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MERCURY MUSINGS

A Column of Highlights
From Here and There
and Everywhere

By OAKFORD DEITZ

24 HOURS TO LIVE

If you had twenty-four hours to live, what would you do? Some of the answers given by students of a Texas teachers' college. But loose with whole slang vocabulary and wind it up with one good exciting fight; take a sleeping powder; wire Hitler he would keep the place hot for him; take a Civil Service exam, since there was a rumor that the government is extending operations to the Hereafter.

Personally I'd pray for a reprieve.

MOLLOHAN AT PRUNTYTOWN

The Pruntytown institute for boys has received a lot of publicity since Governor M. M. Neely's recent visit there and return with a black-snake whip supposedly used on the unruly. This trip resulted in the appointment of Robert Mollohan, former student in the College, as the new superintendent, replacing R. P. Bell. Mr. Mollohan has a wonderful opportunity to install recreational and educational facilities in a rehabilitation program that we hope will remove the stigma attached to the Governor's inquiry.

LIFE'S DEFENSE ISSUE

We refer those interested in the rearmament program to Life's July 7 defense issue. The entire issue is devoted to the various branches of the armed service amply illustrating our war implements from airplanes to radiolators. The concluding article is a patriotic Independence Day poem by Stephen Vincent Benet. The poem is worth reading if you failed to hear it read on a July 4 NBC radio program.

STOLEN AUTO

One of the southern states a neighboring sheriff called the local sheriff asking him to look for a stolen automobile. The unoccupied car was found—marked the fifth car of the local sheriff and his deputy, in a zone reserved for officers only.

An obliging crook it would seem.

NAZI EFFICIENCY

FREDERICK Sonder, Jr., former foreign correspondent in Germany, throws an interesting light on Nazi efficiency. He says Dr. Karl Haushofer, who heads the Geo-Political Institute in Munich, with the help of thousands of scientists, technicians and spies has arranged a Strategic Index. This tabulates every phase of every nation's life; every detail of its military, economic, and psychological strength; each factory has been blueprinted; approach to every key politician, soldier and business man has been charted.

This has furnished the fifth columnists with the necessary information to lay the groundwork for each of Hitler's invasion efforts.

PADEREWSKI

ONE of the world's greatest pilots died the past week—Ignacy Paderewski. Only the late Liszt and Beethoven equaled him at the piano. Paderewski earned an estimated \$5,000,000 in the United States. He spent \$2,500,000 in the construction of Poland after World War I. He served as Premier of Poland for five years after the war and has not played publicly since Poland was invaded by Germany the past year. "I simply could not do it," he said.

WORLD'S LARGEST BOMBER

THE world's largest bomber, the B-29, has been completed. This giant bomber has a range of 7,500 miles and a ceiling of 22,000 feet. The four-motored colossus has a fuselage of 132 feet, a wingspread of 122 feet, a height of 42 feet and has a gross weight of 82 tons. If the tests prove successful, this will no doubt revolutionize the designing of future bombers.

WILL SPONSOR ROAST AT COUNTY RECREATION CENTER

Nicholas County students will have a winner roast Thursday evening at the Glenville County Recreation Center. Each student attending will pay 25c for himself and 25c for each guest.

VISUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFERED IN ASSEMBLY HOUR

Students, Faculty, Visitors See Work of G. W. Carver Told In Sound Picture

College students, faculty and pupils in the Training School sat in on a visual education program in assembly Wednesday and saw: The struggle for economic security made by George Washington Carver, the Negro orphan who turned peanuts into prosperity, in the picture "The Story of Dr. Carver." Steps in the development of our flag.

Difficulties in establishing the Constitution of the United States, and a short musical production of Swanee River.

In the picture, "The Story of Dr. Carver," the audience saw the man who worked his way from slavery to become a great scientist and experimenter in agriculture—the man who during the Cotton Crisis in the south formulated and proved the value of the "peanut plan" for plantation owners, discovered more than 140 by-products of peanuts, gave away as much as sixty million dollars a year, and at the age of 78 is still active in his laboratory experimenting in making a massage oil (from peanuts) for the treatment of infantile paralysis.

"The History of Our Flag" showed the steps in the development of the United States flag, and "Servant of the People" depicted some of the difficulties delegates faced in drawing up the United States constitution.

Stephen Foster's well known "Swanee River" was presented and the audience joined in singing the song.

Equipment was furnished by the Training School and the program was introduced by Earl R. Boggs, principal; the movie projector was operated by Stanley Hall, a teacher.

Marvin Cooper Is Reelected For Two-Year Term

County School Board Chooses New President; Miss Wolfe Reelected

Harlie Wolfe was elected president of the Glenville County Board of Education at a reorganization meeting Wednesday evening, July 7, to succeed Atty. Guy B. Young, whose term expired June 30.

Marvin Cooper, College alumnus, was reappointed superintendent for two years; Mabel Wolfe, A. B. '35, was reappointed secretary; Adele Harpold was reelected 4-H Club agent, and Rymer McGinnis was reemployed as maintenance director.

Members of the board are: Harlie Wolfe, president; Roy L. Fitzpatrick, Howard Stump, Ira Reed and T. Bryan McQuinn. Mr. Reed and Mr. McQuinn are S. N. graduates of the College.

According to the board, the delay in placing teachers for the coming year is due to the draft which may take several teachers to U. S. Army service. The board feels that to delay placing teachers now may mean less shifting later.

TWO NATIONAL DEFENSE FORUMS THIS WEEK

R. E. Freed, instructor, Homer Moore, former student, and Juanita Hought, Summer School student, went to Clay last night to conduct a defense forum.

Friday night Mr. Freed, Dr. C. P. Harper and Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, all of the College faculty, will conduct a similar forum at Grantsville.

GORDON THOMPSON WORKS IN McDOWELL COUNTY MINES

To the Mercury the past week came a letter from Gordon Thompson, a student in the College the past two years, who says he is working in the mines in McDowell County but is expecting to be called in the draft soon. Mr. Thompson mentioned receiving a letter from Patsy Palumbo, also a former student, who says he is working in the shipyards in Baltimore, Md.

Few things are impossible to diligence and skill.—Dr. Johnson.

MERCURY DOES GET 'ROUND AND 'ROUND

Things don't usually happen this way. While reading his June 24 copy of the Mercury, Fred Madison Whiting, A. B. '35, and a summer student in the University of Missouri, saw where Mr. C. W. Duncan spoke at the College's first summer assembly. On the day that Mr. Whiting read it, Mr. Duncan was scheduled to speak at the assembly at the University of Missouri.

It was just coincident!

