



DAVE POSEY



RAY CARSON

Posey, Carson List Platforms; To Be in Assembly Tomorrow

Two candidates for Student Council president Dave Posey from Jane Lew, and Ray Carson from Gauley Bridge, will present their platforms in an assembly program tomorrow morning at 10:10. Programs of candidates for other offices will also be presented.

Posey announces himself in favor of a paved tennis court, temporary union, sending a representative to the national student council convention, and cooperation between the townspeople and the college on the new union. Second presidential candidate, Ray Carson, favors an emergency fund for students, a temporary union, and active support of any program advocating the advancement of the welfare of the student body, such as the new student union. Both candidates will present a more complete and detailed platform tomorrow morning.

Deel, Hughes for Veep
Candidates for vice president are Paul Hughes, from Walton, and William Deel from Clendenin. Hughes' platform will consist of support of any suitable program for housing of students, support for more and better week end activities, stimulation of more interest among the students and townspeople in college sponsored activities, and support for a temporary union.

Deel had not listed his program when this paper went to press. Two girls have announced themselves as candidates for the secretary post, Jearl Stump from Steamtown, and Ronnie Gorrell from Parkersburg. Miss Stump's platform calls for support and cooperation on council by regular attendance, complete records of council meetings, keeping the students informed as to council happenings and fulfilling of the wishes and needs of the student body as well as maintaining the standards set up by previous councils.

Miss Gorrell will reveal tomorrow morning that she favors regular attendance at council meetings, accurate files and correspondence, active participation in council business, and council participation in student affairs.

Thus far, Orton Jones, a Spenser, (Continued on page 2)

Business Dept. Offers Scholarship

Letters are being sent to former business graduates concerning the business scholarship, according to Prof. Genevieve Butcher, business education instructor.

These letters contain chances on a \$25 savings bond. The money received from these will go into the scholarship fund. Drawing for the bond will be held April 23.

Thirty-five high schools in the area which Glenville college serves will also receive letters pertaining to the scholarship. Any senior interested is requested to submit his application by April 20. For further information contact Mary Suck, secretary of Alpha Delta Epsilon, business fraternity.

Rural Education Meeting To Be on Campus Apr. 18

Annual Spring Dance Will Be Saturday Night, April 7

Kappa Chi Kappas and Kappa Sigma Kappas will hold their annual spring dance Saturday, April 7, from 9 to 12 p.m. in the old gymnasium. Howie Chapman's orchestra from Athens, Ohio, will play for the dance. Tickets are on sale for \$2.50.

The gaiety and color of the traditional New Orleans Mardi Gras will be carried out in the theme for the dance. The inside and outside of the gymnasium will be decorated with large animal balloons and clown heads.

King and Queen will be crowned following intermission. Masks worn by couples will be judged according to attractiveness and originality

and prizes will be awarded announced Shirley Chancey, president of Kappa Chi Kappa.

Barbara Burke, Marvin Stemple, Richard Stewart, and Mike Ferrell were in charge of securing the orchestra.

Decorations will be in charge of Barbara Clark, Judy Kennedy, Paul Caltrider, Kathleen Kennedy, Carolyn Jackson, Steve Cooper, Dennis Bull, and Jack Campbell.

Dance books are the favors which will be presented to each person present and the organizations have voted to ban corsages. The Mardi Gras is the last dance that will be held in the old gym before it is torn down.

Somerville, Miller Represent College At Education Meet

Members of the state Higher Education association will convene at Bethany college, April 6 and 7, when members of different subject matter groups will get together to discuss the problems facing them in their various fields.

Dean Delmar K. Somerville will be the administrative representative of the college, and the faculty representative will be Prof. Espy Miller.

C. E. Roth, president of Morris Harvey college will be one of the main speakers at the meeting.

Prof. Bessie Boyd Bell is secretary-treasurer of the association.

Students Set For Teaching

A pre-teaching conference as an orientation to student teaching is being conducted this week by the education department for all fourth term student teachers, according to Professors Nelson Wells and George Howard. The two-day program will make it possible for the new student teacher to be better prepared for the teaching assignment.

At the opening session of the conference yesterday members of the education staff were introduced and they explained the purposes and procedures of the conference.

Prof. Wells spoke on aims, attitudes, relationships, supervision conferences, and teaching hours. "The Supervising Teacher and the Beginning Teacher" was presented by Prof. Virginia West.

Howard is Moderator
Prof. Julia Matthews discussed "The Teacher as a Person," and Dr. Delmar K. Somerville talked on the student teaching program in the college. Prof. Howard acted as moderator for a panel made up of third term student teachers.

Today's activities included the distribution of advisements and helps from the Education department and the film "Practicing Democracy in the Classroom" was shown. This afternoon a sectional meeting of the elementary and secondary teachers will be conducted.

Students in elementary education who will do their directed teaching are Barbara Blackhurst, Peggy Foreman, Eleanor West, Genevieve Newell, Nina Godfrey McCartney, Jean Ingham, Ralph Smith, Ernest Page, and Denver Yoak.

