

MERCURY MUSINGS

By Gray Barker

THE FILM, "Desert Victory," shown Wednesday in convocation, because of its length and other factors, became somewhat boring before the showing was completed. Naturally, that occurrence disappointed those of us who had spent time and effort in arranging for the picture, and publicizing the event.

THE FAULT was not in the production of the film. Critics and audiences have agreed that the theatrical version represented the apex of documentary film presentation. The commentary contained, according to one critic, some of the best prose of 1943.

THE BIG drawback was that we showed a 16-mm version, film that is smaller than that used in theaters, and consequently lacking in detail and sound quality. The sound was made even less discernible by the bad acoustical condition of the auditorium. The physical condition of the film was bad, and the light seeping into the auditorium added to the shortcomings, to rob the pictorial quality, especially during the night scenes. Sixteen mm projectors are designed mainly for classroom showings, and although the machine we used was of excellent quality, "Desert Victory" was incapacitated by the medium of projection.

By the addition of another subject, "Too New Horizons," to the program, it was made too long, which may have contributed to the shortcomings of the program. If we ever plan another public showing of a picture, we will make sure the program will be enjoyable, before we give it the publicity enjoyed by "Desert Victory."

WE DON'T wish to appear to be apologizing for the picture, which was enjoyed by some and likely was worthwhile, and this writing merely is to explain why the film didn't quite measure up to expectations.

Miss Funk Suffers Injuries In Auto Accident; Is Able to Resume Classes

Miss Rose Funk, instructor in Chemistry, resumed teaching duties here Monday, Dec. 4, after an absence of one week because of a head-on collision with a car driven by Rose Cross of Grafton.

The accident occurred about 3:30 p. m., November 26, on a curve on Thornton Hill, six miles out of Grafton. Miss Cross lost control of her car and came to the wrong side of the road, striking Miss Funk's car, according to police, who investigated the accident.

Miss Funk was taken to a Grafton hospital, where she remained until Sunday night, then was removed to the Fairmont General Hospital, where she was treated for head injuries. Miss Cross received no serious injuries and returned to work the following day.

Still under medical care, Miss Funk left Thursday afternoon to receive additional treatment at Fairmont, and her classes did not meet Friday.

January 12 Set As Date to Start Drive For World Student Service Organization

"We can do it." With that expression of determination, the Campus committee of the World Student Service Fund announced a goal of \$111.00 today. Completing final arrangements for the drive to start Friday, Jan. 12, the committee, headed by Willis Summers, chairman, and consisting of Helen Cox, Isabelle Clark, Lucille Hardman, Gray Barker, and Mr. John R. Wagner, faculty adviser, announced the intention to solicit individual contributions in addition to sponsoring social events to raise funds to meet the goal.

Also announced today was the secret behind the code message which excited much attention among students the past week: "W. S. S. F.—111." The committee explained that the first part was the initials of the national organization

and the "111" represented the goal of \$111.00.

The opening event for the three-week drive will be a basketball game between members of the W. A. A. and girls from Glenville High School, and another game, the same night, between the College boys' basketball team and another team not yet determined.

Contributions already are coming in. Miss Alma Arbuckle, College librarian, gave profits from a recent sale of refreshments in the Lounge of Louis Bennett Hall, and the Current Events Club gave \$3.00 earned by raking leaves at the home of faculty adviser, Miss Bessie B. Beall.

Students who are not able to give money will have an opportunity to give some of their time as a contribution. Arrangements can be made for them to do small jobs for

members of the faculty, the money

TO GET 'WORLD ALMANACS'

Copies of the 1945 World Almanac have been ordered by Miss Bessie B. Beall, instructor in history, for students in her classes. The almanacs, of a special student edition, contain no advertising, will arrive shortly after January 1.

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COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR FIRST TO GET A DEER

Among deer hunters who reaped the fruits of victory was the Rev. Gilbert Moore, pastor of the local Baptist church and part-time instructor in the College. While on a hunting trip in Lewis County the past week, Mr. Moore had been out only about forty-five minutes when he shot a sixteen-point buck which weighed 225 pounds.

STUDENT COUNCIL TO OFFER 'GAY NINETIES' REVUE HERE ON FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 5

MISS SHUMATE HOSTESS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fourteen Verona Mapel Hall girls had a Christmas party in Mary K. Shumate's room Sunday evening beginning at 8:30 p. m.

The room was decorated with flowers and a pine tree, trimmed with red bells and roping. For refreshments a cake inscribed with "Merry Christmas," candy, and hot chocolate were served.

ADA WILSON ENTERTAINS ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Ada Kelley Wilson, sophomore, entertained seven guests with an informal party on her third wedding anniversary Thursday evening.

Refreshments, consisting of cake, assorted cookies and peanut butter wafers, were served to: Marian Means, Betty Jean Wimer, Imogene Wimer, Freda Deskins, Margaret Barrett, Chessie Spencer and Ruth Groves.

