

By Gray Barker

EAR MUFFS and overcoats were laid aside the past week when the Campus basked under rays from Old Sol, who peeped out intermittently, but long enough to warm both bodies and souls. Aside from the advent of warm weather other things were happening:

MISS GOLDIE C. JAMES reversed the "apple for the teacher" institution, starting an "apple for the students" movement which we hope will be taken up generally. Students in one of her laboratory sessions were pleased to receive nice red apples with her compliments the past week. One can appreciate the structure of a fruit all the better if he is permitted to eat same, the students said.

WHEN HASTINGS BAILEY noted an advertisement for the movie, "Swing In the Saddle," he concocted all on the "spur" of the moment (Notice clever pun?) a parody of a popular musical radio announcement. Warbled Bailey: "Swinging in the saddle, swinging with joy, singing the song of a cow—boy." Hope we aren't sued for infringement of Bailey's copyright.

THE GOSSIPERS had a field day. Romance was the order of the day, and not exceptional was Margaret Barrett, who, informed sources alleged, saw the celluloid ice spectacle, "Lake Placid Serenade," with a certain ex-serviceman from Clarksburg. Ex-serviceman Raymond Taylor had a popular waitress by the "wing." (We're trying to play on the word, "chicken.") and Maxine Wright was with that mythical "cousin," other informed sources exhort. Ray Brannon took a behemoth interest in journalism, or was it a certain lady reporter in the Mercury workshop he found appealing? Also "Six feet-two, from Walkersville" took added interest in Verona Mapel Hall.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL started rehearsals on the "Gay Nineties Revue," and changed the play date again. It was switched from Feb. 27 to Feb. 26, because they wanted the high school boys, who had a game away the 27th, to come and guffaw. Latest appointment is David Tewell who will sell peanuts at the performance.

IF YOU SEE any flagrant errors in the compositions of this number of the Mercury, it isn't the printer's fault; because beginning with this issue students in High School Newspaper will be in charge of making a "dummy" designating the placement of all the news stories.

HELEN COX exerted no little attention with a street coat covered with weird phrases she apparently had "thought up all by herself." Phrases included "Slick Chick," "First National Bank," "Murder!" "Drip," "Howdy, Babe," et cetera.

MR. H. Y. CLARK, commenting upon a textbook's asserting that a corporation was once brought to court for kissing a girl, asked members of his class (All girls but one), "With which would you rather be kissed: a proprietorship, a partnership, or a corporation?" Yes, it got a laugh.

COLLEGE MAINTENANCE WORKERS ARE ILL

The Campus suffered a lack of maintenance workers Thursday through Saturday when Mr. Doy Fitzpatrick, supervisor of buildings and grounds, and Mr. Dan Hoover, janitor, were unable to report to their duties because of illness. Mr. Fitzpatrick suffered an attack of influenza, and Mr. Hoover was reported to have a bad cold.

Rev. Mr. Johnson Talks to Students, Faculty In Chapel

Guest speaker at the assembly hour the past Wednesday was the Rev. Grover J. Johnson, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson based his talk on the twenty-third Psalm, which he explained as he understood it after long investigation as to the shepherd life and customs in Palestine.

"What America needs," he said at one point, "besides new things, is to learn more about the old things." He concluded by stating his belief that the church will have a great responsibility toward the spiritual rebuilding of battle-weary servicemen when the war is over.

Mr. Hunter Whiting, of the chapel committee, introduced the speaker. Miss Bertha E. Olsen led group singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful."

The next assembly will feature Dr. William Powers, who will be in Glenville to assist the Rev. Gilbert Moore in revival services at the Baptist Church.

NOTICE

Students may no longer make class changes, unless a mistake has been made by the College, Dean Robert T. Crawford announced the past week. Classes may be dropped up until March 9, without the student's being charged with a failing mark.



Red Cross Holds Open Meeting Here

As a prelude to the opening of the 1945 drive, the Gilmer County Red Cross chapter sponsored an open meeting yesterday evening at 8:15 in the courthouse, with Miss Mary Jim Barnes, pictured above, a field worker, who returned recently from two years of overseas service in India as one of the speakers. In addition a short Red Cross moving picture was shown.

The Red Cross campaign, which will open March 1, has a quota of \$5,300, \$700 less than the \$6,000 quota assigned the past year.

Students May Earn Maximum of 12 Hours Credit In GSC Summer School

Students wishing to meet the requirements for elementary and secondary certificates, emergency certificates, and renewal of certificates, may earn as much as twelve hours credit in two five-week summer terms here starting June 4 and July 10, according to a preliminary statement mailed from the College to 2500 persons the past week.

Again as the past year, classes will meet six days a week, Monday through Saturday, making it possible to complete six hours credit in five weeks, one week less than was customary a few years ago. Students may enroll for either or both of the terms for an enrollment fee of \$22 for one, or \$32 for both. Room and board for five weeks will be \$26.50 in Verona Mapel Hall, and \$27.25 in Louis Bennett Hall.

A statement outlines the principal aim of the summer school as helping the following groups:

1. Those seeking to meet the requirements for the various kinds of certificates.
2. Persons entering college for their first time to prepare for teaching or other professions and services.
3. Teachers who desire additional preparation.
4. Those who have been called upon to teach to relieve the present shortage of teachers and feel a need for refresher courses.
5. Students who have degrees who wish to qualify in additional teaching fields.

Classes will begin Tuesday, June 5, and end Saturday, July 7 for the first term; while they will begin Tuesday, July 10, and end Saturday, August 11, for the second term. Registration for both terms will be held the day before classes begin.

