

By Gray Barker

THIS WEEK we are "pinch-hitting" for our editor, Helen Taylor, regular author of this column, who has been called to her home because of her mother's illness. Realizing we cannot fill her place, we are nevertheless trying to do our best.

THE WEATHER has been a motley thing the past week. Ranging from sunshine to rain to snow, it has kept students in a constant dither. One wears his overshoes to class and finds the weather excellent when it is over; one dons his heavy coat for a walk and almost "burns up."

WE NOTE THAT Ernie Pyle, roving correspondent now in Italy, has been added as a daily feature in the Clarksburg Exponent to replace the column of the late Raymond Clapper. Rapidly increasing in popularity, the column treats with Ernie's experiences with men in the front lines. Many parents of soldiers in that battle area say reading his column is just like getting a letter from their sons. He writes with a down-to-earth abandon, giving his readers the impression that he is a personal friend.

THE FEW REMARKS that the Rev. Mr. Overstreet made in chapel the past Wednesday prove he is not only an excellent speaker, but has a fine sense of humor. With only a few humorous remarks he had the audience in gales of laughter. The Rev. Mr. Overstreet, pastor of the Memorial Church, Spencer, is now conducting special services in the First Methodist Church in Glenville.

JACK HARRISON, head of the "toast now" movement, wonders if he is "half as smart as he thinks he is." Try as he may, it is reported he and the other gourmets at his table cannot master the glass stacking technique. Being consistent readers of Emily Post (there may be post mortems before it is over), the occupants of the table believe that a light conversation is just the thing for the correct functioning of the digestive system.

THE TENNIS COURT, muddy and barren, looks desolate these days. One cannot help reminiscing of the time when it was filled with cheery shouts of students volleying a ball back and forth. However, when spring comes (oh happy thought), there is promise of renewed activity as testified by tennis rackets stowed away in closets here and there.

MISS IVY LEE MYERS added a new method to her many interesting teaching techniques when she presented her Math. 202 class with "tickets" the past week. Upon close examination these "tickets" bore certain symbols informing the student of the kind of computations in which he was deficient. Miss Myers announced, with a sly smile, that they were tickets to the show—to "show" students where to study in the new texts. Pun my word!

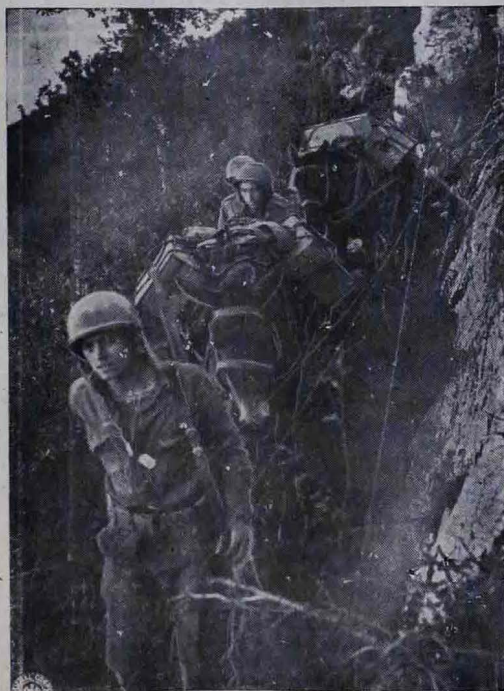
A THOUGHT FOR the day: Why not have an art exhibition of the pictures with which students "decorate" their walls? There would certainly be a large collection to judge, and the choice would no doubt be difficult considering the variety of tastes running from Varga Girls to pin-up boys.

RABBI LEFKOWITZ visited Miss Goldie C. James' biology laboratory during his visit here. Having studied medicine four years, he is greatly interested in Biology.

MISS TAYLOR informed the Mercury Friday that her mother had suffered two cerebral hemorrhages and that it was very difficult for her to think when her mother's life was in danger. However, she enclosed copy, two paragraphs of which appear at the end of the column. At the time of writing she was waiting in the hospital to give a transfusion

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## The Long, Long Trail



Army Signal Corps Photo

The fighting in Italy is rugged and once again the faithful mule comes into his own as a combat team member. Here you see supplies being carried up to our troops who are on their way to Rome. Let's All Back their Attack by buying more War Bonds. From U. S. Treasury

## Speaker Says Two Key Words In 'American Democracy' Are 'Liberty' and 'Equality'

By Janette Cunningham

"In the two ideals, 'liberty, and equality,' we find the meaning of American democracy." Such was the sentiment expressed by Rabbi Aaron H. Lefkowitz, of Cumberland, Md., who spoke here Wednesday morning at the assembly hour and conducted an informal conference at the College lounge at 2 p. m. He appeared here through special arrangement with the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

"The Meaning of American Democracy in the Light of Biblical Tradition" was the topic of Rabbi Lefkowitz' address, which was heard by training school pupils and teachers and several townspeople.

"Equality, unity of mankind under one God, as stressed by Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address," he said, "is set forth in the first story of the Bible—the story of the descent of all mankind from one man, created by God from dust taken from all parts of the world. This must have influenced the framers of the Declaration of Independence, too, in stating that 'all men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.'"

"The Liberty Bell got its name," he said, "from a Biblical quotation (Lev. 25:10) and the Bill of Rights embodied principles that were established tradition in the Biblical commonwealth thousands of years ago." He cited the stories of King Abah and Nahab and of David and Bathsheba as instances in which persons were rebuked for depriving other men of life and property.

