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### MERCURY MUSINGS

A Column of Highlights From Here and There And Everywhere

By ALBERT WOOFER

Debate on Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's lease-lend bill reached the boiling point the past week when Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana provoked the anger of the president by saying that the measure would "blow under every fourth American boy." In retaliation the president allowed reporters to quote him as saying that the statement was, "The rottenest thing that has been said in public life in my generation." The pending bill which would give the president authority to lease, lend or transfer war materials to nations at war with the Axis powers, has been publicly endorsed by Herbert Hoover and Wendell Willkie, both political opponents of the New Deal.

### CONTESTED APPOINTMENT

Members of the U. S. Senate elections committee are puzzled over the conflicting claims for one of West Virginia's Senate seats which was brought about when Mr. M. M. Neely resigned to become governor. Joseph Roeder, Fairmont State Teachers College president, chosen by Gov. Neely, and Atty. Clarence Martin, named by former Gov. Homer A. Holt, both claim the senatorial post. The contest is said to be unparalleled in 162 years of Senate history.

### NEW SCHOOL PLAN

Dr. W. W. Trent, state school superintendent, announced the past week that he was considering plans for administering school aid to counties based upon the number of approved teachers rather than the average daily attendance, which is the present basis for aid. Also he said that the new plan called for allocation of school transportation funds based upon the average cost per pupil rather than condition of roads, quality of buses and the like.

### NEW DEFENSE WEAPON

A combined land and water vehicle which may have many uses both in peace and war is described in the current issue of Liberty Magazine. Called the "Alligator" by its inventor, Donald Roehling, the amphibian (Continued on Page 3)

### HANNA, McCLUNG GIVEN LETTERS

W. A. A. Semester Honors Awarded; New Schedule Is Made

Reva Hanna and Mildred McClung, sophomores in the College, were awarded letters by the W.A.A. Monday at an informal tea in the College lounge.

Awards were given in the following sports: Hiking, 22; volleyball, 6; ping pong, 2; badminton, 2; tennis, 1.

The Council met Wednesday night and made the following schedule for the second semester: February 3-March 10, ping pong and basketball; March 10-April 1, paddle tennis and badminton; April 1-until the end of school, horseshoes, tennis and softball.

Semester dues are twenty-five cents.

### Pioneers Get 12 New Warmup Suits

The Pioneers got twelve new blue and white warmup suits Wednesday. Made of heavy flannel, the mid-night blue uniforms resemble civilian clothes. The trousers are equipped with hip pockets and a white belt with snap buckle. The jerseys are of sweater material, with a zipper in the front and the words "Glenville Pioneers" in white letters.

### TO PLAN SENIOR PROGRAM

Olive Myers, Johnson Burke, Geraldine McClain, Helen Heater and Earl McDonald have been named a committee from the senior class to arrange a spring assembly program.

### COLLEGE SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Under the leadership of Miss Alma Arbuckle this group provides local students with social activities. They are pictured above at the most recent event under their sponsorship, the pre-Christmas dance. Reading left to right—Theodore Holloft, Don Hinkle, Elizabeth Clark, August Kafer, Helen Heater, Jack Waggoner (former student), Gwendolyn Heall, Miss Arbuckle, Carl Chapman, James Heater, William Kafer, Agnes Wright and Brooks Golden.

### County History to Be Published by Writers' Project; Work In Progress

J. Archie Langford Says Book Will Contain 4 to 5 Hundred Pages; Sell For \$2

Gilmer coustians will have a history of their own which will be completed sometime within a year, announces J. Archie Langford, research editor of the Gilmer County unit of the West Virginia Writers' Activity program.

Containing from five to six hundred pages and to be sold at enough to cover publication, about two dollars, the history, when completed will appear under the following chapters: Preface and acknowledgments, contemporary scene, natural setting, the people, early life and occupations, religion, commerce and industry, transportation and communication, education, county government, cultural and social advances, recapitulation, points of historic interest, calendar of annual events, directory of permanent organizations and biographical sketches.

"Gilmer: Birth of a County," a short account of the formation and early government of the County, was completed in October by the Gilmer County Unit of the Writers' Program, sponsored by the State and County boards of education. This activity is a part of the Works

### VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Offices of the Writers' Project are in the county court house, second floor, and are open about two weeks out of each month. Stacks of materials collected from all sections of the county are available for inspection, says Mr. Langford, who adds that he will be glad to have visitors come to the offices, look over the materials and observe the work now in progress. Mimeographed copies of the "Gilmer, The Birth of a County" are available for free distribution.

Progress Administration and is carried on throughout the state.

References for the County history are being taken from old books and papers of Gilmer County, personal journals, court records, census of the County in 1850, legislative handbook, West Virginia Bluebook, and also personal interviews.

Among other works completed by the Writers' Project are: "West Virginia Guide," "Historic Romney," "Your Vacation in West Virginia," "Smoke Hole and Its People," "Mountain State Types," "My

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### Miss Goldie C. James Tells Students and Faculty What to Do About Common Cold

Health Instructor Cites Means of Prevention, Treatment; Is Guest Speaker

In a special assembly feature Wednesday, Miss Goldie C. James, instructor in biology and health, told students and faculty some of the common sense ways to avoid the common cold and some of the common sense treatments to use once the cold is contracted.

Speaking upon the invitation of the Student Council and at a scheduled student body meeting, Miss James analyzed a subject which has been more widely discussed here the past week than any other.

