

MERCURY
MUSINGSA Column of Highlights
From Here and There
And Everywhere

Herbert Hoover, world authority on food administration and chairman of the committee on food for the five small democracies, has received mingled cheers and boos from various groups. Mr. Hoover's plan, in part, is to establish soup kitchens in Belgium as a test measure for further aid and to gain from Germany and England an agreement that neither shall interfere with neutral ships carrying food to needy people.

Some believe that prolonged hunger will cause rebellion in Nazi-occupied Europe and thus hasten the war's conclusion. Others hold that the hungry should be fed at any cost. A Yale News press release states that "the American people are about to sit in judgment upon some thirty million Europeans who are facing a famine this winter against which they are helpless." A report to the Committee from overseas states that the ration for Belgium for a day is eight ounces of bread, one third of an ounce of fat, an ounce and one-half of meat, a part of one potato and an ounce and three quarters of sugar.

FORMER TREASURER

E. Leslie Long, former state treasurer, died at his home in Clarkburg Wednesday. The 67-year-old attorney served two terms as state treasurer and one as a member of the House of Delegates. He was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College and the University.

DENIES CENSORSHIP

Lowell Mellett, director of the office of government reports, the past week stated that there is no contemplation of censorship of the press and the radio, according to the Associated Press. Mellett, whom Time and Colliers' magazines intimated would be the probable censorship chief, issued the statement when asking the House Expenditures Committee to appropriate funds for establishment of his bureau on a permanent basis. The committee approved a bill authorizing an annual appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the office.

DEFENSE CURTAILED

Strikes the past week threatened two plants which produce defense articles. Workers in Bethlehem Steel's Lackawanna plant went out on strike Wednesday, the same day that the United Automobile Workers Union threatened three Michigan plants of the Ford Motor Company.

RECOMMENDED READING

For exciting reading I suggest "Out of the Night," by Jan Valentin, a book that describes the work of foreign agents. A condemnation of the highlights appears in the March issue of "Reader's Digest." The author was a German Communist who was caught and imprisoned by Nazis at the beginning of the Hitler regime. His description of a Nazi concentration camp makes one glad that the lend-lease bill is being discussed in Congress.

R. E. Freed Talks
For His Supper
And a Kaywoodie

Long, long ago Little Tommy Tucker sang for his supper, but Friday night, R. E. Freed, instructor in the social sciences in the College, talked for his.

And he got a good supper, plus a new Kaywoodie pipe. "Both good," he said.

Occasion for the speech was an anniversary program, sponsored at Grantsville by the Rotary Club of Calhoun County. Mr. Freed cited club objectives and spoke on the same subject he used in a talk before the Glenville Rotary Club two weeks ago.

STUDENT COUNCIL
SELECTS PIONEER
SPEAKERS FOR '41

Lengthy Session Held Last Night in Lounge; March 25 is Date for Primary

During a lengthy special session of the Student Council last evening in the lounge of Louis Bennett Hall Teresa Butcher, Ruth Annabel Hull, Gwendolyn Beall, Johnson Burke, Robert Butcher and Earl McDonald, all seniors, were selected to visit more than fifty high schools this spring during Pioneer Week. Dean H. L. White has announced that three College faculty members will be selected soon, one of which will accompany each Pioneer team, composed of one boy and one girl.

The Council met March 26 at the date for the primary election and April 8 for the general election of student body officers for next year. Additional nominations to those made by the nominating committee recently may be made at the general student body meeting next Wednesday.

President Earl McDonald initiated a "Keep Off the Campus" drive proposing that the Council post signs about the campus. Johnson Burke announced that plans were now being drawn for an athletic trophy case to be placed in Louis Bennett Hall lounge.

The meeting opened at 8:30 and was adjourned on the motion of Sterly Brown, sophomore president, at 9:40 p. m.

CANDIDATES FOR
OFFICES CHOSEN

Craddock and Stalnaker Are Named For President; Fourteen Listed

The nominating committee the past week named fourteen students to enter the race for the elective student body officers. Others may be nominated at a student body meeting this month.

Those nominated are: For president, Nelson Craddock, Glenville; Robert Stalnaker, Parsons. For vice-president, James Heater, Weston; Forest White, Webster Springs.

For secretary, Rosalea Williams Huff, Auburn; Juanita Haight, Grantsville. For treasurer, Russell Reed, Jr., Glenville; Jennings Jarvis, Minnora. For sergeant-at-arms, Robert Fidler, Tioga; William Kaffer, Weston.

For student members of the supreme court, male and female, Paul Beal, Glenville; Clyde Dotson, Reedy; Madelyn Conrad, Glenville; Barbara Messenger, Baldwin.

Nelson Craddock and Paul Beal have indicated that they will withdraw from the race because they will not be enrolled in the College next year.

Members of the nominating committee are Homer Lee Smith, chairman; Olive Myers and Elmer Cawthon, Jr.

METHODIST CONFERENCE AT
JACKSON'S MILL POSTPONED

A telegram received here Friday by Dr. J. C. Shreve stated that the Methodist Student Conference which was to have been at Jackson's Mill the past week-end was postponed. Reasons were not given, but it is assumed that it was canceled because of inclement weather.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD
FOR MRS. RULINA REED

Mrs. Rulina Reed, 72-year-old widow of George T. Reed, died at the home of her son, Russell Reed, College alumnus, the past Saturday. She was the grandmother of Russell Reed, Jr., sophomore in the College. Funeral services were held at the Russell Reed home in Glenville Sunday. Burial was in the Stalnaker Cemetery.

DEAN WHITE IN CHARLESTON

H. Leban White, dean of the College, was in Charleston last Tuesday and Wednesday conferring with Delegates, Senators, members of the State Board of Control and Budget Director, concerning the budget bill now before the legislature.