In the secondary field those who have signed for teaching are Wanda Abels, Kathleen Quinn Harris, Barbara Shomo, Annetta Summers, Mary West, Sue Waggoner, Billie Atkinson, Ruth Witt, Joseph Arbogast, Rondal Bush Beeson, George Edsel Ford, John Lazear, Raymond Oxler, Thomas Reed, Arthur Williams, and Ray Rardin.

Dr. Ward Is Judge For Science Exhibit

Dr. Max Ward, chairman of the science and mathematics division, will act as judge Friday, April 6, at an all-day science exhibit at Sutton. The exhibit will include approximately 60 entries from Sutton and will include work of both grade and high school pupils.

This exhibit, under the direction of Miss Rosa Craig, is being held in connection with the National Science Fair movement. Prizes will be awarded the winning students.

County Leaders Will Attend

Leaders in industry, business, education, and agriculture from 17 central West Virginia counties have been invited to participate in the rural education conference, to be held on campus April 18.

Although the conference will be devoted to some formal speaking, with the keynote address by a nationally-known figure, the all-day meeting will be chiefly made up of group discussions. Each group will be headed by a moderator who is qualified in the field to which he has been assigned.

Dr. Julian E. Butterworth, professor of school administration at Cornell University will be the keynote speaker.

Open to Public
Some prominent leaders in various fields have already indicated that they will attend the conference, which will begin at 10 a.m. and continue through 9 p.m. All conference meetings will be open to the public.

A dinner meeting will be held in the evening and, at this time, moderators of the various discussion groups will report findings of their group discussions. This will bring the information of the day's conference together to be available for future use.

Questions that the college will ask the leaders of the various fields will be "What do the representatives of the industries, businesses, profession, etc. of the area see as the specific problems of the region, and how can the services of the college be geared to the solution of those problems?" and "How can the interests represented and the college staff working together bring about the desired changes in the program of service?"

Guests Listed
A partial list of dignitaries that will attend the all-day conference are: H. Cliff Hamilton, supervisor of instruction of the State Dept. of Education; C. H. Archer, State Dept. of Education and representative of the Kellogg Foundation; Walter Gumbel, conservationist for Monongahela Power company; John T. Johnson, state commissioner of (Continued on page 4)

'Wagon' Cast Begins Work

Rehearsals for "Pain Your Wagon," got underway Monday evening, according to Prof. William S. E. Coleman.

The cast for the musical includes the following: "Ben Rumson," David Arbogast; "Jennifer," Beverly Clark; "Julio," Fred Batten; "Salem," Orton Jones; "Steve," Kent Duffield; "Jake," William Deel; "Elizabeth," Janet Thompson Weekley; "Jacob," Jack Kaufman; "Sarah," Ruby Elder; "Doc," Raymon Ayers; "Mike," Curtis Fleshman; "Edgar Crocker," Eddie Perrine; "Ray Janney," Albert Somerville; "Sandy," Stanley Pickens; "Pete," Tony Shuman; and "Cherry," Carolyn Jackson.

Dance rehearsals have been conducted since the announcement of the cast. Dancers include: Frances Sanford, Kathleen Kennedy, Carolyn Jackson, Roberta Starcher, Barbara Clark, Shirley Lambert, Mary Underwood, Rosemary Jammond, Betty Jo Lewis, Mary Helen Plunkett, Mary Alice McHenry, Patsy Bee, Lannita Wright, and Iris Mack. "Pain Your Wagon," under the direction of Prof. Coleman and Dr. Harold Orendorff, will be presented May 9 and 10 in the college auditorium.

WSAZ-TV Will Offer Preview

A preview of the seventh annual West Virginia Folk Festival will be presented over WSAZ television in Huntington on June 21, according to Jack Cawthon, director of publicity for the Festival.

Arrangements were made with program director Bert Shimp at WSAZ-TV last week, and the Festival preview will be telecast over "Current," an hour-long color program featuring news of special interest to the viewers in the WSAZ-TV area.

WSAZ-TV is the only television station in this area presenting both network and local programs in full compatible color.

Dr. Patrick W. Gainer, director of the Festival, will appear on the program with some of the folklore participants.

There is a special effort being made this year to present a new and varied program of stories, songs, and folk art displays at the annual folklore event which will be held here on June 23. Dr. Gainer has been conducting an extensive search for people who can play the three-stringed rebec, commonly called a "dulcimer" here in the state. Gainer, who can play the rebec himself, said that it was extremely difficult to find folk musicians who can play the ancient musical instrument.

Business Book Needed

Anyone having an office practice 305 book, which they no longer need, is asked to take it to Prof. Genevieve Butcher, in the business department. Title of the book is, "Business Filing" by Bassett and Agnew.

Prof. to Direct Faculty Show

"Rehearsal," a demonstration skit, will be presented in an assembly program tomorrow morning at 10:10, sponsored by the Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity.

According to Prof. William Coleman, director of the play, scenes from "Our Town" and "Blithe Spirit" will be portrayed by the thespians, in order to demonstrate rehearsal techniques used for both serious and comedy plays. This will be an endeavor to be both entertaining and enlightening, showing how a play is built for performance through rehearsal.

