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What D' Ya Know

By Louise Claire DuBois

Well, here we go again with another issue of that illogical dispenser of unnecessary news.

Did you hear about the girl who couldn't get a man, so purchased a monkey and now is waiting for evolution to take its course?

A question which calls for a definite solution has arisen concerning moustaches of two of our P.H.S. teachers. Thus it is being used as the question of the week: "Which teacher, Mr. White of the printing department, or Mr. Collier, vocational guidance instructor, sports the most charming moustache? If you arrive at a conclusion for this problem, please let us know of your decision.

DON'T WASTE PAPER

- Don't buy paper you don't need.
- Don't let the druggist, grocer, butcher, baker wrap articles you can carry home unwrapped.
- Don't throw your magazines and papers away—pass them on to someone who did not receive a copy.

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Why I Did It

When Miss Lanyon was asked why she became a teacher, she smiled and said, "Well, [there's] really nothing to it, I guess I just drifted into it."

She started her story by saying, "When I finished PHS I just naturally went to college, and completed two years of work. After completing this work, I had a chance to teach the second grade in Cane Kansas. I taught there a year, then returned to Pittsburg to become assistant in the primary department at the college for two years. I was then asked to substitute at Lakeside grade school, (my first Pittsburg school). This substitute turned into a permanent affair, and I've been teaching in Pittsburg ever since. I've taught second and third grades at Lakeside and Lincoln. Then next, I went to Roosevelt Junior High School, and now at PHS."

Her ending remark was, "No fooling, teaching is a swell profession."

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Mr. Green Speaks At Meeting In Emporia

Mr. Green left Thursday morning for Emporia, Kans., where he is attending the Council of Administration meetings.

He is a member of the State Delegate Assembly of the Kansas State Teachers Association which met at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mr. Green is also a member of the Resolutions Committee of the Kansas State Principal's Association.

He will discuss at the Principal's Association meeting the topic, PROBLEMS OF REPLACING TEACHERS, CERTIFICATION, AND TRAINING.

Write And Make Friends Abroad; Patronize Letter Exchange

Have you ever wanted to receive letters from far off places. Letters from romantic sounding places like El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and many other foreign lands. Well if you have, here is your chance.

Any school student may correspond with students in foreign countries. Arrangements have been made to continue this wonderful international work and thousands of names are on file just waiting for students to choose from. Hard work has been done to obtain names from Canada, South America, Central America, and Africa so students may have a "pen pal" in these countries.

War conditions are changing constantly, no doubt new countries will be added soon, but at the present only the countries mentioned will be available.

It is simple and easy to start. All you have to do is send your order and the names of countries you would like to receive letters

Brumbaugh To Head Annual Staff as Editor

Epperson, Sparks And Huffman Also Hold Positions

Returning to the policy which has been more or less established for many years in PHS, a boy has been chosen as editor-in-chief of the yearbook, Purple and White. Last years editor, Sylvan Rae Hiatt, was the first girl to head the staff in 17 years.

The choice for editor this year is Jack A. Brumbaugh, who will be assisted by Peggy Epperson. Jack Sparks has been named business manager, with Ted Huffman as assistant.

Bob Osborn will serve as boys sports editor and Dorothy Majors will write girls athletics. Arvel Anderson will be in charge of much of the printing and Dorothy Hamrick has been appointed on the literary staff.

Artists include Wilma Kern, Joe Urban, Jo Ann Laughlin, Ramona Utermoehlan, Jim Conover, and Dorothy Vilmer.

Georgia Wilson, Wilma Brett, and Justine Fanska will serve as typists.

Mrs. Dora Peterson and Mr. John White are the sponsors of the yearbook.

Six Journalists Rate Quill-Scroll

W. A. White Chapter Candidates Chosen

Six members of the Booster staff have been selected to join the Quill and Scroll, an international honorary society for high school journalists.

They are Florence Lee Laughlin, Dorothy Hammick, Bob Osborn, Laura Belle Rush, Mary Adele Woodbury, and Louise DuBois.

In order to be eligible, a student must rank in the upper third of his class, he must have done superior work in writing, editing, or business management, and he must be recommended by the supervisor or by the committee governing the paper.

Candidates were also graded upon the amount of their material published in each issue of the paper, native of work performed by news, business or art departments.

Examples of the students best work will be sent to the executive secretary of the society, Mr. Edward Nell, to be approved.

Initiation fees are two dollars are due at the time the candidates are accepted for membership. This fee entitles the candidate membership in the society, a pen and subscription to the Quill and Scroll magazine for one year.

Opera Cast Announced

Choose Gilbert And Sullivan's Production of "Ruddigore"

For the first time since 1839, a Gilbert and Sullivan opera will be presented to the Pittsburg public. The date for this opera has been set for March 31. The name of this opera is "Ruddigore". With this presentation over half of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera will have been performed in Pittsburg by the high school students. "H. M. S. Pinafore" was the last Gilbert and Sullivan opera performed.

The cast is as follows:

Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd (disguised as Robin) . . . Pat Clemmens
Richard Dautless (Man-owar's Man) . . . George Nettles
Sir Despard Murgatroyd (wicked baronet) . . . Jack Brumbaugh
Old Adam Goodheart (Robin's servant) . . . Lowell Berry
Sir Rupert Murgatroyd (First baronet) . . . Bill McCoy
Rose Maybird (village maiden) . . . Mary Adele Woodbury
Dame Hannah . . . Bonnie Holden
Mad Margaret . . . Louise Claire DuBois
Zorah (professional bridesmaid) . . . Betty Dunbar
Ruth (professional bridesmaid) . . . Martha Anderson
Chorus girls—professional bridesmaids

Boys are Soldiers, Villagers and ghostly ancestors. The place is the Village of Rederring in Cornwall, England. The time is about 1890.