MANY NEW HOMES, STATIONS BEING BUILT IN CITY

Town Experiencing Temporary Boom; John R. Wagner Contracts Two Houses

Glenville is experiencing what might be called a summer building and improvement boom.

On route 33 and facing the Larky Filling Station is being constructed a two-story brick and tile building, 28 feet wide and 31 feet long, with two apartments above and an auto sales room below. It is about half completed now and is to be ready for occupancy in about thirty days. It is owned by G. C. Fisher and C. L. Griffith, both of Glenville.

An extra story of tile on one wing of the Conrad Hotel is nearing completion and will add ten extra rooms. Leiland F. Conrad, the contractor, the work to the Dobbins Lumber Co.

Well under way and to be completed in about three weeks, near the former site of the J. H. Larky Service Station that burned the past spring, is being built a two or more story (plans not complete) tile building with basement. The first floor will be used for a filling station with inside washing and drying racks and a restaurant. Apartments will occupy the upper part of building.

Mr. J. H. Larky will operate the service station after it is completed. The owner, Dayton Rhodes of Spencer, has contracted the work to the Dobbins Lumber Co.

Below the Log Cabin Filling Station on Main Street is to be a two-story brick and tile building, 50 feet long and 28 feet wide with furnace heat to be completed by September 1. The owner, Mr. O. R. Sexton Wright, EARL WOLFE LOCATED AT CAMP LEE, VA.

Word was received here the past week that Earl Wolfe, A. B. '38, and Sexton Wright, a former student, who left July 3 as volunteers in the U. S. Army, were stationed at Camp Lee, Va. Here they will receive basic training for thirteen weeks and then be moved to other camps.

TEACHERS DISCUSS CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY IN PRESENT WAR; FEW QUESTIONS ASKED

Open Forum Held in Assembly With Members of Social Studies Department on Program

College students and faculty members heard at least three members of the department of social studies in the College give pertinent views and summaries of the current world conflict in a July 2 assembly forum devoted to a consideration of "The crisis of democracy and what we can do about it."

Dr. C. P. Harper, political science, and co-chairman of the forum, affirmed that "America fought the first World War to make the world safe for democracy," and that the present "conflict will end when America enters to make democracy safe in the world."

He believes America, with the aid of the British fleet, is prepared enough to drive every German and Italian ship from the "seven seas" and thus prepare way for a land invasion of Germany. He also believes, however, that American people are not prepared, that "too many have been led by pacifists and Fifth Columnists to believe that it can't happen here."

Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, history, reviewed steps in America's foreign policy and declared that "our defense program is a stupendous one for a country of non-military traditions."

SIX TWO-HOUR COURSES TO BE OFFERED HERE

Students Will Register July 17 and 18; Classes to Start July 21

Three instructors will teach six two-hour courses to be offered the second half of the summer term. Classes will meet one hour and ten minutes a day five days a week and credit will be applicable either in the elementary or secondary field.

The following courses will be offered: English 408, The Essay, and English 308, Directed Reading, Lynn B. Hickman; History 301, West Virginia, and Education 314-S, Tests and Measurements, H. Y. Clark; Political Science 401, International Relations, and History 330, Economic History of the United States, Dr. Charles P. Harper. There is a probability of another course being offered at 11:00 o'clock.

Students will enroll in Room 101, July 17 or 18. Classes will begin July 21 at 7:50 a. m.

It is thought the enrollment will be less for the six weeks session this year than for the three-weeks intersession the past year.

TRAINING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GOOD SAYS E. R. BOGGS

Pupils Will Give Three Plays Friday Under Direction of Miss McGee

Attendance in the Training School has been better this year than ever before, according to Principal Earl R. Boggs. Some rooms have had perfect attendance several days.

Three plays under the direction of Miss Helen McGee will be presented in assembly, Friday, at 10:30 o'clock.

The school will close July 24. College students enrolled for directed teaching for nine weeks will be regular pupils next year after the Training School closes.

Upon learning that some students in the College have been asking about the exact nature of the Training School, Mr. Boggs made the following statement: "The Training School is regularly organized for the purpose of offering an opportunity for student teachers to do directed teaching and observation under the guidance of critic teachers and supervisors. Classes are organized in all the core curriculum subjects and also activity classes that accompany regular school work. The Training School is open for observation by any College student. In short, it is the place where practical application under guidance is made of the material and methods learned in the College courses."

Dr. Lyle W. Ashby Here Tomorrow As Principal Speaker at Annual Professional Relations Meeting

Classes will be dismissed tomorrow from 10 a. m. until noon, in order that students and faculty may attend the professionalization conference.

Here Tomorrow



Dr. Lyle W. Ashby, above, assistant director of publications, NEA, Washington, will be the principal speaker at the professional relations conference here tomorrow.

DR. W. T. SMITH TO ATTEND SOUTHERN PEDIATRIC SEMINAR

Waitman T. Smith, M. D., College physician, said today he would leave Sunday for Saluda, N. C., to attend the Southern Pediatric Seminar and study, for two weeks, diseases of children. His office here will be closed from Sunday, July 20, to August 3.

Superintendents And Assistants Employed

County Boards Reorganize and Name Staffs; Shock Hired In Webster

John Shock, A. B. '39, has been appointed superintendent in Webster County. Mr. Shock, assistant superintendent for the past two years, succeeds Fritz J. Stemple, who was retained as assistant.

In Wirt County Robert F. Hickman succeeds Clarence Ray as superintendent.

The Lewis County Board of Education selected Marion Rogers for a one year term as superintendent and after a week's delay named Harbort Beeghly as assistant.

In Roane County L. D. Moore succeeds O. R. Karickhoff as superintendent. This auditing of finances covers a period of fourteen months and deals chiefly with revenues received. It will require about two weeks to do the work.

STATE HISTORY STUDENTS TO GO ON TOUR TOMORROW

About twenty-five College students, members of the West Virginia history class, accompanied by their instructor, Carey Woofor, will go on a tour tomorrow. The class will visit Parkersburg, Marietta, O., and other places of interest.

The one-day trip will be made in the College bus, which will leave from Kanawha Hall at 7:15 a. m.

RALPH JAMES, AUDITOR, WORKING AT THE COLLEGE

Ralph James, traveling auditor of state institutions for the West Virginia Board of Control, Charleston, is here auditing the accounts of the College. This auditing of finances covers a period of fourteen months and deals chiefly with revenues received. It will require about two weeks to do the work.

JAMES IN AIR CORPS

Willard H. James, Jr., former student, and son of W. H. James of Sutton, will report to military schools, July 19, for 10 weeks of primary flight training in the nation's 30,000-pilots-a-year training program.

It's great to be great but it's great to be human.—Will Rogers.