Cast for the program includes Shirley James, Iris Mack, and Ray Carson in "Our Town," and Mary Helen Plunkett, Rita Pickens, Jim White, William Deel in "Blithe Spirit." Doralene Bell will act as narrator for the production.

Faculty Planning Show
Steve Allen's "Tonight," and the "Late, Late Show" will be reenacted next Thursday by the college faculty, with Prof. William Coleman again in the director's chair.

Coleman announced recently that the assembly program is under construction, and that it will be composed of volunteer faculty members. Dr. A. H. Anderson will act as master of ceremonies for the program.

"Tonight" will consist of musical and novelty entertainment; "Charlie Chan in Glenville" will be featured on the "Late, Late Show." Coleman will not release the name of the star in this dramatic skit.

'Miss West Virginia' Contest Is Sponsored By Student Council

Will "Miss West Virginia" be a Glenville college student?

One student will be chosen from this campus to appear in the "Miss West Virginia" pageant, which will be held at the Morgantown high school auditorium on May 4. Glenville's representative for the contest will be selected by an impartial board consisting of out-of-town businessmen, with Prof. Stanley Hall, student council adviser, acting as mediator for the group.

The contest is open to anyone who wishes to run; "Miss West Virginia" hopefuls should file their names with Edsel Ford, vice president of the council. Candidates will appear before the judging committee clad in an evening gown and (Continued on page 2)

WHAT ARE 'WE' STUDYING?

Time magazine for Feb. 13, this year, carried an article, "Missing: The Common Core." The article calls attention to the condition that "U. S. colleges have made it almost habit to berate the U. S. secondary school for the quality of students it sends them."

Dean William Warren of the Columbia University law school has "turned the tables" on the colleges. Dean Warren states: "Any encouragement one might derive from the robust percentages of those who had received training in writing in college is shattered when one actually encounters in mass the written work of law students. Even the most tolerant of critics will concede that whatever be the arts of which the students are bachelors, writing is not one of them."

Commenting further on the Time article was an editorial "What Are They Studying?" printed recently in the Clarksburg Exponent. Here is the editorial.

What with all the current stir over this country's failure to produce enough scientists and engineers one might fairly assume that American college youth is directing its studious attention to such matters as English, the story of government and politics, the nation's history and economics.

Not according to the Dean of the Columbia University law school, William C. Warren. He says with even the most careful selective process his school is unable to find more than a few law students who can read quickly, understandingly and retentively; write and speak grammatically and precisely; use a dictionary properly; exhibit even a fair knowledge of history, politics, and economics.

Survey of a recent entering class showed less than half had taken history courses above the college freshman level, that only a fifth had studied any government or economics at all.

If these finding should prove to be general for the country, then the time will have arrived to ask in all gravity: "What are our college students studying that has any lasting value?"

The 'Free Press' Must Remain Free

On March 27 Federal Treasury agents conducted a raid on the Communist controlled Daily Worker which resulted in the editorial offices of the Communist newspaper being padlocked. The Government charged the Daily Worker and the Communist party with failure to pay income tax.

Many people throughout this great land might have hailed the mass raid as a great stride forward in the march to overcome the massive monster known as Communism. Yet, we who are directly associated with the newspaper business cannot help shuddering a little at the technique used by the Federal government.

According to an Associated Press story: "The Government ignored the usual procedure of presenting a bill for back taxes and trying to collect. Instead, it slapped liens on Communist property and almost in the same breath seized Red assets in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles."

The Worker, which was established in 1924, had been failing financially, and in 1950 was forced to appeal to readers for contributions to keep it going. Its circulation had dwindled until in 1951 it hit a 14,000 daily mark with a Sunday circulation of 50,000. Even its top editorial staff members admitted that the paper faced bankruptcy. And it continued to struggle in this financial crisis. Its pages were cut from 12 to eight. To further add to its frustrations the Kremlin shifted policy and began to shy away from the Worker's idol Joseph Stalin.

What we are driving at is the fact that the Worker was in ailing financial health. It was being overcome by a gradual process and in the most humiliating manner that a newspaper can be overcome. Its NATIONAL circulation figure of 14,000 can be compared to the same number that the Clarksburg Exponent carries daily SERVING ONLY A SEGMENT OF W. VA.

Its Sunday circulation of 50,000 contrasts sharply with West Virginia's largest daily, The Charleston Gazette, which has a 90,000 Sunday circulation.

We believe that whenever the Government has the privilege to padlock a newspaper plant, be it a Communist publication or some other paper which disagrees with administration policy, the rights of the free press, and hence the individual, are in great danger. And apparently loopholes in the law were used to padlock the Worker.

A first step in overcoming a country is to silence the press. Juan Peron and others like him knew this only too well.

