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Polio Benefit Will Be Held Tues., Jan. 23

Eighth Annual Infantile Paralysis Athletic Benefit will be held Tuesday Jan. 23 in Roosevelt Gymnasium.

Eight years ago Grantland Rice who is chairman of national athletic benefits conceived the idea of athletic benefits in connection with March of Dimes.

Doran Woods who is Pittsburg chairman has announced the program for the evening.

Lakeside Junior High and Roosevelt Junior High will open the program with a basketball game. A comedy tumbling team from the Navy at the College will present an act.

The main event of the evening will be a basketball contest between a team of Wacs from Camp Crowder and a team of Pittsburg women coached by Mrs. Alys Amoneno. Mrs. Amoneno and her team were formerly outstanding players over the nation.

Ordinarily the admission price is a dime but owing to the need of combating infantile paralysis it is felt it would be well to charge twenty cents.

Advance ticket sale will begin next week. Mr. Woods is soliciting the cooperation of teachers and students in the sale.

Details will be printed in next week's Booster.

World Geography

New Exciting Course

An intensive study is being made in World Geography this six weeks on different countries of the world. This class is under the direction of Miss Waltz.

Each student is allowed to select a country and prepare a complete report from a geographical, economic, and social standpoint as well as finding out the part the country is playing in the present war.

A study on rivers is also being made. Students are to choose an important river and prepare a talk telling of its importance to the people and country.

Since World Geography is just a new subject, a project of this type has never before attempted, however a great deal of interest is being shown. Material is obtained from the school and public library. This special work closes next week.

Coat, Dress, Pens, and Book To Be Auctioned for War Stamps

"Going, going, gone, sold to the girl the red sweater".

The Booster staff plans to auction off the lost and found articles in the office for two very good reasons. At the present time the articles turned in occupy four large drawers in the office. The space is needed for other purposes and the articles in the drawers can be useful to many students. The second reason is that payment for the auctioned articles will be in war stamps. So, PHS is making use of idle articles and furthering the war effort in one plan.

It would be rather impossible to estimate the total value of the lost items but the more important ones can be mentioned.

At the latest count there were twenty pens of all colors, shapes, and sizes. If any PHS student needs a pen, the best thing to do would be to attend the auction and get war stamps and a pen at the same time.

Girls, twenty scarfs are in the drawer waiting to be claimed or auctioned.

Seven pocketbooks that have not been opened but are as full as the usual girl's, twenty-six gloves, not pairs, twelve billfolds and coin purses, containing, and sixteen combs are also among the collection.

There are thirty-five pieces of jewelry. Some are gold or silver and other pieces are merely plastic.

Six rulers, three keys, five compacts, eight flowers, and ribbons, ten tubes of lipstick, six lucious sweaters, and three pairs of ear-

Two Former Students Have Won Scholarships to Purdue University

Occasionally, a boy graduating from PHS receives a scholarship from Purdue University. This has been the case with Tommy Davis and Jack Brumbaugh in recent years.

This college is situated at Lafayette Ind. It is a land-grant institution and owes its origin to an act passed by Congress in 1862, known as the Morrill Act. Lafayette and a group of men donated the sum of \$200,000 for the establishment of such a school in their local community. The major contributor was a man by the name of John Purdue, the namesake of the present college.

The University has clung rather closely to the purposes for which it was established. The main purpose of the institution has been to train men for service in the fields of engineering, agriculture, pharmacy, and applied science; at the present time there are more than sixteen thousand living graduates, and nearly twice that number of

former students are engaged in technical and scientific pursuits all over the world.

While the major part of the work of the University appeals to men, more than a thousand women are now enrolled in the University and are doing work in homes economics and general science.

For admission to the freshman class of any school or division of the University an applicant must establish credit in 15 units of secondary school work. A unit represents the study of any subject for a school year of at least 32 weeks, with five recitation periods a week, each of at least 45 minutes in length, or the equivalent thereof. Two laboratory periods in any science or vocational study are considered as equivalent to one classroom period. Ordinary students enter the University at the beginning of the fall term, and thus obtain the benefits of beginning their work on a regular scale.