COLLEGE TALENT
CALLED TO ACTION

(A Mercury Editorial)

The assembly program Wednesday morning is ample proof that there is talent in plenty on the campus and that such talent, when properly used, can bring joy and amusement to students.

Under the direction of the freshman class, the Campus Cats, College student orchestra, thrilled the audience with music of the modern variety. Their performance indicated that they had practiced for the program. An acrobatic dance by Miss Catherine Withers brought cheers from the audience, a monologue by Miss Margie Davis produced spontaneous laughter. Previous to the program it is doubtful that half of the students in the College knew that such talent was available.

The program also brought to mind the question as to whether the best of the talent on the campus is being utilized. Is it not possible that there are many more students who because of timidity or modesty are hiding their ability when they could be making others happy? If so, assembly programs such as the one Wednesday could work wonders in bringing such students out of their shells.

The program by the freshmen emphasized the old idea that students will attend a program when it promises to be to their liking. Students are only humans; therefore they like to laugh and be gay, now and then, at least.—Albert Woofor.

Debate Held As
Chapel Program

National Unionization Argued by College Debating Team Before Student Body

That the western hemisphere should enter into a permanent union was argued in assembly Wednesday by five members of the College debating team. Dr. J. C. Shreve, of the education department, was in charge.

Richard Harper, of the affirmative side, based his argument on (1) a permanent union is vital to the success of our defense program and (2) a union is necessary and workable. Robert Hauman was the affirmative questioner and Harper the rebuttal speaker.

Representing the negative side were Helen Heiter, negative questioner, Paul Beal, rebuttal speaker, and Don Hinkle.

In declaring that union is unnecessary and impossible, Don Hinkle affirmed that a large percentage of the population of South America is a mixture of Negroes, Indians, and all races that would not unite and cooperate. He further stated that such a union as proposed by the affirmative would not improve our present status and pointed out the political controversies that would be brought about by such a union.

Today the team will go to Charleston to meet Morris Harvey. While in Charleston they will visit a session of the West Virginia Legislature. Making the trip will be Richard Harper, Robert Hauman, and Paul Beal. Tomorrow they will meet Salem College here in the College lounge at 3 p. m.

Teachers Plan
For Roundtable

C. N. Hill Is President of Organization; Gassaway Will Be Host

Plans are being formulated for the Central West Virginia Roundtable meeting to be held at Gassaway Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5. It was learned here the past week. Several hundred teachers are expected to attend. C. N. Hill, president, and the executive and program committees are working out details of the meeting.

The executive committee, made up of one representative from each county, is composed of six members. All alumni or former students of the College, H. Dale Henderson, J. C. "30, represents Nicholas County; Walter L. Moore, A. B. '32, Braxton; Roland Butcher, A. B. '34, Gilmer; Okay McCourt, former student, Webster; Joseph Haight, A. B. '39, Calhoun; and Lloyd Elliott, A. B. '37, Clay.

Parker C. Black, of Clay County High School, is chairman of the program committee. Meredith Sink, S. N. '39, is the Gilmer County representative.

A special music festival will be held April 5 in which Mary Elizabeth Young, A. B. '38, will have charge of the Gilmer County entrants.

CHEMISTRY DAY
TO BE APRIL 19

General Electric Company to Furnish Moving Picture on Wonders of Science

The tenth annual Chemistry Day will be observed April 19, announces Mr. John R. Wagner, founder and director of the event. Principal program feature will be the "House of Magic" to be presented by the General Electric Company. This demonstration has previously been presented at the World's Fair.

"This is not to be a moving picture, as many are led to believe, but a demonstration presented by the General Electric Co.," Mr. Wagner said. "It will show many unbelievable things in the field of science. One of the probable features to be presented will be the popping of corn on a cake of ice."

Mr. Wagner also announces that he has just received from the French Participation in the New York World's Fair three natural formations of potash which will be on exhibit. These beautiful formations came from France and include sulphate of potash, raw sylvinit, and nitrate de potasse.

He added, "We hope to have Professor Frank H. Stiening, of the mechanical department of the University of Pittsburgh, as the principal speaker."

Other definite plans are awaiting further arrangements with the General Electric Co.

A student committee including Russell Reed, Jr., Albert Brake, and Ralph Cox has been named to solicit faculty cooperation.

Michigan's Males
Would Ban Dresses
Too Short for Coeds

EAST LANSING, Mich.—(ACP)

Fashion experts may recommend high rubber boots, knee-length stockings and head-scarfs for the well-dressed co-ed, but Michigan State College's male population observes such dress with a chilly eye. The Michigan State News, college tri-weekly, discovered that men like "less boot." Some typical comments: "Long socks, especially blue and green ones, look like infants' wear. Besides, they're too coarse. . . . Most women look clumsy in high boots or babushkas or stockings."

Other male complaints centered on snoods, or handkerchiefs in class: "They make the girls look like grannies"—nail polish half off, bare legs, girls in front rows of classrooms with dresses too short, tall girls who wear high-heeled shoes and short girls who wear low-heeled shoes, and the new boxing-glove mittens.

MERCURY LATE THIS WEEK

The Mercury was printed this week on Wednesday instead of Tuesday, the regular publication date, because two cuts failed to arrive on time. The assembly story printed on page 1, top, concerns an event of Wednesday morning.

COLLEGE WILL BE HOST TO TENTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF HIGH SCHOOL
LITERARY FESTIVAL ON MARCH 15

Nine Counties Expected to Send Contestants to Participate in Oration, Debate, Poetry Reading and Extemporaneous Speaking

Glenville State Teachers College will be host to representatives from more than twelve high schools when the twenty-second annual West Virginia Inter-scholastic Speech Festival is held here Saturday, March 15.

