

By Gray Barker

Gather around, dear children, and turn your cherubic, Sinatra faces toward dear papa, who alas, will try to disillusion you. You, in your innocence, likely have concluded that knowledge is power; but papa knows best; yes, children, knowledge is power, but it may be like mill stones around your necks.

To illustrate, let us take the case of "A" and "B," who, because they represent both little boys and little girls, will be sexless entities, each of whom we will identify with the masculine pronoun for expediency.

"A" and "B" went through high school together. Then they enrolled in the same college. "A" was one of those guys who knew it all already, but nevertheless thought it might be all right to go to college simply because there wasn't anything else to do, and besides one has to have a degree to get a job. "B," however, (poor soul) knew a lot and knew that he knew a good deal, but nevertheless thought that perhaps there might be something else to learn in the world. So he went to college.

Almost through college, "A" was supremely happy, had a date every night, and still was thoroughly convinced that he was the most important person in the world. But alas for "B," he, each day, found still more things he didn't know and new words he had never heard of; so he spent the most of his time in the library.

Each was finally graduated with Ph. D.'s and promptly got a teaching job in a college. "A," still was happy as a coon in a persimmon tree, was an intellectual demagogue, but (this will disillusion you) was still prosperous. "B," however, with his correct evaluation of life was unhappy. With his superior intellect he could evaluate human beings, and also; with those around him he could see that the Golden Rule was about as popular as small pox. He found out, dear friends, that it actually rained on many days following a red sky at night. Everywhere in the world he found evil and un-intelligence, but he was too good and smart to be a cynic; and as a result found himself saddened daily at new disappointments.

"A" even wrote a book that sold two billion copies. Of course "B" could have written one just as popular, but he knew himself too limited to write really well, would not bring his standard down to that of "A," whose book had been popular chiefly because of the notoriety of one of its characters, the farmer's daughter. Of course, all the time "A" thought he was much smarter than "B."

Finally "A" died and left a fortune to his children who, it is said, contested the will and buried him in a cheap coffin. "B" died and left some money to his children, too. When "B" entered the pearly gates his hand was thoroughly wrung by St. Peter, who told him he had really had a hard time of it "down there." As they were talking a robed figure rushed up and handed the gatekeeper a list of suggestions for increasing efficiency, which the latter had to take without a word to avoid trouble. He had to let "A" in, St. Peter said, because he really had been too dumb to be responsible for the upkeep of his soul while on earth.

So you see, children, you have two alternatives, blissful ignorance, or knowledge with disillusionment. We hope you take the latter.—Gray Barker.

Write a letter to your serviceman

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John Baker Ellis Is Commissioned 2nd Lt.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS.—Among the young "hell from heaven" men who have won their silver wings at the Big Spring Bombardier School was a Glenville man who graduated with Class 44-52B and received his commission as a flying officer in the Army Air Forces. He is 2nd Lt. John B. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellis, who attended Glenville State College before entering the service. Lieut. Ellis, after a leave spent with his parents and other relatives in Glenville, left yesterday to return to Texas for a new assignment. In Glenville for a few days during his stay here was his sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Ray Ellis, who works in Washington, D. C.

PFC. EDNA McQUAIN IS WAR CASUALTY; REPORTED DROWNED IN NEW GUINEA

Pfc. Edna McQuain, 41, native of Troy, is Gilmer County's twenty-sixth World War II casualty and the first woman from the county to come to her death while on duty with the U. S. forces in the present conflict. She is one of a family of eight children, all of whom are graduates of Glenville State College.

Received here over the week-end was news from the War Department, relayed by a brother, that Pfc. McQuain, WAC, was drowned February 19 in New Guinea, where she had been stationed the past few months. No details were given in a telegram received by Atty. George McQuain of Clarksburg, formerly of Glenville.

Pfc. McQuain, graduate of Troy High School and Glenville State College, taught several years at Barracksville before enlisting for service. For a time she served in a WAC recruiting center in Bluefield. She is a daughter of Mrs. Jessie Lewis McQuain, who recently has been living with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Curtis, of Flushing, N. Y. The father, T. C. McQuain, a former Gilmer County sheriff, later a prominent Troy community farmer, died about five years ago.

Surviving besides the mother are three brothers, T. B. McQuain, SRU, U. S. Navy, of Philadelphia, Sergt. Perry of the AAF, England, Atty. George of Clarksburg; four sisters, Mrs. Eunice Wise, WAC, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; Lt. Lois, WAC, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Helen Curtis of Flushing, N. Y., and Myra, Phoenix, Ariz.

Pres. Haight To Address PTA Group

Dr. D. L. Haight, president of the College, will be a principal speaker Thursday evening at a meeting of the Glenville P. T. A., when members and guests consider "The School In the Post-War Era."

In the discussion will be included such topics as (1) equal educational opportunities for all children, (2) have all students access to education? (3) social and civil service which schools will be called upon to render after the war, and (4) modern facilities for the schools in the post-war period.

