

MERCURY MUSINGS

By Gray Barker

IF NOT A comic and a rotogravure section, THE MERCURY can boast a world-wide circulation. From the wide expanses of the Pacific to the European front our paper, sometimes slow, is finding its way through all the maze of wartime mail transportation. About two hundred copies are sent weekly to former students now in the armed services, and if you don't think they're appreciative, just look at their letters in Juanita Westfall's column. In the U. S. the Mercury also gets around, from Denton, Texas, to New York City!

WE SUPPOSE that sometime in everyone's life he or she has thought about the desirability of being a member of the opposite sex. Personally we would like to be a College girl for about five minutes some day coming up the steps from Kanawha Hall. We would be equipped with a forty-five revolver, and when some College man grabbed our heel to trip us—BANG!

WHAT THE STAFF forgot to cover: The Modern European History class studying how Turkey was carved. . . . Madeline Nutter at town without her glasses. . . . "The Rains Came" at the Pictureland, and the rains that came on the Campus the following day. . . . Peggy Sweeney kicking a poor helpless (?) boy out of class. . . . Lucille Hardman, who wrapped about two yards of string around a certain College boy's class ring in order to make it fit. Could this lead to bigger and better rings? . . . The smell of paint, which recently has died down considerably in the freshly-painted classrooms. . . . Jack Rader's imitation of Frank Sinatra in the Sophomore assembly Wednesday—which caused the coeds to scream violently when he had finished. . . . He also imitated Jack Rader successfully.

PRESIDENT D. L. HAUGHT summed the situation up pretty well recently when he said, "There is no one who believes in having fun any more than I do—but I think there is also a time to be serious. . . . a time for everything." We must still remember that we are pretty lucky to be in college when lots of places people are not so fortunate as that. We can't go through College on a joke any more than we can with a dead-pan face and a nose in the book all the time. Apparently the best thing would be to strike a happy medium.

COLLEGE STUDENTS are peculiar in one way. Sometimes they are downright uncourteous to each other, saying things they never would say if they were "out in the world." . . . If we are doing such to compensate for a feeling of inferiority, wouldn't it be better to substitute some socially-approved mechanism for the pugnacity some of us may exhibit. (Laugh) we might even develop a vocabulary.

THE MERCURY gets a little of about everything through the mail. Latest brochure is from the "Horse and Mule Association of America, Inc. (Formerly Horse Association of America)." It is headed "Don't Sell the Farm Horse Short!" Then follows "Some Objections to Horses Answered." "Some Disadvantages in Using Tractors," and wisdom that includes the following: "The horse provides a big chance for any young man to start farming. . . . no depreciation. . . . The horse can do a lot of jobs the tractor can't. . . . doesn't always need a driver, such as when going through gates, husking corn, delivering. . . . milk." (We have yet to see a horse deliver milk without a driver.) The booklet concludes, "Some friend may like to read this—please pass it on."

The First Easter

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment as white as snow.

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and behold, he goeth before into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the

feet, and worshipped him.

Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.—St. Matthew, Chapter 28.

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Sophomores Offer Assembly Program Here Wednesday

Members of the sophomore class exhibited their capacity as entertainers Wednesday morning when they presented their annual convocation program in the College auditorium.

Lydia Farnsworth, Master of Ceremonies, introduced the following entertainers:

(1) Grover Weaver and Raymond Taylor, who imitated two drunks, the former reciting a monologue.

(2) Ada Wilson, who read two original poems.

(3) Jack Rader, who did imitations of Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Rudy Vallee, and Perry Como. He also sang (in his own voice) "My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time," and, as an encore, "Poor Little Rhode Island."

(4) Katherine Hall, dressed to represent a 13-year-old girl, who recited a reading, "Sub Deb," an argument with a mother about her wardrobe.

(5) Janet Boggs, who after repeated interruptions when she asked, "Can I do mine now?" played on the piano the first few notes of "Climo Sunday" near the end of the performance.

(6) The entire class, who sang a class song composed by Janet Boggs and set to the music of "Pistol Packin' Mama."

Choral Club Sings At YW-YM Meeting

The Choral Club, under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Olsen, instructor in music, sang at a combined meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock in the College Lounge. The Club sang "Victory," "God Save the People," and "Consider the Lilies." The Rev. Gilbert Moore led devotions.

A short business meeting followed, at which the Area Conference of the Student Christian Movement, to be held at Jackson's Mill April 27, 28 and 29, was discussed. Helen Cox, devotional chairman, and Jack Rader were chosen to represent the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. respectively.

The College chapter of the Y. W. C. A. will have charge of devotional at the Conference on Sunday morning from 7 to 7:30 a. m.

He who honestly instructs reverences God.—Mohammed.

JACKSON TO TAKE PRE-INDUCTION EXAM

Paul Jackson, freshman, will leave Wednesday to report for a pre-induction examination on Thursday at Huntington. Jackson was called about a month ago, but the examination was canceled because of floods. He will attempt to get a deferment until the end of the present semester.

College to Again Hold Joint Program For Graduations

For the second consecutive time, the College will hold a combined Baccalaureate-Commencement ceremony, to be held on Sunday, May 27, when at least thirty persons will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree, it has been announced by Pres. D. L. Haught and Dean R. T. Crawford.

