

From the comments I've heard the plays given in assembly last week made up one of the best assembly programs we have had this year. The student body is more interested in programs which feature students. They may not be quite as good as speakers from the outside but perhaps the students should be given a chance.

#### Who's Who Named

While we are handing out the orchids, one each should go to the three seniors and two juniors who were named in the college's Who's Who. Here's good luck to all of you and hopes that your name will be placed in a larger Who's Who.

#### Helen Cox Leaves

Among other ways that Helen Cox will be missed, she will be missed as an editorial writer on THE MERCURY. She always had new ideas and knew how to express them. We understand that she is on her way to matrimony. The staff wishes you much happiness, Helen.

#### Intramurals Are Of Interest

Intramural basketball is in full swing now and those fans who have been waiting since last March (when the basketball season ended) will again receive the thrill that occurs when they see the ball swish through the basket. For an evening of good enjoyment go to the gym and cheer your favorite team, if you don't have too many studies. You will probably derive more benefit from them if you will take an hour or so to relax.

Things are beginning to look more like Christmas every day and those students who do not believe in Santa Claus are at least doing all they can to please their parents anyway. Better results are obtained that way.

Of course we won't be able to print an edition to tell about all the gifts that were exchanged but it would be interesting, to say the least, to know what is being expected of Santa. I've heard of everything from fur

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#### Veterans Notice

All veterans who plan a change in either course or institution must have a supplementary certificate of eligibility from Veterans Administration.

## College History Reveals Struggle For Existence In Its Early Years

By Luzon Casto

On Feb. 19, 1872, an act was passed by the legislature providing for the establishment of a branch of the normal school at Glenville, on condition that the citizens of the town would furnish suitable buildings without expense to the state.

Louis Bennett was appointed first principal and F. M. Marshall first assistant principal.

The school opened Jan. 14, 1873, in the old court house on the site now occupied by the present court house building.

This was used for two years, when a two story frame building, known as the "Lively House" was bought by the citizens of Glenville and given to the school.

Much credit is due Prof. T. M. Marshall for his untiring labors for the school under most trying and discouraging conditions.

#### Marshall Endures Hardship

During one year while Marshall was principal no appropriation was made for the institution by the legislature but he continued the school, and at times he, himself, would dig and carry the coal that was used for fuel.

But the growth of the school, though slow, was steady and the outlook gradually became more hopeful. In 1885 the legislature appropriated \$5,000 for building purposes, and a substantial brick structure took the place of the frame building, and it is today known as the Old Administration building.

The school continued to grow and in 1903 a new building was constructed and joined to the one built in 1885.

Acts of the legislature up to and including 1911, provided appropriations to complete the administration building and auditorium as they are at present.

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## 5 Students Are Named For Who's Who In Colleges

### Three Seniors Are Listed, Two Juniors

Glenville State college students and faculty have selected Fonda Mae Wellings, Meredith Maxine Riddle, the Rev. Talbert Nelson Bennett, seniors; and Thelma Lee Ryan, Earl Rymer Stalnaker, juniors, to be listed in "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges."

This publication is a semi-official list of the leaders on the campus of the universities and colleges in the country. It is printed at the University of Alabama.

Miss Wellings is the daughter of Charles and Lizette Wellings of Troy. She graduated from Doddridge county high school in 1944 and is completing her college course in three years.

#### Was IRO Delegate

She has been a delegate to the Regional Conference of the International Relations clubs, is a leader in 4-H work and has teaching fields in English, math, social studies.

Miss Riddle graduated from Tanner high school in 1944 and is the daughter of J. Leo and Lucille Glen Riddle. She is a member of the WAA of the colleges, belongs to the Woman's club of Glenville, and the Pythian Sisters lodge.

Mr. Bennett is the son of Charles and Fannie Bennett of

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#### Greetings From Dean To Students, Alumni, and Faculty:

The annual holiday season brings with it renewed feeling for family and friends. Ties of kinship and friendship are strengthened and a feeling of charity toward others is brought into sharper focus than at any other period of the year. The staff of the offices of the Dean and of the Registrar at this time extends sincere good wishes for a Christmas season of good cheer and a New Year of good fortune.

Robert T. Crawford, Dean

## Stanford Offers Writers' Awards

How is your money holding out? Would you like to increase your bank account? If so, here is an opportunity for students interested in writing.

Dramatists' alliance of Stanford University offers four awards in dramatic writing in the twelfth annual competitions. The STEVENS Award of one hundred dollars is offered for serious plays of full length in either prose or verse; the ETHEREGE Award of one hundred dollars will go to the writer of the best full length comedy submitted.

Brief plays of one act in two short unified scenes may compete for the ALDEN Award of fifty dollars. The GRAY Award of seventy-five dollars is offered for dramatic criticism concerning stage, cinema, or radio, written in lucid, vigorous style.