Faculty to Contest Students In Benefit Basketball Game

A benefit doubleheader basketball card will be played some time after the high school sectional tournament to be held, on March 9-10, although no definite date has been set.

The double-header will feature a game between the men's faculty team and the College boys' team as well as a contest between the women's faculty team and the College girls.

Proceeds will go to the Red Cross and the College World Student Service Fund.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.—Goethe.

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.—F. D. Roosevelt.
Quality, not quantity, is my measure.—Douglas Jerrold.

DR. POWERS SPEAKS IN CHAPEL ON 'TRUE AND FALSE LIFE ESTIMATES'



Writer Rates Dr. Shimer One of the Outstanding Alumni

The appointment of Dr. William Allison Shimer, former student, as president of Marietta College caused a friend of the College, who does not wish his name mentioned, to write a letter underlining his character.

The source related how Dr. Shimer finished his Standard Normal course here in 1914 (the Lena M. Charter Class). "This class was composed of boys and girls noted for their scholastic attainments and good behavior."

Serving overseas in World War I, he was injured, but the writer could not give details. After the war he made his own way through Harvard and did four years' work in three years. He said he had more money at the time of graduation than he had when he entered. He received the A. B. degree there in June, 1917, and later the Ph. D.

He served as secretary for many years for the National Scholarship Fraternity, known as the Phi Beta Kappa, was editor of the society's magazine, "The American Scholar," noted for high standards of editing.

The correspondent remembers an interesting incident about Dr. Shimer. He was enrolled in the third term algebra to Dr. C. E. Hedrick of the Normal School (now of Marshall), and had an average of about one hundred per cent on his daily recitations and tests. When the final examination came, jokingly he said to Dr. Hedrick, "If you will give me 100 per cent on the course, I will not take the examination." But, of course, Dr. Hedrick could not let him off that way; so Dr. Shimer took (Continued on page 2)

GROVES AND COX, FIRST TO COMPLETE SWEATERS

Ruth Groves, junior, and Helen Cox, sophomore, were the first college Red Cross members to complete their sweaters. The girls finished their sweaters Thursday.

Mrs. D. L. Haight met with the members of the college Red Cross unit the past Tuesday evening in the College Lounge. She assisted the girls in knitting and Navy sewing kits were packed.

"The United Nations are united now, but for how long we do not know," Mr. White said, in declaring that we face many problems in keeping the peace.

Dr. William Powers, head of the theological department of Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, here to conduct a series of meetings at the Baptist Church, told an auditorium filled with College students and faculty, and the student body of Glenville High School Wednesday that the character of three contemporaries, Nero, Seneca, and St. Paul, could be found in mankind today.

Introduced by Mr. Hunter Whiting, who said he was glad to welcome him back (he spoke here two years ago), Dr. Powers opened his subject, "True and False Estimates of Life," by remarking:

"There are times when we have to quit dilettante attitudes toward religion. The time has come for us to be in dead earnest about religion—and I am in dead earnest this morning."

Dr. Powers conjectured answers from the three contemporaries of which he spoke to being questioned about their purposes in life. He surmised Nero would say "For me to live is power—power to dominate others even unto their lives." Neroes are not just in Europe, Asia... the lust for power shows its head in many ways."

Dr. Powers conjectured that Seneca, stoic philosopher, would answer "For me to live is to acquire knowledge." But he asked, "What is the interpretation of knowledge?" and said that Seneca had no norm for knowledge in Stoic philosophy; but instead a fatalism that grew out of his not holding to the existence of a transcendental or personal God. Relating Seneca's philosophy to the present, he said, emphatically, "There is nothing worse than an intellectual demagogue."

Speaking critically of persons who try to teach a theory out of their field of knowledge, he was opposed to teachers versed in only one field of knowledge who attempt to teach the Bible. "They should teach Biology, and let religion alone!"

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," he quoted as St. Paul's answer to the foregoing question. "Paul knew a different sort of power after he came to Christ."

Dr. Powers explained that St. Paul gave the word "power" a new connotation. He said "Knowledge can become power. It is good to know things. The next worse thing to perpetrate sin is willful and deliberate ignorance. If you have facts within grasp and fail to acquire them, you commit treason against your mind, soul and body."

Affirming that St. Paul is the most quoted man in all history, he said that he had come to explain and give a structure to what Christ came to provide.

Dr. Haight Attends Boy Scout Meeting

Dr. D. L. Haight, College president, attended the Annual Council Dinner and Meeting of the Central West Virginia Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America the past Thursday at the Masonic Temple, Clarksburg. Principal speaker at the meeting was Dr. John W. Elliot, president of Alderson-Broadbent College.

What nobler employment, or more valuable to the State, than that of the man who instructs the rising generation?—Cicero.

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OVERPAID SCHOOL TEACHERS

(From the Glenville Democrat)

The charge is often made that
our school teachers are
well paid. Some critics even go
so far as to allege that they
are too well paid. This assump-
tion is most certainly not es-
tablished by some figures re-
cently compiled by the West
Virginia School Journal, the
official organ of the West Vir-
ginia Education Association. On
this subject, the Journal
contains the following infor-
mation:

"1. Distributing the total
yearly earnings on a twelve
months basis, each teacher in
in 5 counties received a month-
ly income of \$106.50.