A speaker for the occasion has not been named and other details of the program are yet to be announced. A list of seniors will appear soon.

Dr. Haught Invited To Social Clinic At Jackson's Mill

Dr. D. L. Haught, College president, has been invited to be a delegate to the State Social Action Clinic to be held at Jackson's Mill April 11, 12 and 13 under auspices of the Department of Peace, The West Virginia Council of Churches and Christian Education and the Extension Service, West Virginia University.

Registration will begin Wednesday, April 11, at 3 p. m., and the meeting will begin with dinner at 6 p. m. on that day. It will close at 3 p. m. on Friday.

REMINDER!!

The Easter recess will begin Thursday noon, March 29, and will end Tuesday, April 3, at 8 p. m. Dean Robert T. Crawford announces that, as has been the rule, students' absences the day before and the day following the recess will be counted double unless previous arrangements have been made.

Dean Crawford also announces that mid-semester marks are to be in by or before Thursday noon.

'GAY NINETIES' REVUE GOES ON THE ROAD AS A RED CROSS BENEFIT

\$189 COLLECTED ON CAMPUS FOR RED CROSS

As the Mercury goes to press, \$189.00 has been collected for the current Red Cross drive on the campus, according to Miss Erma Edwards and Miss Rose Funk, College solicitors.

Music Department Will Give Chapel Program Tomorrow

The College music department, under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Olsen, will have charge of assembly tomorrow at 10 a. m. when the Glee Club will lead the audience in singing several popular songs and when, as guest soloist, Miss Eleanor C. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. White, will play two groups of violin selections.

Miss White's numbers will include: "Sonata IV in D major," Handel, (a) Adagio, (b) Allegro, (c) Larghetto, (d) Allegro; "Slavonic Dance, G minor No. 1," Dvorak; "Spanish Serenade," Chamade; "Poeme," Fichib; "Hungarian Idyl," Keler-Bela.

Songs to be sung by the Glee Club and audience include: "Oh, What A Beautiful Morning," "Sweet and Lovely," "When the Boys Come Home," "Saturday Night Is the Loneliest Night in the Week," "My Buddy," "My Dreams Are Getting Better Every Day," "I'll Get By," and "Easter Parade." Sheets with words to the songs will be distributed to the audience.

The program will be opened with the national anthem and the flag pledge. Miss Olsen will accompany Miss White and Glee Club accompanist will be Miss Jean Nottingham, freshman.

Several College girls visited their homes the past week-end, among them Mary Friend, Chapel; Betty and Imogene Wimer, Crawford; Marian Means, Camden; Evelyn Finster and Isabelle Clark, Weston; Peggy Sweeney, Clendenen.

Paul Jackson and Hastings Bailey, freshmen, went to Spencer Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Spier, College dietitian, was a week-end shopping visitor in Clarkburg.

Members of the cast of "The Gay Nineties Revue," under the direction of the Student Council, will continue efforts in behalf of the current Red Cross drive, when they go on the stage for the third time, this time at the Tanner High School auditorium at 8:15 p. m. tonight.

The past Wednesday a cold rain and swollen streams did not prevent a large crowd from filling the seats of the Troy High School auditorium and giving \$48.15 to the Red Cross as voluntary contributions, when the cast made its first out-of-town appearance.

A reading by Mr. Hunter Whiting, presented here in the original performance, was omitted from the program because of his illness, and conflicting engagements prevented Mr. H. Y. Clark and the Rev. T. N. Bennett from appearing with the Barbershop Quartet; their places were filled by Mr. Stanley Hall and Mr. H. L. White. Before the regular program Dean Robert T. Crawford, chairman of the Red Cross Speakers' Bureau, addressed the audience on the need for Red Cross contributions; and Peggy Sweeney and Helen Wright, teacher in Tanner Grade School and pianist for the entire performance, sang the official song of the Red Cross, "Angels of Mercy."

Permanent changes in the program include an additional number by Nina Moore, "Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home" (black-face), and two additional numbers by Charles Berry and Peggy Sweeney.

An invitation has been received from Sand Fork and Normantown high schools for performances there, which will probably be given after the Easter recess.

ARE VISITORS HERE

Mrs. Alyce B. Cox, Miss Mary Alice Wagner and Miss Virginia Hupp, teachers in Grantsville, Cairo and Clay High Schools respectively, were week-end visitors in Glenville.

Mr. Hunter Whiting, instructor in English, was unable to meet his classes Wednesday because of illness.

Charles McIntosh spent the week-end at his home at Walkersville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White and daughter Eleanor and Mr. Carry Woolter were in Fairmont Thursday.

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THE EASTER SERVICES

Even if you are not decidedly pious, it might do you good to attend an Easter service next Sunday. It doesn't really matter where or at what church you find it convenient to go, because especially at Easter you will find in any you attend a certain spirit that will make you feel better and more at peace with the world, that is a sort of common denominator of goodness and peace.

At this page in the heavy volume of the world's history, everyone is living a life foreign to normal, in a time when the blues is no respecter of persons. If once in a while one can apply a balm to the chafed feelings the ugly things of today bring about, if one can obtain only a momentary spiritual peace, attending such a service should prove worthwhile.

The spirit of Easter, like so many of the other beautiful things in our lives, is fleeting. But if for a moment one can capture it, he is left with that same kind of peaceful satisfaction the men at the tomb had when the angels said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee."