Padlocking the Daily Worker will not cause the "big, bad monster" to go away. It will, however, give the Communist propaganda mill a chance to grind out some choice morsels for its hungry followers. And how can we deny the charges?
—Jack Cawthon

Sorority Simmerings

By SHIRLEY BROWN
Kappa Chi Kappa also held a joint meeting with Kappa Sigma Kappa. This meeting concerned the Mardi Gras ball.
Howie Chapman's orchestra from Athens, Ohio, was selected to provide music for the dance which will be April 7, in the old gym.
Reports from the decorating committee concerning plans for the dance decorations were given and it was announced that Mrs. Yvette Norman, manager of the union, will assist in decorating.

Martha White, Thelda Strader, Rita June Pickens, Betty Jo Lewis, Shirley Chancey, Barbara Clark, and Alice McCullough.
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Alumni Notes

By Connie Sams

Fred Madison Whiting, '35, professor of radio and television journalism at Northwestern university is also associated with station WMAQ in Chicago where he is a mobile-unit news reporter on the station's weekly morning program, "Chicago Calling."

The program on which the former graduate serves has been acclaimed as the "service program that's dishing out a type of improved listening fare that Chicagoans want—fast news, accurate, worthwhile service information and musical entertainment."

Whiting, who gives direct, on-the-spot reports of local news by use of the station's new mobile broadcasting unit, patrols the city from 1:00 to 9:00 a.m. each weekday morning. In a modern radio car he follows up the news directly and reports it to "Chicago Calling" listeners in a dynamic, direct manner—with eye-witness descriptions, interviews with principals in the news and with an intimacy and immediacy that spots the listener right in the middle of newsworthy happenings in Chicago.

The former student received a bachelor of arts degree from Glenville, and a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern. He is a former school teacher in Gilmer county, and is the nephew of Hunter Whiting, former chairman of the college English department.

Robert Gainer, former business manager of the MERCURY, is undergoing basic training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas.

While attending college here Gainer was active in dramatics and appeared in several plays during 1954-55. He was a member of Omega, college choir and the debate society.

Anyone wishing to write him may do so. His address is Robert K. Gainer, AF 13553341, Flight 149 P. O. Box 1520, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

John W. Mowrey, editor of Emco News and chairman of the Trade and Industrial Publications Section of the West Virginia Press association, spoke to members of the association's mid-winter meeting in Charleston recently.

Mowrey, a 1938 graduate of the college, received an A.B. from Glenville and an M.A. from W.V.U.

Local Schools Visit College Farm Here

According to Prof. Wendell Hardy, the West Virginia State public relations representative James Bivens, visited the college farm last week. The purpose of his visit was to acquire information and pictures of the farm for a feature to appear in the Market Bulletin.

The farm was visited recently by the home economics class from Sand Fork high school, under the direction of Mrs. Russell Bouch, teacher. Also accompanying the group was Miss Mary Louise Gillespie, who did her directed teaching in home economics and English at Sand Fork last term. They were shown over the farm by Prof. Warden Lane, who is on vacation from Ohio State university.

The vocational-agriculture class from Troy high school also made a visit to the farm last week.

Dance books will be the favors presented to each person present. Releases have been sent to the papers advertising the dance and posters were distributed last week.

Xi Beta Tau
President Anna Radaabaugh, conducted the last meeting of Xi Beta Tau.
Joyce Jackson was selected to represent the sorority as a guide on senior day, April 26.

Sorority pins were discussed and Barbara Johnson was appointed to buy a wedding gift for Yvonne Hart.
The group decided to forego the selling of hot dogs in Verona Maple and Kanawha Halls last week.

8 Glenville Men Active in Reserve Unit at Grantsville

Reserve unit, Battery C of the 347th Field artillery, including eight members from Glenville college, meets at Grantsville each Wednesday night commanded by Captain Stanley O' D'Orazio.

Meeting for two hours, the army reservists undergo training in basic Army subjects and receive technical training to be used in any field artillery battery.

The reserves participate in Army day parades and assist with military funerals. During the summer they attend a two weeks camp at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Attend Summer Camp
Anyone 17 years or older may enlist in the U. S. Army reserves, serving in the army for six months, then being allowed to return to school where they attend reserve unit meetings such as the one at Grantsville. They are also required to participate in the summer encampment. The reserve will be deferred from induction so long as he satisfactorily participates in the Army reserve program for the eight years of his enlistment.

For the night's meeting, the reserve members receive Army pay for an entire day's work. This pay ranges from \$169.47 per year for a private just entered to \$986.58 for a captain, who has participated in 48 drills and served 15 days.

Participating in the Grantsville Reserve unit from Glenville are 1st Lt. John R. White, Sgt. Dale Hunt, Sgt. Paul Barnhart, Sgt. Dave Umstead, Spl. Lee Turner, Plc. Carroll Staats, Pvt. Mike Ferrell, and Pvt. Marvin Stemple.

'Miss West Virginia'

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a bathing suit, in a public evening performance.

Give Talent Routine
Contestants will be asked to give a three minute talk on their chosen career, and a three minute talent routine. Talent may include singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, dramatics, painting and sketching, dress designing, etc. Contestants will be judged on the basis of beauty of face; voice and diction; intellect; wholesomeness; disposition; and general culture; special talent; and personality.

