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Laughlin Will Head Booster For Eleven Weeks

'Success Of Youth Center Depends On Teen-ager's'

—Simon Webb

With an enthusiastic crowd in attendance, the Y. M. C. A. youth center opened Tuesday night at 7:30 with a bang. There have been many improvements made in the game room and the gymnasium. New lights have been installed on the dance floor and a snack bar has been set up off the main entrance. A "juke box" with a lot of the newest records was kept playing constantly all evening.

The Youth Center is open to all high school students of Pittsburg each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:30 till 10:30 and to junior playing constantly all evening.

It is to be run by a student council elected by popular vote who will work with Mrs. Roy Price, the director. A president will be elected at

large from any one of the three high schools of Pittsburg while a vice president from each school will be designated.

The fee for a membership in the Youth Center will be 75 cents a month. A student fund will be established with one-third of the money while two-thirds of it goes into the Y. M. C. A. general fund for general upkeep expenses. Mr. Webb stated "We have organized this Youth Center for the boys and girls of Pittsburg. It is a lot like the teen town that some students tried to organize last year, we have a somewhat different setup which we think will work much better. The success of the organization is entirely up to the cooperation of the Pittsburg school kids."

Music Instructor Makes Good Start

Mr. Johnson, the new P.H.S. music director, has created quite a stir among P.H.S.'ers this year. Some students seem to think he's a blonde edition of Swoon King Sinatra. He not only looks like Frankie, he sings too!!

Mr. Johnson came to P.H.S. from Marysville, Kans., where he had charge of the band, orchestra, and mixed chorus as well as the school glee club and municipal band. (That settles it! Sinatra couldn't do all that work!)

"I was born and reared in Kansas City, Mo.," he stated, with the Sinatra twinkle in his eye. "I graduated from the Kansas City Conservatory of Music with the Bachelor of Music degree, and I also have the master's degree from Kansas University."

Some of the students have noticed the band going through the drills on the football field during sixth hour. Mr. Johnson makes a very active figure shouting through a megaphone. (Another reason why he couldn't be Sinatra.)

Bassoon, Oboe, and former violin players to be taught the viola are needed in Senior band or orchestra.

Mr. Johnson expressed a desire to take a group of P.H.S. students to Kansas City to hear a Philharmonic Concert sometime this winter. "I really think the students would enjoy it," he remarked. "I am looking forward to future years in P.H.S.," he concluded.

'War Has Increased Interest In Competitive Sports'

—E. A. Thomas

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner of the Kansas State High School Activities Association was at P. H. S. last Thursday. He spoke decisively and enthusiastically, and seemed greatly interested in his work, especially the athletic branch of it.

Mr. Thomas has been traveling through Kansas studying the new football rules with coaches and officials. He was scheduled to visit eighteen Kansas towns and he was about half way through his journey when he was in Pittsburg. He had been in Ft. Scott the night before and he planned to go to Iola from Pittsburg. He said, "My trip will be concluded by the end of the month."

He talked extensively of the Athletic Accident Benefit Plan. The Commissioner said, "It's not really an insurance plan but is a mutual benefit plan which includes girls. The majority of the benefits are for football."

He mentioned that the interest in athletics has increased since the war and people now realize the need for physical fitness. The schools are handicapped by the shortage of teachers and coaches but this year looks good because many coaches have returned from the military service and others have decided they like coaching better than working in a war plant. With this return of instructors, things are in fair shape. He said

Library Announces Five New Magazines

Five new magazines and three new book shelves have been added to the library this year.

"Due to an oversight in placing the order, the summer and current editions of the magazines have not yet arrived, but are expected to be here soon," said Mr. Woods.

Fortune, Saturday Evening Post, Scholastic Editor, Safety Education, and Aviation News are the new magazines now available.

"I'm sure the students will do all they can to see that the magazines are properly taken care of," added Mr. Woods.

City School Shows Enrollment Drop Of 35

Reports compiled this week show the enrollment in Pittsburg High School to be 527. This number is 24 less than last year when 551 were enrolled. This is approximately a 14 per cent decrease.

There are 147 Seniors enrolled this year whereas last year's number was 164. This is a decrease of 17 which is due partially to the boys going into armed services. 173 Juniors have enrolled for this term. This group totaled 174 last year.

The Sophomores show a decrease of 7, 206 have enrolled this year whereas last year there were 213. One post graduate is taking work in PHS this term.

KSAA Offers Protection For Student Athlete

Physical Education Made Requirement By State Board

The Kansas State Activities Association offers students an Athletic Accident Benefit Plan.

It is not a regular accident insurance plan as no policies are issued. It is a mutual benefit plan designated for the purpose of furnishing partial protection to high school boys and girls engaged in athletic activities. Many times students engaged in physical education or athletics may receive a fractured arm or leg which would lead to doctor bills. For \$1.50 a student playing football and participating in any other physical training is protected and for \$1.00 each student participating in sports other than football is protected.

