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DAMP AND DRIZZLY WEATHER didn't keep these senior class presidents from smiling last week when they were on campus attending the annual Senior Day Program. First row, left to right, Jo Ann Spriggs, Walkersville; Phyllis Verth, Burnsville; Mary Jo Chisler, Lost Creek; Peggy Thorp, Greenbank; second row, Jim Serra, Harrisville; Junior McCartney, Tanner; Jack Stonking, Glenville; Gary Westfall, Gassaway; Carroll Cribfield, Walton; Larry Barker, Sand Fork; last row, James Scaggs, Gilmore; Richard Bourn, Normantown; and Pete Morton, Sutton. (MERCURY photo by Deel).

## Richard Lockhart Constructs 'Paint Your Wagon' Scenery

By Shirley Brown

Two square will be the basic set for "Paint Your Wagon," to be presented May 9 and 10. Other sets will include the music hall, various group scenes and the black traveler, which is being used for the first time in this performance and will be a permanent fixture for future musicals and plays.

According to Richard Lockhart, construction manager, "All sets needed had to be built and very little scenery was adapted." This is Lockhart's second construction job; the first being, "Tar-luffe."

Quick change in setting will be a new feature of the musical. New sets will appear throughout the presentation without notice.

**Orchestra Featured**  
An orchestra of students, faculty, and outside musicians will provide the music for the performance, according to Dr. Harold S. Orendorff, assistant director of the musical. Orchestra members include: Joe Henry, violin; W. S. Rhodes, violin; Prof. Bertha Olsen, violin; Alice McCullough, violin; and Delores Black, viola.

Glenda Black, cello; Prof. Henry J. Fasthoff, bass viol; Alpha Lee Cokerly, oboe; C. R. Yoho, flute; Kay Mullins, clarinet; Robert Mason, trumpet; Darrell Wood, trumpet; Otis Boyles, trombone; Dick Beall, guitar-banjo; Thomas Reed, drums; and Mary Dyer, piano, will complete the orchestra.

According to Prof. William S. E. Coleman, admission will be \$1.00 for students and \$1.25 for non-students. Activity books will not admit students, as was previously announced.

## Home Ec. Club Members Will Attend Meeting At Mill

Members of the Glenville Home Economics club will go to Jackson's Mill this Friday for the annual meeting of the West Virginia association.

"Horizons Unlimited—Personal Professional" will be the theme of the "two-day affair." Jackie Coe has been selected by the Glenville club to act as a hostess at the conference. Janice Arnold and Mary Helen Plunkett were chosen to serve as pages. Bonnie Gorrell and Janice Arnold will submit work they have done in various art classes in the state art exhibit.

Main speaker for the conference will be Miss A. June Bricker, who has served as the Field Nutrition Adviser for the WVEA and is now the director of the Home Economics Bureau of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. The home economist will not only lecture, but give an exhibit of materials for teaching nutrition.

## Glenville Debaters Win Only One Debate In Eight Attempts

Concord and Marshall debate teams walked away with first place in the debate division of the state forensic tournament last weekend. Each team had a record of seven wins and one loss. Glenville's debate team was not quite so successful, in their first tournament this year, however. Doralene Bell and Richard Smith, negative, won one debate out of their four tries. Shirley James and Ronald Shuman lost all four debates.

Marshall college's entry won in the extemporaneous division and the speaker from Fairmont won out in oratory. Albert Somerville, Glenville's entry, placed second in extemporaneous speaking.

Question for debate this year was "Resolved: That non-agricultural industries should guarantee their employees an annual wage." Five colleges sent debate teams to the state tournament which was held at Marshall. Participating in the meet were teams from Marshall, Concord, Fairmont, Potomac State, and Glenville. Accompanying the (Continued on page 4)

## Dr. John Rackley to Give Graduation Address

### Alumni Executive Council Chooses 'Alumnus of Year'

Ivan Wright, graduate of Glenville with the class of 1913, was named Alumnus of the Year at a recent meeting of the Alumni Association Executive council, presided over by President Virgil B. Harris.

After graduating from Glenville, Wright attended West Virginia university, Michigan State university, and Cornell university. The Glenville alumnus served for 38 years as an instructor or a professor of economics and finance on the faculties of universities, including Columbia, New York Graduate School, Cornell University of California at Berkeley, University of Toronto, Canada; and the City Colleges of New York City.

He has written a number of books and pamphlets on money, credit and banking, marketing and prices, mortgages, investments, foreign exchange, inflation, investment trusts, and the economic and financial problems of New York City. The Robert F. Kidd Library contains two of his books, one on bank credit and agriculture under the national and federal reserve banking systems and the other on farm mortgage financing.

**Director and Economist**  
Wright's graduate work in the field of business and finance has necessitated some extensive travel on his part. At various times he has served the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the Federal Reserve Board of Washington, the Chicago Stock Exchange, and has acted as financial adviser for the government of Ontario, economist for the New York Stock exchange. (Continued on page 4)



DR. IVAN WRIGHT

## Business Fraternity Presents Assembly Tomorrow Morning

Alpha Delta Epsilon, honorary business fraternity, will give away a \$25 savings bond in assembly tomorrow morning.