Winner of the Glenville contest will go to Morgantown for the "Miss West Virginia" finals, sponsored by the Morgantown Optimistic club. She will appear with 72 other candidates, one from each county and one from 18 colleges.

"Miss West Virginia" will be a contestant for "Miss America" in Atlantic city this September.

Posey, Carson List

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cer native, remains unopposed in the race for treasurer. Jones favors coke facilities for Louis Bennett hall, establishment of a commuter's room, and after game pep activities.

Three candidates will try for the sergeant-of-arms position. Jim White, who is from Parkersburg, will run on a platform of "Service, justice, and advancement." White favors service to the council, justice to the freshmen, and support of any program advocating the advancement of the welfare of the student body.

Another candidate for this position

Greene, Cross Win Contest

Patsy Greene and Ray Cross tied for first place in a popularity poll taken by Business English 207 class last week. Miss Greene was chosen for her pleasing personality and sincerity and Cross was picked for personality.

Second place winner was Jerry Lee Harbour, selected for having a pleasing personality and reading well.

Carolyn Jackson and Frank McLaughlin tied for third place. Miss Jackson won for sincerity and being studious, and McLaughlin for his pleasing personality and smile.

Fourth place was taken by Kathleen Kennedy for her friendliness and talent.

Prof. Genevieve Butcher, instructor, suggested to her class at the beginning of the semester that they hold a popularity poll near the end of the term. All members of the class voted in the poll last week.

Frat Chat

By JERROLD MURPHY

Holy Roller Court
Prospective pledges were introduced to the present members at the March 26 meeting of the Court. Another item discussed was the ordering of mugs and jackets for the members. Court members spent some time discussing a possible place for holding the spring dance. No decision was reached on this problem.

Kappa Sigma Kappa
New pledges to Kappa Sigma are Wayne Keller, Jim White, Carl Peters, Ronnie Peters, Tom McPherson, and Tom Vance. After the matter of the pledges was taken care of, members adjourned to the meeting of Kappa Chi Kappa where further plans were made concerning the spring dance to be sponsored by the two groups.

Homer Smith from West Union, bases his platform on a better choice of lyceum programs, advocacy of special holidays, such as when one of our athletic teams achieves state wide acclaim, and provision of facilities for dances until the completion of the new student union.


Mike Ferrell, a Grantsville native, will also be in the running for sergeant-of-arms, with his platform based on support of commuters' room, pep rallies after games, coke machine for Louis Bennett, and support of any program for the betterment of the school.

Other candidates may present platforms, who were undecided before the holidays. Election will be held next week.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 5, all day—science exhibit in old gym
Thursday, April 5, 3:30 p.m.—activities committee meeting, lounge
Saturday, April 7, 8:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m.—Gilmer county band clinic
Saturday, April 7, 9:00-12:00 p.m.—Dance, old gym
Monday, April 9, all day—food handlers conference

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Sports

In the MERCURY

By Bob Miller

With the entrance of baseball upon the scene, we are once more sounding out copy on the sports back and, also once again, we think that a baseball season just doesn't start off like it should unless Casey at the Bat is reproduced for fans of the diamond. So, here goes:

It looked extremely rocky for the Mudville nine that day; the score stood four to six, with only an inning left to play; and so, when Cooney died at first, and Burrows did the same, a pallor wreathed the features of the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go, leaving there the rest, with that hope which springs eternal within the human breast; for they thought if only Casey could get one whack, at that they'd put up even money, with Casey at the bat.

But Flynn preceded Casey, and so likewise did Blake, and the former was a pudding and the latter was a fake; so on that stricken multitude a death-like silence sat, for there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to the bat.

But Flynn led drive a single to the wonderment of all, and that much-despised Blackie tore the cover off the ball; and when the dust had lifted, and they saw what had occurred, there was Blackie safe on second, and Flynn a-hugging third.

Then from the gladdened multitude went up a joyous yell, it bounded from the mountain-top, and rattled in the dell; it struck upon the hillside, and rebounded on the flat; for Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place, there was pride in Casey's bearing, and a smile on Casey's face; and when responding to the cheers he lightly doffed his hat.

No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat. Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt, five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt; then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip, defiance glanced in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip, and now the leather-covered sphere

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Murin Releases Football Schedule; Baseball Season Opens Tomorrow

Potomac State First Foe On 8-Game Slate

Glenville State College will open its 1956 football season on Saturday, Sept. 15, when the Pioneers entertain Potomac State on the local gridiron in the first of a rugged eight-game schedule.

Suffering through one of the worst seasons in the history of the college, Glenville managed to chalk up only one victory in seven starts last fall, a 25 to 6 decision over Davis-Elkins.

In the opening tilt, the Pioneers were nipped by Potomac State by a close 7-6 tally, then lost to the Shepherd Rams, 26-6; to Concord, 13-0; in the homecoming game; to Wesleyan, 20-6; and the Salem Tigers, 27-13, before collecting their single scalp. In the finale, the locals dropped a 21-13 verdict to the Hilltoppers of West Liberty.

