

By Helen Taylor

THIS IS A WEEK of parties, carol singing and gift wrapping. If we don't be careful we'll find ourselves all mixed up and will be going to the Christmas dinner on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. The Verona Mapel Hall party and the Junior class party in the lounge on Thursday night promise to be gala affairs. Remember, the juniors are competing for the best party of the semester. Well, Thursday night will tell the tale. May the best class win! But during all this gaiety, let's not forget our friends who are not with us this year. Take time to address that Christmas card and add a cheery note so they will realize that we are doing our best to keep the home fires burning!

MRS. JOHN GYGAX, the former Miss Wilberma White, who was College librarian for several years, writes that she enjoys her work as Army librarian and finds it very interesting at Ashford General Hospital in White Sulphur Springs. She spoke of being impressed with the futile waste and tragedy of war—which is brought to mind especially at the hospital. Greetings and best wishes come from her to the Y. W. C. A. members! She was formerly that Chapter's adviser. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Mrs. Gygax!!

SCADS OF AUTOGRAPH seekers practically swarmed in on the Ionian quartet after their well-received concert Wednesday night. After I finally made my way back stage, I (with the aid of Mr. Hunter Whiting, College lyceum chairman, who arranged for my interview) had an interesting chat with the group's chairman, Mr. Hildreth Martin, who comes from Vermont and spoke of the similarity of the scenery of our state and his. Mr. Martin said that they had traveled all over the United States and Canada and had been working together for twelve years. Mr. Martin impressed the audience as being an accomplished artist and perfect gentleman. Next in favor seemed to be the second tenor, but each of the group received many favorable comments and compliments on a vastly entertaining evening of music that was chucked full of compositions reflecting the human emotions.

BANDAGES OF ALL descriptions colors and figures should be put in Elma Emrick's stocking on Christmas Eve by dear ole 'Santa' to bandage the thumb on her left hand which also requires a splint because it is always flying out of place. . . . Don't forget a bundle of splints, too, St. Nick!

UNTIL WEDNESDAY during assembly we all didn't realize that we had so many artists among us. We're beginning to wonder if that trio, Nina Lee Moore, Lucille Hardman and Mary Alice Wagner, have received any application blanks from C. B. S. or N. B. C.—urging them to join their radio staff to render every fifteen minutes one of their transcriptions. 'Handsome Henry' Withers was again given an encore for her dance. In fact, each group did well and we're looking forward to another program of its kind in the near future.

WELL . . . WE'LL be back next year with another Mercury . . . But before we forget, we of the Mercury staff say, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all G. S. C. students, instructors, staff and former students . . . And to each of you in our country's service . . . Greeting to all the friends, far and wide, of Glenville State College!! We grant you . . . Godspeed!!"

Council Sponsors Student Talent Chapel Program

An all-student talent assembly program, which featured songs, dances, piano and "instrumental" music was presented Wednesday in the form of a radio broadcast from Station BLUF, with Helen Taylor, Council member, the announcer.

Individual acts included a black-face number, "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," by Nina Lee Moore; a dance by "Handsome Henry," better known as Catherine Withers; a Latin-American dance by Estella Bonner, and two piano solos, "Glow Worm" and "Paper Doll," by Betty Cunningham. The "Louis Bennett Ramblers," Harold Reese, Grover Weaver, Hayward Groves, Jack Harrison, Homer Paul Heckert, and Charles McIntosh, presented their version of "Hinky Dinky Parlez-vous." "White Christmas" and "Blue Hawaii" were sung by Peggy Williams, Peggy Sweeney, Shirley Spencer, Helen Cox, and Elma Emrick, and Evelyn Finster's "Swingettes" played "Jingle Bells" on toy band instruments.

Mary Alice Wagner, Lucille Hardman, and Nina Moore presented three one minute transcriptions "advertising" Carter's little liver pills, Pepsi-Cola, and Pepsodent toothpaste.

Preceding the program, devotions were led by Gladys Foster.

Final Rites Held Yesterday For Harry G. Decker

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Gilbert Moore yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sand Fork Baptist Church for Harry G. Decker, 46-year-old Pioneer garage man, insurance agent and oil and gas promoter, who died of a heart attack Friday night at 8 o'clock at his home. He had been ill only a few hours. Burial was in the Woodford Cemetery on Leading Creek.

