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The Holy Roller Court Dance
Friday Night; The Public
Is Invited

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MERCURY MUSINGS

A Column of Highlights From Here And There And Everywhere

By Frances Myers

Books are still wanted for our soldiers, flyers, sailors, and merchant marines and someone has not responded to the call.

A goal of ten million books was set by leaders in the Victory Book Campaign, and fulfillment was expected in one week. After four weeks of publicity and pleading, only one million books were collected.

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The Robert F. Kidd Library is contributions. If that seems too far the Glenville County center for away, press into service the Boy Scout who lives next door. He will carry your bundle for you.

The first step is to take the books off the shelf. If you're watchful, an opportunity will come for delivering them.

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Something is wrong somewhere. We have a nation of 130,000,000 people, approximately 750,000 of whom hold membership in book clubs. Only one out of every 130,000,000 people contributed one book, and the other 129,000,000 probably were not even conscience-stricken.

Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems to me that 99 per cent of the American people need to wake up to the fact that they can help win this war.

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Are not Americans big enough to make little sacrifices? This idea appeared in an editorial in the "Saturday Review of Literature." To quote: "Let the government send out a call for homes to be turned over to the army, and the call will be filled many times over."

But let the government cut down on tires or sugar, and we grouse and fume and boil over; let there be a voluntary campaign to supply our soldiers and sailors with good things to read, and only a comparative few respond. "We can't all kill Hitler. Somebody has to make the insignificant sacrifices. . . . The campaign is still on. Run, do not walk, to your nearest bookshelf."

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Our brothers, friends, and sons in the armed service of our country want books for recreation and books for study.

Don't give a book you want to get rid of; give one you enjoyed reading. They'll enjoy it, too. Don't give an out-of-date text. Give one of value now.

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Here's a tip. Satisfy the readers' curiosity by putting your name and address in front of each book you give. Maybe one will satisfy yours by sending a note of appreciation.

Get out your good books now. Be in style with vacant places on shelves, and have the books handy to deliver at the earliest opportunity.

Mount Holyoke's recent junior show spent three hours trying to prove that tax on college girls' brains would net the government no revenue.

About 250 Persons See County Selectees Off to Clarksburg For Army Induction

Approximately 250 persons braved a heavy rain Thursday morning to send off eighty-three of the scheduled eighty-five Glenville County draftees to Clarksburg for their final physical examination before induction into the Army. The forty-eight that passed were immediately inducted, while the thirty-four rejected returned home Thursday evening.

James Woolfer, A. B. '41, Robert Leroy Davis, A. B. '39, Albert Moore, A. B. '40, along with Damon West, Thomas Hendrick, and Nelson Garrett, former students, were among those who passed the examination. The local College band furnished the music for the group and a light breakfast with coffee was served at the Trinity Methodist Church.

There was a delay of about two hours due to lack of transportation on the part of the bus company. The

WILL SPONSOR 2 PROGRAMS SOON SAYS R. FIDLER

Students to Entertain Groups
At Weston High School
And A-B College

Brief campaign talks and principal features of the exchange assembly programs to be given soon at Weston and at Alderson-Broadbudd College made up the weekly assembly program Wednesday.

All candidates for Student Council offices and those for the Supreme Court were asked to speak, to give their platforms and to present any views they cared to. Though six candidates were not present and therefore did not respond, those who did pledged in the main their "best efforts if elected," and all expressed a theme of sincerity and a keen enthusiasm for student government.

Present to express their message were Sterly Brown, Helen Taylor, Katy Adams, Evelyn Wagner, Donzel Betts, Sol Levin, Kline Bush and Anna Faye Myers. Absent were Arnold Steorts, Reynolds Brooks, and Garnett Hamrick.

Catherine Withers, candidate for Council secretary, had a part on the program which followed the talks and therefore did not appear for her campaign speech. Garnett Hamrick was not present because she had accepted a teaching job in the county for the rest of the school year.

Features of the exchange assembly, presented more or less as a rehearsal, included music by a fresh man orchestra, made up of Dometrich Schirripa, Earl Rymer Stalnaker, Jack Luzader and Russell Hugh McQuinn, with Miss Roanna Gainer, a senior, at the piano. Also featured was a vocal solo by Pell McCartney, a "Handsome Henry" acrobatic dance by Catherine Withers and a humorous reading by Anna Mary Means.

Robert Fidler, student body president, introduced the numbers.

Gay Crowd Expected For Annual Court Dance Here Friday

Johnny Born and his eight-piece orchestra of Clarksburg will make their second appearance here this year when they play for the annual Holy Roller Court dance in the gymnasium Friday night.

The Court has been in existence fourteen years and has sponsored as many dances.

Dancing will continue from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m., and admission will be \$1.25 a couple or 75 cents single, tax included.

Court officers expect many former members to return for the party and to encourage such have issued invitations which have been mailed to all sections of the State.

Judge of the Court is Brooks Golden, senior, of Weston.

DEFENSE BOND SALES

Total sales of Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps in West Virginia from last May 1st to April 1st this year, equal approximately \$33,000,000.00, State Defense Administrator Roy Yoke said today "as a conservative estimate."

