

By Gray Barker

AS THIS is written (Thursday) even the last Holiday stragglers have returned and given a heavy look and a long sigh at the list of chores and undone assignments peculiar to post-vacation periods. Few were able to return on the prescribed date, January 2, because of high waters that covered many highways of the state and fortunately were stopped by a cold wave. It is hard to say whether any were disappointed at their inability to return on time, but it may have been to those who were looking forward to no more dish-washing and farm chores to do for a month or so.

THE CLASS in physical science, instructed by Miss Rose Funk, faced a none too easy examination upon their "homecoming." It might have been more pleasant had the test not been on a textbook unit that took up weather forecasting, now an unpleasant subject to most snow-waders. Others had tests too, and all again plunged in up to their necks in club programs and lessons.

Mary Virginia Floyd tells us that someone saw a newsreel at Clarksburg picturing Pvt. Harry Pritt, former student, recently reported wounded in action, receiving medical attention at the front. A check-up on a trade magazine was disappointing because the only item in the newsreel listing that likely included the shot was an odd numbered reel the Pictureland skips. (There are two newsreels issued each week and the local theatre plays only the even numbered issues). However if we are mistaken and the reel arrives here, the shot will be clipped.

THE CHRISTMAS assembly program Miss Bertha Olsen presented the Thursday before we went home was gratifying. It must be difficult to present a program two weeks before Christmas that will capture the Christmas spirit and convey it to everyone present; and the program did that admirably. Best of all it represented a spirit of cooperation between faculty, College, and community. It also marked the College Band's debut for this year, and caused many to say they wished it would play every Wednesday at assembly.

THE STORY of German atrocities told to Associated Press war correspondent Hal Boyle by T/S Bruce Summers, former student, has excited not only national, but international attention. The account of how a surrendered American artillery observation unit was fired upon by German soldiers and how he and only a few others managed to escape by playing dead was related in a front-page Associated Press release and was told by many radio commentators, including Lowell Thomas. The story was grim and frank, and enough to put the quietest on anyone who stands up and says "We must not be beastly to the Germans."

A FORMER student now teaching in Braxton County, Esther Cook, was a friend in need during the holidays when she and her father picked us up on our way to the movies during a heavy rain. Her ubiquitous friend, while in College, Glennis Marie Hudkins, is also teaching in Braxton.

MANY STUDENTS caught up on their reading during the holidays. With the heavy schedules of class-work most students are carrying, they find little time to do outside reading while on the Campus; so taking advantage of the situation the following persons interviewed stochastically laid aside their "True Confession" magazines and burrowed into the pages of good books. Ruth Groves, for instance, read "Old Mrs. Camelot," and a biology reference, "Animals Without Backbones."

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Miss White Is Guest Artist On Music Program Given Here

The College's annual Christmas assembly program was presented Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a. m. in the auditorium. As is the custom, the program was given by the music department, under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Olsen. Guest artists were Miss Eleanor C. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. White, who played three selections, and Mrs. John E. Arbuckle, accompanist for the Glee Club. Four training school girls, the Misses Mary Anne Ellis, Verna Dean Ellis, Peggy June Adams and Carolyn Hull, sang with the Glee Club.

The Christmas dinner scene from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was read by Mr. Hunter Whiting, Dr. D. L. Haught, College president, read, as scripture, the Christmas story as told by St. Luke and offered a prayer.

Musical numbers by the Glee Club included "The Birthday of a King," Neidlinger, "A Snow Legend," Cloukey, "White Christmas," Berlin, and "O Holy Night," Adam-Seymour.

The seven-piece College band, in its first appearance this semester, played a prelude from "L'Arlesienne Suite," Bizet.

Mr. J. Theron Rogers, county superintendent of schools and training school pupils and teachers from grades seven to twelve attended the program.

Final Exams To Begin Jan. 22nd

According to an announcement by Dean Robert T. Crawford, final examinations for the first semester will begin Monday, Jan. 22, and end Thursday, Jan. 25. The following Monday has been set aside for enrollment for the second semester, and the College will not be in session Friday, Jan. 26.

Recitations for this semester will end Friday, Jan. 19. Schedules have been completed and may be obtained at the Dean's office and, if students so desire, they may enroll final examination week. The dormitories will remain open between semesters.

'Save the Soil' Film Shown Here

A U. S. Department of Agriculture film, "Save the Soil," shown to classes in geography and sociology and members of the Current Events Club the past week.

The film, obtained from the West Virginia University Film Library through the office of Mr. Glendon Burton, soil conservationist, illustrated destructive soil practices and their results. Gray Barker, sophomore secured and exhibited the picture.

Misses Rosa Lee Stalnaker and Bobby Jean Coe were honor guests at a birthday party Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Verona Maple Hall. Refreshments were served to Mary K. Shumate, Ellen Welch, Ava Nell Loudin, Mary Jo Ellyson and the honor guests.

The Christmas vacation of Glenville High School started December 18, instead of December 22 because of a snow storm which prevented bus transportation. They were dismissed two days previously because of another storm. Four days will not have to be made up but the other two days will be made up at the end of the month.

VIRGINIA HUPP FINISHES WORK THIS SEMESTER

Virginia Hupp, of Glenville, is the only College student to be graduated at the end of this semester. Miss Hupp, whose fields are English and social studies, has been offered a teaching position in Clay County High School but as yet is undecided as to whether she will accept the offer.

TO HOLD YW MEETING TOMORROW EVENING

An inspirational meeting of the Y. W. C. A., originally scheduled for January 3, will be held tomorrow evening at 6 p. m. in the College Lounge. All members are asked to attend and each is to contribute one number, such as a reading or song, to the program.