A regular summer session bulletin

will be issued about April 1, according to Dean Robert T. Crawford.

MISS BELL PROGNOSTICATES, NEWSCASTS CORROBORATE

"Stalin won't leave home, and this is the most logical place for them to meet," was Miss Bessie Boyd Bell's explanation of a prophecy she made to a class in History 122 Monday morning of the past week. Miss Bell had just told the students the "Big Three" conference probably would be in the Crimea area.

Miss Bell really "hit the nail on the head," because on Monday night news commentators announced the Crimea as the meeting place.

S-Sgt. Robert Smith Wounded In France

Mrs. Grace Summers Smith, A. B. '38, teacher in Sand Fork High School, received a War Department telegram Wednesday informing that her husband, Staff Sgt. Robert Smith, former College student, had been "seriously wounded" while serving with the armed forces in France February 2. The telegram stated that a hospital address would be sent later.

S-Sgt. Smith was recently transferred from the M. P. division to the Infantry.

Nothing from a straight line swerves So sharply as a woman's curves. And, having swerved, no night or main Can ever put her straight again.

"Would you kiss me if I told you not to,"
"I sure would."
"Oh, goody! Now I can mind Mamma."

'GAY NINETIES REVUE TO FEATURE A BARBER SHOP QUARTET ON FEBRUARY 26

AUDIENCE PLEASSED WITH TALK BY JESSE BELL, JR.

"Geopolitics and the War" was the subject of a talk delivered by Jesse E. Bell, Jr., A. B. '39, and coach at Troy High School, the past week at the Methodist Church. Those who attended expressed praise of Mr. Bell's program, one which, they said, must have required a great deal of research.

Two Night Classes Organized; Extension Enrollment Is Up

Two new Campus evening classes, History 320 (Modern Europe), and Biology 452 (Forestry), taught by Miss Bessie Boyd Bell and Miss Goldie C. James, met for the first time the past week on Thursday and Wednesday, respectively. Classes meet one night each week for three-hour periods, carrying three hours credit, Dean Robert T. Crawford said.

Spanish 101, offered by Mr. Hunter Whiting the past semester on Thursday evenings, has been continued with another course, 102, meeting the same evenings this semester. Extension class enrollment has increased to 137, and Dean Crawford has announced the following figures:

Art Appreciation, Miss Margaret Kenney, at Burnsville, 16 students; a course in education, Miss Ivy Lee Myers, at Clay, 25; History 331, Mr. Clark, at Craigsville, 12; Mathematics 210, Dean Robert T. Crawford, at Grantsville, 15; Sociology 404, Dr. J. C. Shreve, at Harrisville, 12; Biology 452, Miss Goldie C. James, at Orma, 14; Sociology 404, Dr. J. C. Shreve, at Richmond, 17; Forestry 452, Mr. John R. Wagner, at Spencer, 13; History 331, Mr. H. Y. Clark, at Sutton, 13.

Dean Crawford expects extension enrollment to make another slight increase as soon as reports for this week are in.

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WSSF Drive Is Closed But Quota Is Short By About Forty Dollars

The World Student Service Fund drive ended Friday, Feb. 9, with a total of \$66.33 collected, about three fifths of the goal, set for \$111, according to Helen Cox. An additional \$4 collected was spent for supplies, bringing the total collected up to \$70.

The drive started January 12 with a chopsticks party in the Louis Bennett Lounge, and after that the faculty and student body were canvassed for individual contributions. Miss Cox said other activities are being planned which are expected to complete the goal, and that in addition there were a few more contributions promised to the committee.

Acknowledging an initial payment of \$25 sent to the office of the W. S. S. F. in New York, Huntley Dupre, executive secretary, wrote:

"It is not always easy to thank someone for a gift on behalf of other people who cannot speak for themselves. That is precisely what we want to do, however; for your recent contribution was not given to the World Student Service Fund as an organization. Instead it was giv-

After numerous postponements for various reasons during the past semester, the Student Council-sponsored and directed "Gay Nineties Revue" will be presented Monday evening, February 26, at 8:15, in the College auditorium. The program will attempt to capture the spirit of a typical vaudeville show at the turn of the century and performance at the initial rehearsal, held the past Thursday evening, attested that such will be true.

Some of the main features now in preparation will be a barber-shop quartet, complete with handle-bar mustaches, two members of which will be Dr. D. L. Haught and Mr. H. Y. Clark; a burlesque rendition of Riley's poem, "That Old Sweetheart of Mine," by Mr. Hunter Whiting; A weeping version of the reliable tear-jerker, "O Father, Dear Father, Come Home With Me Now," by Nina Moore; a musical number in the romantic style by Peggy Sweeney and Charles Berry; a skit, entitled, "And the Villain Still Pursued Er," written and produced by Gray Barker. Costumes are now being made for chorus "girls," namely Homer Paul Heckert, Ray Brannon, Grover Weaver, Charles McIntosh, and others. Miss Helen Wright, former student, will be accompanist for the various numbers.

In addition to the local talent numbers, four short movies will be shown: "Fads and Fashions of the Gay Nineties," "When Love Is Mocked," Charlie Chaplin impersonations, and Rudolph Valentino in "The Great Lover."

Peanuts and pop-corn will be sold throughout the evening. Admission costs will be 15c for students, 25c for adults.