Rohrboughs Home
From Convention

Pres. and Mrs. E. G. Rohrbough returned Sunday evening from Atlantic City, N. J., where Mr. Rohrbough attended meetings of the American Association of Teachers Colleges, February 30 and 31, and the American Association of School Administrators, February 23 to 27. The Rohrboughs left here February 19. A detailed account of the meetings will appear in the next issue of the Mercury.

Commuters' Club
Active On Campus

Organization May Move to New Quarters Soon; to Have Party March 29

The Commuters' Club, composed of male students in the College who drive or ride buses each day promises to become one of the most progressive social organizations on the campus, under the leadership of Elmer Cawthon, Jr., of Letter Gap.

Since its formation at the beginning of the second semester the club has conducted a successful used book exchange for commuters, subscribed to the Clarkburg Exponent and Time magazine and secured a date on the social calendar for a dance, March 29.

Plans are underway now, Cawthon said, to obtain the Y. M. C. A. room as permanent quarters for the club. About twenty-three students are listed as members, he added.

A few weeks ago members of the club paid tribute to Dr. C. L. Underwood, their faculty adviser, who left the past week for a year of U. S. Army training.

First of its kind on the campus, the club is unique in that members meet every day at the noon hour.

Says Work on NYA
Farm Shop Will Be
Started Here Soon

Although the date is indefinite, construction work on the new Glenville County farm shop building, under the NYA program, will begin as soon as weather conditions permit. The present building, located on Lewis Street, is being used for storing tools and equipment until the new structure is completed. It will be 80 x 40 feet, will contain twenty-two windows, twenty-one electric lights, and two large doors.

Marvin Cooper, superintendent of Glenville County schools, says eight weeks of training must be completed by July 1.

SEVERAL CHANGES MADE
IN TEACHING SCHEDULE

Because of Dr. C. L. Underwood's leaving the past week to join the U. S. Army for a year, several changes were made in the teaching schedule; namely Chemistry 103, 205, 104 and 204, taken over by Mr. John R. Wagner; Education 336, now being taught by Mr. H. Y. Clark; and Physics 209 and 204, formerly taught by Mr. Wagner, now taken over by Mr. Robert T. Crawford.

GOLDIE LIFE WITHDRAWS
FROM SEMESTER'S CLASSES

Mrs. Goldie Life, sophomore, of Wheeler, Webster County, withdrew from College yesterday because of the illness of her three-year-old daughter, Connie Lynne Life, who has had pneumonia fever and still this week was a patient in the St. Joseph's hospital in Buckhannon. The child, Mrs. Life said yesterday, is home now and is improving slowly.

Madge Ward, freshman, attended in the College for the second semester Monday, Feb. 24. She was absent because of pleurisy.

Nine counties will send student contestants to participate in poetry interpretation, debate, oration and extemporaneous speaking, announced Miss Pearl Picken, chairman of the 6th district. Last year fifteen high schools from nine counties were represented with sixteen coaches and forty-eight contestants.

Poetry readers and orators will again choose their own selections and extemporaneous speakers will choose speeches the morning of the contest. Debate question this year will be: "Resolved: That the power of the federal government should be increased."

The event will begin at 9 o'clock Saturday morning with a welcome from Pres. E. G. Rohrbough. All contests will be held in the auditorium. Oration and extemporaneous speaking will be followed by poetry reading and debate in the afternoon. Contestants and coaches will be guests of the College at a luncheon in Kanawha Hall at 12 o'clock.

First place winners here will be eligible for the state contest at Morgantown, March 29.

First place winners last year in the four events were: Oration, Robert Elyson, Gassaway; extemporaneous speaking, Jean Bailey, Weston; poetry interpretation, Virginia Cain, Parkersburg; debate, Harold Davis, Weirton.

Glenville High School participants will compete tomorrow at the Stonewall Jackson finals at Lost Creek previous to their entering the contest here.

Schools expected to send representatives are: Calhoun, Weston, Walkersville, Sutton, Gassaway, Spencer, Parkersburg, Wirt, Williamson, Burnsville, Walton, Glenville, Tanner, Try, Sand Fork and Normantown.

To Offer Pioneer
Ball in Gymnasium
On Friday, March 14

The first in a series of spring semi-formal dances will be offered Friday night, March 14, in the form of a Pioneer Ball in honor the College's 1940-41 basketball squad.

Alex Goldberg's ten-piece orchestra from Kilbuck has been booked to furnish the music. The band, known widely throughout the state, is particularly well known for appearances frequently at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs.

The dance, in which former Pioneer athletes will be invited and to which the present Pioneer basketball squad will come as a honor guard, will be held in the College gymnasium. Tickets, now on sale, are \$1.25 per couple, tax included.

The Mercury yesterday received a subscription from Martha Howard, Lansing Hall, Marshall College, Huntington.

College Tournament
Opens Next Monday
On Wesleyan Floor

The West Virginia college tournament drawings call for the opening contest between Wesleyan and Putnam State next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The winner of this game will meet Concord Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Morris Harvey and Alderson Broadbush will meet at 9 p. m. Monday. The winner of this game will go to the semi-final round against West Liberty at 9 p. m. Tuesday. Fairmont and Salton open the afternoon session at 2 o'clock, followed at 5 by the Glenville-Shepherd State game.

Ten conference teams have entered the tournament which will be held at Buchanan on March 10, 11 and 12 on Wesleyan's floor.

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MUSIC TALENT IS NOT TO BE WASTED

WHEN the swing orchestra, the Campus Cats, was organized the past fall, students felt that a great need had been fulfilled. We had a good swing band composed of students in the College and it was available at any time and at a small cost. The music was of a high type, quite "danceable" to say the least. Members purchased music, practiced hard and seemed to enjoy their work.