Mr. Decker was the father of Sergt. Billy Decker, a former College student, who is in the U. S. Air Corps and is stationed at Yuma, Ariz., but was on furlough and was visiting his wife and her parents at Salem when he learned of his father's death.

Mrs. Decker, the former Miss Floy Bailey, also is a former student in the College. Surviving besides the wife and Sergt. Decker are two other sons, Cadet Joe Decker of San Antonio, Texas, and Robert, a senior in Sand Fork High School, and one brother and five sisters, two of whom are former students.

News In Brief

C. L. Underwood, Jr., a former student, spoke on "Health in Army Camps" in Miss Goldie James' health class Thursday.

Clay Foster, father of Gladys Foster, College sophomore, has returned home from the DePue Hospital in Spencer and is reported much improved after a serious illness.

Mrs. Fred Wells has returned from a two weeks visit with her husband, Sgt. Fred Wells, of Chanute Field, Ill. Mrs. Wells, the former Kathleen Wolfe, and her husband are former College students.

ALUMNI DEFEAT TERRORS

An alumni team on which several College students played last night defeated the Glenville High School Red Terrors, 33-29.

CHEMISTRY CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY CHILE SUPPER

Eight Chemistry Club members and their advisers, Miss Rose Funk and Mr. John R. Wagner, were entertained at a "chile supper" in the Lounge, Thursday evening. Chinese checkers, "Truth or Consequence" and an exchange of gifts provided entertainment preceding the supper.

Music Program Will Be Feature Of Chapel Exercise

Miss Bertha Olsen, instructor in music, will have charge of an annual Christmas program presented by the orchestra and choral groups in assembly tomorrow.

"At Christmas-Tide" by Herfurth will be the opening number by the orchestra and chorus. Other numbers include: "Deck the Hall"; "The Birthday of a King" by Neidlinger; and "O Holy Night" by Adam-Seymour.

An account of the development of Christmas customs will be given by Carey Wooster, registrar.

There will be group singing of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "The First Noel" and "White Christmas."

Ionian Singers Captivate Audience With Vocal Concert In College Auditorium

By Janette Cunningham

The Ionian Singers, nationally known male quartet, presented a concert Wednesday evening, 8:15 o'clock, in the College auditorium, which was well attended by College students, faculty, and townspeople.

Second number of the current Lyceum program, the group was composed of Alan Adair, first tenor; Albert Barber, second tenor; Bryce Fogle, baritone; Hildreth Martin, baritone.

Applauded enthusiastically after each number by an attentive audience, the Singers sang one encore after each of the first three groups of songs and two after the last. As an encore after a group of Christmas songs, they sang "Deck the Hall" and "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" following an English group. They sang while seated around a table and had no accompaniment except for the last encore and the national anthem, with which they opened the concert. Mr. Fogle played a piano accompaniment for these two numbers.

That the concert was greatly enjoyed is shown by the favorable comment of several students:

Edith Hinterer said, "I thought it was grand."

Elizabeth Clark, "Very good—the song I liked best was the "Torch-bearers—Indian Khost Dance."

Ruby Messenger, "Worth many more miles than the fourteen I drove to hear it."

Catherine Withers said, "I enjoyed the whole program very much, but I liked the faster numbers best—especially 'A-rovin' and 'The Hundred Pipers'."

Lucille Hardman: "I liked 'Sweet Little Jesus Boy' best."

Thelma Ryan: "An excellent program—I liked the bass and second tenor."

Thelma Ryan, staff member, spent the week-end at her home in Spencer.

Mary Jo Moran, Evelyn Finster, Isabelle Clark, Homer Paul Heckert, all of Weston, spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Numerous Campus Events Scheduled This Week As Students Prepare For Vacation

GUESTS AT CLUB MEETING

The College Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Olsen, sang Christmas carols at a Woman's Club meeting last night at the Methodist Church. The group sang "Deck the Hall," "O Holy Night," "Birthday of a King," and "White Christmas."

Nina Craig Heads College Red Cross

College Red Cross officials elected at a meeting held Tuesday night in Louis Bennett Lounge are: Nina Craig, chairman; Arlene Woodburn, vice-chairman; Elizabeth Clark, secretary-treasurer. In addition, the following chairmen were elected: Gladys Foster, Production; Ella Fitzwater, first aid; Catherine Withers, public information; Maxine Cook, fund raising; Margaret Barrett, nutrition; Helen Cox, disaster, preparedness and relief; Estella Bonner, home nursing.

