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Alumna Of College Wins Farm Contest

A College alumna and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kemp Gum, of Auburn community, Gilmer County, were awarded top honors in this year's "Farming for Better Living." It was announced Thursday night at a dinner sponsored by the Rotary club in honor of the twenty-six farm families who completed projects.

First prize drew a cash award of \$30. Second place a cash gift of \$25, went to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker, also of Auburn and brother-in-law and sister of the first-place winners.

Other winners, in the order listed, were: Mr. and Mrs. Oral Spurgeon, Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sheets, Cox's Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Farnsworth, Linn; Mr. and Mrs. John White, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nutter, Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Kemper, Cox's Mills; J. C. Farnsworth, Linn; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heckert, Linn; Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Miller, Glenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Groves, Glenville.

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Wagner, Bingman, Levin Named On Lyceum Committee

Evelyn Wagner, Janie Bingman, and Sol Levin were elected to the Lyceum Committee by the Student Council in its regular meeting Monday evening, Dec. 7. Mr. Hunter Whiting, instructor in languages, will act as faculty chairman of the committee.

This year the committee's allotment of money will be considerably less than last year's because of the decrease in the amount of student activity fees. Because of this, the program may be limited to one or two numbers.

FRE. HAUGHT ATTENDS MEETINGS IN CHARLESTON

Pres. D. L. Haught was in Charleston the past weekend for a meeting of the West Virginia Teachers' Retirement Board on Friday and a professionalization meeting on Saturday. He returned Saturday afternoon to be present for the College's faculty reception and dance.

Mercury-ite Of the Week

By Sol Levin

Weights approximately 170 and stands 5'-8".
Also answers to nickname, "Rod."
Remembered because of his versatility in football, playing many positions equally well.
Oams the campus with June Wilson.
Enlisted in Naval Reserve V-7.
Needn't exert himself to make good grades that he does.

Lives a few miles outside Glenville, but rooms in the men's hall.
Active in basketball, softball, and other sports.
Mathematics is his specialty.
Belongs to the Holy Roller Court; is Court's prosecuting attorney.

'Letters to Lucerne' Pleases Audience As Ohningohows Offer 1st Play of Year

Lt. John Barnett Is Prisoner of War

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Barnett, parents of Lt. John R. Barnett, A. B. '37, received word from the government Friday that he is a German prisoner of war. Lt. Barnett was reported "missing in action" after a raid over western Europe, November 9.

Lt. Barnett, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps in April, '41, was a passenger on an airliner which crashed at Miles City, Mont., and three pilots were killed. He was forced to bail out at Goodfellow field, and he is reported to have returned with a damaged ship after the famous Lille raid.

Three brothers, two sisters, and the parents of Lt. Barnett are all former students or graduates of the College.

By Hayward Groves
About 200 persons smiled, laughed and frequently shed a few tears Friday night in the auditorium when the College Ohningohows Players presented a timely, fast-moving and intensely dramatic drama, "Letters To Lucerne" a play in three acts by Fritz Rotter and Allen Vincent.

See Mercury editorial, page 2, and comments on the players, page 2.

With a theme carrying much of the realism of the present war era and with action that required frequent tense emotional dramatizations that only an all-star cast could offer, the play had its setting in a girls' school near Lucerne, Switzerland, in the late summer of 1939. A recess had just ended and the girls, from many countries of the College.

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McCutcheon Thinks State Basketball Teams Will Be Plenty Good This Year

By John McCutcheon
Predicting a winner of the conference crown is a rather risky trick this early in any season, but after previewing prospects of basketball in the Mountain State this season it appears more foolish than ever before, in view of the fact that there will be so many strong teams.

West Virginia University has stepped down to scheduling Salem, Bethany, and Alderson-Broadus. Both A-B and Salem should be hitting a winning stride. Salem will still be featured by John ("Brooms") Abramovic, the husky Croat from Etna, Pa.

A-B has already dropped two contests to Salem but one, played on the Salem court, was by a 2-point margin.

The West Liberty aggregation is reported somewhat improved, but a more definite opinion can be obtained after the Friday-night tussle.

Little news comes from the southern end of the state conference.

MISS OLSEN ON STATE MUSIC CURRICULUM GROUP

Miss Bertha E. Olsen, instructor in music, attended a meeting in Parkersburg December 7, to consider a curriculum for music in the elementary and secondary certificates. Another meeting will be held in the near future.

HIGH SCHOOLS ENROLL FOR JUNIOR RED CROSS

Mary Louise Lewis, College alumna and chairman of the County Junior Red Cross roll call, reports 100 per cent enrollments from the county's five high and graded schools; also 100 per cent enrollments in two more rural schools, Mound Run and Gluck Run, taught by Holly Gainer and Madeline Powell, former students. The drive will close December 21.

