish," by Marcus Goodrich. The latest arrivals are classified as follows:

Books and reading, 5; authorship, 2; general reference, 1; philosophy and religion, 9; sociology, economics and government, 12; education, 27; science, 8; art and music, 4; sports, 4; literature, 4; travel, 7; history, 4; biography, 9; and fiction, 5.

Among these out of school because of mumps are Newman Redd, Harold Boston, James Cain, Reynolds Brooks, and Frank Bowles.

Keeping Right With the News

by Agnes Wright

SENIORS are forgetting class work this week and celebrating heavy with the realization that grades are recorded and out of the way. . . . The warning that "grades are always subject to change," fails to worry them as they sit nonchalantly about the halls, going to classes when they feel like it, and greeting the instructor graily whose class they missed the last period. . . . Lower classmen, longing for the same privileges, think it a little too risky, however, at this late a date with final examinations coming up Friday and only a few days left to redeem themselves. . . . As for seniors, though, milestones have already been marked and they're ready (they think) for what life offers them.

OLD acquaintances were renewed and new ones made when journalism students held their second annual Mercury press banquet at the Whiting Tea Room, Friday night. . . . Highlighting an evening of fun was a talk by H. Lee Garrett, staff member, Charleston Bureau of the Associated Press. . . . Also on the program were Marguerite Moss and Max Ward, College alumni.

WE hear that: Along with the senior assembly program tomorrow, Current Events Club members will also honor the senior who has had the most outstanding record in the social studies for the past four years of College work. . . . Time test grades showed marked improvement over previous ones. . . . Tennis still leads in the sports world. . . . The Instrumental Ensemble scored a success at the Senior prom Saturday night. . . . Commuters enjoyed outing Thursday night. . . . The new dance spot in town overflows with students each night.

IN the music world we find: Baseball fans going in for symphony. . . . When Composer Robert Russell Bennett, former player, presented "Symphony in D for the Dodgers" over WOR-Mutual network last week. . . . Leading the Dodgers through wins and losses, pleadings for Bob Feller, and finally a rally against the Giants, a home run and victory, the symphony rated a high place among sports fans. . . . A favorite among journalism students the past week was Marguerite Moss' original newspaper jargon tune as sung by her at the Press Banquet.

IT's laughs you're wanting, see "Petition: Politics" tonight and tomorrow night, at the Lyric Theatre. The Higgins Family is featured. Besides that, you'll see "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now." That's the title of the picture, understand. How two pairs of young lovers try to solve their romantic problems in the face of parental objections is the theme of this picture.

The young lovers are portrayed by Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore, Helen Parish and Lewis Hubbard.

"Son of Monte Cristo," coming to the Lyric, Thursday and Friday, is a continuation of the picture "Monte Cristo," produced by Edward Small, Joan Bennett and Louis Hayward are featured.

All seniors in the College are invited to a free showing of this picture, Friday night.

Sunday and Monday—the picture we've been waiting for! "The Philadelphia Story." For fifty-two weeks, 416 performances, New York audiences packed the Shubert Theatre to laugh with Katharine Hepburn in this Philip Barry comedy stage success.

Every studio in Hollywood bid for this Theatre Guild hit which marks her return to the screen after an absence of two years.

Cary Grant and James Stewart share top honors with Hepburn in this film. See it at the Lyric.

COMING to the Pictureland, Tuesday and Wednesday—"No, No, Nanette." Perhaps you recall the tremendous success it was as a stage musical. Anna Neagle is cast as Nanette. Roland Young is her uncle, who's always getting himself into some sort of a jam with the ladies, only to have Nanette straighten things out. Richard Carlson, Victor Mature, Helen Broderick and Eve Arden head the supporting cast.

ROBERT Fidler, president of the Student Council, said today that seniors would be guests of the management of Pictureland Theatre tomorrow evening (Wednesday) at the screen attraction of "No, No, Nanette," a 1941 musical hit starring Anna Neagle and a host of other Hollywood celebrities.

Wise men learn more from fools than fools from the wise.—Cato.

I know and love the good, yet ahl the worst pursue.—Petrarch.

Columbia University has reorganized its summer session graduate course to equip personnel for opportunities in governmental service. Students who work their way through school—about 60 per cent—at the University of Texas average better grades than their non-working colleagues.