The Booster will print stories on Gilbert and Sullivan and their operas in each issue for the coming weeks.

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Bill Conover Is Awarded Medals

Word received here recently reports that Sergeant William Conover has been awarded two medals for service in enemy action.

Sgt. Conover is a former PHS grad whom PHSers know as Bill Conover. The medals which he received included the Air Medal which was awarded for meritorious achievement, and the Oak Leaf Cluster for extra gallantry.

Bill has been serving as tail-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress with the Army Air Corps. He has been in the army for one and one half years. These awards were conferred upon him as a result of his seventh mission; he has made a total of 13 missions.

Sgt. Conover graduated from PHS in 1942. His brother, Bob Conover, also a PHS graduate, is serving in the Marine Corps for approximately 16 months.

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Hi-Y And GR To Hold Joint Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 9

Wednesday, Feb. 9, at activity period there will be a joint meeting of Hi-Y and GR in the auditorium.

Lois Allen will be in charge of the meeting. There will be musical numbers played and sung by the Lacours, a group from the Methodist Church. The Lacours will present vocal trios and other religious numbers.

Tuesday, at the last part of the fourth hour, Hi-Y pictures will be taken by Bill Lennox in front of the building.

Crane Gives Recital At Kimball Hall

Miss Ann Crane, daughter of Mrs. Crane of the local music department, was presented in a recital in Kimball Hall in Chicago on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 3:30. According to press reports, Miss Crane has to her credit a uniformly good tone and a freedom of style that serve her well. A fluent technique, at time verging on the brilliant, is another of this violinist's assets. Miss Merrill provided excellent accompaniments for Miss Crane. There was a large audience present at the performance. The Chicago Herald Examiner was quoted as saying, "A pleasing impression was made by both artists."

Ann Crane started the study of the violin at the age of four, her mother being her teacher. As a child she concertized extensively throughout Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado and gave several public recitals in and around Kansas City. For the past six years, Miss Crane has studied in Chicago and received her degree from the American Conservatory of Music. Miss Crane is a member of the Chicago Woman's Symphony Orchestra and is at present a member of the WGN Orchestra. She is a member of Gamma Chapter of National Music Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota. Miss Crane has appeared in numerous recitals in Chicago and in towns in Illinois and Wisconsin and has appeared as soloist with orchestras both in Chicago and Kansas City.

"He Carried My Books Here One Night," Said Mrs. White

Imagine! A man and his wife, both about seventy years old, going to school! They like it too!

They are two of a group of thirteen taking a naturalization course at the city library each Wednesday night. This class is under the supervision of Mrs. John E. White, who is chairman of the War Service committee of the A. A. U. W.

These people wish to become citizens of the United States. Some of the different countries represented by this group are England, Italy, Belgium, Holland, France, Greece, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia.

All thirteen have filed their "first papers". Before filing for papers, future citizens must prove among other things that they made a legal entrance into the United States. This makes it necessary to know the name of the boat and the date of entrance.

Included in this course is the study of United States History and the Constitution. Some geography is offered.

Mrs. White has the able assistance of her husband, Mr. John E. White. There is an interesting little story connecting him with the class. "He carried" said Mrs. White, "my books up here one night. Before I had always done the teaching myself. The men taking this course seemed to like him very well and simply begged him to stay. He did. And he has been coming up here ever since."

Mrs. F. G. Morris and Mrs. Guy W. Von Schritts are assisting in preparing the class for future citizenship.

Mrs. White gave an example of how much these people want to become citizens of the United States. "There's one woman," stated Mrs. White, "who thought she was a citizen. When her father died, she found that she was not. Now both she and her husband want to take this course so they can become citizens. They are both about seventy years old. The oldest person taking the course is a man eighty-five."



'... And Then We Fell Out'

—Ellsworth Briggs

The first thing confronting this reporter upon entering room 216 was an apparatus closely resembling that of the front portion of an airplane. Further inspection revealed that the supposition was correct; it was a propeller and framework attached to a stand which apparently furnished an instructor ample space in which to illustrate various parts of the prop.

You say we have no such mechanical devices in this building? But we do! In fact, there are many types of aeronautical equipment of all shapes and sizes ready for use in demonstrations for the Liaison students.

The instructor in this class room is Mr. Ellsworth R. Briggs, former social science teacher in PHS. Recently, Mr. Briggs attended a six weeks course for instructors in Randolph Field, Texas. This course

included classes in navigation, meteorology, equipment, and teaching technique. To study the things they are expected to teach was the purpose of this officer training.

In addition to these classroom subjects, the routine drills and physical training were given to this group of men. These instructors are both army officers and civilians; the age range is wide.

Mr. Briggs wears the regulation army instructor's uniform, with insignia which denotes civilian instructors in the army program.

"One of the most interesting of the experiences which I had while at Randolph Field," commented Mr. Briggs, "was when I was flying with an officer who was doing some loops and we fell out." And after a moments pause added "But don't get excited. We didn't fall out of the plane, just the loop."

Armed Forces Takes Six PHS Boys At Mid Term

Included in the contingent of inductees who were sent from Pittsburg to Fort Leavenworth Tuesday of last week were the following PHS boys; Jesse Velia, Clyde Curry, Jack Rodabaugh, Harold Umphenhour, and Merlin Zollars.

Under a "new order", the members of the contingent passing their examinations were to return home to await further call.

While they will not be promised a three week furlough as was customary, they will be given a 10-day notice before being called.

Although the boys went into various branches of service, some of them returned home to await further call, while the others went into immediate service.

Karl Ball was accepted by the Army Air Corps; Clyde Curry, Marines; and Jesse Velia, Jack Rodabaugh, Harold Umphenhour, and Merlin Zollars were accepted by the Navy.

