

IN THIS issue The Mercury attempts to honor a great man and a great friend who has passed away. In addition to writing the regular stories in this issue, the Staff feel they would like to publish their individual sentiments and comments. So we gladly devote this column to that purpose.

THE REPORT of our President's death was a great shock to me, but I have faith in our new President, and think things will go ahead as usual.—Lucille Hardman.

IT WAS hard to believe. I think his death is a great loss to our country, but I have faith in our new President, Mr. Truman.—Janita Westfall.

LIKE EVERY American I was shocked. I could not believe it was true. President Roosevelt will rank with Lincoln and Washington. He was a man of patience, integrity, and endurance—and a great American.—Ada K. Wilson.

"PRESIDENT Roosevelt is dead," were the words I heard about 5:50 Thursday evening. We were all shocked, but soon rushed to our radios to hear the whole story. My feeling is that his death will prolong the war.—Homer Paul Heckert.

THE PRESIDENT'S untimely death was a great shock to me, along with 135,000,000 other Americans. I have put aside all partisan prejudice and have settled down to the task of helping the new President to carry on in his great effort.—Jack Rader.

I THINK things will go on much the same, although without a doubt President Roosevelt was a brilliant and worthy man.—Katherine Hall.

IN ADDITION to her regular comment, Ada K. Wilson wrote the following poem in honor of the late President:

A leader is dead—
A man who overcame great handicaps,
Whose strength and conviction
Made the world to stand in awe of him;
A man who piloted
The ship of state through troubled waters . . .
God grant him peace.

Juniors Present 'Hillbilly' Show In Assembly Hour

With one day's preparation and no complete rehearsal, nine members of the junior class and two elementary school pupils, under the direction of class president, Nina Moore, kept an assembly audience literally rocking with laughter the past Wednesday throughout their forty-five minute program modeled after a hillbilly radio program.

The stage floor was covered with hay and performers, in appropriate costumes, sat on wooden boxes except when performing before a microphone made of a tall stick and a match box. Master of ceremonies was Uncle Cy (Gray Barker).

Hillbilly music was sung by Margaret Hawkins and Crystalene Lydick and by Homer Paul Heckert and Charles McIntosh, and guitar accompaniment was used. Nina Moore did impersonations of Dorothy Lamour, Bonnie Baker, Al Jolson and Carmen Miranda, and sang the ballad, "Frankie and Johnny," which was pantomimed by other members of the class. Dominec Nocida, fourth grader, and Beatrice King, third grade pupil, sang one song each. Jokes and news flashes provided variety and gaiety, using familiar names frequently.

Chessie Spencer visited her home at Spencer during the week-end.

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Baldwin Allan-Allen to Be Third Lyceum Feature, April 23 at 8:15

Ballad Singer



MR. BALDWIN ALLAN-ALLEN

'Revue' Cancelled At Normantown; To Be Given Thursday

The cast of the Gay Nineties Revue traveled to Normantown High School the past Thursday evening where, except for the sudden death of President Roosevelt earlier that evening, there would have been staged the final performance of the Revue, the program having been presented as a Red Cross benefit at all other county high schools.

The audience gathered in the auditorium for about twenty-five minutes during which time Dean Robert T. Crawford, H. L. White, and James M. Bramlett, principal of Normantown High School, made appropriate remarks. After singing two stanzas of America, the audience voted in favor of the return of (Continued on page 4)

Baldwin Allan-Allen, pictured above, baritone in recitals of folk-songs and ballads of Scotland, will present the third Lyceum number of the year in the College auditorium Monday evening, April 23, at 8:15.

Dressed in an authentic Scottish costume, and singing the music of his ancestors, Baldwin Allan-Allen will present a concert which critics promise will be unmatched for ingratiating charm, warmth, and friendliness. In addition to the intrinsic beauty of his performance, his programs will be given added interest by connections he draws between many of the well-known songs, such as "Loch Lomond," "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," and "Danny Boy," and their origin in early Celtic music.

Mr. Allan-Allen grew into the lore of Scottish-Irish songs almost as easily as he grew up. Born in London, the son of Scottish parents, he learned the Scottish ballads as a child, and encouraged by his father, a singer, he soon became active in church choirs. He continued singing in choirs in Canada when his family moved to that country.

He has made recent appearances in such notable places as Colony Club and Harvard Club in New York City, The Harvard Musical Association in Massachusetts, Yale Faculty Club in Connecticut, Yale University at New Haven, Conn., and Columbia University.

Favorable press comments include those of The New York Times and The New York Herald Tribune. Said the Times: "Delights in ballads . . . Not only sang them well, but created additional interest by his remarks." The Tribune said: "Thoroughly enjoyable entertainment—very delightful . . . resonant voice."

Although there will be no advance sale of regular tickets, at the usual price, high school students from any section will be admitted free as guests of the College, Mr. Whiting said.

Members of College Faculty Express Their Praise of President Roosevelt

The faculty of the College expressed high praise for President Franklin D. Roosevelt the past week and made many comments about the deceased leader.

Dr. D. L. Haught, president, said, "The common man has lost his greatest friend in this country . . . I believe he came the nearest of living in every home of any president I have ever known."