DORMITORIES TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS DEC. 19

The College dormitories will be open until noon, Saturday, Dec. 19. The last meal served before the holidays will be Saturday morning, Dec. 19, and the first meal served after the holidays will be Sunday noon, Jan. 3.

Jones to Report For Duty Dec. 21

Lloyd M. Jones, College financial secretary who has been granted a leave of absence to enter the services of the Red Cross as an assistant field director, foreign service, received a telegram Saturday asking him to report in Washington on Monday, Dec. 21, rather than December 14, as he had planned to do.

COURT GETS ACTION IN LETTER-WRITING PROJECT

The Holy Roller Court will continue its letter writing project until the Christmas holidays.

Up until Friday noon the Court had mailed thirty letters from the box in Administration Hall and had sent seventy-five Christmas cards with letters enclosed to former students in the armed forces.

MAY HAVE DANCE FRIDAY

Immediately following the Glenville-West Liberty basketball game there will be a dance in the gymnasium, provided a goodly number of students remain on the campus. Weekend after Christmas vacation there will be an open-house in the lounge of Louis Bennett Hall Friday night and a dance in the gymnasium Saturday night.

War takes money! Buy War Bonds and Stamps now!

Plans For Games With Toledo, Akron Are 'Out', at Least For the Present

Plans to meet Toledo University and Akron University on a trip prior to Christmas day apparently were "knocked cold" when the ODT announced that only a limited amount of gasoline would be available for the college bus.

Coach A. F. Rohrbough announced the trip had been planned over a week ago, but at that time no ruling concerning gasoline had been received. "It would take practically all of our gas to make this one trip, and that would mean staying at

Activities Slanted Toward War Effort

By Frances Myers

Surprisingly numerous are College activities which tie in with the war effort.

More than ten per cent of the faculty payroll was invested in bonds the past two years, it is revealed by Lloyd M. Jones, College financial secretary.

AND HE'S A SENIOR

Best one to make the Campus rounds the past week was this one: "An athlete spent so much time one night studying a calendar and football schedule to discover how many of his twelve absences in a certain class he could account for that he overslept the next morning and missed the same class for the thirteenth time."

Gate receipts of the only two home football games, which amounted to \$294.71, were donated to the U. S. O.; 35,935 tons of scrap metal passed thru College hands; 386 books were collected as a part of the Victory Book Campaign; four faculty members have given their spare time to the O. C. D.; H. Y. Clark as director of training, and ohn R. Wagner, H. L. White, and Dr. J. C. Shreve as teachers.

"What does the College DO in the war?" writes an alumnus in the service.

Music Program In Assembly Tomorrow

Assembly tomorrow, which will be under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Olsen, music instructor, will consist mostly of carol singing. The program will include "Christmas Festival," the band; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," all; Scripture and prayer, Frances Myers; "Oh, Holy Night," chorus; "The First Noel," all; reading, Janette Cunningham; "Cherry Tree Carol," chorus; "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," all; "Jingle Bells," all; "White Christmas," all.

ELLYSON HAS ARTICLE IN 'SCHOOL JOURNAL'

Marie Ellyson, A. B. '37, a teacher in Gluck Run School, Gilmer County, had an article, "Are Your Beginners Ready to Read," published in the November issue of the West Virginia School Journal.

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E. G. Rohrbough Believes Winning War "Is No Easy Task Ahead of Us"

We should have military training in colleges and universities as one means of preparing and therefore through preparedness, preventing war, advocated E. G. Rohrbough, president emeritus of the College and a Congressman - elect from the Third West Virginia District, Monday, Dec. 7.

This was the College's observance of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor incident, and the assembly was moved from Wednesday to Monday.

Greeted with an unusually loud applause after his introduction by Pres. D. L. Haught, Mr. Rohrbough emphasized that: "Eternal vigilance and eternal preparation are the price of peace."

"If we value peace, we must prepare ourselves mentally, physically," he said, and added:

"One of the greatest sins of a country is to underestimate an enemy, which was what we did. We didn't take a lesson from China and Russia, both of whom previously were attacked by Japan without any declaration of war." Mr. Rohrbough pointed out that within a few months after the Pearl Harbor attack, Japan has extended her domain ten times and had increased the

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JUSTINE KINCAID'S FATHER DIES IN CHARLESTON

Funeral services were held the past week for W. A. Kincaid, who died in Charleston General Hospital of injuries suffered in a slate fall while he was inspecting mine machinery. Mr. Kincaid is the father of Justine Kincaid, sophomore, and Virginia Kincaid, a former student.

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SCIENCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The teaching of science in secondary schools needs attention, according to M. E. Downs in an article in "Science Studies," published by St. Bonaventure College, N. Y.