The business organization has been selling chances on the bond to provide funds for the scholarship it presents annually. Chances for the bond will be on sale until assembly tomorrow.

Each of the business classes, typing shorthand, accounting, and office practice will be in charge of a segment of the program. Each will present five minutes of talent.

Ray Carson, a junior business major from Gauley Bridge, will direct the assembly program.

President Hefflin's semi-annual State of the College address is scheduled for May 9.

Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity, will present a demonstration skit as part of the May 17 assembly. Along with the Alpha Psi program, the faculty will present a musical and novelty entertainment with Dr. A. H. Anderson as master of ceremonies.

The college senior class assembly (Continued on page 4)

### Noted Speaker From Oklahoma

By Connie Sams

Dr. John Ralph Rackley, deputy commissioner of education, and dean of the College of Education at the University of Oklahoma, will be the main speaker at Glenville State College's Commencement exercises on May 28, it was announced by Dr. Harry B. Hefflin.

Degrees will be conferred upon approximately 100 graduates during the ceremony, which will also offer a program of selections by the college music department. The Rev. Harry B. Taylor, minister of the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, May 27.

Dr. Rackley was graduated from the Cherokee, Okla., High School in 1924. He holds A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Oklahoma, and the Ph.D. degree from the George Peabody college for Teachers. Other graduate study was completed by the distinguished educator at Vanderbilt university and Yale university.

### On Leave From Oklahoma

From 1930 to 1939 Dr. Rackley was a teacher of history and social studies in the junior and senior high schools of Oklahoma City. From 1939 to 1949, except for three years' service as an officer in the Army Signal Corps, he was Professor of Social Science, and Dean of the Teachers' College of Connecticut. He has been Professor of Education and Dean of the College of Education, at the University of Oklahoma, since 1949, and he is now on leave of absence from the university.

Dr. Rackley's professional activities have included membership on the Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Education; the Executive Committee, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; and the Board of Review, North Central Association commission for Colleges and Universities. He has served as a personnel consultant to the Oklahoma State Department of Health for the purpose of establishing a merit system of personnel administration; and as a Commissioner on the Board of Public Works in New Britain, Conn.

### Served in World War II

For seven years he was an officer in the Oklahoma National Guard, and he served as an officer in the Connecticut State Guard for a period of three years. During World War II he served with the Army of the United States as a (Continued on page 2)

## Stump Chosen Science Prexy

Harold R. Stump, Jr., a sophomore chemistry major from Spencer, was reelected president of the State Collegiate Academy of Science at a recent meeting of the group at West Virginia State college. Stump took over the reins of office last year from a former Glenville student, John Loyd. Billy Hanlin another former Glenville student had served as president of the Academy before Loyd.

Phyllis Young of Clevelander, a transfer student from West Virginia University, and a freshman at Glenville, was elected secretary-treasurer. J. A. Strakal of West Virginia State was selected as vice president for the organization.

**Five Colleges Attend**  
Five colleges represented at the meet were Fairmont State, West Virginia Tech, Morris Harvey, West Virginia University, and Glenville State.

Glenville State College students who attended the meeting and presented papers were Paul Gene Caldwell, Joseph Layne, Eleanor Conley, James Hannaman, and Harold R. Stump.

These students will participate later in a student-faculty tea on campus at which time they will present their research papers. The work is being done under the direction of Dr. Max Ward, chairman of science and mathematics division.

### SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sunday, May 6, 6:15 p.m.—vespers  
Wednesday, May 9, 8:00 p.m.—"Paint Your Wagon"  
Thursday, May 10, 8:00 p.m.—"Paint Your Wagon"

## Alumni Banquet Set May 26; Committees Named By Harris

The graduating classes of 1924 and 1929 will be featured at the annual Glenville State College Alumni banquet, to be held May 26 in Kanawha Hall Dining room, according to Dr. Harry B. Hefflin.

Dr. Ivan Wright, '13, who has been chosen the "Alumnus of the Year," will be present to receive recognition of his honor. Special requests have been sent to members of the classes of 1912-13 asking them to attend the annual affair.

An election of officers will take place at the annual business meeting, to be held in the auditorium at 4:00 p.m. The banquet will follow with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Hefflin will be keynote speaker of the evening.

### Committees Named

Members of the committees in charge of Alumni Day activities are General Arrangements, Mrs. Juanita McDougal, chairman; Dr. Hefflin and Fred Barnett; recreation and activities, Carlos Ratliff, chairman; Nicholas Murin and Marvin Lee; welcoming committee, Pearl Pickens and Alma J. Arbuckle, co-chairmen; food, decorating, program duplicating, Frieda Kuba, Jean Eakle, Mary Jean Barker, Julia Nuttall, and Freda Southall.

Mrs. Ruddell Reed will be in charge of flower arrangements for the banquet, and Patricia Jack will be in charge of the ticket sales.

Publicity for the annual affair is being done by Linn B. Hickman, Virginia West, and Brad Kincaid.

Members of the Alumni Association who wish to attend the banquet may do so by contacting Miss Patricia Jack, chairman, banquets, ticket sales, Glenville State College. Tickets are \$1.50.