The most producible of the plays among these competitions will be staged in the summer of 1947 during Dramatists' Assembly in the University town.

Contests are open to all persons writing in English, regardless of training or experience.

Final date of this season's competitions is February 15th, 1947. Address communications and inquiries for registration forms to DRAMATISTS' ALLIANCE, Box 200 z, Stanford University, California.

#### MERCURY Takes Holiday

Because of Christmas holidays there will be no MERCURY printed until January 7, 1947. Christmas recess begins Friday, Dec. 20, at 5 p. m., and ends Monday, Jan. 6, at 8 a. m. The editors of THE MERCURY wish you one and all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

#### Greetings From President

To the students of Glenville State College go my best wishes for a happy Holiday season, one day of which has been set apart to commemorate the birth of a great man.

I once read in a history of the world a statement something like this—during the reign of Augustus Caesar when all the world was at peace, there was born in a remote province of the Roman Empire a man whose teachings were destined to have a mighty influence on future civilization.

Regardless of our religious beliefs or our affiliations, we can all agree that His precepts have been a great force in lifting human conduct and human relations to higher levels. We shall do well, during this Holiday season to take some time to ponder the philosophy of this great Teacher.

Down through the ages, men have honored and revered Him and have bestowed on Him the greatest of all titles—"Prince of Peace." Peace! What a beautiful thought.

To all of you and to your folks at home—"Greetings."

D. L. Haught President

## Christmas Party Is Slated For Thursday

The annual Christmas party will be held in the college gymnasium Thursday from 8 to 10 p. m. The party, which is being sponsored by the social committee, is under the direction of Mary Katherine Shumate.

Games and dancing will furnish the entertainment for the evening. Betty Jo Simons and Kathryn Elliott have been appointed chairmen of refreshments and decorations.

## Chorus, Band Are Set For Chapel

Chapel program for Thursday, Dec. 9, will be conducted by the Music department of Glenville State college under the sponsorship of Bertha E. Olsen.

The mixed chorus of 30 members will be accompanied on the piano by Jean Nottingham. This is the first mixed chorus of the college for several years.

This is the first formal appearance of the college band this year.

Stage decorations will be furnished by Roy Fitzpatrick, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

The program is as follows: Christmas Selection, band; The First Noel, audience; The Birthday of a King, women's chorus; O Holy Night, women's chorus; Scripture Reading, Pres. D. L. Haught; Lord's Prayer, all; Alleluia-Benedictus, mixed chorus; The Lost Chord, mixed chorus; Deck the Hall, audience; "The Christmas Carol," Hunter Whiting; Cantata "Childe Jesus," mixed chorus; announcements; Silent Night, audience; White Christmas, audience.

Miss Rosamond Allen spent the week-end in Charleston and Weston.

## Faculty Members Are Considering Curricula Change

### GSC Group To Study General Education

In conjunction with similar groups throughout the colleges of West Virginia, an eight member committee comprised of Glenville State college faculty members is considering far-reaching curriculum changes which will effect the course of study of every under-graduate in West Virginia state supported colleges.

Under the direction of Pres. D. L. Haught, the Glenville committee will study the college curriculum and then make recommendations to the Association of Higher Education in accordance with a two-fold resolution adopted as its objective for the current academic year:

- "1. That every college in the state set up a committee of the faculty to study the possibilities and extent of general education in the college program" and
- "2. That a board program of general education be set up for the training of all prospective teachers covering a two-year period preceding teacher-training."

#### Dean Crawford Named

At an initial meeting of the Glenville General Education committee, Dean R. T. Crawford was named chairman of the group. Members present were Pres. D. L. Haught, Dean R. T. Crawford, Dr. C. L. Underwood, Professors H. Y. Clark, Hunter Whiting, Bertha E. Olsen, A. H. Anderson, Mrs. H. P. Scott, and Espy W. Miller, secretary.

Should such a program appear feasible and when translated into a practical curriculum, it would mean that students entering state colleges preparatory to teaching would be given a broad and general two years of work in the humanities and other allied fields prior to commencement of professional training in the specialized field of education.

## Players Present Two Dramas In Assembly

Two one-act plays were presented in assembly last week to the amusement of a large percentage of the student body.

"Fiddlers of the Forest," was the title of one of the plays which had its setting in Canada. Its cast was comprised of Ruth Mearns, Eleanor Mills, Alfreda Taylor and James Keeney.

In the other one-act roles were played by William Rexroad, Eugene Bartlett, Betty Gainer, Alan Foutty, Marie Fott, Kathryn Wilfong, and Betty Waybright.

#### Teter Undergoes Operation

Betty Lee Teter, of Linn, was operated upon for appendicitis recently in the Weston City hospital and is convalescing at her home.

She plans to resume her classes this week.

Frances Henry and Ruth Mearns spent the week-end at their home in Tioga and Camden. Joan Cross spent Saturday shopping in Clarksburg.