Another PHS boy, Rollie Hull, Jr., who was supposed to have gone with the contingent but was unable to go because of a broken collar bone was given a 6 month deferment.

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Large Crowd Attends Concert

An unusually large crowd attended the band concert which was held in the gymnasium last night. It was under the direction of Mr. Gerald Carney.

Book Reviews



SIGNPOSTS

Ah, here is a signpost which tells how far we have to go. Speaking of signposts, have you read the January BOOK of the MONTH CLUB? It is called "SIGNPOSTS" and was written by ROBERTSON.

Tom Fairburn is an English aviator who did much to help during the heavy air raids on England. However he was badly shot up one day on an air raid over enemy territory. He reached home only after heroic efforts. As a result of this feat he was decorated for bravery and received a leave.

He was tired of war and decided to go to Ireland to get away from it all. His visit took him to the little village of Donegal where he had spent some time as a child.

During the boat ride to Ireland, he met Denyse, the wife of a French banker. Her husband had insisted she leave him and go to England if possible. Tom Fairburn persuades her to come with him to Donegal. With a car he bought, they started for the village.

On their arrival, they camped in an abandoned quarry. They met some of the people whom he had known when he was a child. After many visits with the village families, they begin to love the little community and learn many of the problems of the villagers. Among those with whom they become acquainted was Birdie.

Birdie had promised to marry Sean, a local Irish lad. She wants to see the world. Helen, Birdie's sister, is forced to return from America because she promised the local priest she would marry a boy who lives in the village.

Sean really doesn't want to marry Birdie. He tries to make the priest understand but to no avail. One day Sean takes Birdie for a ride in a row boat. They get into an argument Sean jumped up so quick that the boat overturned and Birdie drowned.

After this tragic incident Sean leaves for Dublin. Tom and Denyse leave for London about the same time since Tom's furlough is up.

Incidentally, Tom has regained much of his old self confidence. He has a different outlook on life.

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LAUNDRY—is the U. S. war name for the board passing on the qualification of Flying Cadets. Get yourself qualified as a backer of our boys in our invasion armies. Buy extra Stamps in February.

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HEDGE HOP—Flier's name for plane flights from low altitudes. There are no short hops to victory.

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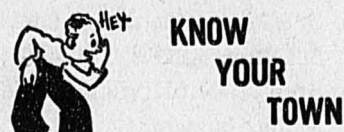
Little JoAnn's mother pulled her child close to her and said, "Darling, I've got a surprise for you, you're going to have a new little cousin, would you like that?" JoAnn Laughlin, a tousle haired youngster of five, studied the matter for a few minutes, then said, "Well, mummy, I suppose that will be all right, but what is Auntie going to do with the old one."

LET'S PLAY INDIAN

Ever listen to an Indian war whoop? When a small child is behind that whoop it's quite a noise. When Elmer, Jr. was four years old he went in for it in a big way, not leaving out any details. He and his little sister were out playing Indian. Getting scalps was the problem for the day so he chased little Mary 'round and 'round the house, screaming "Geronimo!"

Mary was running like mad but Elmer caught her and being a very enthusiastic child hit her on the forehead with a dull hatchet he was carrying. Little Mary lay still. Elmer rose the victor, calling to the top of his lungs for the other "redskins" to come look at his captive. He looked at his captive, she hadn't moved, looking closer he saw blood running from her head.

Don't worry folks, she recovered, but Elmer didn't think he would after that paddling he got. Though it was all in fun.



KNOW YOUR TOWN

Agriculture ranks second to coal mining and manufacturing industries in the Pittsburg area. A government inspected packing plant, which distributes millions of dollars worth of meat products annually, gets its cattle and hogs from an area beyond the coal fields. Much poultry is produced in this vicinity. Vineyards and orchards are being cultivated for home consumption. The annual farm income for an average year, prior to the war, in the Pittsburg area was six million dollars.

It has been found that fruit trees grow much more rapidly on the strip mine dumps than on native soil. It is proven that the stripped areas will become very valuable land for the growing of fruits.

Smaller industries include a plant manufacturing awnings, one for millwork, one for stock feed, the manufacture of neon signs, the manufacture of reflector signs, an armature winding plant and a book-binding company. Bread, ice cream, butter and cheese are also manufactured in this vicinity.

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SOMETHING TO HUM

How strange it would seem to live without a little music. Our ancestors did. I wonder how music first started. Maybe the first note came from a bird or some wild animal, or perhaps from the hand of man. Their ideas of music differ a great deal from our own ideas today. Imagine an Indian (silhouetted) against the setting sun, beating on his tom-tom. He thinks it's beautiful music, to him it is.

Today our drummers in orchestras react quite the same way. Tunes were just brought to a more civilized people, but to the old and young alike in the days of our great ancestors, it was either war chants and tunes or the romantic love song. Here is this week's tabulations, notice the war songs mixed with the love songs, we've changed a little.

1. My Heart Tells Me
2. Shoo Shoo Baby
3. People Will Say We're In Love
4. No Love, No Nothin'
5. Oh! What A Beautiful Morning
6. Paper Doll
7. I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night
8. My Ideal
9. For The First Time

Here are the words to the number two song.

SHOO SHOO BABY

Shoo - shoo, shoo baby, shoo-shoo, shoo baby, bye, bye, baby.

Your papa's off to the seven seas. Don't cry baby, don't sigh baby, bye, bye, baby.

When I come back we'll live a life of ease

Seems kinda of tough now to say goodbye this way.

But papa's gotta be rough now, So that he can be sweet to you another day.