## Where Will Russia Stop?

Last week, with Russia's announcement that she has atomic weapons far superior to anything the United States could possibly have at this time, a disturbance was begun throughout the non-communist world. President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles are playing the statement down on the grounds that Russia's statements are always exaggerated and colored, and never altogether truthful.

And, so, the "cold" war goes on. As it continues it is slowly growing into something a little warmer than it has been during the past few months, when, at times, there were hopes in the minds of some of our world leaders that there was to be a lull in the mental and diplomatic war.

England's chances of ever reaching an agreement with Russia on policies diminished during a recent meeting among English leaders and Soviet Premier Bulaganin and Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev. The Russian representatives walked out of the meetings frequently and became upset several times during the course of discussions.

During a meeting with Harold Stassen, Eisenhower's adviser on disarmament, one Russian complained bitterly of the way the English were treating him. The disturbances they felt are nothing unusual, since it has been proved many times that Russia is not willing to make any compromises whatsoever unless, in the end, she will benefit. Perhaps it is just as well that the Russian representatives were upset because it is an indication that England was not willing to give them any of their demands.

Russia recently sent a message to the United States demanding that our nation not go through with the H-bomb test which was scheduled for yesterday. The demand was made on the assumption that the test would endanger too many people living on the islands of the Pacific. Of course the Atomic Energy commission had taken every possible precaution to protect these people, but Russia evidently saw a chance to create more unrest.

As time goes on, Russia is asking more and more. She is a nation unwilling to stop at anything to get what she wants. Therefore, although it may be a disturbing thought, it is a safe assumption that this cold war may go on indefinitely. When it breaks, the situation may be worse instead of better. We may be plunged into a war which will be a great deal warmer.—Shirley James.

## Miss GSC Plans Dance Routine

By Joyce Jackson

Carolyn Jackson, who was recently named "Miss Glenville State College," will appear in the "Miss West Virginia" pageant this Friday evening at 8:15 in the Morgantown high school auditorium.

The state pageant, sponsored by the Morgantown Optimistic club, will be attended by 13 local winners from counties and colleges throughout the state. "Miss West Virginia" will appear in the "Miss America" contest in Atlantic City, N. J.

Contestants will undergo approximately the same routine which was used during the selection of the girl to represent Glenville College. They will appear clad in a bathing suit and in an evening gown before an impartial board of judges. Contestants will be judged on the basis of beauty of face and figure, considering also the girl's charm, grace, and poise.

### Talent Is Part of Contest

Talent, either in the form of some routine or a talk on careers, will also be judged. A luncheon will be held, at which time the judges will have the opportunity to talk to each girl and to study her personality, intellect, voice and diction. Six points under consideration during the entire contest will be beauty of face; voice and diction; intellect; wholesomeness; disposition, and general culture; special talents; and personality.

The "Cinderella" girl from Glenville, was so named when during the course of the local contest, she called the Kelly-Ranier marriage a Cinderella story. Her ability to stand under pressure and think the situation out gave Miss Jackson the jump over the other contestants. She will find herself in a similar situation in the state contest. The judges will call out each girl and ask her three questions, on which she will give her opinion.

### Miss Jackson Will Dance

Miss Jackson is now working on her talent routine for the state contest, which will be an interpretative dance. She will play the part of a villain girl, Frankie, who steals her lover, Johnny. All this will be set to the background music of "Frankie and Johnny."

The murdering female ends her revengeful deed by slugging Johnny's picture to the floor, destroying her feelings for her lover, so she thinks. In a wild abandonment,

carefree dance, the "Cinderella" miss will lose herself. Having released her pent-up emotion in the fast dance, she will return to the theme song of "Frankie and Johnny," realizing finally that she has lost a part of herself in the destruction of Johnny.

## Frat Chat

By JERROLD MURPHY

### Holy Roller Court

Court members discussed the initiation of pledges at the April 23 meeting. The Court was unable to secure a suitable space for holding the annual spring dance. As a result the dance has been canceled. Members expressed their appreciation to various faculty members who tried to secure facilities for the annual spring event. The dance was traditionally held on the first Friday in May in the old gymnasium.

### Kappa Sigma Kappa

Ralph Holder presided at the April 23 meeting in the absence of President Edsel Ford. At this meeting the period of pledging was officially ended. After a program of entertainment by the pledges the meeting was adjourned and the members went to the old gymnasium to pull nails and help with the dismantling.

## Verona Mapel Girls Select Governing Board For 1956-57

Barbara Taylor, a sophomore elementary major from Cass, was recently elected to preside over the Verona Mapel Hall governing board next year.

The newly elected president is a member of the Future Teachers club, 4-H club, and WAA. She served as secretary-treasurer of the board this year. Miss Taylor has the lead part of Gillian, a young and attractive witch, in the three-act comedy, "Bell, Book, and Candle."

Serving as Miss Taylor's assistant will be Sally Zeigler, vice president. Miss Zeigler, a home economics and English major, is a native of St. Albans. She is a member of Kappa Chi Kappa, WAA, Home Economics club, and played the part of Amy in "Pound, An Author."