Asserting that "the cold is the commonest of all communicable diseases, the commonest of all illnesses that afflict mankind and the one that outnumbers any other by twenty-five to one," she said it is estimated that the people of the United States have 200,000,000 colds a year and 90,000,000 work days are lost each year because of these.

"These statistics refer only to colds. Complications leading to other diseases are not recorded under their own names with them."

"What is popularly called a cold is an acute infection of the upper air passages. In medical terminology an infection is often named accord-

ing to the part involved, with the addition of its, meaning inflammation. A cold in the nose is called rhinitis; in the pharynx, pharyngitis; in the larynx, laryngitis; in the trachea, tracheitis.

"In the typical cold, inflammation is likely to involve all the areas mentioned. . . ."

"A filterable virus and a number of different pus-producing organisms have been identified in the secretions given off from the nasal passages during colds. In the typical cold that begins in the nose, it is thought that the virus is the first to cause infection, and that it lowers the resistance of the nasal membranes to such an extent that the bacteria normally present and harmless in the nose multiply and start a pyogenic infection. This usually happens within a day or two of the onset of a cold.

"First is a feeling of discomfort in the membranes of the upper air passage, a dry and irritated feeling in the nose, dryness of the throat and a slight cough.

"Like all bacteria, these causing colds produce toxins, absorbed and circulated throughout the system. . . ."

"Because the infection may, and usually does, involve the sinuses, the head may feel full and the eyes dull, and there may be a diffuse or localized headache of some severity; (Continued on page 3)

### COLLEGE MAN'S AVERAGE DAY

Means Up at 6:30 A. M.; Back In Bed When the Last 'Session' Has Ended

By Ralph Goff

What's an average day for a College student—a typical boy from Louis Bennett Hall?

He gets to bed late, anywhere from 10 p. m. to 4 a. m., sleeps soundly, never hears a thing, except someone's radio or someone yelping like a panther. Up at 6:45 a. m., with still half closed eyes, he stumbles into the bathroom, washes, shaves, dresses, then, with a swish like the wind, off the hill to breakfast of eggs, toast, coffee, and cereal at Kappa Hall he goes.

Back to the hall he comes with a hustle and a bustle, a few slicks here and there, brushes the dust off his books—most of them have not been moved since the last class—and away to class he speeds. He goes to learn, to sleep. Anyhow he goes, 'cause his cuts were used the first two weeks.

Frequently he eats his first meal of the day at 12:15 p. m. because he was too sleepy to get up before 7:15 a. m. when breakfast was served.

"When he has no classes in the afternoon, he gets a little shuteye so he can give full time to a bull session which is unofficially scheduled to come after 5:30 p. m., when dinner is served.

"If at night there is no session, there is always something else, a basketball game, a show, or the favorite girl; all more attractive than studying.

"Don't get this all wrong; this is the typical student, but even so, he is in the minority on this campus.

### LOCAL MERCHANT HAS SELF-STYLED WEATHER CHART; KEEPS RECORDS

A weather record can tell one many things of seasons past.

All of us know weather is the subject of which we talk most and do the least.

There is, however, one man in Glenville, Max Nachman, who does do something about it; he keeps a daily record and has for the past twenty-five years. Part of his records have been lost, but what he has salvaged can reveal many unusual climatic quirks. For instance:

Twice in 1937 the Little Kanawha River had six such as 25 feet of water; on January 23, there was 25 feet; on October 31, 28 feet. In February 1939 the river had 30 feet of water, flood stage.

As for temperatures, Mr. Nachman cited these whizzers: A 29 below zero in 1889; in 1940 the coldest day was January 19 with a 15 below; January 1938 was very mild; February 8, 1937, there was a 78 degree registering; on January 24, 1935, a 25 below.

Mr. Nachman is the father of Isadore Nachman, A. B. '36, now employed with the Chicago City News Bureau.

Students were furnished two dances the past week-end. A free dance followed the ball game on Friday and Saturday night the Campus Cats furnished the music from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock.

### CAMPAIGN FOR A RENEWAL OF CAMPUS SPIRIT BEING WAGED HERE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ROBERT BUTCHER, SENIOR

Students Gather In College Gymnasium to Hear Pep Talks, Learn New Songs and Organize Brass Band

An intensive campaign to create a new phase of campus spirit was started here the past week under the direction of Robert Butcher, student manager of athletics.

### SPIRIT RUNS HIGH

It must have worked . . . that dose of school spirit that Robert Butcher injected at Thursday night's pep meeting. Never, never has there been such cheering at a ball game as there was Friday night. . . . And the brass band went to town . . . a great idea . . . one which should be maintained. Many persons, including instructors, said the Pioneers would never have won had not the cheering section come through as it did.

First step in the campaign was in the form of a thuse meeting, aptly called "Butcher's Rally" by Student Council president, Earl McDonald, held the past Thursday night, preceding the Alderson-Broadus Glenville basketball game, when about two hundred students gathered in the gymnasium, where, under Butcher's directing at a ball game was a concentrated effort was made to arouse student body interest.

In a short speech immediately preceding the meeting, Butcher declared that every other college gymnasium he had gone into for the past two years had been a mad-house. He further affirmed that "it is about time our gymnasium becomes a little more civilized."

Butcher also announced that he has been attempting to organize a College brass band, which, if organized, will be composed of boys and girls who play with the Campus Cats, local dance orchestra, and any others who have instrumental ability.

A revised version of an old high school pep song, which has been renamed "Glenville State," and also prepared by Butcher, was sung at the thuse, along with two other songs, "Glenville Will Shine Tonight" and "Play the Ball, Pioneers, Play the Ball," the latter song having been popular here several years ago.