MRS. H. G. LAW ILL

Donald Jones of Hays City has been hired by the College as janitor to substitute for Mr. H. G. Law, who is taking a few days off from work because of the serious illness of his wife.

ALL-STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS SELECTED

Three all-state high school football teams and honorable mention lists were announced over the week-end. On the all-state first eleven are Danny Hayden of Charleston and Bill Holstein of Charleston, ends; Eugene Remenar of Weirton and Richard Mullens of Oak Hill, tackles; Bill Criss of Mt. Hope and Fred Crimino of Weirton, guards; Francis Berger of Parkersburg, center; and Dick Michels of Charleston, Harold McKibbin of Parkersburg, Paul Richards of Wheeling, and Jimmy Walthall of Princeton, backs. Billy Fieldson of Mt. Hope who died of injuries during the season, also was named a back on the first team.

At least three campus activities will furnish pre-holiday entertainment for students this week as they complete class-room routines and prepare to "take off" for a two-weeks Christmas season recess which begins Friday evening and will end Monday morning, Jan. 4.

Highlighting activities today outside the classroom will be the annual pre-Christmas dinner to be served at Kanawha Hall for all students who take their meals on the campus. Miss Grace Lorentz, dietitian, in announcing the dinner, said there will be several guests, among them Pres. and Mrs. D. L. Haught, Dean and Mrs. Robert T. Crawford, and the Misses Margaret D. Kenney, Kathleen Robertson, Louise Whitlow and Alma Arbruckle.

Tomorrow evening girls in Verona Mapel Hall will offer their annual Christmas party and gift exchange. They will assemble on third floor, will receive candles which they will light and carry through the darkened corridors down to first floor, where they gather round the tree and sing carols.

For a more formal part of the program, Thelma Ryan will tell "The True Meaning of Christmas" and then fall out while Santa Claus distributes the presents. Refreshments will be served, after which girls will parade through town and sing carols in keeping with a long-established custom.

Booked for Thursday evening is a party in the Louis Bennett Hall lounge, where juniors will give a party to compete with the seniors for the honor of presenting the best entertainment of the semester.

GETS REPORT ON 'WAVES'

Dean Robert T. Crawford received recently a report from the Naval Reserve Midshipman School of North Hampton, Mass., listing the alumnae of the College who have commissions in the WAVES. They are: Margaret Golden of Weston who received her commission on the fourth of May; Werneth Wilson, Elizabeth, April 6; Maxine Pick, Clarksburg, June 1 and Imogene Dye, June 1.

MISS EDWARDS IN CHARLESTON

Miss Erma Edwards, College financial secretary, went to Charleston Wednesday to confer with W. H. Truslow, chief auditor of the West Virginia Board of Control.

Pres. and Mrs. D. L. Haught Entertain With Reception For Faculty, Other Guests

Pres. and Mrs. D. L. Haught entertained at the College residence Monday evening, Dec. 6, for members of the faculty and their wives and for a few town friends, all of whom learned only after they had arrived that the occasion in part was to help Dr. Haught celebrate a birthday anniversary.

Also teachers and others sang "Happy Birthday" to Dean Crawford, who had observed a birthday the day before.

The Haught residence was decorated in yuletide motif with a lighted star suspended from the large mantlepiece in the living room giving an accent to the many other Christmas season effects.

Guests were met at the door by Dean R. T. Crawford and presented to Pres. and Mrs. Haught, Mrs. Nora

V. Roberts and Miss Grace Lorentz presided at the punch bowl at the west end of the hall; guests were directed to the dining room by Miss Goldie C. James, and Mrs. Crawford, seated at the lace-covered table centered with three large red candles surrounded by poinsettias, poured tea.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. L. Underwood, Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Miss Erma Edwards and Miss Maxine Wright, served ice cream, cake, nuts and candy mixes.

Miss Alma Arbruckle had charge of the guest book, signed by the some forty guests.

Miss Jean Bailey of Buckhannon visited Helen Taylor on the campus the past week-end.

Peggy and Leona Williams were shopping in Clarksburg, Saturday.

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Assembly Program Was Appreciated By All

Favorable comments were heard on the campus and around about on the student talent assembly program Wednesday. For one, Dr. D. L. Haught said, "It was a fine program. We need more of its kind. It is good for the students participating, especially."

"That type of program should be had more often," was found to be the average student's comment. That brings the question to mind—Just why should we have them more often? The first reason is for good, wholesome entertainment—entertainment that is free of cost—yet enjoyed more by everyone because it's done by our friends and acquaintances.