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SHREVE VISIT THEIR SON
ROBERT AT CAMDEN, S. C.

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Is Re-Elected



Dr. E. G. Rohrbough, president of the College, was re-elected president of the West Virginia Conference at a meeting Friday in Clarksburg. See story on page 3.

MAY HOLD MODEL AIRPLANE MEET CHEMISTRY DAY

Final Plans for Eleventh
Annual Event to Be
Made Tonight

A model airplane meet may be one feature of the College's eleventh annual Chemistry Day to be held here Saturday, April 25, Chemistry Club leaders announced at a meeting Thursday night.

If held, the meet will be at the Glenville County Recreation Center and will be under the direction of Beecher Thompson of Sand Fork and Carl Hopkins, state amateur radio and airplane instructor of Clarksburg. Boys from Elkins, Buckhannon, Parkersburg, Clarksburg and other towns, will be invited to take part, and twenty dollars in prize money will be given to the owners of the best model planes.

The Chemistry Day program, which will center around national defense, has not been completed but the Club announced that exhibits and demonstrations will be held between 9 and 11 a. m. Students from the University, under the direction of Dr. Howard P. Simons, will give their demonstration on explosives at this time on the second floor of Administration Hall. There will be student demonstrations in the chemistry and physics laboratories, and exhibits will be shown in Rooms 200, 203 and 204. Following the demonstrations, Dr. Simons will give a one hour talk on explosives in the College auditorium.

The afternoon will be devoted to a motion picture in the auditorium and the airplane meet at the Recreation Center.

At the meeting Thursday the Club decided to have a twenty-page program printed and to invite students from high schools of the state. A party also is being planned for Dr. Simons and his students Friday night, April 24. Final plans will be completed at a meeting tonight.

Wilson Accepted by U. S. Naval Reserves

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Student Council Election Begins On Campus Today

Final balloting for the coming year's student body officers got under way this morning when election polls were opened for the second time in as many weeks.

Students were treated to the pleasure of voting in private when the election committee placed regulation booths in Administration Hall. A ballot box was again borrowed from the Glenville County Court.

Election officials passed out mimeographed ballots to students as they were checked from the record. Ballots contained names of two candidates for each office with the exception of that of Supreme Court, which contained names of two men and two women candidates.

Results of the election will be carried complete in the next issue of the Mercury.

Stalnaker Accepts Job At Rainelle

Robert Stalnaker, senior, accepted a position teaching biology and general science in Rainelle High School the past week.

He started teaching Thursday, replacing a man called to the army, and was back in Glenville with Kenneth Hutchinson over the week-end. Other graduates of the College who are teaching in Rainelle are Mrs. Lloyd Jones (Ella Sumners), A. B. '37; Kenneth Hutchinson, A. B. '41; and William Moore, A. B. '35.

Stalnaker will return to College this summer to complete work for the A. B. degree.

'Kanawhachen' Copy Sent to Printers

As far as Editor Forest White is concerned, the 1942 Kanawhachen is finished, for he has completed his work, and the copy is in the hands of the printer at West. The pictures were sent some time ago to the engraver, and are expected back at any time.

Gilbert ("Cy") Hersman, of the Weston Independent, printers of the annual, reports that printing will start as soon as the type is set, and that will begin next week.

As things are shaping up now, the Kanawhachen will be ready for distribution about May 18 at the latest.

MID-TERM 'PAY DAY' PLEASES SOME; OTHERS 'RESOLVE TO STUDY'

Wednesday was pay-day at the College when chattering, restless students assembled in Administration Hall awaiting their turn to get their mid-semester grades.

A double line started forming about 1:15 p. m. in front of room 101, Dean H. L. White's office, and continued throughout the afternoon. Grades were released by Dean White and Miss Ivy Lee Myers, director of elementary teacher training.

Disappointments were common. In one case a girl lacked one required "honors" point and the result is that her nights out for the remaining part of the semester will be limited to three each week.

Though disappointments were common, a few bright spots remained. Remarks such as, "Gee, I did better than I thought I would," "I made a 'B' average," and "Boy, am I lucky; I passed all my hours," could be heard in almost every nook and corner.

MORE SERVICE MEN TO RECEIVE MERCURY COPIES

New names added to the Mercury mailing list include several U. S. Service men; namely, Pvt. Donald B. Young, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Pvt. Donald Given, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Cadet Robert D. Shreve, Camden, S. C.; and Pvt. Raymond G. Tracy, Camp Blanding, Fla.

A change in address was received for Howard J. Lindell, who now goes to Kansas City, Kan. and for Louie Romano, who stays at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland but has been shifted to a different division.

Granted a \$1,000 Roosevelt fellowship by the Institute of International Education, Ronald Lorenzo Mallison of Houston, Texas, left recently to study at the University of Brazil.

ALDERSON-BROADBUDS PRESIDENT TO PREACH BACCALAUREATE SERMON FOR GLENVILLE SENIORS, SUNDAY, MAY 31

Seventy-Four Students Listed Tentatively to
Be Graduated; U. S. Senator Joseph Rosier
to Deliver Graduation Address

Dr. John W. Elliott, president of Alderson-Broadbudd College, will deliver the annual baccalaureate sermon in the College auditorium Sunday May 31, Pres. E. G. Rohrbough has announced.