Principal speaker at the conference will be Dr. Lyle W. Ashby, assistant director, division of publications, for the National Education Association. This is one of ten such meetings to be held at the various state colleges and at the University.

The conference will be the third to be held in Glenville under the direction of H. L. White, dean and director of the Summer School.

College instructors will have the option of teaching or of taking their groups to the conference forum during the afternoon.

At least two other organizations will send speakers. Jean Valjean Roberts is scheduled to represent the State Education Association, and one or more speakers will represent the State Department of Education.

Invited to the conference have been county superintendents, principals, teachers and board members. The annual summer meeting of the county superintendents, now in session at Jackson's Mill, will necessarily limit the number of superintendents who will come here for the Glenville meeting.

College Instructor Attends Conference At Pitt University

W. O. Stalnaker, instructor in geography in the Summer School, was in Pittsburgh the past Tuesday and Wednesday attending the annual history conference sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

On Tuesday the conference was devoted to the "Educational and National Defense Program." Questions on the Far East were discussed on Wednesday. Dr. N. A. N. Cleven, professor of history, presided.

Principal speakers in the morning session were: Zora A. Thralls, associate professor of geography, Dr. A. P. James, professor of history, Dr. Benjamin H. Williams, professor of political science, Dr. E. A. Gilmore, dean of the law school.

A luncheon session was held at 12:30 p. m., at the Shenley Hotel, with Dr. John W. Oliver, head of the history department, presiding. Three round table discussions were held in the afternoon. One on China was presided over by Mrs. Ruth Crawford Mitchell, adviser on the nationality nations project. A round table on Japan was led by Dr. E. W. Jacobsen, dean of the School of Education. A third round table on the Netherlands East Indies, directed by Dr. Cecil L. Scott, assistant professor of geography.

Three Glenville Girls Back From First State Camp

Mary Alice Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wagner, Betty Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wilson, and a sister of June Wilson, student in Summer School, and Mary Kathryn Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, and sister of Richard Smith, student in Summer School, returned home July 7 from the Rhododendron Girls' State camp at Jackson's Mill.

Miss Wagner, sponsored by the Glenville Civic club, was elected commissioner of agriculture. She was the only girl from a small town to be elected to a high state office. Miss Wilson, sent by the Glenville Rotary club, was elected to the House of Delegates from Preston County. Miss Smith, sponsored by the Glenville Woman's Club, was elected circuit court judge of Kanawha County.

This is the first year for the girls' camp. The 155 girls attended classes in county government, state government and parliamentary law. In speeches given at the camp Gov. M. M. Neely and Senator H. M. Kilgore encouraged the girls in their work.

226 ATTEND PICNIC

Approximately 226 persons attended the Summer School picnic Thursday evening on the lawn in front of Verona Maple Hall.

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FACULTY ADVISER Linn B. Hickman

They Learn to Work With Their Hands, Build For the Future

RECENTLY on a visit to the manual training room of the Training School, I was surprised at the enthusiasm with which second and third grade boys went about their work and the fun they seemed to be getting out of it.

One small chap, perhaps six or seven years of age, was working at a table by himself and seemed quite oblivious of the others talking and working about him. Another boy, with a mischievous smile on his face, shinnied up a pole when the teacher, W. E. Hull, was doing some work that was too difficult for the inexperienced fingers of the boy. When next I looked in his direction, he was deeply engaged in his work.

These small boys are quite proud of their workmanship and eager to display it. The range of their products is of necessity limited. Older boys, however, have made a variety of things including book ends, waste baskets, foot stools, letter holders and camp chairs.

Not only are these pupils having an enjoyable time, but they are learning to cooperate and to do practical work with their hands—things which will stand them in good stead throughout life.—Madelyn Conrad.

United We Stand, and United We Move Forward

THE past issue of the Mercury reported that, according to N. E. A. headquarters in Washington, D. C., West Virginia has been leading the nation in its efforts to raise the professional level of teachers.

West Virginia in the past has seldom received mention of leadership in the realm of education. This rise in professional spirit may be a step toward bringing about a teaching staff and school system, for our state, that will equal the best in the country. The growth and successful work of our state professional teacher organizations has probably done much to convince teachers that support of the S. E. A. and the N. E. A. is one effective way of securing for teaching its proper place among the professions.

The result of effort on the part of the S. E. A. has already brought about many desired pieces of legislation. A continued growth of professional spirit of teachers in both the state and national professional organizations will, no doubt, be the means of bringing teachers the recognition they deserve.—Arnold White.

Character Compared to House With Many Rooms

A short time ago I heard a minister deliver a short discourse on character building. In his talk he stated that character could be compared to a house with many rooms; and that to build character one must ever so often remove the trash that has accumulated in these rooms.

I believe that we as students and teachers can find a good lesson in this illustration. Every teacher is supposed to grow intellectually every day of his or her life. Yet many fail to grow and develop as is expected. They get the rooms in their heads all cluttered up with old ideas, plans, and ways of doing things. If teachers could view themselves objectively, they would find many antiquated ideas, plans, and methods secreted away in these little compartments of their minds.

If we are to progress and gain the respect and opinion of others, we must ever so often have a cleaning day discarding useless material so as to make way for the new. This we can do by extensive reading or going to college. A period of attending college every few years will do much to keep a teacher abreast of new ideas allowing him or her to clean house and throw away the old ideas in exchange for approved new ones.—Estil Skeen.

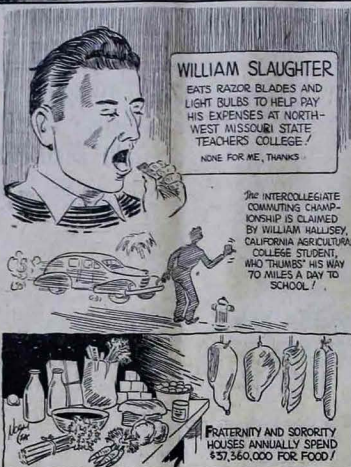
Would Be Gloomy News If This Should Be True

IN a recent survey conducted by "Reader's Digest" the discovery was made that three out of five garage repairsmen are dishonest. The survey involved 14,516 miles of travel and visits to 347 garages. Small town garage men proved to be more honest than those of the larger towns. The survey showed garage mechanics in towns with a population of over 10,000 to be seventy per cent dishonest.

This is a rather gloomy bit of news to face the average man just starting on his vacation. If he is forced to stop for repairs at a strange garage, he has better than a fifty-fifty chance of being taken advantage of and overcharged. This survey has exposed a nationwide graft that costs the American motorist millions of dollars each year.

The extent to which this evil can effect the nation as a whole is best realized when one remembers that there are enough automobiles in this country to permit the entire population to all be on wheels at one time.—Arnold White.