Another reason is the one that Dr. Haught stressed. He believes that it is a part of everyone's education to be able to get up before the public and perform either individually or in a group. We, who expect to go out to teach will find that participation in such activities will aid us in our future work. In fact, whatever our life's work is to be, the ability to speak freely our opinions is a great asset wherever we go or whatever we do. That's true today and even moreso than ever before. People are getting higher education with the masses coming to the front more and more proving their abilities in leadership and taking their rightful places in the world.

Before the year is over, if every College student had preformed at least once before the student body, he would have gained something of great value to him in years to come. Then, too, the College itself would be just a little bit 'bigger' and better—all because of the efforts. Let this be every student's goal: "To take part in some assembly program this year."—Helen Taylor.

They're Fighting That Christmas Shall Ever Be

Serious faces and grim looks of determination seem to have a tendency to offset the customary Christmas spirit that usually prevails about this time of the year. Of course a noble attempt is being made to have the usual celebration, but as we all know there are many things which will make this impossible.

A brief walk down any city street in the United States will show quite a few of these things that are absent and lead to our abnormal conditions and state of mind. The first of these to be noticed is the lack of young men. Everyone knows where they are. Store windows, printed signs, conversations, popular songs, movies, clothing designs and hundreds of other things are our constant reminders that we are a nation at war.

These things and millions of others that are seemingly unimportant are the main causes of us being at war. Little things that are appreciated by our people, but would go unnoticed and mean nothing to the enemy, have made us into an invincible nation. For these simple things of life we will fight to the last man if that be necessary.

The serious faces and grim looks of determination mean just one thing: WE ARE A UNITED NATION. The home-front has settled into its job of ending this conflict as soon as possible. We want to return to our normal life of ease and the sooner the better. Let us hope that Christmas next year will be the old routine of God's blessing and good will toward all.—Hayward Groves.

Don't forget to send a greeting card to all your friends in the service. Let them know that we haven't forgotten what they are doing for us.

Notes From The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Janette Cunningham

Since this is the last issue of the MERCURY until after Christmas vacation, and since books are such lovely gifts, here are some suggestions (wise and otherwise) as to what books might make suitable presents for some personalities on the campus.

To Miss Goldie James, whose countenance invariably brightens when airplanes are mentioned, let's give General Henry H. Arnold's THIS FLYING GAME . . . A copy of John Gunther's INSIDE LATIN AMERICA should be helpful to Estella Bonner, who if she is going to be a Latin-American dancer, she should possess some inside "dope" about that corner of the globe . . . To Peggy Williams, Mercury reporter who is always "on the spot" for a scoop, let's give Bugbee's PEGGY COVERS THE NEWS . . . Why not give a copy of the BIBLE to each of the ten members of Mr. Whiting's English Lit. class, who, Mr. Whiting says, are second in LACK of Bible knowledge only to a certain class of

five students which he taught first semester last year . . . Any book of songs would be suitable for the "Louis Bennett Ramblers" who are in need of ANOTHER (!) song in case an encore might be needed sometime . . . For Geneva Proctor and June Gentry, who spend much time observing and teaching the little folk, a new bulletin lately received at the library and entitled ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: THE FRONTLINE OF DEMOCRACY would be just the thing.

A SERIOUS NOTE: Miss Alma Arbuckle, College librarian, suggests that, since students seem to have so little time for pleasure reading, it would be well to take a good novel home over Christmas vacation and spend some pleasant hours in the "land of make-believe."

Be sure to read Lloyd C. Douglas' THE ROBE and Dr. A. J. Cronin's THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM before they appear as motion pictures. Both are now being made into films.

A TINGE OF HUMOR

The fisherman is to be pitied who tries to explain to the wife that a Hawaiian Wiggler isn't a woman.

In Hanford, Calif., a postman wrestled with a letter plainly addressed to: "James Sullivan, painting his cousin's house; a short guy, a little bald and a scar on one knee."

What the soldier wrote to his girl friend: "When I was called to the army, I was in Class 'A.' The next time I want to be in Class 'B.' 'B' here when they go, and 'B' here when they come back."

A long-suffering husband was burying his wife. It chanced that in passing through the gate the coffin had been thrust against one of the posts. Almost immediately, to the amazement of the mourners, a muffled scream was heard. The lid was

hastily unscrewed, and, lo! the woman was not dead at all. She was taken home, and lived for three years. Then she died again. At the funeral, as the coffin was being lowered from the hearse, the husband addressed the bearers very solemnly: "Boys, mind that post."