Then something happened to the organization and the Campus Cats were no more. The phonograph was rolled out again and music of the canned variety took the place of the spontaneous notes formerly heard. Recorded music, even though it makes available the best artists of the world, lacks the psychological effect of an orchestra which is in plain view of the dancers. At best the phonograph is only a poor substitute.

Plans are now under way to reorganize the "Cats" or to form a new band under a different name, but the task will not be an easy one. Students who play in the band must sacrifice some of their leisure time. Also they must make music while others dance. There is an abundant supply of talent among members of the student body, the most perhaps that there has ever been in any one year since the College began. It should not be wasted.—Albert Woolfer.

DRIVE CAREFULLY GOING AND COMING

SPRING, better road conditions and the basketball tournament at Buckhannon, factors conducive to automobile driving, will soon be here. More driving and more accidents will result; thousands will be killed; property damage will increase; and the maimed and dying will haunt us.

What can we do about it? First, we must know the causes, then endeavor to eliminate them. From 1920 to 1935, thirty-two per cent of the fatalities were connected with automobiles. Speed is the predominating distributing factor in the cause of accidents. Operators drive too fast for the traffic, surface and width of the highway and the climatic conditions in daytime. At night they overdrive their lights.

Most accidents, statistics prove, happen on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at the time of our week-end visits.

The ideal person for a wreck is a normal being from 20 to 44 years old, driving a passenger car, having one to five years' experience, going straight ahead, on a straight, dry, asphalt road in a car not over a year old which is in good mechanical condition.

In 1940 Gilmer County had three killed, thirty-nine injured in forty wrecks, with a total damage of \$3982.50 and the immeasurable value of three lives lost.—Cleo Berry.

DEBATING HIGH IN COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

THE effort put into debating yields abundant returns in both pleasurable and practical values.

On the trips to other colleges the debaters and their coach cruise along in the college Chevrolet, a congenial group, laughing and joking much of the time; talking about things of common interest part of the time; singing songs that range in seriousness from hymns down to "The Old Jaw Bone." They see much of West Virginia's beautiful scenery and take time out to visit famous places of which they have always heard. It is pleasant for them to eat their meals together at good restaurants. On various campuses they make casual acquaintances with persons whom they will be pleased to meet again at later times.

There is pleasure in each debate. Sometimes the opponents look distinguished and formidable, but put up weak opposition. Sometimes they look quite common, but set forth arguments difficult to refute. This makes each debate a daring adventure. Once in a while when a debater's mind clicks properly and everything else goes well, he has the glorious feeling that he is holding the audience right in his hands.

Debating is of practical benefit in that it affords an opportunity to develop the habit of logically scrutinizing schemes before putting the stamp of approval on them. It gives the debaters a chance to sharpen their wits with mental combat. Debaters may get a pretty fair insight into the subjects debated. They learn something about each college they visit.

For those who participate in it, debating is high among the highlights of collegiate careers.—Paul Beal.

The average student at Millspaugh College has 4 1/4 dates a week, according to a poll conducted by the Purple and White.

Dr. Julian P. Smith, translator for Hooker Scientific Library, Central College, is master of thirteen foreign languages, two of which, Rumanian and Polish, he learned in a month.

X-ray photographs of a starving insect larvae have given University of California scientists a complete record of the process of starvation.

The new edition of Who's Who lists 192 University of Minnesota faculty members.

Capers

A Column of Spice And
Life for College Males
And Females

well, here's another seven-day coverage of the campus gossip. Beware, not of March, but of the stiff-collared people with a "cherry" hello and a slap on the back. They're candidates for the coming election, you know. C. Spurgeon and "Lob" Heffner are going steady. Wonder what the attraction is over Grantsville-way for Barbara and Erma? J. Heater and freshman Clovis are on the royal, rough road to romance. B. Messenger finds interest in the local high school star, B. Reed.

Ahl Johnson B. finds another. This time it's Charlotte H. Wonder if Paul Beal is still in the dark? Glamorous June Taylor journeys into the Nicholas ravines for the week-end. What came between Barker and "Free Lancer" Fiddler all of a sudden? Flash! It's the latest. The "Donkey" Givens and "Red" Cross affair is on the rocks. My, my, Sumatse, how many gals did you say you had? "Beefy" Golden and Skeen swing out at the patriotic hop Friday night; we look for it to become a regular thing. L. Kemper has interests in a Salem lad, but continues to string along with Blake. Jean Hamrick has difficulty in distributing her photos.

We hear: The demerit system in Knawha Hall is running double shifts. Bob Stalnaker now sleeps with his tie on. The Brake-McClung affair will probably end at the altar after all.—D. B. et al.

O' Wisdom

As Recorded In the Past
By Sages and Others

In politics one seldom does the best or even the next best thing; one does the best one can.—Ferguson and Brunn.

The teachers college is the poorest of all the departments of higher education.—Edwin R. Embree.

Free discussion of public issues has always been a basic function of American democracy.—George V. Denty, Jr.

A little in one's own pocket is better than much in another man's purse.—Cervantes.

It is a maxim that those to whom everybody allows the second place have an undoubted title to the first.—Swift.

I am not a Virginian, but an American.—Patrick Henry.

Asked what he gained from philosophy, he answered, "To do without being commanded what others do from fear of the laws."—Laetius.

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors.—Burke.

JUNIOR RHODES, A. B. '40, MOVES TO CHARLESTON

In Glenville for the week-end were Junior Rhodes, A. B. '40, and Mrs. Rhodes, for a visit with Mr. Rhodes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rhodes, of Camden Flats Addition. Mr. Rhodes, employed by the United Fuel Gas Company, says he has been transferred from Clifton Forge, Va., to Charleston. His present address is 1115 Quorrier Street.