In order to be physically protected a physical examination is required. Should a student care to have his teeth protected, a dental examination is necessary. Also, a special registration card must be filled for participation in this plan.

This year hospital benefits are available to all who are registered under the plan at no extra cost.

No football squad with less than 18 men may receive protection nor any basketball squad with less than ten. In order for the girls basketball squads to receive protection there must be no less than 10 participating.

Over 45 benefits are scheduled. Should a player lose the sight of one eye, the plan provides for a payment of \$200. If an arm should be fractured above the elbow \$50 is paid to the injured person. A fractured collar bone pays \$25.

Formal physical education was made a requirement by the State Board of Education in the last meeting. Taking part in inter-scholastic sports does not excuse a student.

Parents or students interested in the Athletic Accident Benefit Plan may secure additional information by contacting either Mr. Green, Mr. Hoffman, or Mr. Morey.

Four Boys Attend Boy's State During Past Summer

Four boys from Pittsburg High School attended Boy's State in Wichita from June 7 to June 14. The boys were George McClure, Bob Lorenzen, Harold McGrath, and Dean Montgomery. Two of the boys were sponsored by the Benjamin Fuller Post of the American Legion, one by the Rotary club, and one by the Elks. This was the eighth annual meeting, also the fifth year it has been held in Wichita.

To be accepted for enrollment in Boy's State, the person must be sponsored by an organization such as the American Legion, be a sophomore, Junior, or senior in his respective high school, be physically fit, and possess proven leadership and ability.

Boys slept on army cots which are set up in the halls of Wichita High School North and ate in the regular dining hall. Afternoon individual athletic contest as well as swimming. Evening assembly program consisted largely of music, stunts and special features presented by the boys themselves. Every effort was made to reduce adult participation in the entire program as a minimum.

Students Hold Annual Grand Hi-Y-G.R. Mixer

Fun-loving students met the past Monday evening for the annual Girl Reserves-Hi-Y mixer on Hutchinson Field.

Students gathered for games led by Jim Conover, Milton Fidler, Norma Tevis, and Peg Cochran. Short devotions followed the recreational period. Reverend L. Lee Gaines in a talk, emphasized the need for the clubs, and the part they play in our lives.

For refreshments doughnuts and pears were served, and second helping was frequent.

Castellani Will Solicit Advertising; Evans To Be Business Manager

Eight Students Appointed page Editors, Two Will Direct Circulation--Two Exchanges; Each Staff Member Will Read Own Proofs

Jo Ann Laughlin will head the Booster staff as editor-in-chief for a period of about eleven weeks.

Instead of the usual four page editors there will be eight, two for each page. Editors for the first page will be Mavis Brewington and Peg Cochran; second page, Norma Evans and Pat Lane; third page, Ramona Uttermohlen and Esther Lewis; fourth page, Evelyn Bennett and Don Broome.

Home Rooms Elect Officers For Semester

Nine home rooms out of a total of nineteen in P. H. S. have elected their officers. The Booster will publish the remainder of them when they are completed.

Officers elected in Miss Florence White's room are as follows: president, Ferol Coulter; vice-president, Donald White; secretary treasurer, Wilma Hadester student council representative, Bobby Walker; alternate, Virginia Lee Adams.

Miss Effi Farner's home room elected Mavis Brewington, president; Joan Whitcomb, vice pres. and Joe Horton, secretary.

Bob King is president of Mr. Nation's home room; secretary-treasurer; Inae White, student council representative; and Bill Burnside, alternate.

President of Miss Helen Lanyon's home room is Polly Beauchamp; vice-president, Evelyn Bennett; secretary, Shirley Sherman; treasurer, Marilyn Hyatt; student council representative, Peg Cochran; alternate, Joan Hughes.

Honors for Mr. Huffman's home room go to the following: president Grover Ralston; vice president, Joy Armstrong; secretary, Jeannine Moffatt; treasurer, Mary Beth Tanner.

Miss Fintel's officers include Dan Seifers, president; Wayne Parker vice president; Kathie Slinkman, secretary-treasurer; George McClure, student council representative; Don Cooper, alternate.

Miss Colleen Harrison is pres. of Miss Waltz's home room. Other officers include Thomas Clark vice-president; David Kubler, secretary; Roy Purkey, treasurer; Aruthur Delmez, student council representative; and Bill McCoy, alternate.

Serving as president of Miss Radell's home room is Ernie Chaney vice-president, Alice Comstock; secretary, (Continued on Page Three)

'My Home Town Is Salina; Photography Is My Hobby'



Superintendent Lowell A. Small, by his pleasing personality and considerate manner, makes interviewing a pleasure. He is generous with his time and eager to be of service to anyone seeking information. Appearing quiet and sincere, he is also very friendly.