Each student present at the thuse was given a mimeographed sheet containing the words of these songs. Additional copies are available for those who did not attend the meeting.

In addition to this, Butcher said he had been assured support of the Holy Roller Court and G Club members.

### Adelaide Brown Accepts Position In Washington

Mary Adelaide Brown, junior in the College, boarded a train at Clarksburg yesterday for Washington, D. C., where she is to accept a stenographic position with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

The position is the result of a civil service examination taken three months ago in Clarksburg. While she will be employed in Washington, Miss Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown, of Glenville, will live with her grandmother, Mrs. Frederick Van Dyne, and an aunt, Miss Esther Van Dyne, of Chevy Chase, Md.

### Will Show 'House Of Magic' Picture On Chemistry Day

The "House of Magic," a General Electric Company moving picture previously exhibited at the Chicago Exposition, will be shown here in April as a feature on the College's annual Chemistry Day exercises, says Mr. John R. Wagner, Chemistry Club adviser.

Ordinarily the company charges \$175 for showing the picture and for accompanying features, but because of a number of other scheduled appearances in this area, the show will be presented here free. Already engagements are booked in three adjoining states.

Recently sixteen pieces of rock from Braal were received here and will be added to other similar collections to be used in Chemistry Day exhibits.

### NORMANTOWN GIRLS WIN OVER CEDARVILLE LASSIES

The Normantown Independent girls' team defeated Cedarville High School girls, 15-13, the past Tuesday night in a hard-fought game at Cedarville. The Normantown girls are all students or former students in the College.

The Normantown Independent boys' team defeated William Kellar and Boyd Lamb's team, 24-22.

### MISS RUPPERT NAMED EPWORTH LEAGUE PIANIST

Maie Belle Ruppert, freshman and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ruppert of Grove, was recently appointed pianist for the Epworth League of the Glenville Methodist Church. The appointment was made by the League Council Wednesday afternoon. At this time suggestions were also offered for the improvement of Epworth League programs.

Verdie Bragg, sophomore, discussed "Daily Witnessing" at a League meeting Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

A poll revealed nearly two-thirds of the University of Detroit students favor freshman hazing.

### THIS WOULD END LETTER WRITING

College Senior Is First Person Here to Receive Communication on Victrola Record

If this keeps up we may not have to teach reading and writing to the next generation.

Thursday afternoon, via first-class mail, there came to Helen Heater, senior, a victrola record letter, one of those new-fangled facts that music stores are pushing these days in order to place their stream-lined radio-victrolas in the American homes.

The record, to be played on an electric victrola because of the lightness of the needle arm, was a letter, a regular one except that it was no quite so informal as one would ordinarily expect from a close friend.

Recorded on an eight-inch record, the message, which carried the salutation "Hello, Helen," filled both sides of the disk and was complete and easily audible to Miss Heater and two of her friends, who got in on the secret.

On the front where ordinarily the name of the song is written, was the word "Letter."

Miss Heater, somewhat excited, says the idea is a "pretty good one. I hope he keeps it up."

The "he" in this story refers to a friend, a student in the Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dayton, O. Only danger in this new letter device, says Miss Heater, is in keeping the messages hidden so friends can't get them out and play "one's private affairs; and oh, gee, that would never do."

### DIRECTED TEACHING RESUMES

Students in Education 218 and 442 have resumed work in directed teaching at the high school this week. Classes in both elementary and secondary work were discontinued the past week because of the prevalence of influenza in the school.

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But 'She' Hit the Street On Time

IT IS GOOD to receive a copy of the Mercury each week and to peruse it without thought of the work necessary to publish it.

For instance, here is what happened on a recent Tuesday afternoon when the Mercury went to press. We had everything in perfect readiness, we thought, when a correction had to be made in the type.

Yes, printing the Mercury is a lot of fun.—Albert Woolfer.

He Would Require Courses In Sociology

EVERY student should have some courses in Sociology. They can be especially effective in making him a good citizen.

Sociology is the science of humanity; a study of man, his origin, development, present-day problems and future possibilities.

Classes in sociology give the student a sympathetic understanding of human behavior. They cultivate in him a sense of individual responsibility to society...

Incidentally, sociology classes are exceptionally interesting.

The need for citizens of a democracy to have such knowledge as can be gained from sociology classes is expressed in a truism spoken by James Monroe:

"A free, virtuous, and enlightened people must know well the great principles and causes on which their happiness depends."—Paul Beal.

A Little Clear Thinking Will Brighten Our Spirits

IN AN ARTICLE from American Magazine entitled "Faith" by Henry Ford, America's famed automobile magnate, are the words: "One of the greatest discoveries a man can make is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do."

A little faith in those about us as well as faith in ourselves would make us more courageous and worthwhile people. Mr. Ford completes his article by saying that "most of the bars we beat against are ourselves."

A little clear thinking of our own will prove to be what we needed all along to brighten our spirits. When we think, let us think the best, and before we know it we shall be free from our previous barriers of restraint.

CAMPUS CAPERS

This feature, Campus Capers, absent in the Mercury since December 10, gives your columnist an opportunity to dig into the facts about campus romances that ordinarily would not break into print, even in a college weekly.

Before the fun explodes, I take this means to say a few kind words about a fellow student and friend who will join the National Guards. Irvin Conley's leaving means the loss of an exceptionally good student, a worthwhile personality and a great athlete who will be missed on the campus.

