

By Helen Taylor

IT'S GOOD to be back at "ye ole grind" and to be with my friends again— But best of all I'm glad to be able to say that my mother is recuperating from a very rare blood disease . . . Thanks to that new drug, Pentnucleotide. While mentioning thanks, I want to say 'THANKS' to all the staff members who took on extra work the two weeks I was absent—and did an excellent job.

ALSO I WANT the 'YW' girls and Miss Alma Arbuckle to know how very much I appreciated the beautiful bouquet of white, pink and red carnations that they sent to the family. In fact, I want to say 'Thanks' to everyone who wrote encouraging letters or who helped (in any way) during my mother's illness.

MAXINE WRIGHT TAKES honors (?) for the best answer of the week. When Miss Louise Whitlow asked her a question in Business Law, she answered by looking at her watch and telling Miss Whitlow the time of day.

DR. D. L. HAUGHT took the cake (or should I say the bar of candy) at the Current Events Club party the past Wednesday night when he answered with Priscilla Mullens to the query—"What lady did Miles Standish and John Alden love?" Others in the group consistently gave Priscilla Lane the honors. Dr. Haught said he could never forget that name because of a debate he took part in: Resolved, That Priscilla Mullens violated the ethics on the part of a lady when she asked, "Why not speak for yourself John?"

HAD YOU NOTICED? . . . The pretty yellow easter lilies on Miss Bessie Boyd Bell's desk? Janet Boggs' valentine dress . . . How clean the bulletin board looks lately. . . . Dr. Haught's suitable suggestion that we sing 'Home On the Range' for the speaker from Colorado . . . Betty Waybright's list of approximately 125 moron jokes . . . Gray Barker's articles in the Clarksburg Exponent . . . That gleam in Miss Kathleen Robertson's eye that means nothing more or less than the fact that she's working on a play. Results will be noted in assembly tomorrow. The crocuses in bloom despite the bad weather in front of the 'Ad' building?

SENIORS HAVE DECIDED to be patriotic this year and have their graduation and sermon all the same day . . . Probably Sunday, May 28. Plans are not definite! One can almost see the caps and gowns already. We're ordering invitations and calling cards this week . . . Attempted to get class rings but our order must be delayed until this coming summer or later. In two months and a half (come May 28) we'll be (some of us regretfully) leaving dear old G. S. C. . . . What then?

MISS ROBERTSON entertained Shakespeare class last Friday morning when she read the Launcelot-Gobbo scene from the 'Merchant of Venice.' She read it dramatically, portraying those comical characters so very well that we didn't even attempt to follow the lines in the book. We enjoyed it to the utmost, Miss Robertson!

Wagner Elected Class President

John Wagner, sophomore, is the new president of the sophomore class, and consequently a member of the Student Council, having been elected Wednesday morning following assembly to replace Harold Reece, now in the Army Air Corps.

Other class officers elected at this time were: Nina Moore, vice-president; Lucille Hardman, secretary; Mary Alice Wagner, treasurer.

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Roth String Quartet to Be Here March 20 For Concert In College Auditorium

Because of schedule difficulties, the Hart House String Quartet who were to appear in the College auditorium for a lyceum program on Wednesday, March 22, have been replaced by the Roth String Quartet, pictured above, who will present a program, Monday, March 20, at 8 o'clock.

Composing the Roth Quartet are: Feri Roth, first violinist and founder of the ensemble; Oliver Edel, cellist; Julius Shaier, violinist; Michael Kuttner, second violinist.

Invited to this country from their native Hungary in 1928 by the Library of Congress-Coolidge Foundation, members of this troupe have given more than 1,000 concerts in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The Roth Quartet's phonograph records, released by the Columbia recording corporation, now number in the second million.

The four instruments used by the musicians are instruments of the 18th century and have been carefully selected in relation to each other and to the part they play in the quartet.

Plans for admission are the same as scheduled for the original program.

College Talent Will Offer 1-Act Play As Assembly Highlight Here Tomorrow

By Gray Barker

"Then, Mamselle, I have nothing further to do than to announce to you that you are the true and long-lost heir to the throne of France."

So says the quack French lawyer, M. Cahusac (Charles McIntosh) to Marie-Sidonie (Elsie Moore) as he lays the foundation for another of his "Royal highness" swindles in "The Queens of France," to be presented tomorrow in chapel by Miss Kathleen Robertson, speech instructor. The play, written by Thornton Wilder, takes place in New Orleans in 1869, a period when there was still some possibility that the throne of France might be restored. The plot is concerned with how M. Cahusac takes due opportunity of the time to earn a little extra money "shaking down" gullible ladies after informing them they are heirs to the throne.

We've all this at a late rehearsal, when Miss Robertson is engaged in putting the finishing touches on the performance—and putting all the players through their paces.

As quickly as Marie-Sidonie, not a little shocked by the surprising news delivered to her, can be ushered out, M. Cahusac goes to work on another "queen," Mme. Pugeot (Nina Moore) upon whom he is already capitalizing by extorting large sums of money to "prevent certain royal relics from being sold to a museum." To raise necessary funds she is forced to sell her house.