Dean Robert T. Crawford commented, "Our loss can hardly be estimated, but the example of courage set by our great leader will provide the spark that will inspire freemen everywhere to overcome all obstacles to democratic living. Let us heed his admonition: 'Carry on. There is nothing to fear but fear itself.'"

Mr. Carey Woelfer, registrar, said, "My first thought upon hearing of the death of our President was the text used by the Rev. Grover Johnson in preaching a funeral sermon for Mr. Van Arnold: 'Tomorrow is the new moon: And thou wilt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.'"

Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, instructor in history, said "The people of the United States again proudly give their president and master statesman to the cause of world peace and justice."

Miss Goldie C. James, instructor in biology, said President Roosevelt was "our greatest American leader—and it doesn't matter what your or my politics are."

Mr. H. L. White, head of the English department, said the most revealing thing about President Roosevelt's life was the change that came over his life after he was stricken by infantile paralysis:

"The character of Franklin Delano Roosevelt had many facets. In the spring of 1919 when he came with Navy Secretary Daniels to Germany to inspect the Marine regiments in the army of occupation, he was dapper, jaunty, business-like. For some years thereafter his chief interest was in the Navy—its maintenance and improvement. By 1932 he had developed or acquired a deep and abiding concern for the Forgotten Man, the friendless, the underprivileged. In this concern is found the key to his character and the basis of his speeches, deeds, and policies. How is this transition explained? Largely, no doubt, by the ordeal of affliction and suffering through which he passed in the years between 1922 and 1928. Hence, the National Foundation for the Cure of Infantile Paralysis will become the memorial most expressive of his character."

STUDENTS AND FACULTY JOIN IN MOURNING DEATH OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Students and faculty of Glenville State College were shocked late Thursday afternoon when word came over the radio that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 31st president of the United States, had died of a cerebral hemorrhage in the Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga., at one of the humanitarian institutions he had brought into existence.



Students Comment On President Roosevelt's Death

Students were greatly moved by the death of President Roosevelt. The following comments reflect the sentiments of the student body:

"The world has lost one of its greatest leaders."—Marian Means, senior.

"Death is a price that everyone has to pay, great or insignificant."—Hastings Bailey, freshman.

"We have experienced a great loss."—Ava Nell Loudin, freshman.

"The death of this great man brought to many the startling realization that the war is far from its end. His successor will do well to follow in his footsteps."—Charles McIntosh, senior.

"The loss of our president was felt deeply by every true American and was a great shock to the whole world."—Leona Williams, junior.

"He was the greatest friend we had in public life."—Mary Hupp, junior.

"He was the greatest Commander-in-Chief that America has ever produced."—Ray Brannon, freshman.

"He was a man of great physical determination—a dating national view."—Rev. T. N. Bennett.

People here could scarcely believe that President Roosevelt, 63, although in relatively good health, was gone.

At the request of students, a memorial convocation was held in the College Auditorium Friday morning at 10, conducted by Dean Robert T. Crawford. "I think that it is particularly fitting that this little memorial ceremony has been asked by students themselves," he remarked.

The thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians, a favorite of the late President, was read by Miss Bessie Boyd Bell, and following, Dr. J. C. Shreve led the group in The Lord's Prayer. "America," "Abide With Me," "America the Beautiful," were sung, and also "Home On the Range." President Roosevelt's favorite song, after Dean Crawford had explained that it was appropriate because it "shows another side of our great president's character." Mr. Hunter Whiting read a prayer, written by Stephen Vincent Benet and appearing elsewhere in this issue, which was read by President Roosevelt three years ago at a United Nations Day ceremony in 1942.

Miss Bertha E. Olsen played appropriate piano music.

The memorial assembly lasted about 30 minutes, and at its conclusion Dean Crawford admonished the group that we should "have respect for and confidence in the man who has succeeded our late President."

PRES. HAUGHT ATTENDS JACKSON'S MILL MEETING

Dr. D. L. Haught, president of the College, was in Jackson's Mill three days the past week attending a Social Action Peace Clinic. President Haught was secretary of Division 2 of the meeting. "It was an interesting and profitable meeting," he said.

Dr. D. L. Haught visited Tanner and Troy high schools the past Tuesday, and spoke to the senior classes. The president and Dean Robert T. Crawford are planning to visit other high schools soon.

Write a letter to your serviceman.

SPENCER SCHOOL CHORUS WILL GIVE CONCERT HERE TOMORROW AT 11 O'CLOCK

For the third time in four years the Spencer High School Chorus, directed by Mr. Karl V. Brown, music director of the high school, will journey here to present a convocation program tomorrow morning in the College Auditorium. Because of bus schedule difficulties, the program will be presented at 11 instead of at 10, and 11 o'clock classes will meet at 10, according to Mr. Hunter Whiting, head of the assembly committee.

The chorus, forty-five of whose members will be here tomorrow, will sing "Praise to the Lord," F. Melius Christiansen; "In Joseph's Lovely Garden," Clarence Dickinson; "Souls of the Righteous," T. Tertius Noble; "This Is My Country," Al Jacobs;

"Battle Hymn of the Republic," Arr. Peter J. Wilhousky; "Oh! What a Beautiful Mornin'," Richard Rodgers; "Mistah Rabbit," Bryceson Trehanne; "Old King Cole," Cecil Forsyth; "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," Peter C. Lutkin.