Dr. Elliott, who is well known here, addressed a group of students and townspeople on February 19 in the Glenville Baptist Church.

Dr. J. W. Elliott



L. V. Thompson On State Board

Romney Attorney Replaces
W. R. Vineyard Who Resigned
for Military Duties

Gov. M. M. Neely has announced the appointment of Atty. L. V. Thompson, Democrat, of Romney, to membership on the State Board of Education.

Mr. Thompson who succeeds W. R. Vineyard, of Spencer, who resigned a few weeks ago to enter military service, is a former prosecuting attorney of Hampshire County and is a graduate of West Virginia University.

For many years he was secretary of the Romney District Board of Education and was serving in that capacity when Dr. C. P. Harper, of the College faculty, was principal of Romney High School, 1927 to 1933.

Other members of the State Board are Superintendent W. W. Trent, ex-officio, Charleston; Mrs. D. W. Brown, Huntington; Mrs. Mary H. Davison, Weston; Mrs. Thelma B. Loudin, Fairmont; Mr. Raymond Brewster, Huntington and Mrs. Lydia C. Hearne, Wheeling. Mr. David Kirby is the secretary.

For Victory—Buy Bonds!

College Will Sign Up For V-I Plan In U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Program

by Kline Bush
From Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, came a telegram the past week stating that the navy is proud that the College has undertaken its V-I plan for training freshmen and sophomores for officer material.

Dr. E. G. Rohrbough, president, says that the College has not yet signed up but is expecting to do so soon.

The training is open to freshmen and sophomores who have reached their 17th birthday and are not yet 20 years old. Under this plan, students may enlist now in the Naval Reserve as Apprentice Seamen. They will be in the navy, but not in active duty until they have finished the college training period of two years.

The basis of the V-I plan is to qualify students for a commission by staying in the college and getting the most of their college years. The navy asks them to do four things:

1. To do the work carefully and accurately, whatever the course, and to learn to express themselves clearly and concisely.
2. To include in their college curriculum, studies which will give them a sound working knowledge of mathematics and physics.
3. To keep themselves in good health and develop their physical condition to the standards required by Naval Officers.
4. To remember, at all times they are training to be leaders of men, officers in the United States Navy.

Washington, D. C.
April 9, 1942

State Teachers College
Glenville, West Virginia.

The Navy is proud that your college has undertaken the V-I Plan for training freshmen and sophomores as officer material. Please tell your young men who apply for enlistment and training under this plan that they will be serving the nation, if they continue their college courses, no less than those of your alumni who are already in active service. The Navy knows your institution and your V-I students will do their best.

Frank Knox
Secretary of the Navy

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Candidates Pledge Best Efforts
For Strong Student Government

IN ASSEMBLY the past week candidates for Student Council offices were asked to give their views, set forth their platforms, or otherwise express themselves. As a whole the talks were brief and seemingly sincere.

To sum up the speeches, each candidate pledged his best work and supreme effort if successful in the forthcoming general election. This in itself seems to be "enough said." If that one pledge is carried out and put into practice there would be no need to worry whether or not next year's council will put forth its best, whether or not we'll have a strong, honest and efficient student government.—Jack Stalnaker.

Mid-Semester—A Time That
Tries Students' Souls

WE MAY say that: "These are times that try men's souls"; that the world has more than its measure of woe; and that we college students found our share Wednesday when mid-semester grades were given out. Many were disappointed because they were not as high as we wanted them to be—even expected, but there are always good excuses.

We had for four and one-half months been defending our own "Bataan"; we had the "manpower" and the necessary fighting tools. If we had to fall back on a new line of defense should we blame the superiority of the enemies' forces or our "superior officers"? The easiest way is to blame the one who is in charge—never us who merely take the tests.

But for all of us there may be a grain of comfort in Neal O'Hara's syndicated column of April 8, in which he recalls that after the "teachers had flunked a number of them, we got up a little test and sprang it on the pedagogues themselves. And they all classified as morons.

"In their exams, the teachers didn't know who invented the patrol wagon, couldn't identify a picture of the left-hand Smith brother, and would rather catch erysipelas than spell it.

"The mathematics professor thought plus-fours were conservative bonds and that a step-in was a vestibule. The history teacher thought a tabloid was a dose of aspirin and a hop head was president of a brewery.

"Although our dear teachers did considerable hemming and hawing—and showed other symptoms of catarrh—they had to admit they weren't so bright themselves when it came to answering other people's questions. But it was a good lesson all around and we pupils graduated on time"—Clyde Dotson.

This Plan May Prove
Popular In College Circles

FOLLOWING World War I, few students who had enlisted or had been drafted into the army returned to finish college. This was especially unfortunate because the post-war period saw the beginning of the tendency to attach considerable importance to the college diploma.

Feeling that financial aid to veterans may prevent, to some degree, the same situation following the present conflict, the University of Iowa is developing a scholarship plan to build a fund that will be available to soldiers who wish to finish college after the war is over and will, at the same time, help the country in its present war effort.