CAMPUS CARTOON



The Robert F. Kidd Library

The juvenile, or children's, books are the most widely read, according to recent statistics compiled by Miss Willerna White, College librarian. Ranking a close second are fiction books, followed by literature, biography and history.

In the year 1938-'39, the number of books circulated was 8493; in '39-'40 it increased to 9487; and in '40-'41 it was 11,311. Of the reserve books, there was a drop from 2959 in '39 to 2465 in '40. However, this was reversed in '41 to 3069.

The number of "two-week" books in circulation has shown a steady increase from 5534 in '39; 7022 in '40; to 8302 in '41. There

were 414 new books added in '40-'41 which made the total in the library 15,676, with approximately 500 duplicates and 2300 pamphlets. As a result of these and other events, like the moratorium on reparations and the occupation of the Rhineland, Fascism, Hitlerism and Communism have swept over most of Africa, Europe and Asia.

During the past week three government books were added, "Urban Government," "Our Constitution and Government" and "Aircraft Navigation Manual." Also added were a book named "Causes of the German Collapse in 1918," one on "Best Places to Live in the United States" and a group of pamphlets on national defense from the United States Office of Education.

The Mercury's Student Forum

THE assembly program given Wednesday consisted of five educational pictures, sponsored by the College Training School.

This type of visual education has been extensively used in the training school during the past year and is becoming more popular throughout the state.

Films of science, history, travel and many other subjects may be obtained free, the only expense being the payment of postage.

It would be a welcome change to walk into a science room and see a moving picture. This thing could be a reality.

The College owns a movie projector but it will carry only four hundred feet of film. Most of the movie shorts are made in one thousand feet reels and cannot be used on this projector.

As it now is, the small one does as very little good and by purchasing or trading for a larger one the entire student body could be benefited.—Alice Ball.

STUNT night comes tonight. This program should be fun for all. Each county represented here will be responsible for a feature and many students will attend and take part.

Stunts planned properly are always amusing and they will furnish plenty of laughs. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend and will enjoy the fun.—Garnet Heck.

A vocational guidance forum is needed at Glenville State Teachers College. College students change their minds and they do not know what they want to be. The program not only would be an aid to seniors but by featuring speakers from various vocations might be a help to underclassmen.

In view of the fact that many students change their ideas as to majors or possible professions, as to elementary or secondary work many times before they are graduated, it might be advisable to set up a program of this kind and ask students to attend a certain percentage of the total. It would undoubtedly be true that some students would have little or no in-

terest in a few of the programs, others might have their minds already given and not receive from that course during college.

A broad knowledge of what vocational demand of the prospective employee would certainly be an asset to any individual and would surely give the student an outlook in life, both in his own profession and in dealing with the professions of others.—Marjorie Craddock.

O' Wisdom
As Recorded in the Past By Sages and Others

To get knowledge, forget yesterday; work today, and plan for tomorrow.—Pathfinder.

Ignorance is the night of the world, but a night without moon or stars.—The West Virginia School Journal.

I have never met a man who has given me as much trouble as myself.—Dwight Moody.

It is easier to be critical than to be correct.—Disraeli.

The only pleasant things to pay are compliments.—Oscar Wilde.

Don't waste any pity on the man with the hoe—he may be digging for bait.—The Pathfinder.

It is easier to corrupt the people than to refine them.—Longacre.

In no instance is it just to injure anybody.—Plato.

If our democracy is to live, it must be through the unselfish service of its citizens today, tomorrow and every day.—Leon Phillips.

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving words evidence of the fact.—George Eliot.

Dr. C. P. Harper Says Problem Today Is to "Arouse People to Crisis Confronting U

Instructor in Political Science Believes "America Prepared But People Are Not"

By Dr. C. P. Harper
This crisis, really had its origin at the close of the other World War when America fought "to make the World Safe for Democracy" and it will end only when America enters this war and "makes Democracy safe in the World."

The first important cause of the present crisis was the rejection of the League of Nations and the ideals of Woodrow Wilson by the United States Senate. As a result, the United States, "the father of the League," washed its hands, of the agency that could bring about a lasting peace, and let its child be torn to pieces by the greedy step-fathers in Europe until today it is an orphan in the home of its father.

The second important cause of our present crisis was the Washington Disarmament Conference where the United States Navy, the finest in the World, was "sold down the river," not for a "mess of pottage," but for a scrap of paper. As a result, this crisis came upon us when we had practically the same navy as we had at the beginning of the last World War.

The third important cause of the present crisis was the Dawes and Young plans whereby American bankers lent Germany several billions of dollars which she used, along with other billions from England, to build her present "bellicious" war-machine. As a result of these and other events, like the moratorium on reparations and the occupation of the Rhineland, Fascism, Hitlerism and Communism have swept over most of Africa, Europe and Asia,

destroying Democracy after Democracy until today, only our "most country," England, stands alone her little island with outstretched arms calling "Come over and help us before it is too late."

Many Americans say we are not ready to fight alongside our "mother country" to "make Democracy safe in the World," all we can do is to prepare and furnish supplies; but in the words of Patrick Henry, "when shall we be stronger?" Will it be next fall when Russia is crumpled in the dust and the Nazi flag is flying over German airbases in sight of Alaska, will it be next year when England, as we know her, is no more, will it be when the guns of the British fleet are turned against us by the Nazis and the Japanese navy is ready to stab us in the back, or will it be when the Axis powers, through the aid of Communists, Pacifists and Fifth Columnists, invade our shores, bomb our cities and destroy the America we love, like they did Holland, Belgium and France?

I believe that America, if prepared enough, with the aid of the British fleet, to drive every German and Italian ship from the "seven seas" and the English Channel, thus paving the way for an invasion of Germany which will cause the conquered nations of Europe to rise up and end the War and "make Democracy safe in the World."

But the American people are not ready—too many have been led by Pacifists and Fifth Columnists to believe that "it can't happen here," like it did in Holland, Belgium and France. So our problem today is, to arouse the people to the crisis confronting us.

William Smith Thinks Schools of South Offer Excellent Chance For Pioneering

College Alumnus From Florida Here to Visit Parents and Wife

"Schools of the south offer an excellent opportunity for pioneering," said William S. ("Bill") Smith, A. B. '35, principal of Bryceville High School, Bryceville, Fla. Mr. Smith, a former Glimmer County teacher, is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Glenville.

"With exception of the city systems, school organizations and salary schedules in Florida and Georgia are somewhat retarded when compared with West Virginia. Basic salaries in Georgia range from \$40 to \$80. Teachers in rural Georgia have their problems of attendance, too. School in the cotton district opens the last of July and closes for a month about October first for the cotton picking season. Compulsory school attendance has fourteen years as the age limit and in the agricultural district the attendance law is not strictly enforced," stated Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith went to St. George, Ga., from this county six years ago and has been employed there as principal until this spring when he was elected principal of the Bryceville school.