Mrs. Virginia Carmicia, a daughter of Mr. Brown, will play one or more violin solos, and a cornet quartet, George King, Chester Dodd, Robert Withers, and Eddie Vogel, will play "The Four Horsemen," by Gus Guentzel.

After the program the students will be guests of Mrs. Emma Spier at Kanawha Hall, where they will be entertained at lunch.

On April 25 The Jewish Chautau-

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TRULY GREAT

If these were normal times,
the world would be mourning
the passing of a man whose
name, Franklin Delano Roose-
velt, shall surely find a place
among the ranks of the truly
great. In this critical hour, the
world has been stunned by the
loss of a great leader who had
worked long and valiantly to-
ward the ends that victory
might speedily be ours and
that the peace to come there-
after should be a lasting one.

From all parts of the world
have poured in high tributes
of respect and honor from the
great and near great, and they
have been expressed in all sin-
cerity. However, no more cer-
tain evidence of his greatness
can be found anywhere than
in the words that have been
spoken by the people in the
homes and on the streets of
this nation since last Thursday
—people whose political prej-
udices have vanished with this
untimely stroke of the Grim
Reaper.

We, the American people,
have seen our late chief execu-
tive in two aspects: As pres-
ident, we have seen him as a
leader in whose ability to lead
us on to ultimate victory and
peace we had great faith,
however greatly we may have
disagreed with many of his
policies; we have seen him,
too, as one of us—a fellow
American, whose personal
courage and understanding
sympathy for his fellow man
won for him the eternal re-
spect of high and low, rich
and poor. Those traits of char-
acter found expression in his
overcoming and rising above
tremendous physical handicaps
and in his great work in set-
ting up the organized, nation-
wide fight against infantile
paralysis, the work which may
well prove to be his most last-
ing memorial.

Both as president and as
American, the great example
he has left to the nation and to
the world is one of courage—
the will to carry on with un-
broken spirit, no matter how
great be the odds against us.
As the example of his coura-
geous spirit shall live on in the
hearts of the crippled children
whom he has helped to walk,
so shall it live on in the hearts
of Americans everywhere
whom he has inspired to march
ever onward and who hear
above and beyond the muffled

drum and funeral march, his
brave message ringing in tri-
umph—"We have nothing to
fear but fear itself."—Janette
Cunningham.

A PARABLE

There comes to our mind on
this occasion of the passing of
our President other similar
events of history and the ob-
servations made of them.

The beautiful passage in
Deuteronomy describing the
death of Moses tells us:

"And Moses went up from
the plains of Moab . . . to the
top of Pisgah . . . and the Lord
showed him all the land . . .
of Judah to the utmost sea . . .
And the Lord said unto him,
This is the land which I swore
unto Abraham . . . I will give
it unto thy seed: I have caused
thee to see it with thine own
eyes, but thou shalt not go
over thither.

"So Moses the servant of
the Lord died . . . according to
the word of the Lord. And he
buried him in a valley . . . but
no man knoweth of his sepul-
chre unto this day."

Here are two parallels of
thought, a great president who
too was leading his people to-
ward a promised land which
he was permitted to envisage,
though never to enter. But the
people of Moses did enter, and
what promise that holds for
the world today.

And what consolation is
there in the ages of history for
us in the loss of our leader? As
for Moses no man knoweth of
his sepulchre unto this day,
but Moses is known wherever
the Scriptures are read. Like
all great and good men, they
need no earthly symbol. As it
was said by the Greek orator,
Thucydides, on the occasion of
the death of the great Greek
statesman, Pericles:

"And so he received the
grandest of all sepulchres, not
that in which his mortal bones
are laid, but a home in the
minds of men, where his glory
remains fresh to stir to speech
or to action as the occasion
comes by. For the sepulchre
of famous men is the whole
earth; and their story is not
graven only on stone over
their native earth, but lives on
far away, without visible sym-
bol, woven into the stuff of
other men's lives."—Contrib-
uted by H. Y. Clark.

The LETTER BOX

Mr. George W. McQuain, who is
with the law firm, Steptoe & John-
son, of Clarksburg and Charleston,
recently, in a letter, informed the
Mercury of the newspapers preced-
ing it here.

According to Mr. McQuain, who
is a former student, the Normal
School prior to 1922, published a
small paper occasionally, perhaps
every few years, under the name of
"The Bulletin." In the fall of 1922
the senior class decided to publish a
bi-weekly paper, "The Tower," and
Mr. McQuain was selected editor. It
was published under that name un-
til 1929 when the College organized
a journalism class and started the
present publication.

Mr. McQuain is a brother of Pfc.
Edna McQuain, drowned at Hol-
landia, in Dutch New Guinea. While
a student here in 1922 she did re-
porting work on the school paper.

The letter was in answer to a re-
quest by The Mercury for a picture
of Miss McQuain, to be published
later in a special edition which will
carry pictures of graduates and for-
mer students killed during World
War II.