"2. Teachers in 12 other
counties in the lowest-salary
bracket received a monthly
wage, distributed over a pe-
riod of 12 months, of \$109.23.

"3. In the 19 counties above
referred to, the salary of the
4,215 teachers employed,
computed on a twelve months
basis, was \$111.47."

In computing the salary of a
school teacher it is an error to
base it upon the 8 or 9 months
actually spent in the school
room. A school teacher is a
professional person, he is
equipped to teach school, and
that equipment has cost him
no little sum of money. A
teacher cannot readily fall in-
to other lines of employment
for or during the few months
he is absent from the school
room. These few months are
more often taken up with spe-
cial courses and additional
training periods. And the
school teacher, like everybody
else, is entitled to a few days
vacation.

The West Virginia School
Journal points out that the sal-
aries of elementary and high
school teachers of the entire
state, numbering more than
15,000 and including principals,
coaches and vocational
instructors, average about
\$125.00 a month.

It is hard to reconcile these
meagre allowances with the
oft repeated charge that the
teachers are either well or
over paid. The present Legis-
lature did a good thing when it
made their present monthly
bonus of \$25.00, with some
further adjustments, a per-
manent thing.

TEACHER PAY

(From Clarkburg Exponent)

A prominent educator speaking
in New York the other day ex-
pressed the opinion that the edu-
cational system of the United
States needed more quality and
less quantity in its curriculum.
We heartily agree.

There is—and has been for
some time—an ill-advised concen-
tration by teachers colleges upon
the mechanical "process" of learn-
ing, without concurrent dispensa-
tion of intellectual wherewithall.
By the time this meagre fare of
learning trickles down to the ul-
timate grade and high school pu-
pil, it has become so diluted it fails
to fulfill satisfactorily the re-
quirements of modern civilization.

The blunt truth is that the
"average" college graduate is
amazingly ignorant of the princi-
ples of grammar or arithmetic,
and unless he has majored in po-
litical science, law or philosophy
has little conception of logical
thought processes. The "average"
high school graduate has absorb-
ed little more than the rudiments
of history or social progress, and
is singularly lacking in ability to
read comprehendingly or write
coherently.

For this reason the action of
Gov. Meadows in asking interim
study of the state's educational
setup, with a view to improving it
academically and financially, de-
serves only the highest praise.

The teachers of this state have
made an excellent case for an in-
crease in their basic salary rates,
and we believe they are right
when they ask for permanent
legislative correction. A contin-
uation of a so-called "bonus" mere-
ly puts off a pressing problem.

With our present salary scale it
is impossible to attract into the
school system those persons of the
intellectual capabilities desired.
The State Education Association
in pressing its claims for ade-
quate teacher salaries, asserts
that at present 2122 emergency
teaching certificates have been
granted in West Virginia. This
means we are allowing our qual-
ity teaching group to be diluted
by this amount of "watered
stock," for in the majority of
cases holders of emergency cer-
tificates are not adequately pre-
pared for the educational super-
vision of our children.

Until we can offer better pay
and the opportunity of security to
our teachers, we will constantly
find ourselves bemoaning the pre-
ponderance of quantity over qual-
ity.

Culture cannot be taught on an
assembly line basis, nor bought at
bargain prices.

Writer Rates Dr. Shimer One of the Outstanding Alumni

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the final examination and made a
score of 100.

The writer did not know the final
mark for the course, but presumed
that Dr. Hedrick marked him 99 for
the term. The school never, in the
writer's time, granted any student
100 for the final grade, no matter
how thoroughly the work was done.

"As far as my knowledge goes,
Dr. Shimer is one of the three most
scholarly graduates the school has
turned out. Dr. Shimer was a poor
boy who has made good in a scholastic
way and in other matters. There
are three or four other Glenville
graduates that are not far behind
Dr. Shimer in attainments."

The writer thought that The Mer-
cury occasionally should feature
scholastic and other achievements of
some of the outstanding alumni.

All little bees should bee-hive
well.

Seaman Stump, Mrs. Stump and Daughter



Pictured, above, are Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Stump and small daughter,
Mary Sue, in a pose taken in the South before the father, an aviation ma-
chinist's mate 1/c, left for overseas duty. Seaman Stump is a son of Mr.
and Mrs. Clarence Stump of Stumptown, and the mother is the former
Miss Mary Garrett of Wilsonburg, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gar-
rett. Stationed now in Africa, Seaman Stump is playing basketball, a sport
in which he excelled while at a naval air base in Florida. He writes that
"there are more Arabs here than there is rice in China."