Second oldest college publication in America is The Roundtable at Beloit College, founded in 1853.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSES PAY INCREASE FOR TEACHERS AND OTHERS

DATE CHANGED FOR THE 'GAY NINETIES REVUE'

Because of conflicting events and lack of time to complete plans, the Student Council, at a meeting the past Tuesday evening, agreed to postpone indefinitely a "Gay Nineties Revue" originally planned for January 5.

No Busses and No Classes Tuesday

An extended rain during the New Year week-end removed most of the snow and again threatened Glenville and other areas with a flood. Because transportation was suspended, classes were cancelled Tuesday, but resumed Wednesday when most students were able to return to Glenville.

The Little Kanawha River lifted its boundaries and spread over highways, especially at Stout's Mills and Sand Fork, where at the latter place the water was up to thirty inches on Route 35. At Glenville the river reached a height of 26 feet. A cold wave arrived in time to stop the rise Tuesday, and by Wednesday most streams were back to their normal levels.

Only about a week earlier Glenville was threatened with a flood when the Little Kanawha River reached a crest of 27½ feet.

MISS JAMES SPEAKS AT GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Miss Goldie C. James, instructor in biology, discussed the subject, "Feeding Birds in Winter," at a meeting of the local Garden Club the past Friday evening, at 8 in the courthouse.

Flower arrangements were by Mrs. Carey Bush, Mrs. W. E. Hull, and Mrs. Delbert Stalnaker.

MISS BAILES, MR. HODGES MARRIED AT GASSAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bailes, of Gassaway have, announced the marriage of their daughter, Joy Elizabeth, A. B. '44, to Chief Petty Officer Thomas Edward Hodges, USNR. The ceremony took place Monday, Nov. 20, at Gassaway.

MISS STELL ANDERSON TO BE HERE JANUARY 16 FOR COLLEGE LYCEUM PROGRAM



MISS STELL ANDERSON

Miss Stell Anderson, pianist of international fame, will appear in a concert in the College auditorium Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, at 8:15 o'clock, announces Mr. Hunter Whiting, Lyceum chairman. This will be the second program of the semester.

Born in America of Norwegian parentage, Miss Anderson is completely American trained and has appeared as soloist with the leading symphony orchestras in this country and with the major orchestras on radio networks. In addition, she has made extensive concert tours and has appeared with leading major orchestras in practically every musical capital of Europe.

Among many memorable concerts by the distinguished pianist was one at the Paris Exposition in 1937 where she was the only American soloist. Her concerts in the capitals of France, Norway, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia were officially sponsored by our representatives in these countries—Ambassador to France William C. Bullitt, Minister to Norway, Mrs. J. Borden Harrison, Minister to Switzerland Leland Harrison and then Minister to Czechoslovakia Wilbur J. Carr.

In December, 1938, Miss Anderson inaugurated the White House Concert season, playing for the first time the new official piano which replaced the gold one in the East Room of the White House. Recently, she was given the Silver Wings customarily given airmen on completion of training at Camp Little Norway, Toronto, Canada, in recognition of her services in behalf of that camp.

The New York press summed up a recent Town Hall concert thus: "Warmth, maturity, grace, intensity and vigor" . . . "remarkable technique, tone color . . . won her audience completely." It was of her recording of the Grieg Ballade, to be played on Norwegian programs throughout this country and for the armed forces in Canada, Australia and New Zealand, that Isidor Philip, famed pianist, composer and teacher remarked, "It is the most perfect piano record I ever heard."

Her programs have an unusual international flavor, including works of Chopin, Grieg, Rachmaninoff, Brahms and some outstanding American composers.

The usual admission price may be paid at the door the night of the concert, as there will be no advance sale of tickets. Students will be admitted upon presentation of activity books.

Former Student's Father Dies In Kanawha County

Mr. Eric V. Humphreys, 51, of Elkview, Kanawha County, died November 15 in a Charleston hospital following a brief illness. He was the father of two former students, Clement and Robert J. Humphreys.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Liddia Humphreys; six sons of which five are in the service, Clement, Robert J., Orville, Queen J., Gordon, and Marshall; four daughters, Charlotte, Margaret, Doris, and Janet.

Mr. Humphreys was the father-in-law of Blanch Strickland Humphreys, also a former student.

Men are most apt to believe what they least understand.—Montaigne.

West Virginia's seven elective officials who comprise the Board of Public Works will submit an \$85,000,000 budget bill to the Legislature which is to convene this week, though little action by the law-making body is expected until after the inauguration of Gov. Clarence W. Meadows.

The measure, drafted after a month-long study, according to the Associated Press, proposes increased salaries for teachers and other state employees and recommends that the state's \$15,000,000 cash surplus be preserved for a long-range post-war construction program.

Principal teacher benefits recommended are that the \$25 per month bonus be made permanent and that instructors be granted a new \$5 monthly bonus. In addition, \$500,000 would be used to increase the pay of bus drivers, janitors and other school system employees.

Employees of the state's university, its colleges, penal, correctional and eleemosynary and other institutions would be granted pay boosts ranging from 10 to 15 per cent.

Among the proposed expenditures for buildings, improvements and land purchases at educational and other institutions, Glenville State College is listed for a \$50,000 allocation. Other state colleges and the University would receive the following:

West Virginia university \$2,000,000; Potomac State \$175,000; Marshall \$800,000; West Liberty State \$150,000; Fairmont State \$300,000; Shepherd \$125,000; Concord \$225,000; West Virginia Institute of Technology \$250,000; West Virginia State \$450,000; Bluefield State \$250,000.