Notes From The Robert F. Kidd Library

GREAT SON, by Edna Ferber, is
another of her novels about Ameri-
ca. She has always written about
America . . . SO BIG, a Pulitzer
prize novel, had its setting in the
Middle West, SHOW BOAT in the
Mississippi, CIMARRON in Oklaho-
ma, AMERICAN BEAUTY in New
England, COME AND GET IT in
Wisconsin, and now GREAT SON
about Seattle.

GREAT SON is a story of a fron-
tier family grown rich and ill at
ease. The Melendys own half of Seat-
tle. There are four generations of
them—Madam Exact Melendy, who
is ninety-two, clear eyed, sharp-
tongued and Seattle's oldest resi-
dent. Vaughan Melendy, her son,
who made the family fortune gold
mining in Alaska where he met the
woman he loved. Emmy Melendy,
his wife, a prim little housekeeper
who always reminded people that her
mother was a "Mercer Girl," and
who was not loved by her husband.
Pansy Deleath, the violet-eyed dan-
cer of Alaska who loved Vaughan,
bore his son and came to live below
the mansion. Dike Melendy, son of
Pansy and Vaughan, who is married
to a glamorous actress who is con-
tinually dashing from home to
Broadway. Mike Melendy, son of
Dike, represents the present genera-
tion.

The Melendys formed quite a col-
ony on Queen Anne Hill, and all
Seattle pointed with pride toward
them. They had taken much out of
America for a century but they had
put nothing in.

EXPECTS LARGER ENROLLMENT AT COMING SUMMER TERM

A larger enrollment is expected
for the summer session of College,
according to Dean Robert T. Craw-
ford. Last summer about 175 stu-
dents were enrolled in the first ses-
sion of five weeks, and around 145
were enrolled in the second. The
Dean wishes to remind students that
the schedule of classes found in the
College bulletin for both summer
terms is not complete. Classes will
be added according to the demand.

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ON THE CAMPUS

By Janette Cunningham

SPRING! . . . Everybody out look-
in' for four-leaf clovers with some
people reporting success, notably C.
Fluharty, who says that he never
found one before . . . Tennis court
constantly in use . . . Girls are tak-
ing sun-baths and late reports rum-
or that even one of the LBH
"chorus girls" has done likewise.

WHAT are your views on spring?
... Edna Ruth E., "I'm always lazy,
but when spring comes I admit it."
... Jack Rader, "I like to see spring
come because baseball comes with
it" . . . G. Barker, "Wishes he could
appreciate the beauty of spring while
it is here . . . so fleeting." . . . Max-
ine Wright, "I wish to disagree with
Mr. Barker . . . prefer fall in the way
of seasons" . . . C. McIntosh, "Silly
question to ask a guy!"

Paul Jackson and Jack Rader
seem to prefer the same seat in the
local movie house at times . . . Of
course, the girl sitting in the next
seat couldn't have anything to do
with it??? Male members of the
"Gay 90's" cast traveled to Nor-
mantown Thursday in Bob Murphy's
pick-up and the "fresh air was won-
derful-l-l" . . . Mystery: Gray Barker
insists that M. Barrett's name
appear in this column.

Sgt. Rymer Garrett Cited For Aerial Missions In East

Special citation for extraordinary
and meritorious achievement, award-
ing of the third Oak Leaf Cluster
and promotion to Tech-Sgt. all have
come the way of Gilmer County's
John Rymer Garrett, who the past
week sent to his brother Glenn in
Glenville a number of Jap souve-
nirs, including a hand-carved Bowie
knife, bayonet and smaller knives,
etc.

Also, it is revealed that Sgt. Gar-
rett has completed 125 missions as
member of a crew on an unarmed
cargo plane used in evacuating casu-
alties and in transporting troops
and supplies in India, Burma and
China.

According to the latest citation,
he previously had received two Oak
Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal,
"these missions were carried out
under adverse weather conditions
and in the face of probable and ex-
pected air attack." Sgt. Garrett, a
county teacher before he entered the
service, is an aerial engineer.
His wife, meanwhile, is living in
Weston.

Tinge of Humor

Said the lightning bug when he
lost his tail, "I'm delighted—no
end."

"Is kissing petty larceny?"
"No, it's grand."
"Why is a room full of married
people empty?"
"Because there isn't a single per-
son there."

Manager (pointing to cigarette-
end on floor): "Smith, is this
yours?"

Smith (pleasantly): "Not at all,
sir. You saw it first."

Two inmates in an insane insti-
tution thought they were someone else.
One thought he was Napoleon.
Some one said, "Who told you
you were Napoleon?" He replied,
"God did."

Came a voice from across the
hall, "I did not!"

The old maid caused quite a fur-
ore by looking under her bed. She
was on a pullman train.

WILL LIST TEACHERS SERVING IN WORLD WAR I

Mr. H. L. White, head of the Eng-
lish department, is tabulating names
of all former or present teachers
who served in World War II, in co-
operation with The American Leg-
ation and the National Education As-
sociation. The source material is a
volume listing 576 Gilmer County
men who were in uniform then.

The two organizations are work-
ing jointly on a plan of postwar vet-
eran education.

'Let Us March Toward the Clean World Our Hands Can Make'

The following prayer, written by Stephen Vincent Benet, was a favorite of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who read it at a United Nations Day Ceremony in June, 1942. The Mercury publishes it because it feels the prayer exemplifies many of the ideals for which the late President strived:

God of the free, we pledge our hearts and lives today to the cause of all free mankind.