Notes From . . . The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Ada K. Wilson

The newest book in the Library is
THE BEST AMERICAN SHORT
STORIES, 1944, edited by Martha
Foley. These stories are from THE
NEW YORKER, HARPER'S BA-
ZAAR, COLLIER'S, PARTISAN RE-
VIEW, ATLANTIC, and MADEMO-
ISELLE. The most significant fact
is that they were written by a new
group of writers. Some of the sto-
ries selected were: THE KNOTHOLE,
Dorothy Canfield; COME DANCE
WITH ME IN IRELAND; Shirley
Jackson; A RETURN, George Stiles;
AN AFTERNOON, Elizabeth Warren;
NEITHER HERE NOR THERE,
Ruth Portugal; OF THIS TIME OR
THAT PLACE, Lionel Trilling.

All students who have tried to
read Dante's DIVINE COMEDY
and decided that it was beyond their
understanding will appreciate Jeffer-
son B. Fletcher's article, DANTE'S
OWN COMEDY, which appeared in
the winter edition of The American
Scholar.

Featured in the February issue of
THE AMERICAN MERCURY is an
article, SOME TRUTHS ABOUT
POLAND, written by William Cham-
berlain, author of SOVIET RUSSIA,
and A FALSE UTOPIA, praises the
underground movement that the
Poles carried on during the occupa-
tion. An amusing short story,
GRANNY'S RED DRESS by Alma
Higbee also appears in this issue.
Every girl at some time in her life
has wanted a red dress and Granny
was no exception. All wanted them
for a special occasion but this oc-
casion was to be extra-special be-
cause Granny was going to meet her
favorite admirer.

MISS HAYHURST TO TEACH NUTRITION CLASS

Miss Madge Hayhurst, Home Eco-
nomics instructor in Glenville High
School, will begin a class in nutri-
tion soon. The Gilmer County chap-
ter of the Red Cross will sponsor
the class in which will be included
thirty hours of instruction and for
which college credit will be given.

ON THE CAMPUS

By Janette Cunningham

Hastings Bailey has developed
an undying hatred for dogs in
general because a little one came
along the other night and scared
his girl-friend away . . . Another
dog is reported to have made the
nightly rounds with Chas. Flu-
harty, even down to staying all
night with him. The puppy didn't
know that "two's a company and
three's a crowd."

Quite interesting was a discus-
sion of insanity and criminals in
Sociology class last Wednesday
morning . . . Homer Paul Heckert,
resident of the Weston State Hos-
pital grounds, at one point drew
himself up proudly and stated
that "only the BEST criminals"
were sent to Weston . . . Later
on, H. P. H. made the statement
that there are more women than
men in insane institutions, Cry-
stalene Lydick promptly told him,
"The men drive 'em crazy." . . . If
late for class (8:30 a. m.), one is
classified as delinquent . . . "Crime
and Delinquency" is the name of
the class . . . Students looked hope-
ful when Dr. Shreve observed
that very few College graduates
become criminals.

The chorus girls for the Gay
Nineties Revue, McIntosh, Heck-
ert, Brannon and Weaver, can
hardly wait to try on their little
skirts now in the making . . . Ray
Brannon should fit well, consid-
ering that he's a well-known figure
where the outfits are being made.

Mother—Good heavens, Hilda!
Do you know how to cook a squad?
Junior is bringing one home for
dinner."

The girl of today is as good as the
one of 40 years ago—provided she
isn't the same girl.

OFF THE REEL

By Gray Barker

"And New Tomorrow," showing
tonight and tomorrow, exhibits Alan
Ladd, the cause of many gals'
swoons, as a doctor, and Loretta
Young as the girl in the "Boy Meets
Girl" theme. This time she is either
deaf or blind—our files are gone on
this one—and it is Ladd, of course,
who cures her. One reviewer says
the following about the pix:

"A sensitive, fine-grained film
version of Rachel Field's best-selling
novel of the same name, this
treads that rare, highly-desirable
middle road which permits its being
appraised as an extremely adult job
of production that still possesses all
of the recognized elements to assure
wide mass appeal . . . The result is
a picture which men will enjoy
thoroughly and which women will
acclaim as a "musn't miss."

The reason most colored cartoons
break at least once before getting
completely through the Pictureland
film smashers is that these releases
are usually old, in bad physical con-
dition. Also the small reels on which
they are mounted make them more
likely to break than if they were on
larger ones (2000 ft.) as are feature
pictures.

We should be getting a look at
"Rainbow Island" here before long.
Dorothy wears the sarong again,
which reminds us to quip "Is it sa-
wrong to wear a sarong? One of
her first sarong specials was "The
Hurricane," in which all that noise
of the wind was actually made by a
blow torch. It was the only noise-
making device that would produce
the sound the engineers thought
necessary.

A local merchant made Glenville
a bit more "big time" by placing
sheet music on sale the past week.
It's the first sheet music that has
been sold here in a long time.

Some of the three-hour pictures
may become an hour shorter and
pictures will be fewer in number as
a result of a cut in raw stock (un-
exposed film) by the War Produc-
tion Board. Probably it's a good
thing, we think, as we look at the
running time of some of the current
crop, i. e.: "Objective Burma," two
hours, twenty-two minutes; "The
Keys of the Kingdom," two hours,
seventeen minutes; "For Whom the
Bell Tolls," two hours, thirty-eight
minutes; "Thirty Seconds Over To-
kyo," two hours, twenty-eight min-
utes.