The plan briefly is this: (1) Each student buys a ten-cent defense stamp each week and donates it to the fund to be invested in government bonds; (2) returning soldiers, who can meet certain requirements of previous enrollment and scholastic average in college, will be eligible for scholarships up to \$200, depending on their needs; (3) dimes are collected through all school organizations, dormitories and by special representatives living in town.

Such a plan is admirable because it builds a large fund, and yet the cost is small for everyone; it gives each student a feeling that he or she is really taking part in a patriotic activity instead of the generally prevailing feeling of uselessness and inactivity; and funds do a double duty in helping the government now to buy arms and in helping soldiers finish their education.

If such a plan were adopted by the Glenville State Teachers College student body, which averages about 300 persons, the fund at the end of one year (36 weeks) would be \$1080, enough to help from six to ten soldiers finish their educations.—P. D. R.

Exchange Assembly Programs
Must Be Of College Level

IN ASSEMBLY the past week the Student Council made it known that plans for exchange assembly programs with backing were solicited for this worthwhile project.

Our College is advertised by the degree and quality of its activities. An entertaining, well-conducted assembly program will do much to leave a favorable impression of Glenville State Teachers College.

With this fact in mind, we see that attempting to work up such a program entails obligation. Students are obligated to cooperate with and assist the Student Council in putting on these programs. The Council is obligated to see that there be sufficient practice and planning so that the program will reflect credit on the College. Work must be intensive enough to insure its success.—Richard Harper.

LIBRARIAN IS SPEAKER

In connection with their study of the "Use of the Library," students in Linn B. Hickman's English 102 class had as a guest speaker yesterday morning, Miss Willema White, librarian. Recently Miss White Barker conducted a similar exercise for students in Miss Kathleen Robertson's English 102 class.

G CLUB MINSTREL TO

BE OFFERED APRIL 30

The first black-faced minstrel to be given this year will be presented in the College auditorium April 30 by the G Club. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

The Mercury goes free each week to dozens of men in the armed forces.

RADIO
RHYTHMS

Brief Notes About Band
Leaders—Hit Tunes
of the Day

By Jack Stalnaker, Bill Wheeler

DUKE ELLINGTON

Duke Ellington is the one member of the Negro race whose talents have been accepted by serious lovers of music everywhere. But Ellington is more than a jazz band leader. Among his own race he holds a position comparable to the great public heroes of the white race. His opinions on every conceivable subject are eagerly quoted by the Negro press. Except for Marion Anderson, Ellington is probably the greatest musical figure the Negro race has produced. He says, "I'm writing and playing unadulterated Negro music. There are no schools or books to tell a about it." Ellington recently recorded "I Got It Bad" and "Are You Sticking."

STUDENTS' CHOICE

Latest appearance of the "freshman band" was enthusiastically received by many, and especially by the freshmen. A new member of the group is Jack Luzader, who plays the trumpet. Selections by the band will be part of the two assembly programs to be given at A-B College and Weston High School soon.

Weather seems to have no effect on the College band. Members "braved the storm" to give county selectees a rousing send-off Thursday morning.

BRIEFS

Glen Miller's was the only white band to place in a popularity poll recently conducted by the "Pittsburgh Courier" (the top Negro newspaper with a nationwide circulation). Glenn took fourth place . . . Tommy Dorsey will replace Red Shelton on his regular program starting soon . . . The proposed M-G-M Tommy Dorsey record firm is definitely off . . . Recent recordings tasting success are "Jersey Bounce," "A Zoot Suit," "What Is This Thing Called Love?" and "Tangerine."

The
Kan of Korn

By Krackey

With thanks to Don Bond of the WVU Athenaeum, El Stupo shows this little verse your way:
The college man is funny guy,
He like to drink, he tell much
lie; . . .

From dawn to dusk he always
smoke,
His laugh is loud, he love good
joke;
His pants are short, his hair are
too,
Him had at books, him good at
woo;
He chase around in battered
car,
He know where all the hot spots
are;
He never worry, seldom study,
His slang is good, but French
is muddy;
If these be all a student do,
I think me go to collieth too.

H. Y. Clark, professor in the College, said recently at a banquet honoring the Pioneers, "I'm so thin my wife is fearful of my drinking lemonade through a straw. Because I'm so thin, she thinks I'll slip through the straw and fall in."

Those little midget cars (Austins and the like) should be ruled off the highways. Last week a fellow was hitch-hiking a ride down to see his sweet-potatote and he happened to hail one of these offsprings of a Tinker-Toy set. The driver saw him and was going to stop but the brakes gave way and the dog-gone car rolled right up the fellow's arm and "busted" two of his ribs. But he hopes to be in shape for the Holy Roller Court dance Friday—See you there—El Stupo.

PTA TO INSTALL OFFICERS
AT MEETING ON MAY 7

Installation of new officers for the program of the next meeting of the Glenville Parent-Teachers Association, May 7.

Officers to be installed are: President, Mrs. John Gilbert Cain; vice-president, Mrs. T. B. McQuinn; secretary, Miss Pearl Pickens and treasurer, Miss Marjorie Montgomery.



Notes from

The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Mary C. Dorsey

"En Guardia," a new Spanish magazine, offers practice for those who know Spanish but much of it is not too hard for most of us to get the meaning. It is full of pictures, many of them colored.