"On the basis of experiences in connection with the opening of school and particularly because of the cordial atmosphere existing within the school, I am looking forward to very pleasant relationship with the students of the school, the faculty members, and the community as a whole," said Mr. Small. The superintendent is a native of Salina, and received his elementary and high school training there. After graduation he attended Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina.

Others on the staff include the following: advertising manager, Rose Marie Castellani; circulation managers, Norma Jean Baldwin and Jeanne Mitchell; exchange editor, Inae Marie White and Lorna Mundt. Each student proofreads his own copy. Milton Fidler and Bob Lorenzen will contribute to the sport page although their schedule does not permit them to attend journalism classes.

Booster reporters will include the entire staff. They are Jo Ann Laughlin, Marvis Brewington, Peg Cochran, Pat Lane, Norma Evans, Esther Lewis, Ramona Uttermohlen, Evelyn Bennett, Rose Marie Castellani, Doris Evans, Norma Baldwin, Jeanne Mitchell, Inae White, and Lorna Mundt.

Calendar Shows Three Vacations; Five Home Games

PHS students and teachers will have three vacations and an opportunity to see five football games this school year.

The first release from studies is Thanksgiving, starting on the evening of Nov. 22. Then a happy two weeks off for Christmas dating from Dec. 21, to Jan. 3, 1945. Easter will be observed one day, April 2; and last, but not least, the three months that all look forward to, school ends May 25.

PHS Dragons will romp on the field for the first time Sept. 22, against the College "B" team. The next game here will be with Iola, Oct. 6. Following it, Springfield will compete here with the Dragons, Oct. 13. Joplin appears to be the next opponent on Oct. 27. Columbus, the last home game, will be held Nov. 17.

Out of town games will begin with Coffeyville, Sept. 24, and Ft. Scott on Oct. 20. Miami is third, the Dragons playing there Nov. 30. At Parsons, Nov. 10.

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Foreign Correspondent in place of Hon. Eminent Norwegian announced in the "Mr. Hambro to Norway on diploma." Mr. Brock is the first general session. Held Friday at 9:30 A. Auditorium.



MAN BRYSON

Bryson, Chairman Ad-Columbia Broadcast-ll be the main speaker general session to 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the m. Dr. Bryson's address on "What Kind are Fighting For." Saturday afternoon in departmental and ings and discussions. Mr. Huffman, Mr. r. Lampton are the in charge of round-

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This Is Our Opinion!

Plan Your Future

What decisions are you making concerning your life work? Before you answer, consider the reasons often given by young people for selecting the occupations they hope to enter. Some have chosen the occupation of a close friend, a member of the family, or a respected leader in their local community. Some have been influenced by good wages; others seek the so-called glamorous positions.

How successful are such methods in deciding this important question? A study printed in a recent national journal revealed that in one Eastern high school, one ex-student who wanted to be a nurse took a job as a mill operator; one who chose reporting went to work as a mechanic.

What conclusions can be drawn from these facts? Frequently a person does not receive the job in which he is vitally interested. The job to suit one's individual taste is not always available.

To make an intelligent decision, investigate: (1) your vocational interests; (2) your abilities; and (3) the possibilities of getting the necessary training and finding the job you want.

One can discover his interests and abilities by studying himself, talking with his friends, and taking aptitude tests. Next, consider what each field offers.

For most people, the three parts of job selection are safe guides. Get on the beam by making sure that you have planned your vocational future with your eyes open to the facts in your own life and world around you!

—Mavis Brewington

Education — Your Duty!

When the Nazis predicted victory for the German people, they meant the enslavement of all other countries. Victory for them insured power for few and property for many. The job of destroying the system they have built is almost over, but complete victory can only be won when the hatred and brutality bred into minds of the German soldier is wiped out.

The education of the Nazi was taken into the hands of their government. They were forced to learn some things and taught distrust of everything good and decent. Exactly the opposite is the American method. No-one but you, yourself, dictates your wants. Certainly, laws have been set up for us to follow, however, we cannot realize the restrictions placed on personal right such as German citizens have.

We ought to be proud that we can choose what we care to learn and that the acquired knowledge is defeating the mechanically trained Axis. In no instant can you name an occupation where a high school education would not aid ones advancement, so prepare for your part in the future, small as it may seem.

Help spell the doom of the ignorance which was to enslave the world!

—Rose Marie Castellani

Service Men Like To Read The Booster

Anyone having relatives or friends in the armed services may have the Booster sent to them by giving their names and addresses to Inae White or by placing them in the Booster box by the library door.

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Get Acquainted With This Book

Would you like to meet 380 people in one evening? You can, you know, by reading CURRENT BIOGRAPHY 1943, just received at the P.H.S. library.

Outstanding personalities in 26 varied professions from architecture to the theatre—including international and United States government officials, military and naval chiefs, diplomats, industrialists, writers and journalists, artists and musicians, engineers and lawyers, leaders in education, medicine, religion, and science, favorites in motion pictures, radio, and sports are included in this 896-page Year Book published in New York by the H.W. Wilson Company.

