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## Western Region FHA Meet Set For Campus Saturday

Five hundred future homemakers from Region Four are expected on Glenville's campus this Saturday, according to Prof. Lillian Chaddock, head of the home economics department at Glenville State College.

The future homemakers, representing twenty-eight high schools, will take a complete tour of the campus, under the guidance of members of the Glenville college home economics club.

### 'Tartuffe' Chosen By Ohningohows For Next Showing

The cast for "Tartuffe," three-act comedy by Moliere, has been chosen, according to Prof. William Coleman, director, and Mary Lou West, assistant director. March 7 and 8, at 8:00 p.m. is the date and time for this, the first costume comedy to be presented here.

Tartuffe, a hypocrite and impostor, moves into the household of gullible Orgon. Orgon believes that Tartuffe is a devout and divinely inspired man. However, Tartuffe, one of the cleverest villains in all literature, is really interested in money, food, and the women in the household. What he manages to accomplish before he is apprehended leads to many humorous situations.

### Freshmen In Cast

The cast includes nine freshmen. These are Albert Somerville, Shirley Lightner, Carolyn Jackson, Judy Bragg, Jim White, Larry Miller, Pat Christian, Pat Starkey and Orion Jones; and three upperclassmen, Ray Carson, Jim Dolsen, and Richard Lockhart. Six members of the cast will be making their first appearance on the local stage.

The costumes will be supplied by Van Horn of Philadelphia. Set construction has begun and rehearsals for the play started Feb. 12.

Acting as stage manager, Shirley Satterfield will head the various crews. Chairman for these crews are Bernyce Roberts, production assistant; Barbara Clark, prompter; Edward Perrine, construction manager; and Mary Helen Plunkett, costumes.

"Tartuffe" is considered by authorities to be one of the world's greatest plays. Tickets at the door will be 50c for high school students and \$1.00 for adults. Students will be admitted with their activity books.

Files of 20 state newspapers, some of them no longer published, have been partly or entirely microfilmed by the Library of West Virginia during the past decade, it has been announced. The microfilming is still in progress and eventually will include many other state newspaper files.

## Reference Questions Make Library Life Interesting

By SHIRLEY LIGHTNER

Library work is not dull and routine as many people may think. Those who work behind the charging desk, among the books, magazines, and newspapers, with the card files and with the many other materials in the Robert F. Kidd Library find life far from depressing, tedious, and uninteresting.

Students in their pursuit of knowledge contribute much in the way of humor by their reference questions. Miss Josephine Fidler, assistant librarian, has released a list of some of the questions that have been asked in the library since the beginning of school in September.

Some questions asked concern statistics of liquor sales in income for the Glenville Liquor store, request for the expenditures of Glenville State College for 1952-53, information about the religious life of Dwight Eisenhower, and what are some of the superstitions related to marriage.

There was the student who wanted

information on the foreign policy of Disraeli and one who added to the confusion by asking, "How does 'Greensleeves' happen to be a Christmas carol?"

One question that required a moment's thought was for another juvenile book by the same author that wrote Mr. Popper's Penguins.

A question that was of vital importance to an aspiring art student was for a picture of a Daschshund. One question concerned the location of public schools in Ohio and the teacher salary scale for that state.

One request was for the review of the movie, *Night of the Hunter*, while another was for a criticism of *Why Johnny Can't Read*.

Information on filmstrips pertaining to the American Revolutionary period was sought as well as information about make-up for TV programs.

Explanation on how to develop films and a case study of an elementary child were also asked.

## Glenville Pioneer Five Tackle Shepherd Rams In First Round of Tourney Play Tuesday Nite



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### College Band Gives Concert

The College band will present the annual concert Monday evening at 8:15 in the College auditorium. Professor Henry Fasthoff will conduct the concert.

Twenty-four students will participate in the annual affair, which will be the first major endeavor for the group during this semester.

Among the marches and numbers to be featured on the night's program are: "Inverargill," "From Africa to Harlem," "None But The Lonely Heart," "Curtain at Eight," "Cantabile," "Pentatonic Fantasy," "Park Avenue Fantasy," and "Song of the Marching Men."

Members of the band are: David Arbogast, Joseph Arbogast, Raymon Ayers, Frederick Batten, Dolores Black, Glenda Black, Otis Boyles, Jr., Mary Jane Cleavenger, Alpha Lee Coberly, Mary Sue Davidson, Mary Dyer, Ruby Elder, Gene Elmore, Curtis Fleschman, Patricia Helmick, Tom Howard, Jerry Lee Harbour.