As the rehearsal progresses, Miss Robertson walks to different parts of the auditorium to check on acoustics. At other times she corrects a wrong gesture or a faulty speech, sometimes acting out the part herself.

We see next the third dupe of Cahusac's trickery, Mlle. Pointevin (Catherine Withers) who, after being drained of all monetary resources, is promptly being disposed of with a masterpiece from his "oiled tongue."

Withers certainly does present a character in this role. Thinking she is practically queen already she stirs up quite a furore, flaunting an ancient, black, threadbare umbrella about the stage as she displays her regal temperament.

After Mlle. Pointevin departs in tears of disappointment, the fourth victim is ushered in. She appears—but that is too good to be spoiled by relating it here.

Mrs. Johnson Gets Position In Local Rationing Office

H. L. White, head of the Glenville State College English department and chairman of the Gilmer County War Price and Rationing Board, has announced that Mrs. George D. Johnson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Johnson of Glenville, has been appointed a clerk in the local office.

Mrs. Johnson, whose husband is a member of the U. S. Air Corps and presently is stationed in Italy, was for three years employed at the Spencer State Hospital.

Miss Irma Langley West has been named chief clerk in the local rationing board office, succeeding I. N. Hardman, who resigned recently.

COLLEGE EMPLOYEES PASS PRE-INDUCTION EXAM

Donald Jones, recently employed for general work on the campus, passed his pre-induction physical examination February 29, and will report for active duty March 24. He was to be employed later on the College farm to handle the extra duties necessitated by the production boost being planned, and the College is now seeking a like employee to fill that position. Jones is living in Louis Bennett Hall.

Lt.-Col. Underwood Suffers Serious Injuries on Maneuvers at Ft. Benning

SECOND SON BORN TO MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WHITE

Mr. and Mrs. George B. White of Charleston are announcing the birth of their second child, a son, March 9, in a Charleston hospital. The baby, who weighed six and a half pounds, has been named Vance Lee.

Their first child, Laban Reece, is at the home of the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. White in Glenville.

Before her marriage the mother was Miss Ruthann Hagen of Parkersburg. The father, an employee at the Westvaco Plant in South Charleston, formerly worked in the State NYA headquarters.

Rev. Mr. Arehart To Leave Glenville About April 15

The Rev. Carl Lloyd Arehart, part-time instructor in the College, who has been teaching Bible and physical education, has accepted a pastorate at Dunbar and will begin his work there about April 15.

Mr. Arehart began teaching in the College the past year and for a time was acting coach. He plans to continue his classes this month and so far his successor here has not been named.

Married and the father of one child, a boy, John Edwin, Mr. Arehart has been in Glenville for five and a half years and has conducted services regularly at the Presbyterian Church and at the Coal Valley Church. Frequently he conducted services in Braxton County.

Though his successor for the church has not been named, a young minister who is now a student in the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond may come here this month to consider the local pastorate.

Miss Ruby Carr Named Head Cook

Miss Ruby Carr, an employee serving in the kitchen of Kanawha Hall for the past four years, was designated as head cook by the State, March 1. Miss Carr had been serving in that capacity but had not been officially named to the position until March 1.

STATE TELEPHONES NOT FOR PERSONAL CALLS

All state departments and institutions have been informed by Edgar B. Sims, state auditor, that state telephones are not to be used for personal calls after March 15. On state telephones no federal tax is charged. Therefore, any state employees or officials making calls on state telephones avoid paying federal tax. The state was becoming a party to such evasion, thus the decree was made that no personal calls are to be made on state phones.

MRS. TAYLOR CONVALESCING IN WESTON HOSPITAL

Mrs. Hayward A. Taylor, mother of Helen Taylor, Mercury editor, is reported resting nicely in the Weston City Hospital. She is recuperating from a very rare blood disease and is still receiving the new drug, Pentnucleotide. Miss Taylor spent the week-end at home visiting her mother.

Lt.-Col. C. L. Underwood, member of the College faculty on leave to serve with the armed forces, is a patient in a Ft. Benning, Ga., hospital suffering from serious injuries received the past week when a jeep, in which he was riding, and a truck collided during maneuvers.

An instructor in chemical warfare at Ft. Benning, Lt.-Col. Underwood suffered a broken jaw, severe cuts about the face, a broken pelvic bone and a broken leg.

Mrs. Underwood left here Friday morning after receiving word of her husband's condition Thursday night, Monday morning their son, Clarence, Jr., a student in the College, left here and planned to drive to Georgia to be with his father.

Doctors at the post hospital in a telephone conversation told Mrs. Underwood before she left Glenville that her husband's condition was serious, though not critical. Word received here yesterday was that he had not rested well the past few nights.

Lt.-Col. Underwood enlisted for service about two years ago and had previously been stationed in Maryland, in Louisiana and on the West Coast.

Council Gets Set To Sponsor Another Campus Election

Gray Barker, sophomore, has been appointed by the Student Council as a member of the assembly committee to replace Joe Reed, now in the service at their meeting on March 6.

A nominating committee composed of Thelma Ryan, Anne Withers and John Wagner was selected to choose at least two candidates for each Student Council office for 1944-45. Additional nominations will be made from the floor in assembly tomorrow.