TAKES WESTINGHOUSE TEST

Charles Berry, Glenville High School senior and a part-time student in the College, recently took a "Talent Search" test given by Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. Berry was the only student from the High School participating.

Miss Rose Funk, instructor in chemistry, spent the Christmas holidays at her home at Rowlesburg, where her grandmother is reported ill.

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MAY COME TO PASS

Christmas Day once more is
a thing of the past; tinsel and
tissue have been packed again
into the big boxes, Francis P.
Church's editorial has been
quoted across the land and
forgotten, and all have said as
usual they are "Glad that
Christmas comes only once a
year."

For many Christmas, as for-
mer war Christmases, seemed
of necessity unhappier than
usual. Conditions in Europe
had taken a bad turn and gen-
eral morale was low. Too, some
of us, less affected by world
conditions, found the holiday
below the par of spirit and en-
joyment we like to picture in
our minds.

The persons bearing the real
brunt of the world's trouble—
the men in the fighting areas,
were having a hard time of it
that day. They were being
killed, wounded, were suffering
from the cold, heat, and
loneliness of the battlefields.
But even then, we find from
their letters, the newspapers,
and radio, they experienced
joy and satisfaction of Christ-
mas that we at home could do
well to ponder. Perhaps in that
respect they may have been
even fortunate.

Some of us here at home,
living in a haven compared
with the war areas—a haven
relatively uninvaded by separa-
tion, discomfort, suffering
and death, never were as con-
scious of the thing called
"Christmas spirit." But the
carols that may have fallen on
partially blase ears here stirred
deep emotion and gave a
definite comfort to the person
who knew not how long he
might live.

The gift extracted from its
complicated wrappings here
Christmas morning by fingers
kept warm by the unflinching
steam heat couldn't possibly
have been met with as much
appreciation as the one care-
fully weighed and measured
by postal authorities and mailed
overseas.

Perhaps the experiences
gained by pain and hardship
will linger with the boys when
they return. Perhaps that
knowledge will help them to
enjoy their new lives even
more. It may cause a feeling
brought about by common suf-
fering that will help build a
world that may give a reality
to the ideals of peacemakers.

THOUGHT FOR EDUCATION

In this month's issue of the
Reader's Digest is an article
condensed from the Saturday
Review of Literature which is
well-worth the serious consid-
eration of educators and pros-
pective educators everywhere.
It is entitled "Will Europe's
Educators Lose the Peace?"

The article is based on an
investigation made in 1922 by
Collier's distinguished corre-
spondent, William G. Shepherd,
to find out what was being
taught in the schools of Eu-
rope about World War I. Mr.
Shepherd thought that the
answer would have a great
deal to do with the duration
of the peace treaty. He found
that, because of factional
strife as to what should and
should not be taught, govern-
ments and educators alike had
compromised in teaching ab-
solutely nothing about the war.
The writer of the article con-
cluded that this failure cer-
tainly helped to bring about
this war; he stated his belief
that the creation of an inter-
national office of education,
through which leading educa-
tors everywhere might work
together to prevent a recurrence
of such following this
war, would be possible and
workable.

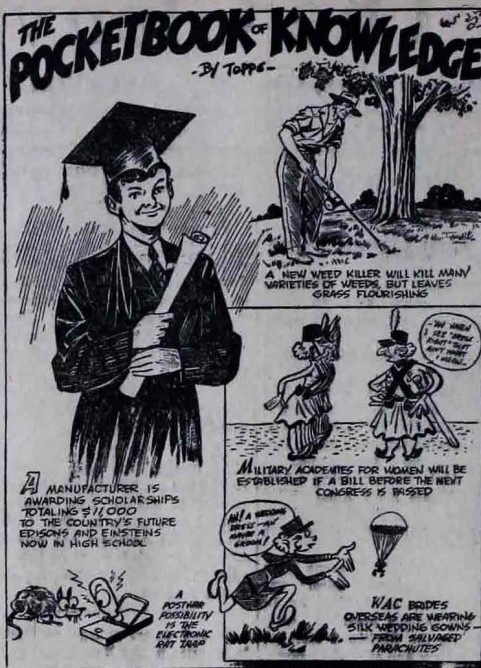
If educators had made such
a cooperative effort twenty-
five years ago and had, there-
by, prevented one day of this
war their efforts would surely
have been amply rewarded.
No one, of course, can say defi-
nitely what such an undertak-
ing would accomplish nor how
many obstacles would have to
be overcome to enable it to
function properly, but it surely
is worth trying. The work
of such an organization would,
of necessity, be carried out in
the main by the teachers in all
countries. We, as prospective
teachers, can well be consider-
ing this fundamental problem
so that, when peace comes, we
can make a vital contribution
to the kind of world our fight-
ing men hope to see created
through their sacrifices.—Jan-
ette Cunningham.

THE VALUE OF MUSIC

Music provides entertain-
ment for persons the universe
over. It is valuable in that it
lends beauty and understand-
ing to common things in every-
day life. It effects each individ-
ual either directly or indirect-
ly and its value should receive
due credit.

Music programs which usu-
ally constitute a variety in var-
ious forms tend to enlighten
audiences, either through the
melody or through the lyrics;
there is something in them
which sends a message to the
mind and heart. These pro-
grams, enjoyed by many, re-
quire time, effort and talent.
Let these three things be em-
phasized. Importance of each
one can not be over-empha-
sized. For each number select-
ed, hours and days of practice
are required for the beauty
that is brought forth in a few
moments of time. Talent is cer-
tainly important for complete
harmony.