## Efficiency Versus Liberty

The United States, facing its second postwar Christmas, is still struggling for return to normalcy. The normally high living standard is high in some phases, much lower than prewar standards in others.

Production of civilian goods is insufficient to meet the demands of increased buying power, or even normal buying power. The government is in a period of transition, still bureau-ridden and topheavy with executive power, granted in war-time to expedite prosecution of the war.

Labor troubles, coupled with shortages of materials burned at a furious pace during hostilities, cause production lags, which result in scarcity and high prices

of consumer goods.

A large portion of bumps on the road to harmony and plenty are caused by Americans following their custom of doing what they please. Many of these could be eliminated by increased executive powers in the government. The American Way is not efficient! As long as it continues as a representative republic it never will be.

However, when faced with a choice between efficiency and liberty the American people have chosen liberty consistently. There seems to be little indication that they intend to sell their birthright for a beefroast or a new automobile now. Amen.—by Richard Workman.

## Raised Eyebrow Greets Russian Move

Eyebrows were raised all over the world by the recent surprising Russian proposals for disarmament. The Soviet government has in effect proposed a system of United Nations inspection of member nations to determine their progress toward disarmament, all of which is very encouraging, in view of the fact that it is almost a complete about-face from the stubborn and at times cynical foreign policy of the Moscovites.

As a first step, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov has proposed that the United States scrap its atomic bomb, and in return Russia would make a proportionate reduction in armaments.

What has happened is this. Soviet Russia, next to the United States, is the most powerful nation in the world, and certainly with an army which is numerical-

ly second to none, accepts this principle of disarmament and inspection as assurance that she intends to carry out her part of the agreement.

More astonishing is the fact that she has even gone so far as to suggest that she might be willing to forego use of the veto in such matters, which right she has clung to stubbornly these several months.

Certainly for the sake of a lasting peace and the betterment of relations among the nations of the world, this principle is very worthy, but the American people will yet remain skeptical until words are turned into action. Our brief encounters with the Russian foreign policy has given to American minds that "that's all very well attitude" which can only be augmented by real assurance and deeds.—by Jack Rader.

## Bulletin Board, Notices Or History?

The bulletin board in the Administration building hall (beside the entrance to the auditorium) is always filled with material that is outdated. Upon inquiring about the subject it was found that whoever places a notice on the board is also responsible for taking the same notice down.

This information is passed on, so that when you read the same notice for the next two weeks that, "there will be a meeting tonight," you will know who is to blame and it is hoped pressure is brought to bear upon the individual who placed the announcement there, to remove it.

We learned as freshmen to read the bulletin board (that is until the student council saw fit to remove most of the freshmen rules which seemed to be the go ahead signal for a flagrant disregard for the remaining rules) and it should not be necessary for a notice to remain there for

more than two days.

If a student does not have a class in the building for two days then it is quite possible that he will not be there at any time, so why leave it longer? A few notices should and will have to remain longer but these should be kept to a minimum.

When an organization posts a notice it should delegate some person to remove the notice after everyone has had ample time to have read it. This would eliminate the necessity of spending many minutes scanning over old material to see if "anything new" has been posted. If organizations would do this it would seem that more persons would see notices that are posted as the student could tell at a glance if anything concerning him has been posted recently.

Do you think the bulletin board should be a place for posting notices, or a place for recording history?—by Robert Reed.

## Kees Gives Chapel Address Thursday

Reverend Robert J. Kees, who just completed a two-weeks evangelical meeting at the First Baptist church of Glenville, delivered the chapel address last Thursday. He advised preparation for the tests of life, as well

as classroom tests.

The speaker, who was introduced by Rev. Cornelius De Block, pastor of the First Baptist church, received his training at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Kees is also a former member of the International Marimba Symphony orchestra.

## On The Local Screen

There isn't much to be said of the movie fare scheduled for the Glenville cinema houses this week. The programs are sadly lacking in the better type of movies although one or two might be well worth your time.

Tonight Joan Davis and Jack Oakie will have the situation well in hand at the PT in "She Wrote The Book." If you're in the mood for a few good laughs it might be well for you to see this pix. From this columnist's point of view, Joan is just about the best comedian in the business.

On Thursday and Friday, "The Bachelor's Daughters" will come to us via the projection booth. In the more important roles are lovely Gail Russell and Adolphe Menjou. This is one of the most recent movies to be shown on the local screen.

### Double Feature To Play

Come Saturday, there'll be another double feature. Number one is "Smooth As Silk," starring Kent Taylor and Virginia Grey. The chief asset of this production lies in the competent, although comparatively unknown, cast. In this murder story, Taylor portrays the part of a handsome criminal lawyer who bumps off another guy who has been beating his time and then tries to lead the D. A. to believe the gal friend was responsible.