Rigorous physical training from kindergarten to maturity is recommended for Americans by Harold C. Deutsch, associate professor of history at the University of Minnesota.

Pioneer Sports Chatter

By Earl McDonald, Mercury Sports Editor

NOW I have a memory—a memory which almost astonishes me as I look back four years into my seemingly short stay here on this familiar campus. Yes, only a memory is all I can make of it as I sit here over this typewriter and gaze around the walls to look at nearly forgotten pictures and record sheets of ex-Pioneers and the accounts of their contests.

It all started back in the fall of 1937 when I came riding into Glenville on my thumb, owning two pairs of short, peg-legged pants (I leave next week owning just one pair), perhaps a couple of dirty sweaters and a big cocky attitude which the Holy Roller Court considered more than once as case material for one of their swing sessions. As a globe I watched Glenville's last West Virginia conference championship team squirm all over muddy Rohrbough Field to splatter Morris Harvey on Homecoming Day, 19-12. Ah, that first semester must have been a great one for me, for that grade card at its end listed more P's than it takes to spell the word "daddy."

THAT same year the best Pioneer basketball team I ever hope to see, composed of Hills Cottle, Frank Martino, Albert Liller, Robert Davis and Louie Romano, ran wild for a season to win twenty-four straight games (undefeated). The tournament was easy for these lads, so easy in fact that Robert Davis took time to scratch his forehead while holding the ball leisurely on his hip in mid-floor.

PERHAPS the greatest disappointment that ever happened to a Pioneer team came the next fall when the White Wave had two touchdowns called back at Spencer and Morris Harvey scored in the last ten seconds to win, 7-0. Another great basketball team was still with us that year and Coach A. F. Rohrbough took his star-studded crew and headed for Kansas City to take third place at the National Intercollegiate meet.

NOW, I am about to write "this" for the last time. On many occasions I have long wished for this time to come, but now that the time is here, it seems that I have written a closing chapter that I never wanted to write. For the fun I've had dickering around in this space will never come again.

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S. E. A. PRESIDENT ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

E. S. MacIn Tells Seniors of Four Fundamental Problems of Life

E. S. MacIn, president of West Virginia Institute of Technology, told the largest graduating class in the history of Glenville High School and an audience of about 350 Wednesday night in the Auditorium, that graduating students face four life problems: Breaking of some ties, selecting an occupation, choosing a mate and selecting a philosophy of life.

Elaborating on these he said: "Your first problem is getting the fortitude to take the consequences of your own decisions. . . your greatest destiny is the fact that you have to get along with people. When you are tied to the apron strings of parents you are greatly handicapped."

Regarding selection of an occupation, he said: "Too many people come out of high school without realizing that they have to go to work tomorrow morning, and it is depressing to go to a job that you do not like."

In choosing a mate, Mr. MacIn explained that one should "let the head have some dealings along with the emotions, for the emotions do not last."

He emphasized that the philosophy of life should be one of deep convictions, such as the one followed by an acquaintance: "God is first, my associates second, then myself."

Principal Earl R. Boggs presented the class of thirty-six members for diplomas and conferred scholarship medals to the salutatorian, Douglas Greenleaf, valedictorian, Earl Rymer Stalnaker, and the most valuable student in activities during the four years, Mamie Jo Bush. Diplomas were presented by Marvin Cooper, Gilmer County school superintendent, and music was under the direction of Mary Louise Lewis, County music supervisor, and Mary Elizabeth Young, teacher in the High School.

STUDENTS CONDUCT ANOTHER DEFENSE FORUM AT SPENCER

Miss Bessie Boyd Bell Takes Group to Roane County; Fourth in Series

The fourth of a series of national defense forums was held at Spencer last evening at 7:30 in the Community Building. Three students from the College, Cleo Berry, William Hughes, Clyde Dotson and Miss Bessie B. Bell, instructor in the social sciences, conducted a speaking program under the auspices of the adult education division of the WPA.

Mr. Berry spoke on the subject "The Need For National Defense and What It Is." He pointed out the measures taken by our government to insure national defense and hemisphere solidarity.

"Our Foreign Policy" was discussed by Mr. Dotson, who cited the background for the "Monroe Doctrine" and our present policy.

"President Roosevelt controls our foreign policy, not in accordance with his own policy," said he, "but in accordance with the American policy as expressed by the people."