Recommended Radio Programs

Here are select programs for radio listeners for the coming week. Tuesday: Two good programs come at the same time, Bill Stern, sports announcer, at 6:30 p. m., and John B. Kennedy, news broadcaster, over CBS. Fifteen minutes of good music with Harry James and his orchestra can be dialed at 7:15 p. m., over CBS.

Wednesday: Although Sammy Kay and his orchestra are making a new film they can still be heard over CBS at 8:30 p. m. Hildegard, a great singer, has a fine program at 8:30 p. m.

Since the outbreak of the war, Kay Kyser, band leader, with his orchestra, sells bonds and plays for all service men. His program is at 10:00 p. m. over NBS.

Thursday: People hear all about Bob Burns' relatives when he comes on at 7:00 p. m. over NBC.

Bing Crosby has just returned from a tour of the South Pacific warfront and is back on his program, "Kraft Music Hall," which is aired at 9:00 p. m. over NBC.

Friday: The "Kate Smith Hour" comes on at 8:00 p. m. over CBS. At 9:00 p. m. those who like waltz music can listen to "Waltz Time"—NBC.

SEA MEETING AT WHEELING

The State Executive Committee at a meeting in Charleston over the week-end named Wheeling as the site for the 1944 State Education Association convention. Date for the convention will be set at a future meeting of the committee.

Robert Clutter has resigned as executive manager of the West Virginia War Finance Committee and has been succeeded by W. C. Handlan, who has been serving as publicity director.

Joe Reed, sophomore, went to Washington this past week to take the test for V-5 training and passed.

Wanda Strader, sophomore, substituted Friday for Miss Geneva Farnsworth, a former student, who teaches at Cox's Mills.

On THE CAMPUS

By Catherine Withers

A casual visitor strolling over the campus at a time when classes are changing might, if he were observant, notice the following physical characteristics of some of our students:

First, she might notice Shirley Spencer's beautiful dark hair, the blueness of Gladys Hudkin's eyes, or, Elma Emrick's long finger nails . . . Perhaps the visitor would be attracted by the flawless complexions of Mary Jo Moran and Ella Fitzwater . . . It would take only a very short stay on the campus to determine that Geneva Proctor is one of the peppiest gals hereabouts . . . Incidentally, has any one besides this writer decided that Leona Williams' profile resembles "Hay-dee" Lamarr's?? . . . The visitor could easily distinguish among the crowd of students the blonde, and red tresses of Betty McCue and Elizabeth Clark, respectively . . . On the other hand, if he had attended the concert Wednesday night, he (or she) would no doubt have said to himself, "My, what a clever little yellow hat Helen Cox is wearing" . . . If this stroll had taken place Thursday, a gasp of surprise would have been emitted as Ohningo-how pledge, Homer Paul, Heckert, wearing matched make-up hurried to class . . .

New Residents On the Campus:

Nine little fish varying in color from all-black to a combination of silver and gold now swim gracefully in the aquarium in the biology classroom of the Science Hall . . .

Tune In, You'll Like 'Em

With the record ban lifted, College students will have plenty of opportunities to buy the new hit recordings.

We suggest the following records: I NEVER MENTION YOUR NAME (Okeh) is growing in popularity and Ray Block's orchestra adds much to Jack Leonard's singing. We think you'll like this waxing. WAIT FOR ME MARY (Decca) . . . Dick Haymes puts on the steam like Casey comin' around the mountain as he sings this song. PISTOL PACKIN' MAMA (Okeh) . . . For those of you who like your music hot, your rhythm on the beam, you'll like this rendition of the gal with the gun. SUNDAY, MONDAY OR ALWAYS (Decca) . . . Bing Crosby's singing makes it croonable, timeable and plenty good. YOU'LL NEVER KNOW (Columbia) . . . One of Frank Sinatra's favorite songs sung by one of America's favorite singers. The Swoon-crooner packs them around the talking machine, too.—By C. Withers and C. Hyer.

Other EDITORS

"A man searches for wisdom both in himself and in the experience of other men. The men with the gifted or educated mind has the capacity for sensing the richness and variety of much of this vast experience, for distilling from it its essential features, or principles, for appraising the relative value of its promises and possibilities for him and for incorporating them into the expression of his life, being what he is in the society in which he lives." Dr. Victor Lloyd Butterfield points up the place of the liberal arts school in man's search for wisdom in his inaugural address as president of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Quotes WORTH QUOTING

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but for me, give me liberty or give me death!"—Patrick Henry.