All of these things were
seen in assembly December
14, 1944, as the music depart-
ment justly received due cred-
it for the presentation of a
Christmas program which con-
sisted of time, talent and the
effort of the Glee Club, or-
chestra, Miss Eleanor White,
Mr. Hunter Whiting, Miss
Bertha E. Olsen and many
others.—Mary Virginia Floyd.



Notes From . . . The Robert F. Kidd Library

(By Bobby Jean Coe)

Start your New Year right; read more books and magazines. Follow-
ing is some information you may be
able to use, if your resolutions call
for the aforementioned.

THE GREEN CONTINENT, an
anthology selected and edited by
German Arciniegas, presents the
truth about the lands and people be-
low the Rio Grande. Two other new
books at the Library are **GUIDANCE
AND PERSONNEL SERVICE IN
EDUCATION**, by Anna Y. Reed,
and **LOOK AT THE WORLD**, an at-
las published by "Fortune" mag-
azine for world strategy, by Richard
Edes Harrison.

A packet of war information has
been received, and here are some of
the most interesting pamphlets be-
ing displayed: **THE NAVY NURSE**,
REPORT ON THE FLYING BOMB,
**PANAMA, COSTA RICA, DOMINI-
CAN REPUBLIC, HONDURAS, and
SOUTH AFRICA, THE LAND WE
ARE FIGHTING FOR**.

The sails are unfurled and the
booty cries of "Don't give up the
ship!" are heard, for the pirates are
sailing again. A display from Para-
mount Pictures, illustrating the
maritime lore pictured in their new
film, "Frenchman's Creek," is "now
showing" in the Library.

This Week We Present . . .

- C—hampion at billiards.
- H—ails from Walkersville.
- A—lways ready with a pun.
- R—epresented the College in
"Who's Who."
- L—oves the cinema.
- E—lected languages as his major
subject.
- S—enior at the end of first se-
mester.
- M—ember of Alpha Psi Omega.
- C—ongenial.
- I—ntends to go to Annapolis af-
ter he is graduated.
- N—ever late for dates.
- T—ravelers from Louis Bennett
Hall toward Verona Mapel
each evening.
- O—ccasional church-goer.
- S—tudent Council vice-president.
- H—appy outlook on life.

One may be humble out of pride.
—Montaigne.

PRES. HAUGHT WILL BE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

"The Anatomy of Man" is the sub-
ject Pres. D. L. Haught has selected
for a talk in convocation tomorrow
morning at 10:30 o'clock. One other
assembly, plans for which are in-
complete, is scheduled before the
end of the semester.

ON THE CAMPUS

By Janette Cunningham

MANY were the campus faces
seen at the Glenville-Troy basket-
ball tilt the past Wed. . . Helen
Cox offered moral support to
Trojan fan W. Strader and Col-
umnist Rader was referee for the
Jr. Hi game . . . Lucille Hardman
wasn't rooting quite as enthusias-
tically for the 'ole' Alma Mater as
usual . . . Among "old grads"
present were Virginia West, Bar-
bara Messenger, Capt. Harold
Scott of the AAF and Referee
Abe Lilley.

HARROWING EXPERIENCES
have been reported by some in ef-
forts to move about during the
vacation . . . Bobby Jean Coe
started from her Jackson County
home toward GSC on Monday,
could get no farther than thirty-
five miles of the distance and so
returned to her home and tried
again two days later . . . Doy
Fitzpatrick, College electrician,
walked three miles through water,
over hills and climbed such minor
obstacles as fences in a definitely
successful effort to meet his
daughter, Emma Frances, former
student, who was coming from
Washington via train . . . Homer
Paul Heckert reports making his
way despite an approaching
storm, to the Weston bus termi-
nal Mon. eve., only to be met with
"Sorry, the Glenville bus isn't
running this evening."

Mary Va. Floyd and Mary Jean
Ralston report mutual intellectual
difficulties . . . Commuters, un-
aware that classes were not to
meet Tues., came to College and
then made their various ways back
to Tanner, Sand Fork and Troy as
best they could . . . From conver-

OFF THE REEL

By Gray Barker

We have always been skeptical of
legendary producers' contention that
the average nitrocellulose addict had
a mental age of only thirteen. Glen-
ville is fortunate in being a college
town, consequently having an audi-
ence that is above the average small
town movie-goers in the ability to
understand and appreciate good film
fare.

However we must mention the
conversation we heard the other day
at a local restaurant concerning the
shimmering sheet. They weren't
College people or students in the lo-
cal Hi, so perhaps we shouldn't wor-
ry too much.

We heard these persons wonder-
ing, "What is on at the show to-
night?" and, trying to be helpful,
battered in with "Pardon me, but the
show is 'The Mask of Dimitrios.'"

"I've seen that one," was the re-
ply of the youngest of the group,
and it wasn't no good."

"Older guy: 'Maybe that was the
person that seen it that made it
that way.'"

Other fellow: "You know I saw
that 'Double Indemnity,' the other
week here. Did you see it?"

Youngest guy: "Well, that was
'The Mask of Dimitrios.'"

Other fellow: "No, I mean Dou-
ble Indemnity."

Youngest Guy: "Yes, I know,—
that guy in 'The Mask of Dimitrios'
had three or four identities."

Older guy: "I saw 'Double In-
demnity.' That Fred Mack—that
Fred Mack-ray was in it. It start-
ed right where he was killed and he
told all of it into some kind of a
thing. It was all mixed up, in fact
I don't see why they made a picture
that way."