This book is particularly helpful because it lets you know who's news and why without reading a complete book on each one. It also has an informal style which makes for good reading. Women in the news are given mention as well.

This book is particularly recommended for people who want to know the background of the men and women who are making tomorrow's history.

Rabbit's Heart Beats While In Saline Solution

George Quier, assisted by Charles Bradrick and Rosemary McClusky, removed the heart of a domesticated rabbit last week in Mrs. Peterson's biology room. The air was heavy with excitement, and, incidentally the smell of ether. After discovering that one can of anesthetic was "dead", and substituting another, the operation progressed according to schedule.

The object of the experiment was to keep the heart alive after it had been taken from the body.

After its removal, the heart was suspended in a saline solution which has properties similar to those of blood. It beat for several minutes and then stopped but the experiment wasn't completed. Electro-stimulus, rhythmically applied, produced definite reaction. After it had stopped, the heart began to beat again, and continued for eight and one-half minutes.

The organ was then bottled for safe-keeping. This rabbit was just one in a series of experiments being conducted. Let's hope the next one beats ten minutes.

Calling Students And Pedagogues

The tough luck trophy goes to the boys who are going to be drafted before they finish their senior year.

THE DUMB ANSWER OF THE WEEK:

Joe Peel was asked by Mr. Lampton, "Where is potassium found?" Joe smartly replied, "In the back of the book."

For the past week Mr. Nation has been asking us to bear with him. But we don't mind, we always have the excuse that we didn't understand him!

Mrs. Lewis complains that she has too many girls in her classes, but we hear no complaints about the boys' occupation classes. Seems the Soph. boys still have their charm.

Mr. Lampton informed the chemistry class before the cafeteria rush, "Close your

Collection Of Dolls Increases Despite War Time Restrictions

Dolls from Switzerland, the Balkans, Sweden, Mexico, Russia, Germany, China, and Japan are included in Mavis Brewington's hobby. They are costumed in the oldworld dress of their native country. Perhaps the most clever of these is an Italian ski-boy, dressed in a bright blue ski-suit, complete with miniature wooden skis. He was made in Venice. Another odd European doll is a little peasant girl, carved by a German. The wood he used in doing this was taken from the famous Black Forest of Germany. Speaking of natives, she has one which really "went native" in a hula skirt. One can easily guess this one came from the Island of Hawaii. She has wavy black hair, a grass skirt, and two leis, one around her neck and a smaller around her ankle.

Ad Lib From the Campus

Everyone is swooning over our new music director, a blond version of Frank Sinatra if you please. Mr. Johnson is really a swell person and a good sport who is doing one super job of filling Mr. Carney's shoes.

DID JA' NO???

John Lock seems to spend a lot of time feeding the nickelodeon at the Puritan. Is it the nickelodeon or Alice Comstock?

Heights of embarrassment: Two eyes meeting at the same keyhole.

A SOPHIE TRIANGLE SEEMS TO BE BILL NEER, JEANINE MOFFATT, AND FANITA WEAVER. SOUNDS LIKE BILL'S FOLLOWING IN HIS BROTHER'S

FOOTSTEPS.

About the football gang, let's all get out and really back those kids at the game tonight. They deserve it cause there really have been some "sore" kids the last two weeks from the workout Arkie has given them. It makes them feel just lots better if they know we're with them.

CONGRATS GO TO

Dan Seifer and Vada Lee Alden on their first anniversary as P.H.S. steadyes.

We heard several seniors have shown evidence of insanity. Hint: if you get into trouble in the office, plead insanity.

Fads and Plaids

Fashions this year are on the patriotic side. Let's make the old do so we can save for the war effort.

Please lets not start wearing silk hose and high heels to school. Bobby socks, low heels, and sweaters are so comfortable to look at besides being practical. Who wants to look uncomfortable?

Colors:

Colors are of a vivid hue mostly cherry, lime, fushia, and deep purple. Such colors teamed together are really on the beam.

Hair:

Hair is worn long and preferably straight. Ribbons and head bands are taking the place of the war scarce flowers. To see something cute look at Rose Marie McClusky's daisy head band.

Glasses:

It's not a disgrace to wear glasses anymore. In fact you're in the height of fashion if you do. They come in all colors and shapes. Jackie Mack and Nancy Messenger are sporting some slick ones.

Rain:

When the rains come don't pay any attention. The new officers trench coats are really something to look at.

Who wouldn't want to be caught in the rain in one of those?

P.S.

If your big brother has gone to service, you can borrow his sport jacket and sweaters. They may be on the large scale but that's the way we like them.

books and we'll have a word of prayer!"

Gaposis

Paul Jones was rather embarrassed this week in one of his classes, because the girl in front of him had "Gap-o-sis in the back of her pinafore. He asked the girl if she had ever had an embarrassing moment, and she replied,

"No."