The oath of office was administered by President Catherine Withers to Charles McIntosh and Homer Paul Heckert, sophomore, recently appointed treasurer and sergeant-at-arms, respectively, of the Council.

Upon the suggestion of Dr. D. L. Haught, College president, a letter was sent under the auspices of the Council to thirteen colleges throughout the state inquiring about their servicemen's flag or plaque, (if they had any). Their opinion was asked about such a project and also the best way to finance it.

Bobbie Jean Coe visited her home in Jackson County over the weekend.

We Remind You:

On Monday, March 20, the College will change the time its classes meet. Those that meet at 9 a. m. will meet at 8 a. m. instead and classes will be dismissed at 4 p. m. instead of 5 p. m.

A few students still haven't handed their ration books into the financial secretary's office yet.

Assembly tomorrow promises to be good . . . Why not, with our own local talent being displayed?

One should never be too busy to smile.

On March 15 the third Army Navy Qualifying Test is to be given here under the direction of Dean Robert T. Crawford and Miss Ivy Lee Myers.

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Bring Out 'Alma Mater' And We'll All Join In

Some freshman said the other day, "Doesn't the College have a song?" "Certainly," said an upperclassman, "—and, a very beautiful one at that!" Another pondering freshman piped up with the query, "Why don't we ever sing it?"

Well... why don't we? Has the song been forgotten, or what? Seniors and juniors, especially, remember it. The song is entitled "Alma Mater" and was dedicated to the College by Fred H. Barnett, a former student who is now employed in the legal department of the South Penn Oil Company in Pittsburgh.

Its very words are inspiring and uplifting... and the tune which is slightly high has something about it that will stay with a person all through life, especially if he has attended Glenville State College.

The content of the song goes thus: "Alma Mater, loving mother, bride of honor and of truth. We revere thee as no other, moulder of ideals of youth. Friendships born within thy portals bless our lives as seasons roll. So transcending, what is mortal, touching each and every soul. Glenville College, we adore thee... all thru life and e'en in death... Love and treasure, Sing thy praises with the last of quickening breath."

Once a student has heard the music and the words together he'll never forget it. Let's learn it and sing it once in awhile in assembly and at other College group meetings.—Helen Taylor.

Will the American Family Be Reunited?

Most people will agree that the greatest institution in our country is the family. Yet in recent years a trend has been toward disorganization of immediate members of the group instead of closer contacts. Family ties and relationships are consistently becoming farther and farther apart.

Since "Pearl Harbor" military and many non-military factors have speeded up the process of disorganization. Everyone knows of the sons, daughters, husbands and sometimes wives who have entered into the service of our country. It is also known that many people are now doing more work away from home and leaving family relationships to care for themselves.

Society and social workers were the first to notice the great effect of these new tasks that were added to the family. Among the first and greatest of these problems to attract their attention was the one of caring for the adolescent children who were now roaming the streets. It is not a minor problem as it struck nearly all localities and very few are trying to do anything about it. (Glenville fortunately is making an attempt to overcome it with a recreational program.)

The question that remains to be answered in the future is: CAN THE FAMILY REORGANIZE AND HAVE ITS CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS ONCE AGAIN IN THE POST-WAR FUTURE?—Hayward Groves.

It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own.—Sir Arthur Doyle.

No race can prosper until it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem.—Booker T. Washington.

Only the game fish swims up stream.—John Moore.

Genius, that power which dazzles mortal eyes, is oft but perseverance in disguise.—Henry Austin.

You shall judge a man by his foes as well as by his friends.—Joseph Conrad.

For he that lives more lives than one, more deaths than one must die.—Oscar O'Flahertie.



Notes From The Robert F. Kidd Library

Miss Alma Arbuckle, College librarian, insists that students, as a whole, are doing very little reading of fiction, biography, etc. Circulation of books for the past month, 126 reserve books and 218 "two-weeks" (children's books included), is very low. By way of suggesting some good reading, here are students' "spur-of-the-moment" answers to the question, "What's your favorite novel?"

Elsie Moore's is LES MISERABLES while Rita Mae Fling chooses QUO VADIS. . . . Anne Withers likes Scott's IVANHOE and Gray Barker cast's his vote for Emily Bronte's WUTHERING HEIGHTS. . . . Even after much deliberation, Jack Harrison was unable to choose between Owen Wister's THE VIRGINIAN and Sandburg's THE PRAIRIE YEARS. . . . Wanda Strader prefers Skidmore's I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES; the novel has its setting in

West Virginia and the author is a native of this state. . . . Mary Jo Elyson and Betty Lydick, "at bat" for novelist Lloyd C. Douglas, choose WHITE BANNERS and DISPUTED PASSAGE, respectively. . . . Winston Collins prefers GONE WITH THE WIND, while Daphne du Maurier's REBECCA is the choice of Mary K. Smith. . . . Mary Alice Wagner and Maxine Riddle like MRS. MINIVER and DRIVIN' WOMAN. . . . Lucille Hardman and Ruby Messenger agree on James Hilton's much-talked-of novel, RANDOM HARVEST.