It seems there has been an argu-
ment about which was invented
first—X-ray or motion picture film.
Really the answer is "X-ray film."
Motion picture film was invented
when a doctor tried to take an X-
ray picture of his wife's jaw.

Next Sunday if you don't go and
see "Going My Way," your fate
shouldn't be less severe than hang-
ing by the neck. The story of how
Bing Crosby, a young priest, takes
over a parish and rejuvenates it
provides movie material that is ex-
tremely likely to capture the Acad-
emy award. Barry Fitzgerald is our
nomination for the best supporting
actor of the year for his role as the
older priest who is becoming a bit
threadbare in his ways. He furnishes
much of the handkerchief mater-
ial, and Bing furnishes the music,
which, in addition to the popular
tunes, includes "Ave Marie."

Meanwhile be on the look-out for
"The Uninvited," and "Mr. Skeff-
ington," the latter another of the fa-
miliar two-hour wonders.

Mercury Musings . . .

(Continued from page 1)

(about invertebrates we take it),
the latter by Buchsbaum; Margaret
Hawkins forsook her "True Story"
to read "Letters From An Unknown
Woman"; Homer Paul Heckert
found "Letters, Pills, Petticoats,
and Plows," by Clark, interesting;
Tilly Eck read "Cluny Brown" and
"Pastoril"; Chessie Spencer read
"Song of Bernadette" and "Tower
of Steel."

Quartermaster Sergeant (hard-
boiled): Well, speak up, how do you
want your uniform? Too large or
too small?

sations here and there, one gath-
ers that many GSC students will
be going the way of the local
movie-house Sun. and Mon. to see
the year's best, "Going My Way."

KEEN CONTESTS PROMISED AMONG TEAMS IN LOCAL AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES

Because of limited College basketball activity, the Mercury is, starting with this issue, devoting space to a column which will give, we hope, a picture of the highlights and side-looks of the basketball season among the high schools of this section in general and of Gilmer County in particular.

Basketball, still in its infancy this season, is growing fast in this section. The Glenville Red Terrors, having split their first two games, beating Troy 50-38 and losing to Weston 54-51, will meet Doddridge County High here tomorrow night in a game rated as a toss-up. To win, the Terrors will have to stop Boyce, star Doddridge forward, who tossed in 17 points in their game with Cairo, which they barely won 35-33. On Friday Glenville will meet Sand Fork Hi here.

Spencer's Yellow Jackets are shaping up as another fine team although not quite as strong as last year's undefeated quintet. In Lawrence Mace, the Jackets have a reliable scorer and a fine team player. Coach Dick Simmons is starting his second season there.

Among the Gilmer County schools, the Narmantown Vikings, coached by Eugene Williams, appear to be the strongest at this time. They opened their season Wednesday with an easy 45-21 victory over Eddie Kosko's Webster Springs Wildcats. Although the Vikings have already lost one player to the armed forces and may lose more soon, they still have a veteran squad headed by Earle ("Tex") Gainer, center.

Sand Fork, Conference champion the past year, does not appear to be nearly as strong as before. Lynn Black and Nella Garrett are the returning regulars and they are likewise the only experienced boys of which the Lions can boast. Selective Service calls have deprived them of two boys who would have, in all probability, been regulars, Junior McHenry and June Skinner, the latter being "frozen" to his farm. However, in southpaw Garrett, the Lions have a dangerous scoring threat. Sand Fork opens against Tanner tonight in a Conference game.

Troy, coached by Jesse Bell, Jr., is much improved over last year, as witnessed by their game with Glenville in which they out-fought the favored Red Terrors for much of the first half.

The Tanner Bulldogs, with Lynn Holstein as coach, have most of their players from last year, and, in addition, Junior Boggs, who returned to school this fall after serving in the Army for the past two years, having received a medical discharge.

Sutton may be the surprise team of the year. The Blue Devils under Coach Brosius, have already chalked up wins over Walkersville and Burnsville. Cooper, Stump, and Thomas are the brightest stars in the Sutton galaxy. Burnsville, on the other hand, would have had a veteran team this season had it not been for draft calls which have deprived Coach Albert Lilley of four regulars from last year's quintet, Moore, Stockert, Mick, and Berry, leaving only Eugene Lindsay. Gassaway's strength is as yet unknown, but the Elks rarely have a weak team. They are coached by "Chuck" Smythe.

C. D. "Red" Wilfong's Weston Hi Minutemen appear to be strong this season, with plenty of material returning, including two boys who saw considerable service last season as regulars near the end of their schedule, Bill Kiddy and Gabriel Kalafat, both six-footers.

Pennsboro, with their giant center, Villers, and Leland Hayhurst, another fine player back, appear to be near the top in this section of the state, although they may have

trouble with a Cairo team which is a fast, fine-shooting quintet paced by their center, Sheets who tossed in 17 points against Doddridge in a losing cause.

Walkersville loses their star basket-bomber, Squires, to the armed forces tomorrow. This boy averages close to 20 points per game. Jane Lew's Kenneth Sims is another high-scoring ace.

Weekly Round-up In Sports

By Jack Rader

Basketball teams generally start into their long schedules this week with a will, after a tussle here and there before and during the holidays and a scattering of games last week. Early season games found Clendenin beating Clay 52-38, Doddridge nailing out Cairo 35-33, and the usual assortment of alumni-high school games which in most cases found the old grads slightly below par but still able to give their younger opponents a lively battle.

The local Red Terrors meet Doddridge County Hi here tomorrow night in what appears to be a well-matched game. Off to a fine start with a 50-38 victory over Troy last week (they lost to Weston on Friday).