"Uh-huh, you're having one right now," said Paul.

But no-one could determine then who was more embarrassed—John Paul or the owner of the pinafore!

Oh-Johnny.

Congratulations to James Mason for his poem which was published in the book, "My Favorite Poems".

We've all heard about the absent minded professor who poured the syrup down his back and scratched his pan cakes, but the one that worries us is the one who pounced catup on his shoe laces and tied his spaghetti.

Jeeps Can Turn Around On A Dime

I rode in a jeep that appeared in Life magazine and was photographed by Metro Goldwyn Mayer! It was the first civilian owned jeep. It was damaged in an African battle and was brought to the United States. Because it was out of Army use, the owner was required to paint it another color so he chose red. The proprietor of this jeep was Mr. Fred W. Heine, mayor of Lucas, Kans.

Mr. Heine had parked the jeep outside of the bank he had gone into. We were all enthusiastic over a RED jeep and immediately climbed into it and started examining everything. Soon afterward the owner came out and seeing all of us around the jeep, asked if we would like to take a ride. Of course we all did. It was quite a thrill but each bump we hit merely tossed us up in the air and oh—when we hit those hard, decrepit, seats again! There wasn't any place this jeep couldn't take us for we went through fields, ditches, culverts, and down the railroad track.

The expression "turning around on a dime" could certainly be applied to this jeep as we found out when one of the girls lost her hair flowers. Mr. Heine turned around in the middle of a narrow, dirt road to pick it up before the wind blew it away, and that was the shortest turn I have ever seen a motorized vehicle make.

It was lots of fun, but I certainly would hate to have to depend on such an "open-air" vehicle for my transportation.

Open Your Eyes; Pittsburg Isn't Dead. You Are!

Do you belong to the N. T. D. club? For the benefit of those who don't know N. T. D. means "nothing to do." If so, you are probably saying that our fair city is dead, and that there's nothing to do except go to the movies. Well, you need to open your eyes. Just look around. If you're too lazy to do that, just string along with us. Once every two weeks, we're going on a little tour of the town. We'll do something different on each trip, so if you're looking for a good time, come along.

Today, we are going roller skating. You can't skate? Well, what of it? You'll never learn like that. There's a first time for everything you know.

Here we are at the rink. You didn't realize it was so big? You sure don't get around much. Now, let's all skate around a few times. Careful, don't fall down. Floor's pretty hard. Whoops! Sorry. Hurt yourself? Just relax, now. It's easy, isn't it? You're catching on. I thought you couldn't skate. Never knew it could be so much fun, did you? I'll bet you come more often.

Now, time out for a little refreshment. Sure, they sell soft drinks here. Of course you didn't know, you never look around.

We've been here long enough for this time, so let's call it a day. Try to be back with us at our next meeting, when we visit the bowling alley.

Students Buy Plane

Students of Columbia Hi Life have purchased two fighter planes with their war bond purchases. They named them "The Fighting Cap" and "Spirit of C.H.S.". Columbia Hi-Life

Donate Blood to Red Cross

A blood unit of the American Red Cross from the Southern Chapter of Pennsylvania, came to the Colony last week. There were 160 boys and several employees who gave blood this time.

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Time Changes But Activities Continue To Be Similar

Just to show there's nothing new under the sun—

IN THE SEPT. 27, 1929 BOOSTER was this item.

Many new voices were heard as the whole school united in singing the "How-do-you-do" song at an all school assembly last Thursday. This being the first meeting of this kind, Miss Ellis explained the purpose of the movement, and what she expected to accomplish this year.

NOW

This is similar to the assembly held the first week of school. Students got their vocal chords oiled up when they met the new music instructor, Mr. Johnson. He led

the group in singing some old-fashioned song feasts.

18 YEARS AGO—1926

A group of girls selected by Miss Park are taking a course in first aid. They are beginning with the proper way of bandaging the head, arm, leg, and other parts of the body.

Though handicapped by a muddy field Pittsburg High defeated Girard High by a score of 13 to 0.

10 YEARS AGO—1934

Students of the home living class visited the Pittsburg sewage disposal plant last Thursday. The class was informed of the process of filtration by Walter Higdon, operator of the plant.

"Deke" Visits Parents Before Seeing Action

The fighting man of this week is Deke Huffman. Deke is in the army and is stationed at Great Bend, Kans. He is flying with a crew on a B-29 and is training as a right waist gunner.

Deke is with that famous 10th bomb group that was in the Philippines at the beginning of the war. Also many have read the story "Queen's Die Proudly" which is about this group.

Deke said, "Perhaps my most exciting experience was the time when on a flight up North and two engines quit." That certainly was a great experience, but a dangerous one.

Before he left for the Army he was a student of P. H. S. After the war he intends to go to college. Everyone knows Deke. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Huffman and a graduate of PHS. He expects to go across soon so here's wishing him lots of luck and success.