LEONA WILLIAMS VISITS COUSIN HOME FROM ITALY

Leona Williams, College junior, returned to classes Friday after spending a few days at her home visiting her cousin, 1st Lt. Harry Young, of Gassaway, who returned from Italy after completing fifty missions over German-occupied territory.

Pvt. Harry Pitt Reported Improving

Pvt. Charles Harry Pitt, former student reported wounded in action in Belgium January 24, was reported recovering from a slight ankle wound in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Ivy Pitt, from Col. Richard Spahr the past week.

Wounded after reporting for duty December 21 after recovering from previous wounds, Pvt. Pitt has been evacuated to the 177th General Hospital in France.

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ON HAZING

After the war is over and
colleges all over the country
are deluged by new students
and old ones returning from
the war, an old worry is bound
to rear its head once more.

Hazing has caused college
administrators much worry.
But many of them, unfortun-
ately, haven't been able to de-
cide on which side of the
fence to take their stand. Now
is the time for those leaders to
be giving the subject a thor-
ough going over; because at
this time, due to the scarcity
of students, mainly upper
classmen, hazing is at a mini-
mum. If they decide hazing
must be abolished, now, when
it isn't firmly rooted, is the
time to get after it.

Of course this, like most of
them, is a two-sided question.
Hazing may be beneficial to
some—some who come into
college thinking, as some high
school seniors do, that they
"know it all." If a damper can
be thrown upon their ego they
quickly make the necessary
adjustments for life on a cam-
pus.

But the majority of fresh-
men probably do not need
such treatment. Many times
they are already better social-
ly adjusted and are more in-
telligent than some of the
"country-clubbers" that will
try to haze them. It is for
these people that such a policy
is not necessary, is even harm-
ful.

After the war this College
will meet the same problem.
Many upper-classmen now in
the service and those who
have been attending through
the war will be here to "see
that the freshmen get adjust-
ed." Will freshmen who have
spent their last three years in
the fury of the war areas not
resent discriminatory treat-
ment?

The administration should
be shaping some plan to take
care of these problems. They
should see that ALL orienta-
tion is carried out in an order-
ly way and UNDER THE COL-
LEGE'S CONTROL. Private
organizations should not be
allowed to proceed to "orien-
tate" freshmen in a haphazard
manner with having fun as the
only real aim.

If the hazing problem is
threshed out completely, much
will be done toward bringing
a happier, better adjusted
post war student body.—Gray
Barker.

HE SPEAKS TODAY

Harold J. Laski, one of Eng-
land's best known political
scientists, in a magazine ar-
ticle called "Lincoln as Amer-
ica," said among other things:
"It is the magic of Lincoln, the
thing that makes him so final-
ly one with all America, that
when the call is heard it is
Lincoln who speaks . . . the
Lincoln who speaks to America
at the great moments of his-
tory seems to be standing by
its side."

The same sentiment has
been expressed in many differ-
ent ways by writers of many
nationalities. Its truth in the
feelings of the people of Amer-
ica who, regardless of race,
creed or color, have read with
hope and faith his great mes-
sages which have been quoted
again and again since the crit-
ical Civil War period and
which seem to know no bounds
of time and place. Many tour-
ists, after having visited the
Lincoln Memorial in Washing-
ton where his memory is "en-
shrined forever," have made
mention of having felt a living
presence there. That Lincoln,
more than other great Ameri-
cans of the past, seems to be
with the American people in
times of national crisis and not
just a voice from the distant
past, may be due in part to his
greater universal appeal to all
classes of people.

Who can doubt that he
spoke, not only to the people
of his day, but to all future
generations, even to us of
1945, when he said, "With
malice toward none; with firm-
ness in the right, as God gives us
to see the right, let us . . . do all
which may achieve and cherish
a just and lasting peace among
ourselves and with all na-
tions." Can we not read them
today and feel that he is say-
ing them to us now?—Janette
Cunningham.

Tinge of Humor

Hear about the moron who wash-
ed only the outside of the windows
because that was all people looked
at?

Then there was the dentist who
took all the windows out of his office
so he could be a paneless dentist.

Definitions: Tissue—two words,
Example: "May I tissue now?"
Brook—a published manuscript.

Men in single state should tarry;
While women, I suggest, should
marry.

There's nothing more for me to say
So to you, my friends, Good Day!

Light is the task when many share
the toil.—Homer.

Our humanity were a poor thing
but for the divinity that stirs within
us.—Bacon.

The only thing we have to fear is
fear itself.—F. D. Roosevelt.
Stubbornness is not firmness.—
Schiller.

WEDDING RING ADMITS CO-ED TO CLASS

(ACP)—Union Board members
of Michigan State College at a re-
cent meeting asked a co-ed to see
her ring. They had heard she was
engaged. The senior coed had the
grace to blush and explained that
the story must have started when
she put a diamond ring on her left
hand so she could get into an over-
filled marriage class.

AMERICAN HEROES

by JULIAN OLLENDORFF



Lt. Comdr. George L. Earnshaw, USNR., Swarthmore,
Pa., former pitcher for the champion Philadelphia Athletics and the
Chicago White Sox, was awarded the Commendation Ribbon by Adm.
C. W. Nimitz for meritorious performance as gunnery officer of a U. S.
aircraft carrier at Truk. So effective was his anti-aircraft fire that three
fast, low-flying enemy torpedo planes were destroyed in their repeated
efforts to damage his ship. He used equipment bought with War Bond funds.
U. S. Treasury Department

Notes From The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Ada K. Wilson

As I walked into the Library one
day last week I saw a notice on the
librarian's desk which read "Lincoln
walked 20 miles to borrow a book.
Your library offers you more and
better books than Lincoln knew."
Beside this notice lay a book, LIN-
COLN, HIS LIFE IN PHOTO-
GRAPHS, by Stefan Lorant. Over
the card catalogue was a poster with
the Gettysburg address lettered
neatly beneath a picture of Lincoln.