So go to church next Sunday, if at all possible. You may hear it in the music, the hush before the benediction, something the preacher says; but you will surely find it, if you look for it—and when you do you will feel a moment of inspiration, and throughout many days thereafter feel a satisfaction that at last you have sensed the true significance of Easter.—Gray Barker.

CALHOUN COUNTY H. S. PAPER RECEIVES AWARD

"The Clarion," official school paper of the Calhoun County High School, recently received a "Distinguished High School Publication" award in the 23rd annual State-Wide Competition of Newspapers and News-Periodicals published by students in West Virginia high schools, conducted by West Virginia University.

Mrs. Alyce B. Cox, faculty adviser and College graduate, announces that once before, in 1934, the paper was in receipt of a similar award.

ON THE CAMPUS

By Janette Cunningham

CLASS TOURNEY at GHS last week was attended by such notables as Betty Campbell, Ola Satterfield, Emma Carson, Fonda Wellings, Bob Murphy, the Hardman-Moore twosome, Jack Rader (of course), Lyda Farnsworth, Paul Jackson, Jack Fling and others. . . . Betty Bodkin battled in guard position for her Senior class. . . . Referee for the girls' games was Wanda "31" Strader.

SIDELIGHTS from the Troy presentation of the "Gay 90's Revue" . . . Mr. Earl R. Boggs' "breaking down" with laughter during one Barbershop quartet number . . . Could the reason have been that next to him stood Coach "Joe" Hall wearing a derby hat at least FIVE sizes TOO BIG???

Charles Berry, in desperation at the last minute to get in a little practice and knowing that since the auditorium was filled the piano off-stage couldn't be used to practice with, turned to a stage hand and said, "Go see if there isn't another piano somewhere!" Queried the stagehand, "Do you mean in some other room in the high school?" The desperate vocalist's prompt reply, "I mean in TROY!" . . . Chorus girls (?) had much less trouble with their costumes than at the initial presentation . . . P. S. There was another piano in Troy.

WEBSTER MUST have had something!! Chas. McIntosh insists in spending every spare minute at Council meetings reading (we think) the dictionary . . . So persistent is he that he now is nearing the middle of the huge volume and someone has suggested that if he is on the Student Council next year, he should have no trouble completing his word study from A to Z. . . . But with the vocabulary he'll have won't be able to understand him . . . or be understood by him, for that matter???

SEEN AND HEARD on the campus . . . Pessimist H. Bailey singing "You've gotta accentuate the NEGATIVE!" . . . They say that Janet Boggs' relating of the love scene from "Romeo and Juliet" in Shakespeare class Friday was a classic of romantic oratory.

Lt. Bradley Speaks To Spencer Club

Lt. Ruby Bradley, a former student of the Army Nurse Corps, who recently was released from a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines, told 138 people of her experiences there in an address before the Spencer Lions Club recently.

In her talk the repatriated nurse declared "Yankee ingenuity" was an attribute that provided not only the essentials of life while in the prison camp, but many personal comforts. She said early days of internment were difficult until civilians organized their camp life.

She explained how fellow prisoners exhibited ingenuity by planting victory gardens, producing camp broadcasts, shows, and other entertainment, and even making a pair of false teeth of aluminum for one of the prisoners.

Miss Bradley was in Glenville recently but was unable to take time to visit on the campus.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Because of the Easter vacation which begins Thursday, the Mercury will not be published next week, April 3. Regular publication will be resumed with the April 10 issue.

AMERICAN HEROES

by JULIAN OLLENDORFF



EVERY purchaser of a War Bond gives up something to aid his fellowmen with the same spirit that Pfc. William P. Bowes of West Roxbury, Mass., showed in risking his life to save a comrade on a Pacific Island, though in a lesser degree. Though previous attempts to reach three wounded men had failed, Pfc. Bowes crawled through the jungle in the face of intense enemy fire and dragged one of the men 35 yards to cover. The action won him a Silver Star.

U. S. Treasury Department

Notes From . . . The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Ada K. Wilson

The latest book in the library is John Steinbeck's CANNERY ROW. This book like so many of Steinbeck's has its setting in Monterey County, California. Within Cannery Row are the sardine fisheries, the grocery store of Lee Chong, the Palace Flophouse and the Grill, which is always the meeting place of Mack and his gang. There is the busy house presided over by Dora, the orange-haired madam. And there is Doc who runs the marine laboratory, and collects frogs, tomatos, and rattlesnakes. He plays classical music with the blinds down, and is adored by the whole community. Here Steinbeck creates American folklore.

Then there is the story of the adventures of a Russian who became an American in a land where ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN by George and Helen Papashivily. They have lived in America for twenty years now and George has finally written a book about his adopted country and its people. This is a merry and funny book which bubbles with laughter and high spirits.

From Royal Arch Gunnison, Far Eastern correspondent and prisoner of the Japs, comes an outstanding book SO SORRY, NO PEACE. On the basis of his experiences he discusses such questions as: After the defeat what will happen inside Japan? Will we soften up after victory? Will we have another war on our hands in another generation of Japs? Most of us know little about the Japanese but Royal Arch Gunnison knows what makes them tick. He covered Singapore, Java, Hong Kong, Australia and Burma in 1940-41. He and his wife were captured in Manila and were prisoners of war for twenty-two months.