Rabbi Lefkowitz said the original seal for the new country, designed by Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson, had on it an illustration of the cross-

ing of the Red Sea, and he said that the adage printed around the outside, 'Rebellion to tyranny is obedience to God,' was the belief that kindled the Revolution; in attempting to impress that belief upon the minds of people, the intellectual leaders cited various Biblical references.

Even Thomas Paine, a man who cared nothing for religion, turned to the Bible for his arguments against tyranny in his "Common Sense" publications.

"America takes pride in her development with respect to the church," he said, "because her two fundamental principles found their beginnings in the Bible."

Rev. Overstreet, of Spencer, who conducted a series of services at the Glenville Methodist Church, was introduced following Rabbi Lefkowitz' address.

Approximately thirty students, faculty members, and townspeople attended the afternoon conference. Classes met as usual but some were dismissed early so that students might attend.

Asked why so much more has been said about the right to liberty than about the right to life, which the framers of the Declaration of Independence evidently considered of foremost importance, Rabbi Lefkowitz stated that the "mere right to live means nothing" and that life without liberty is as futile as is liberty without law. "The association of freedom and law," he said, "is shown by the two Jewish holidays; the Passover, the symbol of freedom, and the Pentecost, which commemorates the giving of the Law."

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## Pres. Haight Pleased With Conference Of School Men Held In Atlanta, Georgia

By Ruby Metzger

### James Parks Awarded Silver Star; Serving In Italian War Area

James L. Parks, former student and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parks of Elizabeth, has been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action while serving in Italy. Parks recently received the purple heart for service in the same theatre of battle. The letter of citation read:

"An enemy artillery shell exploded in the midst of a marching column of men of the — Infantry Regiment, resulting in an unusually large number of casualties. T-5 Parks, normally an aid station record clerk, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, proceeded to the scene of the shelling, and while subjected to concentrated enemy fire, he administered morphine to the seriously wounded survivors.

"Technician Parks then assisted in evacuating them to an aid station, where for the remainder of the night he continued to administer treatment to the wounded. His courage and initiative in the face of grave danger helped save the lives of several men."

## Pres. Haight On Public Relations SEA Committee

Dr. D. L. Haight, president of the College, has been named on a public relations committee for the State Education Association, it was announced over the week-end by the SEA president in Charleston.

Two other committees also were named and all have been asked to compile reports to be given at the 80th annual SEA convention which is to be held in Wheeling at a date yet to be determined.

The new committees and members include:

Public relations—Mrs. Nancy Davis, Cabell county, chairman; E. Cassidy Bailey, McDowell county; G. William Ropp, Berkeley county; C. N. Hill, Braxton county, and Dr. D. L. Haight, Gilmer county.

Research—Delmas Miller, Marshall county, chairman; Mary Kenyon, Ohio; Helen Bryant, Mercer; Walden Roush, Mason, and Wanda Boley, Harrison.

Professionalization—D. G. McGary, Kanawha county, chairman; James Moler, Jefferson; Mary Margaret Culin, Logan; John Montgomery, Greenbrier, and Juliette Wright, Wood.

### Betty Altizer, William K. Carter Married

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin J. Wiseman, of Summersville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Betty Lou Altizer, former College student, to Mr. William K. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carter of Huntington.

The marriage ceremony was performed in Ironton, Ohio, January 20, with the Rev. E. A. Kable of the Lutheran church officiating.

Mr. Carter, a former College cheer leader, attended Huntington School of Commerce and was later employed by the Ohio Valley Bus Company of Huntington.

The couple will live in Huntington.

John McCutcheon, a former student, now a student in the University, was a week-end visitor in Glenville.

Dr. D. L. Haight, president of the College, returned to Glenville Saturday from Atlanta, Georgia, where for three days he took part in and listened to discussions on "The People's School in War and Peace."

This wartime conference on Education was a regional one attended by school administrators, in place of the annual national meeting. Leaders of education discussed plans for carrying on schools now and after the war.

Dr. Haight expressed himself as approving the work of Governor Arvell of Georgia and described him as a progressive, deeply interested in the education of the masses. He quoted him as saying, "There should be education for all . . . technical, cultural or vocational."

Governor Arvell believes in the policy that EDUCATION PAYS rather than the adage that education costs. He thinks that if more money were put in education that the business world would profit proportionately.

Dr. Haight said that discussions by army leaders on the topic of illiteracy showed some interesting things that army training could do. Within eight weeks their training programs can bring one of low intelligence to that of a fourth-grade level.

Worth McClure, president of the association, had recently spent two months in England and he reported to the conference of conditions there. He was pleased with the way teachers in England were carrying on their work in the face of danger and with less equipment.

Teachers college ways have been copied by the army, said Brigadier General Walter L. Weible in explaining the training program of the Army Service Forces. Teachers are chosen, given supervised study and observation, then assigned to the places best fitted for them, he explained.

Dr. Paul R. Mort' of Columbia University stated that more money should be spent for education. To him \$115 per pupil per year is the minimum to be spent to have a good elementary school. He said, "Schools do things that spend \$250 per pupil per year; those that spend \$100 do less, and those that spend an average of \$60 hardly move at all."

### SEVEN NEW GIRLS IN VERONA MAPLE HALL

New residents of Verona Maple Hall this semester are Helen Cain, Grantsville; Margaret Bush, Parkersburg; Lucille Adkins, Clay; Betty Robertson, Clendenin; Kathaline Bleigh, Craigsville; Sue Amos, Burnsville; and Elsie Moore, Ravenna, Ohio. Miss Amos and Miss Moore are former residents in the dormitory.