"God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."—Daniel Webster.

"But the right is more precious than the peace, and we shall fight for the things we have always carried nearest our hearts—for democracy, for the rights of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for the universal dominion of right by such a concert of free peoples as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free."—Woodrow Wilson.

The Mercury staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. Remember a war bond will be a most welcomed gift.

Mercuryte Of the Week

By Elma Emrick

H—ome is at Baldwin
E—mployed in Washington, D. C., the past summer.

L—ikes sports.

E—lected secretary of the Commuters' Club.

N—ice personality.

R—eady to help when she is needed.

A—former member of WAA.

D—eclares war on mice and rats in Commuters' Room!

C—onstantly getting history reports.

L—ikes English and social science—her major subjects.

I—s to receive both elementary and secondary AB in the spring.

F—from a family of GSC students.

Two sisters were former students.

F—ond of high school boys.

QUICK QUIPS

Glenville State College

To those concerned:

We as College students are supposed to be refined individuals but sometimes there is doubt in my mind as to that when I see various students strolling down the aisle of the auditorium while the scripture is being read at our regular assembly programs.

Yours,
QUICKSILVER.

On The Land, In the Air, And on The Sea With Our Friends In The Service

By Elma Emrick

Having completed 17-weeks basic training, Pvt. Orville R. Wheeler, E. C. S. Class 11, Fort McClellan, Alabama, has been selected to attend cadre school, which lasts four weeks. "We'll have our first two weeks here in camp in classroom learning several more weapons, in addition to a thorough course in map reading and air photos. The last two weeks will be spent in a bivouac area. Here we'll have a lot of practical work and tactical training of a soldier," he writes.

Pfc. Leslie O. (Oral) Cunningham, of the U. S. Army Air Forces ground corps, has been transferred from Johnson Field, N. C., to Lincoln School in Lynn, Mass., for four weeks of special training. He is studying the turbo-supercharger, a device which creates atmospheric conditions for a plane motor similar to those on the ground when a plane is flying at a high altitude, and which has been developed since the beginning of the war. When he completes this course, Pfc. Cunningham will be given a rating of Turbo-Supercharger Specialist, and expects to get a 15-day furlough.

Yeoman 2-c Delis William Blake, who has been on foreign duty, is home at Orlando on a 3-day leave visiting relatives.

Pfc. Billy E. Adams, 1555th ASTU, Co. D, McMicken Hall, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, O., AB '42, was a visitor on the campus last week.

The following changes in addresses have been received: S-Sgt. R. H. Smith, C. M. P., 288th M. P. Co., APO 763, c-o Postmaster, New York; and Pvt. Robert R. Matheny, Co. C., 16th Tk. Bn., 16th Arm'd Div., APO 412, Camp Chaffee, Ark.

We wish to thank Cpl. Richard Whiting, Hg. Btry., 776 FA, Camp Maxey, Texas; and Richard Harper, Ptr. 3-c, 32 NCB C-4, c-o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., for the issues of camp publications. Young Harper, located somewhere in the Aleutian Islands, writes that the thing they are most thankful for is that their tour of duty in that area is about completed and they hope to be home soon.

Glenn L. Brown, College alumnus, was among those who received commissions as second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps at the Camp Berkeley officer Candidate School graduation on Dec. 1.

Graduation ceremonies completed four months of training for the men commissioned in Class XXVII. As candidates they received training in medical administration, supply, sanitation, first aid, chemical warfare, tactics, training, and logistics. Week long bivouacs gave them experience in solving theoretical problems, many of which they will face during combat operations.

A-c Ruddell Reed, Jr., Sqd. H, Group 3, AAFPGS (B-N), Selman Field, Monroe, La., writes: "I moved here Monday from Chester, Ill., and am now in navigation training. Will only be here a short time before going to flexible gunnery school and then return here for advance training. I hope I can find some way to come home and see everyone someplace along the line."

Lieut. Rossing Hays, former student, of Arnoldsburg, now located at Hamilton Field, Calif., was recently home on furlough. Lieut. Hays enlisted in the U. S. Army two years ago.