Several other books were on dis-
play: ABRAHAM LINCOLN, THE
WAR YEARS, by Carl Sandburg;
ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN ILLI-
NOIS, a play in twelve scenes by
Robert Sherwood with a foreword
by Carl Sandburg. There will be several
patriotic posters, pictures, and
books displayed this month.

Featured in the February issue of
Reader's Digest is an article written
by Secretary of State, Edward R.
Stettinius, Jr., WHAT THE DUM-
BARTON OAKS PEACE PLAN
MEANS. It states clearly the pro-
posals which grew out of the Dum-
barton Oaks Conference and how
these plans will aid in preparing
terms of peace.

EX-MARINE RETURNS TO
HIGH SCHOOL, by Oren Arnold.
The type of education that return-
ing veterans want and need most is
stressed.

FARNSWORTH, MURPHY TO GET PRE-INDUCTION EXAM

Among 122 Gilmer County men to
go to Huntington Thursday for pre-
induction examinations are Lyda
James Farnsworth, sophomore class
president and Student Council mem-
ber, Robert Dean Murphy, vice-
president of the freshman class, and
several former students. This group
represents the largest call so far re-
ceived here.

Among former students included
are: Arlan William Berry, Glenville;
Herbert Judson Lamb, Glenville;
Jesse E. Bell, Jr., Troy High School
coach; Bradford W. Davis, Charles-
ton; Carleton Spicer, Gauley Bridge;
Alton V. Peters, coach at Sand Fork
High School; Ralph Glenn Bennett,
Montgomery; Herbert H. Nottingham,
Marion; Coy Rhoades Hinkle,
Glenville; James Swisher Sing-
leton, Weston; Porter E. Hardman,
Akron; Gilbert W. Jones, Sand Fork.

ON THE CAMPUS

By Janette Cunningham

Spring seems to be showin' itself a
little early but is none-the-less wel-
come . . . These springy days aren't
too conducive to good study habits,
however. (What study habits??)
Note: We wrote this column Friday
—the weather may change quickly.

Mrs. Speir's cooking class, in
learning about "the way to a man's
heart," has hit upon home-made
candy as a road-marker on the way.
It will be a short road if one
may judge by samples . . . Rumor
floating around that a practical joke
intended to send one of the inhabi-
tants of Louis Bennett Hall scurrying
to breakfast at 1:30 a. m. gained
it's desired end . . . the victim,
however, was not the one intended.
A phone call some time ago in
the night for a VMH gal caused a
lot of strained ear drums, so "they"
say! . . . February 2 is a rep-leter
day now, for Dr. Shreve cut the
first class in his career as teacher or
student, NOT without reason, how-
ever . . . Lt. John Baker Ellis is a
welcome figure on the campus and
local streets . . . Roving basketball
fans report that Clifford Garrett,
College grad and coach at Walton
Hi, has an able assistant coach in
our last year's sports editor, none
other than Thelma Ryan.

The Seniors' Valentine Party
went off without casualties despite
the fact that it required practically
the entire force of College gentle-
men to decorate the lights . . . The
fellows were "invited" to come and
help Sat. afternoon by "recruiting
officers" Katherine H. and Janet B.
The labors were rewarded by their
unopposed raid on the refresh-
ments . . . Hard to believe was the
fact that there was enough food left
for all guests and then some. "Red"
Clark, senior of last year, was a val-
uable addition to the gaiety of the
evening and willingly related several
experiences in the hard life of a
school teacher.

Miss Katherine Hall, sophomore,
and Mrs. Peggy Sweeney, senior,
spent the past week-end at their
homes in Hallburg and Clendenin,
respectively.

OFF THE REEL

By Gray Barker

Leaning over the counter to
take a glance at the covers of
magazines on sale in town, we
noted on page 1 of VARIETY, a
show business weekly, that David
O. Selznick will make a musical
version of his four-hour master-
piece, "Gone With the Wind." If
Selznick's plan goes before the
cameras, the new version will be
called "Scarlet O'Hara."

First opinions from this de-
partment would be to the effect
that treating GWTW in that man-
ner would not only do injustice to
Margaret Mitchell's original, but
would prove an anti-climax to a
film that is many's bet for the
best picture ever canned.

Walt Disney had sound reasons
for refusing to star the famous
seven dwarfs in any more films
after their debut in "Snow White
and the Seven Dwarfs,"—such
would be an anti-climax, he said.
He wanted "Snow White" to be
remembered always as itself, re-
fusing to capitalize upon the popu-
lar characters. His belief paid off
big when the film was reissued
and in many places drew business
equal to that of original openings.

Margaret Mitchell refused to
write a sequel to "Gone With the
Wind," perhaps because she had
achieved a climax and was willing
to let it go at that without a pos-
sibly disappointing sequel. Simi-
larly, unless a new version or a
sequel could be a better picture
than the original GWTW, such a
picture, especially a musical, it
would cheapen our memory of the
memorable motion picture mara-
thon.

But we mustn't underestimate
Mr. Selznick. Who knows but what
he will come up with a musical
"Scarlet O'Hara" that will out-
class the original? If he can do
that, we say "Go to it."