### DONALD JONES EMPLOYED FOR CAMPUS WORK

The state recently hired Mr. Donald Jones of Glenville to assist Mr. Doy Fitzpatrick on the Campus. Jones, now living in Louis Bennett Hall, substituted for Mr. H. G. Law, College janitor, when the latter was absent during his wife's illness.

John Tyson, A. B. '43, an employee of the safety department of the E. I. DuPont Company, Belle, was a week-end visitor on the campus.

Leona and Peggy Williams spent the week-end at their home at Normantown.



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Here's a Challenge All Of Us Could Accept

Rabbi Lefkowitz' address on American Democracy set us thinking—and think we should. For many of us who will soon go out into responsible positions in the Community will throughout our lives be asked this question: "What is Democracy?" That question we must be prepared to answer.

True, we can give them the narrow definition we can all spout parrot-like: "Democracy is a government ruled by the masses." But the definition in this narrow sense, although true, is not enough. The younger people to whom we must pass this torch do not look for narrow definitions. In order to understand they must grasp the mass effect, the overall picture of Democracy, or it may become to them just a meaningless symbol that could be cast aside like an old cloak when a sensational idea or false panacea appears to lead them astray.

The cause for Democracy must be pictured to them graphically throughout all our teachings. We must teach them the applications of the Four Freedoms and convince them that government by the people can and does work.

But in order to teach the idea of Democracy, we must first get the full meaning ourselves. In college we have an excellent opportunity to absorb this knowledge—through books, teachers, friends' opinions, and other sources.

So we must accept this as a challenge and prepare ourselves to meet that inevitable question from a hundred lips: "What is Democracy?"—Gray Barker.

The World Looks Up As Spring Breaks Over the Hills

Spring, a wonderful gift to man, soon will slip upon us like a silent invader out of the night. The season that presents nature's amazing abilities comes without warning and never stops to ask questions of man. It steals away winter's cape; it's like a renaissance, a new life, for all living things on earth. It makes us look forward each year to its coming.

Other seasons can't compare with it. Summer is out-classed as things are too much the same day after day. The fall season with its greens, browns, yellows and other magnificent colors falls by the wayside when one stops to think that things are dying and these gay colors are just flowers that go to cover the graves. Winter, too, is forgotten, even though it may offer snow and ice and may cover the earth with a beautiful white blanket, symbolic of cleanliness and purity. The thought of death again enters the picture, and how can life be beautiful when all around it is dead.

Spring here on the campus means couples strolling around in the twilight of evening with love and affection in their eyes and hearts. The twang of the strings of a tennis racket as it meets the ball in a solid blow, birds singing in the trees, multi-colored blossoms, leaves on trees, green grass, blue skies not obstructed by black, dirty smoke from furnaces—these and many other things are noticeable in spring.

Spring truly is God's most wonderful gift; it is new life.—Hayward Groves.

Quotes

WORTH QUOTING

Popularity is like the brightness of a falling star, the fleeting splendor of a rainbow, the bubble that is sure to burst by its very inflation.—Chatfield.

When we have not what we love, we must love what we have.—Bussy-Rabutin.

Army Announces Plans to Cut Specialized Training Program In Nation's Colleges

In a Saturday morning news release the Associated Press reported the Army had announced plans to eliminate most of its specialized military training program in colleges, and an education leader predicted "a very serious effect" on schools already hard hit by the war.

The effect in Glenville State College will be virtually nil, since no ASTP program was set up here and the attendance is made up largely of girls. Three or more other colleges in the state are expected to experience declines in attendance as a result of the new plans.

Some 110,000 specialized training troops will be transferred from college campuses to combat fields, the War Department said, because draft boards have failed to meet the Army's manpower requirements to the full.

Dr. George F. Zook, president of the American Council on Education who made the remark about the seriousness of the action from an educational standpoint, said it would naturally bear hardest on those colleges which have no women students and no Navy contracts.

Except for advanced courses in

medicine, dentistry and engineering, the entire ASTP—Army Special Training Program—will be eliminated.

The decision was reached because the Army is 200,000 men short of its goals. The high command wanted 7,700,000 men in uniform by the end of 1943. It got 7,500,000, the War Department said.

This shortage immediately raised the prospect of another belt-tightening for the draft boards, re-combing files of the deferred and perhaps more emphasis on speedy induction of fathers heretofore deferred for dependency reasons alone—a reason no longer sufficient under draft procedure.

The ASTP was organized by the Army Dec. 17, 1942.

Soldiers who had gone through basic training and showed special aptitudes in technical subjects were enrolled.

It is planned to remove 110,000 men from the colleges before April 1 and reassign them to combat service, leaving 35,000 students. The latter figure includes 5,000 pre-induction students. The 17-year-olds will not be affected.

Notes From . . . . . The Robert F. Kidd Library

By Janette Cunningham

A new reference work in the Library, BASIC ENGLISH, is a collection of articles by well-known linguistic authorities on the development of Basic English and its favorable and unfavorable points. Public interest was aroused in this country when Prime Minister Winston Churchill commented favorably in an address at Harvard last September.

Basic English is the English language restricted to a specific limited vocabulary (about 850 words) and a minimum of rules for its use. It was originated by two professors at Magdalene College, England, in the years following the first World War, as a system of teaching the language with a minimum of time and effort, but has come to imply much more;

among aliens it has tended to bridge cultures and has entered into such fields as advertising, motion pictures, radio, and military training.

"An international language has long been sought—Basic English stands as one of the foremost candidates for the international role."