Mr. Carey Wooster, registrar, and Juanita Westfall, senior, were among those who attended the State basketball tournament at Morgantown the past week-end.

Students enrolled in Art classes are working on linoleum carvings and water color paintings, according to Miss Margaret D. Kenney, instructor.

But when the fox hath once got in his nose, he'll soon find means to make the body follow.—Shakespeare.

LYRIC THEATRE WILL RE-OPEN ON APRIL 7

The Lyric Theatre, dark since December, will re-open Saturday, April 7, for two days each week. A feature picture plus a serial, "Tiger Woman," in twelve chapters, and shorts will be the program policy, according to Mr. C. W. Marsh, who also owns the Pictureland Theatre.

Showing April 7-8 will be "Dixie Jamboree," featuring Frances Langford, Guy Kibbee, and Charles Butterworth. Chapter one of "Tiger Woman" will be shown.

This Week We Present . . .

By Homer Paul Heckert

E—ating is her favorite hobby.
D—lights in hearing moron jokes.
N—ever unprepared for class.
A—ctive member of W. A. A.
R—ides the school bus each day.
U—sually seen at basketball games.
T—roy High School graduate.
H—as a major in mathematics and physical science.

E—arns her good grades.
L—ives at Linn.
L—oves Bing Crosby more than she does Sinatra.
Y—es, she likes the cinema.
S—pends part of her time collecting comics from "Saturday Evening Post."
O—utstanding in classes.
N—ow a junior by virtue of attending summer school.

Local Churches To Offer Special Easter Services

At least two of the local churches have planned special Easter services and extend invitations to all persons.

The Rev. Gordon Withers, pastor of the Baptist Church at Spencer, will speak at a Good Friday service at the Glenville Baptist Church, which will start at 7:30 p. m. His topic will be "Look at the Cross." The senior choir will furnish special music centered around the Cross. The annual Easter offering will be taken at the service and a baptismal service will follow the sermon.

Following the regular Sunday School, an Easter morning service

OFF THE REEL

By Gray Barker

"Lifeboat," (Tuesday - Wednesday) which, if not the best picture of all its contemporaries, surely was the most talked-about. When it was released, not a short time ago, motion picture critics shouted acclaim and certain churls began to rant that it was nothing but a pro-Nazi propaganda film.

Of course this group that aren't enlightened to the fact that Hollywood makes pictures only to bring in the boxoffice cash wasn't effective in getting it either banned or dragged in the mud.

Artistically it is one of the finest pictures ever made, but there is plenty of the traditional Hollywood clichés to make it enjoyable to both the so-called "intelligentsia" and the rabble. Alfred Hitchcock, who made the film, never in the ninety-six minutes of playing time moved the camera out of a 26-foot lifeboat, except for a few brief seconds at the beginning when wreckage is seen floating past, and an under-water scene. But on this limited stage he has packed all the suspense of a DeMille spectacle.

The small boat might represent the world, for in it John Steinbeck, who wrote the original story but wasn't responsible for the screen treatment, has placed people representing several general types: Tallulah Bankhead, as a sleek, first-person-singular novelist, a strapping young seaman played by John Hodiak, William Bendix as a burly Brooklynite who loves to jiggerbug, an Army Nurse, a millionaire, a Negro steward, a Cockney woman clutching her dead baby, and a wily, non-healing Nazi, picked up by the others from the sea.

How this small group acts under these circumstances provides some of the most thoughtful cinema watching of the year. For instance, the group wonders what to do with the German, (Walter Slezak), but finally decide they can not just toss him into the sea. After a successful amputation operation is performed by him (he's a skilled surgeon as well as a captain of a blown-up submarine), on William Bendix, who has a gangrenous leg, they trust him, only to be betrayed when he steers them toward a German ship. This he does by the aid of a concealed compass and hidden food tablets. When he pushes Bendix, who has discovered the secret, overboard during the night, the others turn on him, beat him to death.

At the end a Nazi youth is rescued by the "crew." He tries to shoot them, but is disarmed. So the picture asks the question, "what do you do with that kind of person?"

The picture doesn't answer that question, nor any of the others it presents. It merely states them. That is why the fault-finders are on the wrong track when they call it "propaganda."

Mainly "Lifeboat" is just simply a good show.

Ingrid Bergman, described in the Academy Award story the past week as being "all choked up," should have been described as "all CHOKED up"—typographical error.

will begin at 11:00 a. m. at which the Rev. Gilbert Moore will deliver a sermon, "Wonders of the Resurrection."

Sunday evening at 7:30 an Easter Pageant, "Challenges of the Cross," will be presented by the young people of the church under the direction of Miss Geraldine Vickers.

The Rev. G. J. Johnson, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, has also announced an Easter observance which will include a special sermon and special music.

Normantown Vikings Are State Basketball Champions

Gilmer County Team Takes Bluefield, Morgantown, Logan

All West Virginia saluted the Normantown Vikings, coached by Eugene Williams, Glenville State College alumnus, when they shoved aside every opponent to win the state high school basketball tournament Saturday night at the thirty-second annual meet, this one in Mountaineer Field House at Morgantown.