Through strange, the influenza epidemic hasn't checked the pace of the romances, who haven't distinguished between the 'flu bug and the love bug. As a precautionary measure, I suggest the advice given by Miss Goldie C. James in assembly and your own good judgment, for a sneeze travels 150 feet per second and a kiss, well it just... well, well, well.

Orchids to Mrs. Teresa Strother, College nurse, for her patient efforts with the influenza patients. Marjorie Davis will miss her corporal... A Kanawha Hall lass is always contemplating a free ride to Richwood... L. Hefner and Student President Earl McDonald take advantage of the ideal night... Who was that guy who bungled the Snodgrass-Johnson affair?... W. Kafer and R. Holt give all the girls a chance... Evidently they can't be sincere, as yet... E. Spencer thrives on basketball and escorting B. Altizer about the village.

J. Allen and C. Hyer seem perfectly matched... If Uncle Sam misses Johnson Burke, the State Police force will get him... Anyway there will be a uniform to catch a lady's eye... Robert Butcher should be pleased with the success of his program for rebuilding student morale... If the steam holds out, the Pioneers and the students as a whole will go places and there will be a re-incarnation of campus life.—F.W.

Bits O' Wisdom

As Recorded In The Past By Sages and Others

Be wise with speed: A fool at forty is a fool indeed.—Edward Young.

Never do a thing concerning the rectitude of which you are in doubt.—Pliny the Younger.

Honor lies in honest toil.—Grover Cleveland.

On their own merits modest men are dumb.—George Colman (The Younger).

If you would know the value of money, go and try to borrow some.—Franklin.

A man can do what he ought to do; and when he says he cannot, it is because he will not.—Fichte.

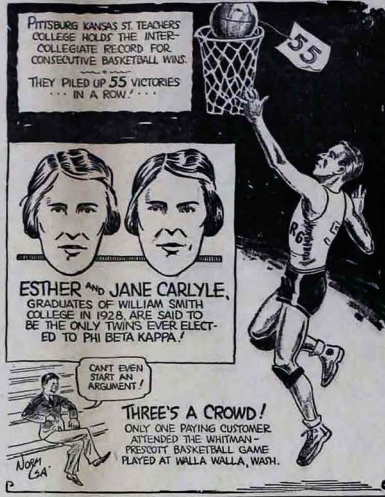
It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house.—Proverbs 31:9.

Would Educate Emotions Along With the Mind

"As educators we are coming to realize that the education of the emotions must go along with that of the mind; that the spirit and the intellect must be cultivated so that each is the willing partner of the other. We are realizing that the development of sensitivity to beauty is the handmaiden of the spirit; and that art reaches its highest fulfillment when it ministers to the soul of men, singing its age-old song of compassion and tenderness, preaching its eternal gospel of the brotherhood of men." Howard Hanson, director, Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, N. Y., points out the trend to a wider conception of education.

Quick Quips

Mrs. Teresa Strother College Nurse C. S. T. C. MacName: In few influenza and made us all ill. Agree? Yours, QUICKSILVER.



STUDENT FORUM

Student Council, why don't you do something—anything—a little out of the ordinary that will arouse the interest and loyalty of the student body? You expect us to be behind you and follow you, back you up and stick with you. What do we get out of it? Nothing, so far, in the way of entertainment.

It seems to me that the Student Council should be the nucleus of all activities on the campus, with everything in one way or another centering around this organization. This includes once in a while, a decent dance or an enjoyable assembly program. The student body is forced to stand on the sidelines and wait patiently until something breaks. We've waited, and are still waiting.

All that the student body ever hears of you is on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, and this only once each month. Someone gets up and tells us what we did the last time as though we are too absent-minded to know. Why can't this time be taken up with an enjoyable assembly program, and let this record that the secretary reads be a record and no more. Until you decide to get up and do something, life will go on in the same old way—some students cutting assembly and the rest of us wishing we had the nerve to do the same thing.—Jean McMillian.

In this issue of the Mercury there appears critical remarks condemning the activities of the Student Council under the caption, "Student Forum." Being the head of the Student Council, I feel the responsibility to take open offense of such deteriorating criticism, coming from a student who was apparently half-cooked at the time of the writing.

The Student Council's purpose is not to set itself upon a pedestal for the rest of the student body to marvel at. Nor is it to be the head of all social activities. But it is the medium through which our student government functions.

It is an expression of ignorance of student government for a student to criticize the reading of minutes in a student body meeting, for if the student would familiarize herself with our constitution she would learn that this procedure is necessary.

The work of the Student Council of '40-'41 is on a par with that of former Councils. The work of the social committee thus far has also been satisfactory. The remarks of this uninformed student indicate that she desires changes in the social program. But she fails to make suggestions. Constructive criticism has always been appreciated by the Council but it is more desirable to have it come from a more solid base.—Earl McDonald, student body president.

Keeping Wright With The News

By Agnes Wright

CAMPUS TALK this week centers around final examinations and advanced enrollment... Comments running from "Oh, gee, I know I'll never pass this," to "Kid, they don't worry me a bit, so bring on the new semester," may be heard any day in the halls and on the campus... The young excited freshmen scurrying to and fro... the senior passing idly by... And the instructor casually asking who's taking what next semester to sort of line up the substance of his class... All make for an exciting and busy week before foolishness is put aside and common sense be our guide.

IT HAPPENED: She came here first semester a stranger to all, shy but unafraid... She soon made friends with many people and all who knew her liked her... She joined up with the Mercury staff and soon became a first rate reporter doing more than her share for each edition... New, though known to most students, she has gone... Mercury people are wondering where she can pick up another just like her... Friends may find her in Washington, now working for the U. S. government.