Mercury bed-time note: "And
Now Tomorrow," discussed in this
column, has been removed from the
Pictureland schedule. We're not
sure, but we think "Heaven Can
Wait" has been booked in its place.

This Week We Present . . .

By Homer Paul Heckert

G—ood as a playwright.
R—iffle is his home.
A—lways ready with a pun.
Y—es, he is the tallest boy in
school.

B—ecame co-editor of the "Mer-
cury" the past fall.

A—mbitious junior class mem-
ber.

R—emained out of school one se-
mester to help with farm
work.

K—eeps up with the cinema.

E—ager to finish college.

R—oscoe is his other name.

Lady (at almond counter)—"Who
attends to the nuts?"

Wise Guy—"Be patient, I'll wait
on you in a minute."

Fluff—"What wartime occupa-
tion are you pursuing?"

Muff—"Well, right now it's a
Lieutenant."

Weekly Round-up In Sports

By Jack Rader

In spite of losing all but four of the original squad at the first of the season, Marshall's Big Green stayed on the victory path by crushing West Va. Tech 83-49 Tuesday. Captain Bill Hall and Andy Tonkavich each collected 25 points. Salem, meanwhile, invaded the independent ranks and trimmed the Stalnaker Independents of Clarksburg.

Upsets were the order of the day on the national basketball scene. Army's great team, after winning 27 straight games, was outscored by the oft-beaten U. of Pennsylvania Quakers. DePaul, the national leader, dropped a surprise game to Great Lakes, but still kept their top rating. Other upsets were: Consensus victory over City College of New York, Marquette's 56-55 win over Notre Dame, Illinois' win over Ohio State, North Carolina's conquest of Duke and Brown's defeat of Rhode Island State.

The Southeastern basketball tourney opens on Thursday on the Louisville armory, with seven teams entering. The Kentucky Wildcats are the pre-tourney favorites, but they face stern competition from Tennessee and Georgia Tech.

Baseball will definitely be played this summer, but as a result of the recent meeting between President Ford Frick of the National League, Pres. Will Harridge of the American League, War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes and Defense Transportation Director J. Monroe Johnson, there will be some small but important changes. The teams agreed not to play exhibition games except to entertain service personnel and the schedules will be revised so as to curtail travel. The World Series will be held only in the event that war conditions permit, and the All-Star game, to have been played in Boston in July, was cancelled.

Willie Pep successfully defended his feather-weight boxing title the past Monday by winning a fifteen round decision from Phil Teiranova. Pep, who will soon reenter the Army, is recognized as champ in three states, while the National Boxing Association recognizes Sol Bartolo of Boston.

Bits of this and that . . . Sammy Sneed is improving every day as a golfer, to put it mildly . . . Temple and Penn State battled two hours and twenty minutes (five extra periods) in a recent basketball game.

The big question last week among track officials was: When will Gunder Haag and Haakon Lidman, the Swedish runners, arrive in this country?

Big Al Blozis, former U. of Georgetown All-American football star and later of the pro New York Giants, is reported missing in the European theater of war.

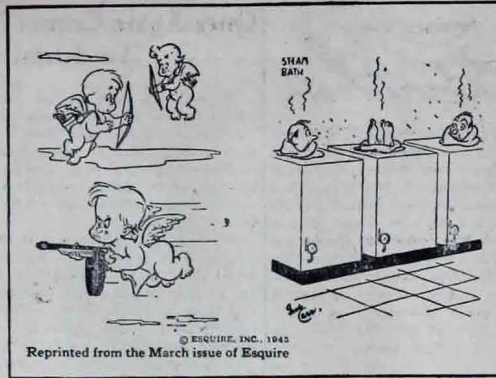
"Pepper" Martin, former St. Louis Cardinal baseball star, has arrived on the West Coast to take charge of the San Diego team of the Pacific Coast League.

RUTH GROVES IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF Y. W. C. A.

Ruth Groves, junior, was re-elected president of the College Y. W. C. A. for the second semester in a meeting Wednesday evening in the Louis Bennett Lounge.

Other officers elected were: Ellen Welch, vice president; Imogene Wimer, secretary; Blondena Fitzpatrick, treasurer.

Mr. John E. Wagner, faculty adviser of the College Y. M. C. A., discussed the present day racial relations. He gave a brief account of his contacts with Negroes the past summer during his trip to Great Lakes. He advocated a better relationship with other races.



NEARBY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BRIEFS

This week and next will find high school teams throughout the state hard at work in preparation for the sectional tournaments next weekend (March 9-10). However, there are still a few games to be played on the season's schedule to keep the boys keyed up for the tournament.

The Central West Virginia Conference will wind up its activities this week with a few games which will not change the final standing of the teams very much.

Normantown defeated Gassaway last night at Normantown, and will finish out their season on Friday at home against Troy.