Although this is not a high quality movie, the plot is intriguing. The second feature of the evening will be "Rustler's Roundup," another one of those gun slingin' affairs in which the outlaws are eventually brought to justice.

"In Old Sacramento," a glorified western will be the center of attraction on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Bill Elliott (of the Red Ryder series, and Constance Moore are the more important characters.

### Marco Polo Booked Again

It looks as if "Adventures of Marco Polo" will be eventually put in its appearance at the Lyric as it is again booked for Thursday and Friday. Gary Cooper is the star of this picture and will be a movie worth seeing if it is shown.

"Down Missouri Way," featuring Martha O'Driscoll and Eddie Dean is scheduled for the Lyric Sunday and Monday. The other pix will be "Sons of the Desert" with Laurel and Hardy. This is one of the zanier movies they have yet made and should bring laughs from all the patrons.

This columnist wants to wish all the readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### SOUTH AMERICA'S JOHNNY APPLESEED

South America has a variation of the North American story of Johnny Appleseed, but in Paraguay it was oranges rather than apples that were planted. During the Paraguayan war, General Lopez commanded that oranges be planted on all estates. He also encouraged people, whenever they ate an orange anywhere in Paraguay, to plant the seed. In Brazil, large scale commercial production of oranges has developed, and to a lesser extent in Cuba, Mexico and Argentina.

Pasture grasses need nitrogen to give their best growth, but a good legume crop will provide it more effectively and economically than will commercial nitrogen. For changing tires on the road at night, a manufacturer has come up with an extension cord that will plug into the cigar lighter socket of your car.

## Coming Events

**TUESDAY—6:00:** 4-H club meeting. 7:30: Christmas party in Verona Mapel Hall.

**WEDNESDAY—7:00:** Holy Roller Court meeting. 6:00-8:00: Open house in Verona Mapel lounge.

**THURSDAY—10:00:** Christmas assembly: College Glee club and orchestra. 8:00: Christmas party in Louis Bennett lounge for all students and faculty.

## Meet Your Ministers

Rev. Mr. Glendon McKee, pastor of Glenville-Normantown Methodist circuit, which he has served for four years consecutively, was re-named for the fifth year last October.

Reverend McKee has resided in Glenville where he has been attending Glenville State college from which he expects to receive an A. B. degree with the class of 1947. He plans to continue his professional training by entering seminary.

Reverend McKee attended the public schools in his native county, Calhoun, and was graduated from Grantsville high school with the class of 1935.

He married the former Miss Eupha Hicks, of Minora, West Virginia, who graduated in the same high school class at Grantsville. Before entering the ministry, Reverend McKee was employed at the state hospital in Spencer.

A member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Glenville, Reverend McKee is a member of the Woodsman lodge of Spencer. His favorite sport is hunting.

## Beth Curry Marries Joe Wade Of Boston

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Curry of Walkersville have announced the marriage of their daughter, Beth, a former student, to Joseph N. Wade of Boston.

The wedding took place in Boston on November 16.

Mrs. Wade spent three years in the U. S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve and after her discharge was attached to the Veterans Administration.

## On The Campus

By Janet Boggs

With the strains of music by C. Hallis Wallis (whoever he is) still going through our minds, we find ourselves deep in the midst of the week before Christmas and all over the campus students are busy hanging holly and mistletoe for decorative and other purposes.

With all the parties and things there should be plenty of information for any gossip column—right? But who are we to try reading into events yet to come? Better stick to the past and what we know.

Is it the beginning of something new, or what gives? Bob Galford taking Joanne Gardener to the dance Friday night.

Mostly we find it was just the same steady couples who were dancing in the candle-light, though—such as Harry Pitt and Joan Cross, Mary Lou Law and Bob Bennett, Evelyn Finster and Allan Foutty, Peg Adams and Ralph Fazio, Bob Whiting and Margy Jack—oh, you know who they are.

Now look who's gone and done it! Cox, we're gonna miss you around here, but if Dick Berkhouse is more important to you than we are—well, we hope you're awfully happy.

Sue Carroll and Alfreeda Taylor have been finding campus life so strictly fascinating that they refuse to leave the campus even to go to town. Won't you all tell us what's keeping you so close home—huh? Or is it a secret?

Bob Bennett, we think those posters you made for the dance were just too cute for words. Who's gonna take over and make posters when you leave? Let "Myrt" do it—it'll keep her busy while you're not here.

## Verona Mapel Cook Is Severely Burned

Ruby Carr, head cook of Verona Mapel hall, received severe burns on the face, neck, and arms Friday when an explosion occurred in the kitchen.

Miss Carr was taken to a hospital in Weston where she received treatment for her burns.

She remained in the hospital till Monday evening then returned to Glenville. Miss Carr will not be able to resume her duties for some time.

Bill Linger spent the week-end visiting in Morgantown.

