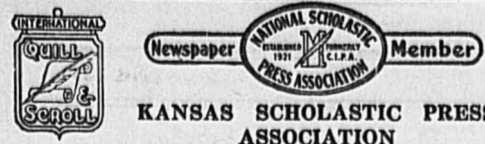


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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"What's fame? a fancy'd life in others' breath, a thing beyond us, ev'n before our death."—Pope.

GREETINGS!

Hello! I don't know how I ever sneaked into this editorial column. I certainly never intended to be because I want you to read this.

My name is Master 1937. I am young, very young, fair-complexioned, rather small but growing all the time, full of pep and rarin' to go. My father's name is Mr. 1936. You people gave him a grand farewell party last week at the same time you gave me my rousing reception. He told me all about you and I am glad to know you.

Now—to my purpose: In behalf of The Booster staff and myself, may I extend greetings of the new year. May all your troubles be small, may all your D's be C's, your B's A's, may success and prosperity be with you at all times. If you ever get in a jam, let me know.

Luck to you!

WHY?

Why do firemen wear red suspenders?
 Why does a chicken cross the road?
 Why does the President wear a dark hat?
 When is a teacher tardy?
 Silly questions? Not at all. Not a bit more silly than the question: Why are you in high school? Get it?

N. R. A. P. H. S.

How terrifying it is, especially for the pedestrian, to see a thoughtless student in a V-8, Master 6, or Lincoln Zephyr, almost stripping gears and burning a connecting rod, that he might not be tardy to his class. We know that he is trying to live up to the much-publicized characteristic of his age—SPEED! But he also is developing the tendency to ACCIDENTS and DEATH!

Do these speed demons ever stop to realize how fast they drive or what it would mean if they were to strike a hapless pedestrian? Do they know that a motor car traveling at 50 miles an hour is moving 100 feet per second?

Not only would it bring sorrow, regret and tragedy to the careless student who has maimed or even killed another, but it would ruin the reputation of the entire school as a place where care is practiced, where we have equal rights and where we are supposed to be in an atmosphere of sanity.

We must know and remember that records are not made by smashing a car into crowds. It is only by safe and sane driving that we can enroll ourselves in the N. R. A. P. H. S. (No Recklessness Around Pittsburg High School.)

INTRAMURALS

Final plans are nearly complete and the intramural basketball season for boys and girls is or will soon be underway. What are the advantages of such a plan? Do they justify the time, money and energy spent?

Our physical education department, under Mr. F. M. Snodgrass and Miss Helen D. Lanyon, has seen fit to make of the intramural program something of worthwhile effort and of benefit to those individuals who desire to compete as teams against others.

In a high school of this size, basketball playing is confined to the few who have had the most experience and who possess the greatest talent for this sport. Naturally, the boy or girl who has the determination to make the team has a much better chance than the one who stands calmly aside waiting for something to be handed to him.

The latter type is usually disappointed and deserves little sympathy. There is another type, however, to be considered. Although not as skilled in the sport as some of his fellow students, he may be sincere in his desire to play and may be an excellent example of good sportsmanship. Through the organization of the intramural league, this boy has been given a chance to play. Members of the faculty have signified their willingness to cooperate with the physical education department and are coaching teams as well as playing themselves.

The same advantage is given to the girls. Interscholastic basketball for girls has just about died out; but this does not mean that girls can no longer take part in high school sports. Instead, they have, from time to time, organized teams and played within the schools, learning the same lessons of good sportsmanship, cooperation and proper conduct.

Intramural sports are valuable.

Introducing——!



—Nadine Hirni

Let us introduce today
 These four "mugs," and by the way
 One each week, they will be seen
 On the Booster's "Cartoon Screen." —W. F.

THE DRAGON WHISPERS (Mary Virginia Hubert)

New Year's Resolutions
 Junior Forrester—to find out why the girls are always asking the boys to dance instead of vice versa. (Maybe it will end with leap year, Junior.)

Jimmy Kelly—to drive a little bit more carefully in order not to hand out so many black eyes.

Howard Mosby—not to stand under any more mistletoe when Billie Louise Heimdale is around. (She rushed up and kissed him last time.)

Ed O'Connor—to stay at least a block away from a certain girl since she so rudely stood him up on Christmas Eve.

Betty Jo Coulter—never to take rides home from a show again, but to take a taxi—since Eddie came so near to exploding the last time.