Booster Letter Sent To Former Class Prexy

This week's letters to servicemen have been placed in the boy's dressing room, the girl's dressing room, and the library. The three boys chosen to receive the letters are seniors who left school this year to enter the armed forces.

For the Army it was decided to write to Bill Endicott at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. To represent the Navy the cumulative letter will be sent to Milton Fidler at the Great Lakes Training Station. The Coast Guard letter will be mailed to Ellwood Bath who is in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Laughlin Gets Different Position On P-W Staff

Co-editorship of the Purple and White has been changed to the positions of editor-in-chief and art editor. This plan was considered necessary because of various school position interfering.

Jo Ann Laughlin has been appointed to be the art editor. She is also president of Girl Reserves. School rules do not permit one person to hold more than one major office. This necessitated appointing Mavis Brewington editor-in-chief. No other changes have been made.

Man Shortage Makes Yearbook Race Exciting

In a few weeks the race will be on for the Purple and White King and Queen. This year's triumph should be a good one, especially when it comes around to the choice for King.

Advertising always helps, and there are going to be many students who will support some likely candidate by buying an annual from him. Arrangements have been made for any candidates to advertise in the Booster. Students wishing to do this should see Mavis Brewington or Jo Ann Laughlin.

The articles not claimed by Jan. 19, will be sold at auction. Time of the auction will be announced in next week's Booster.

'Youth Interested in Law Should Have Analytical Mind,' Advises Attorney Angwin

The occupational interview of the week concerns Gordon Angwin, attorney. Several students expressed their desire to study law, and he was consulted to give personal advice to them.

Mr. Angwin received his law degree, LL.D., from Washburn College in Topeka. He didn't begin his practice until 1938, approximately seven years ago. To receive a degree in law, one must complete four years of college and three years in law school. Mr. Angwin's earliest ambition was to be a lawyer. "I wanted to be a lawyer, just as you have at one time or another wanted to be a nurse. It just happened

my ambition stayed with me," he stated.

High school subjects didn't particularly aid Mr. Angwin in his career, as he received a general course with no stress being placed on law. It must have been a good foundation however, as that is one of the necessary elements for a successful profession.

"I think a student should have an analytical mind," he stated. "Also, they should have a liking for abstract factors in life rather than the concrete. The will to study should be powerful influence, as nothing can be accomplished without this. They should also be very interested. A good speaking

Hi-Y Groups Plan Varied Activities

New plans are underway for the remainder of the year for the PHS Hi-Y organization. A meeting of councilors and officers was held just before the Christmas holidays to outline plans for the year.

Plans are to continue holding one general meeting and three special group meetings each month.

An outstanding speaker and special numbers are usually included in the programs planned for the general meeting. Of the group meetings, two are of a religious nature, one on service, and one on World Brotherhood. These are started with a designated leader who brings out facts on the theme and then the rest of the period is a general discussion led by prepared leaders.

Officers for next year will be chosen in the election which will be held early in April. After the election a conference in this district will be held for the training of new officers from various schools of this area.

Between now and the time school is out Hi-Y is planning on two parties with the Girl Reserves.

Before the year is over the PHS Hi-Y will probably lose about one-fourth of its membership, about one-half of the senior boys will be taken because of the draft. Milton Fidler, one of the chapter presidents, has already gone to the Navy. Don Broome, vice president, will fill in as president of this chapter. Mr. Lampton is its sponsor.

There are 101 members in PHS with 18 in Roosevelt Jr. High, making a total of 119 in all. This is an increase over the membership of last year.

The picture of Mr. Hutchinson which was presented to him last spring by the Girl Reserves and Hi-Y for his excellent work was finally hung several weeks ago. The delay in hanging it in the hall was caused by not being able to get a proper name plate. Mr. Price designed the lettering and it is now hanging on the wall opposite the office.