William Hughes told "What We Can Do For National Defense," and cited both Pres. Roosevelt's and Adolf Hitler's policies in perpetrating two different types of government.

Robert T. Crawford, instructor in mathematics and education, Raymond Bodkin, Robert Butcher, and James Heater, students, went to Burnsville for a similar program the past Thursday evening.

Bodkin discussed "Why the Need" (Continued on page 4)

Freshmen Know Less and Less About 'King's English' Says Penn State Professor

Observation Based on Results From Diagnostic Tests Given Annually

STATE COLLEGE, PA.—(ACP)—College freshmen know less and less about the "King's English" with each successive year, according to a diagnosis made by Theodore J. Gates, head of the department of English composition at Pennsylvania State College, who bases his observations on a study of results from diagnostic tests given each entering freshman.

The tests cover spelling, vocabulary, punctuation, grammatical usage and diction. Professor Gates said only about 25 per cent of the first-year students get 60 per cent of the answers right; 16 per cent are denied admission to college English and required to take a sub-freshman course.

"The scores are considerably lower than they were four years ago," he said.

Much of the difficulty, he declared, results from increased high school and college enrollment, with its lack of attention to individual instruction. To help correct the situation, Mr. Gates suggested that high school teachers concentrate on developing ability of their pupils to read well and write clearly, that college teachers pay more attention to individual instruction and that requirements for certifying English teachers be tightened.

"It's man's unfulfilling fault—this thinking too much of himself."

Mercury Writer Picks 10 Biggest Stories Of the Year

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Student Council the right to allocate the student activity fee among the various student activities.

A fire, which started in the Dublin Lumber Co. plant, destroys an estimated \$40,000 worth of property.

Oddest story unearthed: Sarah Malcolm and Mary Adelaide Brown, who attended the same high school in Hattysburg, Miss., met for the first time on the College campus.

STUMPTOWN RED CAPS TO PLAY TWO GAMES

Out in front in the State Semi-Pro League with two wins and one loss, the Stumptown Red Caps baseball team, managed by College sophomore Bennett Stump, has two games scheduled for the week-end—United of Fairmont, there, Friday, and Christopher Coal Company baseballers of Morgantown, Sunday at the Gilmer County Fairgrounds.

Ace Red Caps pitcher, Holly Mace, garnered sixteen strike-outs Saturday to win from the Barton Miners at Webster Springs Saturday, 5 to 2, only to lose 12 to 5 the next day to a Harrisville team at the Ritchie Courtains' home lot.

6330 FOREIGN STUDENTS IN U. S. COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES

There are 6330 foreign students enrolled in colleges and universities in the United States, according to a report issued by Dr. Stephen Dugan, director of the Institute of International Education, University of California.

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PIONEER TENNIS PLAYERS COMPLETE SIX-MATCH SCHEDULE BY LOSING TO FAIRMONT, 4-2; LOCALS WIN 2 IN 6

Two Matches Canceled Shortly After Starting Here the Past Week; West Virginia Institute of Technology Defeated

Glenville's tennis teams concluded a six-match tennis schedule here Saturday afternoon when they fell before Fairmont 4-2. On Thursday Glenville took a decisive licking when Marshall's star-studded crew whipped the local racket wielders, 7-0. The No. 2 doubles was the only match extended to three sets, all others ending in straight sets.

Glenville's season record is two wins against four losses in the six matches played. West Virginia Tech fell twice as victims of the Pioneers. A pair of matches with Alderson-Broaddus and one with Wesleyan were canceled. The Wesleyan match was called off here Friday early in the No. 1 sets between Fred Shreve and Dick Reppert.

Results: Thursday's match (singles)—W. Armstrong (M) won Shreve 6-1; 6-4. Neal (M) beat Miles 8-6; 6-0. Olson (M) beat Armstrong 6-4; 7-5. Slighter (M) beat Muser 6-1; 6-0. Fenwayer (M) beat Short 6-1; 6-0. (Doubles) Armstrong and Neal (M) beat Shreve and Miles 7-5; 6-4. Solomon and Olson (M) beat Armstrong and Muser 3-6; 7-5; 6-4.

Saturday's results: (singles) Satterfield (F) beat Shreve 6-0; 6-3. Pyles (F) beat Miles 5-6; 6-3; 6-3. Cronin (F) beat Armstrong 6-2; 3-6; 6-4. Muser (G) beat Slighter 5-7; 8-6; 11-9. Miller (F) beat Short 6-3; 6-2. (Doubles) Shreve and Miles (G) beat Satterfield and Pyles 6-4; 7-5.