The Glenville Red Terrors will travel to West Union tonight for a return game with the Doddridge Countians, and on Thursday the Terrors will close their season at Gassaway.

Another non-Conference affair tonight will find Jane Lew invading the lair of the Sand Fork Lions.

Two Braxton County rivals, Sutton and Burnsville, will clash to-

night at Sutton.

In this county, Troy and Tanner will play tonight in a battle of the "Little Giants." Earlier in the season, Troy was able to defeat Tanner by 12 points, but since then the latter has improved steadily and many people will not be surprised if they turn the tables on the Troy five.

On Thursday, Tanner will meet Walton at home and should win.

A Friday game will find Sutton playing at Sand Fork in the last game for the Lions, who will be out to avenge a surprise defeat at the hands of the Blue Devils on the Sutton floor earlier in the season.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Weston 62, Glenville 55 (non-conference).

Spencer 49, Glenville 57.

Normantown 55, Tanner 46.

Spencer 52, Sand Fork 42 (non-conference).

Gassaway 43, Walkersville 35.

Tanner 53, Walkersville 35.

Sutton 49, Cowen 16.

Sutton 61, Troy 47.

FROM THE MERCURY'S FILES

By Mary Jean Ralston

1939—Coach A. F. Rohrbough said yesterday afternoon Glenville State Teachers College had definitely been invited to participate in the National Intercollegiate Tournament at Kansas City, Mo.

Seniors and members of the College faculty went into a huddle here the past week and conducted their annual election of campus personalities. Richard Dyer was elected most outstanding senior; Marjorie Craddock was voted the most attractive girl.

1940—In this corner is Billy Karantonis, the College freshman from Colcord, who used his "left to the jaw and right to the chest" to pound his way to the top a few years ago in the State amateur boxing rings.

Olive Myers, a junior, of Glenville, was the only student in the College to make a straight A-grade for the first semester. More than 400 students were enrolled.

1941—Nearly 700 fans packed the Pioneer gymnasium last night to watch the White Wave of Glenville add a 43-42 victory over Wesleyan's Bobcats and gain the undisputed lead in the West Virginia conference.

Helen McElwee has the only undefeated basketball team playing in the round robin after defeating Nina Snyder 16-15 Tuesday night in the gymnasium. Jean McMillian was beaten by Teresa Butcher, 8-5.

1942—Johnny Born and his 7-piece orchestra and girl vocalist of Clarksburg, one of the top night bands in West Virginia for the past five years, will present a program of music at a semi-formal dance.

Archie Ellis, photographer, of Weston, was on the campus yesterday taking group pictures for the

Regional Director For Girl Scouts



Miss Agnes E. Jones is the new director of Girl Scouting in the states of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, known as the Kenova Region, it is announced by Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, Girl Scout national director. Miss Jones succeeds Miss Ruth Schroeder, who has joined the staff at Girl Scout national headquarters in New York City, as assistant to the head of the Field Division. Miss Jones is well known in the region, having served as training adviser in this area for the past year. She is a graduate of the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn., and has done graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, as well as special study at various Girl Scout national training schools. A former volunteer worker in the organization, Miss Jones has served as leader of a Senior Girl Scout troop. In her new work as regional director of Girl Scouting, Miss Jones will work with the volunteer organization directing the activities of the 78,000 Scouts in the three states under her jurisdiction. The Girl Scout national branch office for the Kenova Region is in Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAN CRAWFORD TO ATTEND CLARKSBURG MEETING

Dean Robert T. Crawford plans to attend a meeting of the State Nutrition Committee tomorrow at the Waldo Hotel, Clarksburg. Deans of all the state colleges are to attend the meeting, which is being held for the purpose of working out a plan for teaching of health and nutrition for prospective teachers.

Finally he bends his tie pin and fishes for it. Abbott plays his side of it straight.

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Lt. John Barnett May Be Liberated From Sagan Prison

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Barnett, formerly of Glenville, now of Charleston, have received some encouragement that their son, Lieut. John Barnett, Air Forces pilot, may be among the Nazi held prisoners of war released when the Russian Army captured Sagan prison territory in the drive toward the German capital.

News of the capture of the camp in which Lieut. Barnett had been held prisoner was confirmed this week, though a Canadian broadcast Tuesday night said Canadian and English prisoners had been liberated but made no mention of any American flyers.

Young Barnett, whose father is a former Gilmer County Clerk, was captured by the Nazi forces November 9, 1942, after his plane was shot down in a bombing mission over Europe. Two other Charleston men are reported to have been made prisoners in the same camp with Lieut. Barnett.

Y. M. C. A. MEETS, ONLY TWO MEMBERS PRESENT

Only two members of the College chapter of the Y. M. C. A. met at the home of Mr. John R. Wagner, adviser, Wednesday evening. At the meeting, plans were made for a program at 6:00 p. m. in Louis Bennett Lounge on Tuesday, March 6.

Political Speaker — "What we need is a working majority and then—"

A Voice—"Better reverse it, mister. What we really need is a majority working."