Jack Kaufman, Mary McHenry, Alice McCullough, Carolyn Miller, Stanley Pickers, Thomas Reed, Doris Short, Linda Skinner, Norman Stone, and Kent Duffield.

### Council Nets Gains For Student Union

Student Council of Glenville State College cleared approximately \$64 Wednesday night at their benefit ball game held for the benefit of the new student union building.

At the double-header thriller, the fraternity boys upset the faculty members by a one-point margin, 46-45. Cheerleaders Pearl Pickens, Mary Fest, and Erma Edwards were on hand to cheer their teammates on to victory.

The main event featured the Clarksburg Elks, known as one of the top independent teams in West Virginia. The College intramural All-Stars played host to this team. The result was a surprising 108-74 score, in favor of the All-Stars.

Those in charge of Wednesday night's program were Student Council President Edward Tekelli and Sergeant-At-Arms William Deel.

### SOCIAL CALENDAR

Saturday, Feb. 25, all day—western region Future Homemakers Conference

Sunday, Feb. 26, 6:15 p.m.—vesters, lounge

Monday, Feb. 27, 8:00 p.m.—band concert, auditorium

Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 29, 7:00-10:00 p.m.—class tournament

Next Tuesday night at seven o'clock is the big moment in the lives of the 1955-56 edition of the Glenville Pioneers. It is a date they have been working towards all season. For it is next Tuesday night at seven o'clock that the Pioneers enter the annual WVC basketball tournament with Shepherd State slated to furnish the opposition.

Many fans drew a sigh of relief when it was announced that the Shepherd Rams were to furnish the opposition in the opening round of tourney play. But certainly, the Gee Men don't want to count their victories before they occur.

### Anything Can Happen

As every basketball fan knows, anything can happen, and usually does, in a tournament situation. Although the Rams haven't been highly regarded this season, the tournament atmosphere might be just the thing they need to make them a tough outfit.

Last year, for example, there were feelings of relief and joy when it was announced that Beckley was Glenville's opening opponent and, in all probability, Concord would be the second. All went well in the first game as the Gee Men completely mastered the Blue Hawks to the tune of 104-75. The Gee Men saw only Concord between them and a semi-final play-off.

### Figured Without Mikush

But the Glenvillemen figured without taking into consideration one Mr. Don Mikush who made life miserable for the Gee Men as they were upended 71-69. It would seem, then, that this incident last year should serve as pre-warning for anyone who might be beating the drum for a Glenville win.

However, it might be said in all sincerity that the Pioneers are capable of whipping any team in the conference if only they can put two good 20-minute periods end to end. Seldom during the season have they been able to do that.

Here is how the tournament data shapes up. In the top bracket is Morris Harvey going against West Virginia State in the first game of a double header on Tuesday afternoon. In the second game it will be Bluefield State going against Concord.

### Glenville Shoots

At seven o'clock Glenville will get things under way as they tangle with the Shepherd Rams. Following this game will be the Bethany-A-B tilt at eight o'clock.

On Wednesday afternoon, the teams in the lower bracket will get underway as Tech gets warm-up practice on the Beckley Blue Hawks.

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## GSC Celebrates 84th Anniversary Without Fanfare

Quietly, without fanfare Glenville State College began its 85th year of existence this past Sunday, leaving behind a record of progress that began in the old courthouse in 1873. GSC first came into existence by an act of legislature on Feb. 19, 1872, as a normal school with the provision that the citizens of Glenville would furnish the necessary buildings without expense to the state. However, it was not until Jan. 14, of the following year that its doors were opened.

T. M. Marshall, who was then taking a language course at Marshall college, was appointed as acting principal of the new educational institution. He was only 21 at that time. The first official principal, according to the 1911 issue of the Kanawhachen, was the Hon. Louis Bennett, for whom the men's dormitory is named. He assumed that post in April of 1873.

### Ad Building Rises

In 1885, the legislature appropriated \$5,000 for building purposes, which is now the old section of the administration building. In 1903, an additional \$20,000 was spent for an adjoining building to accommodate the growing needs of the school.

Although the primary purpose in establishing Glenville Normal was to train teachers, preparation of teachers was also authorized. At different times the curriculum was designated "Classical," "Scientific," or "Academic."

As high schools became more numerous, secondary offerings were gradually reduced. During the 1920's, graduates were listed as completing the Short Normal, the Standard Normal, or the Junior College course.

Degrees were first granted in 1931 to a class of nine, eight of whom were men. From 1930-1943, the school was known as Glenville State Teachers College. Since 1943, the institution has been Glenville State College.