DANE RUFFNER BOGGS IN UNION PROTESTANT HOSPITAL

Dane Ruffner Boggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Boggs, continues to improve at the Union Protestant Hospital, Clarksburg, where he underwent an appendectomy Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. He is a pupil in the Glenville Public School.

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SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

Epworth League Officers Installed Sunday Night

New Epworth League officers installed during a candlelight service at the Trinity Methodist Church Sunday evening were: Robert H. Homan, Elizabeth Hollister, Donzel Betts, Evelyn Wagner and Carolyn Simms.

Ex-members of the cabinet are: Albert Brake, Geraldine McClain, Helen Heater, Mildred McClung and Olga Young.

During the program Paul Beal gave special music, accompanied by Marguerite Moss at the piano.

Twilight Services Held By Y. W. C. A.

The College chapter of the Y. W. C. A. held twilight installation services for new officers and cabinet members on the campus near the Cottage the past Thursday evening.

Presiding over the meeting, which included a brief program and games, was Jessie Riffe, president of the chapter the past year.

Y. M. C. A. to Discuss Possible Axis Victory

The third in a series of discussions on democracy will be sponsored by the College Y. M. C. A. Thursday at 8 p. m. in the lounge. The discussion, "To What Extent, If Any, Would An Axis Victory Endanger the Circumstances of Democracy in America?" will be led by R. E. Freed, instructor in the social sciences. The meeting is open to the public.

Miss Bonnie Nicholas Weds A. Sterling Hill

The marriage of Miss Bonnie Nicholas of Durbin, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Nicholas of Center, to A. Sterling Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of Hillsboro, took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Prichard of Durbin, Tuesday, May 20.

Mrs. Hill, a former student in the College, has been teaching in the Pocahontas County schools for the past seven years.

Mr. Hill has been head of the chemistry department at Greenback High School for the past six years.

Advance enrollment for the Summer School was made Wednesday in guidance sessions at 10 a. m.

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Pres. and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough and several members of the College faculty and their wives will go to Fairmont Friday evening to attend a dinner to be held at the Fairmont Hotel under auspices of the Marion County Education Association in honor of Dr. Joseph Rosier, who recently became West Virginia's junior United States Senator.

Millard Cunningham Weds Miss Margaret Rhoades

An announcement has been made of the marriage of Millard Cunningham, A. B. '37, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, of Tanner, to Miss Margaret Rhoades, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rhoades, of Cedarville. The ceremony took place in Lexington, Va., May 21.

R. T. Crawford Attends Weston Rotary Meeting

Robert T. Crawford, instructor in mathematics and education, attended a ladies' night inter-city Rotary meeting in the Weston Masonic Temple last night. Chief speaker was Fredric Snyder, lecturer, traveler and radio commentator of Kingston, N. Y.

Mr. Crawford, who was president of the organization for about seven months before joining the College faculty, received a past president's pin, as did John Collins, who succeeded him. About two hundred guests attended.

Olive Myers, Senior, Is Honor Guest at Party

Miss Olive Myers, senior, was an honor guest at a party given by Mrs. John R. Wagner at her home in South Glenville Thursday evening. Games and music provided the entertainment for the eighteen guests present.

At a late hour refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to: Ruth Annabel Hill, Marian Means, Gwendolyn Beall, Geraldine McClain, Evelyn Wagner, Mary Alice Wagner, Elizabeth Rohr, Agnes Wright, Helen Heater, Gladys Reynolds, James Law, Russell Reed, Jr., Nicholas Marin, Richard Harper, Robert Fidler, Paul Beal, Mrs. John R. Wagner, and honor guest, Olive Myers.

Marriage of Dorothy See, Mike Hammer Announced

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Dorothy See, daughter of the late J. B. and Mrs. See of Elkwater to Mike Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammer of Elkins.

Mrs. Hammer is a former student in the College and at present is teaching in the Randolph County schools.

Mr. Hammer is employed by the State Liquor Commission at Elkins.

Methodist Students to Sponsor Reception Tonight

A reception for Methodist students and faculty members will be given tonight in the social room of the Trinity Methodist Church. After guests are welcomed and refreshments served, there will be a program in which students, faculty members and representatives of the church will speak briefly.