STUDENTS 'GO' FOR COURSE IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—An over-look enrollment in a new University of California course on American civilization is reported by President Robert Gordon Sproul. "The large enrollment is evidence of the keen interest of our students in American life and the American contributions to civilization," President Sproul said. The course is designed to spread before the student a broader picture of the nation he may be called upon to defend than is likely to be included in any specialized program of study.

The Mercury is late this week because two sets did not arrive on time.

CAMPUS CARTOON



The Mercury's Student Forum

Mr. Paul Beal
Glenville Mercury

I was quite interested in your editorial, ARE HONOR ROLL AND SUCCESS SYNONYMOUS?

In my estimation, it is, indeed, an honor to be listed on the honor roll—but honor grades do not always go with success. During my years of attending and teaching school, I have found that the average student, who is a plodder, will many times achieve greater success in after school life than the student who usually appears on the honor roll.

Several years ago, while a student in Glenville, one of my closest friends made the highest average in the entire school. I can still see the headline, and hear the praises both teachers and students gave this girl. Last week, this same girl wrote me for some money to pay her bills. She had taught school for one year and was considered an unsuccessful

teacher. Another friend, who barely managed to make enough marks for her certificate, is now considered one of the best high school teachers in the county.

Now, I do not mean that all honor students are failures but I do say that grade averages are not indications of future success or failure. I can give case after case of people I know who made low marks in school and later became successful and even important figures in national life. On the other hand, I can mention former honor students who have been unable to make a living for themselves after leaving college.

While it is very fine to be able to make high standings in school, I, as a teacher, am more interested in the average or below average student; for from these ranks come most of our successful men and women of today. Very sincerely yours, A. READER, Box 408, Elkins, W. Va.

Notes from

The Robert F. Kidd Library

College students enjoy traveling via books if not by locomotion. Books on travel come first in the list of non-fiction going out from the library; second are books of biography. Some books are being read for the first time, and some read again, since they have been placed on the shelves downstairs. Twenty of the formerly "seldom-read" and never-read books have been called for during the past ten days. This is about six per cent of the peak circulation. Peak months for circulation are January and March. The past month circulation reached 992.

Books by West Virginia authors have been made more complete by the addition of three volumes by Margaret Prescott Montague: "Closed Doors," "The Lucky Lady," and "Home to Him's Mur-

ver"; and four books by Melville Davison Post: "Monsieur Jonquille," "The Revolt of the Birds," "Uncle Abner—Master of Mysteries," and "Randolph Mason."

A new book worth attention is Douglas McNeill's "The Last Forest." The author is the father of Louise McNeill, of "Gauley Mountain" fame, who needs no introduction to poetry lovers. Douglas McNeill is now principal of Marlinton High School and a native of Pocahontas County. His book is a volume of tales of the Allegheny woods, a series of stories of the big woods "over by the Alleghenies."

Another reminder to read "Gauley Mountain" by Louise McNeill. It is a "verse history of Gauley and its people" from Dan and Lis O'Kane of the eighteenth century to the C. C. boys of the "Brush Hook Legion" of the present.

Quotes Worth Quoting

(By Associated Collegiate Press) "True freedom of all men and of all women has never yet been realized on this earth. It may never be realized altogether. But if it is ever to be realized, the people of the United States, by their tradition of political responsibility, their mastery of the skills of industry and agriculture, their ownership of the wealth of the richest of all lands, have a better right to hope for its realization than any other nation has ever had." Archibald MacLachlan, poet and librarian of congress, sees America as democracy's vanguard.

"The periods when the world has moved towards peace have been those when hope was reinforced by faith. Today even hope is dimmed and faith is all but absent. That is why the totalitarian's faith in conquest is for the moment triumphant. That is why they can defend their 'new order' while we flounder without a pre-

gram. It is our absence of faith in any contrary process which gives them the victory. If we are ever to have peace, therefore, more fundamental than guns, more fundamental than butter, is the reawakening of faith in the validity of our ideals, a resurgence operating upon an international scale." President Henry Merritt Wriston of Brown University.

QUIPS

Dr. J. C. Shreve
G. S. T. C.
Dear Sir:

Add this difference between debating and basketball: We go to basketball games; we have debates thrust upon us.

Yours,
QUICKSILVER.

Keeping Right With the News

by Agnes Wright

STUDENT Council election in the spring always affords an exciting time for GSTC students. And from all appearances this year will prove no exception. Remarks caught here and there from past week's selections found groans and sighs from some. . . exclamations and pleasant remarks from others. . . A strong sign that nominees will find competition strong. . . Presidential candidates Craddock and Stalnaker will be battling for town or hall supremacy and going will be plenty tough in my estimation. May the best man win.

AGNES WRIGHT. To every college there come students who are always willing to lead the principles of the school and add their bit to the happiness of others. . . There's Ruth Annabel Hall, modest and sincere, with a smile for all, and a keen responsibility in all undertakings. . . Earle Spencer, pleasant and affable, and with a gift for playing basketball that puts him high on the list of worthy members. . . Then Gwendolyn Beal adds her bit with a song and a personality that pleases all. . . And Paul Beal, the earnest one, believing above all in the higher things of life.

Top-ranking things to look forward to this spring: The Pioneer ball, March 14. . . Student Council election, in April. . . Continental Gypsy Ensemble, April 14. . . Holy Roller Court Dance, April 25. . . G Club dance, May 17. . . Press banquet. . . Senior play. . . And commencement exercises.

COLLEGE debates the past week in assembly showed students and faculty that there might be something to debating after all. . . Silence on the part of most members as to dates scheduled has resulted to a large degree in a small audience and less credit. . . Worthwhile organizations as this should not go unnoticed. . . We advocate more publicity—hence, better receptions.

Around town we find: Striking improvement of the Riverbank road. . . Several townspeople attending the Conn-Hughes fight at Clarksburg Thursday. . . Auto accessory store opened on Lewis Street. . . Some to hear Johnnie Davis' orchestra at Clarksburg tomorrow.