Do you know how to turn in a fire alarm? Visit your nearest fire station and receive proper instructions.

## GSC Owns Old Fashioned 'Wagon' for Fire Fighting

By JACK CAWTHON

The great Chicago fire of 1871 was caused by Mrs. O'Leary's cow which kicked over a lantern. Needless to say, the fire fighting equipment was meager and highly inadequate.

You might wonder, and quite rightfully so, what Mrs. O'Leary's cow has to do with Glenville State College. Well, what it's all leading to is the fact that, although Chicago didn't have efficient fire fighting equipment in 1871, Glenville State College does have in 1956.

We have a mobile fire wagon here at the college. "Wagon" is hardly the proper term because the conveyance has only two wheels which would technically make it a trailer or maybe a cart. But trailer or wagon or cart, the vehicle carries a 300-foot reel of fire hose, and according to Financial Secretary Lloyd M. Jones, the college purchased it about 20 years ago. At the same time, the fire hydrant, which is situated midway between the Administration building and the Science hall was installed.

### Ready For Duty

The hose cart was kept in the

little storage shed annexed to the north side of the Administration building. The shed was custom made for its lone occupant. And aside from one minor business call, the hose cart was never used. Mr. Jones added that the hose was replaced once, but with the addition of fire extinguishers, hose racks, and fire alarm systems, the hose wagon has become obsolete and has been retired from active duty.

Veteran maintenance employee Doy Fitzpatrick, who remembers many fascinating stories concerning the early days of the college, can remember only two small fires. But he does remember the day an imagined catastrophe took place which nearly drove a janitor into "conviction fits."

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he was working one morning in the maintenance shop, then in the basement of Verona Mapel hall, when the new janitor, who had been hired only a short while before to serve as custodian of the administration building, appeared in the doorway screaming, "Oh my god, the boiler is on fire!"

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## TEACHERS ARE LOOKING UP

One of the major problems confronting schools today is the cost and how this cost should be met. Our state legislators faced this problem and came up with measures that will help alleviate a situation that had become unbearable for many.

West Virginia school teachers and future teachers have received a pay boost. This is one of the most encouraging reports in the field of education, not only for teachers of the state, but also for parents and students, that has been forthcoming for some time.

The question, "Can we afford not to provide and finance an adequate program of education?" has been asked and is still being asked in our state. This is the dilemma and the 1956 legislators have done something to eliminate part of the problem.

As most people will agree, many teachers in many states are underpaid. This is the reason for the immigration of our state teachers to other higher-paying states. Why should young teachers remain in their native state when other places have more to offer in the way of salaries? This was an important consideration of our representatives to the legislature.

The raise in salary will be from \$15-55 per month. Wages will vary throughout the state, but in even the lowest-salary counties, the increase will be from the present \$260 to \$310 per month for those who hold an A.B. degree.

A salary increase should do much to help "keep" good teachers in the state. Although schools are crowded, everyone will be more encouraged to do a good job, we believe. As we have heard throughout our state, "We need more teachers." But we must keep in mind that we not only need teachers—we need good teachers.

Members of the legislature have done each of us a great favor—whether or not we are aware of the fact. In future years, if not now, we shall appreciate this increase—the first in a series of salary increases, we hope—for the improvement of our state, and our country.—Yvonne Hart.

## FACT, FABLE—OR BOTH?

A new toy for philosophers, theologians, psychologists, and just plain people, was put on display recently by one of the country's leading magazines, TRUE. This new toy, which is being kicked around and played with by everybody and his brother, is an article printed in that magazine dealing with age regression—"The Search for Bridey Murphy."

We are not exceptions to this. Upon reading about "Bridey" and/or Mrs. Ruth Simmons (according to the story, they are one and the same person), we were at first fascinated, then hopeful, then doubtful. Certainly, if TRUE magazine—which professes to publish only true stories as its name states—was not taken in by a very clever hoax, the Bridey Murphy case is one of utmost importance to the world.

A number of events described in the article seems credible enough and, with only a little faith, easily believed. For an example, the article claims that Mrs. Simmons could not possibly have known the majority of the facts she related while under hypnosis—at which time she claimed to be an Irish woman named Bridget Murphy who died before the turn of the century.

This fantastic story which has been published in a number of newspapers, is available on records, will come out in book form. It will soon be made into a movie and has already received the backing of quite a number of people. These call forth passages from the New Testament as a support for their stand. On the other hand, most of the clergy—if not all of them—have lambasted the article as a complete hoax and fit only for the science fiction magazines.