Handle-bar mustaches and the bloomed bicycle riders will be the order of the day—or night, Friday evening, Jan. 5 at 8, when the Student Council will present a "Gay Nineties Revue," in the College Auditorium.

Closely following the style of vaudeville houses of Grandpop's day, the Council plans a variety of acts, interspersed with actual old-time movies. Although the program is not in the final stages of completion, definitely promised is a "barber shop quartet," made up of Mr. H. Y. Clark, Pres. D. L. Haught, the Rev. Gilbert B. Moore and others to be announced later, who will give air to such old-time songs as "When You Wore a Tulip," "Bicycle Built For Two," etc.

Among the other acts will be recitations of "The Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," "Lips That Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine"; the old favorite drama, "The Villain Still Pursued Her," with some member of the College faculty as the villain.

Between the acts the Council plans to show short old-time motion pictures. Scheduled are the following silent ten-minute subjects: "When Love Is Mocked; or, In the Train of Justice," starring: Mary Pickford and Mack Sennett; newsreel, "Fads and Fashions of 1900"; "The Great Lover," with the Clark Gable of the silent picture, the one and only Rudolph Valentino; "Female Impersonator," starring Charlie Chaplin.

The auditorium will be decorated to represent a vaudeville house at the turn of the century, and part of the program will consist of actual lantern slides that were shown locally at that time.

Popcorn and other refreshments will be on sale during the performance, for which an admission fee of 10 and 25c will be charged.



To Serve Christmas Dinner Tomorrow

A semi-formal Christmas dinner will be served to students and guests tomorrow evening at Kanawha Hall. The dining hall will be decorated in keeping with the season. Guests will be Miss Alma Arbuckle, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Haught, Dean and Mrs. Robert T. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Linn B. Hickman and Miss Erma Edwards.

HUMANS HAVE MORE SENSES THAN THEY EVER DREAMED OF

EVANSTON, ILL. — (ACP) — Contrary to the popular belief that humans have only five senses, they are known to have at least 11 and possibly 13, Dr. Robert H. Seashore, professor of psychology at Northwestern University, said recently.

Addressing the Northwestern chapter of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific research organization, on "Experimental Analysis of Human Abilities," Seashore said that there is no single sense of touch, but rather there are four such senses.

"There are senses of pressure, cold, warmth and pain, each of which is distinctly separate and incapable of producing one of the other three sensations," he said. "In addition to these are the senses of vision, hearing, smell, taste, kinesis or muscular sense, equilibrium, and the internal organic sense, which transmits sensations such as hunger, thirst, and sex."

Miss Arbuckle Directs YW Christmas Program Offered In College Lounge

The Lounge of Louis Bennett Hall was trimmed with pine, silver, and candles Tuesday evening when the College Y. W. C. A. organization presented a Christmas program, which included:

Instrumental prelude of Christmas Carols; "O Come All Ye Faithful"; scripture reading: St. Luke 2:8-20 and prayer, Helen Cox; trombone solo, "Silent Night," Evelyn Finster; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "The Christmas Star," a message about Christmas by Mrs. L. D. Zinn; "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"; and a discussion of family life in Finland by Ellen Welch, freshman of Finnish ancestry.

During the social hour the group participated in a treasure hunt which included finding a calendar for 1945, a book mark, and a Christmas card. Other games were: "Christmas Telegram," "What Christmas Toy Am I?" and a Christmas quiz.

Refreshments were served to guests, including President and Mrs. D. L. Haught, Mrs. L. D. Zinn, Mrs. Nora V. Roberts and Mrs. Emma Spier. Miss Alma Arbuckle was in charge.

Those present helped President

'Desert Victory' Film Shown Here To College Crowd

"Desert Victory," documentary film of the British Eighth Army's victory over Rommel's forces in the Libyan desert, was shown free of charge in assembly Wednesday through arrangements made by the Current Events Club. Along with the main feature, a cartoon and a short film, "To New Horizons," were shown.

The picture was shown at the local High School Wednesday afternoon. The high school's projector, operated by Don Shreve and Dick Satterfield, was used both times.

Several townspeople were guests at the showing of the film here at the College.

Chas. W. McAtee Is New Glenville C. & P. Manager

Glenville got a new C. & P. Telephone Company manager last week in the person of Charles W. McAtee, native of Clarksburg, who arrived here over the week-end and presently is rooming at Mrs. C. T. Whiting's residence on Main Street.

Mr. McAtee succeeds Elmer Shaver, who was transferred to Preston County to manage the Kingwood and Tunnelton offices.

Employed by the telephone company in 1940, Mr. McAtee has been working in Harrison County for the past four years. Married and the father of two children, Charles Michael, 1 year old, and Patricia, two and a half years, Mr. McAtee says he plans to lease the O. K. Wilfong, Jr., property in Northview and will move his family there as soon as the Shavers vacate it.

Practice is the best of all instructors.—Syrus.