LIFE, February 5, has an in-
teresting portrait of Merle Ober-
on as George Sand, one of Chopin's
lovers, in the new Columbia
technicolor picture, "A Song to
Remember." Alexander Brook,
who is doing a series of portraits
of Hollywood's leading ladies for
color reproduction in the weekly,
painted it. The movie, a film bio-
graphy of Frederic Francois Chopin,
was acclaimed more for its
fine music than for the story which
LIFE believes to be erring in
some departments. The music you
will hear will not come from the
hands of Cornel Wilde, enacting
the role of a young composer, but
will be the canned playing of
Jose Iturbi, noted pianist. All that
Wilde had to do was to learn some
fingering, and of course his hands
will not be shown often.

Our rating for Sunday's show,
"Christmas Holiday," is nothing
short of three barks of approval,
with only two and one half barks
for Tuesday and Wednesday's of-
fering, "And Now Tomorrow."

SECRETARY "SHOCKED" AS BULB BURNS OUT

Miss Erma Edwards, financial sec-
retary, told Mercury reporters that
as she was typing Saturday morning
a light bulb above her head burned
out. Suddenly, up through her fin-
gers into both arms, she felt an elec-
tric current pass. "My hands are
still tingling," she said, as she told
of the occurrence in the Mercury
workshop.

The typing table was not made of
metal, and there were no electrical
connections close. So far no one has
been able to explain just how Miss
Edwards was "shocked."

Write a letter to your serviceman.

Weekly Round-up In Sports

By Jack Rader

DePaul's Demons have climbed to the top of the national basketball ladder. The Chicagoans, paced by big George Mikan, have notched seventeen victories in eighteen games (up to last Tuesday). Vieing with DePaul for national honors are Army and Navy, Iowa, Ohio State, Notre Dame, St. John's of Brooklyn, Bowling Green of Kentucky, and Rice Institute.

Vince Hansen, Washington State ace, is the leading collegiate scorer in the nation, followed by Jack Perault of Eastern Washington and Dick Wilkins of Oregon.

Government sources have suggested that as a means of cutting down big league baseball travel this summer, the major leagues should be divided into east and west divisions. Reaction by baseball officials to the suggestion was that baseball is willing to go along with the idea if there is a real need for such drastic action.

Meanwhile, the armed forces continue to take baseball stars. Among those answering the call to colors or are awaiting call have been catcher Ray Mueller of Cincinnati, pitcher Les Fleming and outfielder Dominic Dallesandro of the Chicago Cubs, and first baseman Tony Lupien and outfielder Ron Northey of the Philadelphia Bluejays. Speaking of the latter team, it has been announced that the Quaker City team has signed Jimmy Foxx, former American League slugger, to a one-year contract. Foxx will probably be the regular first sacker for the Jays.

Marshall's Big Green basketball team is also suffering from a manpower shortage at present, having lost four regulars, two to enter the service, and two because of scholastic difficulties. Thus Marshall had to cancel a three-game basketball trip in the East the past week-end, but they plan to play the remaining four games on their schedule.

Byron Nelson and Harold "Jug" McSpaden are the leading golfers in the winter matches that have been held thus far.

Bits of This and That: Horsemen are still wondering if the Kentucky Derby will be held this year or not.

Several ex-servicemen will be seen in baseball uniforms this season, including Al Benton of Detroit, Tom Early of the Boston Braves, and Harry Lowrey of the Chicago Cubs. . . . Gundar (The Wonder) Haag, the Swedish track star, now has a new nickname; it's Gundar (I wonder?) Haag. . . . What ever happened to the guys who said that baseball was through for the duration? . . . Something to look forward to after the war—all those pro football leagues who will be operating. . . . Something to watch out for is the inevitable clash between Larry McPhail and Branch Rickey, the presidents of the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers, respectively. If they're the same "sweet, loving, and kind" persons they used to be, they will be hurling adjectives at each other so fast that the air above New York will be so thick that flying will be unsafe.

Commuters Win Over High School Girls

Led by scoring ace Wanda Strader, a team composed of girl commuters in the College defeated the High School sophomore girls by a score of 19-15 Friday, Feb. 9, at 3:30 p. m. Commuters fouled fifteen times to the sophomores' four. High scorer was Strader, who scored 17 of the Commuters' 19 points. Radcliffe led the Sophomores with 8 points.

Officials were Nina Moore, junior, and Betty Bodkin, College sophomores.

Lincoln Remembered Most For His Great Wit, Kindness and Honesty

One thing that has done much to popularize Abraham Lincoln as one of the greatest men in American history is the enormous lot of little stories underlining his great wit, kindness, and honesty. A number of students were asked the question, "What is your favorite story about Lincoln?" the past week; and here are their answers:

Homer Paul Heckert and Ruth Groves recounted how Lincoln once interfered in a fight between two men, and how when one of them became angry and threatened to hit him, Lincoln told him, a short fellow, to draw a chalk line on his clothing at the height to which the latter's head came. "It isn't fair to hit me above the line," said Lincoln, and the situation appeared so humorous that the two stopped the quarrel.

Maxine Wright said her favorite

was the one that told how Lincoln, while carrying the mail (Mail was so scarce he carried it all in his hat), helped a poor woodcutter, who was old, to earn his regular wage by stepping and cutting his wood.

Sylvia Cunningham likes the one about Lincoln's walking a great distance to return a few pennies he owed a customer who had bought at the store in which he was working.