"Bathany Years," the newest addition to the library, is the history of Bathany College.

Every mystery story fan has either read or heard of Ellery Queen, but how many of them know that he is two men? Frederick Dannay and Manfred Lee collaborate in producing the books.

There is a prize being offered for the best list of ten books which answer questions about World War II. If you're interested, ask Miss Willema White about the details.

Recently the library received bound volumes of all the "National Geographics" since 1925.

Newest pamphlet is "A History of Nursing in West Virginia".

Rochester's public school libraries

have taken off their shelves all social science books by Harold O. Ruggs, because of his being implicated in some Fifth Columnist activities. . . . Several of his books are on our shelves! Should we do anything about it?

Attention, health and physical education teachers and students! The May "Supplement to Research Quarterly" is entirely given to physical fitness.

Many magazines are recognizing the importance of Australia by printing articles on "the land underneath."

What a hectic hour the librarian had one afternoon not so long ago. After spending a good bit of his hunting for material on "Roger of Saline" the student noticed that he wanted "Roger of Palermo".

Another student wanted information on the Elkins Act and the Mann-Elkins Act but had no knowledge of either. "A good modern novel for Miss Willa Brand's class" was the vague request of still another student.

The Mercury's
Student Forum

Does criticism of our student government help? Probably so if non-violent methods are used to bring about the changes.

We all believe in the freedom of speech and the press, but the task of every student is to utilize them to the best advantage.

In my opinion criticisms often are not justified. There are a good many who neither understand the situation nor investigate matters to the fullest extent. There are also others who are extremists in the opposite direction. They are so much depressed by their diffi-

culties that they would like to see the whole thing abolished. These few see so little hope for personal victory and therefore are against the whole thing.

Most of the people with whom I have talked, however, are neither complacent nor gloomy; they believe we can make our student government the best.

You can help by making yourself strong, by forming good attitudes and by training for effectiveness. Do your best and let us all pull together for the student government we are operating here on the campus.—Sheldon Rhodes.

Only 'Hay-Seeders' Swing Their
Arms At the College Dances

Everyone ought to know how to dance, but no one ever learned by watching from the floor or talking it over in the stag line.

In order to master rhythm, a fundamental of all good dancing, one can practice by himself simply by turning on the radio and tapping his feet in time with the music.

One shouldn't let an inferiority complex keep him from dancing. It isn't as hard as it may look. Being self-conscious will make one awkward and clumsy.

After one learns to dance well he should remember one thing: That no girl likes to be made too conspicuous on a dance floor. Exhibition stuff is for the stage! If one does know a lot of fancy steps and is a whizz at tap dancing, he may save himself for solo work at private parties.

One may be an expert at eccentric figures and a Fred Astaire at tossing one's partner around and still have the girls groaning whenever one asks for a dance. One should be satisfied to dance smoothly, lead well, keep time to the music, and omit steps that a new partner can't follow.

In cutting in, one should be careful to see whether a girl came with an escort before asking her to dance. If she did, one should ask the escort's permission.

Lighted cigarettes should never be carried on the dance floor, and one should not smoke in a dance-hall unless it seems to be the general rule. Loud talking and laughing are out of place at any public dance.

One should not bounce his arm up and down like a pump handle if he does not want the crowd to look for 'hay seed' in his hair.

Quick
QUIPS

Students of G. S. T. C.

Glenville, W. Va.

Dear Students:

There are four students who have not yet received their physical examination. Dr. W. T. Smith's office is situated over the Woodford Music Store, just in case.

YOURS,
QUICKSILVER

The
LETTER BOX

Received a card from Ersel Martin, who writes: "My congratulations to the Glenville Pioneers and Coach Rotherbough. And I'm indeed grateful to the Mercury staff for their sending me the Mercury to us in service. As a laboratory technician in the medical corps, I'm quite busy in the service." His mailing address is: Tech. Ersel E. Martin, U. S. Army Induction Station, 1040 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Received a change of address from Elmer Cawthon, Jr., whose present address is: Aviation Cadet Detachment, Class 42-G, Co. D, Randolph Field, Texas.

Gerald M. Cummings writes that he has been in the army one week. His address is: Pvt. Gerald M. Cummings, Hq. Det. 3rd Bn. 325th Inf., 82nd Division, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

From Donald Given comes a letter requesting the Mercury. Says he has lost all contact with Glenville since he was drafted in to the army. He is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

From Fred Sawyers, of Craigsville, a letter and a subscription. Mr. Sawyers wrote from the McClung Hospital in Richmond, where he underwent an operation Saturday for ruptured.

John Corathers writes from Paris Island, S. C. that "after passing the Marine Corps examination, I'm trying for the Air Corps or for the officers' training camp."

Forest W. Dorsey writes from Shepherd Field, Texas, that "I have received copies of the Mercury and have enjoyed them very much. I wish to extend . . . since thanks to the staff of the College for making it possible for students now serving in the army to get the Mercury."