Elizabeth Parsons, sophomore elementary major, will serve the hall as secretary-treasurer. A native of Duck, she is a member of the Future Teachers club and the Stu-

## Ex Libris

BY JOHN JAMES

An American In India. Saunders Redding, 1954, Bobbs-Merrill.

This is the story of India today. Mr. Redding, under the direction of the U. S. State department, toured India and gave many lectures as a means for bringing about better understanding between the two countries. What Mr. Redding encountered is reported in *An American in India*.

Most alarming to lovers of democracy and freedom is the way the intellectual strata of India clings to Communism. The author met people first hand who have accepted half-truths to be fact. In answering the questions presented to him, he found it difficult to explain McCarthyism, racial prejudice, and some inequalities in America. Redding wanted to tell the truth, but at times the truth hurt.

### Life Portrayed

Vivid word illustrations tell of the poverty, religious strife, and unrest of the people.

The author ends with a warning message by saying that the professional groups of India should be helped in a spirit of friendship by visiting American writers, teachers, and journalists, and the masses should be given more and better material about the truth of America. At the present time, the people of India are believing a lie.

## Sorority Simmerings

By SHIRLEY BROWN

### Xi Beta Tau

Betty Frymier was elected president of the sorority for next year, at the last meeting of the group. Other officers elected were Barbara Johnson, vice president; Joyce Bourn, recording secretary; Shirley Erown, corresponding secretary; Connie Marley, treasurer; Bonnie Gorrell, sentinel; Joyce Jackson, chaplain; Lorene Ellyson, historian, and Connie Sams, herald.

Barbara Johnson was asked to contact Mrs. Floyd Miller concerning the party for the seniors which the group is planning for the near future.

Installation of new officers and initiation of second semester members will be held May 7, according to Anna Radabaugh, president.

Final arrangements for the basketball game with Kappa Chi's were made. Wyene Turner acted as captain of the Kappa Chi Kappa team and Joyce Bourn was leader of Xi Beta's.

The group decided to discontinue the selling of hot dogs in Kanawha and Verona Mapel halls for the remainder of the year.

### Kappa Chi Kappa

Mrs. Harry Heflin, Mrs. Espy Miller and Mrs. Carlos Ratliff entertained the sorority at the Heflin home for the last meeting.

Miss Erma Edwards, sponsor of the sorority, has returned from a week's vacation in Bermuda.

The group decided to have a hayride and wicker roast Friday, May 18, and the basketball game with Xi Beta's was also a matter of discussion.

Election of officers for the coming year will be held at the next meeting.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served.

## Dr. John Rackley

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Lieutenant and captain in the Signal Corps, and he has been a member of the Active Reserve, U. S. Army, since 1948. He is a major in the Signal Corps and mobilization designee to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Department of the Army.

Dr. Rackley was married to Virginia Mills in 1937, and they have a ten-year old son, Gordon Mills Rackley.

gent Christian association.

These three officers and two elected representatives of each class constitute the governing board, whose function it is to help keep order in Verona Mapel. Officers this year were Rita Pickens, president; Bonnie Correll, vice president; and Barbara Taylor, secretary-treasurer.



DEAN AND MRS. DELMER K. SOMERVILLE plant a pink flower dogwood as a living memorial to Glenville State College students who were killed in World War II. The planting was a part of a Memorial Day ceremony held on campus April 14. In the background, to be seen the corner of the Robert F. Kidd library and the walk leading to the MERCURY headquarters. Prof. and Mrs. John R. Wagner finished a permanent Christmas tree for Verona Mapel lawn. (MERCURY photo by Cawthon and Deel).

## M. Spicer Wins Business Prize

Marguerite Spicer, a senior from Sand Fork, was selected winner of the Alpha Delta Epsilon business fraternity scholarship this year.

Letters of application, including why the applicant wanted and needed a scholarship, accompanied by a recommendation from the commerce teacher of the school, were sent to the fraternity for consideration. Members of the organization eliminated the applications to three, and the officers of the organization chose the winner from those.

Scholastic standing, aptitude for business education, courses and secular work, initiative, economic standing, and the desire to achieve, goals were the factors considered by the fraternity in choosing the winner.

Miss Spicer is the third winner of the \$75 tuition scholarship, which is presented each year during the senior day assembly. Previous winners were Enmadale Hyer, Walkersville; who is now a typist in the National Bank of Western; and Nevada Norman, of Normantown, who is an honor student at Glenville.

## Somerville Attends Meet at Ripley

Dean Delmer K. Somerville attended a committee meeting of the state FFA-PHA camp at Ripley, May 1, where committee members made plans for the development of the camp. The group was especially concerned with educational facilities of the camp.

On May 10, the Dean will also attend a meeting of the State Teacher Education committee in Charleston. The committee makes recommendations to the state Board of Education concerning requirements for teacher-training and certification of teachers.

## Home Ec Club

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Mary Lee Foster, Kitty Barr, Marilyn Rastle, Charlene Cole, Mary Louise Umstead, Mida Bailey, and Virginia Horner. The members will assist with the choral group during the conference.