Students are talking about: Johnnie Davis and his orchestra. . . the guy to be remembered as the "hot" trumpet player in several Fred Waring pictures shown here. . . Jon Garber's arrangement of a past season's hit, "Where Was I?" at a local theater the past week. . . The newly organized College band.

MERRY MAIDEN'S MOVIE MOMENTS

SEVERAL students in the College have mentioned seeing "The Philadelphia Story" and they think it the best picture they have seen in some time. If you want details see Jane Wilson or Agnes Wright.

While making "Strike Up the Band," Mickey Rooney learned to play every musical instrument in the orchestra, except the violin and the banjo. He doesn't like them.

There were several hit songs in that picture, and if you liked them, don't miss "Rhythm On the River," at the Lyric, Sunday and Monday. You'll come out of there humming "Ain't It a Shame About Me," "When the Moon Comes Over Madison Square," "That's For Me," and "Only Forever!" Bing Crosby, Mary Martin and Basil (fugitive from those heavy roles) Rathbone have the leading roles. John Scott Trotter, who furnishes the music for the Crosby recordings, supplies the music for this picture.

Maybe you would like to know just what a hit song is? Well, a hit song is one which sells 50,000 copies of sheet music and 50,000 to 75,000 records. Its life is about thirteen weeks.

AFTER finishing "The Letter," Bette Davis said that James Stephenson, the new English actor who co-starred with her, stole the picture. And I agree with Bette. William Wyler, in directing the picture, chose a very lethargic pace and drives you quietly mad with his masterly deliberation. The story holds you, the acting holds you, but you almost want to cry out, "Get on with it, man; what happens next?" And that's not a squawk, but a compliment.

Those of you who go for double features, don't miss "Stage to China" starring George O'Brien, and "Millonaires in Prison," featuring Lee Tracy, at the Pictureland, Friday and Saturday.

The thriller of the week will be "The Devil's Command," with Boris Karloff in the leading role. If you have or haven't seen "Gone With the Wind," you will be interested in knowing that it will be at the Lyric again, soon.

WALTER WINCHELL, Broadway columnist, often devotes space about this time of year to what he considers sure signs of spring. The same can be done for the College. You can tell that spring is here when sweet music comes from Miss Bertha E. Olsen's classroom during most of the day, because then they have begun practice for the spring concert. You can tell that spring is here when the instructors pod at their desks or look longingly out of the window at the warm sunlight. You can tell that spring is here when leaves from the maple trees cloud Miss Kathleen Robertson's classroom. But when you walk along the campus and hear sweet nothings issuing from every nook and corner, then spring is really here.

PIONEERS WILL ENTERTAIN STRONG D. & E. SENATORS HERE TONIGHT IN LAST GAME ON THE 1941 SCHEDULE

Harold Scott, Four-Year Veteran Will Make Final Home Appearance With White Wave's Conference Leaders

Glenville's Pioneers will wind up their cage campaign on the local court against Davis-Elkins' Scarlet Hurricane tonight then work hard for the rest of the week preparing for tournament play at Buckhannon next Tuesday.

Tonight's game will mark the last appearance of Co-captain Harold Scott in a Pioneer uniform on the home floor. Scott is the only man Coach A. F. Rohrbough will lose from his squad via graduation this spring. The stocky built Troy led has seen four years of service with the Pioneers, frequently breaking into the starting line-up. This season he has started six games for the White Wave as a forward.

Coach Rohrbough and his crew will forget the tournament temporarily this evening, concerning themselves chiefly with plans to stop D. and E. in what looks to be an important conference set. So far this season the Pioneers have not met defeat on the home floor. They have won nine straight to date. Against opponents at home the White Wave has scored 483 points for a 53-point game average.

At Elkins in mid-February the Pioneers offered perhaps their best performance of the season while clipping the Senators 72-49. It was in this tilt that Earle Spencer kept the hoops warm with his 35 points. The big Richmond ace's achievement in the first contest between the two schools is undoubtedly well remembered by the Hurricane.

Against Duquesne University the past week at Pittsburgh Spencer showed his total points for the season to 311, leading his nearest rival for scoring honors, Robert Armstrong, who has 261.

KAHER, HAMMER AND HOLLOTT TEAMS WIN

August Kafer's quintet defeated Ted Hollo's five in an overtime period Tuesday night, 42-39. Donald Given led the scoring with 16. Thursday night Frank Hammer's Ramblers trounced Robert Butcher's team 41-29. Captain Butcher was absent from the line-up. Carl Eison and Ray Baxter Mussler led the scoring with 11 and 14 points respectively. Later in the evening Fred Shreve's team bowed to Hollo's five 43-29, with Shumate collecting 23 points for the winners. Referees were Mike Cristo and Guy Harris.

Retiring Co-Captain



CO-CAPTAIN HAROLD SCOTT

NORMANTOWN JUNIORS WIN TITLE FROM GLENVILLE

Normantown won the Region 7 Junior High School basketball tournament Saturday night, defeating Glenville in an overtime period, 15-14. Teams from Gilmer, Calhoun and Roane counties were entered. The Normantown team is coached by Fred Madison Whiting, A. B. '35.

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Pioneer Sports Chatter

By Earl McDonald

West Virginia conference teams have just completed the closest race for championship honors in several years. During the season Salem, Wesleyan, Concord and Glenville were on top at one time or another. First, Salem looked strong by winning four straight. Then Concord won eleven straight (not all conference games) in the southern end of the state to hold honors for a while. But on a trip through this section the Lions were tripped three times, by Wesleyan, Glenville and Salem.

Then Wesleyan came in front until the Bobcats came to the Pioneer gymnasium on February 24 to drop a 43-42 decision and the league leadership to Glenville. And now, after Saturday night's game with the Battlers of Alderson-Broadus, Glenville is nosed out of the crown by Rex Pyles' outfit.