Sholem Asch's novel, THE APOSTLE, based on the life of St. Paul, is ready for circulation. The novelist won great praise for two previous novels, THE NAZARENE (based on the life of Christ) and THE THREE CITIES.

Clifton Fadiman calls THE APOSTLE "a universal work of art."

Another new book is U. S. FOREIGN POLICY: SHIELD OF THE REPUBLIC, by Walter Lippman, noted figure in newspaper and political circles.

FROM THE MERCURY'S FILES

1930 FOURTEEN YEARS AGO Editors of the Glenville Mercury for the second semester were Harry Taylor and Warren Blackhurst; Robert Blair was chosen advertising manager and Linn B. Hickman, business manager.

1931 THIRTEEN YEARS AGO Students to receive degrees from Glenville State Normal School in June are Eulah Barker, Ruth Blake, Bruce Brannon, Lloyd Britton, Mary Hazel Butcher, Sarah Louise Cain, Madelyn Chevront, Lina Cox, Daisy Cusack, Justine Cusack, Cleora Deitz, Ruth Dyer, Eva Gillespie, Katherine Hammer, Winnie Hamric, Mabel Huffman, Mary Hyer, Claudia Kelley, Rachel Lewis, Mary McGee, Chloe McMillian, Marjorie Miller, Oleta Miller, Edith Moser, Olive Virginia O'Dell, Thomas Pentony, Mildred Pettit, Ira Reed, Mabel Rose, Gladys H. Rowan, Oris Simons, Marie Taylor, Neva Ward, Ernestine Williams, Virginia Wise and Elizabeth Watson.

1932 TWELVE YEARS AGO Three of Edgar Allen Poe's short stories were told at a recent meeting of the Canterbury Club. "The Black Cat" was told by Walter Moore, "The Masque of Red Death" by Opal Hardman and "The Facts In Cases of M. Valmore," by Glen Henderson.

1933 ELEVEN YEARS AGO Miss Eleanor Boggess, a freshman from Harrisville, had the highest grades in the College for the first semester. Ila Carson, Elizabeth Mur-

ray, George B. White, Mary Eileen Jarvis and Marjorie Lee Morris had the next highest standing.

1934 TEN YEARS AGO Mr. Angelo Eagon, '26, of Huntington, was awarded the Schoenberg Scholarship for students of piano.

The date set for the annual Little Kanawha Valley sectional basketball tournament was March 2 and 3 and it was to be held in the College gymnasium.

1935 NINE YEARS AGO New members of the Y. M. C. A. were Willis Tatterson, Bruce Reed and John Gulentz.

John Mowery, Leon Rishel, Don Mills and William Malone attended the basketball game between Wesleyan and Glenville at Buckhannon. The Pioneers defeated the Bobcats 48-37.

1936 EIGHT YEARS AGO Playgros League, Inc., presented "The First Legion," a three-act play by Emmet Lavery, in the College auditorium. The cast included such notable stage personalities as Earl McDonald, William Durbin and Ainsworth Arnold.

1937 SEVEN YEARS AGO "Young Lochinvar," a one-act skit, was presented by Miss Margaret Dobson's speech class at a Valentine party given in the gymnasium. Laddie Bell, a sophomore in the College, was the victor in an apple eating contest which featured the evening's program.

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OFF THE REEL

Comments on Movie Shorts and Features

By Gray Barker

At the close of the past year the movie critics of The New York Times made the usual list of ten motion pictures which in their opinion were the "cream of the crop." From their list, "Watch On the Rhine," starring Bette Davis, was selected as the champion of them all. The regular academy awards when issued, may and usually do differ from the opinions of The Times, and it will be interesting to note their selections. The complete list of Time's selections follows:

"The Ox Bow Incident," with Henry Fonda, not box office but good going; "Madame Curie," latest Garson Pidgeon get-together not yet penetrating little towns like Glenville; "Air Force," which the writer did not think was so spectacular; "Sahara," another war picture with Bogart lent to Columbia, a choice with which many critics will disagree; "Corvette K-225," a Universal picture which the Times erroneously asserts was made by Columbia; "Desert Victory," a British-produced documentary film, the sound track of which carried some of the best prose of the year; "Report From the Aleutians," which we saw the past Thursday-Friday (an excellent picture had it not been for the bad physical condition of the print, and "travel ghost" from one projection machine; "The More the Merrier," and last, "For Whom the Bell Tolls," still running at \$1.10 per seat and said by many not to be worth it.

I had the opportunity of seeing an interesting movie of a few years back, "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer," in the high school the past Thursday afternoon. Gary Cooper, the main player, was only a featured actor when the picture was filmed and wore a mustache. Franchot Tone, also appearing, looked incredibly young compared to his present appearance. The film is now being released in a 16 mm version.

Was that Mrs. F. D. R. we saw in a scene with Vice-President Wallace in the past week's Paramount news? She was sitting by Mr. Wallace's side, appeared very bored. When he concluded his speech, however, she managed to applaud weakly. Which reminds of a story Dave Tewell tells: Some natives saw President Roosevelt as he was traveling from one of his conferences. "Look, there's her husband," they cried.

The larger part of those students seeing "This Is the Army" the past Sunday came away with shouts of praises. But then there were a very few of us who were not exactly "swept off our feet" by the two hours of stamping and flag waving. But are we grossly "out of the groove"? Maybe our dissonance was a result of the almost deafening volume (no fault of Warner Bros.) from the local sound system, advertised in the lobby as "The Magic Voice of the Screen," for which we suggest a gargle plus some new tubes.