The University of Kentucky appears to be the top college basketball team in the country at the moment. With a first team that averages well over six feet in height, the boys from the Blue Grass state have been beating some of the best teams in the country, including Wyoming, Long Island, and Temple, and coming from behind like true champions to do so. Ohio State, another victim of U. of K., Iowa, Oklahoma A. & M., Notre Dame, and Yale also have been winning consistently thus far.

The government's recent order suspending horse racing left most of the owners of the hay-burners in a slightly embarrassing situation. Transportation being difficult, to say the least, it may be a tough problem to get back to the home pastures. In addition, the government, through War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, has instructed draft boards to begin reclassifying and calling up 4-F's again, especially professional athletes.

Results of the New Year's Day football games: Rose Bowl: Jim Hardy's fine passing and all-round good playing paced Southern California to a 25-0 win over a fighting but outclassed University of Tennessee eleven. Hardy tossed two touchdown passes and scored a third marker himself on the ancient hidden ball play. "Buster" Stephens averaged about five yards for Tennessee per try, but they could never get a consistent drive under way.

Sugar Bowl: Duke's Blue Devils nosed out the Alabama Crimson Tide 29-26 in a thrill-a-minute-affair which saw the lead change hands several times. A 20-yard run by George Clark in the final seconds of the game finally won for Duke. Sensational passing by freshman Harry Gilmer kept Alabama in the game.

Orange Bowl: Too much Perry Moss and Camp Wilson on offense, plus a devastating defense told the story in Tulsa's 26-12 defeat of Georgia Tech. Moss' passing and Wilson's blasting the line paved the way to victory for the Golden Hurricane, which avenged their defeat by Tech in last year's Sugar Bowl game. Frank Broyles' passing set up the two Tech touchdowns.

Cotton Bowl: All-American Bob Fenimore paced Oklahoma A. & M. to a 34-0 rout of outclassed Texas Christian.

— Cartoons — Of the Week



W. A. A. NEWS

The W. A. A. girls' second basketball game of the season turned into a sing-fest Monday night, December 11, with the warblers sitting on the floor of a dark gymnasium patiently waiting for the failing electric lighting system "to make a comeback." Such songs as "White Christmas" and "When the Lights Go On Again" were sung by the players and a few spectators.

The girls plodded through the deep snow to the gymnasium at 6:30 Monday evening ready to play. Both Bodkin's and Sweeney's teams came on the floor determined to win. The teams were evenly matched, but Sweeney's girls were out in front at the close of the first quarter 2-0 and at half time 9-7. Bodkin's girls came back in the third quarter to push ahead 17-11. At this point the flickering lights went out; and when they failed to come back on, this score was considered final.

Wins Nobel Prize On Study of Atom

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—(ACP)—Dr. Isador I. Rabi, a member of the staff of the radiation laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for his outstanding work on the nucleus of the atom.

Although he has not received the exact details of the award, Dr. Rabi knows that it was for the progress he has made in advancing knowledge of the nucleus of the atom. He has devoted his life to this type of research since 1931 and feels that an understanding of the forces of the nucleus may revolutionize our lives as has electricity. Dr. Rabi declared that there was no background of science in his family.

Miss Maxine Wright, secretary to Pres. D. L. Haight, was at her home at Duck Run during the holidays.

Sun Bowl: Southwestern of Texas 34; University of Mexico. East-West game: The North was the best "on paper," but a fighting West eleven emerged with a 13-7 win. Sparked by quarterback Bob Waterfield of UCLA, they came from behind to take the game. Best East efforts were by Frank Danciewicz and Bob Kelly of Notre Dame. Jack Mead of Wisconsin, who scored the East touchdown, and Jim Walthall of West Virginia U.

They Learn of 'Culture and Human Perfection' and Colons, Semi-Colons

By Gray Barker

Members of an English Literature class taught by Mr. Hunter Whiting, obviously had bit off too much for their intellectual molars Friday when they grappled with Mr. Matthew Arnold and his essay, "Culture and Human Perfection." Scarcely taking time to remove his overcoat, Mr. Whiting startled students with his question, "What are the two things that Matthew Arnold talks about in the lesson?" Most were mute, but someone ventured to answer "culture," and another the writer, "Montesquieu," of course pronounced incorrectly.

Mr. Whiting's first expression of demonic ire suddenly changed to disillusionment and despair as he stated the answers were entirely incorrect. "Did you get ANYTHING out of the lesson?" One brave student valiantly replied that Mr. Arnold's sentences were too long, that he couldn't keep track after the second semi-colon.

Mr. Whiting again effected complete control and said, "I have reached the point where I have gone beyond cursing and my anger has changed to a prayerful mood. In that you did not read it, I'll read it for you."

He first quoted Arnold, who was saying, "The culture which is supposed to plume itself on a smattering of Greek and Latin is . . . valued either out of sheer vanity and ignorance, or else as an engine of social and class distinction." Applying that point to modern education, he explained how some parents will send their children to college just "to keep up with the Jones's." A disparaging remark was passed upon students who regard College as a "country Club," come home and laugh at someone who uses the wrong fork at the table. "When I see persons like that I want to throw the salad in their rapid faces and rub the sauce in."

Getting back to Arnold he pointed out "The first motive which ought to impel us to study is . . . to render an intelligent being more intelligent."

"Burn the following into your head with a red-hot poker," said Mr. Whiting, as he quoted "What distinguishes culture is, that it is possessed by the scientific passion, as well as by the passion of doing good . . ."