During the season, the Pioneers were able to score only 69 points, while their opponents racked up a grand total of 120.

Outlook Is Bright

This year, Coach Nick Murin has a brighter outlook as only a few of last season's regulars will be gone. Also, a number of new additions are expected to add strength to the local eleven. Among these probables are three veteran gridders from Parkersburg, Taekle "Tiny" Kellar, End Bob Summers and Quarterback Ernie Moore, the latter two were named to the state high school All-State teams.

Following the lid-lifter with Potomac State, the Pioneers will journey to Keyser for a battle with Shepherd on Sept. 22; play host to Fairmont Sept. 29; tangle with the Mountain Lions at Concord, Oct. 6; entertain Davis-Elkins, Oct. 13, and the Wesleyan Bobcats, Oct. 20, before taking to the road for the final two fray—at Salem, Oct. 27, and at West Liberty for the finale on Nov. 3.

Seasons do for time what tidiness does for space.

Glenville Uses Girls' Rules; Encounters Trouble at Weston

By Joyce Jackson

Glenville learned to play basketball in five minutes.

Probably the first basketball played here was in 1909 on a tennis court located behind the old administration building, which has since been removed and replaced. The one-basket game was played in weather foul and fair, with nearly everyone in school pitching into the game at some time or other.

Somewhere near 1910, Glenville boasted its first organized hardwood quintet. A. E. Berkhouse, owner of the local Berkhouse Drug store was a member of this first Pioneer five. According to Berkhouse, the Glenville team played their first game against the Weston Independents. In those days, Berkhouse explained, it was a long hard journey to Weston.

A student named John McGinnis, who died in World War I, who owned a two-seated hack, offered to drive the team to Weston for the game. Trouble arose when the players realized that they must have at least eight members on their traveling squad, but the hack would carry only four at a time. As Berkhouse said, "Half of us were walking all the time." It seems that four of the boys would cut through meadows and around hills while the more fortunate riders were traveling by road.

Encounter Difficulties

This was not the only trouble the basketball players had to contend with, however. While on their way to Weston, they met a glycerine wagon heading towards them. McGinnis told the boys that there was enough explosive juice in the tank to blow all the hills in West Virginia down into the valleys and make the state level. Realizing the destruction the glycerine could do, the team unloaded and made the

Turner, Foster Set New Scoring Marks

Wyene Turner and Mary Lee Foster recently set new records in individual scoring for the WAA basketball tournaments. Turner pitched in 26 points for the "Cats" and Foster hit for 24 for the eBears.

Scoring spree for Turner came in the game between the "Cats," captained by Jackie Coe, and the "Bears," captained by Joyce Bourn. The game turned into a shooting duel between Turner and Beverly McComis, who hit the nets for 19.

Turner's 26 points may have made the difference as the "Cats" downed the "Bears," 43-37. The winners held star Foster, possibly tired by her earlier game against the "Unicorns," to eight points. Foster hit for 24 for the "Bears" team to lead the "Bears" to a 64-37 win. None of the "Unicorns" were able to match the junior's arm. Carolee Singleton was the only double digit scorer for the losers, showing in 14.

The "Rabbits" were apparently in hiding because of the nearness of the Easter season, causing two games to be postponed. Now that the holiday is over, perhaps they will make a showing soon.

Pioneers Face Wesleyan Nine On Local Field

America's national pastime, baseball, will move into the limelight here tomorrow afternoon when the Pioneers open their 1956 diamond schedule against the West Virginia Bobcats at 2 o'clock.

Coach Carlos Ratliff's charges will be seeking revenge when they take to the field tomorrow in the first of four games to be played in the next two weeks. Last year, the locals suffered two lop-sided defeats to the Bobcats, dropping the first one by an 18 to 9 count and then were shutout by the visitors, 21-0, in the return engagement.

On Tuesday, April 10, the Pioneers will trek to Salem to do battle with the Tigers in the first contest of a home-and-home series. Last year, the locals collected 10 runs on 12 hits and four errors to edge the Tigers, 10-8.

W. Va. State Pending

A pending game is on the books for Saturday, April 17, with West

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GSC LINKSMEN CLASH WITH BOBCATS APRIL 17
Cries of "fore" will fill the air Tuesday, April 17, when Coach Bob Higgins' golfers take to the fairways for the opening match of the season against West Virginia Wesleyan on the local course.

Seven matches have been scheduled for the Pioneers to sharpen them up for the state tourney at Wheeling Oglebay Park in May, in the hopes that the locals will do better than the fifth place slot they managed to capture.

fastest exodus possible from the hack, leaving McGinnis to face the explosive truck by himself. Running as hard as scared feet could carry them, the boys finally caught their driver and buggy about two miles down the road.

The rest of the journey into Weston was uneventful. The team had left Glenville before daylight and

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College Choir Goes to Sutton

College choir will appear at Sutton high school today at 2:20 p.m. to offer a choral concert. This is the first of the choir's trips to high schools this year.