Humorously, Helen Cox responded: "The story that Lincoln never told a lie." Similarly Charles ("Doc") Fluharty laughed: "The one about Lincoln's cutting down a cherry tree—or was it Washington?"

Janet Boggs and Gray Barker told the story of Lincoln's pulling a pig from a mud hole while on his way to court and dressed in his best suit.

State Educator Thinks Films Should Be Distributed By Public Libraries

William Porter Kellam, librarian, West Virginia University, thinks motion picture film should be distributed through existing school and public library facilities after the war, according to his recent article in the West Virginia School Journal.

He thinks that as the library has been bringing people and books together, finding the right book for the right person, it now can perform a similar service for film. Accordingly, each county or regional library should have a collection of several hundred films and several projection machines for free lending services.

Mr. Kellam thinks that projectors and films will be inexpensive after the war; the armed forces have produced and used hundreds of films in their training programs, and they may turn some of them over to schools, churches, libraries, etc.

Although he says that at present not one film is owned now by a public library in West Virginia, the picture he has drawn out is not an impossibility. "The schools will benefit immeasurably from well organized and competently operated public libraries which furnish all kinds of aids to learning," he says.

Wanda Strader, senior, substituted for Mrs. Bonnie Erwin, teacher in Troy grades, Tuesday and Friday of the past week.

Homer Paul Heckert, junior, spent the week-end with relatives in Charleston.

'Y. W.' Nominates Officers, Observes Day of Prayer

A College Y. W. C. A. committee nominated eight persons in a meeting in the Verona Mapel Hall music room Wednesday evening.

Ruth Groves and Maxine Wright were nominated for president; Ellen Welch, Betty Wimer, vice president; Helen Cox, Imogene Wimer, secretary; Mary K. Shumate, Blondena Fitzpatrick, treasurer.

The Y. W. C. A. observed the World Student Federation Day of Prayer Sunday, and programs of observations of various regions were on display in the Library the past week.

NEARBY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BRIEFS

The Glenville Red Terrors will take a brief respite from the wars of the Central West Virginia Conference this week, but they will not remain entirely idle. Besides their home game last night with the Weston Minutemen (this was a game originally scheduled for March 6), the Red Terrors will meet the Spencer Yellow Jackets in another home game on Friday. In their first meeting with the Roane Countians some three weeks ago, the Terrors were beaten by 44-27, and they are anxious to avenge the loss. Thus the game will very likely be as full of thrills as the Glenville-Spencer game in the Tournament last spring, when the underdog Terrors rose to the occasion to nose out a previously unbeaten Jacket quintet. Several members of the present Spencer team were members of that fine team last year, and they haven't forgotten that game.

The Normantown Vikings will meet two Conference opponents this week. Tonight they will tangle with the Tanner Bulldogs at home for their second meeting with that team, having won their first game easily, and on Saturday they will tangle with Sand Fork at Sand Fork in another one of those games in which the Vikings will be favored because of their fine record and the fact that they defeated Sand Fork in an earlier encounter by 55-32, but it is

a well-known fact that when these two get together, records mean little and the unexpected generally occurs.

Before their clash with Normantown on Saturday, however, the Lions must face Spencer tonight at Spencer.

Another Conference clash tonight will find Gassaway traveling to Walkersville for a return tilt with that school. The Elks won in their first encounter, but since then have found tough sledding while the Walkersville five has improved right along. It remains to be seen whether the Elks can stage a comeback.

Troy will meet a non-conference opponent tonight at home when they meet Cairo. On Friday the Trojans will travel to Sutton to try for a second win at the expense of the Braxton Countians.

A game on Thursday will find Walkersville at Tanner.

Outstanding features of last week's Conference games:

The Tanner Bulldogs won their first Conference game by beating Burnsfield, 48-41, at Tanner.

Normantown kept their lead in the Central West Virginia Conference by downing the Glenville Red Terrors for the second time this season, 56-31.

The Webster Springs Wildcats still haven't won a Conference game. Sand Fork pulled an upset by

Special Program Mapped For Women At N. J. College

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—(ACP)—Educational opportunities for women war veterans are offered at New Jersey College for Women in a special program mapped by the College and made available by the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

Besides courses designed to round out a liberal education or to improve a professional skill, leading to the bachelor degree, N. J. C. has prepared several one-year programs for returning women veterans who wish to take advantage only of the one year of education made possible for them, at public expense, under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.

For students who wish to begin their college work immediately upon their discharge from the women's branches of the armed services without waiting for the opening of the next regular term, special arrangements will be made so that their transition to college may be as smooth as possible.

Yes, experience is a good teacher. But unfortunately by the time you learn the lesson she has for you it is too late in life for the wisdom to do you much good.

shading Gassaway 42-40 on the latter's home court.

Troy also surprised by trimming Walkersville the past Tuesday.

Other school news:

Two Gilmer County coaches, Jesse Bell, Jr., of Troy, and Alton Peters, of Sand Fork, have been called for their pre-induction physical examinations and will go to Huntington for their exams on Thursday.

In the Glenville-Burnsville game on Tuesday, Coach Hall of the Red Terrors used every man on his squad and finally emerged with a 59-53 win. Although in for only a short while, Don Shreve scored 15 points for the Terrors.

Earl Gainer, Normantown center, may have had a bad ankle, but there was nothing wrong with his shooting eye in the Gassaway game on Monday, the big boy rolling up 23 points.

Co-Eds 'See Birdie' At Visiting Studio

"See the birdie" was the order of the day Wednesday when a long line of co-eds waited to be photographed by a representative of the Olin Mills Studio of Springfield, Ohio, in Conrad's Hotel.