NEW BOOKS: DER FUEHRER by Konrad Heiden, ROSE'S FOUNDATIONS OF NUTRITION by MacLeod and Taylor, and the 1944 WORLD ALMANAC AND BOOK OF FACTS.

A TINGE OF HUMOR

Teacher: "If there were Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones and the baby, how many were there?"

Johnny: "There were two and one to carry."

"In times of trial" said the preacher, "what brings us the greatest comfort?"

And from the back row an answering voice: "An acquittal."

The College professors don't know a thing. Why, not one of them could teach anywhere else and get away with it. They're just dumb. They ought to get a whole new teaching staff."

"Yeah, I flunked, too."

"That Colonel over there is ugly enough to scare a regiment of Japs."

"Sir! I am that Colonel's daughter."

"Do you know who I am?"

"No."

"Thank the Lord."

"Twas in a restaurant they met, Romeo and Juliet."

Glenville State College
Glenville, W. Va.

Dear Girls:

Why the sudden interest in basketball the past Saturday night? (Could it be the uniforms?)

Yours,
QUICKSILVER.

He had no cash to pay the debt,
So Romeo'd what Juliet.

"What is the smallest volume in the world?"

"Who's Who In Italy."

MR. AND MRS. THORNE HAVE BABY DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Adrain U. Thorne have announced the birth of an 8½ pound baby girl born March 6 in the City Hospital in Akron, O., where the father is employed by the Firestone Rubber Company. The baby has been named Sherry Lynn. The mother before her marriage was Miss Marilyn Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keith of Glenville and a former College student. Mr. Thorne is the son of Mrs. Grover Brannon of Glenville.

MRS. McDUGALL TAKES JOB IN TANNER HIGH

Mrs. Juanita Bell McDougall of Glenville has been named a teacher of English and biology in Tanner High School to succeed James Murphy of Sand Fork, who left here Saturday for U. S. Army service.

Mrs. McDougall, who had been teaching at Gilmer, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bell of Glenville and a niece of Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, a member of the College faculty.

Esther Cook and Glennis Hudkins visited their homes in Gassaway over the week-end.



OFF THE REEL

Comments on Movie
Shorts and Features

By Gray Barker

"The Oklahoma Kid," showing next Thursday and Friday, is a picture made a few years ago, now being released again. It is a bit above the conventional western, having two top-notch stars, Humphrey Bogart and James Cagney. This department thinks you will enjoy it.

We note that Jennifer Jones won the 16th annual Motion Picture Academy award as the best movie actress of 1943. She received the coveted "Oscar" (That's the little statuette they get) for her performance in "The Song of Bernadette," just released. Jennifer, who portrays the saintly maiden in the film, has recently obtained a divorce from Robert Walker, who will appear shortly in "See Here Private Hargrove."

Mickey Rooney, "4-F" the past year for undisclosed reasons, will be inducted into the armed forces shortly. Bud Abbott of the Abbott and Costello team, has been elected mayor of Sherman Oaks, California. We'll be seeing the aforementioned team in "Hit the Ice," to be shown here shortly. According to critics, it is the standard low comedy, but as long as we laugh at them, so what? Paramount expects to collect \$11,500,000 from "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Ding-dong! Some dough!

The operators at the Pictureland are doing a very good job of running the shows, but we naturally can't be satisfied with anything and have a gripe. Probably the monitor speaker in the projection booth doesn't tell them when the volume becomes unbearably loud in the auditorium below, as it has been at alternate times the past weeks. This tends to spoil the picture for those of us who are finicky, and we suggest that the little knob be turned slightly to the left.

Everyone will be digging deeper into their pockets in a few weeks when they walk past the ticket booth, for a new federal tax will come into effect. According to my figuring this should raise the local price at least three cents. Oh, well,—as long as it helps lick the Japs and Jerries.

"Turn that volume down, Jim.
Turn that volume down"

On THE CAMPUS

By Catherine Withers

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF: Wilma Kennedy and Pauline Keller were late for the bus? Mr. H. L. White put his arms through his coat sleeves? Dave Tewell didn't smoke a pipe? Everyone stopped walking on the grass? A big Webster's dictionary were not on Mr. Hunter Whiting's desk? Geneva Proctor stopped dancing? The clock would strike one again, as it did the other morning at 10:15 o'clock? Thelma Ryan missed attending any type of athletic event? Court House Hill were level? Margy Jack didn't heckle the referee at a ball game? The stairways failed to creak during assembly or lyceum programs? Grover Weaver took the famous "Charles Atlas Course"? The Science Hall had an elevator to the fourth floor? Johnny Wagner wore a hat? College gals didn't stop and window gaze at the new shoe store on Court Street? Charlotte Ryan's Captain would come home soon? Mary Jo Moran didn't head for Lewis County every week-end? Beans weren't served at Kanawha Hall? Mary K. Smith "moindered" the author of O LOCURA O SANTIDAD? Mr. Carey Woofert didn't know practically everyone in the country? Isabelle Clark failed to wear a little Holy Roller Court pin? Mairzy Doats? This column doesn't end soon? . . .

Quotes WORTH QUOTING

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above it.—Washington Irving.

This only grant me, that my means may lie Too low for envy, for contempt too high.

—Cowley.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—James Barrie.

