

Preface to “The Satellite” of Glenville High School for years 1942-43:

With the World War II going on there was a scarcity of many things like gas, sugar, paper, rubber, etc. affecting everyone. A number of students were in the service or were about to be drafted. Several of “The Satellite” articles in this Volume VII reflect these elements of the ongoing war and history being generated. One issue, called the “Defense Issue”, addressed the Glenville Blackout. The blackout was planned and not the result of a Derecho. There was participation in the O. C. D. (Organization of Civil Defense) by both students and faculty. Everyone “went on War time”. During World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt instituted year-round Daylight Saving Time, called "War Time," from February 9, 1942 to September 30, 1945. This was an effort to conserve fuel needed to produce electric power and it applied across the entire United States which required moving the clocks one hour ahead. Training was held in Civil Defense (C. D.) including special classes in Gas Defense, Fire Defense and General Defense. These were held in the schools and took preference over after school activities while they lasted. There were few, if any, that did not feel the impact of war at home as well as feel the sacrifices their loved ones were making overseas. Still we tried to keep the home fires burning for them when our loved ones returned. The Red Terrors still put their hearts in the ballgames and worked hard to bring home the wins. The students yelled as loud as or louder than ever for their teams to win. They also worked hard for the War Effort as you will see from the many articles of student’s effort. They collected scarce materials to recycle such as iron, steel, rubber, paper, etc. Glenville students collected 60,000 pounds of scrap on November 30th, 1942. They saved their money for War Bonds and War Stamps and wrote letters to servicemen overseas. 53 students and teachers received C. D. certificates. Students helped wounded soldiers and served as messengers for the C. D.



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With all this they kept the home fires going and concentrated on their education. One semester, nine students made straight “A”s and 39 were on the Honor Roll. Glenville hosted the Sectional Basketball Tournament this year which the Red Terrors, coached by “Joe” Hall, won defeating their old rivals Normantown. The school year ended with 28 seniors receiving their diplomas. This was the Class of 43.

Thanks in part to my mother the copies here are provided for your enjoyment. She served a term as homeroom mother for the Class of '46 and appreciated the value of “The Satellite”, so she stored them away that I would have them for later years. I have printed a couple of booklets of them, but perhaps the more significant part is that I have also scanned these issues on to DVDs in the form of PDF and Microsoft Word files. My plans are to deposit copies with the Gilmer County Historical Society and to provide John Gainer with a printed copy and DVD of the information in this collection. If you have missing copies that can be scanned in, you could provide them to John Gainer or myself (email address above) and we will try to add them to the collection. John already has some copies on the **GHS Alumni Association Website**. For those of you not familiar with the website, it is: <http://www.glenvillehighschool.com/> . I suggest you visit the site.

Enjoy!

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