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## Community of Sand Fork, Layopolis, Is Not Teeming City Predicted 1903

By Ernest Garrett

Born of the river and nurtured by the gas, oil, and coal which lie beneath the earth surrounding it, the town of Layopolis, or Sand Fork, as it is today called, for reasons accountable only in the warp of time, failed to become the thriving metropolis that was predicated near the turn of the century by a traveling reporter who visited this peaceful village.

Many of the students of Glenville State college likely never heard of Layopolis, or Sand Fork, before they came here, a quiet and unassuming town lying seven miles up Little Kanawha river from Glenville.

### Official Name Is Layopolis

Few people know the official name of Sand Fork is Layopolis. The first syllable was the name of the first assistant treasurer of the Standard Oil company while the last syllable means city.

Sand Fork, as most people call this town, is the name of the post office, public schools, and the creek which empties into the Little Kanawha river at this point. The sign outside of the town even reads Sand Fork.

There have been three stages in the growth of this little town. The following two paragraphs tell of the first two stages of its growth as told in a newspaper dated February 5, 1903. The reporter, O. F. Morton, was known as a traveling representative of the newspaper and traveled on foot, horseback, and by riverboat. The discovery of oil caused the reporter to write the following.

"During the extremely cold spell in February, 1890, the

writer of this letter walked through Sand Fork and remembers an iron bridge and five houses scattered lonesomely about the river bottom. There were two stores and a post office. The public school was so small that there was talk of disannulling the same."

### Layopolis Has 40 Dwellings

"Four years later," the writer continues, "there are forty dwellings in Layopolis and the population is fully 200. Lots are being sold almost daily and more houses are soon to be erected. There are three general stores, a grocery store, blacksmith shop, harness shop, and a furniture company located here. For hotels, there are the Stump hotel and the Travelers' Inn. There also are three boarding houses and other business places of less importance."

The reporter went on to predict that Layopolis will someday be a thriving city. Coal, oil, and gas found in large quantities around Layopolis were supposed to be strategic in the development of West Virginia. He wrote, "With abundant coal and gas, why may not this valley become on a smaller scale an industrial region like the Monongahela, with its busy towns, sometimes within sight of one another."

Today, Sand Fork, as I shall call it, is not the booming city it was supposed to be and has made little progress toward becoming one. In fact, the population today is only about 250 and there is not an industry in town providing work for more than two of its citizens.

It still has a post office, two general stores, and Gilmer county's oldest garage and its oldest high school. Layopolis is also the second largest town in Gilmer county, mainly because Glenville is the only other incorporated town in this county.

## "JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture

"God made you, little tree, but if you reach maturity under our present destructive cutting practices, it'll be a miracle!"

## With The Book Reviewers

### "THE FAITH AND FIRE WITHIN US"

By Elizabeth Jackson

"All in all, the more I study the democrat tradition, the greater cause I see for faith and hope."

However American are the faith and fire within us, however vital to America in time of war, they are also a part of the great tradition of the past, of all English-speaking nations.

It is the importance of this continuity from age to age that gives strength to Elizabeth Jackson's treatment of American ideas.

That Raymond Clapper is a direct descendant of Sir Francis Bacon, Leslie Howard of Sir Philip Sidney, Henry Wallace of Milton and Cromwell is soon apparent.

The book speaks for today as well as for yesterday. Its ideas are the ideas of America at any time, now given new impetus by the war. Miss Jackson's is a very personal credo, but it is unmistakably American.

## Choral Group Sings Garden Club Recital

The College choral group presented to the members of the Glenville Garden club a special Christmas music program, last week at 8 p. m. in the music room under the direction of Miss Bertha E. Olsen and Mrs. John E. Arbuckle.

Group singing included "Joy to the World," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and "Deck the Hall."

The choral group sang "The Birthday of a King," "O Holy Night," "Cherry Tree Carol," and "Patapan."

Anna Marie Lovejoy, played a

## Helen Cox Showered By Dorm Residents

Residents of Verona Mapel hall were guests at a miscellaneous shower for Helen Cox Saturday night in the dormitory.

Miss Cox, former senior, withdrew from the college last week to go to her home at West Union. From there she plans to go to Los Angeles, where she will be married to Richard Berkhouse.

Miss Erma Edwards spent the week-end in Clarksburg.

John V. White spent a few days the past week in a Parkersburg hospital as a patient.

piano solo, "Clair de Lune," and Hunter Whiting read Dickens "Christmas Carol."

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Gail Russell, Adolph Menjou

Sat. Dec. 21

### "SMOOTH AS SILK"

Kent Taylor, Virginia Grey plus

### "RUSTLERS ROUNDUP"

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Dec. 22, 23, 24

### "IN OLD SACRAMENTO"

Constance Moore, Bill Elliott

## LYRIC

Thur.-Fri. Dec. 19-20

### "ADVENTURES OF MARCO POLO"

Gary Cooper, Basil Rathbone

Sat.-Sun. Dec. 21-22

### "DOWN MISSOURI WAY"

Martha O'Driscoll, Eddie Dean plus

### "SONS OF THE DESERT"

Laurel and Hardy

## Ohningohow Players Accept New Members

The Ohningohow players accepted six new members to their organization at a special meeting Wednesday.