Bye, bye, baby, baby. Don't cry baby

Shoo - shoo, shoo baby

It Slipped

"My most embarrassing moment," Wilma Kern said, "was the day my chair slipped out from under me in the library. Mr. Woods had just scolded the class for talking and making noise. I was mischievously trying to hide behind my neighbor and laughing at how cleverly I had evaded being bawled out. The room had just settled down into an unaccustomed quietness. I was so busy laughing to myself that I didn't realize that I was rocking my chair, when suddenly it slipped out from under me and I sat not too gracefully on the floor."

Hey, Good Looking

It was at a basket-ball game. A bunch of us girls were standing in the door-way watching the game. All of a sudden there was a nice masculine voice saying, "Hey Good Looking!" On an impulse I turned around and there was a group of Columbus boys. The one with the nice voice said, "I thought you were conceited."

"Right then and there, I wanted to drop through the floor. That incident, I'll never forget because it was very embarrassing to me." These statements were made by Shirley Ball.

Moron Male Make Up

Have you noticed the bow-ties worn by some of our handsome men? Such as Don Broom's plaid one and Bob Soper's and Harry Neer's jumbled designed ones. Kieth Allmon has a very pretty polka-dot one. The girls think they are darling so common boys, let's make a hit with the girls.

We don't know whether the boys are "birds in gilded cages" or not but quite a few of them are wearing canary-yellow sweaters. Floyd Hoggard Harry Cann, and Ernie Chaney for example.

Doings of a Dull Day

Here I am as usual. Now that we have a new semester things aren't quite so dull. . . . That assembly we had last week wasn't the least bit dull. Things like that help a lot to cheer up a dull day. I feel sorry for the poor kids taking math. They never have a dull moment. They're always at it. . . . A couple my journalism pals are getting very friendly. Who knows, maybe, we have love in bloom. . . . Some of the boys in library read comic books. I guess some people never grow up. Talking to yourself is supposed to be the first sign of insanity. Sometimes I wonder about certain people. . . . If you want to see some people who are not spending dull days, just look at the Purple and White king and queen/candidates. They are always on the run. . . . That reminds me, I'd better run too. Why don't you run to the nearest Post Office or bank and buy some stamps or bonds? They're worth running for.

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The Confessions of A Girl In A Boys Class

Being the only girl in a boy's class isn't so bad after all. Of course, she gets quite a bit of attention, but it is usually when she makes a mistake. The teacher doesn't like the idea of having a girl in his class, but the boys don't

Who Told You So?



—Bobbie Jean Delaney
FOR THE FIRST TIME—All my home work finished before class.
MY IDEAL—Frank Sinotra, of course.

THE DREAMER—Student's main occupation during study hall.
PISTOL PACKIN' MAMA—Who meets you when you bring your girl in at 3 a m.

I'LL BE AROUND—Some Seniors when next September rolls around.

LANE OF HEAVEN—The steps in front of school at 3.30.

MY FIRST LOVE—They hand you that line every time.

IT CAN'T BE WRONG—To copy homework.

SHOO SHOO BABY—Tom's farewell words.

PRINCE CHARMING—A blind date that turned out solid—for a change.

THE MUSIC STOPPED—And so did my heart.

I COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK LAST NIGHT—I have a gov't test tomorrow.

I SAW YOU FIRST—But that's all the good it did me.

THIS IS A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING—Dreaming of Bill while you do your homework.

NO LOVE, NO NOTHIN'—Until school's out.

MY HEART TELLS ME—I'm not going to get through government.

SPEAK LOW—While comparing answers in a test.

The Red and Black, Reading, Pa.

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DO YOU KNOW KANSAS HAS Two bomber bases?

Six training bases for bombardiers

Four bomber fields?

Two naval air bases?

Three cantonments? (Fort Riley, Camp Phillips, Fort Leavenworth)

Three ordnance powder plants?

Three octane gas plants?

Two helium gas plants?

One alcohol plant?

One supply depot at Topeka?

One General hospital?

One nitrate plant?

One glider manufacturing plant?

Six factories for building airplanes?

These military enterprises cost more than three billion dollars.

Morris County News, Council Grove, Kan.



Seen Around Ye Old Town

By C. Too Much

Say here is the long and the short of this story. Mavis Brewington was seen at the game with William Macheers.

P H S

Well here's one merry mixup that I think has been a secret for sometime but "Now it Can Be Told." Alfred Kneebone is going with Mary Louise Canny from Lakeside and she is going with Jimmy Williamson.

P H S

Bob Osborn seems very interested in a certain 5 foot 4 inch bundle of dark hair and sparkling eyes in his 5th hour library class. Oh comon Bob I know she would give yuh a chance. Go on ask her for a date.

P H S

Now for some dirt - - Seen last nite under the rug having a good time was Dust Particle and Little Raveling.

P H S

Audrie Ellis had a date t'other nite with a good-looking Jack Rogers, Oh oh where is Mary Del Esch and Bob Schwanze?

P H S

Johnnie Glaser is still waiting around starry-eyed for Millie Klien to please look his way. Oh comon' Millie go on an look.

P H S

Connie Coulter and Gib Strickland seem to have had a little mix up the other nite. Let's hope they get patched up soon cause Gib's in a ruff mood. So they tell me.

P H S

Shirley Sherman and Don Broome were out to help cheer the other nite at the game.

P H S

Congrats are in order for Dalton Askins and Lois Allen who have gone steady for three years. Also Jess Velia and Betty Harrison have been going rather regularly for some time too.

P H S

Pat Clemens seems to really see something in our Laura Bell Rush. They have been seen together often. Now Laura remember Bob Tenant.

P H S

Now for the recipe of this week. Guaranteed not to work. Here it is "Combination Salad." The main ingredient is a little meat commonly called Crowe, of course what is Crowe without some Parrott. So far our salad sounds a little foul doesn't it? The Parrott is added at intervals gradually but steadily. Then we add some Keith which is just a dash followed up by some color Lavery. Well we now have the salad. Guaranteed to give you indigestion. Added: This little joke has no meaning but just appropriate at this time. They are all swell kids.