Grant us victory over the tyrants who would enslave all free men and nations. Grant us faith and understanding to cherish all those who fight for freedom as if they were our brothers. Grant us brotherhood in hope and union, not only for the space of this bitter war, but for the days to come which shall and must unite all the children of earth.

Our earth is but a small star in the great universe. Yet of it we can make, if we choose, a planet untroubled by war, untroubled by hunger or fear, untroubled by senseless distinctions of race, color, or theory. Grant us that courage and foresight to begin this task today that our children and our children's children may be proud of the name of man.

The spirit of man has awakened and the soul of men has gone forth. Grant us the wisdom and

the vision to comprehend the greatness of man's spirit, that suffers and endures so hugely for a goal beyond his own brief span. Grant us honor for the dead who died in the faith, honor for our living who work and strive for the faith, redemption and security for all captive lands and peoples. Grant us patience with the deluded and pity for the betrayed. And grant us the skill and the valor that shall cleanse the world of oppression and the old base doctrine that the strong must eat the weak because they are strong.

Yet most of all grant us brotherhood, not only for this day but for all our years—a brotherhood not of words but of acts and deeds. We are all of us children of earth—grant us that simple knowledge. If our brothers are oppressed, then we are oppressed. If they hunger, we hunger. If their freedom is taken away, our freedom is not secure. Grant us a common faith that man shall know bread and peace, that he shall know justice and righteousness, freedom and security, an equal chance to do his best, not only in our own lands, but thruout the world. And in the faith let us march toward the clean world our hands can make. Amen.

COUNTY MAY HAVE 3 FEWER TEACHERS FOR COMING SCHOOL YEAR

West Virginia's preliminary allotment of teachers for the coming year indicates there will be forty-seven fewer instructors in the classrooms, though many changes can take place between now and the time a new term begins and various turns in the war picture may have a profound influence on the 1945-46 school picture.

According to information received by County Superintendent J. Therin Rogers here in Glenville, 9573 teachers are to be employed for next year in elementary work in the state, compared to 9671 for the present year, or a tentative reduction of 92. Number of high school teachers to be employed for next year in the state is 4690, or 45 more than are on the various faculties this year.

The picture for Gilmer County shows: Allotment of elementary teachers for the present year is 68, for next year, 67; for high schools for present year 32, for next year 30. Total allotment for the present year is 100, for next year 97, or a reduction of three.

Accompanying these figures was the following message from State Superintendent W. W. Trent: "The suggestion of the Board of School Finance is that you employ at the first meeting in May (May 7, 9 a. m.) only such additional teachers as needed to complete your estimated allotment. Those holding continuing contracts with regular certificates are, by virtue of that contract, already employed."

This information was available to the county board at a meeting here April 7, when Edna Frame Fitzpatrick's resignation as teacher at Wolf Pen was accepted; Mrs. Anne Keith was granted a leave of absence as second-grade teacher at Sand Fork. Clyde Frymier was transferred from Rocky Fork to Wolf Pen. Ruby Messenger from Ellis Run to Sand Fork, and Harry Brannon was employed to teach at Fairview.

He who doth not shoot pool must loiter in the drug stores,—D. Ebreve.

W. A. A. NEWS

W. A. A. girls played their first softball game at the Rohrbaugh Field Wednesday evening. Finster's girls gave Ellyson's team stiff competition until the last inning when Ellyson's girls gained 14 runs which put them ahead to win by a 24-12 score.

Although McWilliams of the losers did some fine pitching it was impossible to keep Stalnaker and Bodkin from hitting the ball far out into the field.

Members of Stalnaker's badminton team defeated Clark's girls Wednesday evening by a 21-14 score. Both teams have three victories to their credit. These teams are so evenly matched that it is very uncertain who will win.

Spencer's girls for the first time this year beat Cunningham's team by a 22-20 score. Cunningham's team was ahead until the last minute when Spencer's girls forged ahead to win by a 2-point margin.

LABOR PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT Y. M. C. A. MEETING

At a Tuesday evening meeting of the College chapter of the Y. M. C. A. Raymond Taylor, freshman, discussed "The Labor Problem." He took a vote for and against a wage increase for coal miners. Those present favored the increase as long as the miners got the benefit of it. David Tewell read the scripture, after which all present repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Dr. D. L. Haight is planning a trip to Buckhannon April 19 to attend a meeting concerning the opening of the seventh War Loan Drive.

Miss Rose Funk, science and physical education instructor, was called to Rowlesburg Friday morning because of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Susan Funk, a teacher in the Rowlesburg Elementary School.

Mr., Mrs. Pickens Observe Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pickens of Lewis Street, Glenville, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home here Sunday with members of the immediate families as dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickens are both members of pioneer West Virginia families and have lived most of their lives in the DeKalb section of the county. Mrs. Pickens is the daughter of the late Nathaniel and Marietta Stalnaker; Mr. Pickens is the son of the late George and Rachel Kennedy Pickens. They were married at the home of the bride's parents April 17, 1895 by the Rev. Mr. Moore, Southern Methodist minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickens are the parents of six children: Karl, of Morgantown; Woodrow, of Charleston; Mrs. J. C. Carper, of Amma; Mrs. William Rule, of Bremerton, Washington; Ruth and Pearl, of Glenville. There are 11 grandchildren.