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

By Juanita Westfall

Paul Jackson, freshman, is called to take his physical examination for the service March 1.

Leon Reed, who left here Feb. 14 for induction into the U. S. Forces, has been assigned to the Infantry and is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Ernest E. Lantz, co-pilot of a B-17, now has three Oak Leaf Clusters to his Air Medal.

Bennett Stump, aviation machinist's mate 1/c, is presently stationed in Africa. Before going overseas, he was at a naval air base at Jacksonville, Fla.

Carl Danley, who is with the U. S. Army, has moved into the Philippine Islands after having spent about two years in New Guinea.

Clem "Buck" Jamison, with the Infantry in Belgium, has been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. Before entering the service, Lt. Jamison was coach at Point Pleasant High School. His home is in Glenville.

The Mercury received a card this week from Cpl. Harley B. Roger, who is stationed in Holland, expressing his thanks for the Mercury. On the card was a drawing of a peasant tilling the soil by Vincent Von Gogh.

A letter was received this week from Pfc. Edmund B. Bragg. He writes: "I wish to express my sincerest appreciation for copies of the Mercury which I have welcomed about as much as a letter from home. That, I must add, is saying a lot. Although many names are new to me, I still enjoy being kept informed of the progress and improvements of Glenville State College which I plan to enter again when the war is over. Also it is quite helpful in keeping me informed of former classmates now all over the world.

"Presently I'm a short distance behind the lines for a few hours rest and a shower, the first in seventy days. I've been in Germany most of the time since I arrived in the European Theater of Operations. We felt severe pressure from Von Rundstedt's counter offensive but with difficulty we held fast along with several other units in our sector.

"Just now the weather is a bigger obstacle than the fortifications of the enemy. The snow is more than two feet and drifted terribly. It seems that it will continue to get worse as it is still snowing. Progress is likely to be very slow until the weather becomes milder.

"I want to thank you again for the Mercury and I'll be looking forward to receiving every individual copy in the future."

SOME ADDRESSES ARE:

Pvt. James Shumate, 15170874, Anti Tank Co., 114th Inf., APO 44, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

Egbert Molloy, S 1/c, USCGR, Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Fla.

Eddie Chapman, RM 2/c, Div. 2, Box 12, Navy 115, c/o PPO, New York, N. Y.

Lt. (jg) Fred Madison Whiting, Jr., USS Vincennes, c/o PPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Lt. (jg) Charles E. Wilson, USNR, USS Endurance, AMC 77, Navy 116, c/o PPO, New York, N. Y.

From headquarters of the Twelfth Air Force in Italy comes word that the B-25 Mitchell bombardment group to which Corporal Olen E. Berry, Glenville, W. Va., is serving as an aircraft mechanic, has been cited again by the War Department

as a Distinguished Unit, this time for the sinking of the Italian cruiser Taranto in La Spezia harbor September 23. Carried out without loss of aircraft and with no casualties despite a formidable concentration of anti-aircraft guns, the brilliant attack frustrated German attempts to move the Taranto into position to block the entrance of this vital harbor. The group was previously cited as a Distinguished Unit for outstanding close support missions flown in Tunisia and Sicily in favor of the British Eighth and American Fifth and Seventh armies.

Preinduction Call No. 25 has been received at the office of the local Selective Service Board. Thirty men will be required to fill this call, bringing the total preinduction number to 152 for the month. Thirty-four men were called for induction this month, bringing the grand total of men called for February to 186.

Registrants answering this last call will report to the office of the local draft board on Wednesday, February 28. This group will leave Glenville at 2:30 p. m. via the West Virginia Transportation Company, arriving at Parkersburg at 5:30. At 7:00 the journey will be resumed, arriving at Huntington by special train at 10:30 for examinations on the following day. Lunch will be served on the trip out at the K & B Restaurant, Parkersburg.

The following named persons registered for the draft during the month of December:

Hoy Norman Stout, Burnsville; Arden Paul Law, Cox's Mills; George Jackson Bailey, Glenville; Densil Clyde Garton, Troy; Thomas D. Brannon, Glenville.

The following were registered during the month of January, 1945:

Alva Royce Sandy, Glenville; Robert Dean Murphy, Glenville; Lemman Otto Turner, Normantown; Cleo Jack Bonnett, Cox's Mills; Ben Franklin Dobbins, Orton; Russell Bryan Duclley, Orton; Robert James Putnam, Stout's Mills; Charles Eugene Moss, Orton; Delbert Wilfong, Glenville.

Reporter Gets 'Child's-Eye' View Of War From Training School Pupil

Wednesday noon, coming up College Hill, we interviewed an important person—important in that he represents tomorrow's citizen of Glenville—and got what likely constitutes a child's-eye view of the war.

Of course not knowing that what he was saying was strictly ON the record, Billy Bell Lorentz, seven-year-old pupil in grade two of the training school and son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lorentz accosted us with "Can you guess how much we had in stamps today?"