However, we cannot take a stand for or against "Bridey Murphy" this early in the game. More, much more is needed. Until more evidence is produced in this incident, and others as well, we do not believe that we should label it as a fable. On the other hand, we cannot take the matter at face value and definitely advocate its complete truthfulness. We must play a waiting game until the whole story is either proven or disproven.—Robert W. Miller.

## Danforth Foundation Gives Students Opportunity to Do Graduate Study

By Joyce Jackson

"I care you" is a challenge put out to youth by the late William H. Danforth, noted businessman and benefactor of young people for many years.

Danforth achieved a great fortune for himself by means of his own integrity and will. Danforth, who began his life in a humble position of a miller, was the founder of the "Purina" company. The Missouri businessman had a simple and deep religious faith, and a particular love for young people. His concern for youth led to the founding of the Danforth foundation in St. Louis.

This foundation provides approximately 50 students annually with the opportunity to do graduate study. Every accredited college in the United States is permitted to nominate not more than three candidates for the appointments each year.

On each college campus is located a Danforth associate, a faculty adviser who has experience with youth groups. This associate is responsible for the selection of qualified stu-

dents to attend Camp Miniwanka during the summer for a two-week session. The money for this is provided by the Danforth foundation.

Mrs. Gyax, Associate.

The former Miss Willerna White, now Mrs. John Gyax of Belle, served as Danforth associate on Glenville's campus. Mrs. Gyax was the librarian at Glenville from 1938-1942.

Under Mrs. Gyax's sponsorship, two former Glenville students attended Camp Miniwanka. Miss Agnes Wright, now Mrs. Jack D. Higgins of Cumberland, Md., a graduate of Glenville with the class of 1941, attended the camp in 1937.

John L. Wagner, who attended Glenville in 1941-1942, was chosen to attend the camp in his freshman year here. Wagner, son of Prof. John R. Wagner, graduated from West Virginia University, and is now residing in Maryland.

Prof. Wagner served as Danforth associate on campus for seven years. Harold Allan Foutty, '48, attended Miniwanka during Wagner's term as associate. Foutty is now a second lieutenant in the Army Medical

## GS Graduate In Austria

By CONNIE SAMS

Miss Winoma Spurgeon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Spurgeon, Auburn community and a graduate of Glenville State College with the class of 1952 has arrived in Kassel, Germany, where she is performing missionary work, representing the Church of the Brethren.

In a letter that Prof. and Mrs. John R. Wagner received from the former student, it read, in part, "We traveled by bus from Rotterdam to Kassel. We visited Amsterdam, Krefeld and Essen on the way. Since Dec. 6, the day we arrived in Kassel, I've been pretty busy at many different things.

At first let me say that the first two months, we volunteers are in Germany we have our European training. This consists of learning about the school systems, city governments, church programs, and of course three hours of each afternoon are spent in language instruction.

Hears Good Music

"We have attended several concerts and we often listen to records and the radio when there is some good program of music. I've really had an extended course in music history while living in this home. One concert we attended was music from the Fourteenth Century with instruments from that time. Also I have attended one opera 'Fidelio'.

On Jan. 29, I expect to leave Germany for Austria. My two months of training will be finished then and I have been assigned to Austria. At first I was told I would be working in Vienna in a kindergarten but plans have been changed and it seems now that I will be near Linz in either an old folk home or a home economics school."

"Please give my regards to the Oencoriffs, Miss Olsen and The Heffins—also Miss Pickens and Miss West."

Miss Spurgeon was active in work in Gilmer county and taught at the West Virginia School of Deaf and Blind at Romney following college graduation.

Scott Foreman Representative  
Miss Mary Jane Jack, '35, is now a reading consultant for Scott Foreman company, which has its headquarters in Boston. New England states comprise the territory that Miss Jack covers.

Miss Jack meets with teachers, principals, supervisors, and superintendents to show them the value of the Scott Foreman publications. She also shows the teachers how to use the guide books and other aids and available materials.

Graduating from Glenville in 1935 with an A. B. degree in elementary education, she taught in Charleston and then went on to Montclair, N. J. to teach. She then accepted the position with the Scott Foreman Company with which she is presently employed. She also holds a masters degree from Columbia university.

Miss Jack is the daughter of Mrs. Lenora Jack of Glenville.

Corp in Maryland.

Miss Ruth Lucille Groves, now Mrs. Ethel W. Keffer, also attended the camp under Wagner. Mrs. Keffer graduated from Glenville with the class of 1946 and received her masters degree from William and Mary in 1951. She is now residing at Cabin Creek.