With him when he returns to Florida this fall will go his wife, Mrs. Erma Smith, a student in the College, his sixth grade teacher, and Robert Butcher, A. B. '41, who will teach science in the high school.

"The College Clock"

By Roscoe J. Bailey
Upon this rolling campus site
I chanced to walk one moonlit night
And saw within the gloom beyond
Trails of those who have gone on.

I looked beyond the tall tree top
And there my gaze it seemed to stop
I saw up there the College clock
I could not hear its low tick-tock.

Its mighty hands went round and round
Without a trace of grin or frown
And from inside the mighty dome
Ticked off a tune sweet as "Home Sweet Home."

I wondered if that clock could speak
Of those upon our mighty streets
And wondered if they ever will
Walk up this sloping hill.

Oh, Father, God, please grant,
We pray,
That this old clock may always stay
And may it be a symbol dear
To those who live both far and near.

WHAT IS WAR?

War to the English is duty; to the German, business; to the French, glory; to the Yank, a crusade for liberty.—Dean H. L. White, in assembly, Wednesday.

Someone Painted The Portrait of a School Teacher

By Eddie Kennedy
SOMEONE has painted the portrait of a teacher. He is no one I know, yet he is used to represent us all. He is not beautiful, neither is he ugly. He is the picture of doubt, misery and despair. The lines at the corners of the eyes, were they made by laughter? Surely they were not. Eyes so cold, searching and impersonal could not smile. They have been trained to look for evil, not good. It is difficult to face that penetrating gaze. It seems to look into the very soul, hunting, searching, seeking for that which might better be left unknown. They are cynical, unfriendly eyes.

The mouth, also, is expressive. The stubbornly set jaws are accented by tightly drawn lips which droop at the corners forming a semi-circle. What a tired look! What a cruel, unfeeling expression it has!

Is this the way a teacher appears to the outside world? Is it true that the desires, emotions, fears and sorrows of man are stamped indelibly upon his face? Could the toil and worry of the teacher bring so great a change to the countenance?

These questions bear study.—Eddie Kennedy.

Quotes . . . Worth Quoting

True religion is the life we live, not the creed we profess, and some day will be recognized by quality and quantity, and not by brand.—J. F. Wright.

Every person has two educations, one which he receives from others, and one, more important, which he gives to himself.—Gibson.

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but a cabbage head with a college education.—Mark Twain.

War is a most detestable thing. If you had seen but one day of war, you would pray God you might never see another.—Wellington.

Getting an idea should be like sitting down on a pin: it should make you jump up and do something.—E. L. Simpson.

COLLEGE ALL-STARS WILL PLAY WESTON FOOTBALL TEAM RETURN GAME, THURSDAY

calls Upset Glenville Reds Second Time By Score of 4-1; Win Twin Bill at Grantsville 11-4 and 5-2

The College All-Stars (softball team) will be the guest of Weston Thursday evening when they play a return game on the Weston field. This evening they will meet Grantsville here in Glenville.

The Glenville Reds lost their second game to the All-Stars, 4 to 1, at Rohrbough Field, July 1, and the All-Stars won a double header by defeating Grantsville 11 to 4 and 5 to 2, at Grantsville, July 2.

Chief attraction of the week was the fifth consecutive win for the All-Stars, who defeated Weston, 7 to 1, at Rohrbough Field the past Tuesday evening. Tucci's sacrifice home in the second inning proved to be the only run for the Westons. The All-Stars scored two runs in the first on a walk, error and one hit. The next two innings were scoreless with both teams playing airtight ball. The All-Stars, led by Alton Peters, opened up in the fourth with three hits to bring in five runs. Approximately fifty people watched the game.

Home run leaders for the All-Stars are: Myles Spencer 2, Dallas Sullivan 1, James Tenney 1, and Roy Matheny 1.

MANY NEW HOMES, STATIONS BEING BUILT IN CITY

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Griffith, is to use the first floor for a general store. There will be a large apartment above.

Nearing completion in Camden Flats is a six-room frame residence with stone basement and garage. Work is being done by the owner, Mr. J. E. Bonnett. This will be the fourth house Mr. Bonnett has built there.

To be completed soon in Hays City is a six-room frame residence with tile basement, owned by Mr. Don Fitzpatrick. When completed it will be occupied by the owner.

In Camden Flats, a six-room frame residence with stone basement is now under construction. The owner, Mr. T. Bryan McQuinn, is doing his own work.

On Route 33 just above the road entering Camden Flats, is being built two six-room frame homes with tile basements. One house is about half completed and the other has the basement started. The owner, Mr. John R. Wagner, expects to have the work completed by September 15. Mr. Wagner's present plan is to install furnace heat for the houses. James Waggy is the contractor.

Improvements are being made on the Courthouse property. A concrete and stone retaining wall 110 feet long and 7 feet high is being built along the west side of the parking lot back of the jail. Stone from the old cellar, which was near the County Board of Education offices, is being used for the top layers of the wall. The concrete curb around the driveway back of the jail and about 125 feet of new sidewalk on the south side of the grounds is already completed. Mr. A. R. Yerkey, supervisor of the work, said that it will take about one week to finish all of the improvements.

GRANTSVILLE NINE AND ALL-STARS SPLIT DOUBLE-HEADER

The Grantsville softball team played the Glenville All-Stars a return double-header Thursday evening at Rohrbough Field. Grantsville won the first game 11-2, but dropped the second one to the All-Stars 6 to 2.

There weren't any home runs knocked during either of the games. West pitched for the All-Stars in the first game; Mills in the second.

Teachers Discuss Crisis of Democracy

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Though he did not ask a question, Dean H. L. White did rise to explain a few pointers about the German philosophy, one of which was that "the German Empire knows and approves only the rule by force."

The forum was one of the first to be held here in an assembly period, though the College has recently assisted in a number of similar forums in nearby communities under auspices of the adult education division of the WPA.

Elsewhere in this issue appear the texts of the addresses.

TO INSTALL NEW BANKING BOARDS

Coach Rohrbough Says Equipment Most Modern in State; Supplies Arrive

Within a week or so the College will have the most modern basketball banking boards and baskets in the state. They are the new regulation fan shaped type boards adopted by the rules committee. According to A. F. Rohrbough, coach, no other college in the state has them now. He said Fairmont was going to install them in a physical education building to be completed soon.

The new boards, which have already arrived, are made of metal and are painted white. They will be installed as soon as possible. This is the first big improvement in the gymnasium since the installation of the electric score-board the past January.