On THE CAMPUS

By Catherine Withers

Helpful Hint . . . Norita Gallien says that upon finding herself without a penny post card she used a recipe card instead to avoid a delay in her correspondence . . . A definite sign of the war restrictions on certain campus articles is the growing scarcity of saddle oxfords . . . Very much envied are those girls who have been lucky enough to find boys' saddle shoes (left-over pre-war stock) in sizes to fit . . . Can you identify the three male faculty members who use the following terminologies quite frequently? . . . "A whale of a lot." "My dear children!" "More or less" . . . Don't know whether it's because of the recent introduction of the Tonette to Miss Bertha E. Olsen's music class or the approach of Spring, but several students have recently expressed their desires to play various musical instruments . . . Charley McIntosh is now taking piano lessons under the tutelage of Miss Olsen, and Thelma Ryan says she yearns to play the drums . . . Incidentally, the "tonetists" can play GOOD NIGHT LADIES and MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE already! . . . The person who collects all local basketball information to be handed into the Clarksburg papers is none other than our own great sport enthusiast, Waitman Jack Rader.



## On The Land, In the Air, And on The Sea With Our Friends In The Service

Lieut. Kenneth S. Starcher, recently reported missing in a fight from China to India, is safe after being forced to parachute from his plane into the jungles of India. He had been on a secret mission when his Liberator developed trouble and crashed, while he and another member of the crew parachuted to safety. Both were injured in landing.

Lieut. Starcher suffered a fractured pelvis bone and leg injuries, after landing in a tree and falling 60 feet to the ground. He was left at the foot of the tree 48 hours before being moved, and half that time was alone in the jungle.

He enlisted in the Air Corps on April 17, 1942, received flight instructions at Stockton Field, Calif., and was assigned as chief pilot on a B-24 Liberator with the 14th Air Force Command in China.

S 2-c Orris K. Stuttler, A. B. '40, recently completed boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and was a visitor in Glenville. He was accompanied by his wife, formerly Eloise Walker, A. B. '43, and small son.

Pfc. Taylor B. Keith has been changed from the 4th to the 24th Cavalry Recon. Squadron. He has been stationed in England since December. Pfc. Keith entered the armed forces in August, 1942; he had been stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas, for about four months prior to leaving the states.

Maxine Bollinger, yeoman 3-c, USNR, spent a 48 hour leave at her home in Weston on February 2 and 3. She was accompanied by Yeoman 2-c John Holiday, a native of New York city. Yeoman Holiday, on his first visit to West Virginia, was shown the Weston State Hospital and the State 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mill.

A-C Jack Luzader, who has been stationed in Tennessee, has been transferred to Athens, Georgia, where he is now in Naval pre-flight training. He writes that a number of well-known sports figures are stationed there; among them is Bill Kern, former football coach at West Virginia University.

Earl Wolfe, now stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va., has been promoted to the rank of Staff-Sergeant. He has hopes of being in Glenville on furlough during the high school basketball tournament, March 3 and 4.

Pvt. James Shumate is now stationed at Iowa University, Iowa City. He writes: "Since coming here, I ran upon 'Rusty' Stalnaker. I want you to know that, next to a letter from home, the Mercury is the best piece of news that I could receive. You are doing a wonderful job with the paper so keep up the good work. Many happy editions."

Pfc. Frank Bowles, with the Army in England, recently spent a seven-day furlough in London and Edinburgh. He writes: "I saw Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Md. Toussand's Wax Museum, and the rest of the big 'sights'. Quite a town, London. I skated on an indoor rink there and played three sets of tennis and a few rounds of golf, too. . . . This English weather—I've seen the sun five times already in four months."

Miss Margy Jack, sophomore, left Glenville Thursday to spend a few days at Norfolk, Va., with her sister, Yeoman 3-c Patty Jack of the Waves, who is stationed there. Patty writes that her living conditions are characterized by "coal stoves that are always out in the mornings. My work is very interesting. I have my own little office; a messenger is in it, too, but I am the only one pounding a typewriter. . . . I guess I am getting along all right in my work. I haven't heard of any ships being sunk because I typed in the wrong word in the wrong space."

Staff-Sergt. Hugh B. Fultz, Jr., S. N. '35, is now in Sardinia; he was moved there from North Africa sometime last month. While in North Africa, he visited such cities as Algiers, Bizerte, Tunis, and Casablanca.

J. Arthur Butcher has been stationed as Weather Observer at Jodhpur Air Base in India since May, 1943. Butcher, A. B. '39, writes his wife long, descriptive letters of what he sees and learns about the country; Mrs. Butcher, formerly Miss Pearl Spaur and a former student here, has received 221 pages.

John Cooper, R. M. 3-c, who is somewhere in the Pacific, says, "The Pacific looks quite a bit different from the Atlantic and it is usually more calm and peaceful. I guess Balboa had 'something on the ball' when he named it."

The following new and changes of address have been received: 1st Lt. Gordon Thompson, 315 Fighter Sq., 324 Fta. Gp., A. P. O. 525, Postmaster, New York City; A-C Rud-dell Reed, Jr., Prov. Sq. B, Class 448-Flight 28, A. A. F. A. N. S., Selman Field, Monroe, La.; Pvt. Harold P. Reese, 15174386, Training Group 53, Class 186, Keesler Field, Miss.; Carlton M. Matheny, S 2-c. C. B. M. U. 531, Fleet P. O., San Francisco; A-C C. J. Luzader, Navy Pre-Flight, Independence Bks., Room 100, Batt. 44, Co. C, Plat. 3, Athens, Ga.; Pvt. James Shumate, 15170874, Co. B, East Lawn, A. S. T. Unit, Iowa Univ., Iowa City; Pvt. Donzel E. Betts, 35753226, Co. F-5, 3651 S. U., A. S. T. P., Ann Arbor, Mich.; Pfc. Taylor B. Keith, 35438741, Med. Det., 24th Cav. Recon. Sq., A. P. O. 230, c-o Postmaster, New York.