Mr. Downs believes that the teaching of science should be done according to a careful grading plan, and carried from seventh grade through high school. He points out that many children never attend school beyond eighth grade and need "a general science course to give certain health values and build scientific backgrounds of health knowledges and habits."

Not only should facts be taught, points out Mr. Downs, but an appreciation of the wonders of nature and of science. He also emphasizes that the courses should be conducted from the standpoint of the child rather than that of the scientist. They should answer the "why" of health measures and other practices. Laboratory experiments are recommended to make the learning vivid.

The general divisions suggested by Mr. Downs for a modern science course include: Seventh grade, simple knowledge about the interesting and useful science in the immediate environment of the individual; eighth grade, understanding; ninth grade, use of understanding in the application of science; tenth grade, biology; eleventh grade, chemistry; twelfth grade, physics.

Mr. Downs concludes: "The latest and most carefully worked out courses of study seem to have decided on a sequence of science which will emphasize an understanding and interpretation of environment through general science courses in the junior high school, of living things and their relation to each other in the tenth year, and of such physical and chemical phenomena as will help make the child live better in the environment in the eleventh and twelfth years."—Frances Myers.

THE OLD MEN RETURN TO WORK

Men who have been retired because of old age are again becoming useful in war work. This has resulted in the opening of another jackpot of workers sorely needed to replace the men who are entering the army, and in building up an incentive for older men to seek employment, to do their bit for their country. So points out Dod Wharton in his article "Old Man's Department" in the December Reader's Digest.

To help the situation more, large companies are establishing "Old Men's Departments," in which men who have reached the age of sixty-five, or those who are partially disabled can work. With the help of these departments, large companies are helping to avoid a complete slowdown of production.

According to Dr. George Lawson of Columbia University, "all men and women more than 65 years old should be assured of the thrill of personal accomplishment and a sense of social usefulness."

According to surveys made, the work of the older groups has been found to be at or near the top in efficiency. Rejections are less than one per cent in some departments.

The government urges all men who might fall in this age group to obtain employment and do their share in building the arms that will help defeat our enemies. By offering their services now, they will be laying a foundation on which future employment of older men may be based.—William Whetsell.

"LETTERS TO LUCERNE" IS A SUCCESS

"Letters to Lucerne" was a success. This first dramatic production of the year received such favorable comments as "deeply moving," "well directed," and "excellent acting." One person summed it up, "A good play, well done, and well attended." Another termed it, "The best college play I've ever seen." The weeping in the audience was itself an indication of success.

More specific praise was directed toward Carolyn Sims, as Olga, than any other actress for her "awfully good acting," which included a change of mood from gloriously happy to pitifully sad. One person who thought it a trifle overdone could find no one to agree with him.

Janie Bingham, who played Erna, Olga's best friend, received a close second to Olga in commendation. In fact, many ranked them together as the stars.

That the play was exceptionally well cast was the general consensus. It was so well cast that everyone fitted his part and did it well. And it was this uniform excellence that brought upon it such showers of praise.—Frances Myers.

Campus Cartoon



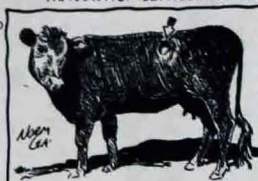
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WOODROW WILSON

WAS THE MOST COLLEGIATE OF ALL OF OUR U.S. PRESIDENTS. HE ATTENDED FOUR (DAWSON, PRINCETON, VIRGINIA, AND JOHN HOPKINS). BECAME PRESIDENT OF PRINCETON; WAS OFFERED THE PRESIDENCY OF SEVEN OTHER UNIVERSITIES. RECEIVED 21 HONORARY DEGREES—MORE THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT ON A PURELY ACADEMIC BASIS.



WINDOW COW

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ONCE OWNED A COW WITH A WINDOW IN HER SIDE / VETERINARY STUDENTS STUDIED FOOD DIGESTION THROUGH THE OPENING.

NOTES FROM

The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Eunice Wilfong

The following bit of Christmas Spirit owes its origin to the combined efforts of Miss Willerman White and myself:

Cross Creek cookery—to learn how to make blackbird pie.

II ostages by Heym—or how did the German officer die?

R oll Call, by Irvin Cobb—Is it song, poetry or prose?

I Remember, I Remember—the autobiography of Andre Maurois.

S ong of Bernadette—About the strange events of Lourdes 80 years ago.

T hey were Expendable—This thrilling tale to prevent your being bored.

M ake This the Last War—Is a young man's sword.

A ll night long—the real Russian Guerrillas, by Erskine Caldwell.

S ee Here, Private Hargrove—for reading aloud this book is swell.

Santa Claus is a year 'round visitor at the Library. Last year 60 books were given, ranging from best-sellers like "Mrs. Miniver" to technical books. The

library also receives 29 magazines and 5 newspapers as gifts.