P H S

Well must go out now and see what my little gremlin helpers have spotted. See you around next week.



Howdy Stranger

Introducing Linville Mumma, a good looking senior from Batesville High School, Batesville, Arkansas.

DESCRIPTION:

Dark brown hair, blue eyes, five feet eleven inches tall, and weighs one hundred and sixty five pounds. Some guy, huh gals??

AGE:

Sweet seventeen with Uncle Sam barking at his heels.

HOBBY:

He said he doesn't have a hobby, but who's he kiddin'.

QUALITIES:

He grinned and said, "I don't have any qualities." But from all reports he's super in government.

I.Q.

"My I.Q.'s average except when it comes to Math," Lynn sez.

FAVORITE SONG AND TYPE OF MUSIC:

"Deep Purple," is my favorite song and I like all types of music."

FAVORITE SPORT:

"Football by far."

FAVORITE SAYING:

"I like the way you do that."

HOW DO YOU LIKE PHS?

"O.K., now," was his reply to this question.

By the way, Bub, what do you mean by the "NOW"?

Flying Collision

"Oh say, now's my time to practice my profession," remarked a sophomore girl to a friend as she glanced mischievously at the banister leading from second floor to first floor by the printing room entrance. "An opportunity like this is rare, so I am going to take advantage of it," said Betty.

Being enthusiastic, she roughly placed herself side ways on the banister and now she was ready to enjoy her ride. Off she went and going unusually fast this time, she absolutely couldn't stop when she saw a boy coming from the other end of the hall.

"Geel what will I do, I'll hit him as sure as devils are on earth."

I won't face it, I'll just shut my eyes and let things take of it the best way it can, remarked Betty as she plunged in the midsection of the innocent male. A grunt followed by a thud. Betty Whitter still having her eyes shut was dreading to open them to see the fine predicament she was in, but she had to sooner or later, so slowly but sure she opened them; she then found out she was seated squarely on the boy's lap. His face was the color of fresh tomatoes, but neither said a word, for both were speechless.

"It wasn't so bad landing on his lap, but it was really embarrassing for me when he found it out," remarked Betty.

MIRROR OF THE PAST

Feb. 2, — Ten years ago.

With pleased exclamations of joy and surprise the students entered the halls Monday morning, finding that a gleaming glossy coat of fresh paint adorned the walls. A creamy coat covered the upper part of the walls while a glossy tan made the lower part of the walls gleam.

Showing themselves able contenders for the SEK crown, the Pittsburg High School basketball squad gave the Chanute Comets an impressive trouncing, 29 to 19, on Lakeside Junior High's court last night. "Duck" Noor was the leading scorer for PHS.

Jan. 27, 1939 — Five years ago

Swishing the netting from all angles, the Purple Dragon's administered a sound 31-16 trouncing to the Chanute Comets in an SEK tussle on the latter's home

court. Waymon Edwards set the pace for the Dragons with 14 points.

Members of the faculty slung hash at the annual junior feed, which was held Wednesday night in the cafeteria. The faculty waiter were attired in their wives' frilliest apron, and the women donned aprons and wore ribbons in their hair.

Jan. 30, 1942 — Two years ago.

Bob Timmons and Phyllis Fretwell were out in front this morning in the P and W annual king and queen contest. Timmons had 1050 and Fretwell had 1020 votes.

The Coffeyville basketball team looked like anything but a Tornado in the first half but it really gained momentum in the second half last Friday night as Coffeyville defeated Pittsburg 34-30 in an SEK game. Kenny Coulter led the Dragons with 11 points.

Fighting Men On Parade

By Mary Adele Woodbury



The star for this week is a graduate of last year whom we probably all know and remember, Bob Uttley. Bob was inducted into the Navy Nov. 11, 1943. When Bob was asked how he liked the Navy, he said quite "It's a plenty good deal!" unquote.

The boys must do several tasks. First wash their clothes and then the C.P.O. inspects the barracks every morning. They have Captain inspection every Saturday. They are allowed to have magazines but no radios.

Their entertainment consists of shows and Ship Service. Shows every Tuesday and Saturday nights. They go to Ship Service every night but Tuesday and Thursday. At the Ship Service there are pool tables, cokes, and boxes containing musical shows.

After 8 weeks of Boot Training one receives a fifteen day furlough. The barracks have about sixty double bunks and each barracks has its own office and showers.

The sailor's day consists of these things and take 30 minutes to dress, task: Rise at 5 o'clock in the morning and take 30 minutes to dress, time to muster chop or eat breakfast then muster colors and fall in formation. One hour of drill after muster of colors. Two hours of Physical Fitness which is difficult. Then eat lunch or muster chow. The afternoon begins with classes about airplane recognition, seamanship, tying knots, and rules of the road, also flag signaling or semi-form then rifle drill.

The main principles are coordination and discipline.

Sailors learn how to handle 28 foot whale boats also how to handle 3 inch guns, 50 caliber machine guns and ack ack guns.

While in Boot Camp they are not allowed to chew gum and are not allowed to smoke except at certain times.

When Bob returns he hopes to enter radio school. He will return to Farragut, Idaho for further orders.

We all knew Bob as senior cheerleader and wish him all the luck and safety possible. God be with him.

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DOWNWIND—Is the U. S. war talk meaning befuddled, in a predicament. Downwind landings and downwind turns are dangerous.

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Making a needless purchase is a downward turn. Put every extra penny into War Stamps.

Common Complaints of Consumers

Did you ever walk into a store, ask the clerk for something, and then become utterly disgusted with that store because they didn't have what YOU wanted?