In try-outs students were required to present a pantomime.

The students accepted were: Mary Lou Law, Betty Waybright, Allan Foutty, Jack Garcia, James Keeney, and Charles McElwee.

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## Six Americans Win Nobel Prize Awards

Six Americans recently have been named winners of the 1946 Nobel Prizes for peace, physics, and chemistry. Selections were made in Stockholm, Sweden.

The list of awards follows:

**PEACE:** Dr. John R. Mott, of Orlando, Florida; Prof. Emily Greene Balch of Wellesley, Mass.

**CHEMISTRY:** Prof. James Batcheller Sumner, Cornell University; Prof. Wendell M. Stanley, and Prof. John Howard Northrop, both of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, Princeton, New Jersey.

**PHYSICS:** Prof. Percy Williams Bridgman, Harvard University.

**LITERATURE:** Herman Hesse, of Switzerland.

Mrs. Mildred Beaver spent the week-end with her husband in Jeanette, Pa.

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## Renowned Author Leaves Fortune

When H. G. Wells, world famed author of "The Outline of Knowledge," died last Aug. 13, at the age of 79, he left a substantial estate worth 59,811 pounds, (about \$240,000) his attorneys recently disclosed.

Mr. Wells gave all rights in "The Outline of History" and "The Science of Life" to his son, George, and other rights to his son, Frank, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marjorie S. Wells.

In his will the late author named his daughter-in-law as an executor "because she is especially acquainted with the conduct of my affairs."

Other bequests in the will were 1,000 pounds to Anna Jane Davis, "at present in Government employ at the Hotel Cecil, Delhi," and 1,000 pounds and an additional 3,000 pounds with which to purchase an annuity to "My dear friend," Maria Baroness Budberg. Gives Huge Sums

A friend recently explained that the late Mr. Wells had given away most of his fortune earned from his literary efforts.

Among the works for which the British writer attained world renown are: "The Outline of History," "The Science of Life," "Mankind in the Making," "The Story of a Great Schoolmaster," "The Work, Wealth and Happiness of Mankind," "Men Like Gods," and "The King Who Was a King."

Bequests of other famous writers totalled: Hah Caine, 260,000 pounds; Sir James Barrie, 173,406 pounds; Rudyard Kipling,

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## BALLOTS FOR THE COACHES ALL-AMERICAN

Evidence of the stiff competition for 1946 All-American honors piles up in the office of D. O. ("Tuss") McLaughry, secretary-treasurer of the American Football Coaches Association. Here McLaughry, Dartmouth head coach, and his secretary, Miss Minnie Crosby, study some of the ballots cast by the 475 members of the Association. The Coaches All-American selections will be published in the Dec. 21st Saturday Evening Post in a copyrighted article by Coach Dick Harlow, of Harvard, president of the Association.

155,000 pounds; Thomas Hardy, 91,000 pounds; John Galsworthy, 88,000 pounds; and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 63,000 pounds.

## 5 Students

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Philippi, is pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren church. He is a past master of the Glenville Masonic lodge and is Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows of West Virginia.

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Mr. Bennett is married and has two sons.

### Stalnaker Is Veteran

Mr. Stalnaker is from Glenville high school and a veteran of World War II. He is the son of Delbert and Edna Stalnaker of Glenville. He is a member of the Holy Roller court, the Veterans club and G. club.

Miss Ryan is from Spencer and has taught in Walton high school in Roane county. She is a past president of WAA, a member of the Canterbury club, YWCA, and the choral club. She teaches biology, English and physical education.

She is the past Worthy Adviser of Rainbow, a Masonic organization for girls.

She is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Thomas P. Ryan, Sr., of Spencer.

Thelma Ryan spent the week-end in Charleston and Spencer.

Bob Pickens spent the week-end at his home in Letter Gap.

## Old Songs Rated Over Recent Say Students In Poll

By Leona Williams

"What are your impressions of the latest song hits?" When this question was asked, it was found that, in general, students prefer the older songs to the latest ones. Comments heard from various students were:

Marion Reed, "I like the latest ones, but like old ones 'mixed in.'"

Jo Ann Foreman, "I think they're all alike—who not more variety?"

Bill Luzader, "The newer songs are definitely of poorer quality."

"Rusty" Stalnaker, "I haven't heard a good song for a long time. Even Hoagy Carmichael is getting 'rusty.'"

Maxine Wright, "I like the old ones better."

Ella Mae Scott, "They're okay, but nothing beats 'Stardust.'"