Contributed

From Mrs. F. Hampson, of Warren, O., comes this anonymous contribution entitled:

COME CLEAN

When the game is on and your friends about,
And you could put your rival out
By a trick that's mean but wouldn't be seen,

Come clean, my lad, come clean!
When exams are called and you want to pass,

And you know how you could lead your class,
But the plan's not square, you know it's mean;

Come clean, my lad, come clean!
With the boss away, you've a chance to shirk,

Not lose your pay, not have to work,
He'll neither fire you nor vent his spleen;

Come clean, my lad, come clean!
When you're all alone and no one about,

And not a soul could find it out.
And you're tempted to do a thing obscure;

Come clean, my lad, come clean!
For a home awaits and a girl that's true,

And a church and state have need for you,
They must have your best, on you they lean;

Come clean, my lad, come clean!

Forsees New Stress
On American Culture

"Americans have always paid great deference to European cultural patterns and the more uncritical among us have held a sense of inferiority. The average college graduate has had a greater knowledge of European culture than his own. The future will see a revival of interest in the cultural history of the United States. Close attention will be paid to American history, philosophy, literature and language.

There will be a keener interest in American institutions, traditions and ideals. The well-balanced programs of secondary and higher education in the United States are likely to be characterized by a minimized emphasis upon European cultural antecedents and a greater emphasis upon American and Oriental cultural patterns." Dr. Gordon S. Watkins, dean of the college of letters and science on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, foresees new stress on American culture.

Jack Conrad spent the Easter vacation in Warren, O.

SOFTBALL TO BE MAJOR ITEM ON SPORTS PROGRAM

League Organized and Games May Start This Week; Field Reconditioned

The first phase of the spring intramural program got under way the past week when Coach A. F. Rohrbough organized a softball league of four teams under the leadership of eight co-captains. Approximately fifty-five men are signed up for the league at present with some more expected to be signed in the near future. Co-captains of their respective teams are as follows: William Whetzel and Joe Marra; Jesse Lilly and Joe Ratcliff; Earle Spencer and Warren Lamb; and Brooks Golden and Beecher Reed.

Work on the ball diamond was completed last week when members of the different teams repaired the infield, backstop, and bases.

Coach Rohrbough issued equipment to the different co-captains so that practice workouts could be held before the opening of the league this week.

Names of players and their respective teams appear on the bulletin board in Administration Hall.

Final Rites Held

Today for Olena Elliott, A. B. '40

Mrs. Olena Miles Elliott, A. B. '40, was found dead in the bath tub about 11 a. m. Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miles, Camden Flats, Glenville. Members of the family believe she suffered a fainting spell and then drowned. No inquest was held.

Mrs. Elliott, 39 years old and a teacher in the fourth grade at Sand Fork, had taught for seventeen years and had never missed a day, either as a student or a teacher. She was married December 26 to Walter Elliott, College alumnus and a teacher in the Calhoun County High School. The marriage was to have been announced this spring.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Glenville Baptist Church, of which she was a member, and burial followed in the Otterbein Cemetery.

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This picture, above, may give some idea of how copies of the Mercury get from printing press in the Glenville Democrat shop to subscribers in Alaska, Virgin Islands and points nearer home. Bill Wheeler, sophomore, left, and Jack Stalnaker, senior, right, who supervise the production are shown here wrapping and mailing. And to keep up with the news Wheeler transports a radio to the Democrat office each week and students and Democrat employees take in the air waves as they work. The Mercury this year has the widest and largest circulation in its thirteen-year history. A 100 per cent student-faculty circulation is maintained, almost every home and business place in Glenville is reached, and the paper goes to about 70 high schools in the Central West Virginia area. Free copies go weekly to all U. S. selectees who send addresses. Copies also reach all state officials, go to all state and denominational colleges and the University and to many out-of-state colleges and universities. This is a Mercury photo.

Salvaging Program May Teach Lesson In Conservation. Help Save Democracy

IT HAS TAKEN a crisis in our national life, a world-wide emergency, to show us how extravagantly we have wasted useful materials and mismanaged our natural resources. Forests have been ruthlessly mutilated; erosion has been augmented by careless cultivation; minerals have been destroyed by wasteful mining methods. Moreover, articles in every walk of life have been discarded when half worn or shabby with little thought of their further usefulness or potential value in another form.

Years ago linens, china, furniture and many other things were made to last and cherished as heirlooms. Today business is built on the theory that items of everyday life are made to be used once and then destroyed; as an example, instead of linens and china we often substitute paper napkins and paste-board dishes.



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It is not unlikely that one of the greatest of the war projects will be the general salvaging program now taking form here in Glenville and throughout the nation.—P. D. R.

STUDENTS GET HORSESHOE COURT BACK OF GYMNASIUM

The horseshoe season here on the campus opened Wednesday when the first pegs were driven on a new court back of the gymnasium. Room for only one set of pits is available but hopes are that room can be found elsewhere on the campus.

The tennis court east of Louis Bennett Hall has been reconditioned and playing started. Double courts at Rohrbough Field are not ready for service.

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STATE CONFERENCE GROUP RE-ELECTS PRESENT OFFICERS

Dr. E. G. Rohrbough Continues As President; Salem Drops Football Sport

At a meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Conference Friday in Clarksburg, all the present officers were re-elected for the coming year. Dr. E. G. Rohrbough has been president of the association every year but one since 1925.