The December issue of Coronet magazine features Dickens' "Christmas Carol." In the same issue are two unusually good "picture stories" ably supporting Coronet's reputation for splendid photography.

"Suffer Little Children" graphically depicts the suffering of children in the warring European countries. "Hold It, Mr. President," is a collection of some unusually good camera studies of Pres. Roosevelt covering his three terms until August of this year.

Personally, I'd say the December issue of Coronet should be a sell-out. It's good all the way through.

Miss Margaret Walker, English Department instructor at West Virginia State College, whose volume of poems "For My People," has been chosen as this year's winner for inclusion in the "Yale Series of Younger Poets," recently returned from New York where she read the title piece of her prize-winning

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The Aesthetic and the Practical

In Christmas Editorials

ON PEACE AND JOY

Christmas! There is more to it than meets the eye. This year more than meets the heart. Christmas this year will be approached with mixed feelings of joy and heartaches, conflicting thoughts of blessings and deprivations, evidences of festivity in the midst of speechless vacant chairs, fraught with meaning.

Seemingly irreconcilable conflicts fight within us as we approach a season that should fill us with peace and joy. It is only when we take a long-time view of things and can say with Tenyson, "Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs," that we can see present activities more nearly in their proper perspective and enter the Christmas season in a mood befitting it.—Frances Myers.

ON MAIL TO SOLDIERS

Christmas for men and women in the service this year may be nothing more than a "letter Christmas."

Those who are fighting may not have time to observe this

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On Education For War-Time Era

Dr. Walter C. Coffey, president, University of Minnesota, calls for a co-ordinated national manpower policy to utilize educational facilities to the fullest. Says he:

"Actually, the effectiveness of work on the home front, rather than anything else, determines how many men we can put under arms and how substantial our contribution of implements of war can be to our allies. And I would underline again that the role of the universities in total war is a crucial one. Therefore, it is inconceivable to me that the government would remove the entire body of young men, beginning at 18 years, from these institutions without provision for their continued training, or at least for the training of a substantial portion of those qualified to profit by higher education."

This Collegiate World

Must Strive For Greater Service

We must do more in the way of providing an educational opportunity for boys from these lower income groups, from those homes where no member has previously attended college. If we do not, the state may assert its right to our property, perhaps through confiscatory taxation, in order that higher education in America may be truly democratic and educational opportunities be equalized. Dr. James L. McConaughy, president, Wesleyan University.

Fadiman Urges 'Never Late Again'

Clifton Fadiman, book reviewer of the New Yorker magazine and past master of ceremonies of "Information Please," writes in an editorial exclusively for the College press: "December 7 is a day for us to remember with as much shame as indignation. It means that we acted late, almost too late. If we remember Pearl Harbor, let us remember it with silent shame. And as we remember it, let us resolve that we shall never be late again."

Things We Can Expect These Days

In its weekly release to the collegiate press, the OWI calls attention to: Fewer umbrellas will be manufactured next year, and those produced will be smaller in size, shape, weight. . . . Usual festoon of Christmas lights for outdoor trees, etc., are to be eliminated. Indoor lighting is all right.

The College has canceled its campus tree and multi-colored lights and students will forego this yuletide pleasure.

No more safety razors are to be made for civilian use. . . . Holiday travel is to be held to a minimum. . . . And the platinum wedding ring and all other platinum jewelry are out for the duration.

Campus Capers

That long awaited for "Faculty Reception" finally came to pass. . . . It might have been a little late, but it was fun while it lasted. The only thing lacking, of course, was a band. . . . But, we must remember, this is war time.

Gail Jackson is up to his old tricks again. . . . This time he has written a poem expressing his love for a certain College coed. The poem is dedicated to a certain ??? and begins like this: "Although you are not in love with me, I am in love with you" . . . Sounds realistic to me.

The Reverend C. Lloyd Arehart, Presbyterian Minister, is a daily visitor to the gymnasium. . . . "Preacher" Arehart, as we call him, is quite an athlete. While attending college, he was given an honorable mention for All-American end in football. . . . That is one of his secrets. When one of the boys approached him on this subject, he passed it off as best he could. In fact, he blushed a little. . . . He's a swell fellow.

Coach A. F. Rohrbough, H. L. White, and Linn B. Hickman, are the men to have around to live up to a party. They really got things going at the Holy Roller Court dance. . . . Mr. White gave out about middle ways and had to retire to the sidelines, but Coach and Mr. Hickman held out to the end.

Tomorrow we will get to enjoy another of Miss Grace Lorentz's swell Christmas dinners. . . . Better save room for a big helping of turkey.

Warren Lamb and his "all night boys" started Christmas carolling a little early the past week. . . . Dean R. T. Crawford issues strict orders to three boys who make it a habit of missing his class. . . . What has happened to the College jazz band?