Joan Cross, "I'll stick with 'Scotty' for 'Stardust.'"

Lou Strader, "I like the old songs better than the more recent ones."

Harry Pritt, "They won't last forever; I prefer 'Stardust.'"

## Seasonal Hazards Are Cited By Kidd

State Fire Marshal Robert H. Kidd, emphasizing that more persons burn to death during December than during any other month, asked West Virginians Saturday to be "particularly cautious" during the holiday period.

Thirty-three persons, 12 of them children, lost their lives in fires and similar hazards during December, 1945, and 34 perished similarly during December, 1944. The toll during that month of 1944 was more than double that for any other month.

Kidd blamed the rush of preparing for the holidays, and the fire hazards of Christmas trees and inflammable decorations, as well as the increasing need for indoor heating, for the December increases.

He said people have a tendency to become less cautious during a rush period, when caution is most necessary.

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## Wiehl, Anderson Conduct Clinic, Interpret Rules

### Basketball Changes Shown By Players

Newt Anderson and "Chick" Wiehl, two of the better known basketball officials of this section, conducted a rules clinic last Tuesday in the Pioneer gym before an enthusiastic fando, including Coach Carlos Ratliff and ten members of his Pioneer squad, who helped demonstrate the rules, and coaches of teams in this section along with their squads.

Both Anderson and Wiehl, who are certified members of the Northern Board of Officials, interpreted some of the rule changes for this season, and then answered questions in regard to these rules.

Among the changes in rules are:

1. This season there will be one official timer and one official scorer, in contrast to the two used previously.
2. More liberalisms in regard to substitution in last four minutes of game.
3. On jump balls after going out of bounds along sidelines, the jumps will take place at least six feet from the sideline.
4. Deliberate or unnecessary fouls to be called with more strict adherence.
5. A bounce pass may be used from under-basket plays by offensive team under opponents' goal to teammate in back court.
6. Substitutes may not enter game until beckoned by the referee.

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## From The Sidelines

By Jack Rader

It's Pioneers vs. Catamounts tomorrow night at Keyser and we look for a close contest. Frankly, even after three weeks of observing the Pioneers in practice, we can't as yet form a firm opinion as to their success or failure this season. So with that in mind, we'll have to string along with the Potomac lads, who already have some game experience.

As to who will start tomorrow night, there remains some uncertainty. It appears that Beecher Reed, Jesse Lilly and Bob Whiting have the inside track on three positions, but who will start at the other two is something of a puzzle. Joe Marra and Harry Fritt have shown up well, but so has Jack Luzader.

If the Cats succeed in whipping the White Wave, it will settle some old scores and heal some old wounds left by pre-war Glenville quintets which rolled roughshod over State competition.

### Ratliff Not Satisfied

Thus far, Coach Ratliff is not satisfied with the progress made and has been working his men hard in an effort to get them ready not only in good physical condition, a department in which they were noticeably lacking last season, but in basketball prowess for a hard schedule.

The Pioneer mentor received a jolt to his cause last week when David "Jake" Fitzpatrick, one of the mainstays of last season, resigned from the squad because of a heavy schedule, but the improvement of some of the newcomers has helped to make up for his loss, noticeably Garrett, Summers, and Kiley. By mid-season we venture to say that these three, along with some others, will make their presence felt.

Two West Virginia collegiate

## Site Of Pioneer Cage Tilts



—Photo by Dr. C. L. Underwood

A familiar sight to all Glenville State college students is the college gymnasium pictured above, site for renewal of hardwood classics anticipated for the season which opens at home this year with the vaunted Davis and Elkins Senators, January 7.

outfits—West Liberty and Fairmont—didn't fare so well in the three-day tourney at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, but Marshall's Thundering Herd, West Virginia University, and Morris Harvey all opened with convincing victories. With Ball Hall hitting the hoop for 27 points, Marshall romped over Kentucky Wesleyan; WVU swamped Fairmont 85-45 and M-H dropped Little Cedarville (Ohio) College.

### Red Terrors Look Good

Glenville's Hi's Red Terrors will likely give local fans something good to look at this season besides the Pioneers. Nick Murin's lads have been showing up well

in practice and are expected to have another outstanding outfit. With seven lettermen from last year, they seem ready to take up where they left off last season in another crack at state honors. Troy's Trojans and the Gassaway Elks seem to "have it" too and may furnish some tough opposition before the season is over.

### Anderson Speaks at Tanner

A. H. Anderson, instructor in mathematics and biological science, spoke to the student body of Tanner high school the past week. In his talk he discussed factors concerning the choice of a vocation.

## Pioneers Oppose Potomac Quint In Cage Opener

### Ratliffmen To Face Shepherd Thursday

Tomorrow night will find the Pioneers at Keyser for their season's opener against Potomac State, with the Lough-coached quintet favored to trip the locals on the basis of having had some games already under their belt, which experience is likely to prove the deciding margin in what is otherwise a contest between two rather evenly matched teams.