In the receiving line will be the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. J. C. Shreve and Mrs. Shreve; the Rev. and Mrs. Grover J. Johnson; and Mrs. R. C. Bramlett, president of the Women's Society for Christian Service.

Music during the serving of refreshments will be furnished by Mrs. H. Y. Clark and Mr. Clark, instructor in the College, will be master of ceremonies. Marguerite Moss, A. B. '40, will sing some selections and will lead group-singing of favorite songs.

Brief addresses will be given by Mr. John R. Wagner, instructor in the College and teacher of the Young Peoples' Sunday School Class; Dean H. Laban White; Geraldine McClain, senior; Donzel Betts, freshman; and Miss May Beal, sister of Paul Beal, College junior.

Mrs. Fred M. Whiting and Mrs. Bantz W. Craddock will be hostesses.

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Students Conduct Defense Forum

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for National Defense?" Butcher answered the question, "What Is National Defense?" and Hester told "What We Can Do As Individuals to Promote National Defense."

This same group appeared before the Glenville Rotary Club Thursday noon and furnished a program arranged by H. Y. Clark.

Mr. Raymond E. Freed, instructor in the social studies, has conducted two forums, one at Elizabeth in which Harold Boston and Clyde Dotson participated, (the first of the series) and one at Sutton at which Richard Harper and Eugene Crutchfield presented the program.

Because of popular request Mr. Freed will conduct a second forum, Thursday evening at Sutton in the form of a debate. Question will be, "Should the United States Declare War on Germany?" The affirmative will be maintained by John Hunter Williams and Leon Smith. Paul Beal and Homer L. Moore will present the negative argument.

Don't forget the Alumni dance, Tuesday, June 4.

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COUNCIL TO PICK YEARBOOK STAFF

Nominations Made Yesterday; Others May File Applications Until Wednesday

Officers for major positions on the "Kanawhagen," College yearbook to be published next year, have been selected and will be made final by the Student Council Wednesday night. Anyone wishing a position on the yearbook can apply by adding his name to the list posted on the bulletin board.

The officers and officers selected are as follows: Co-editors-in-chief, Della Blake and Clyde Dotson; associate editors, Rosalea Huff and William Kafer; assistants, John Hunter Williams and June Wilson; advertising managers, Jennings Jarvis and Madelyn Conrad; assistants, Richard Harper and William Hughes; business managers, Edgird Jimison and James Heater; assistants, Frank Hammer and Russell Reed, Jr. Robert T. Crawford and Linn B. Hickman have been named faculty advisers.

Seniors Sponsor Prom in College Gymnasium

Seniors stored away cares and worries Saturday night and gave as a final get-together a prom in the College gymnasium from 9 'til 12 o'clock. Approximately fifty classmates and guests danced to the music of the Pioneer Instrumental Ensemble, formerly the Campus Cats.

Carrying out a graduation theme, decorations consisted of blue and white streamers, portrait of a senior in cap and gown, and a candle centerpiece with candelabras along the sides.

Faculty members present were: Miss Kathleen Robertson, Miss W. L. Brand, Miss Alma Arbuckle, Miss Ivy Lee Myers, Miss Bessie B. Bell, Dr. J. C. Shreve and Mr. A. F. Rohrbough.

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3 ONE-ACT PLAYS WILL BE FEATURE OF COMMENCEMENT

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commencement address, Wednesday, June 4, at 10:30 a. m. He is expected to arrive here Tuesday from Clinton, S. C., where he will make a commencement address, Monday.

Seniors are asked to be at the gymnasium at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning for final preparations for the academic procession which will march by way of Verona Maple Hall and the Library to the back entrance of the Old Building and through the corridor to the auditorium.

Commencement exercises will culminate Wednesday night in an Alumni reception and dance with music by Emerson Gill and his NBC orchestra and vocalist Carol Page.

Three new names have been added to the senior roster, bringing the total to ninety-six. They are: Ruth E. Fleming of Buckhannon, Marion E. Miller of Lookout and Hallie Rose Veith of Look Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Freed of Louis Bennett Hall had as guests last week Mrs. Freed's mother, Mrs. Jake Fisher, and her sister and daughter, Mrs. Ralph Bierer and Miss Barbara Byrd Bierer, all of Sutton.

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