James McMillen, A. B., '40, of Masontown, and Mrs. McMillen, the former Virginia Langford, of Glenville, were in Glenville visiting relatives and friends the past week. Jim left for the army from Preston county yesterday. A former star football and basketball player for the Pioneers, he has been coaching at Masontown High School this year. . . . He is also leaving behind a young son, James II.

We extend our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and delightful New Year. . . . See you all after the holidays.

O'Wisdom

Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought.—Shelley.

Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on.—Keats.

That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over, Lest you should think he never could recapture The first fine careless rapture!—Browning.

And we should be so long, so long, If we dared, in singing; for dream on dream, They float on in happy stream.—William Morris.

. . . And in Time's ears Youth's dreams hung singing.—Algeron.

Glenville's Basketball Season Opens Here Friday Night

By John McCutcheon

Excitement is running high in the Pioneer lair this week, as Coach A. F. Rohrbough and his sturdy band of basketball men prepare to meet West Liberty here Friday night.

Events are scheduled to get underway at 8 p. m., and it will be the first opportunity for fans to view the 1942-'43 team and 17th edition of the Rohrbough-tutored clan.

Coach Rohrbough is still undecided as to who will fill the vacant forward post, but first choice appears to be "Solomon Levin, former U. of Pittsburgh courtman. It is almost a certainty that the other posts will be held by the same four that held them the past season.

Joe Rodriguez, one of the abundant number of sophomores on the White Wave squad is sure to retain his guard post opposite Bill Whetsell, 1942 all-state.

The forward wall, comprised of Jesse Lilly, Earle Spencer, and Levin, lacks a little height on the sides, but the pivot position will be well taken care of by high scoring, 6' 1" Spencer. The forward posts lack height, but aggressiveness will offset the defects.

Spencer will be expected to continue his high scoring. Students, who were expecting to miss the game, thinking that the dormitories would be closed, were cheered by the news that dormitories would remain open until noon Saturday.

The White Wave has met the Hilltoppers 12 times and never yet have the "Panhandle Boys" registered a victory over Glenville.

The scores of the present series of games which began in 1933-34 are:

Glenville - West Liberty			
1933-34	62	29	
1935-36	54	28	
1936-37	57	36	
1937-38	87	47	
1937-38	58	36	
1937-38	54	27	
1938-39	60	43	
1938-39	64	47	
1939-40	58	49	
1939-40	69	62	
1940-41	47	44	
1940-41	45	38	
1941-42	65	49	
1941-42	56	47	

Approximately sixty-six freshmen have taken College Intelligence and personality tests and there are yet a few to take these. A schedule for make-up tests has been made.

Two Pioneers Ready to Go



The two Pioneers pictured above will give Glenville's opponents plenty of worries this season. They are Jesse Lilly, left, and Joe Rodriguez, right. Both boys are sophomores and graduates of Woodrow Wilson High School, Beckley. Lilly and Rodriguez were on the starting lineup the past season.

Groves Leading Intramural Scorer

Intramural basketball went into its second week yesterday with Earl Rymer Stalnaker's "Hot Shots" in the lead with two victories, no defeats. Only team failing to register a victory yet is the "Lumberjacks," who now have two losses.

The Grizzleys' and the "Big Five" are tied for second place, each having won one, lost one. Hayward Groves leads the scorers with 45 points, followed by Goff Summers and Earl Stalnaker, who have 37 and 36, respectively.

Tonight, the "Hot Shots" will play the "Big Five." The Grizzleys will meet the "Hot Shots" in tomorrow's encounter. Games are played on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock unless otherwise announced.

YWCA Party To Be Thursday Afternoon

The devotional was led by Helen Taylor; Peggy Williams, Peggy Gainer, Mary K. Smith, Neva Cross, June Wilson, and Janie Bingham sang "O Holy Night" and "Birthday of a King"; and Eunice Wilfong told the story "Why the Chimes Rang," at the annual Christmas Vesper Sunday evening.

Only students participated in the program.

Y. W. Chapter members will have a Christmas party in the Louis Bennett Lounge, Thursday afternoon, from 5 until 6 o'clock.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Decoe Parsons announce the birth of a son weighing six pounds and four ounces, born December 1, at the Charleston General Hospital. The mother, formerly Pauline Detamore, is a former student. Mr. Parsons, A. B. '37, is an instructor in a Charleston high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Berry of Flatwoods announce the birth of a son at a Sutton hospital Saturday, Dec. 5. The baby weighed nine and one-fourth pounds. The mother, the former Marjorie Miller, is a former student.

Quick

QUIPS

Students of G. S. T. C. Glenville, W. Va.

Dear Students:

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M'CUTCHEON THINKS

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cerning Concord, but if conditions are up to par they will be hard to defeat on their own floor only.