Dr. Byron Turner also served as the Danforth associate for a number of years. However during his term no student has received a award.

Hendricks Impressed

Camp Miniwanka was run on the basis of Danforth's philosophy of life: "Stand Tall, Think Tall, Smile Tall, and Live Tall." On a trip to Miniwanka, T. P. Hendricks was so impressed that he came back to West Virginia and founded the 4-H clubs, patterning it after Danforth's four-fold philosophy.

This is just one of Danforth's many gifts to students. Each year one high school boy and girl of the graduating class is presented the Danforth citizenship award. If the graduate receiving this wishes to



JIM WHITE AND RAY CARSON, business managers of THE MERCURY, are shown above as they prepare the advertisements for the next issue of the newspaper. White looks on, as Carson records the ads from each business establishment. White is a freshman from Parkersburg, and Carson is a jun ior from Gauley Bridge. (MERCURY photo by Cawthon)

## Sorority Simmerings

By SHIRLEY BROWN

Kappa Chi Kappa

Bernadine Gregory was elected secretary to replace Beulah Beckner at a recent meeting of the Kappa Chi's.

Initiation was held for Ada Cox, who was attending a 4-H meeting in Gatlinburg, Tenn., when the previous formal ceremony was conducted.

April Showers dance was an item of discussion but nothing definite was decided.

Xi Beta Tau

Rehearsal for the assembly, which the sorority gave Thursday, was held at their recent meeting. Stationery and cards are still being sold by the organization.

The annual Sock Hop, to be held in March, was discussed by the group.

National Advertising Week, sponsored by the Advertising Federation of America is being observed throughout the nation during this week.

accept it, he or she will be sent expense free to a college to prepare him for youth work, and will then be placed as a youth adviser in some other state.

Thus we see that Danforth was a man of giving. No record has ever been kept of the multitude of his generous kindnesses. Even in his own mind there was no listing and many of his gifts had been forgotten when he died this past Christmas eve.

## Connie Sams, Ada Cox Model Pledges

Connie Sams and Ada Cox were chosen as model pledges of Xi Beta Tau and Kappa Chi Kappa sororities, respectively.

Announcement of the winners was made at the formal initiations held by each sorority. The girls were chosen on a point basis and each received a gift.

Miss Sams, sophomore, social studies and English major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Calvin Sams of Parkersburg. She is Altaville editor of the MERCURY, a member of the 4-H club and WAA.

Miss Cox, junior elementary major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cox of Craigsville. She is a member of the 4-H club and WAA and is also associated with SCA and Wesley Foundation.

## Prof. Miller Speaks

Prof. Espy Miller will give a talk before the Burnsville Future Teachers of America on March 6. Mr. Miller's subject will be "Some Great Teachers I have Known." He will tell of the qualities these teachers had that opened up new horizons and frontiers for him.

Business papers are current "text-books" studiously read by the alert man in industry, trade, and profession who never accepted his college diploma as the end of his education.—Stanley A. Knisely

True literature 'is life translated into letters.—Ferenc Molnar

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## Pioneers Have Been Strong Contenders In Previous Play

By BOB GANDEE

Looking back through Glenville's basketball records, we find the Pioneers have proven themselves as rugged competitors, both in winning the West Virginia Intercollegiate Conference, and the WVC tournament.

The West Virginia Intercollegiate conference is now in its twenty-ninth year and Glenville has taken honors ten times. The conference was three years old when the Pioneers took their first championship, this being in 1930. The two following years, 1931-1932, Glenville was out on top, this making three straight years of winning the title; something of which only one other team has been able to do, that being West Virginia Tech in 1951-52.

In 1934 Glenville again took the title. Three years later the Pioneers started on their history making; winning the title in 1937, 1938, tying with Alderson-Broadus in 1939 and the next year (1940) they came out as champions.

This is a feat which no other team has been able to do in the 29-year old conference. After A-B won in 1941, Glenville made it two straight, winning in 1942 and 1943. This was the last year for the Glenville Pioneers to be on top in the conference.

### Glenville Champs

In the WVIC Tournament, which is held each year after the regular season is over, Glenville has been champion four times. The tournament has only been played 18 times, started in 1935 and was an annual affair until the war years from 1943 to 1945. After the war, it started again as an annual event. Glenville got its first taste as

tournament champs in 1937, winning over Salem 58-43. The next year the Pioneers were in the limelight again, beating Alderson-Broadus 52-42. In 1939-1940 they won without even going to Buckhannon. The year 1939 found the Pioneers in the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, Mo. They came out as third best, also having one of the players, namely Lou Romano (now coach of Leewood Jr. High in Kanawha County) being selected to the tournament team. Later on he was named to the Little All-American team. In 1951 the local boys overwhelmed Beckley 73-57. In doing this they won themselves a spot in the NAIA tournament.