Mr. Rohrbough says he has received the regular supply of medicine, alcohol, tape, gauze and other miscellaneous drugs for the fall football season.

WILL ENROLL FOR SIX WEEKS WORK IN UNIVERSITY

Coach A. F. Rohrbough will enroll July 22 for a five-weeks graduate course in physical education at West Virginia University.

Mr. Rohrbough and family plan to leave July 18 for Toledo, O., where Mrs. Rohrbough and son, John Davis, will visit Mrs. Rohrbough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Davis, until school closes.

An average motorist's gasoline taxes in 1940 were \$35.16.

Pioneer Sports Chatter

By Don Mills
THE COLLEGE All-Stars' softball team started the season, with several new players and have compiled a record of five victories with only one loss. Only five players, Alton Peters, Dallas Sullivan, James Tenney, Stanley Hall and Don Mills are veterans of the past summer.

Games begin at 6:30 each evening. Everyone is invited to attend—free gratis.
Players furnish their own equipment and pay their own traveling expenses. The College furnishes balls and bats.

Homer ("Tiny") Moore is one of the chief attractions with his "big league" style of balls and strikes.

THIS AND THAT—Roy Matheny's homer at Grantsville was the longest hit of the year. Damon West has proven to be an adept hitter and fielder as well as an effective pitcher. Dallas Sullivan is playing his usual fine game at third base as well as swinging a wicked stick. Alton Peters' work behind the plate is largely responsible for the impressive record of the All-Stars. Stanley ("Joe") Hall, hunter par excellence, is the spark plug of the team. Oakford Deitz, short-stop, completes work for his A. B. degree and will be lost to the team after this week.

THE ANNUAL state softball tournament, sponsored by the Charleston Gazette, will be held in Charleston next week.

Attention of the tennis world is centered on White Sulphur Springs who will be host to the West Virginia Open which starts July 21. Barney Welsh, Rockville, Md., flash who will defend the title has won for the past three years.

Joe DiMaggio, New York Yankees outfielder, has hit safely in 51 consecutive games.

TO DATE the Brooklyn Dodgers are leading the National League race and the New York Yankees the American.

Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox homered in the ninth inning to give the American League All-Stars a 7 to 5 victory over the National All-Stars.

"KEEP HEAD DOWN, EYES ON THE BALL"



Out for a little recreation and for a peep at the new Golf Club house, now completed except for painting, are these two College professors, R. E. Freed, left, and A. F. Rohrbough, right. Mr. Rohrbough played in the first match Sunday afternoon at the Gilmer County Recreation Center. And as one would expect, Glenville upset Parkersburg, the opponent, 22 to 11. Date for formal opening of the club house is to be announced soon. (Photo by H. J. Pears).

New Club House Completed. Except For Painting, at County Recreation Center

4-H Clubs and Other Groups Use Grounds; Activities Numerous

Gilmer County's Recreation Center has a yankee frame club house to add to the convenience of the newly organized Golf Club.

The structure is a five-room building. The club room is 20 feet wide and 32 feet long with a smooth finished hardwood floor, and provision has been made to later build a large open fireplace. There are two rooms at each end of the building, the larger ones, 8 feet by 12 feet, being made into dressing rooms with individual lockers for the golfers, and the two smaller rooms will be used as a kitchen, and a room for a cooler. A porch ten feet wide extends along the front.

The course with exception of the greens around holes 7 and 9 is in fair condition, according to the caretaker, Mr. John Lorentz. These greens had to be made from a stubble field and have not yet completely

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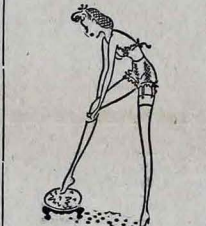
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sodded.
Golf is not the only activity at the Recreation Center. A county-wide 4-H club vespers and council circle Friday evening was the most recent meeting. Adele Harpold estimates that a thousand Gilmer County people have made use of these grounds for picnicking and civic meetings since the first of April. Civic groups and clubs use the western half of the farm and the eastern half has been made into a golf course.

The building of an 826-mile gas line, extending from Clendenin to the southwestern part of Louisiana, is being planned by the Hope Natural Gas Company. Cost is estimated at \$25,000,000.

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MRS. BEALL ON COUNCIL

Mrs. Lenore Beall, mother of Gwendolyn Beall, A. B. '41, of College street, was appointed a member of the Glenville town council to fill the vacancy caused when J. Wilbur Beall did not qualify after being elected June 3.

FEDERAL SCHOOL AID

Federal aid for public schools became a fact last week when President F. D. Roosevelt authorized spending of \$150,000,000 to build and maintain schools and other public works in industrial defense areas.

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SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

Miss Brenice Sullivan and Austen Crawford Married; Announce Several Other Weddings

Barbara Hauman Becomes Wife of R. D. Sturm, Student in the University

Announced recently were the marriages of these College or former College students:

Miss Brenice Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sullivan, and Mr. Austen Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Crawford, both of Parkersburg, were married July 8 at the home of the bride.

Mrs. Crawford, a student in the Summer School, teaches in Wood County.

Mr. Crawford is an employee of the Ames Baldwin Wyoming Tool-work Company of Parkersburg, where the couple will live.

Miss Barbara Hauman, A. B. '40, of Glenville, became the bride of Robert Davis Sturm of Enterprise, in a ceremony which took place December 27, 1940, at Rinehart Harrison County.

Mrs. Sturm is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hauman and teaches in Poca High School, Putnam County.

Mr. Sturm is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sturm of Enterprise, and is a student in the mechanical engineering school, West Virginia University.

The wedding of Miss Ruth Toler, daughter of Mrs. J. Albert Toler and Mr. Chas. O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. O'Dell, of Hominy Falls, was solemnized June 12 in Parkersburg, Va.

Mr. O'Dell, a former student of the College, teaches in Nicholas County.

On July 4, Miss Kathryn Riffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. E. Riffe of Orlando became the bride of Corporal Charles Leonard Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dane Bennett, of Fort Knox, Ky.

Mr. Bennett is a former student in the College.

Miss Avah Gregory of Jane Lew, became the bride of Oris Simons of Miletus, in a ceremony which took place June 29 at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hart of Jane Lew.

Mrs. Simons is a daughter of Roy B. Gregory and the late Vada Exline Gregory. Mr. Simons is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Simons.

Mr. and Mrs. Simons, former students in the College, have been teaching in Lewis County. They will live in Jane Lew.

Miss Zula Ann Lowther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lowther of Morgantown, and James Terry, also of Morgantown, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Oakland, Md., July 7. Mr. Terry is employed by the DuPont company at Morgantown.