What Coach Cebe Ross can do with his Eagles at Morris Harvey no one knows. If he is true to form, he will have a good ball club.

Marshall and Bethany are regarded as just two more ball clubs. Marshall should have the stronger of the two.

Fairmont still has Pence, and any team with Pence can keep an opponent worried.

Little news has leaked out concerning the Tech Bears, but they are always dangerous.

Wesleyan is starting a season with a new coach and probably will be building a team around Hank Ellis.

Potomac State and Shepherd are definitely out of the basketball picture; however, there is a rumor roving the country that D-E might have a team.

LIBRARY NOTES

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volume before the New York Herald-Tribune forum receiving the applause of 1,200 guests and the personal congratulations of Wendell L. Willkie.

Miss Walker is the first Negro poet represented in the "Yale Series of Younger Poets."

David Tewell will have charge of the program at a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. this evening.

COLLEGE ALUMNA

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About sixty persons attended the dinner, held in the social room of the Presbyterian church and prepared and served by members of the Stewart's Creek Farm Woman's Club.

Among the speakers were William Corwin and James L. Copeman, of the Monongahela System, Dr. H. F. Withers, local dentist, I. N. Petty, county agent, C. W. Marsh, chairman of the Farming for Better Living committee, who presented the awards; John E. Arbuckle, bank cashier; E. G. Rohrbough, congressman-elect from the Third district; Arlan W. Berry, member-elect to the House of Delegates and assistant prosecuting attorney, and Linn B. Hickman, president of the Rotary Club. The invocation was given by the Rev. C. Lloyd Arhart.

H. Y. Clark, instructor in the College, led group singing. All farmers and farm wives were introduced and many of them responded with brief remarks, pledged themselves to enroll in

the program next year.

Five of the six members of the committee were present; namely, C. W. Marsh, John E. Arbuckle, Paul S. Moyers, M. O. Miller and Mrs. Adele Walsh.

In all, \$120 in cash was presented to twelve winners.

Attendance at this year's banquet, second in as many years sponsored by the Rotary club, was about double that of the past year.

Three or four representatives from among the winners here are expected to attend a regional roundup Saturday, Jan. 16, in Clarksburg. Eleven counties will be represented.

THE AESTHETIC

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day of days, and those who do have time may long for a Christmas at home, may have a tendency to develop homesickness, which in the long run will tend to lower morale.

We who are still at home can keep the men at the front occupied with pleasant thoughts. We can let them know they are not forgotten. Our immediate job is to keep the letters and cards of good cheer going.

The Army officials recently estimated that 16,000,000 pounds of mail went to the service men in one week. These letters, which make up most of the bulk of mail, were received by our friends all over the world, by men who had not received any mail for two months or more.

U. S. Army morale must be kept intact; letters from home must go through. Have we, and are we seeing to it that our letters get into the army mail each week?—William Whetsell.

Good Food Means

Good Health

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This Way . . . At

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Social and Personal

Mrs. E. M. Taggart, Former Student, Is President of Methodist Woman's Society

Mrs. H. Y. Clark gave a history of Christmas carols, Mrs. Letha Keith led devotionals, and Mrs. B. W. Craddock read the scripture at a meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Trinity Methodist Church Thursday evening.

Mrs. E. M. Taggart and Mrs. T. W. Hyer told of Christmas celebration in other countries; the Rev. W. H. Beal told of Christmas in Bethlehem; and Mrs. A. H. Moore spoke of Christmas symbols.

Hostesses were: Miss Ivy Lee Myers, Miss Bessie B. Bell, Mrs. B. W. Craddock, Miss Willerma White, Mrs. Joe Creighton, and Mrs. W. H. Beal.

Mrs. E. M. Taggart was elected president of the Woman's Society for the coming year. Other officers elected were:

Vice-president, Miss Thelma Hinchcliffe; recording secretary, Mrs. A. H. Moore; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Leo Riddle; treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Whiting.

Secretary of missionary education is Mrs. A. L. Rhoades; local church activities, Mrs. F. L. Cunningham; student work, Mrs. T. W. Hyer; young women's and girls' groups, Mrs. B. E. McCullough; children's work, Mrs. F. B. Reynolds; literature and publication, Mrs. Howard Bess; supplies, Mrs. N. L. Wells.

Chairmen of committees are: Spiritual life, Mrs. W. M. Moss and Mrs. W. H. Beal; membership, Mrs. Charles Hinkle; fellowship, Mrs. W. E. Hull; status of women, Miss Bessie B. Bell; and publicity and printing, Mrs. Orville Luzader.

'Letters to Lucerne' Pleases Audience As Ohningohows Offer 1st Play of Year

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tries had returned to what seemed to be an idyllic life, planned and directed by a Mrs. Hunter, portrayed by Helen Taylor.