What we call "morals" is simply blind obedience to words of command.—Havelock Ellis.
There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight.—Woodrow Wilson.

LITTLE PIONEERS' TRIM ARMY ENGINEERS 84-45 SATURDAY NIGHT ON LOCAL COURT

Glenville Team Stages Comeback After Loss
Thursday Night to Wesleyan, There

The invasion force of the 672nd Engineers which landed on the campus Saturday evening for a basketball game had to accept terms of unconditional surrender as a team that might be dubbed "Little Pioneers" toppled them over by the score of 84-45.

Pritt, of Glenville, led the scoring with 43 points and was followed by Underwood, who scored 22. Petty was high for the visitors with 20.

This was the second game this season for the "Little Pioneers" as they had journeyed to Buckhannon the past Thursday night and were defeated by a team of W. Va. Wesleyan boys, 42-33, after they had led throughout the first half of the ball game and were only behind two points at the end of the third quarter. The Army boys apparently caught them on the rebound.

Right now the Little Pioneers are trying to arrange for a game with Wesleyan here at Glenville sometime in the near future.

Lineups and scoring for Army game:

Glenville	G	F	T
Pritt, f	20	3	43
Harrison, f	1	1	3
Underwood, c	11	0	22
Wagner, g	1	0	2
Groves, g	4	5	13
Heckert, g	0	1	1
Collins, f	0	0	0
Totals	37	10	84
672nd Engineers	G	F	T
Petty, f	10	0	20
Gulfan, f	2	0	4
King, c	5	0	10
Bostwick, g	3	0	6
Hook, g	0	0	0
Purcell, f	1	1	1
Reech, g	0	1	1
Gardner, g	1	0	2
Totals	22	2	45

W. A. A. NEWS

Betty Faulkner's softball team walloped Evelyn Finster's team 24-10 Thursday night to remain undefeated for the semester. With only four players on each team, Faulkner's team went to bat only eight times to gain the 24 runs.

Wanda Strader, with six field goals for a total of 12 points, led Given's team to a 22-10 win over Gerwig's quint of basketball players the same night. Given's team held the lead throughout the game although the margin at the half was narrowed to 10-6. Clark with 8 points led the scoring for Gerwig's team.

Girls playing were: Geneva Proctor, Juanita McWilliams, Isabelle Clark, Margy Jack, Frances Gerwig, Helen Cox, Charlotte Ryan, Wanda Strader, Etta Jane Judge, Beulah Givens, Nina Craig, Katherine Bleigh, Lucille Hardman, Catherine Withers, Edith Hinterer, Norita Galien, and Betty Faulkner.

PERSONALS

Maxine Cook visited her aunt at Sand Fork over the week-end.

Violet Morgan spent the week-end at her home in Summersville.

Miss Edith Hinterer, senior, substituted for Mrs. William Boggs in Normantown High School this past Friday.

Opal Starcher spent the week-end at her home in Spencer.

Miss Thelma Ryan, staff member, of Spencer, was absent the past week because of the illness of her grandmother.

Miss Juanita McWilliams, freshman, suffered a badly stoved finger at the W. A. A. basketball game Thursday evening.

SPORT NEWS and VIEWS

By Thelma Ryan

The Glenville "Red Terrors" went down in defeat in the finals of the regional tournament at Clarksburg Saturday night as Clarksburg's W. I. turned them back with a 66-39 score. The "Terrors," after winning the sectional held in the College gymnasium, last week-end, took a close semifinal game from Doddridge Friday night 40-37.

By the way, Don Shreve sunk 12 field goals and 3 foul shots for a total of 27 points in the "Terror" Doddridge game. That's good shooting in any ball game.

The College boys did O. K. for themselves in the local gymnasium Saturday night as they walked over the Army 672nd Engineers Regt team from Elkins with a score of 84-45. (Dead-Eye) Harry Pritt had a total of 43 points. He must have been trying to break "Brooms" Abramovic's record.

More games for the local boys should be scheduled for they certainly stimulated interest in the College. The student body's thanks go to Hayward Groves, senior, who contacted the Army team quite a few weeks ago, in an effort to play the game on the College court.

Lyle T. West Takes OPA Job

Lyle T. West of Glenville has accepted a position as junior administrative assistant in the state headquarters of the Office of Price Administration in Charleston. Mr. West formerly served for about eight years as office manager in the state headquarters of the Federal Housing Administration, first at Parkersburg, then at Charleston, resigned his position there December 31 and had spent the past few weeks in Glenville.

Miss Elma Emrick, former staff member now teaching in Kanawha

St. Patrick's Day Party Held In College Lounge

Twenty-two people, including Current Events Club members and their guests, attended a Saint Patrick's Day party in the Lounge of Louis Bennett Hall Wednesday night from seven-thirty to ten o'clock.

Those present listened to a half-hour recording, "Then Came War," with an introduction by Elmer Davis, which also included the actual recorded voices of Mr. Chamberlain, Premier Daladier, and Adolph Hitler. This was followed by an assortment of games including Chinese checkers and a quiz game with candy prizes. Irish songs were sung at the conclusion of the party.