All members were represented. The Conference adopted a resolution to continue competitive sports and to place greater emphasis on intramural activities in their respective colleges.

A motion was entered limiting the number to 8 teams to be allowed to participate in the annual West Virginia Intercollegiate Tournament. (Later at a coaches' meeting this motion was approved.) It is to be voted on at the next meeting of the Conference.

Announcement was made that Salem would discontinue football until the end of the war. Davis & El-Lins College, though not a member of the association, will drop competitive sports for the duration.

Wesleyan's faculty refused to approve that school's 1942 football schedule, but the final decision rests with the board of trustees. The consensus there seems to be that the board will follow the usual procedure of accepting any recommendation made by the faculty. Their schedule may be changed to include smaller colleges in the place of some teams now on the card.

With Salem outting football, the Pioneer schedule lists Potomac State, Bethany, West Liberty, Concord, W. Va. Tech, Fairmont and Shepherd.

GARNETT HAMRIK GETS COUNTY TEACHING JOB

Garnett Hamrik, a junior, has accepted the position as teacher for the Tanner No. 4 school, near Shock, for the rest of the school year.

Miss Hamrik received the job upon the resignation of Geraldine Meadows Allen, a standard normal graduate, who resigned to join her husband at Norfolk, Va. Miss Hamrik plans to return to College in May and resume a part of her second semester work.

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A FEW DAYS of April showers and then spring is here once again to make some of us a bit lazy, yet to awaken us to a light that has so long been dead—the light of activity. It is a fact that a person must be healthy in order to survive, and that to be healthy he must be active.

A few days ago Coach Rohrbough called together college men who were interested in softball, organized a team, and now they are under way with a well balanced intramural sport in which practically every male student can play. Soon after that, the tennis court was put in shape. Horseshoe pits are being dug for those interested in that sport. Archery will be arranged soon, perhaps under the direction of Miss Alma Arbuckle. Several assortments of games, such as, badminton, aerial darts, deck tennis, shuffleboard, and many others may be played in the gymnasium. Many of these games may be played by girls along with their program which might include volleyball and softball.

If you are a student who doesn't indulge in any kind of sports, see some of the sports leaders or take it upon yourself to engage in at least one of these activities. This not only will entertain you; it will help you physically. Almost one-seventh of our total enlistment in the army was turned back because of physical defects which might have been prevented had young men taken up some kind of sports activities soon enough.—Earle Spencer.

Collegians Down Dundon Five, 79-58

The Glenville Collegians defeated the Dundon Green Dragons at Dundon, near Clay, Friday night, 79-58.

The Glenville boys put on a passing and scoring display seldom seen when they overcame a half-time score of 30-29 to get 50 points to Dundon's 28 in the second half.

Harry Pritt led the Glenville attack, scoring 36 points while David Fitzpatrick got 19 and Jack Stalnaker 11. Winston Shelton and Jack Lorader played strong defensive ball for Glenville.

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SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK

Helen Taylor Is New President Of Y. W. C. A. Chapter

Election of officers was the chief business of the Y. W. C. A. members during a meeting in the College Lounge. Helen Taylor was elected president; Janie Bingham, vice-president; Virginia Samples, secretary; and Jean Boggs, treasurer.

Although the floor was held open for nominations, no names were added to the report of the nominating committee, which listed for president, Helen Taylor and Frances Myers; for vice-president, Janie Bingham and Eunice Wilfong; secretary, Virginia Samples and Evelyn Reese; treasurer, Jean Boggs and Carolyn Blinn. Soon after Jackson's Mill Spring Training Conference, to be held the week-end of April 24-25 and 26, the new officers will be installed. All the new officers will attend the conference.

Mr. Barnett, Miss Fleming Announce Engagement

Announcement was made recently of the betrothal and approaching marriage of Miss Ida Watson Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Fleming, Jr., of Fairmont, to Mr. Frederick H. Barnett, S. N. '26, of Pittsburgh, and a son of Charles E. Barnett, Sr., and Mrs. Grace Haysman Barnett of Charleston and Glenville. Their marriage will take place in May.

Miss Fleming is a granddaughter of the late A. Brooks Fleming, former governor of West Virginia. She was until recently assistant in the publicity department of Smith College, from which college she was graduated in 1939.

Mr. Barnett, brother of John Barnett, A. B. '38; Charles E. Barnett, Jr., A. B. '35; Truman Barnett, A. '28; Mrs. Willard Shreve, A. B. '40; and Mrs. Don Fulton, A. '28; is a member of the legal department and assistant secretary of the South Penn Natural Gas Company.

He is a graduate of the West Virginia University, School of Law, and he practiced law in Glenville a short time before accepting a position with the South Penn.

Faculty Club Dinner To Be Held in Lounge

The first Faculty Club dinner of the year will be held this evening at 5:30 o'clock in the lounge of Louis Bennett Hall, announces Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, Club president. Invited are all College instructors and administrators and their wives and husbands. An informal social hour will follow the dinner.

Elizabeth Lewis, A. B. '39, who teaches in Clay County, visited her parents and other relatives in Glenville over the weekend.