Betty Wilson to Speak at Rotary Luncheon

Dr. C. P. Harper addressed Glenville Rotarians Thursday on the subject, "Which Way a Lasting Peace?" This week T. W. Hyer will be in charge of the program and will present Betty Wilson, sister of June Wilson, who will review her trip to the Girls' State at Jackson's Mill.

Varied Social Program Offered Here Each Week

The Social calendar for the past week offered varied activities, including a square dance Tuesday evening, a College sing Wednesday evening, a picnic Thursday evening, and open house in the lounge of Louis Bennett Hall yesterday evening.

This week there will be a story telling period tomorrow on the lawn in front of Verona Maple Hall at 7 p. m., a round dance Friday evening in the gymnasium, and open house the following Monday.

Least attended of the various events is open house, which may be canceled unless the attendance increases.

General chairman of the social program is Miss Alma Arhuckle, one of the College librarians. Several students are assisting.

Miss White Speaks at Church Historical Meeting

Miss Willema White, College librarian, was the principal speaker and leader of the open forum at the Uplush Church Historical Association's all-day meeting at Rich Mountain, Friday. The gathering was the 80th anniversary of the battle of Rich Mountain which occurred July 11, 1861.

Miss White spent the rest of the week-end at her home in Buckhannon.

Merrymakers Have Second Benefactor Bridge Party

The first July meeting of the Monday Merrymakers department of the Glenville Civic Club was held last night at the home of Mrs. I. N. Petty on Camden Flats. The meeting was a benefit bridge and the money will go to the club treasury. Bridge and rummy were played and prizes were given for high scores. Assisting hostesses were: Mrs. Edward Mackey, Mrs. Orville White, Mrs. Wayne Davis, Mrs. Harold Burke, and Miss Margarette Moss.

WOMEN STUDENTS GO IN FOR SUMMER SPORTS SPONSORED BY THE W. A. A.

Two Tournaments Planned For Those Interested in Tennis; Schedule Doubles Meet

Various clubs of the Women's Athletic Association have been active in the past two weeks.

A softball game was played Wednesday between Luvera Barker's team and Edith Gaston's team. In this five inning game, the final score was 38 to 18, in favor of the Barker team, with the only home run of the game made by Brenice Sullivan Crawford. During the fourth inning there were twenty-three runs. Official for the game were: Gaston's team, Irene Cashion and Dorothy McClung, pitchers, Imogene Salmons, backcatcher; Barker's team, Brenice Sullivan Crawford, pitcher, and Elsie Patterson, back catcher. Eugene McCourt umpired the game, while a few enthusiastic fans sat in the bleachers and cheered their favorites on.

Although hampered by rainy weather, eighteen members of the Tennis Club have completed two weeks of practice. Each girl is scheduled to play twice weekly, and both courts are reserved for members from 8 to 4 p. m. and 5 to 7 p. m. daily.

According to Marjorie Harden, leader, plans are being made to have two tournaments; elimination and consolation, the first of which will begin Monday, July 21. A doubles tournament may be scheduled later. The first group hike of the Hiking Club was taken Thursday when eight girls hiked to the Fairgrounds and back to the College, a distance of about three miles. Helen Cowell,

leader, plans for the group to hike to Decker's Camp, and attend a W. A. A. wiener roast on Tuesday.

After learning how to use and take care of the archery equipment, members of the Archery Club are becoming more accurate in their shooting.

Although most of the twenty members in the Badminton Club are just learning the game, they are progressing rapidly. An outdoor court back of the gymnasium is being made for those who prefer playing outdoors.

A WAA wiener roast and swimming party, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until Monday evening.

R. E. Freed Urges Teachers to "Do Better The Job You Are Already Doing"

"The aggressors don't have to come over here. They can gain complete control of Europe, Africa and Asia and be within sight of our shores. They will not let us have the essential material, we must have if we are to defend ourselves against our enemies. Results of these situations are that a revolution may be provoked, or that we can be driven into economic suffering."

So concluded Raymond E. Freed, instructor in sociology, who spoke on "What Can We As Individuals Do to Make Our Defense Program a Success?" at the defense forum in

Young People Review Life at Camps

Young people of the Presbyterian Church reviewed highlights of their summer camps Sunday night during a service presided over by Russell Hugh McQuinn.

From the group that attended a senior conference at Lewisburg, Peggy Jane Adams reviewed the camp schedule, Bobby Whiting spoke of the recreation program, Donald Barker discussed the social life, Arnold Hall reviewed the classes, Marjory Jack the spiritual life, and Amy Withers vespers services.

Scott Withers reported for the intermediate group that attended a summer camp at Salt Rock, near Huntington.

Devotionals for the program were conducted by the Rev. C. Lloyd A. Hart, and Mrs. Anehart was piano accompanist for the young people's choir, of which Catherine Withers, College sophomore, is a member. Those who attended camp but were not present for the program were Betty Gainer, George Schimmel.

CHURCH PICNIC THURSDAY

Members of the Presbyterian Church and their families will hold their annual summer picnic Thursday evening at the home of Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, near Glenville.

The Melting Pot

WE'RE IT
I hereby will away my Melting pot To some poor sap, I care not who it be—
To take and cuss it much as I have done
And when they're finished jump and yell,
Whoopie!
I hope indeed they won't hear the phrase—
The Melting Pot it stinks, it's punk,
For we'll haunt you all your college days
To hear your column's filled with Useless Junk.
—Impogine Dye, former "sap" of the Melting Pot, in the Mercury.

POME
Put off til tomorrow
What you can do today
Irene Hoover had the measles
Some day soon you may.
(Then you wouldn't need your lessons.)

STILL POME
There once was a man named Fiddle
Who wouldn't accept his degree
It was had enough being called Fiddle
Without being called Fiddle, D.
D.—M. N.

CENTS
Two can live as cheap as one
But not as long—C. H.

SENSE
Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday.

GREEK
Di du det denny din de dewing dum dox.
Dee de dewing dum dot do down?
Di de det dum;
Duu de de depper.
Dause di du det denny din de dewing dum dox.
Dee—L. S.

MODERN STUFF
A country cottage is five rooms and a path.

LAST IMPRESSION
It's the song ye sing and the smile ye wear
That's making the sun shine everywhere.

Miss Bessie Bell Says Defense Program Is Big One for Country of Non-Military Traditions

Instructor in History Affirms We're Determined to Preserve Freedom, Security

By Bessie Boyd Bell
A country's foreign policy is based on the principle of self-interest. Leadership in making and directing the foreign policy of the United States is the responsibility of the President and the Department of State. However, Congress, from the earliest years of American history, has at times attempted to control or influence foreign policy. Familiar principles of this policy are neutrality, isolation, the Monroe Doctrine, the Open Door and Freedom of the Seas.