YOUR CLOTHES
Sheer hose are very hard to get. The common rayon hose of which there are plenty are noted for getting loose around the knees and ankles.
The school girl will be glad to know that sweaters, purple, pink, blue, and other colors, are available.

YOUR LUXURIES

A sweet shop in our town reported that gum is the first in the line of articles which are hard to get. Candy is second. Magazines are rationed; popcorn is rationed; and also malts and ice cream.

YOUR FOOD

All kinds of canned goods, in fact, everything in the food line is hard to get. Just as a helpful hint—remember each store manager or owner does his best. Now do your part, and take a substitute if they don't have EXACTLY what you want.

HE GOT IT
"Bread, bread, give me bread," the actor said, and the curtain came down with a roll.
—Borrowed

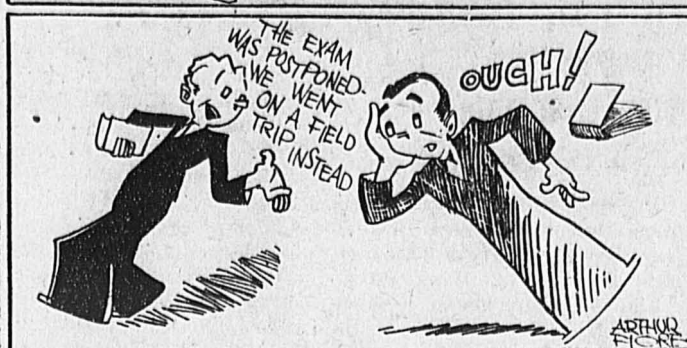
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Song Of The Week

Roaming through the halls, you will here many kids groaning. They're not sick, they are just trying to sing this diddy. It was so bad that something had to be done so here are the correct words. Try'em, they fit.

MAIRZY DOATS

Mairzy doats and dozey doats and little lamzy divey,
A kiddley divey, too, wouldn't you
Yes! Mairzy doats and dozey doats little lamzy divey,
A kiddley divey too wouldn't you?
If the words sound queer and funny to your ear,
A little bit jumbled and jivey,
Sing "Mares eat oats and little lambs at ivy,"
Oh! Mairzy doats and dozey doats and little lamzy divey.
A kiddley divey, too, wouldn't you?
A kiddley divey, too, wouldn't you?
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She Draped Herself Over Her Bicycle

"Gosh!" remarked Lois Pierce, "the only time I was really embarrassed was the time I ran right smack into a car."

"You see, it was a bright sunshiny day, an excellent day for bicycle riding. Riding merrily down Broadway, looking from one side to the other. I was enjoying the ride very much. Then I spotted some turning my head to steal a few very interesting looking boys playing tennis. I passed them but kept more glances. I was so busy, watching the exciting game that I didn't see the car parked in front of me. Bam! I hit it with a sickening thud. The boys stopped to see what was the matter. There I was draped not too gracefully over my bicycle—in fact I was almost tied into knots."

Dear Thee,

Here we are again. You know I have been thinking about this war more and more every day. The girls I know are always wondering what we can do to help. I have been thinking about what other women and girls do.

Here are just a few things we could do. Go to the hospital and help take care of children, work at canteens, run errands for busy war workers and oodles of other things. So why don't you tell your friends and I'll do the same. Do you really think kids our age think about these things and problems.

Well honey, so much for that. Answer soon.

Love,
Just Me

Styles and Stuff

by Estelle



Clothes is the most important item to a girl. Every girl loves pretty clothes. You don't have to have a lot of money to look nice. A girl can be beautiful if she is neat in appearance even though her clothes are not the most expensive. In this time of war every girl should try to help the war effort by using money, not extravagantly on clothes, but on war saving.

Now back to the styles around the campus:

White pleated skirts and purple sweaters seem to be quite popular lately. Have you noticed Vada Lee Alden in hers? Looks real snappy doesn't she? Incidentally, Pat Culver really looks chic in her peid taffeta two piece dress. Another eye catcher is the crocheted flower Mary Lou Griffin wears in her hair. She made them herself and they're really emitz.

For that dainty feminine look, an eyelet-filler blouse such as Colleen Nelson wears is high on top of the style parade.

In these days of rationing shoes are quite the problem, but to solve this try Myra Stout's idea of painting huaraches to match your clothes. A very clever idea no?

Wooden jewelry is quite the rage now such as the brown and yellow necklace that Lazelle Embrey is wearing.

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How Would You Solve It?



There is a serious problem facing teen aged boys today. When the boys enter the armed forces, will they when they are about twenty years old want to come back to school?

Many suggestions have been made: One of these is that Congress should pass a bill deferring boys until they finish high school. This would make the problem much simpler.

Boys in PHS were questioned whether they would feel like coming back to school with younger people.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

BOB SOPER: "I want my diploma! If necessary I would take high school work at the college, but I wouldn't even mind coming back to high school."

GEORGE HITE: "I doubt if I would be back, I would feel too old."

ARVEL ANDERSON: "I don't believe that a mixed school could function properly."

GILBERT KYRIAS: "I don't believe I would. I'd rather go to some trade school."

HARRY NEER: If I could get my education thout correspondence,

it would be all right, but I would not go back."

HARRY CANN: "I wouldn't want to come back to school. I would rather get my education from another school."

BOB OSBERN: "I wouldn't come back to high school if I were twenty, because I wouldn't feel at home with sixteen and seventeen year olds."

GILBERT STRICKLAND: "I would not come back. I would try to go to another kind of school."

HERBERT MEDLIN: "I would be too old to come back to high school."

They Sez It



Carol Price—I know lots of gossip. Joe Lewis—What happened to you the other night?

Bill Spencer—I don't know, I'm not the instructor!