Sgt. Louie Romano, Convalescent Det., Barracks T-3, Kennedy Gen. Hosp., Memphis, (15), Tenn., writes: "I am the Physical Education Instructor here and like it very well. To tell you the truth, I really knew everything I was supposed to do before I came here. My days at Glenville sure did help me a lot."

"I would like for you to say 'hello' to my many friends in Glenville, and also to those who are now in the service."

Sp. (T) 2-c Helen M. Heater, USNR, (WR), LITIS, Barracks D, USNAS, Gordon Field, Atlanta, Georgia, writes: "I have been a part of Ship's company here on this base since June 12. I am now lecturing about aircraft instruments and aerodynamics, in the instrument flight school. My classes include WAVES, female Marines, sailors, SPARS, and a few officers and cadets of the Navy who already can fly planes but can't fly entirely by instruments. I am hog wild about the work, as we West Virginians would say, and am not a bit eager for a change."

Garnett M. Hamric, Y 3-c, U. S. Naval Barracks, Room 228, St. Charles Ave., at Girod St., New Orleans, 12, La., writes: "When I came down, I was the only WAVE in the offices at this particular station. Of course there are several over at the Federal Building. The Captain showed me all through the different stations and tried to explain the duties of each sailor. The next day I went to work and not knowing why I was doing things, only as directed. Not it isn't so foreign. They call me 'The Sarge' because I'm getting so tough. Someone told me I should be a teacher."

"I always had the belief that sailors were rather wild, but I've never worked with a nicer group of boys than these. The first day I came into the city, as I was alone and the other girls had taken leave, a Canadian Lieutenant of the Naval Intelligence Department came into headquarters to see about some South American matters. He was a Highlander by birth and reared in South America. He knew the city quite well from his history, or something. The chief told him that 'something new had been added to the office, a WAVE.' They agreed that it would be a lot of trouble saved on the part of the staff if he showed me the city. We went to the Roosevelt Hotel and saw Robert Taylor pass through on his way to his room. That didn't cut any ice with me, but if it had been Clark Gable it would have."

"I like this place very well, there is never one dull moment in the Navy and one doesn't know what is happening next."

Hyer's Team Is Winner by 32-14

Charlotte Hyer's basketball team continued its winning streak by beating Charlotte Ryan's team Thursday night in the gymnasium, 32-14. Paced by Etta Jane Judge and Beulah Given, with 14 points and 12 points, respectively, Hyer's team led the scoring throughout the game. Wanda Strader, agile sophomore, led the scoring for the losers with 10 points.

Margy Jack was elected sports leader of W. A. A. dancing at a meeting immediately preceding the basketball game. The purpose of the class is to teach all W. A. A. members social dancing.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE HELD FOR YW PLEDGES

A candlelight service was held Wednesday evening in the lounge for pledges of the Y. W. C. A. Helen Taylor, president, led the service following group singing. Approximately thirty girls took part in the service.

A short cabinet meeting, called by Miss Alma Arbuckle, was held following the program and plans were discussed for future programs.

Emelyne Davis of Baldwin was ill and unable to attend classes on Friday.

Norita Gallien and Helen Cox spent the week-end at Clarksburg.

June Hitt, senior in Weston High School, visited Helen Taylor, College senior, the past week-end. Misses Shirley Spencer and Betty

Waybright were shopping in Weston Saturday.

Peggy Sweeney was shopping in Clarksburg Saturday.



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FROM THE MERCURY'S FILES

By Thelma Ryan
THIRTEEN YEARS AGO: Sixteen men students and an instructor, Robert Crawford, moved into the upper story of the newly completed Firestone Lodge.

"The Bird's Christmas Carol," "The Other Wise Man," and "The Christmas Carol" were told by Warren Blackhurst, Olive O'Dell and George McQuain, respectively, at the annual Christmas party of the Canterbury Club.

TWELVE YEARS AGO: The newly organized Chemistry Club elected the following officers: President, Bayard Young; vice-president, Hugh Hurst; recording secretary, Thelma Richardson; corresponding secretary, Tzell Reger; treasurer, Lynwood Zinn.

ELEVEN YEARS AGO: Dr. Ernest H. Wright, head of the English department of Columbia University, lectured in the College auditorium on the subject, "The Meaning of Rousseau." He was brought to Glenville under auspices of the Canterbury Club.

TEN YEARS AGO: Harold ("Tootie") Porterfield of Richwood, probably the best all-round athlete at Glenville State College, was appointed captain of the 1933-34 Pioneer basketball team.