Cognizant of the horrors of war and what its effects can be among young girls, Mrs. Hunter was anxious to run the school as if nothing were happening, to isolate her crowd from the horrors of the outside world. Because of the stream of letters received from the girls' homes and the customary habit of the girls' reading aloud their messages, Mrs. Hunter was unable to screen out the bitterness of war.

A German-born girl, Erna, played by Janie Gingham, is blamed for what her country was doing to Poland, homeland of Olga, played by Carolyn Sims who was in love and was loved by Erna's brother, now a German flyer.

An attempt to hide Erna's letters and prevent complete misunderstanding led only to further complications which would not have been cleared up had not Erna received a letter from her mother who expressed anti-Nazi feelings and explained that Erna's brother had committed suicide rather than bomb Poland and Olga's people.

Two parts of two scenes offered much of the collegiate atmosphere when the girls in lounging robes met downstairs by the radio to exchange wise-cracks and through their letter reading reveal much of their home life. About the only real rest the audience got came from the lines spoken by Anna Mary Mearns, middle-aged cook, and Gustave, the old Frenchman and general handyman, both of whom took the world as it came and saw humor even in pathos.

Other members of the cast not already mentioned were Miss Linder, a school teacher, Velda Betts; Hans, Erna's brother, William Kafer; Bingo, an American girl, Eunice Wilfong; Felice, a French girl, Helen Goldberg; Marion, an English girl, Elsie Moore; Sally, another American, Estella Bonner; Koptier, a policeman, Gray Barker; and Francois, the postman, Sheldon Riggs.

The play was presented under the direction of Miss Kathleen Robertson, instructor in the College for six years. This was her eleventh major dramatic offering here. Gross receipts from the sale of tickets totaled \$51.69. Music between acts and scenes was furnished by Richard Riggs and Miss Bertha E. Olsen.

Eternal vigilance, eternal preparation are the price of peace.—E. G. Rohrbough.

ACTIVITIES SLANTED

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ing mail to service men, 32 are buying bonds or stamps, 34 helped with the scrap metal drive, 15 contributed to the Victory Book Campaign, 35 took First Aid, 8 are planning to teach next semester, 2 are knitting for the Red Cross, six reported they "hadn't done a thing."

Mrs. Frank Bailey spent 2,000 hours as production chairman for the Red Cross in Braxton County before her recent resignation; Bruce Summers works every day repairing cars and trucks; Earle Spencer sends magazines to service men; Evelyn Wagner is a civilian defense air raid warden; James Dotson is "doing without eggs to help the boys in the Solomons." Many students reported that they were trying to be conservative in all things.

The Holy Roller Court is sending Christmas cards to former students in the service, sponsoring a correspondence drive, and has completed a scrap drive. The Mercury is sent free to 89 former students in the service.

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population over which she ruled three times.

"The military might of a country," he said, "is usually gauged by the number of battle-ships she has. We had seventeen the day of Pearl Harbor; after that, we had nine . . . It is a very grave situation when almost one-half of a nation's fleet is put out in one day. This in the main is an answer to the question: 'Why didn't the Navy go to the aid of the Philippines?'"

The speaker was firm in his belief that we can win the war, but he insisted that "it is not Germany alone we are fighting; we must dispose of Japan." "This," he said, "is no easy task ahead of us."

He depicted those who in ordinary times advocate peace at any price as the people "who are invincible in peace, invincible in war."

The English and economics classes of Glenville High School, and a former student, Pvt. Joe Marra, of the U. S. Air Corps, were among the guests at the assembly.

The Glenner County chapter of the American Red Cross has sent 108 kit bags to be presented to men leaving for overseas duty.

One of the great sins of any country is its underestimating the strength of an enemy.—E. G. Rohrbough.

College Girls Sing At President's Reception

In their home decorated with royal blue crepe paper shades over the lights and a large lighted evergreen V hung from the living room mantle, Pres. and Mrs. D. L. Haught entertained members of the faculty, their wives and husbands, with a reception Monday night, Dec. 7.

Guests were received by Mrs. A. F. Rohrbough and introduced to Dr. and Mrs. Haught and Dean and Mrs. R. T. Crawford by Mr. Lloyd Jones, financial secretary.

tary to the president, was a hall aide; Miss Alma Arbuckle, librarian, registered guests; and Miss Willerma White, librarian, invited them into the dining room, where Mrs. Linn B. Hickman, Mrs. H. Y. Clark, Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Miss Louise Whitlow, and Mrs. J. C. Shreve served punch, ice cream, cup cakes, mints, and nuts around a table with a centerpiece of roses and baby's breath.

June Wilson, Peggy Williams and Janie Bingham sang Christmas carols and popular songs, accompanied by Miss Bertha E. Olsen.