Jim Hand—to give the girls a break and ask a few of them for dates.

Betty Davis and Julia Anne Pogson—to add a few more boy friends to their list like the ones that call them long distance from Kansas City.

Maxine Douglas and Leo Ensmann—not to have any more fights over Jimmy Kelly. (Anyway, he's already been spoken for; you needn't worry, Leo.)

Mac French—to keep his eye on Betty Jo Roy since it's rumored that Ralph Seifers would like to win the fair lady, too.

Alene Michie—not to spend so much money on Bill's Christmas present next year so she'll have a little left over.

Jack Mitchell—to brush up a bit. (When he was dared to kiss a girl at a party after he had finished, he said, "That's not as good as I used to do, but that's pretty good.")

Bob Johnson—to keep things running smoothly between Lavon Casterman and himself.

Betty Jean Crain—not to put herself in such a childish position again next time Alvin Mielke talks to a girl over the phone. (Maybe she won't call up and cancel her dances with the lady.)

Shirley Gilbert—to try not to get so mad every time Ray Kelly speaks or talks to other girls.

Betty Cain—not to worry any longer about that girl's taking Raymond away from her, 'cause she doesn't need to worry anymore.

Albert Simonie—to learn to trip the light fantastic so that he won't have to sit on the sidelines at the next dance he goes to.

Virginia Lockett—to make it very plain that she really wants him to come the next time she invites him to come up and see her.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

PASS IT ON

Isn't this grand weather we have been having? This may be a time worn subject, which has been a crutch to many a tongue tied fool. It is a subject which has also been cursed for being too hot, threatened for being too cold; yet, do we stop to praise it and share the enjoyment we receive from it with some friend?

Next time you find something pleasing, whether it is the weather or not, do not keep to yourself, but pass it on and let the other fellow enjoy it. —Orange Peal, Woodland, Calif.

YOU'LL WIN IF YOU TRY

The most insignificant may accomplish the greatest achievements in life. Do not despair because your first attempt is a failure. Only by persistent trial will you succeed. Greatness is not acquired overnight. It may be discovered in an unexpected moment, but behind that discovery lies many hours of anxious toil. Strive for the highest. Some day your dream will come true; you will reach your goal. —Burlington Kay.

CRACKS FROM THE CLASSES

Mr. Nation—Washington was the most licked President in the United States because his picture is on the stamp.

Rollie Emmitt—
 I may be a poet,
 And don't know it,
 But my feet surely show it,
 For they are Longfellow's.

Beverly McCacken—(seeing a hole in her hose)
 —Does someone have a needle or a thread.

Rex Wiles—Heere, Margaret, let me give you a hand.
 Margaret Tharrington—Thanks, but I already have two.

Pep Club—B-e-g-a-n-d-o Begando.
 Shirley Thomas—Did they say piano?

Julia Ann Pogson—I'm going to be a wall flower tonight.
 Billie Louise Heimdale—Oh, that's nothing, you are always a wild flower.

... ALUMNI ...

1920—Troy Lane is the owner of the "M" System grocery store.
 1919—Ethel Ludlow is teaching music in Lakeside Junior high.
 1918—Thelma Werme is working in the Board of Education Office.
 1917—Helen Lanyon is teaching physical education in P. H. S.
 1916—Eugenia Esch is teaching in Lakeside grade school.
 1915—Jessie Bailey is teaching mathematics in P. H. S.
 1914—Louise Gibson is teaching at K. S. T. C. Pittsburg.
 1913—Cecil Goodrum is Mrs. Herbert Hallman.
 1912—Wealtha Killam is the editor's mother.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did You know
 Mr. Ellsworth R. Briggs and Donna Burr, now Mrs. Ellsworth Briggs, were both charter members of the Quill and Scroll in 1937.

The Girls' Glee Club of 1918 was composed of twenty-three voices. The Glee Club was under the direction of Miss Winona McClatchey.

The school was founded in 1884 and has had several homes since its founding. The first building was located on the northwest corner of Tenth and Broadway but finally a larger building was needed. The building then erected is now Central school. In 1903 the present junior high school building was built for the increasing number of students. The present building was completed in 1921.

The debate question in 1912-13: Resolved, That a graduated income tax would be a desirable form of federal taxation.

The orchestra was founded in 1912 with seven members.

The class of 1922, instead of leaving a gift of some object, established a student loan fund. Classes following added to this.