### Commuter Girls To Meet V. M. H. Team Here Tonight

"The Shooting Stars," a basketball team composed of College Commuter girls, will play a quint of Verona Mapel Hall girls tonight in the gymnasium at 7:30. The Commuter team will be captained by Wanda Strader, fast-shooting forward and the leader of the Verona Mapel Hall team will be Thelma Ryan. Although neither team has played a regular game this season, most of the players have seen plenty of action in W. A. A. games.

Miss Rose Funk, physical education instructor, will referee and the admission will be ten cents (including tax). The Verona Mapel Hall squad includes Frances Gerwig, Isabelle Clark, Charlotte Ryan, Geneva Proctor, Beulah Given, Nina Craigo, Evelyn Finster, Etta Jane Judge, Beatrice Stewart, Violet Morgan and Juanita McWilliams. Players on the Commuter team are Janette Cunningham, Ruby Messenger, Mary Inez Miller, Edna Ruth Ellyson, Helen Radcliff, Emelyne Davis, Margaret Hawkins, Mary Jo Ellyson, Maxine Riddle, Ritamae Fling, Pauline Keller and Betty Lydick.

### FORTY PERSONS ATTEND WAA PARTY IN GYMNASIUM

Refreshments were served to approximately forty persons who attended a party sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association in the College gymnasium Friday night immediately following the Glenville-Weston basketball game. Music for dancing was furnished by the College record-player and Chinese checkers, rook, darts and other games were played. Chaperons were Miss Alma Arbuckle, social committee chairman, Miss Rose Funk, W. A. A. adviser, and the Reverend C. Lloyd Arehart.

## SPORT NEWS and VIEWS

By Thelma Ryan

By the way sports fans are talking about the sectional tournament which is to be held in the College gymnasium March 3-4, there will probably be such an overflowing crowd that the gymnasium will not be able to hold the spectators. In former years the competition has not been so great as now; the teams are much more equal in strength and anything will likely happen! Spencer is still undefeated this season but there doesn't seem to be enough difference in their strength to make them stand out as a probable tournament winner. Sand Fork still holds the lead in the Central-West Virginia conference. Glenville has been defeated by Sand Fork twice and Normantown once, but the Red Terrors pulled a surprise upset last week by defeating Normantown on the Viking floor.

After the Mercury was issued the past week, I was "gently" informed by Tanner alumni in the College that the "Bulldogs" had finally WON a game! They defeated Walkersville in a game that really must have been a "doozy"!

Getting back to the tournament plans, Earl Boggs, principal of Glenville High School, has been named director, and an eligibility committee is composed of Melvin L. Mackey, Spencer, chairman, A. C. Bramlett of Normantown and Asa Cooper of Tanner, members. The official scorer will be Eugene Thompson of Sand Fork and time keeper will be Russ Hardman. Earl Culp of Harrisville will handle the whistle and a committee to select an all-tournament team is the Rev. C. Lloyd Arehart of Glenville, M. T. ("Hick") Hamrick, principal of Grantsville High School and H. G. Everly of Spencer.

A new feature of this year's tournament will be the presentation of the individual awards to all-tournament teams instead of to the winning team, as has been the custom in former years. The tournament champs will receive a plaque provided by the state and numerous prizes will be offered by business men of Glenville for outstanding individual play, cheering sections, etc.

Student season tickets will be \$1.00 (College students are included) and Friday (single) sessions for students will be thirty cents. Saturday's sessions will be forty cents.

### Death Takes Mrs. Boggs, Mother of Former Students

Funeral services were conducted by the Reverend Fell Kennedy and the Reverend O. E. Northern at the Bennett Church, February 12, for Mrs. Melissa Frame Boggs, 70 years old, who died at the University Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., on February 10. Mrs. Boggs was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Iowa Frame and was married to Walter Boggs, who survives her.

Also surviving are seven children, Lady Boggs Walton of Scottsville, Va., a former student in the College, Roland of Washington, D. C., Thomas of Buckroe Beach, Va., Mary A. of Dunbar, Woodrow W. of Washington, D. C., Goldie Boggs Stargell of Scheyler, Va., Clara Boggs Leap of Welch Cove, N. C.; three brothers, James Frame of Troy, Cleveland Frame of Perkins, French Frame of Scottsville, Va., and one sister, Elizabeth Frame Sineath of St. Paul, N. C. Mrs. Boggs was preceded in death by two children, Floda and Roy.

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## Craigo's Team Opens Badminton Season With Victories Over Shirley Spencer Troupe

Nina Craigo's badminton team opened the second semester games Thursday night in the gymnasium by defeating Shirley Spencer's team 15-4 and 15-13. Craigo's team obtained an early lead and was never headed in either game. In two volleyball games the same night Margy Jack's team outplayed Norita Gallien's to win by scores of 15-7 and 15-11. Girls who played badminton and volleyball were Norita Gallien, Bobbie Coe, Shirley Spencer, Glennis Hudkins, Edith Hinterer, Evelyn Finster, Thelma Ryan, Geneva Proctor, Beulah Given, Nina Craigo, Frances Gerwig, Esther Cook, Isabelle Clark, Charlotte Ryan and Betty Waybright.