Having disposed of opponents in the Little Kanawha Valley meet at Glenville, winning the finals over Spencer, and all opposition in the

ALL-TOURNAMENT SQUAD

Forwards, Charles Porter, Logan; Frank Lemine, Morgantown; Hearl Mullins, Logan.

Center, Bob Goldsmith, Beckley; Earl Gainer, Normantown.

Guards, Jim White, Logan; Bob Minnich, Charleston; Glennard Vannoy, Normantown.

regional at Clarksburg, taking W-I in the finals by a one-point margin, the Vikings went to the state meet determined to wade through and come out champions.

This they did by ousting Bluefield by 42-33, Morgantown by 37-35, and Logan, picked by sports writers to win, by a 50-49 count.

Winning by one point over Logan was the fourth time in tournament play this spring that the Vikings put on dramatic finishes to breeze through with a close lead score. They won over Glenville here by one point, took the sectional over Spencer by one point, outdistanced W-I by one point and then turned aside the highly-rated Logan five by one point.

The Vikings also placed two men on the all-tournament team in Gainer and Vannoy and brought back an arm-load of trophies to add to the lengthy list they won as sectional and regional champs and as the top team in the Central West Virginia Conference.

They played a season through with only one loss, that to Spencer when two of the Viking regulars were ill.

In the state tri-finals Morgantown downed Kingwood 42-31, Normantown took Bluefield 42-33, Logan ousted Charleston 44-42, Beckley ran away with Warwood, 76-54. In the semi-finals Normantown took Morgantown 37-35, Logan whipped Beckley 54-49, and in the finals the Vikings won over Logan 50-49.

Attendance at the tournament was largest in the thirty-two years.

Juniors to Give Hard Times Party

The Junior Class will go out of the ordinary Friday evening when they present a "Hard Times" party in the College Gymnasium, at which guests must attend dressed in old clothing. Round and square dancing, hill billy music, and games are promised by the Juniors, who have named the following committees:

Entertainment committee: Mary Jean Ralston, Homer Paul Heckert, Nina Moore, Gray Barker; refreshment committee: Crystallene Lydick, Ruth Groves, Leona Williams, Mary Hupp.

Of all the evil spirits abroad at this hour in the world, insincerity is the most dangerous.—Froude.

Weekly Round-up In Sports

By Jack Rader

Now that the 1945 State high school basketball champion has been determined, the great winter sport has at last faded into obscurity, leaving only the usual assortment of sighing of what might have been. The only thing left is the selection of the All-State team, to be announced soon.

In the cherished matter of giving credit where credit is due, the Normantown Vikings deserve their share. By winning at Clarksburg over Cairo and W-I and going on to the State tourney at Morgantown, the Vikings amazed even their most rabid supporters and at the same time built up tremendously the reputation of Gilmer County. To console all the Glenville die-hards (including yours truly) it should be noticed that the Vikings' victory at Clarksburg also made the Glenville Red Terrors look good, as these same Vikings barely managed to squeeze through a one-point win in the Sectional tourney here.

Looking ahead to next year, Glenville fans have reason to be gleeful as the local team loses only two players by graduation, Hupp and Shreve, and both are eligible to play another season if they desire as they took two years in one, thus, technically speaking, making them only juniors. Normantown loses only reserve forward Turner via the diploma route, but their great guard Glennard Vannoy, having already been accepted, will likely soon be in the service after the close of the semester, and both Earl Gainer and Ernest Duskey will be of draft age before next season.

Sand Fork loses Marshall, Skinner, Black, B. Burke, and Moss by graduation, but their star, "Mossy" Garrett, may also be lost to the service before another season rolls around. Tanner has two seniors—Boggs and Smith, but they too may lose some to the service, as is 'the case of Troy, with just two seniors, Osburn and Paugh.

Of the teams in this section of the state, Spencer and Weston appear to be well-fortified for next season. The former loses only Hubert Brannon, plus a couple of reserves, from this year's fine team, while Weston says goodbye to Oums, Stoneking, the two Eakin boys, and Cox, but the Minutemen have "man-power to burn," including Bill Kidney and Gabriel Kalafat, their high-scoring duo.

Pennsboro has high hopes (no pun) in big Villers, a 6 ft. 7 inch giant, for next season; Doddridge will look to Hill and Powell for the next season. Jane Lew loses Sims, Foster, and Ballard, but have an up-and-coming sophomore forward in Gene Morrison. Cairo will have to rebuild next year. Gassaway, Burnsville, and Sutton, all lose key men by graduation and service calls.

DETAILS IN NEXT ISSUE

As the Mercury goes to press, all eyes are turned to the big Faculty and Student basketball games sponsored by the World Student Service Fund which is to be played March 26, in the College gymnasium at 7 p. m. Such questions as these are facing the students and faculty:

Will the students trounce the faculty? Will the teachers be able to get to class the next day? Will the Rev. Gilbert Moore foul out? If the students win, will the faculty flunk them? What talent does the faculty have? Will Miss Alma Arbuckle be cheerleader? Details in the next issue.

WINS MILK SHAKE WHEN NORMANTOWN WINS

Charles Fluharty had to pay off with a milk shake (a twenty cent one, too) to Juanita McWilliams Friday when Normantown, her alma mater, won the first game in the state basketball tournament held at Morgantown, as a result of a bit made the past week. After Normantown defeated Bluefield, Miss McWilliams stated, "They lived up to my expectations. I knew they would win."