"Now here is the answer to my question at the beginning. The two noblest of things are 'sweetness and light.'" He explained the terms: "Sweetness means 'the will to do good,' light, 'the knowledge to do good.'" The person runs into the street and drags a man struck by a car to the sidewalk and sets him up against a telephone pole, thus severing his spinal cord, has the sweetness, but not the light." (The temperance enthusiast he quoted who said of the victims of poisonous drink, "Why if those people drink that bath tub liquor, they ought to die," likely had neither the sweetness nor the light—Mr. Whiting did not say.) He told of a doctor having the light but not the sweetness, who failed to do a good diagnosis because he was wanting to play golf. "I saw him later, and should have insulted him—but he likely couldn't have been insulted

anyway." So Mr. Whiting continued to exhort, and, by the time the class was almost over, the students found that through his method of teaching they really had learned what the essay was all about—semi-colons or no semi-colons. They found that by connecting abstractions with present day realities they could fathom the most difficult assignment—and likely picked up a few pointers they could use when they started teaching.

The clock struck, and Mr. Whiting dismissed the students who previously had failed to fathom "Culture and Human Perfection," with "Go thy way and sin no more."

Tinge of Humor

Times have certainly changed since Little Red Riding Hood's day. Imagine a wolf nowadays dressing up to look like Granny.

"What do you call a man who has been lucky in love?"
"A bachelor."

The hardships of the Puritans were what they came over in.

To keep in good health you must eat one or two vitamins every day.

Farming in the western states is done by irritating the soil.

Juvenile delinquency is when children act like their parents.

Professor: Gentlemen, I am dismissing you ten minutes early today. Please go out quietly so as not to wake the other classes.

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

(By Juanita Westfall)

Capt. Harold Scott, who is stationed at Greenville, Miss., attended the Troy and Glenville High School basketball game at Glenville Wednesday and visited friends on the campus.

A. P. O. address of Albert E. Ball has been changed from 17088 to 205.

An interesting letter came from Lt. William Whetsell during the holidays. He writes: "I have been receiving my copy of the Mercury for the past two weeks now and am mighty glad to get it. It does one much good to read of the doings around school.

"I wish I could have been in Glenville when 'Coach Nate' was there. I'd like to see him and talk to him. I've written him a post card since arriving here but as yet have received no reply. I think he was in Glenville at the time.

"I received a Christmas card from 'good ole' Bob Butcher and was mighty happy to hear from him. All of us who knew Bob and Mildred know just how shocking-a-state Bob must have been in at the time of her accident. My sincerest sympathies go out to Bob.

"I hear from my friend H. L. White now and then and also from Mr. Woofter and I really enjoy their letters. When I left in February, 1943, Mr. Woofter took me to Clarksburg in his Dodge. That was the beginning of a long career, much longer than I anticipated.

"Capt. Homer ('Tiny') Moore was here on the field recently inspecting for the Army Air Force. I was surprised and pleased to see him. He spent the afternoon with me and we discussed all the old events and some rather recent ones. Capt. Moore is stationed at Spokane, Wash.

"Cpl. Sammy Williams dropped me a line the past week and I find that he and I are in the same Air Force Command and may go overseas about the same time. Sam is in Tonah, Nev., and is an armor-er-gunner on a B-24.

"Polly is here with me and is fine. We live in Walla Walla, Wash. which is just four miles from the field. To the Mercury staff go our best wishes. Keep up the good work."

Second Lt. W. M. Cunningham, AB '37, was a visitor at his home in Glenville during the holidays on a delay en route to Fort Meade, Md. He reported there January 2.

Lt. Kenneth Hutchinson is now stationed in Italy. He has been overseas for more than two years.

James A. Cain, whose A. P. O. is No. 1, c/o Postmaster, New York, has been overseas two years and is now with the 1st Army in Germany.

An address came in this week for Sgt. Joe G. Jarvis, who is stationed at Camp MacKall, N. C.

In a letter from Carl Chapman, S. 2/c, Troy, N. Y., he states that "I have just received my first issue of the Mercury and I enjoyed it very much. I want to express my appreciation for your courtesy in forwarding it so promptly.

"I have been in the Navy since May, '44, and went through recruit training at Great Lakes. I was transferred on October 17 to the Naval Academic Refresher Unit, Pre-Midshipman School, here at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for sixteen weeks of refresher courses in English, math, physics and engineering drawing. Upon completion of these courses I will be sent to Midshipman School at Columbia or North-

western University."

S. 2/c Chapman was graduated from the College in '41.

Lt. Earl R. Stalnaker has been transferred to Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., where he is in charge of an AACCS Detachment.

The Mercury received a clever Christmas greeting from J. H. Lindell, who is with the Navy in England. Lt. Lindell also expressed his many thanks for the Mercury.

At an Eighth Air Force bomber station in England, Second Lt. Ernest E. Lantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elan Lantz of Lantz, W. Va., was awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bombing attacks upon war plants in Germany and upon Nazi military defense points and communication lines in support of allied armies in western Europe.

Lt. Lantz is the co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress. He entered the Army Air Forces in July, 1942 and received his wings at Pampa Field, Texas, in March, 1944.

The Mercury received a letter from Lt. (jg) C. W. Lamb dated in December, saying, "It's the season or something but I suddenly feel I should express my appreciation for the grand job you are doing of getting the latest and the straightest from the Campus out to us. I have been receiving the Mercury as regularly as could be expected under these circumstances and enjoying it more than could be imagined. I have developed a method of reading it in which I take it column at a time without turning a page. I'm afraid if I start turning pages I will miss something and this way I get every word. I'm especially interested in the news concerning service men because they are all my classmates. But looking over the masthead I find the same is true of most of you so I'm not as old as I thought I was.