COLLEGE GIRLS interested in flying may realize their dreams now more than ever... Organized in New York in 1940 was the "Women Flyers of America" with a purpose of training available women of the nation to aid in the national defense... Embracing many phases, such as the training of women pilots, parachute riggers, and driving of ambulances, membership may be had for \$5 a year.

CAMPUS AND TOWNSPEOPLE are talking about: The President's inaugural address yesterday... the reopening of the high school... Former manager of Lyric Theater moving to Barbourville to open theater there... And girls' basketball teams being organized.

IT WILL TAKE more than semester tests to stop students from seeing two first-rate movies here this week... "Klute Rocke, All American" with Pat O'Brien, will be at the PICTURELAND Monday and Tuesday to thrill football fans with the story of the life of perhaps America's most famous football coach... Then at the LYRIC the same date is "The Westerner" with Gary Cooper as an itinerant cowboy helping the losing homesteaders after the Civil War against the cattlemen.

Other high-rating pictures this week are "Wyoming" at the Lyric... and "South of Suez," at the Pictureland.

UNTIL NEXT SEMESTER then it's so long and "30."

NYA NOTES

National Youth Administration workers, on the out-of-school program, will build 1000 small vocational and agricultural training buildings, mostly in rural areas, for school authorities, during 1941. One of them will be built in Glenville.

College NYA time reports for the fourth month were filed yesterday. Payments to students should arrive in about two weeks.

COSMIC DUST

By James Woolfer

IDEALLY a college campus should be the best grounds on which students could practice democracy. Courses are now being offered to train students in propaganda analysis, public administration, comparative government, and inspiring speakers are scheduled for appearances—with the result that many students leave college with a conception of democracy as either a body of fact or a body of faith, and with little, if any, experience in actual living in a democratic community.

Bound by a community of interest and a common purpose, schools and faculty are in an excellent position to explore the possibilities of democracy. Instead, we find students clamoring for more freedom, the faculty for more authority, and the college failing to see itself as an organic community.

STUDENTS bear not a small part of the fault. In student government and in extra-curricular activities, the common practices are personal aggrandizement, group hostility and sacrifice of general welfare to monetary ends; there is much lust for power, much competition, little cooperation; much said about democracy, little done about it.

It is tempting to focus attention on the crisis abroad, to make long-range observations on democracy, and to ignore our own surroundings where the practice of democracy is nothing to be bragged about... To learn democracy is to learn love, brotherhood, sacrifice, service, selflessness. Students cannot in good faith sidestep their responsibilities in making colleges exhibition grounds for democracy. Now is the time to learn democracy—and to practice it at home.

A FEW FACTS on the foreign situation indicate only too vividly that we, as a people, are much more deeply concerned than we care to admit. Let us be quite clear. China, Great Britain and her allies are fighting solely for their own experience. It is a fact, however, that the basic welfare of peoples for whom they are not deliberately fighting is absolutely involved in the success of their struggle—the peoples of Norway, Denmark, Poland, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, France and Finland; of Korea, Malaya, Indo-China and Philippines; of Greece, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Egypt; of North, South, East, West and Central Africa; of the Near East and the Middle East and China. All of these nations are indirectly being heroically defended by one small island kingdom whose area would not even cover one geographical division of our own country.

THE CONDITIONS of existence hang on the outcome of the conflicts in Europe and Asia—of the possibility of even a modicum of liberty, of justice, of self government, or free and friendly relations with other nations—or not less than a billion men, women and children; and their children's children. Notwithstanding the fact that an allied victory will not guarantee freedom and democracy for all of them, it still remains a fact that an allied defeat will destroy that possibility for any of them.

War Scare Brings About Many New Opportunities

GREAT industries are moving rapidly, efficiently and certainly toward the goal set before them—the quick mobilization of industry and man's power into one gigantic struggle instigated by the National Defense Program. No factory is too small and none too large to benefit from our initial attempt at military conscription, building of ships, construction of airplanes, and many of the raw material industries.

Vast expansion of plant size is necessary. Huge sums of money are being spent. Artificial prosperity is assured for the next five years or until this brain child bursts as did the speculative bubble in 1929.

Men are needed everywhere—men who are willing and anxious to obtain positions in industry where advancement in ability and service go hand in hand with promotion.

Now the necessity of employing new men affords the employer a greater chance than ever before to gather about him men who want to live and grow in an industry.—Cleo Berry.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC PASSING

The local epidemic of influenza is decreasing, says the College nurse, Mrs. Kendall Strother.

In Louis Bennett Hall it has decreased from sixteen cases to four, and four are reported ill at Verona Chapel Hall.

Glenville High School opened yesterday with fourteen absent; forty-nine were absent in the graded school.

CURRENT EVENTS COMMITTEE NAMED

Teresa Butcher, third-term president of the Current Events Club, has selected a program committee composed of Marjorie Davis, chairman, Joe Roeder, and Katie Adams, to arrange the programs for the coming semester. Marion Means will represent the Club on the social committee.

LARGEST CROWD OF THE SEASON OUT TO SEE LOCAL QUINTET PLAY NIP AND TUCK GAME WITH REX PYLES' BATTLERS

College Band Adds Spice to Cheering Delegation; Kenneth Griffith Is True to Form And Scores 26 Points

By Earl McDonald I watched Kenneth Griffith, West Virginia's greatest basketball player of today, streak across the Pioneer gymnasium floor for thirty-eight minutes Friday night and amaze the season's largest crowd with his remarkable shot-making feats. However, Mr. Griffith's 26 points failed to out-distance the scrappiest Pioneer court team that Coach A. F. Rohrbough has presented in several seasons.