Helen Hornor Weds John H. Lewis In Clarendon, Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hornor, of Roanoke, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Virginia Hornor, to John H. Lewis, at Clarendon, Va., at 4 p. m. Saturday, March 17. The Rev. Thomas J. Summers, St. Charles Church, Clarendon, read the marriage ceremony. Best man and matron of honor were Lieutenant and Mrs. N. L. Smith.

The bride wore a gray crepe dress with purple accessories and a corsage of orchids. The matron of honor wore a yellow and orchid print on white with a corsage of yellow roses. The bride's mother was attired in navy blue crepe trimmed with white, with a corsage of light pink roses.

The bride was a teacher of commercial subjects in Weston High School for a number of years and has been employed by the War Department in Washington since June 1942. She attended Glenville State College, West Virginia Business College, Bowling Green Business University, and was graduated at the West Virginia University with a bachelor of science degree.

Mr. Lewis is an electrical engineer employed by the navy yard in Washington, and is a graduate of Columbia University School of Engineering.

CIVIC CLUB HAS BENEFIT PARTY

Several students and members of the faculty attended a benefit bridge and games party Tuesday night in the College gymnasium. The party was sponsored by the Glenville Civic Club and proceeds were given to the Red Cross. Refreshments were served and many prizes were awarded. Mrs. Thelma McFerrin, of Glenville, was chairman.

OPA Speaker To Address Rotary

A special program on "the new developments and prospects in rationing" is scheduled for a local Rotary Club luncheon at the Hotel Conrad April 19, with Eugene H. Brown, head of the division of information of OPA, as the speaker. Mr. Brown is a former Huntington newspaperman. Other guests at the luncheon will be members of the

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Oris (Bud) Curry of 218 So. Bouldin Street, Baltimore, Md., have announced the arrival of a baby boy, their first child, at the Church Home Hospital in Baltimore, March 24. The baby weighed seven and a half pounds and has been named John Garrett.

The mother is the former Muriel Garrett McGinnis and at present is on leave of absence as a member of the faculty of Normantown High School. The father works for the Bethlehem Fairfield Shipyard.

The maternal grandparents are Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. John R. Garrett of Glenville; the paternal grandparents, Mrs. Elmer Curry and the late Mr. Curry of Orton.

Pfc. Damon West, Miss Gordon Married

Mr. and Mrs. Rossa Gordon, of Baltimore, have announced the marriage of their only daughter, Edna Naomi, to Pfc. Damon West, son of Mrs. Essie West, of Troy. The ceremony took place on Saturday, March 31, at 4 p. m. at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Norris A. Lineweaver, Baltimore.

The bride is a graduate of Troy High School and at the present time is employed in defense work in Baltimore.

Pfc. West, also a graduate of Troy High School, attended the College and, for several years prior to his entering the service, was employed as a teacher by the Gilmer County Board of Education.

Mr. White Will Help Collect Proverbial Lore

In cooperation with a national project to collect and classify proverbial lore in America, Mr. H. L. White, head of the English department, will serve on the West Virginia Committee for collecting proverbial sayings under auspices of the American Dialect Society.

The Committee will collect proverbial sayings in West Virginia, which will later make up a part of a dictionary of American proverbs. While the collecting is being done the sayings will be filed in the archives of the American Dialect Society.

Miss Florence M. Hoagland, head of the department of English, Bethany College, requested Mr. White to assist in this area.

He has been instructed to collect any sayings in English that have been adopted by the people. Sayings collected may be individual or traditional, handed down from generations past, but no one collector can be sure of their character, an outline stated. Collectors are asked to send in anything they hear or find, and the committees of the Dialect Society, by comparing contributions with others in the same district and elsewhere, will be able to decide how widely the sayings are used.

At a meeting of the Social Committee Wednesday evening, it was agreed to ask the freshmen to present a party on May 11. Sophomores have chosen April 27 as a tentative date for a party.

Hastings Bailey visited friends at Spencer the past week-end.

county rationing board, four of whom are members of the Rotary Club, and the office clerks.

Miss Coberly, Mr. Cobb, Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Coberly, of Elkins, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to Lester Cobb, CM 3/c, USNR, on Monday, March 19 in Providence, R. I.

The bride is a graduate of Parsons High School and attended Glenville State College and Davis and Elkins College. Formerly a Randolph County teacher, she enlisted in the WACS in 1943 and is now in the Signal Corps and stationed in Washington, D. C.

CM Cobb, College graduate, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cobb, of St. Albans. He entered the service in 1942 and has spent twenty-six months in the Southwest Pacific. He is stationed at Davisville, R. I.

A British soldier was sentenced to be flogged. During the flogging he laughed continually. The harder the lash was laid on the harder the soldier laughed.

"Wot's so funny about bein' flogged?" demanded the sergeant.

"Why, the soldier chuckled, 'I'm the wrong man.'"