But the tub-tumbling Broadus publicity agent had to do some strenuous mathematical calculations before making the Battlers' championship claim clear. For they have lost four conference games (same as Glenville). But since A-B's schedule called for 20 conference games the Battlers win the title with a percentage of .800; Glenville shows a percentage of .777, providing D. and E. is handed a second whipping tonight. And this tells the story, as close as it was.

Duquesne University's Iron Dukes apparently had planned a picnic for the Glenville invasion Wednesday, according to Pittsburgh newspapers. Coach Chick Davies started lining up five reserves to replace his five senior aces at the beginning of the fourth quarter and intended to send them off the floor in a blaze of glory. But these plans of the Duke coach were changed when the Pioneers came in for a fast fourth quarter spurt to cut the Duquesne lead to six points. The pressure was on them and the Smoky City regulars were not sent to the showers until fifty seconds before the end of the game.

During a brief chat after the game Mr. Tom Hopkins, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph scribe, said he wanted to see some of this basketball when sixty and seventy points were scored in a single game . . . He intends to be in Buckhannon for the final day of the state tourney . . . Earle Spencer, in Hopkins' opinion, made one of the best performances he had seen against the Dukes all season. He thought Bob Armstrong was one of the best ball-handlers on the floor that evening . . . When the Pioneer captain and Moe Becker went into their round of fistfights (as described by the Pittsburgh papers) newspaper cameramen from all angles began making flashes.

DUQUESNE WINS OVER PIONEERS

Glenville Aces Get Off to Slow Start But Finish Fast to Lose by Only 6 Points

The Pioneers the past Wednesday made their big-time debut in eastern basketball circles at Pittsburgh, losing to Duquesne University, 47-41, as the Dukes, all seniors, completed their home season.

The Pioneers, slow to get started before a packed house in this contest, dropped behind at the end of the quarter, 14-4, and 29-15 at the half. But during the second half they came into their own to outdistance the famed Dukes in both periods, 13 to 7 in the third; 13 to 11 in the fourth.

Co-captain Bob Armstrong left the game in the third quarter after he came to blows with Moe Becker in a wild scramble which Referee Sykes Reed broke up by calling a double foul and sending Armstrong to the bench for the rest of the contest.

Again Earle Spencer showed ability to score under most any circumstances by marking up five field goals and making good six out of six chances at the foul line for 16 points. Tied for high-scoring honors for the Dukes were Debnar and Widowitz with 14 each.

The lineups:

Glenville	Pts.	Duquesne	Pts.
Armstrong, f	2	Becker, f	6
White, f	5	Milovich, f	7
Spencer, c	16	Kasperik, c	5
Short, g	7	Debnar, g	14
Whetsell, g	6	Vidowitz, g	14
Lam, f	1	Widowitz, f	0
Scott, f	4	Noska, g	1
Total	41	Total	47

Referee—Sykes Reed; umpire—John Hettr.

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PIONEERS LOSE FIRST GAME TO BROADDUS FIVE

Glenville Team Is Weakened When Three Regulars Go Out on Personal Fouls

By Earl McDonald

PHILIPPI, March 1.—I watched Glenville's Pioneers tonight slowly relinquish a conference leadership while the Alderson-Broadus Battlers, crept steadily out in front to win a 64-52 victory and the first league crown since 1936, when Rex Pyles and his Baptist cagers liked the Pioneers in a state tournament in Clarksburg.

The A-B victory is the first over Glenville in a regular season game in the history of athletic relations between the two Colleges.

Not until late in the third period did Glenville drop behind by any big margin. During the first quarter playing was nip and tuck with the Pioneers leading at the end of the stanza, 13-12. In the second quarter Glenville faltered on the defense to allow the Battlers a 26-20 lead at the half.

Glenville took a brief spurt in the early part of the second half when Earle Spencer and Arthur Short connected for field goals in quick order to cut the Battlers' lead to 26-24 and give many Pioneer followers who were on hand to witness the conference set to renewed hope for a victory. Then the Pioneers hit a streak of bad luck. Co-captain Bob Armstrong had two personal fouls called on him in the next two minutes, by Referee Sammy Kistler and was sent to the sidelines. Later, William Whetsell and Forest White went out the same way.

White's close defensive play held the high-scoring Kenneth Griffith to one field goal in the third period, but after the big Webster had left the game the Broadus ace took two loose balls and a pair of bad passes by Glenville into the A-B

basket for double deakers. Griffith's final count was 20 points, 12 of which he collected in the second half. But by no means did Mr. Griffith take away all honors, for Glenville's sophomore center, Spencer, had been busy all evening getting six goals in each half and one foul near the close to overshadow Griffith with 25 points.

The Battlers had 20 opportunities at the foul line; the Pioneers, 9.

The lineups:

Glenville	Pts.	A-B Broadus	Pts.
Armstrong, f	1	Griffith, f	20
White, f	6	Peletz, f	7
Spencer, c	25	Dunham, c	2
Short, g	6	Hurt, g	8
Whetsell, g	3	Tucker, g	8
Murin, g	3	Vilmoth, c	11
Wolfe, f	2		
Scott, f	4		
Total	52	Total	64

Referee—Sammy Kistler.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Helen McElwee's team remains undefeated in the girls' intramural basketball league. Teresa Butcher's five was the victim this time, 34-4, with McElwee collecting 19 points and Hyer 10. Jean McMillan's sharpshooters trounced Nina Snyder's team 16-13, with Radcliffe and Snyder gathering 7 points each.