The final score of 69-63 is hardly a true indication of exactly how close the contest was, for the greatest lead the Pioneers were able to hold was seven points, that coming four seconds before the end. And Griffith stepped to the foul line to close the count for his mates at 63.

A wild and hilarious student body went mad with deafening screams at the scoring of every point during the game, which was so rough that Referee Sammy Kistler left the game declaring it to be one of the roughest assignments he had ever had.

At breakneck speed both teams flashed the ball at the hoops, trying desperately to get control of the lead, which changed twelve times during the evening. At the first quarter Glenville led 19-17, but in the first minute of the second frame Griffith broke fast for the basket with Forest White, Pioneer forward, hanging on him so close that both of these towering men sprawled on the floor after a bruising contact. The A-B ace's shot was good and so was the foul which put his team in front 20-19. A-B stayed in the lead until midway in the third period before two field goals by White and one each by Spencer and Palumbo put Glenville ahead at 45-43. The halftime score was Glenville 28, A-B 30.

Five minutes in the final quarter was gone with the count tied at 58, but big Earle Spencer stretched his total for the evening to 17 points when he battled his way through a mass of Broadbudds under the basket to score a pair of field goals. Later he was given a free throw which he made good. This gave Glenville a 63-59 advantage. Robert Armstrong for Glenville and M. Dunham each added two field goals and William Whetsell one to close the scoring from the field just before Griffith made good his final attempt from the foul line.

Bracing his squad in all departments with the addition of Forest White and Patsy Palumbo, each of whom tallied ten points, Coach Rohrbough found the much needed strength for his club. This pair, along with Armstrong in the front court and Whetsell and Sam Marchio at the guards, gave Glenville a formidable combination.

The past Tuesday night the Pioneers, playing without White and Palumbo, fell before Wesleyan's Bobcats at Buckhannon 47-38 in a wild affair. Earle Spencer overshadowed Wesleyan's Frank Ellis while collecting his 15 points. Ellis got 13 to lead the Bobcats. Thirty-eight personal fouls were charged by Ref-



Forest White, pictured above, after being out of uniform since the Christmas holidays, returned to Pioneer basketball last Friday night against Alderson-Broadbudds. White's ten points gave the Pioneers the much-needed scoring strength which was sadly lacking in the Wesleyan game. Standing six feet two, this junior forward spent his scholastic days at Webster Springs High School.

eree Johnny Warash during the game.

Table with 4 columns: Linesups, Pts, Alderson-B, Pts. Lists player names and scores for both teams.

Total 69 Total 63 Referee: Sammy Kistler.

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Total 38 Total 47 Referee: Johnny Warash.

The corps of cadets at the Citadel, military college of South Carolina, uses, on an average, 7730 pairs of white gloves per week.

SPORTS CHATTER

By A Cub Columnist Earl McDonald

The "knocking" in this column has been quite frequent recently; but truth is truth, and so we go to bat once more. First opponent is "the old man" of Marshall College, Mr. Cam Henderson. Step right in Marshall fans and listen. Salem and Marshall, regarded as bitter enemies of Glenville, were supposed to meet on the court tonight at Huntington, but Mr. Henderson decided it best that the game be canceled, saying that his team would be busy with final examinations. Well, maybe the Herd should hit the books, but in our opinion the Marshall mentor noticed somewhere in the records that the Tigers had won four straight games, and feared that they would tear his off-whipped Herd to pieces.

Marshall, according to performances to date, is just another ball club this year and perhaps not nearly so strong as many West Virginia conference teams. The Herd's record data doesn't indicate that Mr. Henderson will be looking for a bid to any big-time tournament this spring. Of course, he will be invited to go to Buckhannon for the West Virginia Intercollegiate tournament (Marshall is a conference member, but you'd never know it). This columnist will hit the line with anybody that Mr. Henderson and his crew will not be at Buckhannon on March 10 and 11.

Next opponent is Carl Cline, sports publicist for Wesleyan's Bobcats, and the guy responsible for the last paragraph of the story on the Wesleyan-Glenville basketball game. In attempting to indicate how rough the game was he wrote that Frank Ellis charged that he had his leg twisted during the melee. The game was a rough and tumble contest and Mr. Ellis did get his leg twisted. And to make no bones about the thing, William Whetsell was the fellow who did it. And he was justified in doing so, too, for underneath that heap of players Ellis was kicking plenty and most any Pioneer was his target. As far as we know, Mr. Ellis did not say that his leg was twisted. It was merely the opinion of the Bobcat ballyhooser, Cline.

The Wesleyan writer would have saved himself a lot of criticism had he covered the rough and tumble event by telling the public that the Bobcats were charged with 22 personal fouls and the Pioneers 16. This is found in the record book, but Cline's opinion is not kept in a score book.

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COLLEGIANS FAVOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Survey Sounds Out Views on Tightly Topics, Including Reading of Editorials

How college students throughout the nation feel toward barring today's academic freedom and their views as to the value of editorials in their respective newspapers—these views, a composite consensus, are given in recent polls conducted by the Student Opinion Surveys. Students, regarding barring them from classes because of political activities or expressions, were overwhelmingly in favor of complete freedom. When asked "Do you believe that a college has the right to control a student's personal political activities or expressions?" a representative group answered as follows: Yes, 4 per cent; no, 96 per cent. Regarding control of faculty members' political activities or opinions, these were the results: Yes, 9 per cent; no, 91 per cent.