The group of nervous, eager students, hastily touching up make-up at the last moment and dressed in their best bib and tucker, included Imogene Wimer, Betty Wimer, Ruth Groves, Bessie Brown, Margaret Barrett, Ava Nell Loudin, Chessie Spencer, Mary Jo Ellyson, Rosemary Reed (high school student living in Verona Mapel Hall), Lucille Hardman, Ada Wilson, and Margaret Hawkins.

Now all that remains is the long wait while the studio develops the sensitized plates, knocks out freckles with air brushes, and applies the oils.

PERSONALS

Students who attended the Glenville-Normantown basketball game at Normantown Friday night were Margaret Hawkins, Jaunita Westfall, Nina Moore, Lucille Hardman, Betty Bodkin, Leona Williams, Mary Jean Ralston, Maxine Riddle, Janette Cunningham, Mary Hupp, Paul Jackson, Raymond Taylor, Jack Rader, and Jack Fling.

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

By Juanita Westfall

Lt. John Baker Ellis, of the Army Air Force, is spending a fifteen-day furlough in Glenville after receiving his silver wings and commission as flying officer at Big Springs Bombardier School, Texas.

Lt. Ellis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellis, of Glenville, and before entering the service attended the College. He is to return to Texas for further assignment.

Leon Reed, volunteer, left Wednesday for induction into the service. . . . Ray Watson, after receiving his commission of Ensign at Cornell University, recently spent a few days at his home in Weston. . . . AS David Carl Chapman is attending a Midshipman school at Notre Dame, Ind.

A second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal has been awarded to Second Lieut. Ernest E. Lantz for "courage, coolness and skill" while participating in bombing attacks upon German war plants and upon Nazi military defense points and communication lines in conjunction with Allied ground forces attacks in Western Europe.

Lt. Lantz is the co-pilot of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress.

Among the one hundred twenty-two men called from Gilmer County for pre-induction examination Feb. 22 are:

Lyda James Farnsworth, student in the College; Glenn Bennett, former student, and the following alumni: Arlan William Berry, George Jackson Bailey, Herbert Harlan Nottingham, Alton Vincent Peters, Jesse E. Bell, Jr., Bradford Whiting Davis, and Carlton Revere Spicer.

LETTERS OF the week: Cpl. Gerald M. Cummings writes from Belgium, "I had almost given up hope of getting the Mercury this year, but about three weeks ago five copies arrived. Since then it has been coming through regularly. In fact, I have been receiving two copies of most of the issues.

"I enjoy reading the Mercury very much. Of particular interest, of course, is the column pertaining to former members of G. S. C. who are now in the uniform of Uncle Sam.

"I know some G. S. C. fellows are in this part of the world, but I have yet to meet one that I know.

"Best of luck to all the teachers and students of the old school."

In a letter from Capt. Loren McCartney, he gives a brief summary of his activities since the time of his induction into the army to the present time. He writes:

"I was inducted at Ft. Hayes, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1942, along with one of the first groups of men to leave Gilmer County. I was assigned to Camp Wheeler, Ga., where I received basic training. . . . Upon completion of my training period there I was shipped overseas leaving San Francisco May 19, 1942. I was not assigned to any outfit but was in a detachment of infantry replacement troops. You are all aware of the condition everything was in when we arrived. The Nips had 99% of New Guinea and were coming, and fast, into the remaining sections. The "Aussies" were preparing to make a stand on the continent. The entire coast was blacked out, Jap bombers were pounding the coast towns and submarines were everywhere, sinking ships, shelling towns. I was not sent to the outfit for which I was originally scheduled to join, but was transferred to a new base that was being set up with evacuated

soldiers from the Philippines and islands to the north, many of them wounded, none of them supply men. Those first weeks were some of the toughest that I have ever spent. We worked around the clock when it was necessary but we did the job. I was still an infantry soldier and when I was commissioned I was assigned to duty with the Quartermaster Corps, but I'm still an infantryman at heart.

"I spent some time in New Guinea but I'm now and have been for some time in The Netherlands East Indies. The Japs were here when we came and some still remain but they have all of the war that they want. Almost daily we get some prisoners, starved, diseased, scared stiff, and just fed up with the whole thing. 'Tojo's Supermen' aren't very impressive, but we have run into some real tough babies at times. . . . That is just about all except that I'm now in my 33rd month of foreign service and expect to get home soon, incidentally I haven't had a day of leave since I have been in the army. "Received the Sept. 26 issue of the Mercury today, thank you, my first mail in well over a year. I see that it is up to its usual standards—an excellent college paper."

TO WM. O. WHETSELL:
If you have Sammy Williams' present address, will you send it to us, please.

College Alumnus Appointed Head Of Marietta College

Dr. William Allison Shimer, former student here and first alumnus of the College to return in the capacity of commencement speaker, has been named by the Marietta College Board of Trustees to succeed Dr. Draper T. Schoonover, who will retire in June as president, it was announced the past Wednesday.

Dr. Shimer, a well-known figure in educational circles, received the Standard Normal certificate here in 1914 and an A. B. degree at Harvard in June, 1917. In 1922 he received an M. A. degree at the University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., in the fields of religion and education, following a term in the Harvard Theological School during which he served as student assistant to the pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church, Cambridge, Mass. Following graduate work at Harvard in 1932 he received a second M. A. degree in 1934 and a second PhD in 1935. He spent a year in study abroad.