W. A. A. NEWS

By Lucille Hardman

Members of Stalnaker's badminton team added another victory to their list Monday night when they defeated Clark's girls by a 21-15 score. Moore of the winners and Finster of the losers showed superior floor performances.

Members of Cunningham's volleyball team chalked up their third victory Monday night when they defeated Chessie Spencer's girls in two out of three games, leaving Cunningham's team undefeated.

Cunningham's girls won the first set by a 15-4 score, but Spencer's team came back to win the second set by a 15-11 score. In the third set, both teams exhibited all of their volleyball talents in an effort to win, but Cunningham's girls managed to eke out a 16-14 victory.

Mary Jo Ellyson's softball team trounced Evelyn Finster's team by a 5-3 score. Although Ellyson's girls have won all of their games played, Finster's team is putting up some stiff competition. Finster usually manages to register one home run for herself each game and Nina Moore takes some hefty cuts at the ball.

COUNTY-WIDE CLOTHING COLLECTION DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 9TH

A county-wide collection of used clothing which will go direct to refugees in war-torn Europe is to be launched here next month and April 9 has been designated as the one big day in the campaign, Gilbert B. Moore, chairman of a Rotary committee, sponsor of the drive, announced today.

Mr. Moore has contacted all county high schools and has arranged for their cooperation in getting clothing collected in every community and transported to the various centers so it can be picked up by trucks, which are to be furnished by the State Road Commission.

The Gilmer County drive will be part of a nation-wide effort to get at least 150 million pounds of clothing for shipment overseas. Wanted are all kinds of clothing, though it is

SEVEN SCHOOLS SHARE IN NET PROFITS OF LITTLE KANAWHA VALLEY TOURNEY

Each of the seven high schools who participated in this year's Little Kanawha Valley (Region 2, Section 8) basketball tournament, played at Glenville March 9 and 10, received at least \$130.00 as a share in the net profit, it is revealed in a financial statement issued by Gilbert Reed, tournament treasurer and principal of Sand Fork High School.

Total attendance this year, in spite of travel restrictions, etc., was 1825, Reed said, and he estimated that at least 100 persons were admitted free after ticket sales had been stopped when there was an overflow crowd at the final game. Total paid admissions the past year, he reports, were 1701.

Gross receipts are listed as \$1338.40, expenditures, including \$246.85 for federal and state taxes, \$428.08, leaving the net profit of \$910.32, which was divided as follows:

Spencer, Walton, Troy and Tanner, \$130.05 each; Normantown, Glenville and Sand Fork, \$130.04 each.

Under items of expense Mr. Reed lists: Tickets purchased from the Fair Publishing House, \$19.47; telephone calls, 78 cents; medals from Sports Shop, \$31.11; engraving medals (Ralston's of Weston) \$10.35; O. B. Farren, referee, \$60.00; rental on gymnasium, \$10.00; I. E. Ewing, tournament fee, \$10.00; basketball purchased from Sports Shop, \$14.61; Glenville Democrat for printing posters and ribbons, \$12.00; Hardman Hardware Company for rope, \$2.30; janitorial service, \$10.00; score book, 35 cents; postage and mailing, 26 cents; federal admission taxes, \$217.78; state sales tax, \$29.07. Total \$428.08.

Blessed are they who have nothing to say, and who cannot be persuaded to say it.—Lowell.

sweater you knitted, which I was fortunate to receive through the Red Cross.

I am located "somewhere in France" and cannot begin to tell you how much I needed the sweater, and how comfortable it is in this weather. You doubtless know from your local newspapers and radio programs how the cold winter seems to always follow us wherever we go, so you can well imagine what a welcome article of clothing your sweater was.

Let us hope that with the advent of spring and milder weather that we will see the end of this war, and that we may all return home once more.

Again my thanks for the time and effort spent on the sweater which I received. I can assure you that everyone who obtained one is grateful, and that it is an inspiration to those serving overseas to know that so many people are working in such varied ways for our comfort and well-being.

Sincerely,
CHURCHILL B. PHYFE.

Grover Weaver and Homer Paul Heckert spent the week-end at Weston.

Two former students, Edith Lockard, teacher in the Gassaway elementary school, and Glennis Marie Hudkins, teacher at Arnett, were campus visitors the past week-end.

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Letter From Soldier Proves Red Cross Sweaters Are Appreciated

Proving that sweaters knitted by local people are needed and thoroughly appreciated by men on the fighting fronts was a letter received the past week by Mrs. D. L. Haught from Sergeant Churchill B. Phye, fighting "somewhere in France."

The letter, addressed to "Mrs. Haught, Gilmer County Chapter, American Red Cross, Gilmer County, West Virginia," surprised Mrs. Haught, who for a while could not understand how the soldier obtained the address, because the sweaters carry no note of location in which they were knitted. She remembered,

however, that when no one was in the Red Cross office in the Court House workers left sweaters there with their names attached. Apparently the names had somehow remained inside the sweaters, Mrs. Haught said.