One may be humble out of pride, —Montaigne.

All things are common among friends.—Haertius.

BIRTHS

1st Lt. and Mrs. Vorley M. Rexroad, of Albuquerque, N. M., announce the birth of an eight-pound son on November 26. This is the first child. Mrs. Rexroad is the former Miss Ruth Cutlip, of Webster Springs. Lt. Rexroad is a College graduate.

Time is the image of eternity.—Maertens.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU IN SERVICE

To all alumni and former College students in our armed forces, at home and overseas, the Mercury staff extends best wishes for a pleasant Christmas though we know it can't be the kind of holiday you will want to observe after the war is over.—The Staff.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS?

This year, in a world in which peace and goodwill are only things for which to hope, "Merry Christmas," once a phrase holding universal appeal, may seem to have lost its meaning and place in the Yuletide season.

A peculiar feeling, a little akin to homesickness, comes to us as we remember other years when a child-like thrill attended each "Merry Christmas" wished our fellow-men—to friends near us, it was by word of mouth; to those away, by a greeting card of one kind or another. This year so many of those friends have met the greatest of war losses through the too familiar war department telegram and all of them know the sadness of separation from loved ones.

In the midst of these things, how can one think of suggesting "Merry Christmas"? Some persons say we mustn't, and those modern Scrooges are as wrong as was Dickens' immortal character.

Though the tragedy of war has taken the traditional gaiety from the season, the real spirit of Christmas is unchanged and unchangeable. A heartfelt wish for a Merry Christmas from one human being to another is outward evidence of the "goodwill to men" which had its beginning with the first Christmas as did the "peace on earth" which has been disturbed that goodwill might exist between all men.

A wish for a Merry Christmas this year has greater significance than ever before—it is a tiny monument to the Merry Christmases we have known in the past, and, greater still, a symbol of our faith that the future, with the return of peace, will hold many more of them.—Janette Cunningham.

BOOKS AND EDUCATION

Frances Bacon expressed the value of books well when, in his essay, "Of Studies," he said, "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some to be chewed and digested." The last represents the text books used in Glenville State College.

These books which are seen day after day are taken for granted and are treated the same way. How often does one, unless reminded of the

author continually, think of the person who has written that book? This when published, is not only a book, but it is also the expressed thoughts, time, personality, emotions, and the result of much research by the writer. Not only does the writer put forth much effort but perhaps the book must be revised to be acceptable for publication.

One often thinks of text books only in terms of the price paid. Naturally, books are essential in college or any school where there is to be learning. But do we always consider them as essential?

In reading books it is well to keep in mind that some, such as fiction, may be scanned, while others must be read and reread. Text books should be read and reread before the full value is obtained from them. Not only is rereading of a book an essential, but taking legible notes on topics discussed is also important. As an example of this, students in English 403, in preparing the daily lesson must read each essay, reread it and then write each out in an outline. This gives the student the full value of each essay. As each essay is read, it is an expression of that author's feelings and thoughts written down and compiled into one great volume which is termed a text book.

Text books are often changed, but the value remains constant—for they may then be used as reference books, still to be read and reread. As Bacon has also expressed himself in the essay, "Of Studies," "Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man."

At a meeting of the Social Committee Thursday afternoon, plans for the Christmas dance were completed and the W. S. S. F. Committee was permitted a date on the Social Calendar for an event to raise funds for its current drive.

The slang term, "bunk," came from the name of a county in North Carolina. A congressman from Buncombe insisted on making a speech, although he had nothing important to say, merely to impress his electors.

Necessity has no law.—Rabelais.
By the work one knows the workman.—Fontaine.



By Merrill Blosser—NEA Service, Inc.

ON THE CAMPUS

By Janette Cunningham

Christmas gifts? . . . Here are some suggestions . . . Let's give Grover Weaver a wedding suit for, according to Maxine Wright's dreams, he is to be married soon.

Someone said Grover dreamed the same thing . . . Ex-member of the Mercury staff, D. Tewell, is a fine news-gatherer and does not hesitate to report what he hears. Gift for him might be a spare nose (for news) . . . "Doc" Fluharty might like a book of exercises designed for heightening . . . Mary Jean R. thinks there would make ideal Christmas gifts . . . Hint . . . For the College band, a few more instruments with players attached.

For Gray Barker, a new pair of shoes for "covering the campus" (size 12) for news . . . To Mr. Hunter Whiting, a gas mask especially designed to protect against the odor of onions . . . Miss Funk needs an elevator to get to her fourth floor classroom in the Science Hall . . . For Katherine Hall, a dyed-in-the-wool Roy Rogers fan, we give a framed portrait of "Trigger" . . . An alarm clock might help C. McIntosh get to breakfast on time . . . Anything along sports line, even a basketball schedule of a school ten miles away, would please Jack Rader . . . If he couldn't attend the games, he could find material for news comment thereon . . . We give Willis Summers a bowl of rice soup so that he may test his new chopsticks . . . The season's greetings to all.