Mr. Price—Looks pretty good doesn't it?

Jeanne Knight—Hi! How are you all today?

Louise DuBoise—We'll never get an all American.

Mr. Carney—I'll let you know as soon as I find out.

Miss Farner—It all depends upon how you act.

Florence Laughlin—Did she tell you all this about herself?

Edna Kauder—I'm the only one that works around here on Friday.

Mary Adele Woodbury—George says he never gets the Booster.

Don Broome—I can't say nuthin clever.

Jake Matson—That "Rosie the Riveter" is quite a gal.

Ossie Shoup—If I had just more time!

Alice Ann Schneider—What day is Tuesday on, Saturday?

CHARLES TUSTIN: "I guess I'm blood thirsty, but I'd like to see a good fight."

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Dragons Idle Tonight After Two Straight Losses

Locals Lose Heart Breaker To Columbus

Last Second Shot By Titan Forward Good

With a second to go and the score knotted at 22 all, Winters, Columbus forward, let fly a wild shot which left the crowd stunned as it rippled through the net.

It was a climax to one of the hardest fought ball games held on the RJHS court in sometime. After trailing for the first three periods the Dragons forged into a 1 point lead at the start of the final period. The lead changed four times after that with Bob Huntington knotting the score at 22 all with about eight seconds to go. The came the shot by Winters, barely got the ball away before the buzzer rang.

Osborn led the Pitt attack scoring eight points. Lowrie led the Titans with ten.

The usual high scoring LaRue was kept bottled up by the Dragon defense and got only four points.

It was the Dragon's first loss in four Southeastern Kansas League games while it was the second win against one loss for Columbus. The two teams will meet again at Columbus Feb. 18.

The box score:

Pittsburg (22)	Columbus (24)
Shoup f 2 1 2	Winters f 3 0 3
Hunt/g'n f 0 2 2	LaRue f 2 0 2
Urban f 0 2 1	Ch'st'n's'n c 2 0 2
Glaser c 2 0 3	Lowrie g 4 2 2
Osborn g 3 2 1	Myers g 0 0 2
Fadler g 0 1 3	

Totals 73 12 Totals 10 4 9
Officials Guttridge and Swearing.

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SPORT'N 'ROUND



CHARLEY-HORSES HERE WE COME:

Second semester brings back last year. Yes, conditioning of a new unit of exercises will start in full swing this semester; in fact some of the gals are suffering ailments from them now. The gals have talked, complained, and begged their instructor to forget about the exercises, but if you know Miss Lanyon you know that she is determined to make Lula Bells out of us yet!! So . . . Charley-horses here we come!!!

MARCHING

Forward march. Right Oblique march! Left Oblique march! To the Rear march! These are the commands you are likely to hear when you enter the girls gym classes these days.

The girls can take orders pretty good. They have been trying the oblique marching like the Lts. did at the benefit game. The gals do ok considering.

BASE VOLLEYBALL

Base Volleyball was played in the gym classes the other day. The game is quite interesting . . . it is played in this way: There are three bases and a home plate. (The bases are ten-pens) Teams are chosen and there are first, second, and third basemen: also a pitcher, catcher, and fieldmen. Three outs and you are in field.

One on the team that is in bats to kick the ball before the pitcher gets a chance to knock home plate down. The field team had to re-

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After a weeks layoff, due to no reason except there was nothing to divulge, yours truly decided to set down and dash out a little "friendly wind." (If I may use hat phrase?)

P H S

After the response I received from a perfectly harmless publication of, shall we say, truth two weeks ago, I have received criticism from several sources. Like all articles of this type you hear from both sides—for and against. I am happy to say that the number of "for's" and "against's" are at about a happy medium.

P H S

The Columbus game last Friday night recalls the one that Pitt had with Chanute a couplet years ago. Not that the scores or outcome were similar, but the noise and melee during and after the fray was almost the same.

P H S

The shot that Winters made left the crowd stunned. Some people that I know will be stunned for days.

P H S

This Howey that plays with Olathe is quite shooter. I heard several say he is more accurate than Dale Hall. Both are former members of the SEK and both have an eagle eye. Hall is now playing for the Army grey and doing a fine job. In fact the New York Times commented that Hall hits the hoop with "Amazing accuracy." You can't judge basketball players by just watching the box scores. Some of the basketball fans were talking about what would be an all Kansas boy team which would be hard to beat. How would this be?

Hamilton and Howey at forwards; Hall at center with Miller and Ray Lance at guards.

Some Team !!!

P H S

In practise the other night some of the basketball boys were giving their demonstrations of how Winters shot his game-winning goal. Oliver Shoup wound up and let fly one about six feet farther than Winters. Yes you're right. A swisher. That was that for awhile.

Vivian Ratt Wins Boys Bowling Tournament

Vivian (Twoie) Ratt with unexpected ability won the boys singles tournament at the "Y" last Saturday. He rolled a neat 206, 201, 164. His total including handicap was 601. Jack Brumbaugh and Bob Mrule tied for second place with a total of 568 apiece. Jim Ludlow just did beat out Pvt. George Story for the honor of last place. They were the tournament favorites but failed to live up to expectations, after Ratt rolled his first two games.

In the girls tournament Ina White just did beat Helen Anderson. They both tied in actual pins but White's handicap was just too much for Anderson's. Whites lucky total was 401 including handicap, while Anderson got 378. By the way these two girls were the only girls entered in the tournament.

cover the ball once it has been kicked and starting with first base they have to knock each base down before the runner gets in home.

Outs are made only when the bases are knocked down before the runner gets there.

Clear as mud isn't it?

Prison Dodge Ball A New Game: Prison Dodge Ball seemed to be a lot of fun to the fourth hour gym class the other day, especially to Ruth McMurphy. Ruth spent most of her time in prison.