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OHNHIMCOHOW PLEDGES WEAR NAIL POLISH, LIPSTICK AND ROUGE

Rouge, lipstick, and nail polish embellished the appearances of four male pledges to the Ohnhimcohow Players while a conspicuous lack of the same on the five female pledges was quite apparent from Tuesday to Friday of the past week.

These nine pledges have suffered mildly confusing hazing, and have yet to present original, extemporaneous pantomimes before the Club when they will be accepted as members in good standing.

The pledges are: Janie Bingham, Edith Hinterser, Hazel Gallien, Lorraine Cox, Garrett Hamric, Brooks Walker, Pell McCartney, James Dotson, and Leonard McClain.

Easter Next Year To Come On April 25: No Need To Hurry For Suits And Frocks

By Charles Wilson
College students will not need to hurry in selecting their Easter suits and frocks next year even if the government doesn't place rigid restrictions on the kind and fashion of clothes we are to wear.

Next Easter will not come until April 25, which will be the second time in 199 years that it will occur that late. In 1886 Easter was also on April 25, and these are the only times between 1801 and the year 2000 that it will come on this late date.

In A. D. 325 the Council of Christian churches at Nice in Asia Minor drew up the Nicene Creed, and also decided that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon, which happens on March 21, or the following day. The principal reason was that the pilgrims needed moonlight to travel on their way to the great yearly Easter festivities. The date of Easter thus may vary between March 22 and April 25, a period of 35 days.

If Paschal Full Moon falls on a Sunday, then Easter day is the next Sunday. In 1928 the British Parliament passed a permissive statute that Easter would be "the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April." This

Canterburians Set Date for May Breakfast

Canterbury Club members have set May 23 as the date for their annual May breakfast.

Helen Taylor told "A Tooth for Paul Revere" by Stephen Vincent Benet; June Taylor related "England to America" by Margaret Prescott Montague, a West Virginia author; and Richard Harper told "Paul's Case" by Willa Cather at a club meeting Wednesday.

The next meeting will be the annual Spring Pilgrimage, at which Clyde Dotson will tell "The Knight's Tale," by Geoffrey Chaucer; Frances Myers and Charles Heasley will each tell a Canterbury tale of their own choosing.

Has Occupied Same Kanawha Hall Room 4 Consecutive Years

There is always a first in every thing, even to occupying the same room in a girl's dormitory for four consecutive years.

Such is the case with Sarah Malcolm, senior, who has occupied the same room in Kanawha Hall for four years. As far as can be learned, she is the only girl ever to have done this.

Her four roommates have been Eileen Hamric, Beth Curry, Dolly Saurborne, and Elizabeth Tipertiz. Miss Malcolm, whose home is in Philippi, will be graduated here this spring.

Miss Malcolm spent her Easter vacation in Norfolk, Va., visiting her brother, M. M. Malcolm, Jr., who is in training at the U. S. Naval base there.

College Students On Woman's Club Program

Five college students participated in presenting a program before the Woman's Club and their guests, the local girl scout troop and leader, Mrs. Elmer Shaver, in the Baptist Church last night.

Monnie Norman, Hazel Gallien, and James Dotson presented a one-act play "Farewell, Cruel World," directed by Geneva Farnsworth.

Eunice Wilfong read poetry. Russell Hugh McQuain did several impersonations including Ned Sparks and Step-N-Fetchit.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. E. G. Rohrbaugh.

TRY FOR AIR CORPS

Garland Cross, sophomore, withdrew from the College yesterday. He is planning to apply for the Army Air Corps. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cross, of Lockney.

TRIMMING OF CAMPUS TREES IN PROGRESS

Representatives of the Davey Trees Expert Co., of Kent, O., are employed by the College this week trimming trees in front of the Administration Hall.

Work was begun Monday and the workers say they are expecting to finish about Thursday.

Those working are Messrs D. G. Chaffin, D. C. Murphy, and R. B. Riggs.

TO ENTER U. S. SERVICE

Clarence ("Chink") Hinkle, sophomore, left for his home in Richwood Sunday afternoon from where he will leave for the Naval Reserves as a mechanic in one or two weeks.

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den; Barbara Messenger, Baldwin; Jack Miles, Sistersville; Dale M. Miller, Tioga; Donald Mills, Elizabeth; Ida M. Moyers, Gem; Mayme Mulady, Camden.

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122 TEACHERS NEXT YEAR

A total of 122 teachers, 8 fewer than was employed last year, will teach in Gilmer County in 1942-43. There will be 86 elementary and 36 high school teachers.

About 75 students and teachers attended the Y. M. C. A. party Friday night in the gymnasium.

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Dean Lambert To Be Graduation Speaker For Glenville High

The speaker for Glenville High School graduation exercises will be Dean O. D. Lambert of West Virginia Wesleyan College. The program is to be presented Monday evening, May 18, at 8:15 o'clock, announces Earl R. Boggs, principal.

The speaker for the annual sermon has not been named, but the date for this event will be Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 p. m.

Plans are not complete for the selection of the senior play but sample dramas are now ordered and the selection will be made upon their arrival, says Miss Helen McGee, instructor in speech.

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