The Student Council discussed plans for the "Gay Nineties Revue" to be held January 5, at a meeting Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Miss Goldie C. James will leave Friday to spend the Christmas vacation in New York City and Washington, D. C.

Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, instructor in Glenville State College, recently was in Clarksburg visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Farley Bell, of Huntington, who is a patient in the St. Mary's Hospital.

Men are most apt to believe what they least understand.—Montaigne.
Art is long, life short; judgment difficult, opportunity transient.—Goethe.

Notes From . . . The Robert F. Kidd Library

The Library gradually is acquiring a Christmas air. Upon entering one is greeted by a poster bearing the title, "Season's Greetings" and other placards wishing a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holiday."

On display is a set of "An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art," by Randolph Haugan. Of the fourteen complete volumes the library has all but volumes one, three, and six. Each book contains stories, songs, poems, and illustrations. Some of the outstanding features in the volumes displayed are:

"Christmas in Eastern Lands," by Margaret R. Seelach; scenes from the life of Christ (There are three scenes: his birth, the day in the temple, and his blessing the children.); "Christmas at Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives," by Kirk B. O'Ferrall; "The Origin of Christmas Customs," by Paul E. Kretzmann; "Yuletide Traditions and Customs in Nineteen foreign countries," by Grace Jewel Jensen; "The Leaden Army Conquers the World," the story of John Gutenberg's printing the Bible, by Adalbert R. Kretzmann; "Bells for Remembrance," by Grace Jewel Jensen.

Each volume contains the "The First Christmas," according to St. Luke. Other books on Christmas are: "The Story of Christmas," by R. J. Campbell; "Christmas Every Day, and Other Stories," by Howells; "Children's Book of Christmas Stories," edited by Dickinson; "Let's Celebrate Christmas," by Gardiner; "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens; "Come Christmas," by Frost; "Christmas in Modern Story," by Van Buren and Bemis; "The Story of the Other Wise Man," by Van Dyke.

The LETTER BOX

With the opening of the drive to raise money for the World Student Service fund, there are sure to be many questions come to the minds of students and faculty as to what their contributions will do when given to the drive.

It is surprising what even a small contribution can do. For instance, \$1.00 a month will provide soy bean milk for a student threatened with tuberculosis, \$15.00 will support a Chinese student for a month. Five dollars will provide from one to six books which will bring new hope to student prisoners of war; \$1.00 will supply the notebooks and paper required by a prisoner for six months. Three dollars will provide a parcel which the European Student Relief Fund sends American prisoners, including a sewing kit, two handkerchiefs, a mechanical pencil, writing pads, an English-German dictionary.

Are these not worth considering? Students may ask, "How can we sacrifice to help?" By giving up a show or a "coke," a small sacrifice, you can contribute that money, which, if small, definitely will help. Students who do not have money to give may arrange to give a small part of their time—which will be just as valuable as actual money, as small jobs they may do by arrangement of the committee in charge, are paid for, the payment going to the drive. Information may be obtained from the Campus organization.—Willis Summers, Chairman, Campus Committee.

Most people judge men only by success or by fortune.—Rochefoucauld.

Love the little trade which thou hast learned, and be content therewith.—Aurelius.

Goodness does not consist in greatness, but greatness in goodness.—Athenaeus.

THIS IS LAST MERCURY UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS

This issue will be the last one published by The Mercury staff until 1945. There will not be a Mercury published January 2, the first issue of 1945 being scheduled to appear January 9. Meanwhile, members of the staff take this opportunity to say "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" to all students and members of the faculty.

OFF THE REEL

By Gray Barker

Glancing through the copy this week we notice Jack Rader's list of ceteris of stars on the all-conference football team. So we thought the time might be opportune to publish a list of the team of All-American film stars, as selected by an annual poll of BOXOFFICE, a film trade magazine.

Greer Garson heads the list of twelve, but we don't see her ubiquitous running mate, Walter Pidgeon, on the list. The other winners, in order of choice are: (2) Bing Crosby, (3) Gary Cooper, (4) Bette Davis (our heroine any time), (5) Ingrid Bergman, (6) Spencer Tracy, (7) Cary Grant, (8) Irene Dunn, (9) Humphrey Bogart (Who's afraid of the big bad Bogart?), (10) Bob Hope, (11) Ginger Rogers, (12) Claudette Colbert.

Greer Garson takes the crown for 1944 as a comparative newcomer who was second among the women stars in 1942 and ninth in 1941, her first year of placing in these honored ranks. Bing Crosby is first among the male stars, a jump from fifth place in 1942. Bette Davis took a drop from first place. Noteworthy is Clark Gable's winning of seventh place among the men. He has not made a picture in nearly three years.

The magazine also has a list of All-American western hero favorites. In order of selection, they are: Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, William "Hoppy" Boyd, Ken Maynard, Smiley Burnette, Johnny Mack Brown, Charles Starrett, George "Gabby" Hayes, Hoot Gibson, Tex Ritter.