## BEARS AND CATS SCORE VICTORIES

Bourn's "Bears" and Coe's "Cats" rang up victories in the first games of WAA basketball play.

The "Bears" met resistance in the form of Jackson's "Jack-Rabbits." The score at the end of the first half was tied 17-17. However the "Rabbits" lost much of their pep in the second half and the "Bears" squeezed them out by a score of 35-24.

Beverly McComis was high point maker for the winners, whipping the net with eight field goals for a total of 16 points. Mary Margaret Davis hit six field goals for 12 points for the losers.

Insufficient number of players caused Underwood's "Unicorns" to forfeit to Coe's "Cats." In a game played after the forfeit, the "Unicorns" defeated the "Cats" 39-26.



MEMBERS OF THE WHITE WAVE will be packing their duds soon and heading for Buckhannon and the WVIC tournament which begins Feb. 23. Front row, left to right, and Jon Hays, Tom McPherson, Jim Millard, Buck Tustin, Larry (Doc) Stanley, and Dorsey Scott. Second row: Coach Leland Byrd, Bob Reynolds, Bob Turner, Rudy Poole, Ralph Holder, Al Reich, and Mgr. Don Brannon. (Mercury photo)

## Rejuvenated Pioneers Win Over Davis-Elkins, West Liberty; Prepare For Tournament Play

Just as if they were already planning to make a big showing in the tournament next week, the Glenville Pioneers have snapped to attention to win three straight contests. After breaking the two game victory famine with a 97-85 win over Concord, the Gee Men have notched 80-66 and 93-81 victories over Davis and Elkins and West Liberty respectively.

In the game at Elkins last Thursday night, the White Wave five took an early lead and maintained it throughout as they mastered the Senators who seemed to be lost without their golden boy, Paul Wilcox. The Pioneers played a fine defensive game as they allowed the legislative men only 20 field goals.

Pete Bezzini, the other half of D-E's former one-two punch, was held to only four field goals and 11 foul shots by the defensive minded Rudy Poole and Bob Turner. The Pioneers, however, lost the services of Poole for the first time in his college career. But the Lost Creek lad managed to notch 33 points before taking a shower.

**Turner Played Great Game**  
Bob Turner played one of his best games of the season in the Senator-Pioneer match as he notched 17 points besides picking off 23 rebounds from the boards.

Last Saturday night, the keyed-

up Pioneers jumped off to a 53-34 halftime lead over a visiting West Liberty quintet and held on during the second half for a 93-84 conference victory. The game was highlighted by some free flowing tempers and flailing arms which resulted in one West Liberty boy being thumbed from the floor.

Shortly after the intermission, the Gee Men ran up a 26-point lead, but they saw this margin clipped to 10 with six minutes yet to play. During the wild foray that followed, Glenville had three men—Rudy Poole, Al Reich, and Bob Turner—removed from the game via the foul route.

**Pioneers Slowed Game**  
From this time on the Pioneers slowed the pace of the game in order to cling to their shortened lead. The Hilltoppers, fresh from a big victory over A-B, played frantically in trying to get the big victory.

Rudy Poole led all scorers with 34

points, 24 of them in the first half. With this type of first half scoring, many people thought the Pioneer sophomore was going to break his own individual scoring record of 47 (Continued on page 4)



DON BRANNON, manager for the College teams, is pictured above as he checks basketball uniforms. His jobs are varied and many, and he might well be called the essential man behind the scene. (Mercury photo)

## Without Glory or Praise Describes Manager's Job

Between studying to be a chemist and trying to get a little sleep, he takes on added responsibilities, worries and work. For the latter, he gets no credit or glory, little praise or thanks, is seen but not heard. Basketball fans see him but not pay him attention—their eyes return to the action of the plays. After all, he's only the manager.

Donald Brannon, a sophomore majoring in chemistry, became manager of the Pioneers this year after serving as assistant to Bill Stanley in 1954-55. His duties are many—running from taking care

of the uniforms to providing nearly any kind of aid the team members may require before, during, and after the game.

A graduate of Troy high school, 1954, Brannon performs the tasks for which he receives little thanks but still says, "It's interesting and lots of fun—I like it."