## Navy Personnel Will Visit Campus On Friday, May 4

Dean Higgins has released information concerning a team from local office of Naval Officer's Bureau which will visit the campus on Friday, May 4, to talk to senior men who may be interested in serving as commissioned officers in the Navy after graduation. Navy personnel will be located in the dean's offices in the Administration building from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In addition to the Officer Candidate (OCS) program which has been available since 1950, a flight training program, the Aviation Officer Candidate (AOC) program, is available for qualified graduates. To allow men to go for active duty as soon as possible after graduation, seniors may choose for these two programs, before expected graduation dates.

Any students who wish to discuss the various programs which Navy has to offer have been invited to meet the information team.

## Dr. Zinn Sets Up Scholarship Fund For Troy Graduate

Dr. Wailman F. Zinn of Elmore, Md., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has established a tuition scholarship fund to Glenville State College for a graduate of Troy high school announces President B. B. Heflin. Dr. Zinn's check for \$100, first year has been deposited in college scholarship fund and Troy high school faculty will announce the recipient for 1951 school year.

Dr. Zinn is a native of Troy, a doctor and a graduate of Glenville State College with the class of 1907. He has attained national international prominence as a geologist and lecturer on Otolaryngology and on the surgical instrument he has devised.

There were only 10 members of the class of 1907 and of this group three became physicians.

The country life is to be preferred for there we see the work of men, but in the cities little else but the work of men.—William Penn

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# Pioneers Meet A-B Tomorrow

## Glenville's Golfers Climax 1956 Season Here Saturday

Glenville's divot-diggers will close out its regular season here this weekend when they travel to Montgomery for a match with the golfers of West Virginia Tech. and will then return to the local course the following day for a three-way play with Fairmont and Davis-Elkins.

Coach Bob Higgins four-some chalked up its first victory of the season against Tech on Saturday, May 21, on the Glenville course by a close 9½ to 5½ victory. Dave Posey was the number one point-getter for the locals by capturing three points while holding his opponent, Ted Meredith, to a blank.

Edsel Ford bested Homer Withrow, 2½ to ½; Dick Lockhard beat Dale Wilson, 2 to 1; Bob Hannaman lost to Don Miklesovich, 1-2; and Ross Kirk edged Jack Campbell by two points to one.

Glenville lost its first two matches of the current season, dropping a 9½ to 5½ verdict to West Virginia and a 14 to 1 decision to the Fairmont Falcons. Results of the match with Davis-Elkins Saturday and Monday's return engagement with the Wesleyan Bobcats were unknown at press time.

After the three-way match this weekend, the Pioneer linksmen will not meet any more teams until they trek to Ogleby Park, Wheeling, on May 14 and 15 for the conference tournament play.

Coach Higgins has announced his intentions of entering a three-man team in the tourney, and the individual members of the squad will also tee off in an effort to capture personal laurels.

Last year, the local golfers finished in fifth place in the state meet, coming in behind Fairmont, West Liberty, West Virginia Tech and Bethany.

## Intramural Tourneys In Table Tennis and Badminton Set May 7

Badminton and table tennis will move into the intramural limelight here at Glenville State College on Monday, May 7, with the opening of the annual championship tournaments in those two sports. Athletic Director Carlos Ratliff has revealed.

During the coming tourneys, both single and doubles events will be staged in each of the two activities. The competition will be staged over a period of three weeks.

In other Men's Athletic Association activities, inclement weather conditions have all but brought the intramural softball competition to a standstill. However, more games are expected to be played now that May and better playing conditions have arrived.

The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country.—Thomas Paine

Truth is the cry of all but the game of the few.

On Friday, May 25. No word has been received on the postponed game with Davis-Elkins.



PETE KOSTYK

## Sports In the MERCURY

By Bob Miller

Glenville's baseball team continues to be the hard luck team in the conference. To date, not counting yesterday's game a grand total of six contests have been called off because of rain. All Pioneer games are scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and it seems that the only days that the weather—and field conditions—is favorable are the days in between.

So, in an effort to sidestep the weather prognosticator, Coach Carlos Ratliff has slated one of the postponed games for a Wednesday.

Jack Cawthon, MERCURY photo-tog and president of the GSC Young Intellectuals Club, should be cited for duty for beyond the call of duty. Jack was "wounded in action" during the Glenville-West Virginia State baseball game, which required a number of stitches (he ripped a horrible gash in his finger on the fence) and a tetanus shot. Now, to make matters even worse, Cawthon is suffering a reaction to the shot.

Get well real soon, Jack, and you can block the view of the first base line.

In the "striking scenes" department: Pitcher Bob Poole walking down "East" Main street with his youngster cradled in one arm.

Coaches Carlos Ratliff, Leland Byrd and Nick Murin were kept quite busy last Thursday when the annual Senior Day was staged. According to reports received, more than a few promising athletes were interviewed and only registration day will tell how well our coaching staff talked.

Carl Cox, a one-time football player, has given up the gridiron for indoor sports.

Baseball games are scheduled for tomorrow (if the weather holds out) against Alderson-Broadbent and a return engagement with the Fairmont Falcons is on tap for Saturday. And, from this observation point, it looks like two victories for the Pioneers.