You will have a chance to see some of the winners at the Pictureland soon. Bing will be here in "Going My Way" January 14-15. The pix did more business than any other film in 1944, with one hundred points over average business. You'll see Spencer Tracy and Irene Dunne soon in "A Guy Named Joe," a bang-up entertainment piece, and Ginger will be back in "Lady in the Dark," come January 14-15. All the aforementioned play dates are subject to change.

We hope "So Proudly We Hail" gets here Sunday, because it was booked at least twice before. It was supposed to play last January, the first date on which it was scheduled.

BARKER, HARPER QUOTED IN 'BOXOFFICE' MAGAZINE

Glenville's Pictureland Theater and Projectionists Gray Barker and James Harper got a "send-off" in the form of two bits of free publicity in the November 4 (midweek edition) of BOXOFFICE, trade magazine published weekly and having a national circulation. Harper and Barker had quoted in the publication parts of two summary reviews of the "Bridge of San Luis Rey" and "The Desert Song."

Parts of the reviews were taken from material Barker used in his weekly column, "Off the Reel," in The Glenville Mercury.

Saying is one thing, doing another.—Montaigne.

Weekly Round-up In Sports

By Jack Rader

While waiting impatiently for the New Year's Day bowl games when football will sing its swan song, the average fan now looks to basketball to provide enjoyment for him for the next three months or so.

Most of the high school teams in the state will not go into action until after the Christmas holidays; the local high school basketball teams will open against Troy High School on January 3 here, to start off a 20-game schedule that includes, besides Troy, Tanner, Sand Fork, and Normantown in the county, home-and-home engagements with Gassaway, Burnsville, Sutton, Weston, Doddridge County High, and Spencer. Lack of experience may be Coach Stanley "Joe" Hall's worry, but local followers of the team have every confidence the Trojans will live up to their reputation of being a fighting team, and a fighting team is a dangerous team.

The West Virginia Mountaineers and Fairmont State College started off the collegiate basketball season the past Saturday night in a clash at Morgantown.

Selection of the players representing the 1944 All-State high school football team will appear soon . . . On every official All-American team picked for this season has appeared the names of tackle Don Whitmire of Navy and Les Horvath of Ohio State . . . Jimmy Werts, Washington-Irving junior and a halfback on the football team, has been elected captain of the Hilltoppers for next season, succeeding Joe Rokisky.

Officers were elected and Gassaway was declared Conference Champions in football at a meeting of the Central West Virginia Athletic Association December 4 at Burnsville. Walter Moore, principal of Burnsville High School, was reelected president, vice president, Stanley Hall of Glenville, and secretary-treasurer, Henry Bailey of Sutton.

A list of the first and second team selections follows: First team: Hickory, Gassaway; Berry, Glenville; Wine, Sutton; Gregory, Sutton; Hamilton, Burnsville; Dobbins, Gassaway; Davis, Webster Springs; Resner, Webster Springs; Pultineer, Glenville; Baker, Gassaway; Lindsey (C) Burnsville.

Second team: Berry, Burnsville; Stout, Burnsville; Wood, Gassaway; McPherson, Burnsville; Gregory, Webster Springs; T. Skidmore, Sutton; Shreve, Glenville; Sergeant, Gassaway; Henline, Burnsville; Minney, Glenville; Brady, Gassaway.

Haskel Stalnaker Dies at Home Of Sister In Glenville

The Rev. Ralph Stalnaker conducted final rites at the R. L. McGee Funeral Home Dec. 5 at 1 p. m. for Haskel Stalnaker, who died Dec. 3 at 10:30 p. m. at the home of a sister, Mrs. Gay Ford, in Glenville. Burial followed in the Norris Cemetery on Grass Run.

Mr. Stalnaker, who died at the age of 78 years, 10 months and 27 days, was a son of the late Richard Marcellus and Josasha Vonny Stalnaker and was born January 6, 1866. He was never married.

Surviving him are three brothers and two sisters: Thurman of DeKalb, Ernest and Delbert of Glenville. Mrs. Florence Hall of Clendenin and Mrs. Gay Ford of Glenville. One brother, Delbert, is Gilmer County road maintenance supervisor for the State Road Commission. Two brothers, Okey and Jennings, preceded him in death.

Mr. Stalnaker was an uncle of Jack Stalnaker, alumnus, and Earl Rymer and Georgia Pearl, former College students.

Tinge of Humor

Prof.—Take this sentence: "Let the cow be taken out of the lot." What mood?

Frosh—The cow.

"How was the geology lecture?"

"Fine, I was rocked to sleep."

Judge—Who was driving when you collided with that car?

Drunk (triumphantly)—No, one—we were all in the back seat.

Freshman (preparing an essay)—What do they call those tablets the Gauls used to write on?

Roommate—Gaul Stones.

And then there was the Alpha Phi who was so dumb she thought a butters was a female goat.