The Mercury is sending a copy of this issue to Sgt. Phye whose complete letter follows:

25 January, 1945

Dear Mrs. Haught:
Although you have never heard of me, I nevertheless want to take this opportunity to write and thank you for the very nice warm

On The Land, In the Air, And on The Sea

With Our Friends In The Service

By Juanita Westfall

Pvt. Harry Pritt has been awarded the Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster and the Combat Infantry badge. Pvt. Pritt was recently wounded for the second time, but he is now back in active duty.

S/Sgt. Earl Wolfe was home from St. Belvoir, Va., the week-end of the 17th.

H. P. Reese spent part of the past week visiting friends on the campus. Reese has been stationed at Fort Myers, Fla., but reported to Lincoln, Mebr., yesterday for a new assignment.

Kenneth S. Kayser, who suffered severe wounds in the Italian campaign, losing both legs, is home on a thirty-day furlough from an Army hospital visiting his parents, his wife and child. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Kayser, of Alum Bridge.

The "Mercury" has received copies of "The Greenville Post," an army publication, sent by Capt. Harold Scott, who is stationed at Greenville, Miss., as a physical education instructor.

Lt. Earl R. Stalnaker has completed his special assignment at Chanute Field, Ill., and has returned to Seymour Johnson Air Field, N. C.

Pfc. Billy E. Adams writes from Alasca: "Our conditions are tops at present even though we sleep on the floor. I still find time to read our daily papers, Yank, Coronet, and Digest. I've been wondering how everything in general is around Greenville. The 'Mercury' comes sometimes. I grow more in the dumps every day because I didn't sit in and take a few of Mr. Whiting's French classes. I'm picking up enough German to get by."

The "Mercury" received a letter the past week from Pfc. Frank Bowles, who is stationed somewhere in France. He writes:

"I am not much of a letter writer, but since my faith has again been restored in the 'Mercury,' I thought it high time to write you a note of appreciation for sending the paper to me so faithfully.

"I had not received a copy of the 'Mercury' for quite some time—that is, until today. To be truthful about it, I'd begun to think you'd forgotten me, but a huge shipment of delayed mail arrived here a few days ago, and four copies of the 'Mercury' were found in it today. And, unless my guessing abilities have ceased to function properly, there're probably a few more yet to be found.

"As is usual with me, I read my copies from cover to cover, so to speak. And, as is also usual, I enjoyed it very much. But, in reading the papers, there were only two names that I recognized. They were David Tewell and Virginia Hupp. I only knew Virginia vaguely, but I've bought several bars of candy from Dave, and have spent some enjoyable evenings in his room, talking to him and some of the boys from L. B. Hall. I'm very glad to see that he is still in there pitching, too. Tell him 'hello' for me, will you, please?

"In the column regarding former students now in the service, I noticed one paragraph quoting one of the fellows as saying he'd wait until he returned after the war to tell his tales in a 'bull-session.' He has the right idea, too. A good yarn on paper doesn't have the punch of a verbal story, however good it may be. Tell him that I'll be able to tell a few tall ones too when I get back. My outfit (the 101st Airborne Division) is the one referred to as the

'Buttling Butchers of Bastogne,' along with a few other choice, but unmentionable, names.

"One of my officers juts now let out a loud and authoritative yell for me to come and make myself useful to the powers that be, so I'm afraid I'll have to quit. . . for now and be about my duties. I'll be looking forward anxiously for more copies of the 'Mercury,' so keep 'em coming."

Seventy-six men will be required to fill the three calls now in the office of the local Selective Service Board. Two are for pre-induction examinations and the third for induction into the military service.

On Friday, March 23, the thirty men who were called for February 28, and whose examinations were postponed on account of transportation difficulties incident to flood conditions, went to Huntington via the Greyhound bus for physicals the following day.

On Friday, April 16, at 11:30 a. m., sixteen registrants will take the regular Greyhound bus for Huntington for pre-induction examination on the following day.

Thirty men have been called for induction on Wednesday, April 25. The special bus carrying this group will leave Greenville at 9:00 a. m. for Huntington.

CAMP CHAFFEE, ARK.—Private First Class Eunice E. Wise, of Troy, who is assigned to the WAC Detachment of the War Department Personnel Center, 1850th Service Command Unit at Camp Chaffee, has been promoted to the rank of technician 5th grade, according to the camp public relations officer. She is the daughter of Mrs. Jessie McQuain of Troy.

Elton Fitzpatrick, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzpatrick of Lockney has been transferred from the U. S. Coast Guard office in Baltimore, Md., to a radio training school in Atlantic City, N. J.

B. P. Jamison this week received a letter from his son, Clem D. Jamison, in the European Theater of Operations, who was granted an honorable discharge recently in order to accept a promotion to second lieutenant. Lieut. Jamison, graduate of Marshall and former high school athletic director, has received the American Defense Service Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge and the E-A-Met. Ribbon. He entered the service June 13, 1941, and for several months was stationed at Ft. Thomas, Ky. He went overseas September 29, 1944.

A former student-body president and director of athletic publicity at Greenville State College, Cpl. McDonald is a native of Parkersburg and when he entered the service was employed by the State Health Department.

He writes, in part: "A few days ago I was standing in line awaiting my turn to be handed a meager C ration. I heard a familiar voice and turned around to find that John (Bus) Mowrey (brother-in-law of T. W. Hyer of Greenville and Greenville State graduate) was behind me sweating out the same line. It surely was good to see him because he is the first ex-Glenville man I've had the good fortune to meet since I entered the Army. And to run into him right over here on the front lines was still more interesting.