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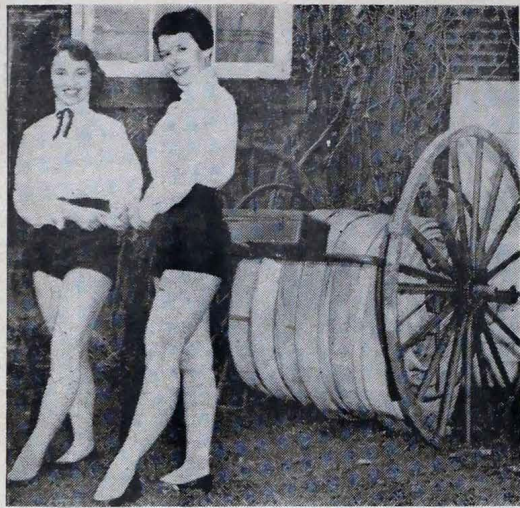
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BOGART CHILLINGLY EVIL! VISTAVISION  
HUMPHREY BOGART  
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THE DESPERATE HOURS

Tuesday Only, Feb. 28

Mambo Silvana MANGANO Shelley WINTERS





**IN GOOD SHAPE**, apparently, despite its 20 years of inactive duty, Glenville State's mobile fire wagon is shown above manned, figuratively speaking, by Shirley Lambert and Glenda Black. The cart, which carries 300 feet of hose, has now become obsolete and has been replaced with more efficient fire fighting equipment. The girls were borrowed from the Xi Beta Tau chorus line and are not members of the local volunteer fire department. (Mercury photo by Cawthon).

### Western Region

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Foster, Jackie Rastle, and Pat Hylbert.

Chairman Barbara Shomo; Mary White, Jackie Rastle, and Kathleen Harris are in charge of preparing the room and tables for the tea.

Following the tea, a swimming party will be held for the visiting future homemakers, rounding out the events for the day.

### GSC Owns

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er's blown up!"

#### Smoke, But No Fire

There was no time wasted in reaching the ad building, Fitzpatrick stated. He expected to find a scene of smoking rubble, but instead he found only the furnace

doors blown off their hinges. No serious damage was done.

The new janitor had used fine coal to fire the furnace, loading it too heavily. The fine coal collected into a gaseous mixture and exploded.

After a few days the shaken janitor came around and resigned his position with the quavering remark, "I'm quitting because I'm scared to death of them dang boilers."

The college has fire extinguishers situated in all strategic locations. There are carbon dioxide extinguishers for electrical fires and the foam type for general fires. There are also hose racks in most of the buildings which permit water to be used. Fire alarm systems have been installed in Kanawha hall, Verona Mapel hall, and the Administration building. The town of Glenville now

## Happy 'Hearts' Have Holiday

By CONNIE SAMS

A touch of valentine spirit was added to the daily schedule of the kindergarten children last week when the five-year olds came to school on Feb. 14 equipped with valentines for everyone and an appetite just right for red cherry jello and cookies.

The children took time from their regular scheduled activities to plan the party, and the day before Valentine's day, they made the jello themselves. Cookies were sent by Marjorie Ward's mother, Mrs. Max Ward.

Under the supervision of Prof. Jewell Matthews, the kindergarten has fifteen members this term. The pupils follow an all-around schedule which includes free activity from 9 until 9:30, then they have play period in the old gymnasium, which also lasts half an hour.

From 10 until 10:30 is wash up time, and lunch and a rest period follows. From 11 until 11:30 the children have a choice of what they would rather do, and from then until dismissal at 12, the students have games and group evaluations.

Children who are enrolled in kindergarten are: Kathy Orendorff, Rusty Wright, Keith Rutherford, Marjorie Ward, Phil Cunningham, Jerry McKinster, Eddie Reed, Roger Reed, Dicky Whiting, Scott Yeager, Karen Bowyer, Bobby Joe Poole, Gary Collins, Bill White, and John Westfall.

Student helpers include Charlotte Hyer, Elda Utterback, Jim White, and Paul Caltrider.

has an efficient volunteer organization which would come to our aid if the need ever arose.

Remarkings on our good record of fire prevention, Mr. Jones said, "We've been awfully lucky." Let's just hope that all of our fire fighting equipment equals the record set by the aged hose wagon which has undergone 20 years of peace and quiet.