Deducting he meant war stamps that elementary pupils buy every Wednesday, "Stamp Day," we made a few guesses, hoping they were not too large, whereupon "Billy Bell," as he is called in the classroom to distinguish him from another "Billy," proudly stated, "\$11.45. We beat the fourth grade this week."

We made some kind of a remark about getting the money back when the war was over, and he said, "I hope soon this war is over, don't you?"

Of course we answered in the affirmative.

"I wish it were over so I could have some fun. My daddy could teach me to swim. I'll go swimming every summer."

"Where is your father?"

"He's working in a war plant—"

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Orville J. White of Glenville are announcing the birth of a son in the Weston City Hospital, February 22. The baby, a first child, weighed eight pounds and six ounces and has been named William Richard. The mother is the former Miss Edna Stump, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Stump of Calhoun County, and is a former employee of the Glenville Democrat. The father, an alumnus of Glenville State College and former teacher at Troy, is employed in the local office of the West Fork Soil Conservation District. Mrs. Ida B. White of Cox's Mills is the paternal grandmother.

W. A. A. NEWS

Because of the Weston-Glenville basketball game which was held in the gymnasium, Monday night, the W. A. A. girls did not meet the past week. The girls will meet sometime this week to play their seventh game of the ten games scheduled.

The standing of the teams at the present time: Bodkin 5 wins, Sweeney 1 win. To tie the score Sweeney's team will have to win the remainder of the games to be played.

Following is an all-W. A. A. basketball team as polled by Jackson, Rader, and Brannon:

Forwards: Welch, Clark, and Hardman; guards: Moore, Stalnaker, E. R. Ellyson.

The sports for the remainder of the semester will start as soon as the basketball games are completed.

All W. A. A. girls should pay their dues to Edna Ruth Ellyson immediately.

Fair Customer—"I'd like to try on that one over there."

Salesman—"I'm sorry lady, but that is the lampshade."

Lawyer—"You mean to imply that Mandy then cut his acquaintance?"

Witness—"Wusser dan dat, suh! She cut his throat."

Once Again Comes Age-Old Proposal To Eliminate the State Colleges

Proposal was made in the state legislature the past Wednesday for the abandonment of five West Virginia colleges, one of which would be Glenville State College, and their transfer to the federal government for veterans' hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

Proposed by Delegate Wright Huggins, of Ohio County, the measure would allow the governor to lease or sell all government-owned buildings and lands at Fairmont State, West Liberty State, Shepherd State, and Concord and here, providing arrangements were made to transfer the students to institutions of comparable caliber. Long discussed at legislative sessions has been the consolidation of some of the state's ed-

ucational institutions, but no action has ever been taken.

Commenting on the proposal, Dean Robert T. Crawford stated the past week that "I take the measure with no seriousness. . . . Any one of the Colleges has enough support that there is no immediate danger. The bill has no administrative backing."

Said Pres. D. L. Haight, "I do not favor the bill. . . . All the colleges will continue to render good service. Glenville is so situated that it serves a great many people living in rural sections and it is seventy-five miles to the nearest college, at Fairmont. Glenville State College has, and will continue, to serve a good purpose in the field of education."

Says Education Must Be Aimed At "A Full Life and Human Satisfaction"

"One of the most popular pastimes among educators today is attacking education. . . . Yet the most devastating attack which could possibly be made on education, as we have known it, is to be found on the front page of any newspaper. It consists of battles and battle machines. . . . and of the vast resources of earth poured out to accomplish death." Such is a statement made by Mr. Curtis Baxter, former Glenville College instructor and now of Marshall College, in a magazine article entitled "Living Our Education," appearing in the February issue of the West Virginia School Journal.

"The worst feature of the attack," states Mr. Baxter, "is that there is no argument to bring up for the defense. . . . We know to our sorrow where education has failed or fallen short. . . . We need to remind ourselves of what a liberal education means. It is a 'free man's' cultural equipment which enables him to lead community thought through refined character and judgment. . . . Herein lies the gift of the humanities—a clear power of evaluating a purpose in life instead of being swayed by the lure of material success. Our educational aims must be high enough to correct such mistaken conceptions by balancing humanistic virtues with vocational guidance.

"Looking into the future, those of

us who teach see a great awakening ahead in which vocational skills and character and the humanities are shaken in a conglomerate mass. . . . we shall see that if a full life is the aim of education, it will bring forth fruit after its kind, with abundance of the world's goods and of what is even more important—human satisfaction.

"We are being forced by the exigencies of the times to create in earthly form the world of our dreams, instead of a world limited, hidebound, frustrated, distorted. As we more and more LIVE our ideals, we shall design an ever higher system of education, and this higher education, in turn, will produce an ever-larger life."

AIR-MAIL CONCERN MAY EXPAND ITS SERVICES

All-American Aviation, Inc., which operates the pick-up air-mail system through Glenville and more than a score of other West Virginia towns and cities is filing an application with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, D. C., for a permit to operate similar routes through the states of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

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It is folly to expect men to do all that they may reasonably be expected to do.—Whately.