Forty-one persons attended.

Students Take Part In Methodist Institute

Though attendance was small, interest was high in a class "Looking Toward Marriage," taught by Dr. J. C. Shreve and the Rev. G. J. Johnson in an institute held Dec. 4-5 at Trinity Methodist Church.

Twelve high school and college students were enrolled in the institute which included, in addition to Mr. Johnson's and Dr. Shreve's course, a class in "The Life of Jesus," taught by Frances Myers, a banquet attended by twenty-eight people, and a closing address made by the Rev. A. Coleman Brown, superintendent of Glenville District.

June Wilson led three worship services for the institute with Gail Jackson, Janie Bingham, Velda Betts, and Anna Mary Mearns taking part.

Miss Lorentz Plans Christmas Dinner

Miss Grace Lorentz, College dietitian, has planned a chicken dinner for students and instructors at Kanawha Hall, tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

Each waitress will provide favors for her tables. According to custom, Christmas carols will be sung.

After the dinner, Verona Maple Hall girls will have a Christmas party and will exchange gifts.

College Girls Sing At Local Club Dinner

Seven College students furnished a program of Christmas music and a story for the Glenville Woman's Club at a coverdish dinner in the social room of Trinity Methodist Church last night.

"Bird's Christmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggin, was told by Janette Cunningham; singers were Janie Bingham, June Wilson, Peggy Williams, Mary K. Smith, Peggy Gainer, and Neva Cross, with Miss Bertha E. Olsen accompanist.

Mrs. F. L. Cunningham was chairman of the dinner; Mrs. Arlan W. Berry and Mrs. J. C. Bartram, co-chairmen of the program. Hostesses were Mrs. Fred M. Whiting and Mrs. F. M. Beall.

Mrs. Linn B. Hickman, club president, presided over a brief business meeting which followed the program.

Final rites were held the past week for James Floyd Furr, 63-year-old farmer of Lewis County and father of these former College students: Harold Leon, Charles and James Furr.

NEWS BRIEFS

About Men In The Service

Roland Butcher, A. B. '34, assistant superintendent of schools in Gilmer County, and Orville White and Russell Moore, former students, are among the thirty men called for induction into the U. S. forces on December 18.

A contingent of thirty men, among them eight former College students, left here Saturday and a third call for thirty men to leave December 31 has reached the local draft board. Several married men are in the Dec. 12 and Dec. 18 calls.

Pvt. Joe Marra, former student, spent a part of his furlough visiting friends on the campus. Marra is located at Langley Field, Va. . . . Burl Bragg, former student, who has been teaching in Kanawha County, was inducted Wednesday and is located at Fort Knox, Ky. . . . From Langley Field, Va. comes word that James Wooster, A. B. '41 has been promoted to the rank of corporal . . . Gilbert Rhoades, Jr., A. B. '40, who enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, left Saturday, Dec. 5, for Parris Island, S. C., where he will receive basic training.

Mrs. Leah Martino, A. B. '39, resigned her teaching position in Calhoun County High School and has gone to Seneca Lake, N. Y., where her husband, Frank Martino, A. B. '38, is located with the U. S. Navy . . . John Rymer Garrett, a former student, left the past week to enter an army school for radio mechanics. He is a former teacher in Gilmer County.

Sgt. Earl Wolfe, A. B. '38, of Fort Belvoir, Va., has been chosen captain and coach of the

1320th Medical Detachment's basketball team for the coming season . . . Sgt. Eddie Kennedy, former student, is training at the Municipal Airport, Oakland, Calif. . . . Lt. Blake Hayhurst, A. B. '32, is somewhere in Hawaii.

Lt. Robert Shreve, son of Dr. and Mrs. John C. Shreve, is reported to be in India . . . Pvt. Gilbert Ball, a former student, writes from Goldsboro, N. C., that he has entered the army air forces technical school and remarks about the rapid work being done to complete the school grounds.

A request came the past week for a complimentary Mercury to be sent weekly to Pvt. Edward Hersman, a former student, who is located at Camp Artillery, Ind. . . . Lieut.-Col. C. L. Underwood, College instructor on leave of absence, is expected to arrive here some time next week for a short furlough. Lt.-Col. Underwood is stationed at North Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Familiar faces returned to the campus the past week. Joe Marra, All-State guard in football the past year; Pvt. Beecher Reed, forward in basketball on last year's championship team; Cpl. Harold Scott, A. B. '41, and Ensign Roland Holt, donned uniforms and gave the basketball team some competition . . . Cpl. Leonard McClain, freshman the past year, and Pvt. Allen Boggs, College bus driver, spent short visits on the campus.

Tanner High School students voted to forego exchange of Christmas gifts this year and donate the money to the Red Cross kit bag project.

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