Friends Come to Aid of Famous American Poet

NEW YORK (ACP)—An \$800 award for "eminence in literature" promises to relieve the difficult straits that have befallen the once fabulously successful poet, Edgar Lee Masters, author of "Spoon River Anthology."

The award, presented jointly, by the University of California, Harvard University and Poetry Society of America, just came in the nick of time, his wife said.

The 74-year-old author is recovering from pneumonia and malnutrition. His bills were paid by the Authors League of America. He was discovered ill in a charity ward last December.

Bitter, brusque and proud, Masters had been dependent upon royalties from poems published more than 25 years ago. His recent books have earned little, his friends said, and "Spoon River Anthology" royalties, still coming in, have been just enough to pay the rent since 1937.

FROM THE MERCURY'S FILES

By Thelma Ryan

1930: President E. G. Rohrbough gave a short talk in chapel Wednesday morning concerning what might be called, "Making the Best of What You Have." He took his text from the parable of ten pounds.

1931: Eight College students, Ralph Currey, French Jones, Eugene Deitz, Harry Taylor, Hayden Elyson, Bruce Brannon, Claude Kemper and Earl Looker, motored to Waynesburg, Pa., on Friday to attend the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Y. M. C. A. Conference.

1932: Howard Lindell, '33, has been chosen captain of the 1933 Pioneer basketball team by Coach A. F. Rohrbough. Lindell succeeds Dorsey Hines of Clarksburg, who piloted the Pioneers through the past season.

1933: All O'Henry stories will be given at the next Canterbury Club meeting when stories will be told by Eleanore Boggess, Byron Turner and Nelson Wells.

1934: H. L. White, College instructor, spoke to students of Troy High School at assembly on Wednesday of the past week, using as his subject, "Your Autobiography."

1936: The Don Cossacks, famous Russian chorus, will come to Glenville on a return engagement to open the College artists' course next year, it was announced by Curtis Baxter.

1937: Mr. John R. Wagner, instructor in chemistry, announces that final plans have been made for the combined sixth annual Chemistry Day and first annual Science Day to be held here Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, under the auspices of the Chemistry Club.

1938: Miss Olive Myers, freshman, recently received recognition through "Cargo," a Methodist Episcopal publication, for her poem, "To a Cobweb."

1939: Three members of the College debating team, Helen Heater, Paul Beal and Clyde Dotson, met a group from Concord College last night at 7 p. m. in the College auditorium.

1940: Now on display in the reception room of Verona Maple Hall are new drapes and davenport and chair covers, fitted by Parsons-Souders Co. of Clarksburg.

Miss Nina Craig, Estella Bonner, Elizabeth Clark and Elsie Moore missed several classes this past week because of illness.

County, was a visitor on the campus this past week-end.

The small courtesies sweeten life; the greater enable it.—Bovee.

Not the zeal alone of those who seek Him proves God, but the blindness of those who seek Him not.—Pascal.

Friendship makes prosperity brighter, while it lightens adversity by sharing its griefs and anxieties.—Cicero.

I am wealthy in friends.—Shakespeare.

Shall I try friends: you shall perceive how you mistake my fortunes; If you like today—it's here; if you don't like today—it's going!

Virtue is not left to stand alone. He who practises it will have neighbors.—Confucius.

Men love to wonder and that is

the seed of our science.—Emerson.

In youth we learn; in age we understand.—Marie Eschenbach.

Ability is of little account without opportunity.—Napoleon.

No evil is without its compensation.—Seneca.

She sat in the moonlight,
Deserted by women and men;
She swore by the stars above her
She'd never eat onions again.
—The Coal Digger.

MEDALS WON BY MARINES

MEDAL OF HONOR



The Congressional Medal of Honor (Navy) is America's highest award for heroism on land, sea or in the air. It is awarded for valor and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. Established in December, 1861, it is awarded in the name of the Congress of the United States. The medal is worn about the neck.

NAVY CROSS



The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in the line of duty. It ranks in third position following the Brevet Medal. A small gold star on this decoration and service ribbon indicates a second award of the same decoration. This medal was established in 1918.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL



SILVER STAR



AIR MEDAL



The Air Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the armed forces of the United States, distinguishes himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. It is granted in cases where the act of meritorious service does not warrant the Distinguished Flying Cross.

BREVET MEDAL



The Brevet Medal of the Marine Corps has not been awarded in recent years. It was originally awarded to subordinates (officers or men) who were forced by circumstances of battle to lead landing parties or detachments after their commanding officers had become casualties.

LEGION OF MERIT



The award of the Legion of Merit is made to outstanding officers and enlisted men for "extraordinary fidelity and essential service." It constitutes a reward for service in a position of responsibility, honorably and well performed. It stems from the Badge of Military Merit, established in 1782.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS



The Distinguished Flying Cross is conferred upon any member of the air forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity, distinguishes himself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. The medal is identical in all services.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL



The new Navy and Marine Corps Medal is awarded persons in the Navy and Marine Corps for acts of heroism other than those performed in actual combat with the enemy. It has been granted for courageous conduct such as rescues at sea.

PURPLE HEART



The Purple Heart, originally established by General George Washington in 1782, was not issued for many years. It was reestablished in 1932, and made retroactive to cover awards to all officers and men who were wounded in action in any war or campaign under conditions entitling them to wear a wound chevron.