Two weeks ago, the Falcons handed the local combine a 6-3 loss, but Lady Luck was with the Fairmonters in that tussle. Saturday, however, will be a different situation. With a host of Glenville fans sitting in the stands, the Pioneers will gain sweet revenge by a wide margin.

When Glenville visited the Falcons two Saturdays ago, the Pioneers failed to get any of the breaks while Fairmont seemed destined to win. As an example, let's take the case of Tom Vance.

Vance was on third, and, when the chance came along, he took off for home. He slid in, and was sitting on home plate looking around at the scenic countryside when the catcher tagged him on the forearm. The ump—who no doubt had lost his glasses—screamed for all to hear: "You're out!" Even the catcher for Fairmont was surprised! (Continued on Page 4)



TOM VANCE

## Face Falcons Here Saturday; D-E Will Pay Visit Tuesday

Coach Carlos Ratliff's baseball combine will take to the road again tomorrow, journeying to Philippi for a conference tiff with the Battlers of Alderson-Broadbent. The Pioneers will then return to the home field Saturday for a return engagement with the Fairmont Falcons and, on Tuesday, the locals will play host to the Davis-Elkins Senators.

Last Tuesday's contest with the Battlers, which was postponed because of rain, has been tentatively rescheduled for Monday, May 7.

Glenville split a two-game series with A-B last season, losing the initial contest by a 13 to 9 margin, in a game that saw the Battlers out in front in all but the second inning. In the return bout, the Pioneers staged a two-run rally in the top of the ninth to pull the game out of the fire and edge the Battlers by a 3-2 tally.

When the Fairmont Falcons invade Saturday, the Pioneers will be seeking to revenge the two decisions they have lost in a row. Last year, the locals went on a scoring spree in the first tussle to rack up a 16-8 victory.

### Falcons Win Two

In the return bout, the Falcons turned the tables on the locals by pushing across nine runs on eight hits to squeeze past the Pioneers, 9-7. Then, two weeks ago, Fairmont rubbed salt into the wound by spanking Glenville by a 6 to 3 score.

But it was against Davis-Elkins last year that the G-men had a field day. The Pioneers rolled into Elkins for a double header with the Senators and came back home with two more scalps on their belts.

D-E put up a stiff fight in the first game. After trailing all the way, the Senators finally knotted the tally at 3-all in the top of the sixth of the seven-inning contest. The Pioneers bounced back in the last of the final frame, however on a homerun by Harris to win the game.

In the second game of the twin bill, the Glenville squad poured on the coal and chalked up a one-sided 15-5 victory over the Senators.

## Marley Softballers Top Loop Standings With Perfect Record

One inning comebacks dominated WAA softball play recently, as Marley trailed Davis until the third and White trailed the same team until the fifth.

Davis led White the entire game until the last inning. At the end of four, it was Davis leading 12 to 7. The "Battlers" had a big one in the fifth, bringing in 13 runs, while the "Stealers" only had seven across the home plate. Final score of the game was White 20, Davis 15.

White, captain of her team, was on the mound for three innings, and was then relieved by Martha Douglas. Beverly McComis was the firing ram for the losers for two innings, keeping the "Battlers" nearly hitless. However, Carolee Singleton lost her touch in the fifth, to allow the "Battlers" their big one.

### Marley, Coe Pitch

Undefeated "Sluggers," captained by Connie Marley, showed their stuff in the third inning, sneaking 12 runs across the home base. Marley's team got two runs in the first and one in the fourth, to defeat Davis 15-10. The "Sluggers" owe much of their strength to a great pitching duo, Marley and Jackie Coe.

Taking turns on the mound, Coe and Marley wore down their opponents and then struck a fatal blow as was seen in the last inning against Davis, when Coe set the losers down in order to keep their lead intact.

McComis was again on the mound for Davis, with Singleton behind the plate.

Standings thus far see Marley in the lead with three wins and no losses, White in second position

## Baters Blast Capers, 34-27, In Cage Tussle

By Joyce Jackson

Xi Beta Tau's Baters tapped the Kappa Chi Kappa Capers with a 34 to 27 loss in one of the hardest fought basketball duels witnessed this year in the "Ladies League."

Captained by the junior star from the WAA tourneys, Joyce Bourn, the "Baters" took the floor with quite evident player, Connie Sams, who was suffering with an injured foot.

Despite this slight handicap, the Xi Beta Tau sorority gals led the Kappa Chi's a rough life. This was quite evident, when the "Baters" decided one certain way of winning the game would be to eliminate some of the "Capers" from the race! Thelda Strader, a "Caper" guard was carried off the floor with a sprained ankle.

Led by another outstanding WAA player, Wyne Turner, the Kappa Chi's gained ground in the third quarter. Up until this period, the teams had stayed nearly even. The "Capers" drew a slight lead in the third one, maintained the rest of the game.

### Fouls Registered

The vigorosity with which the game was played is shown in the statistics, which reveal that 16 fouls were totaled in 32 minutes of play. However, out of the 16 attempts at the free throw line, only three points were registered.