Miss Bailey Receives Master Of Science Degree

Miss Bailey, mathematics instructor in Pittsburg Senior High School, received the Master of Science degree from the local college this past summer. Her thesis took the form of a geometry workbook.

After her work was completed, she took a short, well earned vacation in North Carolina. Miss Esther Gable accompanied her.

Army Asks Public To Report AWOL Soldiers

Perhaps the general public is not aware of the fact that it is a federal offense to assist in any way an absent without leave soldier. If tried and convicted in a federal court, the penalty may be severe. Everyone is asked to remember this information.

Soldiers who are absent without leave are definitely not performing the duty to which they are assigned. The many honest, sincere and loyal ones should not be placed in a disadvantage by the two or three who wish to be different. These are, of course, those who are consistently AWOL. Even a good soldier may be unavoidably absent for a short period of time.

It is the duty of all civilian peace officers to apprehend AWOLs. Any soldier who is in a questionable position should be investigated. If he cannot produce his pass or furlough papers for examination, he should be held for confinement until the proper authorities are notified. Arrangements will then be made for military guard to take charge of the absentee, or the peace officer will be instructed to take him to the nearest military post.

No one is ever defeated unless he admits it.

You Ought To Know This

Pencilin is a yellow drug that comes from a green mold which is a low form of vegetable life and yet is so valuable that the war Production Board has ordered nine U.S. chemical firms to build a three million dollar plant expansion and turn out more pencilin!

Civilians from all over the country are peering for only a tiny bit of pencilin, but at the present the supply is so small that only the most serious cases are allowed to use this wonder drug.

This cheese—mold drug is the most powerful weapon ever found against certain diseases and saves the lives of many soldiers who otherwise would have died because of battle-wound infection. That up until this time have been incurable except for the use of sulfa which in many cases was insufficient in strength.

Scientists are now working on a type of Pencilin B that carries oxygen. It kills the bacteria by giving them too much oxygen thus burning them alive.

When these two drugs are put on the market for the constant use of the public. It will cut the death quota caused by diseases and wounds to less than half.

SCRAP

The armies of the United Nations are still on the march. They are hitting the Nazis and Japanese and on many sides but this no time to sit back and dream of victory.

Our fighting men are still in the need of gun, planes, and ammunition we need more than ever to make sure our fighting men have everything they need to finish the job and at the earliest possible moment.

This is where we can come in present we only have 7,500,000 tons of scrap left on hand which will last about two months. For this reason there is a great need for the scrap drive beginning on the first of October and lasting until the fifteenth of November to be more of a success than any of the previous drives.

We must insure a steady flow of scrap to the steel mills through the efforts of students.

Librarian Wants Students To Use Library Facilities

"We're going to try to make 'Service' our motto in the library this year, and we are especially eager to increase the circulation of reading material. I think we have a fine, varied book collection," said Miss Oliver, the new librarian, as she smiled pleasantly.

Miss Oliver is a native of Pittsburg, so P.H.S. isn't entirely strange to her. She attended the Pittsburg schools, and received the bachelor's and master's degrees from the college here. Miss Oliver later studied at the University of Wisconsin, and has taught Library and Social Science for the past ten years at Riverton, Kans.

In conclusion Miss Oliver said, "many students do not realize how much help the library is ready to give in solving their problems. They should ask questions more freely. Our aim is to give students help in learning to locate information. Skill in the use of libraries and books will enable high school students to do their class work more efficiently, make them better college students, and will equip them to find information whenever the need arises."

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James Mason, Senior, Achieves Ambition; Has Poem Published In 599 Page Book

Seldom does a boy seventeen achieve even part of his ambition. But it can happen as James Mason, colored senior, has proved. The creative ambition of a poet is Jimmy's choice.

Printed in "My Favorite Poems" published by the Exposition Press, in New York is James Mason's poem, "The Old Man With The Long Beard." The following is a copy of his poem.

THE OLD MAN WITH THE LONG BEARD

The old man with the long beard,
He has stars in his crown;
With a jolly smile or two, he'll bid you to the mellow side,
Well he'll shake your hand with that jolly smile
And he'll say:
"My name is Uncle Sam."

Oh, what a smile he carries on his face;
And you can't refuse to hear him call his name.
When he talks it roars with a boom!
He's a powerful man,
But he's got romance;
He's got every bit of a chance.

When he goes a-walking, you ought to hear the folks a-talking,

He's the best man in the whole wide world.

When he gives a command, it's with a demand and you ought to stand

For you must remember that he is a powerful man

And he's your Uncle Sam.

Jimmy is very proud of this poem since this is his first one to be published.

He has sent in over one hundred poems to the Exposition Press in New York. His satisfying reward was the publication of one of his poems. He received three complimentary copies of the book and has sold three at a one hundred per cent commission.