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

By Janette Cunningham

1st Lt. Harold Scott, at the Greenville (Miss.) Army Air Base, writes, "I get a great deal of pleasure from reading the Mercury and appreciate receiving it very much. It keeps me in touch with the rest of the fellows in the service and with what is going on at the College. It is also good for one's morale."

"I am in charge of the Officers' Physical Training Program and coach of the Officers' basketball team. We are leading the league so far. We tied for the third round and there is only one more to play which we hope to win. I try to get across to the team some of the tactics that "Nate" used to show us."

"I am going to Memphis this week-end. Sgt. Louie Romano and I are going to throw a little party for two. I understand that Jesse Lilly is stationed there, too. If we can find him we'll make it a threesome."

Pvt. Thomas Hendrick, stationed at Camp Plauche, New Orleans, sends a new address and his thanks for the Mercury.

Sgt. Harry Cooper, at Langley Field, Va., writes, "I have been at my present job, flight instructor in Radar, for over a year now and like it fine. I am working pretty hard and spending about eight hours a day in the air. Thanks for the Mercury."

Pvt. Charlotte Hyer, of the Marines, has finished boot training ("uninteresting") at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and is now in Motor Transport School there—"the best, specialist school in the business," she says. "There are thirty 'gals' in my class and we are each issued a different vehicle each week to take care of drive on the carways, etc. . . . This camp is really a 'beauty'. So far, I haven't found any films to fit in my camera but have lots of scouts out hunting them."

Cpl. Jack Conrad arrived in Glenville Friday to spend a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Conrad. He expects immediate transfer upon his return to Camp Fannin, Texas, where he has been stationed for several months. Cpl. Conrad was a member of the College basketball squad during the 1941-42 season.

Ray Watson, who has been stationed at Bethany College, spent a brief leave at his home in Weston recently.

Homer L. ("Tiny") Moore has been promoted to the rank of captain in the Army Air Corps. Capt. Moore, who has been piloting a paratrooper transport plane, has been in the service about two and a half years and on overseas duty eighteen months. He first went to England, then North Africa, and later moved into Sicily when U. S. troops invaded it. It is assumed that he is in Italy at present. He had completed three years of work in the College when he entered the service.

Pvt. Waitman Bailes, with the Army in England, writes "I like my work and am getting a lot of experience that will help me in my civilian life. We are getting plenty to eat and plenty of good entertainment. . . . This island they call England is a very odd place; railroad cars the size of road wagons. Now I understand why transportation is poor here. The houses are made of brick with straw roofs—not bad, but I prefer the good old U. S. . . . I received the College paper today. Boy! was I ever glad to see one of those again."

Homer Paul West has been made a first lieutenant at Bates Field, Ala., where he is serving with the U. S. engineers. His brother, Karl West, has completed basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and now is training as a pilot aviation cadet at Freeman's Field, Seymour, Ind. They

are sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. West of Brooklyn Addition, Glenville.

Lt. Kenneth Hutchinson, in Italy, writes: "I want you to know that I have been receiving your paper and that it is appreciated. I have been able to trace most of the boys I know so well through it . . ."

"I have seen Jennings Jarvis and we had quite a time talking about old times and teachers. Even though it has been only three years since I stepped out of Louis Bennett Hall. I have had a great many experiences and seen many things since then."

"Italy is a very pretty country and has many historical spots which, due to army generosity, I have been able to visit. The army furnishes one a marvelous chance to travel, but I would rather do it on my own—things are much quieter that way. Thanks again and keep up the good work."

Mrs. Beall's Mother Buried Yesterday

Final rites were conducted in Clarksburg yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Carrie Bush, 75-years old, who died Friday morning of a heart ailment at her home there.

Mrs. Bush was the mother of Mrs. J. W. Beall, teacher in the first grade of the Glenville public school and an alumna of the College. Surviving besides this daughter are the husband, one son, and two other daughters.

Several members of the public school staff dismissed classes yesterday and went to Clarksburg for the final rites.

Mrs. H. Y. Clark substituted for Mrs. Beall while she was in Clarksburg.

Former Student's Grandfather Dies

Final rites were held for M. T. Mearns, grandfather of Anna Mary Mearns, former student now teaching in Nicholas County, on March 1 at the Delphi Church.

Mr. Mearns, stockman and farmer of Delphi, was found dead in his garden Monday afternoon, February 28. He was president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Besides his granddaughter, Mr. Mearns is survived by four sons, John, Austin and Monid of Tioga, Ernest of Summersville; four daughters, Mrs. Audrey Swisher, of Delphi, Mrs. Cecil Hays of Mississippi, Mrs. John Hays of Sand Fork and Mrs. Ray Lambert of Summersville.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Thomas P. Ryan, grandfather of Thelma Ryan, staff member, is seriously ill in the City Hospital at Spencer.

Mercuryite Of the Week

By Helen Taylor

T—ops in her classes.
H—ails from Spencer.
E—ver dependable.
L—ikes her midnight snack—soda crackers.

M—ajoring in Biology.
A—good 'YW' treasurer.