Another recent poll indicates that nearly two out of every five students read the editorials in their respective college newspapers. Interviews over a cross section of representative colleges and universities, placing before students the editorial page of their own newspapers, asked: "Have you read any of the editorials on this page?" Those who answered yes were further queried: "Completely or only partly?" Here is the national tabulation: Had read editorials—Only partly 35%, Had not read editorials 26%, Completely 39%

Hallie Harris, supervisor of janitors at the University of Kansas, estimates that in fourteen years he has climbed 880,000 steps, or a total of 742 miles.

THE RECORD TO DATE

Glenville 59, Fairmont\* 54; Glenville 47, West Liberty 44; Glenville 76, Bethany 29; Glenville 38, Wesleyan 47; Glenville 69, Alderson-Broadbudds 63; Glenville 42, Potomac State 40. Glenville's total scoring, 331 points; opponents' 277. Glenville's average per game, 55, opponents, 46. Individual scoring, eight highest: Spencer 105, Armstrong 65, Marchio 38, Scott 31, Whetsell 21, Wolfe 18, Palumbo 12, White 11.

POTOMAC STATE LOSES, 42 TO 40

Pioneers Have 'Off' Night But Stage Strong Finish to Win Over Catamounts

Still groggy after their rough match with Alderson-Broadbudds, Glenville's Pioneers came close to finding their match while they were "off" last night against Potomac State in a game which ended in a close 42-40 victory for the White Wave.

The Pioneers found their first scare after the opening of the second period when Potomac led 11-10 and held close to the Pioneers' heels at halftime with the count 21-20. Glenville's biggest margin came in the second stanza when the score was 19-13.

Coach D. G. Lough's front floor men, Yewic, Starford and Howard, put Potomac out in front 25-21, with six minutes of the second half gone. Glenville's guard, Sam Marchio, tied the score at 28 momentarily before O'Neil sunk a field goal to give Potomac a 30-28 advantage at the end of the third heat.

From here on out the battle was on, and Big Earle Spencer went to work and scored twelve of his 24 points in the final quarter. [With only three and one-half minutes to go, Co-captain Robert Armstrong counted for a field goal to tie the count. Two more points by Spencer closed the Pioneers' total at 42.

Mercury Musings

(Continued from page 1) tank can travel at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour on land, ten in water and can break down trees measuring eight or ten inches in diameter.

ENROLLMENT DECREASE

Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, predicts a marked decrease in college and university enrollment in the near future. Although there was a slight increase in the total enrollment in 1940, he said that a decrease in freshman enrollment should warn educators that the universities in the future will have fewer prospective students because of more stringent immigration regulations and the decline of the nation's birth rate.

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PALUMBO WINS FIVE STRAIGHT

College Intramural Basketball Teams Enter Round 2; To Continue 2nd Semester

Frank Hammer's quintet defeated Fred Shreve's team, 44-31, Wednesday evening with Eison collecting 13 points for the winners. Shreve was unable to play because of influenza. Scoring their second victory of the season, Robert Butcher's cagers trounced A. Kafer's team, 51-16. Harris led the scoring with 25 points for Butcher's five.

Starting round No. 2 of the intramural league Thursday evening, Butcher's cagers kept on their winning streak by downing Shreve's team, 44-25. Harris again took scoring honors with 29 points. Hollo's five bowed to Hammer's later in the evening, 52-33, with Crutchfield collecting 22 points for the winners.

FINAL STANDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Lists final standings for various teams.

FORMER STUDENT POSES WITH MOVIE ATTRESSES

Jack Hunt, a former student in the College, was photographed recently with movie actresses Judy Garland and Lana Turner, while in the West to attend the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, Calif. The picture was in a recent issue of a Huntington newspaper.

Hunt, known to friends as "Jackie," is a football and basketball player at Marshall College.

In doing what we ought we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.—St. Augustine.

Michigan Coach Says Athletics Not Over-Emphasized

"We who are vitally interested in college athletics realize that they have not been perfect. Nevertheless I venture to conclude that out of some thousand colleges and universities in our country there are not more than a dozen where athletics have been over-emphasized." Herbert Orrin Crisler, head football coach at the University of Michigan, lays football's faults to a small minority.

County History To Be Published

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Memory Book," "Oceana and the Cook Family," "Plant Life in Braxton County," "The Bulloves County," and "Of Stars and Bars." County histories in preparation are: Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Mason, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Putnam, Raleigh, Summers, Tucker, and Wyoming.

Other works in preparation are: "The Negro in West Virginia," "Charleston—A City Builds," "West Virginia Factbook," "The Story of Ranelle," "Women of West Virginia" and "West Virginia: Profile in Pictures."

Among the other persons in Gilmer County employed on the project are Virginia H. Riddle, Tanner; Maysel M. Luzader, Glenville; Janet Fisher, Glenville; Bernard Conrad, Sand Fork; Gorman C. Self, Glenville.

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# SOCIAL EVENTS of the WEEK



Pictured above is Mrs. Robert Smith, the former Grace Summers, A. B. '28, of Glenville, whose marriage at Cattlesburg, Ky., was an event of December 21.



Mrs. William H. Allen, above, was before her marriage December 24, Miss Geraldine Lee Meadows, of Normantown, a former student in the College. (Cut courtesy The Exponent).