Last night Robert Butcher's quintet tallied its first victory by trouncing Raymond Tracy's team 54-35. Ray Baxter Mussler led the scoring with 20 points. A. Kafer's five was the victim of Fred Shreve's sharpshooters, 33-30. Shreve accounted for 18 points and Kafer 10. In the last game of the evening Ted Hollo's team defeated Frank Hammer's, 32-18. Hammer was absent from the line-up because of illness. Golden was high scorer for the winners with 9 points. Guy Harris was the referee.

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KNOW THESE WEST VIRGINIANS?

The following is the second in the series of lists of West Virginians who have honored themselves and their state, according to R. E. Freed, College instructor. For first list in the series, see the past week's Mercury.

EDUCATORS

Dr. Milton W. Humphreys, born in Greenbrier County, former instructor in Vanderbilt University and the Universities of Texas and Virginia; Dr. John R. Turner, native of Raleigh County, former dean of Washington Square College of New York University and chairman of the economic advisory board of the tariff commission; Dr. John W. Withers, born in Lomond, W. Va., one-time superintendent of schools in St. Louis, dean of the school of Education of New York University and author of textbooks and surveys of schools in San Francisco.

Dr. Joseph W. Rosier, born in Wilsonburg, former president of the National Education Association; Dr. Alexander L. Wade, of Monongalia county, originator of grade schools; R. Worth Shumaker, from Buckhannon, national director of Boys State work; Dr. Edward C. Smith, born near Weston, associate professor of political science at New York University; Dr. Earl R. Brown, of French Creek, professor of field science, School of Religious Education, Boston University.

Dr. C. S. Brown, born at Bethany, former dean of the Divinity School, Yale University, special lecturer at Stanford, Cornell, Columbia, Harvard, and North Carolina Universities; Dr. William F. Anderson, from Morgantown, former president of Boston University.

Dr. Howard B. Arbuckle, born near Lewisburg, once a member of the faculties of the University of Florida, Agnes Scott and Davidson Colleges; Charles F. T. Brooks, born in Morgantown, former professor of English in Cornell and Yale Universities, and the University of London; Dr. Holly E. Cunningham, one-time head of Lebanon University's education department.

John W. Davis, president of West Virginia State College, former president of the National Association of Teachers in Negro Schools, winner of the Harmon Award for the most conspicuous achievement in education, 1927; Charles Edward Diehl, born in Charles Town, president of

Southwestern, the college of the Mississippi Valley, 1917; Dr. Douglas W. Johnson, from Parkersburg, former professor in Massachusetts Institute of Technology and in Harvard and Columbia, recipient of awards from geographic societies of Paris, Sweden, Philadelphia and the New York Academy of Science.

Thomas F. Mulledy, born in Romney, tutor for two years to the Crown Prince of Naples and president of Georgetown College for many years after 1829; Frank J. Warne, of Parkersburg, organizer and first director of New York University's School of Journalism.

Albert Brake Leads Epworth League Program

An Epworth League program at the Trinity Methodist Church was heard by twenty-seven college students Sunday evening.

Leader of the discussion of "Luke, a Leader of the Early Churches," was League president, Albert Brake. Other students who spoke were Helen Hester and Teresa Butcher, seniors, and Olga Young, freshman. Piano accompanist was Geraldine McClain.

W. A. A. Sponsors Dance In College Gymnasium

The W. A. A. sponsored a patriotic dance in the gymnasium Friday night from 8 until 11 o'clock. Decorations of red, white and blue streamers hung on either side of the bleachers.

SPENCER SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

A copy of the Cliff Dweller, Spencer High School's printed newspaper, was received at the Mercury office the past week. Formerly it was published as a part of one of the Roane County papers.

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THREE COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS ASSIST WITH SCHOOL RATING

Miss Ivy Lee Myers, director of elementary teacher training, Miss Willema White, librarian, and Dr. J. C. Shreve, head of the department of education in the College, are assisting in the rating of the Weston High School. This work, under the national survey of secondary education, began yesterday and will continue through tomorrow.

FRANK BAILEY TO DIRECT SUTTON TOURNAMENT

Plans are being made for the fourth annual Central West Virginia independent basketball tournament to be held at Sutton, March 27, 28 and 29, under the auspices of the Sutton High School Athletic Association. Frank Bailey, A. B. '33, will be the director.

MISS RUPPERT CONVALESCING

Mae Belle Ruppert, freshman in the College the first semester, who is a patient in Union Protestant Hospital, Clarksburg, is slightly improved. She will not be able to resume her school work, however, this year.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

D. T. Wright, Main Street barber, returned to his home Sunday from the Union Protestant Hospital where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is the father of Agnes and Sexton Wright, students in the College.

The Freshman Class will have charge of assembly tomorrow.

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LEE WHITE GETS JOB IN BECKLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Lee White, A. B. '40, has been employed to teach in Beckley High School. It was learned here the past week. Mr. White is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie White, Normantown.

WILL NOT ENTER ORATORS

Miss Kathleen Robertson, instructor in speech, says that there will not be anyone from the College entered in the oration contest at the State Speech Festival at Huntington, March 20-21-22 as was previously planned.

HOW STATE TEAMS SCORED

How the state teams handled their opponents the past week: West Virginia University 65, Carnegie Tech, 39, at Morgantown; Salem 78, Shepherd 47, at Salem; Morris Harvey 44, Wesleyan 42, at Charleston; Fairmont 59, Davis-Elkins 50, at Fairmont.

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- 2.—Leslie Mac Mitchell—Mill runner of N. Y. U. Time 4:07.4.
- 3.—Gregory Rice—in AAU nationals broke own mark for 3 miles, doing it in 13:51. Set new records for 2 1/2 and 2 3/4 mi. same trip.
- 4.—Walter Mehl—Wisconsin, another miller, won the AAU event. Previous race did it in 4:07.4.
- 5.—Joe McCuskey—has won 23 AAU championships... in last effort set new record of 9:35 in the two-mile event.

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