Sight-Seeing Guide—And ladies and gentlemen, on your right you see a monument erected last year to a noble cause.

Inquisitive Old Lady—What does it stand for?

Guide—Because it would look silly lying down.

Algy met a bear.

The bear was bulgy.

The bulge was Algy.

When a young man asked Socrates whether he should marry or not, the philosopher said, "Whichever you do, you will repent it."

Lt. Nachman 'Hot Under the Collar' As Esquire Writer 'Dishes Propaganda'

Glenville's Lt. Isadore Nachman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nachman, doesn't fancy magazine articles that belittle Japan's fighting strength and imply that U. S. fliers in the South Pacific have a "push over."

Stationed in the Pacific the past year or so, Lt. Nachman, an officer in the intelligence service, night fighter command, read the June issue of Esquire where Author Wechsberg had in effect depicted the poor quality of Tojo's ace fliers. Together with others in the squadron, Lt. Nachman forthwith wrote Esquire editors the following letter, which appeared in the December issue, page 10:

"Now that we know there is no opposition from the Nip air force, according to your June issue describing the poor quality pilots turned out by Tojo's lads, we should all

be sent home immediately, if not sooner.

"Needless to say, your cartoons offer numerous laughs, but your best drawing cannot compare with the article presented by Mr. Wechsberg on "Why Jap Pilots Take a Beating."

"As members of one of the night fighter squadrons operating in this theater, we know that the Nip can and does fly nights. If they don't, the flags painted on the sides of our planes are mirages. And if you think they can't fly and maneuver an aircraft, just ask any returning pilot . . . A Nip in a Zero, Tojo, Betty or what have you, is something to contend with. He asks no quarter and knows his business.

"Mr. Wechsberg dishes out swell propaganda for the stay-at-homes and his informant must have been

W. A. A. NEWS

W. A. A. girls started their basketball season Monday night when the sports leader, Ada Wilson, met with about eighteen girls in the gymnasium at 6:30 p. m. to organize teams. Betty Bodkin and Peggy Sweeney were chosen captains. They selected their teams and played their first game Monday night.

Members of Sweeney's team suffered their first defeat of the season when Betty Bodkin's girls went ahead to win by a 15-10 score.

Bodkin's team jumped into an early lead and held a slight margin all through the game. However, Nina Moore's and Katherine Hall's quick shooting gave Bodkin's girls stiff competition.

Ellen Welch paced the winners with a total of 11 points while Moore and Hall were outstanding for the losers with 4 points each.

Lineups:			
Sweeney	Pts.	Bodkin	Pts.
Moore, f	4	Welch, f	11
M. Ellyson, f	0	Stalnaker, f	0
Hall, c	0	Hardman, c	0
Sweeney, g	0	Bodkin, g	0
Finster, g	0	Barrett, g	0
Cox, g	0	Shumate, g	0
Waybright, g	0	Clark, f	0
		E. Ellyson, g	0
Total	10	Total	15

Referee: Wanda Strader.

This Week We Present . . .

- M—arried woman.
- A—lto in Choral Club.
- R—esides in Glenville.
- Y—es, her husband is in the armed forces.
- V—ery consistent editorial writer for "Mercury."
- I—s a senior in the College.
- R—eally loves to sleep.
- G—lenville High School graduate.
- N—interesting personality.
- N—ever-failing nose for news.
- I—ndustrious.
- A—ttended summer school.

- F—ormerly, Mary Virginia Thompson.
- L—oquacious, on the right subjects.
- O—ccasional drug store visitor.
- Y—oungest member of her family.
- D—oing directed teaching in training school.

one of those armchair generals who has yet to step foot outside Washington, or some such misinformed place.

Since reading your article we can't figure out why we spent so many hours in an uncomfortable foxhole at night. Hell, the Nips just don't fly after night. No! Well, in that case those sounds we've heard overhead in the deep of night must have been twin-engined mosquitos with 1800 horsepower engines and a slight bomb load.

"Yours for more humor for humor's sake."

Men! Look Your Best!
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FROM THE MERCURY'S FILES

1938—Trios, quartettes, solos and specialties will headline the fourth annual G Club Minstrel Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock.

Girls in Verona Mapel and Kanawha Hall will observe their annual Christmas parties this evening. Both halls have Christmas trees lighted and decorated.

1939—The annual Christmas dance, to be held in the gymnasium Thursday, Dec. 19, beginning at 8 p. m., will feature music by the Campus Cats, newly organized College dance band.

Harold Scott and Robert Armstrong will co-captain the '41 Pioneer basketball team.

1940—Twenty-one letters were awarded Pioneers at the close of the football season. Eighteen went to members of the Pioneer football squad, and the other three went to managers and the senior "Pioneer."

Giant Robert Wadlow, a 21-year old youth who weighs 491 pounds, is 8 feet 8 and one-fourth inches tall, is coming to town Wednesday, Dec. 20.