From 1926 to 1930 he was an instructor in Ohio State University, following which he moved to New York and for twelve years served as executive secretary of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and, for the same length of time, was editor of the society's magazine, The American Scholar.

Dr. Shimer served with an ambulance unit in Mesopotamia during the last war and, from March 1943 to July 1944, served as commanding officer of a Navy V-12 unit. Since that time he has been a director of Marts and Lundy, Inc., which organizes and conducts financial campaigns for colleges and community funds. He is the father of two children—Adair, serving with the WAVES in Washington, D. C., and Elliot Richmond, with the 7th Army on the Western Front.

Dr. and Mrs. Shimer will take up their residence in Marietta, July 1.

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W. A. A. NEWS

With Clark tallying 10 points, Betty Bodkin's basketball team blasted Peggy Sweeney's team 20-14, Monday night.

To cap their fifth victory, Bodkin's team had to work harder than usual as Sweeney's girls intercepted many passes and showed superior floor performance.

In the first session, Bodkin's team pulled ahead to a 7-2 lead over Sweeney's girls; and at half time the score stood 15-6. At the end of the third quarter Bodkin's girls still showed their might by retaining a 18-10 lead.

McWilliams, of the losers, captured 6 points but was led by Hall who gained 8. Clark, of the winners, was high scorer with 10 points while Hardman and Welch tallied 5 each.

Referee: Wanda Strader, senior.

This Week We Present . . .

- R—eady to help in campus activities.
- U—nfailng in the things she attempts.
- T—actful junior class member.
- H—as five lab. periods a week.
- G—raduate of Calhoun County High School.
- R—eally very popular.
- O—utstanding president of Y. W. C. A.
- V—ery good character.
- E—arns the good grades she makes.
- S—incere in her work.

Knitting Committee Praised For Work In Local Chapter

Members of the knitting committee of the Gilmer County Red Cross have received the following letter, self-explanatory, from Arthur Lee Jones, ARC field director, Twelfth Army group:

Recently in a shipment of woolen goods which arrived at this post from the States, I found quite a number of sweaters produced by your chapter. I thought you would be interested in knowing where the garments were being distributed and how they are helping to make our fighting men more comfortable during the cold season. As a matter of fact, some of the sweaters you produced have been distributed to organizations that lost their equipment in the recent hard fighting. The men were quite appreciative, and with me, they join in extending thanks for the sewing, sweaters and knitting program which you back home are carrying on.

At the moment there are several inches of snow on the ground and the weather is bitterly cold, especially for the men who drive vehicles which of necessity must continue to operate.

Cpl. Willard Britton, who has been overseas for the past eleven months, is now in the Philippines, having gone in with the first invasion forces to hit Luzon. Formerly he had served in New Caledonia, New Zealand and New Guinea. A nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Goff Rader of Glenville, Cpl. Britton is married and the father of one son, Larry. In the husband's absence, the mother and child are living in Parkersburg, where Mrs. Britton teaches.

The "Call for Phillip Morris" continues on the radio but it isn't answered in the tobacco stores.

A health expert says the only safe place to kiss a girl is on her photograph. The effect is purely negative. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above it.—Irving.

Short History Of the College Is Found In the Mercury's Work Shop

Aside from the beneficial effect from cleaning house, removal of obsolete material from a cabinet in the journalism workshop disclosed a paper, "A Brief History of Glenville State Teachers' College," by Otis Rexroad, likely written in 1937.

His "brief history" stated that the College, then in its sixty-fourth year, had grown from "a modest two-story frame building accommodating fewer than one hundred students to the status of a community serving the educational needs of more than 500 men and women each year." Presented in digest are important points of the composition:

The state legislature authorized the normal school here in 1872, which was established in 1873 under the direction of T. Marcellus Marshall, acting principal. Before being moved to a two-story frame building which stood where the older part of Administration Hall now is, classes were held in the old Courthouse, provided by local citizens. In 1885 the legislature appropriated \$5000 for a new building to replace it—now called sometimes "The Old Building," which was enlarged in 1893. It attained its present dimensions in 1909 after another appropriation.

Later improvements included the Physical Education Building, 1925; Verona Mapel Hall, 1924; President's Home, 1927; Robert F. Kidd Library, 1930; Louis Bennett Hall, 1937.

Although the Normal School was established in 1873, not until 1892 was a course in teaching theory and practice offered. The training school was not added until 1908.

From the West Coast the past week came a brief letter from Everett E. Ellison, CM 1-c, SRU, who says, among other things: "We moved up here with our repair mobile trucks to get some landing craft in shape for overseas shipment; don't know how long we'll be here, but just now there is plenty of activity, ship building, Naval service, etc. I hope Germany can be knocked out soon so we can get at the Japs in full force. . . . I am living in the YMCA because of a shortage of barracks."

Meanwhile, Ellison's wife and small daughter are living at the family home in Camden Flats Addition, Glenville.

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Many who have seen M. G. M.'s new picture, "National Velvet," have been struck by the soft beauty of color on some of the landscapes, the harmony on some of the interiors and the natural makeup.

Clarence Brown, producer, with Leonard Smith as his photographer, explored the values to be obtained by natural light sources; for example, the interior of a cottage lighted only by kerosene lamps, the light of the moon on a cold wintry night and the effect of overcast skies on a landscape.

Two members of the College Red Cross met with Miss Rose Funk, adviser, and Mrs. D. L. Haight, in the Louis Bennett Lounge Tuesday evening at 6:30 and packed sewing kits for servicemen.

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