**BASKETBRAWL** at its finest was displayed last Wednesday night as the thundering faculty basketball team tangled with a strong fraternal five. No game would be complete without pretty cheerleaders to add life to the fracas. And left to right are assistant registrar Erma Edwards, Dean Pearl Pickens, and Nurse Mary Fest who gave their yelling strength to the losing cause. In the inset, Prof. (One-Ham) Hall gets the ball and Mike Ferrell, all in one effort, while Prof. (Dynamite) Coleman looks longingly toward the bench and a fresh substitute. Bottom inset shows the scene of tragedy reflected in the faces of waiting gladiators McAvoy, Byrd, Hall, and Higgins. Fraternity is throughout most of the game, but the faculty staged a brilliant comeback in the last ten minutes of the last ten seconds of official play. (On-the-spot "action" photos by Cawthon)

### Two Students Make Straight 'A' Average

Joyce Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jackson, Valley Chapel, and Mary Suck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Suck, Ravenswood, are the only two Glenville State College students who maintained a straight 'A' average last semester.

A sophomore mathematics and English major, Miss Jackson is active in the Women's Athletic association, and the Pioneer 4-H club. She was recently formally initiated into the Xi Beta Tau Sorority and she is also serving as a member of the MERCURY staff.

Miss Suck, also a sophomore, is majoring in business administration. She is a member of Alpha Delta Epsilon, business fraternity, and Kappa Chi Kappa sorority.

## Frat Chat

By JERROLD MURPHY

### Holy Roller Court

Court decided to order new blue and white jackets with the Com emblem on the back instead of the front. Imprinted membership card will be issued to all Court members.

Arrangements have been made for the annual class basketball tournament which is sponsored by the Court. Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

### Kappa Sigma Kappa

Chief item of discussion was the spring dance which is sponsored by the fraternity. No solution to the problem of a place for holding the dance has been found at this time.

Kappa Sigs played host to 1 fraternity brothers from Concord who played the local Kappa Sigma team in the preliminary to the Concord varsity game. GSC football team won 56-35.

Cleanliness helps keep the fire away and you're the bird that keeps it that way.

### Rejuvenated Pioneer

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that he made against the Hilltoppers last season. But the scoring found it rougher going in the second half as the visitors clamped down on him.

Other leading scorers for Glenville were Bob Reynolds with 9, Turner with 11, Reich with 11, as Holder with 10. Bob McNabb was the leading scorer for the Hilltoppers with 20 points followed by Carl Simmons and Joe Blaha with 16 and 15 each. The usually high scoring Tom Ackerman was held to eight.

### Glenville Pioneers

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The second game will feature the West Liberty and Davis-Elkins teams.

Wednesday night session will be Salem and Fairmont, fighting out while Wesleyan scrimmages against Potomac in the second game. The quarter-finals get underway on Thursday afternoon as Morris Harvey (probably) meets with the Bluefield-Concord winner. To wind up the afternoon session the winners of the Glenville-Shepherd and Bethany-A-B games battle heads.

### Tech Warm Up

Tech (probably) will meet with the winner of the West Liberty-Davis Elkins match to get things going Thursday night. Following their heels will be the game between the winners of the Salem-Fairmont and Potomac-Wesleyan series.

Friday night the four undefeated fives will meet to decide who is the right to enter the tournament championship game which will be played Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

## Drawing Of The 1956 WVIC Basketball Tournament

FIRST ROUND Tuesday, Feb. 28	TRI-FINALS Thursday, March 1	SEMI-FINALS Friday, March 2	FINALS Saturday, March 3
<b>M-H COLLEGE</b> ( )			
1:30 p. m.			
<b>W. V. A. STATE</b> ( )			
<b>BLUEFIELD</b> ( )	1:30 p. m.		
3:10 p. m.		7:00 p. m.	
<b>CONCORD</b> ( )			
<b>SHEPHERD</b> ( )			8:00 p. m.
7:00 p. m.			
<b>GLENVILLE</b> ( )	3:10 p. m.		
<b>A-B COLLEGE</b> ( )			
8:40 p. m.			
<b>BETHANY</b> ( )			
Wednesday, Feb. 29			
<b>W. V. A. TECH</b> ( )			
1:30 p. m.			
<b>BECKLEY</b> ( )	7:00 p. m.		
<b>W. LIBERTY</b> ( )		8:40 p. m.	
3:10 p. m.			
<b>DAVIS-ELKINS</b> ( )			
<b>SALEM</b> ( )			
7:00 p. m.			
<b>FAIRMONT</b> ( )	8:40 p. m.		
<b>WESLEYAN</b> ( )			
8:40 p. m.			
<b>POTOMAC ST.</b> ( )			

### STATE CHAMPIONS