L—oves the cinema.
E—asy to get along with.
E—nthusiastic when it comes to sports.

R—ates being president of W.A.A.
Y—earns to be a football coach.
A—member of Verona Maple governing board.
N—avy suits her taste.

Parker Boggs Is Assembly Speaker; Lives In Colorado

Parker J. Boggs, of Pueblo, Colo., and a native of Gilmer County, was guest speaker in assembly Wednesday. Engaged in the oil and gas business in Colorado, he discussed his work and his impressions of the West.

He stated that most of the wells in Colorado are 7000 feet deep and that the rotary drill machines used there work much faster than those used in West Virginia. "Natural gas is transported to Colorado from Texas," he stated, "through pipes ranging from two to twenty-two inches in diameter."

"There are about 130,000 domestic uses for natural gas in Colorado—Five very important industries use it in their operations."

Colorado Springs, he said, is a scenic city that exists almost solely on tourist trade, while Denver is a town of industry and 300,000 people, cultured and very congenial, as a whole. "Of course, I think Pueblo is the most wonderful city in Colorado," he said, "because it is my home."

Mr. Boggs closed by extending to his listeners an invitation to come and visit the West, "a wonderful country." He began his career in Louisiana and was employed in Alabama, before settling in Colorado.

HERE AND THERE

By Hayward Groves

One of our College professors in a discussion about discipline recently asked his class, "Why isn't discipline a problem in this class?" A young lady meekly and weakly replied, "We're afraid of the teacher."

None can say that the boys of Louis Bennett Hall aren't co-operating with the war department in not making long distance telephone calls. (They make no calls, now that the phone has been removed.)

Many students regret hearing of Mr. Carl Lloyd Arehart's recent illness and more so of his leaving Glenville in the near future.

Rumors going about the campus now are that the College girls have plans in the making for playing the girls basketball team from Weston High School. In what may be termed as a warm-up game they are playing each other this week when the Commuter and Hall girls meet again.

Southern hospitality may be famous but the treatment College boys received at the KA Fraternity House in Buckhannon the past week will be hard to beat. Friendship and relationships between our College and theirs seemed to be most outstanding.

Our deepest regrets go to the close friends and relatives of Lt. Col. C. L. Underwood who was seriously injured in the collision of two army vehicles.

The boys from Wesleyan may be over to play our team a game sometime this week. Plans are not complete as yet but it seems a good possibility.

\$155 CONTRIBUTED HERE FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Miss Rose Funk, College instructor, and Miss Erma Edwards, financial secretary, who are co-chairmen of the Red Cross drive for the College, have announced that they have already received \$155.

Instructors and other College officials are urged to make their contribution before the drive ends on March 31.

College Faculty Member Urges Precision In Present-Day Diction on the Home Front

The Charleston Gazette recently published the following letter by Mr. H. L. White, College instructor, in its "Readers' Forum":

Editor Gazette:

Now that we are in the midst of the most destructive and terrible war of all time and are about to engage in a political campaign of more than usual interest and concern, both of which necessitate the use of words descriptive of the theory and practice of government, it would seem imperative that such words be used with greater precision and clarity than are to be found in many of the discussions currently heard by radio or read in the newspapers.

To read one day that the Hon. Mr. So-and-So is a Fascist and then to hear next day that the same gentleman is a Communist can mean nothing at all except by inference that neither the writer nor the speaker likes the man under discussion. But the man can't be both Fascist and

Communist any more than he can be short and tall or ugly and handsome at one and the same time. In World war I we were fighting to make democracy safe from the encroachment of autocracy—which was both a clear and a fair statement.

Any person interested in discussing or hearing about either government or politics would be greatly helped by clearing up the meaning of these words: despotism, tyranny, aristocracy, Bolshevism, sovietism, communism, fascism, Naziism, bureaucracy, dictatorship, liberalism, conservatism and socialism as well as the two mentioned above (democracy and autocracy, which should by now be most useful, and, therefore, most used). Unless and until such clarification is made, discussion will readily degenerate into a mere contest in name-calling, resulting in benefits to nobody.

H. L. WHITE.

They Tore Her Tattered Mouthpiece Down And She'll Grace the Wall, Ah Nevermore

Residents of Louis Bennett Hall have been greatly saddened by the removal of their faithful telephone, which they gave the appellation, "Old Dial Sides," and this writer was so moved by the loss of this friend he burst forth in rhyme (with due apologies to Oliver Wendell Holmes):

Aye, tear its tattered mouthpiece down!

Long has it rested here,
And many an ear has thrilled to know

That ringing loud and clear;
Beneath it rung the student's shout,

As he called by the door—
That jewel of Louis Bennett Hall
Shall grace the wall no more.

Its heart, once filled with athletes' coins,
Dropped there so long ago.

When the campus bloomed with life and joy,
And calls could come and go,

Will never hear the coed's voice
Or feel the coins that stall;—
A harpie from the Bell has plucked
That eagle of the wall!

Oh, better that its shattered bulk
Should fall from rust and wear;
Its thunder shook the sleeping hall,
It should be buried there;

Nail to her chain that telephone book,
Fix every threadbare wire,
And give her back to Bennett Hall
Thank you, and Bon soir!

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