The game is played something like this: Teams are chosen, and the floor is divided into sections. There are about four volley balls going at once the object is for one team to get the most prisoners by hitting them with the ball. The only way the opposing team can rescue their players from prison is to through the ball so they can catch it.

- This is an exciting game and the faster you keep the balls going the more exciting it gets.



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Pittsburg Again Host To AA, A, And B, Tourney

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March 8-11 On

RJHS Gymnasium

Pittsburg High School has again been selected to serve as host to the regional basketball tournament scheduled for March 8-11.

The entries are almost complete with three AA teams already entered and one probable and six A teams. The entries of the B teams will have to wait until the B teams have their district tournaments.

So far Pittsburg, Columbus, and Parsons are AA entries with Ft. Scott as a probable entry. Iola, Humbolt, Riverton, Baxter Springs, Altamont, and Galena comprise the A group.

Officials believe that the tournament can be held nights with no afternoon sessions.

V . . .
Don't borrow from your neighbor, always have your own equipment.

Bring Your Scrap To Down A Jap

Survey By Fans Shows That Basketball Is Not All Play

(This is a condensed story of "Basketball players at Work" from the last December issue of Scholastic Coach. This investigation in to the movements and activities of a basketball player was prompted mostly out of curiosity after a spectator at a basketball game remarked, "these little games are all right, but we should pay more attention to building strength in our youth through such things as calisthenic drills.")

To see just how much truth there was in the statement the writer with the aid of assistants attended a later basketball game for the sole purpose of an experiment. They were armed with pencils, charts, stop watches and all.

A 6-3 seventeen year old youth was selected as the "guinea pig." The observers were to chart the number of times he waved his hands as in guarding; the times he definitely twisted his trunk, such as reversals of direction; and the number of times he threw his body into the air after rebounds ect.

In addition they were to record the number of knee bends, as in deep crouch position, and the number of forward bends at the

waist.

One stop watch recorded the length of time he was in stride and the other, the number of minutes he was in a shuffling stride, or doing the so-called boxers step.

The tabulations revealed that:

1. He moved his arms in circles, thrusts while not in running stride 98 times, and twisted his trunk as in ordinary calisthenic drill 66 times.

2. He leaped into the air after rebounds or after the ball 59 times.

3. He made only 22 knee bends and 16 forward bends at the waist.

4. He was in actual running stride for a total of 8 minutes and 34 seconds, and shuffled from side to side as in the boxers step, 6 minutes and 40 seconds.

Fast running itself is hard; but with the fast running and stoping it is doubly hard.

Anyone doubting the amount of strength taking to jump off the floor while stretching his hands high should try it sometime. Try a dozen.

From the statistics shown it would seem that a basketball player is busy a considerable part of the half-hour he plays.



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LEAGUE BOWLING

The first half ended last Saturday at the "Y." As a result three teams ended in a tie for first place.

Here are the final standings for the first half:

TEAM	WON	LOST
Wolve's	19	9
Five Ace's	19	9
'Y' Champs	19	9
Rangers	18	10
Ramb Recks	16	12
Wolfettes	15	13
Blancett's	10	18
Pen Pushers	6	22

The new half will start next Saturday with new standings. So every team start the new half out right by being there.

Last week for the high single line for the boys Twoie Ratt rolled a terrific 187. Joe Moley was runner up with 170 while Louie Hanes scratched out for third with 161.

For the high double line Twoie Ratt scored a 313 to beat out Louie Hanes who had a 312. Jim Ludlow was way behind but managed third with 291. Flash! Twinkle-Toes Freeto bowled 101 for the low game of the for the boys.

For the high single line for the girls Louise DuBois got her highest and most amazing game of her career and also obtained her dream of having high single line for the girls by rolling a scorching 141. And to her amazement she also rolled the second highest with not so scorchin 137. Donna Broome was a poor third with 126.

For the high double line Louise DuBois, to everyone's surprise, was high with 278. Ina White was a very poor second with 238 while Esther Lewis rolled a poorer third with 222. HERE is the schedule for next Saturday.

1:00 O'clock	
Rangers vs Pen Pushers	1-2
'Y' Champs vs Ramb Recks	3-4
Blancett's vs Wolve's Inc.	5-6
Wolfettes vs Five Aces	7-8

Pvt. George Story, stationed at Fort Leavenworth at the present, writes that he bowled a huge 236 at the Fort 'Y' Saturday, Jan. 29.

Comets Drub Pitt 41-24

Tuesday

Go To Ft. Scott

Next Tuesday;

Parsons Friday

The Pitt Dragons suffered their worst defeat of the current season at the hands of the Chanute Comets 41 to 24. This was the second loss in a row for the Dragons leaving them with three wins and four losses.

The game was comparatively slow in comparison with the score. Pittsburg was cold all though the first half and never came to life till the second half.

Shoup, Urban, Glasre, and Fadler all scored five points for the Dragons. Endicott and Osborn supplied the other four points.

The Dragons are idle tonight, but will journey to Ft. Scott Tuesday and to Parsons Friday.

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1944 Basketball Schedule

Dec. 23—PHS 27, Miami 29
Jan. 4—PHS 20, Joplin 21
Jan. 7—PHS 38, Ft. Scott 21
Jan. 14—PHS 23, Parsons 17
Jan. 21—PHS 21, Iola 18
Jan. 28—PHS 22, Columbus 24
Feb. 1—PHS 24, Chanute 41
Feb. 8—Ft. Scott (there)
Feb. 11—Parsons (there)
Feb. 15—Baxter Springs

(here)

Feb. 18—Columbus (there)

Feb. 25—Miami (here)

Feb. 29—Joplin (here)

Mar. 3—Iola (here)

Mar. 6—Baxter Springs

(there)

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