Jackson managed to swish in 17 points for the Xi Betas, to take scoring honors for the evening, followed closely by Captain Turner who made 14 for the winners. Martha White and Carolee Singleton, two other "Caper" forwards, hit the double-digit column with ten each.

Joyce Bourn, who has made several scoring records in WAA play had an off night, managing to make good only four of her shots for eight points. Had Bourn been up to the style of play she has set for (Continued on page 4)

with one win and two losses. Davis has not yet hit the win column, and has suffered two defeats.

Carolee Singleton is serving as sports leader for the softball tourneys. Officials are Emilie Sizemore, Virginia Horner, and Milda Bailey.



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## Tilts With Wesleyan, Morris Harvey Reset

Baseball contests with Morris Harvey and West Virginia Wesleyan that were rained out have been rescheduled by Athletic Director Carlos Ratliff.

Glenville's hard-luck Pioneers will entertain the Wesleyan Bobcats here on Wednesday, May 16, and the Golden Eagles will visit the lo-





PICTURED ABOVE ARE SOME of the prominent leaders in business, industry, agriculture, and education, who attended the College's First Annual Rural Education Conference, held on campus recently. Approximately 200 farmers, businessmen, and educators from a 17 county area attended the conference, which was actively concerned with the role of higher education in the development of this area.—(MERCURY Photo by Cawthon and Deel).

## Glenville Campus Is Scene Of Rural Education Meeting

Approximately 200 business, educational, professional, and agricultural leaders from a 17-county area were on campus April 18 to attend the first annual Rural Education conference, according to Conference Director, Dean Delmer K. Somerville.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Julian E. Butterworth of Cornell University, who told the group last week "that the development of people to create more and better things is the real essence of this meeting."

He pointed out that "the recruiting of young people for teacher training is one of the most important things this area can do."

Pres. Harry B. Hefflin extended to the group, and the general plan of work was outlined by C. H. Archer of the State Department of Education. Five group sessions were held in the afternoon, and a dinner meeting was held later in the evening. Terminating the day's activities was a summary session from 7 until 9, in which leaders of the various groups presented the most important factors brought out in the day's discussion.

"The conference seemed to be very successful, and I was impressed by the sincerity of the people who participated. I was especially pleased with the extensive participation in the conference by our own faculty and our students," commented Dean Somerville when asked about the all-day meeting.

According to Somerville, the leaders of each of the conference groups are going to form an Advisory committee to work with the college in the development and planning of a similar program next year. Their first meeting will be on June 15, here at the college.

Dr. Hefflin said, concerning the conference, "The attendance and participation was larger than we had anticipated, and the participants were more enthusiastic than we had anticipated. We feel that a real opportunity is present for the college and others in this area to participate in working out area development."

Copies of the proceedings and results of the conference will be published in a college bulletin, which will be issued in May or June.

## 650 Students Visit Glenville's Campus For Senior Program

Approximately 650 high school seniors from 24 central West Virginia high schools were on campus last week to attend the annual High School Senior Day, according to Registrar Rogers McAvoy.

The students participated in an all-day program which included a general assembly, campus tours and visitations, a picnic lunch, swimming, and folk dancing. The baseball game, which was scheduled between the Glenville Pioneers and Morris Harvey, was canceled because of rain.

High schools attending the annual affair include Burnsville, Gassaway, Sutton, Calhoun County, Doddridge, Glenville, Normantown, Sand Fork, Tanner, Troy, Gilmore, Walkersville, Weston, Greenbank, Harrisville, Pennsboro, Walton, Buckhannon-Upshur, Cowen, Clay County, Wirt County, Clendenin, St. Marys, and Parkersburg.

Over-all director for Senior Day was Registrar Rogers McAvoy, and 24 student guides aided him in carrying out the day's festivities.

## Baters Blast

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herself all year, it would have been difficult to stop the "Bater" team.

Guarantee stood out in the night's play, as Pearl Stump and Ada Cox completely sewed up the "Bater" forwards during the third quarter. Strader, until her de-ankelization, also lent invaluable assistance, stealing the ball completely at least twice during the first quarter.

Bonnie Correll, Virginia Davis, Judy Wright, and Connie Marley

shone for the Xi Eetas, but collected seven fouls in doing so.

Cheerleaders for the "Bater" warriors were Nancy Greenleaf, Anna Radabaugh, and Judy Vaughn. Assisting Jackie Coe with the officiating duties was Emilie Sizemore.

## Glenville Debaters

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Glenville group was Prof. William S. E. Coleman, who also served as judge for debates and for the speaking contests.

## Sports

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Saturday will be judgement day for the Falcons, and it is hoped that the students here will turn out en masse to witness the Pioneers' triumph.

## BADMINTON GAME TO BE PLAYED THIS WEEK

Championship badminton game will be played this week with Jackie Coe and Wyene Turner battling it out against Mary Underwood and Virginia Davis. The latter team, a freshman duo, defeated many upperclassmen during the regular season.

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## White Accepts Role in Comedy

James White, who has been seen in two major productions this year, will replace James Dotson in the lead role of "Bell, Book and Candle," according to director Shirley James. Dotson withdrew from school recently.