"By the time the rations were doled out, Greenville, of course, was the chief topic under discussion, with both of us frankly admitting that those were the best days we ever spent in our lives. . .

"Things are none too pleasant

here, what with two enemies—the Jerries and the weather. There has been snow, rain and much cold weather. There is only the rumor that spring actually comes to this country—no evidence to confirm this report. But there is no doubt about the Yanks winning this war, because that is easy to witness on this front.

"Hope this note finds you as busy as you always were, because I know that when you're busy you are contented."

With ten Japanese aircraft to his credit, Capt. John W. Bolyard of Kingwood, a former student in Greenville State College (1941-42), has been awarded the distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal and the presentation was made by his commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Edward F. Rector of Marshall, N. C. Pilot of a fighter plane, Capt. Bolyard is a graduate of Kingwood High School and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bolyard. He spent one year at Potomac State before he came to Greenville.

Word was received here this week that 2nd Lt. Orville J. Wheeler was seriously wounded in action in Germany with the 4th Armored Division of Gen. Patton's 3rd Army on March 6.

Lt. Wheeler, a student here in 1941-43, was flown back to England immediately, where he is reported "resting" in a hospital there.

After being on the fighting front about one month, Lt. Wheeler was wounded while leading a spearhead attack against the German forces. The wounds were in the feet and legs, the report said.

College Alumna Serves On U. S. Ship 'Louis Milne'

A Greenville State College alumna, Miss Marjorie Marple of Flatwoods, who taught several years in Braxton County and was active in 4-H leadership, is a proud Red Cross recreation worker these days, and why not?

According to information received by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rollyson in Greenville, friends of Miss Marple, the young Braxton teacher is now serving on the U. S. Hospital ship, the "Louis Milne," launched recently (March 16, at Boston) and said to be the biggest thing afloat.

Launching ceremonies were broadcast over a national radio network and a picture of the ship, with 1000 beds for wounded servicemen, and all types of modern hospital equipment, was received here by the Rollysons.

Pres. Haught On Rotary Committee To List Nominees

Between now and the end of the month Rotarians will be asked to submit a nomination for District Governor, in view of the fact that the annual district conference at which this office is filled has been cancelled and the choice is to be made by ballot-by-mail.

Deadline for nominations is March 30, after which an alphabetical list of candidates will be submitted to each club and voting will be done by mail. Clubs will be allowed one vote for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

The past week, in the absence of Pres. B. E. McCullough, H. Y. Clark, program chairman, who presided, named Dr. H. F. Withers, Dr. D. L. Haught and J. W. Beall a three-man committee to nominate candidates for Rotary and to file the club's nomination for District Governor.

Love, and a cough, cannot be hid.—George Herbert.

Nine Yanks In Hand-to-Hand Combat Take Forty-Five Krauts Prisoners

WITH THE 26TH (YANKEE) INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE. —When a group of Jerries, outnumbering them five to one, refused to surrender, Technical Sergeant Woodrow W. Maxwell and eight other doughboys rushed the position with hand grenades, and in hand to hand combat took forty-five Krauts prisoners.

Sgt. Maxwell, platoon guide to Company C, 101st Infantry, had been assigned the mission of taking eight men to protect the left flank. As they crawled to their position they came under enemy fire. Believing it to be the fire of a few scattered Kraut snipers, they maneuvered to a point close to the source of the shooting and discovered that

Jerry was present in large numbers. That didn't bother Sgt. Maxwell and his men. He sent three men to flank the Jerries. He called upon them in a loud voice to surrender. When he got no answer he threw three hand grenades and together with his men rushed forward. The hand-to-hand combat was brief and to the point. The Germans threw away their weapons and threw up their arms. Upon taking a count the Yanks found they had captured forty-five of Hitler's supermen. The Krauts had out-numbered them five to one.

Sgt. Maxwell, who has received the Silver Star for the action, is the son of Mrs. Ella Maxwell, Glenville, West Virginia.

Births

A son, John Barnett, was born at 5:30 a. m. Tuesday, March 20, in Washington, D. C., to Lt. (jg) and Mrs. John Willard Shreve. The baby, a second child, weighed seven pounds and eight ounces. The father, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Shreve, Greenville, is stationed at the Naval Observatory in Washington. The mother is the former Miss Marjorie Barnett. The parents are College graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rhoades, Jr., of Charleston, are announcing the arrival of a baby girl, Judith Victoria, born March 16 in a Charleston hospital. The baby, a first child, weighed six pounds and three ounces. Mrs. Rhoades is the former Miss Mildred Gainer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gainer of Greenville. Mr. Rhoades, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rhoades of Greenville, works for the United Fuel Gas Company.

2nd Lt. and Mrs. Millard Cunningham have announced the birth of a son, Charles William, on Thursday, March 22, in the City Hospital, Akron, O. The baby, a first child, weighed six pounds. The mother, formerly Miss Virginia Vinson, A. B. '37, daughter of Mrs. Belle Partlow, of Akron, was a teacher in the Tanner elementary grades for several years. The father, A. B. '37, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, of Greenville, is serving with the 3rd Army in Germany.

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