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The Mercury received a V-Mail Easter greeting recently from Lloyd M. Jones, Y 3/c, which reads as follows:

GREETINGS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

If you were only here with me
Or I were there with you,
Just think of all we'd talk about
And all the things we'd do.
But even though we are apart
This message comes your way
To say that I'll be there in thought
With you on Easter Day.
Thanks "Casey" and best wishes
to you from the Mercury staff.

S/Sgt. Sexton D. Wright, who has previously been stationed in Holland is now in Germany. In a letter to his family, he says he is about fifty miles from Lt. Clem "Buck" Jamison and hopes to see him before long.

Pfc. William Boggs is spending a ten-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Mary Allen, of Norman town. He is stationed at Newton D. Baker Hospital, Martinsburg, and will return there Sunday.

Sgt. Jack Conrad, who was to return to the Mercer Hospital, Richmond, Va., Saturday, was granted a five-day extension to his furlough because of the death of his grandmother, Mrs. William Furr, of Glenville.

First Lieut. Jack W. Waggoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Waggoner, of Weston, was recently presented the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action with the 117th Infantry Regiment on the Western Front. Presentation was made by Major Gen. L. S. Hobbs, commander of the 30th Infantry division.

Norfolk, Va.—Clyde Jackson Luzader, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Luzader, Glenville, W. Va., has been graduated from the aviation ordnance school at the U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla. Luzader enlisted Dec. 3, 1942. He is a graduate of Glenville High School and he formerly attended Glenville State College.

Mrs. J. B. Shahan, the former Miss Marjorie Bush, of Glenville is reminding parents and friends of men in the service that they may take advantage of a special South Pacific facility to get a birthday or special occasion greeting to their boys in the service.

Operated in the South Pacific under the name of the Armed Forces Radio Station, the facility got so many requests for Valentine Day greetings that workers on the station took two and a half days to fill the requests. Mrs. Shahan had sent one but it arrived too late for the program.

Two things are necessary to get a message broadcast: First, it must be sent by V-Mail; second, requests should be sent three weeks ahead of date they are to be played. The address is: Armed Forces Radio Station, Navy 926, F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

The following paragraphs were taken from the March 31 issue of the Whiting Tower, four-page printed newspaper printed and distributed at the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.:

"Arthur J. Moore, American Red Cross Assistant Field Director at Whiting, was transferred to Mainside this week to take over the position of NATE Field Director starting tomorrow. He will be succeeded by Mr. Ray Monsalvatge.

"Mr. Moore, whose home is Stumptown, W. Va., is replacing Mr. Thomas Kent, who has been made Field Supervisor of Alabama, Georgia and Northwest Florida. In the 21 months that Mr. Moore has been at Whiting, he has become one of the best known figures on the station. He came aboard 13 July, 1943, and since that time he has helped more than 4,000 persons in personal problems, ranging from verifying emergencies to assisting in filing allotment claims.

"During his stay here, Mr. Moore has taken the lead in two station Red Cross drives, both of which have gone over the top.

"The new home of Mr. Moore and his family will be at Navy Point, Warrington. He has two daughters, Lois, 6, and Sandra Kay, 2, and an infant son, born 24 February.

"Mr. Monsalvatge, a former Naval officer, came into the Red Cross several months ago and has been stationed at Mainside for the past month. His home is in Atlanta."

With the 321st B-25 Group of the 12th AAF in the Mediterranean Theater.—When the 321st B-25 Mitchell Bomb Group of the 12th Air Force recently announced the completion of two full years of combat operations, one of the men assigned to the group who helped observe the anniversary was Sgt. Denver R. Thompson, who is serving as an armorer. His wife, Leota, and child, live at Glenville.

Capt. Harold L. Scott writes from Fort Myers, Fla.: "The Greenville (Miss.) Army Air Field was deactivated as of March 31 and I was transferred to Fort Myers and arrived here the past week. I have been assigned to the physical training department and will be in charge of parachute landing courses. This training is given to all gunnery students before they go overseas.

Lieut. Ruddell Reed, Jr., who recently had been assigned to special radar training courses in the Mid-West, has been transferred to duty in the South Pacific as a member of a B-29 flight group. Mrs. Reed, the former Miss Geneva Proctor, who had been with her husband, meanwhile, has returned to Glenville.

Mrs. J. V. Smith of Akron, O., writes that her younger son, Pvt. Leon Smith, who spent at least two years in and around Persia, is now in France and attached to the 478th Engineering Maintenance Company, Seventh Army. Pvt. Smith in a letter to his mother said he liked France better than his former station and explained that his unit repairs and maintains heavy equipment for the engineers who build roads for the front-line troops.

This Week We Present . . .

- A—just a happy sophomore.
- B—always manages to make good grades.
- N—ever answers to her other name, Marjorie.
- E—early bedtime gives her extra pep.
- T—raves to the drug store each day.
- B—breakfasts at Kanawha Hall each morning.
- O—ften seen with Marjorie Hall.
- G—ets out a ouija board occasionally.
- G—ravel Gertie is her ideal.
- S—ophomore vice president.

Helen Cox was a week-end visitor at her home at Clarksburg.

SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE IS ON; COUNTY QUOTA IS \$112,000 FOR INDIVIDUALS

The Seventh War Loan drive opened in Gilmer and every other U. S. county April 9 and a three months' period will be allowed in raising the record-breaking quotas which have been announced through the state headquarters.