PUPIL PORTRAITS

Name—Frances Hunt.
 Born—Shreveport, Louisiana, Nov. 24, 1919.
 Schools—Heavener, Okla., Shreveport, Pittsburg.
 Hobby—Sports.
 Favorite song—It's D'Lovely.
 Favorite flower—Rose.
 Favorite jewel—Diamond.
 Most exciting experience—Going through Carlsbad Cavern.

Name—Harold Walker.
 Born—Pittsburg, Jan. 31, 1921.
 Schools—Eugene Field, Roosevelt.
 Hobby—Photography, amateur radio.
 Favorite sport—Wrestling.
 Favorite flower—Tulip.
 Favorite jewel—Emerald.
 Most exciting experience—Looking at myself in the mirror.

BOOKS WE LIKE

Books We Like
 Modern Translation
 of
 Chaucer
 Chaucer has not recently become popular nor only recently read but has been an international favorite for about five hundred years. Every student of English literature finds much interesting study in the works of this fourteenth century "short story" writer.

Some few writers have translated parts of the Canterbury Tales and short bits into English and have published it but only recently has such complete translation appeared.

This promises to increase immeasurably the popularity of Chaucer's works and especially his Canterbury Tales which are already held high in literary circles.

A copy of this translation has recently been secured by the Pittsburg Public Library and will soon appear on the shelves there.

POET'S CORNER NOCTURNE

I have know the quietness of leaves upon a tree;
 I have felt the quietness of night that covers me;
 I have watched the steadiness of rain with quiet eyes;
 I've seen pure snow drifting—silently it lies;
 Lovely are the silences of hands, a moonlit bay,
 Splendor in descending of twilight unto day,
 Something to remember is the silence of the sky
 The vastness of grim mountains, silver peaks on high.
 Listen—hear the silences—heed the songs they sing,
 Life will end in silence, fear not a silent thing!
 —Wanda Faulkner.

SPOTLIGHT SPOTTER (Billie Ann Hutto)

"Well, Christmas is over and things have been done."

The Spotter reaches for a new lease of life and a determination to make this the best column ever (if that is possible.)

"Sez They"

The following are a few suggestive resolutions—
 Little New Year—1937—"Resolved that I will be a good year so long as I get everything I cry for."
 Debaters—"Resolved, that all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated."
 Betty Dene Hutcheson—"Resolved not to quarrel with the boy friend any more this year."
 Marx Tavella—"Resolved that there will be more names on the exchange list."

Chemistry students—"Resolved not to make any chemical too powerful to handle."
 Government classes—"Resolved to constitute the constituency constituting the Constitution." (Or something.)
 Typists—"Resolved to type 60 words per minute."

Jim Hand—"Resolved to take cooking first hour so I can cook my own breakfast."
 History classes—"Resolved to cultivate a colossal proboscis for permeated informatory fabrication." (If you get what I mean.)
 French classes—"Resolved: Que nous ne serons pas tete de bois."
 Latin students—"Resolved: Donare bonam ad magistram Radell."

Shorthand classes—"Resolved to find out which hand is the short hand." (Some pun! Eh what?)
 Woodwork classes—"Resolved to confine the 'chips off the old block' to this department."
 Clothing department—"Resolved to cover the world with red 'tape'."
 Anonymous—"Resolved to have square overnight bags instead of round ones."

Biologists—"Resolved as members of the S. P. C. A., to thoroughly chloroform all bugs before dissecting."
 Math Classes—"Resolved to find a problem Demosthenes couldn't work."
 Printing Department—"Resolved to get rid of the type lice."
 Art classes—"Resolved to get out of the red." (paint)

The Spotter—"Resolved to maintain that PHS is the best school ever!"

He: "Everyone took offense."
 She: "Yes, even the gate post."

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... BIRTHDAYS ...

Jan. 1—Frank Barr, Jane Laughlin.
 Jan. 2—Hazel White, Norma Blasor, Norman Blasor.
 Jan. 3—Julia Ann Pogson.
 Jan. 4—Sue McLaughlin.
 Jan. 5—Betty Brackett, Juanita Carpenter, Pauline Spangler, Juanita Brett, Jesse Brown.
 Jan. 6—Warren Heaton.
 Jan. 7—Joe Begando, Doris Brand, Clifford Herman, Earl Perry, Crawford Watson.