NINE YEARS AGO: Tickets for the recital of the Don Cossack Russian Male Chorus, to be given in the College auditorium, went to sale today.

EIGHT YEARS AGO: The cast of the freshman play, "The Ghost Story," included William Hamilton,

Sadie Harliss, Joyce Trusler, Imogene Dye, Marjorie Craddock, Virginia Gibson, Roy James Smith, Dick Dyer, Harold Winters and Robert Davies.

SEVEN YEARS AGO: Denzel Garrett, junior and member of the Mercury staff, was elected president of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association.

Vocal solos by Winifred White and Marguerite Moss and a piano solo by Velda Betts were features of a recent meeting of the Y. W. C. A.

SIX YEARS AGO: In the first pre-season contest of the year, the Glenville State College basketball team trounced the Richwood Merchants, 87-49.

The third annual G Club minstrel was presented in the College auditorium before a large crowd.

FIVE YEARS AGO: A lecture describing a land of tropical heat, head-hunters, tribal feuds and worship of evil spirits was given in assembly by the Reverend Herman Dixon of Warren, Ohio, who spent five years in Borneo as a missionary.

FOUR YEARS AGO: Making their second appearance of the season, the Glenville Pioneers added a 58-44 victory over Alfred Holbrook, a nationally prominent basketball aggregation. Brenice Sullivan and Marjorie Harden, sophomores, were elected to membership in the College Camera Club.

Ruby Messenger, staff member, was a substitute teacher at Troy Friday for Paul Fidler, sixth grade teacher.

Rhoda Bell Helmick and Pvt. Tawney Married

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Helmick, of Weston, formerly of Glenville, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Rhoda Belle, to Pvt. Thomas Martin Tawney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tawney, on December 8 at the Methodist parsonage. The Rev. T. S. Watkins read the single ring ceremony. Those present at the wedding were the parents of both the bride and the bridegroom and George Finster, Jr.

Mrs. Tawney was graduated from Weston High School in 1940, attended Glenville State College, and recently was graduated from the Army Air Corps Engineering Aides at Wesleyan College. Since then she has been employed by the Army Air Corps at Wright Field, Dayton, O.

Pvt. Tawney is also a graduate of Weston High School and while there was a member of the football squad. He is stationed at Camp Howze, Texas.

GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. —2, Home	Tanner
Jan. 7, Away	Weston
Jan. 11, Away	Sand Fork
Jan. 14, Home	Doddridge
Jan. 18, Home	Sutton
Jan. 20, Home	Normantown
Jan. 21, Away	Tanner
Jan. 25, Home	Burnsville
Jan. 27, Away	Troy
Feb. 1, Home	Sand Fork
Feb. 5, Away	Gassaway
Feb. 7, Home	Troy
Feb. 8, Away	Doddridge
Feb. 11, Away	Normantown
Feb. 15, Away	Spencer
Feb. 17, Away	Burnsville
Feb. 18, Home	Weston
Feb. 22, Away	Sutton
Feb. 25, Home	Gassaway
Feb. —2, Home	Spencer

Public Urged to Mail Christmas Parcels Early If Proper Deliveries Are Expected

Continued pleadings for early mailing in order to guarantee Christmas deliveries came this week from Gilmer County postmasters, particularly from Mrs. Marguerite Whiting in Glenville, who says:

"Mailings of Christmas gifts in November were insufficient to assure that deliveries of all gifts can be made on time, although the public is cooperating better than last year."

Those who mailed in November and the first day or two of December can feel certain that their gifts will be delivered by Christmas. If mailings are completed within the next few days, the parcels will arrive on time; but every day's delay by mailers now means much less likelihood that delivery can be made by Christmas.

Transportation facilities, burdened as never before by wartime demands, cannot handle on time a late flood of gifts and greeting cards. Even a year ago, when the burden was not so

heavy, many gifts arrived after the holiday because of a late rush of mailings. This year the situation is much more serious and mailings must be completed at once or many will be disappointed on Christmas.

Reports from post offices show that a large number of gifts are now being mailed, and marked "Do not open until Christmas." However, these constitute a rather small percentage of the total number sent each Christmas season. Unless mailings are practically completed in the next few days, the great burden on transportation facilities makes it very likely that deliveries cannot be completed by December 25.

Dispatches are clearing out of all smaller offices and there is no reason for mailings being held up locally, but it is true that the larger terminals are undermanned and huge quantities of parcels are held up.

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