Sports leaders, captains and teams recently chosen were: Volleyball: Sports leader, Janet Boggs; captains, Margy Jack and Norita Gallien; teams: Jack: Geneva Proctor, Frances Gerwig, Isabelle Clark, Esther Cook, Beulah Given, Lucille Hardman, Betty Faulkner, Catherine Withers and Betty Waybright; Gallien: Edith Hinterer, Nina Craigo, Glennis Hudkins, Evelyn Finster, Shirley Spencer, Thelma Ryan, Katy Bleigh, Mary Alice Wagner, Ann Withers and Helen Cox. Badminton: Sports leader, Bobbie Coe; captains, Nina Craigo and Shirley Spencer; teams: Craigo: Isabelle Clark, Juanita Westfall, Frances Gerwig, Geneva Proctor and Etta Jane Judge; Spencer: Helen Taylor, Betty Waybright, Charlotte Ryan, Norita Gallien, Thelma Ryan and Katy Bleigh.

Softball: Sports leader, Katherine Hall; captains, Betty Faulkner and Evelyn Finster; teams: Faulkner: Wanda Strader, Beulah Given, Thelma Ryan, Glennis Hudkins, Isabelle Clark, Nina Craigo, Helen Radcliff and Mary Alice Wagner; Finster: Frances Gerwig, Geneva Proctor, Margy Jack, Norita Gallien, Edith Hinterer, Esther Cook and Catherine Withers.

Basketball: Sports leader, Glennis Hudkins; captains, Beulah Given and Frances Gerwig; teams: Given: Wanda Strader, Etta Jane Judge, Esther Cook, Evelyn Finster, Nina Craigo, Ann Withers, Katy Bleigh and Lucille Hardman; Gerwig: Thelma Ryan, Geneva Proctor, Margy Jack, Isabelle Clark, Helen Cox, Charlotte Ryan and Juanita Westfall.

### McINTOSH TO LEAD 'YW' DEVOTIONALS TOMORROW

Charles McIntosh, guest Y. M. C. A. member, will lead devotionals at a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the lounge of Louis Bennett Hall. After a short business meeting, the program will be under the leadership of Shirley Spencer, recently appointed program chairman. Y. M. C. A. members have a special invitation to attend.

## Mercuryite Of the Week

By Thelma Ryan

- J—ust a little country boy trying to get along—HE says!
- A—tends Y. M. C. A. regularly.
- C—hemistry is one of his favorite subjects.
- K—ept busy unstacking his own room!
- H—ome is at Canfield.
- A—rdent pool player.
- R—ams the campus with "Myrt."
- R—egular fellow!
- I—s president of the Freshman class.
- S—tudious . . . ?
- O—ften seen in the Verona Mapel Hall lounge.
- N—ever quiet!

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# Speaker Says Two Key Words In 'American Democracy' Are 'Liberty' and 'Equality'

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basis of a belief that there is an international Jewish organization which aims to overthrow existing governments and set up a world Jewish federation, he stated that they were "absolutely fictitious" and that "the Jews are the most disorganized people in the world." He said that nothing was definitely known about the origin of the Protocols except that they had their beginnings somewhere in Europe.

"No German ruler heretofore has achieved so nearly complete control over the human mind as has Adolph Hitler, and one of our most serious post-war problems will be to devise a system of reeducating the German people. In planning the peace, we must reckon with the reality that the German and Japanese peoples cannot be simply wiped off the face of the earth."

While in Glenville, Rabbi Lefkowitz was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nachman of Court Street.

## Mercury Musings . . .

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and expressed appreciation to Dean Robert T. Crawford, who took her home and "all the others who were so nice to me when I needed it."

HAVE YOU NOTICED Miss Erma Edwards' sweet potato? If you haven't, be sure to notice it the next time you go in the financial office! It adds a cheery (or should I say sweet) note to the room!

THE OTHER DAY in Physical Education 432 the students became children again and played everything from "Drop the Handkerchief" to Marbles and even "Blind Man's Buff"! The object of the class period was to learn games to teach to future pupils. But it was funny to see Hayward ("Grandpa") Groves fall flat on the floor as he daintily (?) dropped the hankie! Everyone reported a good time—even Miss Rose Funk, instructor, who played with them.

## FROM THE FILES

(Continued from page 2)

**1936 SIX YEARS AGO**

Among the College students who attended the basketball game between the New York Renaissance and Barna's Collegians at Clarksburg were Robert Mason, William Whet-sell, Frank Martino, Paul Collins, Clifton Huffman and Erle Bickel.

**1939 FIVE YEARS AGO**

Co-captains Robert Davies and Al Lilley scored 14 and 17 points, respectively, to pace the Glenville Pioneer basketball team to victory over the Concord Mountain Lions 64-50.

**1940 FOUR YEARS AGO**

Miss Goldie Clare James returned to the campus from a Clarksburg hospital, where she was a patient for several weeks.

What was once a spring on the campus in front of Verona Mapel Hall evidently washed away sufficient earth recently to cause a slip which is now being filled.

If you want to grow in the power to do things, find work which you can give your best thought and effort. Study it until you know all you can about it; then study it some more.

Do not think too much about your own life. Make up your mind as to what you want to do with your life, of course; but learn to think of others and to see how you can help them.

Zeal and zest should be capitalized, harmonized and idealized.