1941—Coach A. F. Rohrbrough appointed Sol Levin, Steryl Brown, Frank Bowles, Warren Lamb, Arnold Steorts, and John Fryatt team captains at an intramural basketball meeting held last night in the gymnasium.

Isadore Nachman, former Mercury sports editor and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nachman of this city, accepted a position on the news staff of the Chicago Sun.

1942—Marie Ellyson, A. B. '37, has an article, "Are Your Beginners Ready to Read," published in the November issue of the West Virginia School Journal.

1943—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.

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

in assembly. An account of the development of Christmas customs will be given by Carey Woofter, registrar.

GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1944-1945

January 3—Troy	Home
January 5—Weston	Away
January 9—Doddridge	Here
January 12—Sand Fork	Here
January 16—Sutton	Away
January 18—Tanner	Away
January 20—Burnsville	Here
January 23—Normantown	Here
January 26—Spencer	Away
February 2—Tanner	Here
February 6—Sand Fork	Away
February 8—Troy	Away
February 9—Sutton	Here
February 13—Burnsville	Away
February 16—Normantown	Away
February 23—Spencer	Here
February 27—Doddridge	Away
March 6—Weston	Here

The Christmas meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association was held Thursday night in the High School Auditorium. Reverend Moore talked about the meaning of Christmas.

The Choral Club, under the direction of Mary Louise Lewis furnished the traditional Christmas music. The P. T. A. Banner was awarded to the fourth grade.

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

By Juanita Westfall

First Lt. Jack Waggoner is now located in Germany with an Infantry regiment. Lt. Waggoner, a son of Mrs. Edna Waggoner, of Detroit, Mich., and former Weston resident, has participated in seven major battles.

Staff-Sgt. Laddie R. Bell presently is working in the supply section of an 8th AAF service department sub-depot in England, which maintains and repairs B-17 Flying Fortresses. Ph M 3/c Joe Rodriguez, Jr., USNR, writes: "Your Mercury has finally reached its destination and I enjoyed it very much. I appreciate all the trouble and effort you have gone through in order to make enough copies for all the fellows serving in the armed forces. . . . My paragraph speaks for all the fellows even if they haven't received their copy yet."

Lt. (jg) A. L. "Jack" Elder, A. B. '37, is a gunnery officer in the Navy. His experiences have carried him in to the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, and Antarctic oceans; the Caribbean, North, Irish, Arabian and Mediterranean seas; the Persian Gulf and English Channel.

Lt. Elder is a son of Audra Elder of Thursday.

Lt. Earl Rymer Stalnaker, after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Stalnaker of Glenville, has reported to his new assignment with the Army Airways Communication System at Atlanta, Ga.

Lt. Russell Hogue, of the U. S. Army, recently spent a furlough with his wife, the former Miss Virginia Gibson, of Widen.

Now stationed in California, Lt. Hogue was recently commissioned upon his graduation from Officer's Candidate School at Camp Barkeley, Tex.

Cpl. Roland Butcher has been transferred from Fort Jackson, S. C. to Fort Bragg, N. C.

The Mercury received a letter the past week from David Carl Chapman, S 2/c, who is stationed at Troy, New York, saying he would like to receive the Mercury.

Helen Goldberg has been honorably discharged from the Air Wacs and presently is at her home in Brooklyn, New York. She writes that she would like to continue receiving the Mercury.

Russell Hugh McQuain, Som 3/c, has returned to Norfolk, Va. after spending a ten-day leave with his parents in Glenville.

Pfc. William Boggs is attending a five-weeks course at the Special Service and Moral School at Washington and Lee University. Upon completing the course, Pfc. Boggs will return to duty at the Newton Baker Hospital at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Lt. John W. "Jack" Hamilton, son of Mrs. Julia Hamilton of Grantsville, was a visitor in Glenville the past week. He is home on furlough after spending the past three years serving in the Pacific.

First Sgt. Clem "Buck" Jamison, of Glenville, is serving with the 394th Infantry in Germany. Since arriving overseas about three months ago, he has been in England, France and Belgium.

Pvt. Lonnie Fitzpatrick, husband of the former Miss Nancy Lee Murphy, student of the College in '40 and '41, is located in Germany with the 7th Army. He went overseas August 14 and has been in combat about five weeks.

When landing at Cherbourg, France, Pvt. Fitzpatrick learned that his brother, Pfc. David "Jake" Fitzpatrick, had landed at the same port the day before but he failed to get to see him.

Word was received this week that Ensign Warren Lamb, husband of the former Miss June Wilson of

Glenville and Clarksburg, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant (jg) and is now serving on the USS Concord; address, care Fleet Post-office, San Francisco.

Arthur J. Moore, former Norman-town High School principal, now a field director for the American Red Cross, Whiting Field, Pensacola, Fla., was in Gilmer County the past week on a 7-day leave to visit his mother, Mrs. L. R. Moore of Norman-town, and other relatives. Mrs. Moore, the former Miss Lucile Cain, and the two children remained at Pensacola. Mr. Moore expressed himself as well pleased with his work in the service.