Neutrality and isolation belong to the pre-war period of the time of President Washington. When the wars of the French republic broke out in 1793, Washington immediately announced the neutrality of the United States, in spite of our alliance with France made in 1778, stating we would "forever" defend our possessions in the West Indies. Congress has enacted legislation from time to time to enforce neutrality.

Washington wisely aimed to keep our weak, new country out of permanent political arguments. Temporary alliances would do for emergencies, he said. Isolation became a popular policy. It was expressed in the form of (a) "non-participation in cooperative action with a group of governments or the whole community of nations and (b) non-intervention in the internal affairs of other single nations." There have been departures from these "principles" in our more recent history. Cooperation and intervention have been practiced where it seemed to our strategic or economic interest to do so. The fear of military involvement has influenced us at times to remain true to the earlier policy of noncooperation and non-intervention.

Probably the most popular policy is the Monroe Doctrine, though the meaning of it is somewhat hazy. It was in the president's message to Congress in 1823, when the Latin American countries were getting their independence from Spain and Portugal. Briefly, it expressed opposition on the part of the United States to the effort of any power to reestablish the European system of monarchy in America. Absolute monarchy was the prevailing type of government then. Now it appears under the name of dictatorship.

'Open Door' Policy
The Open Door policy was developed in regard to China with whom we made a treaty in 1844 containing a most-favored-nation clause, meaning that the United States would automatically receive a great trade privileges as China might at any time concede to another nation. This policy was reemphasized about 1900. For the time being, it is inactive. We are realistic and admit that Japan has closed the door against trade in China by sea. We have not renounced the principle anywhere.

"Freedom of the Seas" is an ancient American doctrine. For it we have fought and declared wars against England in 1812 and against Germany in 1917, and two undeclared wars, against France in 1798 and the Barbary Pirates, of North Africa in 1805 and 1815. In brief "Freedom of the Seas" means the right to use the seas as highways for commerce without hindrance. We have voluntarily restricted our claim to make available to the democracies or any nation resisting an aggressor. Britain, China and Greece were the expected beneficiaries. Since then, Greece has fallen and Russia has become the latest victim of attack, and therefore eligible for aid. However, our production of armaments for some time to come will be needed to fill the orders of England and to mechanize our own army. The United States will, no doubt, continue to be largely the "Arsenal of Democracy." It should be observed that the League-Lend Act nearly circumvents the Johnson Act which forbids loans to defaulters. Now we admit early in the war what we learned 14 years after the last one—that war debts are probably not collectible.

Neutrality Law
The Neutrality Law conferred on the President the power to proclaim the war zone, from which American shipping would then be excluded. Japan's war on China was not declared and has not been recognized by the United States, hence we continue trade with unoccupied China by way of the land route known as the Burma Road.

It was a common idea for some years that we were drawn into the

War of 1917 to secure the loans which our investors had made to the allies. When the European nations, Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, defaulted in their debt payments to our government for financial aid after we entered the war, Congress passed the Johnson Act in 1934. It places an embargo on loans to countries in default. This was to discourage war-making as well as to prevent the involvement of the United States.

In 1938, a well-armed and determined nation, having no scruples and observing no international agreements, set out on a course of conquest and world domination. Within 2 1/2 years it had overrun western continental Europe, being halted temporarily by the British Air Force in August and September, 1940. The rapid succession of events of that spring of 1940, raised the United States to a realization of the danger to our country if England should be defeated and lose her navy. America's fall supplied a much about what it meant to have a friendly nation's navy between us and an aggressive power while our own navy made our west coast secure. The Fall of France in June, 1940, stimulated our government to begin a defense program in earnest. It is based on the theory that preparedness is the best defense. Congress soon authorized the building of a two-ocean navy.

Fairly Good Start
A fairly good start has been made by a billion dollar appropriation in 1938, as a result of which two capital ships are already well on the way to completion. It will probably be four or five years before this naval building program can be finished. Meanwhile, we cannot afford to permit the defeat of England and the loss of her navy. To this end, our government has supplied England with fifty obsolete destroyers which she so desperately needed. In return for them we received the leasing right of eight naval base sites on islands in the Atlantic from Greenland to British Guiana in South America. However it will be some time before these bases are well equipped. Navies cannot function without supply bases. England's recent experiences in Crete demonstrate this well.

Soon after the destroyer deal, announced in September, 1940, Congress passed the Selective Service Act, popularly called the draft law, providing for a year's military training of men in the army. The National Guard also was called into service. The army is now said to consist of about 1,400,000 men. Many of them do not yet have equipment for training purposes. To see that equipment is manufactured with the greatest possible speed, OPM, Office of Production Management, was set up under the Chairmanship of William S. Knudsen, President of General Motors Corporation. Mayor La Guardia of New York has recently been designated to organize Civilian Defense.

Defense Acts
Another major defense act in the League-Lend Act passed early this year after weeks of debate. Congress immediately authorized a grant of \$7,000,000,000 worth of goods to Britain. It is our announced purpose to make aid available to the democracies or any nation resisting an aggressor. Britain, China and Greece were the expected beneficiaries. Since then, Greece has fallen and Russia has become the latest victim of attack, and therefore eligible for aid. However, our production of armaments for some time to come will be needed to fill the orders of England and to mechanize our own army. The United States will, no doubt, continue to be largely the "Arsenal of Democracy." It should be observed that the League-Lend Act nearly circumvents the Johnson Act which forbids loans to defaulters. Now we admit early in the war what we learned 14 years after the last one—that war debts are probably not collectible.

Chief Bottleneck In Defense Is Lack Of Understanding

By H. L. Wiltz
The chief bottleneck in our defense efforts is the lack of understanding of why it is necessary. That "why" runs consistently through the history of the Germans for the last two hundred years. In 1740 there were 360 little petty states—principality, duchies, cantons, free cities, etc. Frederick, King of Prussia, subjugated twenty-five of these states and brought them under the domination of Prussia. It was called the German Confederation.

From that time to the present the German Empire has undertaken conquests of other nations by force every time it has felt itself strong enough to do so. Never having been a government of law, the German Empire knows and approves only the rule of force. In their minds democracy is not only a weakness but a political disease to be cut out by forcible surgery. Hitler's "Mein Kampf" is made up of a summary or digest of the ideals, aspirations, purposes and intentions of the German people for the last two hundred years. Their system of education is carried on the principle of apprenticeship and subservience. That means that they are educated mainly for the purpose of serving their governing master. Those two principles of education develop in them a mechanical efficiency and a goose-stepping obedience that make them not only dangerous but deadly. Once this is seen and understood by the people of the United States, they will understand why no provocation is needed to incite German aggression. Then the people of the United States will rise up and smite this aggressor.

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