Knowledge of a textbook makes a seeker keen to work—not to shirk.

No price is too dear to pay for perfection in any kind of work.

Through your daily work, you can make your future what you will.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS ATTEND SPENCER-GLENVILLE GAME

Among the College students who attended the Spencer-Glenville high school game at Spencer Tuesday night were Clarence Underwood, Jr., Jack Harrison, Hayward Groves, Juanita Westfall, Nell Reed, Mary Jean Ralston and Mary K. Smith.

## DR. SHREVE AIDS IN SCRAP PAPER DRIVE

Dr. J. C. Shreve, chairman of the Gilmer County Salvage committee, and two guests, John T. Flynn, from the Clarksburg office of Civilian Defense, and Fred Burka, from the Clarksburg War Production Board, visited the five high schools of the county the past week.

Motive of their visit was to urge school children to collect scrap paper for the present drive. They were campaigning for three types of paper, magazines, newspapers, and brown paper such as cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, etc.



Mrs. C. E. McIntosh of Walkersville, father of Charles McIntosh, student in the College, has announced his candidacy for the House of Delegates. Mr. McIntosh is a former student of Glenville State College.

Etta Jane Judge spent the week-end at her home in Clendenin.

A black-face act will be presented at the next Ohningohow Club meeting, according to the chairman, Nina Craigo. Helen Taylor will act as master of ceremonies.

## HERE AND THERE

**By Hayward Groves**

The first issue of "The Blue Book of Crime," or how to be a detective in ten easy lessons, has arrived on the campus. One campus male is now in training to become a super sleuth and his first case was trying to find who hooked his doorknob.

A recent visit to Clarksburg revealed to me that our boys in the service are really co-operating. What caused me to draw this conclusion was a sailor and a soldier, both a bit tipsy. They came swaggering down the street arm in arm and each was wearing the other's headgear and apparently having a good time.

The war has made the girls' hall a place of serious business this year, from all the information I can gather. There hasn't been a room stack-

ed, a piece of clothing tied in knots, or a drop of water poured under some unsuspecting person's door. Nice going girls.

If plans now in the making work out, some lucky girls of Verona Mapel Hall will get a well deserved break on Saturday night, March the eleventh. There is a possibility of fifteen Army engineers being on the campus for a basketball game and they have requested a dance to go with the evening's entertainment.

While talking to Miss Erma Edwards, College financial secretary, the past week I was amazed to see a unusual check book. It was the one used for rationed goods. Instead of writing checks for so much cash Miss Edwards now can write checks for thousands of points. (No stick-ups, please, it is a fool-proof system).

## Art Professors Find Way to Make a Direct Contribution to World War Morale Building

**NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. (ACP).**

—Art professors at the College of New Rochelle are not confined to ivory towers in wartime. Rather, they are making an unusual and generous contribution to service morale by spending much of their spare time at a near-by military hospital making portraits of convalescent soldiers.

"The most impressive thing about the project," comments Mrs. Thompson, an instructor in design, "is the boost in morale which it gives to the men." Many of the men have been injured so badly that they are almost psychopathic cases. One soldier, for instance, wounded in action and facing an operation, was so dejected that he did not want to live. A very handsome portrait which made him resemble a movie actor brought him out of his depression and gave him a new interest in life. He is typical of the men who, through portraits done by the artists "saw themselves as individuals again after being just small cogs in the huge machinery of war."

In addition to the hospital work, the artists also work on portraits at a New Rochelle Service Center where men and women members of the services come in for relaxation. It is characteristic of servicemen, Mr. Thompson said, to want to look more glamorous than they really are. So far, more than 1,000 portraits have been finished. These are finished drawings, not merely rough sketches—three hours' work crammed into

one. The artists use charcoal and paste their media.

## QUICK QUIPS

Glenville, W. Va.  
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## A TINGE OF HUMOR

Jack: May I have the last dance with you?  
Jill: Big boy, you just had it.

### How It Happens

1940—No running board.  
1941—No gear shift.  
1942—No tires.  
1943—No car.

Two women were discussing a mutual acquaintance.

"She has a very magnetic personality," said one.

"She ought to have," said the other. "everything she has on is charged."

Two old friends who had not seen each other for a long time met on the street. One very excitedly exclaimed:

"Oh! Mable, I've had a lot happen to me since I saw you last, I had all my teeth out and an electric stove and a refrigerator put in!"

"Look here," said the Captain to the newly appointed Sergeant, "there are men coming into camp night after night after taps have been sounded. It's got to stop!"

A few days later he asked the sergeant whether things had improved.

"Oh yes, sir," was the reply. "The last man in blows the bugle now!"

"I understand your wife came from a fine old family."

"Came is not the correct word—she brought it with her!"

Margy Jack, sophomores, returned Monday from a three-day visit with her sister Y 3-c Patty Jack of the WAVES, a former College student, who is now located at Norfolk, Va.

Thirty students attended games and dancing in the gymnasium Saturday, Feb. 12. Bowling, shuffleboard, indoor horseshoe, quoits and darts were some of the games played. Lollipops were given to those attending.

Sue Amos spent the week-end at her home in Burnsville.

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Jo Ann Marteny, a student in Wesleyan College, spent the week-end on the campus visiting Isabelle Clark.

Arlene Woodburn spent the week-end at her home in Clendenin.

Mary Jo Moran and Homer Paul Heckert spent the week-end at their homes in Weston.

Juanita McWilliams and Beatrice Stewart were week-end visitors at their homes in Lockney.

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