"I suppose it is compulsory that I start about here to tell you what I'm doing in this man's Navy. My official title is Signal Officer and I am charged with all visual signaling aboard ship. It is no small task when under way but not so bad in port. Therefore, in port I have to stand coding watches, take charge of Shore Patrol parties, or anything else they happen to dream up. Between times I'm studying a very successful (if not pleasant) way to reduce. Our last cruise in heavy weather netted me minus twenty pounds.

"It is no picnic at best so my advice to you fellows (and girls) is to keep one foot on the ground every time you hear 'Anchors Aweigh.' And if any of you want to see the world you can get my opinion of what I have seen by sending two box tops (any kind).

"Actually I didn't start this out to be a tale of woe so let's change to a more pleasant topic. Something on the order of the first Homecoming after D. O. W. It is up to you who are carrying on now to preserve those good old customs and traditions until the 'old timers' get back to lend you at least our moral support. In the meantime, just keep up the good work and I think I'm expressing the sentiments of many a Navy man when I say that with us the Mercury is 4.0. Best wishes of the season and thanks again."

Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Haught visited their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Herring and Betty Herring, of Wilmington, N. C., during the Christmas holidays.

Nothing is stronger than custom.—Ovid.

Campus Drive For WSSF Funds to Open Saturday Evening at 'Chopstick' Party

The World Student Service Fund drive will open on the Campus with a flourishing of chopsticks Saturday evening from 8 to 11, when the committee in charge will present a games party during which students will vie for championship in the art of chopstick-eating.

Opening the Campus drive which will extend through February 2, the program will include a series of lantern slides illustrating activities of the W. S. S. F. throughout the world. Nina Moore and Lucille Hardman, directing games, will keep the party going at a fast pace through-

out the evening.

Although no admission will be charged, students may enter the contest by buying a pair of genuine chopsticks imprinted with Chinese characters. Contestants will be given a small bowl of popcorn, and a prize will be awarded to the person finishing eating first.

The committee states that regular contributions to the drive may be made during the party if individuals wish to do so, and envelopes will be provided. Canvassing for individual contributions will start the following Monday. The College's quota is \$111.00.

Campus Crowd Agrees Pre-Christmas Dance Was Social Highlight of Year

Most of the campus crowd will agree that the Christmas dance was a social highlight preceding the holidays. It was directed by the Social Committee and dancing was from 8:15 to 11 p. m.

Decorations, in keeping with the season, featured a large chandelier of pine and candles in the center. At one end of the floor was a small decorated Christmas tree. The lack of escorts and an orchestra failed to dim the beauty and charm of the occasion.

Evelyn Finister was charming in her black net gown with sequins and was escorted by Allen Fouty. Isabelle Clark was beautiful in her blue net formal. Juanita Westfall in a white taffeta gown and Betty Gainer in black taffeta danced

gracefully together. Mary Helen Callison was lovely in her red and white polka-dot swiss off-the-shoulder dress.

Irene Milan and Annabel Mackey were attractive in yellow taffeta formal. Mary K. Shumate wore a red evening gown with matching jacket. Smart in her red and white checked taffeta gown was Jewell Osbourne. Leona Williams was there in a becoming yellow chiffon with long, full sleeves.

Kathryn Hall's gown was of white net and lace and Betty Waybright chose a beautiful pink net formal. Janet Boggs was appealing in a black jersey and white net gown with a full skirt. Helen Jackson chose a pink net formal and Madelyn Nutter wore light blue net.

Mrs. Ganier, Mr. Williams Taken By Death; Training School Teacher Injured

Among news items of campus interest which were reported during the holidays, are the following:

Miss Lucy Wolfe, teacher in the training school, suffered a broken left collar bone and numerous body bruises in an auto accident while en route from Clarksburg to her home in Brooklyn Addition. Her classes, which resumed Tuesday after the Christmas holidays, are being taught by Mrs. Nicholas Murin, the former Miss Ruth Annabel Hull, College alumna.

Otis Parker Williams, 50 years old, an uncle of Leona Williams, sophomore, and Peggy Williams, former student, came to his death December 29 in a Marietta, O., hospital after having been critically injured when a train struck him and the Dodge pick-up truck he was driving. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Norman-town Methodist Church with the Rev. Fell Kennedy of Grantsville and the Rev. Glendon McKee of Glenville officiating.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p. m. at the home on Main Street for Mrs. Lucy Powell Gainer, wife of Blair Gainer, former Gilmer County sheriff, who died December 13 in the Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, Md. The Rev. Gilbert Moore, local Baptist minister and part-time instructor in the College, conducted the service. Mrs. Gainer is the mother of Roanna Gainer, an alumna, and Peggy, a former student.

Mrs. H. G. Law, wife of Mr. H. G. Law, former College janitor, is reported to be in a critical condition at her home following an illness developed more than a year ago.

Whether you do, do wisely, and think of the consequences.—Roman-orum.

By the work one knows the workman.—Fontaine.
Goodness does not consist in greatness, but greatness in goodness.—Athenaus.

are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham is a former student in the College.

Miss Wellbrock, Lieut. Leon Bell Married

Announcement was made recently of the marriage of Miss Louise Ann Wellbrock, of Jacksonville, Fla., to Lt. Leon Bennett Bell, College graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clay Bell, of 168 Magnolia Ave., Clarksburg. The wedding took place Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2 p. m. in St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Bell is a graduate of Duncan U. Fletcher High School and attended Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., and the University of South Carolina.

Lt. Bell, now serving with the armed forces overseas, is a graduate of Washington Irving High School.

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