Potomac recently upset a highly-touted Salem College five, and with Simms and Montgomery

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### Correction

The MERCURY regrets the error appearing on the front page of last week's issue in which Shepherd State was named as the Pioneers' opening game opponent. Potomac State, NOT Shepherd, will be met tomorrow night, and the latter on Thursday.

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## Pioneers Oppose

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leading the way should trim the Pioneers.

### Katiffmen Work Hard

Coach Ratliff has been keeping his charges hard at work in preparation for this game and the Shepherd State game the following night. Thus far, the Pioneers have been slow and unimpressive in practice sessions, passing especially has been ragged.

Shooting, however, has been surprisingly good at this stage,

particularly by Bob Whiting, Joe Marra, and Beecher Reed, who is just now hitting his stride. A disappointment thus far, Jesse Lilly is expected to be in the good form that made him a mainstay of two pre-war seasons.

Shepherd, too, is expected to furnish worthy opposition on Thursday. The Rams held Salem to a five-point victory.

Pres. D. L. Haught and Coach Carlos Ratliff attended the Col- legiate Athletic conference Saturday in Clarksburg.

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## Wiehl, Anderson

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eree.

In closing, Anderson, a former student of the College when it was a Normal school, paid tribute to what he termed "some of the basketball in the state" as played in this section, which, he said, was developed to that level by A. F. "Nate" Rohrbough, veteran mentor of 14 years at the Pioneer helm who resigned this year after returning from Naval service.

## Reedy Is Leading In Aerial Darts

Two of the most interesting games of volleyball were played Monday evening in WAA with scores of 17-15.

Lou Strader's undefeated team played a see-saw game with Maxine Riddle's team with a score of 17-15. Strader took an early lead, but Riddle's team played hard in the battle back and forth contest.

Outstanding for Riddle were Betty Lydick and Helen Marks. Strader headed her team with Wanda Berkhamer and Ethel Mae Radcliff playing excellent ball.

Mary Helen Furr's team won over Joan Foreman's hotshots by a score of 17-15. Foreman took an early lead but Furr's girls were able to capture the lead and win.

Betty Rose Hardman's team easily defeated Verna Dean Ellis by a score of 17-2. Thelma Ryan and Betty Hardman played outstanding ball for the winners.

Strader still holds the lead in WAA, with Foreman, and Hardman coming in close for a tie for second.

In the first game of aerial darts Helen Marks won over Grace Palmer by a score of 10-0. Marks and Hannah Lou Garrett were outstanding for the winners.

Betty Lydick's team defeated Jewell Cain's team by a score of 10-5. Betty Hardman played well for the winners.

Gay Reedy's team won over Marian Heavener by a score of 10-4. Gay and Hazel Reedy were outstanding for the winners.

Reedy's team holds the lead in aerial darts with Lydick and Cain, as second.

## Musings

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coats to slide rules. I could mention some other items but that would be getting into "On The Campus Column" and that wouldn't do.

### Dance To Be Big Affair

Speaking of things looking like Christmas, that poster announcing the dance in the hall really has originality and I think the creator should have signed his name. Looks like a big time will be had by all. I'm still wondering whether the higher price set for the alumni is because they should be able to pay more or because the alumni set the stiff price for the Home-coming dance. Just wondering, might not be either.

### Merry Christmas

I understand that a Christmas dinner is being planned. That is

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## Out Of The Files

1936

Denzil Garrett, junior, and member of the Mercury staff, was elected president of West Virginia Intercollegiate press association.

1937

The third annual G Club minstrel was presented in the college auditorium before a large crowd.

1938

A lecture describing a land of tropical heat, head-hunting tribal feuds and worship of evil spirits was given in assembly by the Reverend Herman Dixon of Warren, Ohio, who spent five years in Borneo as a missionary.

1939

Brenice Sullivan and Marjorie Harden, sophomores, were elected to membership in the College camera club.

The annual Christmas dance, to be held in the gymnasium Thursday, December 19, beginning at 8 p. m. will feature music by the Campus Cats, newly organized college dance band.

1940

Twenty-one letters were awarded Pioneers at the close of the football season. Eighteen were members of the football squad, and the other three went to the managers and the senior "Pioneer."

1941

Isadore Nachman, former Mercury sports editor and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nachman of this city, accepted a position on the news staff of the Chicago Sun.

1942

Marie Ellyson, 37, has an article, "Are Your Beginners Ready to Read," published in the November issue of the West Virginia School Journal.

1943

A candlelight service was held Wednesday evening in the lounge for pledges of the Y. W. C. A. Helen Taylor, president, led the service following group singing.

really all right, coming just before the holidays it will cause many students to forget the unfavorable things they were going to tell when they got home.

Anyway, since this is the last edition until next year, here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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