"I have always been interested in poetry, music, and lyric writing," said James. "My mother is very good in music."

This summer James was vocalist with a small orchestra in Kansas City. In his spare time he does repair and refinishing work at the Pittsburg Auction House.

P.H.S. is proud of James. May his success continue.

G.R. Programs This Year Will Emphasize Variety

Five teachers are sponsoring Girl Reserves this year. They are Miss Bailey, Miss Gable, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Stephens, and Miss White. Miss Gable is Chairman of this group.

The programs will be on the order of last year with meetings in the various groups, and combined meetings in the auditorium every other week. The program will emphasize the numerous as well as the serious side of life.

The cabinet consists of the following girls: Jo Ann Laughlin, president; Inae Marie White, vice president; Eva Evans, secretary; Neva Evans, treasurer; Peggy Cochran, program chairman; Nancy Messenger, devotional chairman; Norma Evans, service chairman; Norma Tevis, social chairman; Helen Curteman, publicity chairman; Virginia Twell, song leader; and Mavis Brewington, accompanist.

Hi-y Boys Attend Camp Aug. 29 To Sept. 7

Three P.H.S. students attended a Hi-Y camping period at Camp Wood, located two miles south of Elmdale, Kans., this summer from Aug. 24 to Sept. 7. The local boys who participated in the activities were Jim Conover, Bill Macheers and Paul Gilliland.

The boys had religious training for three hours a day followed by recreation. The various sports included swimming, boating, practice on the rifle range, horse-back riding, and inter-cabin sports contest. The campers lived in cabins with eight boys in each one. Jim Conover was the leader of his group.

Mr. Kusterman, camp leader, directed the activities of 140-odd members. Mr. Clyde Hartford of Pittsburg was the camp sponsor.

Homerooms Elect Officers

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retary treasurer, Joe Peel; student council representative, Howard Hallman; alternate, Helen Curteman

Mr. Stanton's home room elected officers as follows: president, Virginia Million; vice-president, Darlene Nelson; secretary, Audrey Sutton; treasurer, Melva Williams; student council representative, Bonnie Bryan; alternate, Donna McDonald.

Stamp And Bond Sale For PHS Reaches \$179.30

Students and teachers of the high school purchased \$104.30 worth of stamps in the first sale of the year. Onto this amount was added one \$100 bond which raised our total to \$179.30.

This week the high school didn't do as well with the total only reaching \$125.15. However, Roosevelt helped boost the total for both schools, when they collected \$913.50. \$750 of this amount goes to Gerry Williamson for a \$1000 bond.

We are using a new method of collecting the stamps this year because of a shortage of help in the office. Instead of the teachers sending their money to the office as been done in previous years, Mr. Stanton's home room students are collecting it and he is taking care of the money and stamps.



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Purple Squad To Have First Encounter Tonight

Pitt. Dragons Meet Gorilla B Team Tonight

Eight Letterman To Play Again This Year On Local Gridiron

During the game the Pitt. team will be throwing everything they have at the Gorilla's.

The Purple Crew has eight letter men returning this year. Three of these were on first string last year. The letter men are Lorenzen, Endicott, Creely, Fidler, Bob Patrick, Conover, Knaup, and Broome.

Although this game has no admission charge, it does not mean it will just be a scrimmage. Both teams will be giving their best to prove their ability. This game will also give the coaches of both teams a chance to see boys in action that otherwise would not have the opportunity to perform. Because of this, there is apt to be some changes made on the Dragon starting eleven before the next gridiron tilt.

The probable starters in the back field will be Lorenzen, 150 pounds of endurance and speed; Endicott, Dragon's passer at 155; Knaup, hard hitting half back will weight at 175; and Conover 165, fullback.

On the line will be Bob and Gene Patrick 185 pound ends, tackles, Creely 180 pound bone crusher and Wheeler hard hitting 185 pounds of brawn; at the guard spots are Walker speedy 160 pounder while 185 Broome will fill the other position and Fidler will fill in the center hole with his 165 pounds.

Others expected to see service are: Hoffman, Willard, Peel, Wilbert, Lohr Farris, Daugherty, Grandie, Allman, Kirk, Nickelson and Strahan.

Girls Athletic Association Begin Membership Drive

Several members and sponsors Miss Helen D. Lanyon, of the G.A.A. held a short meeting Wednesday evening after school for the purpose of a drive for membership. However, the activities will get under way in full swing next Wednesday evening.

The officers of the organization this year are President, Evelyn Bennett; Vice-President, Helen Anderson; Recording Secretaries, Ladene Meiers and Rosalie Lenne; and Treasurer, Joan Davis.