Under the direction of Dr. Harold S. Orendorff, of the College music department, the choir will present the same program presented here last week. This selection of numbers includes: "O Sing Your Songs", "Day of Judgment", "Brother James Air", "No Man Is An Island", "I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger", "One God", "Jerusalem Triumphs", "Lillies of the Dawn", "This Glad Easter Day", "Emitte", "You'll Never Walk Alone".

"I Heard a Forest Praying", "Vanka and Tank", "Low Down, Hoe Down", and "Swing Low".

Those who are members of the choir are: Alpha Coberly, Janet Weekley, Mary Sue Davidson, Wilodene Campbell, Glenda Black, Janet Swisher, Ruby Elder, Doris Short, Alice McCullough, Beverly Clark, Barbara Clark, Mary Jane Cleavenger, Carolyn Miller, Patsy Garrett, Ruth Ellen Hogue, David Arbogast, Tom Howard, Fred Batten, Raymon Ayers, Kent Duffield, Curtis Flesham, Otis Boyles, Roland Coberly, Gene Elmore, and Jack Kaufman.

Glenville Uses Girls

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arrived in the city at 4 p.m. However, after the basketball game had begun, difficulties arose again. The Glenvillites, having been drilled in girls' rules only, found the going rough against the Weston team, who played with all the fierceness of a well organized man's' team.

Taking the joke in good spirit, the Lewis county Independents allowed Glenville a five minute period in which to learn the rules governing men's' play. When play was resumed, the Pioneers proved their ability to learn quickly by defeating Weston, 18-8. When asked how Glenville was able to win over this team who had practiced much longer and under better circumstances, Berkhouse replied, "I guess we were just tougher; we were in there to win."

Members of this, the original Pioneer five were Berkhouse, Harley Rohr, of Weston; Harry K

Literary Societies Extinct; Were Once The Campus Rage

By Connie Sams

Can you imagine a college campus with only two social organizations?

There was a time in the history of Glenville State College that only two campus organizations were in existence. This seems to be almost impossible when compared to the 20 active groups on campus today.

In 1881 the chief source of social life here at the college was a literary society. This organization, known as the Normal Lyceum, afforded experience and practice in composition and declamation for the students.

Societies Formed

A second literary society, the Puritan, was organized in 1894 and an intense rivalry was developed which existed as long as the societies themselves. By 1887 the societies were called the Cosmian and the Independent. Membership was voluntary, but students were encouraged to join.

The groups, which met once a week, were under faculty supervision, but they were allowed free exercise of all society privileges as long as they did not reflect discredit on the school. The meetings were open to the public, and the evenings must have proved quite entertaining, as indicated by the attendance. Each student was required to give at least one reading or recitation during the term. Last mention of these two organizations was in the school catalogue of 1924-25.

Inter-collegiate athletic contests did not take the position during this period which they do today, although physical education was en-

Stern, now residing in Honolulu, Hawaii; Arnold Summers, who is in the real estate business in Glenville; Brown McDonald, now a physician in Plainfield, N. J.; W. W. Lovell, now residing in Virginia; and the late Rupert Woodyard of Glenville.

Cam Henderson, former Marshall coach, was a regular the following year, when Glenville traveled to Braxton county to meet Sutton. The late Newton Kee, who later became a lawyer, comprised the other half of Glenville's six foot duo. Sutton played on a skating rink floor which was about 120 feet long and 60 feet wide. This was rather baffling to the Pioneers, who had practiced only on the tennis court and in any old barn loft they could find. Glenville won 40-2.

E. G. Rohrbough, former Glenville college president, said that an article appeared in a Sutton newspaper which stated that the Sutton boys would have to live for forty years more and grow all the time, if they were going to be tall enough to beat the Glenville Normal boys.

With the construction of the Administration building, and the completion of a gymnasium in the basement, basketball fever reached a peak. Intramural basketball soon became the rage on campus, as class rivalry was said to overshadow any emotion felt in the games played between different schools.

According to Rohrbough, players would decline a berth on the varsity quintet in order to be a star in the class tournaments. Because of class fights and intense rivalry, the now revived tourneys were discontinued.

Thus, basketball came to college, where it has been a favorite sport for 47 years. From all indications it is good for many more.

Joe Layne Conducts Experiment In Lab.

Joe Layne, freshman, is conducting an experiment to improve the techniques of growing Drosophila fruit flies, for the purpose of better identification. Layne will grow the specimens in a tube instead of the traditional milk bottle.

In this project, he will attempt to discover the effects of different conditions on the number of eggs laid.

The experiment has been in progress since January and will continue until next year. The work is being done under the direction of Dr. A. H. Anderson.

Miller Appointed Sports Editor

Robert W. Miller, former assistant sports editor of the Parkersburg News, has been appointed sports editor of the MERCURY announces Miss Virginia West, adviser.

Miller, a freshman English and social studies major, is a 1949 graduate of Parkersburg high school where he was a member of the Journal staff. He also held several editorial positions while serving with the U. S. Air Force in Germany. He is a member of the Veterans club.

Miller replaces John Cutlip as sports editor. Cutlip, a social studies and English major from Gassaway, has completed his work for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Rural Education

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agriculture; Carl Johnson, state conservation commissioner.