One character in the comedy who has not been mentioned to date is the cat Pyewacket. As yet, no cat has been found for the role. However, this cat is essential to the plot of the play.

According to legends of witchcraft, each witch is supposed to have some animal to do her bidding. This animal is called a "familiar." By witches and is the medium through which the witch works. Cats are the most common "familiars" although legend has it that almost any animal can be used as a medium.

## Play Set For May 21

In the play which will be presented May 21, the cat belongs to Gillian Holroyd, who uses him to summon Shep Henderson to her apartment. Her wish to make herself attractive to the young publisher stems from the hatred which she feels for his fiancée, Henderson, who has a dislike for cats, finds it difficult to understand her attachment to Pyewacket until she confesses to him that she is a witch and that her main reason for wanting him to fall in love with her was caused by hatred.

Henderson is quite dumfounded and angered by Gillian's confession that she has used witchcraft to get him to fall in love with her. Immediately, he leaves her and would stay away indefinitely if coincidences did not force him to return. Upon his return, he is greeted by a second confession, just as astonishing as the first. However, this one does anything but cause him to be angry.

## Presbyterian Group Attends Conference

Eight Glenville State College students went to Camp Caesar last week-end where they attended the annual Westminster Youth Camp for college students in the West Virginia area.

Accompanying the students were Prof. and Mrs. Floyd Miller and the Rev. Robert Gay, Glenville Presbyterian minister.

Students who attended the conference were Joyce Jackson, Bonnie Gorrell, Connie Sams, Barbara Johnson, Jane Shires, Margaret Ratzer, Sue Criss, and Rannie Cline.

The three-day meeting was largely made up of informal discussion groups and worship services. The Glenville group was in charge of registration Friday evening, and they were also in charge of the Saturday evening Vesper service.

son, to bring themselves to the finals. Both teams boast a record of seven wins and no losses.

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## Alpha Psi Omega Informally Initiates Seven Ohningohows

Seven students were informally initiated into Alpha Psi Omega national honorary dramatic fraternity at four o'clock Monday morning. The students who were initiated are Pat Christian, Orton Jones, Ed Perrine, Lee Kessinger, Richard Lockhart, Bernyce Roberts, and Mary Lou West.

To become a member of Alpha Psi Omega, a student must fulfill certain requirements set up by the national council, must be voted into the organization by the members and must have maintained a scholastic average of at least a 'C'.

## Active in Dramatics

All of the students who were initiated have been active in dramatics this year and are members of Ohningohow Players. Of the seven, four are now working on major productions. Pat Christian, who was earlier seen in the maid's role in "Tartuffe" is serving as assistant director of the musical, is assistant stage manager of "Bell, Book and Candle," and has a small dancing role in the musical.

Ed Perrine, who has been seen in one-act productions, has roles in both the musical and the three-act comedy which are in rehearsal. Bernyce Roberts has directed two one-act plays, served as acting coach of "Tartuffe," and is assistant director of "Bell, Book and Candle."

Richard Lockhart, who had a role in "Tartuffe," is construction manager of the musical, the same job which he performed for the Moliere comedy and which he will do for the comedy to be given May 21.

## Student Director Selected

Orton Jones was seen in "Tartuffe" and "The Valiant." He has also done stage work for both major productions this year. Lee Kessinger, who had a role in the one-act "The Flattering Word," has done make-up for nearly every show this year. She also served as prompter for "Tartuffe." Mary Lou West has directed a one-act play, served as assistant director of "Tartuffe" and two one-acts.

These seven students were to be initiated formally next Monday evening. They have a one-week pledge period before the formal initiation.

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## Instructors Attend Spring English Meet

Glenville State College instructors who attended the spring meeting of the West Virginia Association of College English teachers at Jackson's Mill, April 27 and 28, were Prof. Virginia West, Prof. Esmy W. Miller, Prof. Carl A. Kerr, and Prof. Jerry Hodges.

Professor Miller spoke at one of the group sessions on the methods of teaching a composition.

## Alumni Executive

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and as directory and economist for different investment and financial institutions, and estates.

Wright is at present director and economic adviser, for investment trusts, financial institutions, and corporations, and treasurer of two universities. He is also professor of economics and finance in the City College System of New York city, the largest educational organization in the world.

Selection of the honor alumnus was made on the basis of criteria set forth by a committee headed by Mabel Nicols and Stanley D'Orazio. The committee announced at the Executive Council meeting that the honor graduate would be selected on the basis of his deed or act, his national prominence, his loyalty to the school, his record of activity in chosen field, the publicity he has achieved, and the benefit of his deed or act to the college. Wright was selected because of his work in the business world.

Hunter Whiting, former chairman of the division of language, was named Alumnus of the Year, 1955. Mr. Whiting served as an instructor at Glenville State for 39 years.

## Business Fraternity

(Continued from page 1) scheduled for May 24 is the final program of the year.

Assembly committee is composed of Dolores Black, Kathleen Q. Harris, Orton A. Jones, Dr. Harold Orndorff, and Dr. James G. Jones, chairman.

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