Gilmer County in the Seventh drive has a quota of \$112,000 for the Series E Bonds, as compared to \$65,000 in the Sixth War Loan, which was oversubscribed. Total here for all other individual sales is \$24,000, making a total for individuals of \$146,000. Sales of the individual series started April 9 and will be counted up to and including July 7, or a period of twelve weeks.

The county's grand total of bonds to be sold is \$190,000, with corporation sales of \$44,000 scheduled to start May 14 and run through June 30.

In every drive in the past

Gilmer County with John E. Arbuckle as chairman has achieved high state ratings, winning the challenge flag for first-place in one instance and finishing in the upper brackets in every other instance.

Next week Chairman Arbuckle and members of his committee are to go to Buckhannon for a regional dinner and conference to discuss means of adding impetus to the current drive.

West Virginia's quota of E Bonds has been set at \$34,000,000, while the goal for the campaign from May 14 to June 30, totals \$83,000,000, an all-time high for this state.

State Chairman A. C. Spurr said that while the state has been given an E Bond quota far in excess of the amount raised in previous campaigns, the state organization has three months in which to "try and make it."

FROM THE MERCURY'S FILES

1939—The Holy Roller Court will sponsor its annual semi-formal spring dance Friday night in the College gymnasium. Music will be furnished by Reed Raines and his orchestra from Thomas. Coach A. F. Rohrbough announced today that a tentative 13-game schedule has been arranged for the Pioneer tennis team.

1940—Teresa Butcher, of Cedarville, was elected president of next year's senior class Wednesday in the College auditorium. In the closest student contest in the history of the College, Earl McDonald, of Parkersburg, was elected president of the student body in the general election Tuesday.

1941—Eight football teams have been scheduled to meet the Glenville Pioneers next fall, announces Coach A. F. Rohrbough. Of the eight games, five will be played at home.

Weather, attendance and exhibits were all that could have been asked for Saturday when Glenville State College, through its Chemistry Club and its various other departments offered the tenth annual Chemistry Day, to which came 412 guests from forty high schools.

1942—Wednesday was pay-day at the College when chattering, restless students assembled in Administration Hall awaiting their turn to get their mid-semester grades.

Approximately 250 persons braved heavy rain Thursday morning to send off eighty-three of the scheduled eighty-five Gilmer County draftees to Clarksburg.

1943—The forty-one seniors on the tentative list slated to receive the Bachelor of Arts degree at commencement on June 2, will be the last students to receive a degree from Glenville State Teachers College, as the name of the College after July 1, will be Glenville State College.

The Rev. Perry Cox, pastor of the Episcopal Church, of Weston, addressed students and faculty in assembly, Wednesday on the subject, "What I Have Seen and What It Means to Me."

1944—President of the Student Council for 1944-1945 is Janette Cunningham, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham of Tanner.

Glenville Boy Scouts and students in Gilmer County's five high schools

have realized \$309.47 from the sale of scrap paper collected and sold during the past two months.

RADER TALKS AT CURRENT EVENTS CLUB MEETING

Jack Rader, sophomore, discussed the treatment of German prisoners of war, taken from an article in Time Magazine, and why we should keep certain Pacific bases after the war, from an article in the American Magazine, at a meeting of the Current Events Club Thursday.

The Club will hold its annual picnic next Sunday as guests of Miss Bessie B. Bell, Club adviser, at her home.

DATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENTS ANNOUNCED

The five Gilmer County high schools announced dates for commencement exercises, to take place in May, the past week:

Baccalaureate sermons will be delivered at Troy, May 13, 11 a. m.; Sand Fork, May 20, 8 p. m.; Glenville, May 20, 2:30 p. m.; Tanner, May 20, 8 p. m.; and Normantown, May 20 at 8 p. m.

Commencement exercises will be held at Troy, May 17, Sand Fork, May 22, Glenville and Normantown, May 23, and Tanner, May 24. All exercises will be held at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Ruddell Reed, Jr., the former Miss Geneva Proctor, former student, was a guest the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruddell Reed, of Kanawha Drive.

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SPENCER SCHOOL CHORUS

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qua Society will present Rabbi Louis Fienberg, of Cincinnati, who will speak here at 10 a. m. Rabbi Fienberg received the A. B. degree in 1915 from the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated magna cum laude as rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1916. He has been rabbi of Congregation Adath Israel in Cincinnati since 1918. He is editor of the children's monthly, "Our Jewish Youth"; he has translated Laws of Charity of the Schuchman Aruch for the New York School of Philanthropy; has contributed short stories to Anglo-Jewish press and has written articles for English and Yiddish periodicals. He is active in civic and communal affairs and is a member of various boards and agencies.

REVIEW CANCELLED

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The Gay Nineties performers Thursday night.

Previous performances at Tanner, Troy, and Sand Fork have netted \$147.57 for the Red Cross in form of contributions.

BECOMES MEMBER OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

Miss Nell Reed, former student now attending West Virginia University, was initiated into the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority on the W. V. U. campus, according to word received here the past week. Miss Reed is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruddell Reed.

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