Any girl wishing to join meet

Jim Morey New Asst. Coach Replaces Bournoville At RJHS

We wish to introduce Jim Morey to the students of Pittsburg High. Although he is a stranger around the campus, he was known by many of the students and athletics as the coach of the mighty Columbus Titans. He is filling the vacancy made by "Bunk" who was drafted into the arm forces last winter. "Bunk" also came from Columbus. As Physical Education Teacher of the Roosevelt Junior High, Mr. Morey will also assist Coach "Arkie" Hoffman in coaching the Dragon football and basketball teams. If you will recall he produced one of the best S. E. K. basketball teams last year.

Jim went to Ft. Scott Junior College and played there for two years. He then proceeded to KSTC where he played on Blue Hal's all star team.



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Clifford Wheeler -Sr.

"Cliff" is out for football for his first season, and is holding down the right tackle berth on the first string. Weighing 185 lbs. and standing 6' 1" Clifford gets around very well on the line and will be counted upon to bust up many plays on defense.

Bob Patrick -Sr.

The Dragon L.E. is held down by Bob with his 6' 2" x 180 lbs. frame, he upsets many opposing

ball carriers. Bob is one of the best pass receivers in the business and gives his best every minute he's on the playing field.

Don Kirk -Jr.

"Dopey" is another boy out for football for the first time, but he is making it rough for the first string. His 190 lbs body has already won recognition by the best of all ball carriers. Don is expected to be used quite a little on defense this season.

Amazonic Angles

The girls gym classes got under way Tuesday, Sept. 12. They were divided into squads, each having a squad leader. The purpose of these is to keep order and quiet in the dressing room and going to and from the building.

By the groans of some of the girls each time they take a step, it seems they're already on the way to hardening their muscles. After playing touch football and army ball, we wonder how the boys can play so much without getting sore.

It seems that the girls in the first hour have forgotten Miss Lanyon's exercises and let their muscles grow flabby during the summer. They tugged and tugged on the volley ball net while trying to get it up, but, alas, they just couldn't make it. Like the hero who walks in at just the right time so did our little Fred, who puts it up in two seconds flat. Cheer up, girls. Miss Lanyon will have those muscles back in shape before long.

There are thirty seven girls who have the position as squad leaders in the girls gym classes.

The first hour leaders are Rosalie Lenne Vera Masterson, Ramona Utermoechn, Betty Standlee, Shirely Sherman, and Helen Buford.

Those in second hour are Jeanne Knight, Jo Ann Laughlin, Alice Comstock, Molly Jo Woods, Peggy Baldwin, and Ladene Meier.

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LEAGUE BOWLING

PHS students interested in participating in the high school bowling league met Saturday at the Y. M. C. A. bowling lanes. Teams were organized and practice games were bowled.

Teams are evenly divided this year. There are two girls' teams and two boys' teams. The girls' teams are entitled Flying Tigers and Jivin' Jacks. The boys' have adopted for their titles Scratchy Rats and Wolves Inc.

Bowling begins at 1:30.

The fee this year is 10 cents a line.

Several PHS girls are bowling in the Women's Class B League at the Bowl. They are as follows: Jackie Mack, Alice Comstock, and Evelyn Bennett.

Students interested in bowling in the high school league are encouraged to from teams and be at the "Y" Saturday at 1:30.

There is room for four more teams at the "Y". If there are will be bowled at both the "Y" and the Bowl.

FREE
The football game tonight between the Dragons and the Gorilla "B" team is free.

sports. She has already made plans for the intramurals in basketball and volleyball to be held in the near future.

In the latter months of school, swimming lessons will be given during gym classes.

Students know and appreciate Miss Lanyon's willingness to give her Wednesday evening in order to sponsor the GAA.



Tales of the DRAGONS

—By Three Monsters



If you see some boy crawling down the hall, you'll know he's out for football. Yes, "Arkie" really works the boys of an evening.

Last years right-tackle, big Keith Allmon, is now stationed in Maryland.

Are the Dragons ready for the College? "Yes," says the Dragons.

"Onions to the College; Orchids to the Dragons," from the Dragons.

The team wants a cheering section to back them up. What about it students, are we going to give 'em yells?

We hear that Clifford Wheeler has run out of SMAITZ. Has he? Coach Morgan's Gorillas

As the old saying goes, "Dynamite comes in small packages." This year we have one of those packages. It is George Nickelson. He is 5 feet 1 inch and weighs 130 pounds. He does very well on offense and is dynamite on offense.

His specialty is going under his opponent rather than through or over them. Big things are expected of "Shorty" this year.

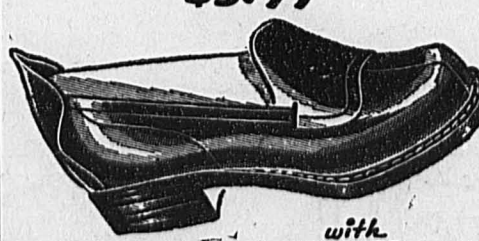
What has "Arkie" and Jim Morey got that no one else has? They seem to tell the boys what to do from 4 to 6 every evening I wonder?

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