Cpl. Richard Whiting, overseas with a field artillery regiment since September, got an unexpected surprise recently when he attended a servicemen's ball game.

With a hunch that he might run into someone he knew, though in all the past months he hadn't, Cpl. Whiting went to the stadium, stood around awhile and suddenly saw a lieutenant who somehow looked familiar.

He walked over to the officer, introduced himself and found the man to be none other than Howard Lindell, local college alumnus and former star athlete here. Lt. Lindell, who recently had undergone a major operation, asked Cpl. Whiting about many of his friends in Glenville and said he was directing a physical fitness program for servicemen. He expects to return to the States soon. He is a native of East Liverpool, O.

15th AAF In Italy.—M/Sgt. Robert L. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, Glenville, W. Va., has been commended in a personal letter from Brig. Gen. George R. Acheson. Sgt. Davis is Chief NCO in one of the staff sections in the heavy bombardment wing which General Acheson commands.

Acknowledging Sgt. Davis's "contribution to the efficiency of this organization," the letter commends his industry, initiative and leadership and refers to Sgt. Davis's "high conception of military service, superior performance of duty and unflinching industry."

The wing headquarters with which Sgt. Davis is serving in Italy has directed its units' participation in Fifteenth Air Force aerial operations in support of the Russians in the Balkans, the Partisans in Yugoslavia, the Fifth and Eighth Armies in Italy and the Seventh Army's invasion of south France.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Wright of Glenville, S/Sgt. Sexton Wright, writes, in part:

"Am located in a Dutch village and have a room in a private home. The people are Dutch and have three children. . . . My work is a block from where I room. . . . Don't know how long I'll be here but it sure is nice. . . . The main thing is a nice warm bed and being inside. . . . One certainly gets good treatment from these people. They speak very little English, but I manage to understand them. . . . I may be here for quite sometime, would tell you more but you know how that is."

Lt. William O. Whetsell, husband of the former Miss Pauline Burke of Cedarville, writes from Walla Walla, Wash., that:

"I flew over the Lake Monday. It is beautiful. Also I flew over Mt. Ranier, Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, the Three Sister Mountains, Mt. Baker and Strawberry Mountain—elevation from 9,000 to 14,000 feet. Got along fine."

David (Jake) Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Fitzpatrick of Glenville writes that he is serving with Gen. Patton's Third Army in France and that he took part in the

Win 4-H State Honors

SUPERIOR records of achievement in 4-H activities have won 1944 State championship honors for three West Virginia club members. The winners, and brief outlines of their records, follow:

Virginia Kyer (right), 20, of Camden-on-Gauley, receives an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, Dec. 3-6, as a reward from Montgomery Ward for her "all around" achievements in the National 4-H Girls' Record Program. During 9 years as a 4-H'er, the girl planned, prepared and served 289 meals, baked 570 batches of bread and pastries, sewed and remodeled 113 garments, made 17 home improvement articles and canned 1,879 jars of vegetables and fruit, gardened 3 acres of vegetables, as well as completed 27 projects. She has held many club offices including the presidency and assistant leadership, and has won many placings on her exhibits.

Charles Sperow, Jr. (right), 17, of Martinsburg, is named State entrant to be considered for sectional-national honors in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation 4-H Victory Garden Activity, which include a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Dec. 3-6, and a \$100 War Bond. In his 7 years of club work, he raised 7/8-acre of potatoes, and 2 acres of other vegetables. He won many placings on his exhibits, including \$61 in cash prizes, which brought his estimated total income from all projects to \$3,232. Seven State co-winners who also each receive a \$25 War Bond are: Charles S. Rowe, Junior; Russell Shreve, Clarksburg; Carrell Polen, Moundsville; Denzil Woodall, Tioga; Carl Stewart, Prosperity; Gwendolyn McCray, Brighard, and Betty Pingley, of Elkins.

Marling Bailey (right), 16, of Cox's Mills, has been chosen to represent the State in the Firestone 4-H Soil Conservation Activity for consideration in the selection of sectional and national winners. His soil conservation achievements include using three aerial photo maps to indicate the layout of the farm, supplemented with soil map keys stating the soil types in various fields, drainage, erosion characteristics and crop adaptation, and also to picture the farm as it should be. He has already removed grazing from wooded slopes, established a farm nursery of over 500 trees, planted shrubs for wild life refuge, rotated crops, and made soil tests. Five State co-winners also each receive a \$50 War Bond.



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U. S. Treasury Department

battle of Metz.

Miss Erma Edwards of Glenville the past week learned that her brother-in-law, James Linn Sheets, has been promoted to the rank of

Private first-class. He is in France serving in the infantry with Gen.

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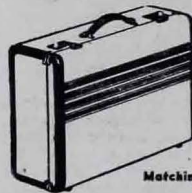
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