## Here's Explanation Of Sun's Ups And Downs This Season

By Don Hinkle  
The lengthening of the days has caused some students to remark: "Can't you notice the days getting longer?"

In response, a poll was taken which showed that students do not observe as much about weather as one would think. When asked whether the amount of time added to the daylight period was greater in the morning or evening, or whether the amount is equal, the general response was: "I hadn't thought much about that."

Others said, "We don't get up that early." Twenty-five votes of students showed three to believe the days are now lengthening more at the sun's rising, eight said they are lengthening more in the evening, and twelve said the amount added each day would be equal. Two would not pass judgment.

The fact is, according to the 1941 calendar of January, in Miles' New Weather Almanac, during the first three weeks of this year there has been added four minutes difference in the sun's rising and twenty-eight minutes at the setting.

This is explained by Prof. C. W. Post as being due to the sun's inability to keep up heat while it is so far south which consequently causes a lag of the daylight hours in keeping up with the sun.

Election of officers will constitute a major portion of the Canterbury Club meeting Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Room 1 of the library. Maupassant stories will be related by Nelson Craddock, Olive Myers and Madeline Conrad.

## College Women Keep Apace With Current Styles; And the Hair Is No Exception

Staff Reporter Observes a Few Of the Local Fads; Says Many Are Attractive

By Jean McMillian  
What are the campus girls looking for in styles for 1941? Each college, of course, has its varied tastes, but the current styles for the Miss Good of G. S. T. C. might read like this:

First this week, and I believe the most unusual, are the red, white and blue ankle socks that evidently are popular on this campus. These, of course, are worn with matching hair-bows.

Have you noticed the display of fur coats and jackets since the holidays? Looking fresh in fur are Bobbie Duffield, Jean Brun and others in Verona Maple. Brown is the favorite color.

A light woollen dress worn with a fur jacket makes an attractive outfit. Speaking of attractive outfits, how about the yellow sweaters being worn? Some are long-sleeved with a high neck-line, as worn by Lorene Lewis; others, long-sleeved with an opened front. Yellow is the color in sweaters, worn mostly with brown or beige skirts this season.

Striped Shipan's Shore skirts, and others made from that style, are frequently seen in the well-dressed co-ed's wardrobe. Pin stripes with a white collar, long sleeves, and white cuffs, make any girl appear neat and well dressed. Perhaps you'd prefer white with tiny blue stripes, as owned by Edith Fell, or white with red stripes as worn by Helen Taylor.

Worthy of note: Reba Legg's green velveteen with white dots; Teresa Butcher's shoe shines; two-tone woollen jackets worn by Mildred Keener and Pauline Burke; Betty Altizer's jewel-studded "God Bless America" pin; Evelyn Keith's manish key ring worn with light woollen skirts; brown suede jackets with tiny buckles as seen in the wardrobe of the Howard twins.

Girl Scout shoes and saddle oxfords are current styles in footwear. Hair style of the week goes to Gladys Reynolds whose blond tresses are always neat and attractive.

## COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS ATTEND MEETING IN WESTON

Miss Margaret D. Kenney, Miss Goldie C. James, and Miss Bertha E. Olsen were guests at a meeting of the art department of the Weston Woman's Club Thursday evening, and later attended a tea at the home of Mrs. J. W. Wilson, 421 Main Avenue, Weston. Principal speaker at the meeting was Miss Lois Wilson, of Buckhannon.

## Notes From

### THE ROBERT F. KIDD LIBRARY

Colds, influenza, coughs and sneezes are so prevalent on the campus that Miss Willerma White jokingly spoke of starting an "Influenza Service" for students confined to their rooms. "I would recommend light reading, such as romance or mystery," said Miss White. In order to avoid that gloomy picture, however, one may find in the library a small book entitled "Our Common Enemy," by the editors of Fortune magazine, in conjunction with eminent doctors. It contains not only the usual preventives, but also what one must sniff, suck, gulp, swallow, rub on, or merely "use" in case of a cold.

Are you a student who intends to enter the teaching profession the first of February? If so, Sherwin Cody has written a book especially for you. "New Art of Writing and Speaking the English Language" contains helpful hints every teacher will need, and, wonders of wonders, teaches you how

to write "letters that compel an answer."

Many people of West Virginia, and the whole nation for that matter, believe the United States will collapse because of dangers from within. Because of this, books, pamphlets and articles have been compiled by the American Library Association of Chicago under the title, "The Dangers to Democracy." Unemployment, frustrated youth, propaganda and hysteria are just a few of the topics students may read about from "The Booklist" of January 1. Editors of McCall's magazine began in the February issue, a monthly report of the struggle of men and women of the U. S. to defend everything they hold dear. Three articles appear this month. "Women in the War" is a comparison of the jobs women held in 1917 and those of 1940. The other two are "What We Are About to Defend?" which is one-eighth of the population of the globe and 29 per cent of the earth's surface, and "Credo of an American Child," written by Toni Taylor and believed by 43 million children in the United States.

One of the forty-five books added to the Library January 1 might help in the West Virginia senatorial mixup. Fictitious "Uncle Amos, Politician," who went to Charleston and "dabbled" in government affairs, was written by Philip Mallory Conley.

## MISS BROWN HONORED AT FAREWELL PARTY

Helen Heater, Teresa Butcher, Agnes Wright and Geraldine McClain entertained with a farewell party at the Conrad Hotel Thursday evening for Miss Mary Adelaide Brown, student here this semester, who left yesterday for Washington, D. C., to accept a position with the National Defense Council.

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