Robert Soule, director of personnel for Monongahela Power; Gus Douglas, Mason county agricultural leader; Mrs. John Brown, state PTA president; Dr. Corma Mowrey and Phares E. Reeder of the WVEA staff; Miss Pauline Stout, state supervisor of home economics; John Lowe, state supervisor of vocational education; and Jack Whitling assistant director of the W. Va. Industrial and Publicity Commission.

The Hope Natural Gas company, along with other gas and oil companies, the C. & P. Telephone company and other industrial concerns, also are expected to send representatives.

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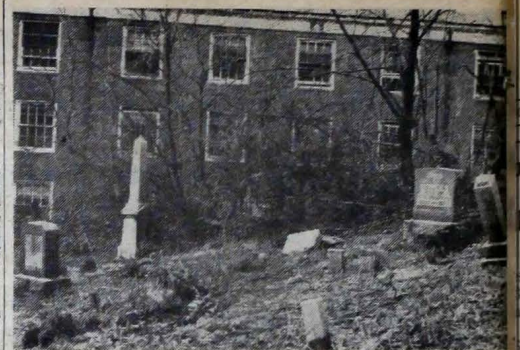
Tobacco Company Sponsors Guess The Girl Contest

Any college student is eligible to enter the contest being sponsored by the Liggett & Myers Tobacco company. Two prizes, cartons of L and M's, will go to the winning man and woman on campus.

Contestants are asked to identify the girl pictured above. A ballot box will be set up in the union from 3 to 4 this afternoon and from 7 to 10 tonight.

An empty package of L and M's will serve as the ballot. Contestants are asked to write their name and the name of the girl as well as the time the identification was made.

In case of tie the decision of the judges is final. Jim White and Ray Carson, MERCURY business managers, are in charge of the contest.



SOME OF THE TOMBSTONES in the hillside cemetery are pictured above. Note Lewis Bennett Hall in the background. (Mercury photo)

Monuments to Town's Dead Stand Near Boy's Dormitory

By Robert W. Miller

Briars, brambles and broken bottles intermingle with fallen trees and weather-worn stones. Vine-shrouded trees form a canopy over the place that represents death—the next door neighbor of the occupants of Louis Bennett hall.

Glenville cemetery, the town's oldest graveyard, remains as a memorial of an era that will live on in the memory of the United States, for most of the "inhabitants" have been there since before or immediately following the Civil War.

Wandering through the cemetery one can see how the ravages of time and the damages by vandals have wrecked havoc among the graves. Near Louis Bennett is the resting place of Bettie G. Ruddell, who died in 1876, this is all but obliterated by a rotten tree and broken beer bottles.

Vandals have rolled over the hill the marker reading "Robert Linn, died Dec. 7, 1860." Near the base of a tree that supports a tree house is the tombstone from the adjoining grave, that of Sophronia S. Linn, Aug. 31, 1890.

Moss and Briars Revell
A monument that is broken nearly in half proclaims simply, "May

Sports in the

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came hurtling through the air. And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there;

Close by the sturdy batsman the "ball unheeded sped."

"That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike one," the umpire said.

From the benches black with people, there went up a muffled roar,

Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore;

"Kill him! kill the umpire!" shouted someone on the stand,

And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone,

He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;

He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the spheroid flew,

But Casey still ignored it, and the umpire said, "Strike two."

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and the echo answered, "Fraud!"

But the scornful look from Casey, and the audience was awed;

They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,

And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lips, his teeth are clenched in hate,

He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate;

And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,

And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.

Oh! somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright,

The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light;

And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;

But there is no joy in Mulville—mighty Casey has struck out.

Like Jack Cawthon's 16 Reams, that spot on the back page is filled up now, so we'll call it quits until next issue. And remember, when 2 p.m. rolls around tomorrow, be sure

Visiting Instructor Observes Glenville Vocational Program

Dr. Margaret Alexander, of the home economics teacher training program, U. S. office of education in Washington, was on campus last week to observe the vocational home economics program.

State supervisor of home economics education from Charleston, Miss Pauline Stout accompanied Dr. Alexander to Glenville. The home economics program here is identified with the federal vocational program. This vocational home economics program was initiated on Glenville's campus two years ago.

Students enrolled in this vocational course are required to complete 40 hours of home economics work, and upon graduation are qualified to teach in any high school or may go into various phases of vocational work related to home economics.

Pioneers Face

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Virginia State on the local diamond. If this contest comes off, it will be the first meeting between the two teams.

The Pioneers will again take to the road on Tuesday, April 17, when they journey to Elkins to meet the Davis-Elkins Senators. Glenville was highly successful against D-5 last year, copping two decisions, 4-1 and 15-5.

With only eight returnees around which to build his squad, Coach Ratliff has also been forced to hold workouts inside because of the inclement weather, but still hopes for a good season this year.

In the long run, men hit only what they aim at. Therefore... they had better aim at something high—Emerson

to be out on the baseball field and watch the Pioneers tame the "kitty" from Wesleyan.