Hi-Y has an advisory council, composed of Mr. Walter Lemon, local Y. M. C. A. Secretary; Mr. J. R. Hutchinson, former principal; Mr. Clyde Hartford, Rev. Arthur Armstrong, United Presbyterian Church, with Mr. Finis M. Green, present principal, who acts as chairman.

School Earns Right To Fly Minute Man Flag

At last the dream of flying the Minute Man flag has become a reality. It was ordered Dec. 28, from Cincinnati, Ohio and it arrived on Jan. 8. It was seen flying below the American flag on Jan. 9.

PHS was able to fly the Minute Man flag only after Roosevelt Jr. High and PHS were above 90 percent in war stamps sales. This month of November, and also December therefore the flag may be flown for two months, and continue to fly if the schools maintain the 90 percent record.

The flag is white with blue Minute Man in the center and thirteen blue stars surmounting. It cost \$4.07, and is set by 6 feet.

flag will be taken down each evening with the American flag.

Marvel Sponsors Mystery Contest

Mystery boys and girls are once more entering the old familiar halls of PHS. This coming week it is to be a boy. MARVEL'S are sponsoring the first week's contest.

Thinking and observing students may be rewarded when this new plan is fully organized. During the coming week, a certain boy in school, whose identity will be kept secret until a later date, will wear one particular article of clothing the entire five days. The mentioned article will not be something which everyone wears every day, such as a watch or a ring. It is something which One would ordinarily not wear an entire week.

MARVEL'S thoroughly endorsed this plan, and was very happy to be the first sponsor. The boy's name should be placed in the Booster Box outside the library door. Anyone in high school is eligible to try his wit except, of course, the boy himself. In case there is more than one winner, the first answer will be considered. The Booster Box will be opened every hour. Students should indicate their choice. Friday afternoon, Jan. 19, NOT BEFORE.

The winner will be presented with a free show ticket given to them by MARVEL'S. The name of the boy and the winner will be announced in next week's Booster. The following week the mystery will concern a girl. The entire staff gives its thanks to MARVEL SHOE STORE for its cooperation.

Reporter Encounters Mystery While Seeking "Coal Scuttle"

Calling Pallas Athene, the goddess of wisdom, or a radio detective, my-tive, mysterious and eric acts are taking place around PHS.

The "coal scuttle" was lost and round no less than six times in the last five days.

For the past two years, beginning with Bob Osborn and ending with a girl sport reporter this year, editorials, sport comments, and feature stories have been written relative to getting the "coal scuttle" placed in the trophy case. No results!

Finally the girl used the old adage "If you want it done do it your self" so she thought of the most logical place for the bucket to be. That of course would be in the gym. She asked Arkie where the bucket was to be found. He in turn sent her to Mr. Green who sent her to Mr. Martinache. Mr. Martinache did not know the whereabouts but was sure that Mr. Bowls could solve the mystery. Mr. Bowls could not through much light on the case but said some high school boy came and took the "Scuttle".

Every one was upset over the fact that apparently the coveted price was lost.

Some people thought the myster-

Smoking Gives Girls A "Buzz"

Of 30 high school girls, contacted there is an average of 23, mostly upper classmen, who smoke! This may sound rather astonishing in itself, but when one considers that most of their parents smoke it might not seem so.

A Booster reporter was assigned to ask these girls confidentially, promising to use no names. The large majority willingly complied with the request, and the ones whose answer was "no" were so very definite that it should be recorded as such.

Many of the girls said they only smoked when a gang of girls got together in the evenings. Another time when this practice is carried out is at various club meetings. They think it is different, and as many put it, "It gives me a buzz." One or two start the chain of thought, and the rest follow so as not to be different or be left out of all the fun(?). Two of the girls said, "Well, we don't really smoke, but put down we do anyway."

The cigarette shortage can now be accounted for. Naturally the boys can't buy any smokes if their favorite girl gets there first.

PHS Receives Fourth in War Loan Contest

Catholic High School of Topeka, Kans. took first place in the recent Sixth War Loan Drive contest in which PHS entered. Pittsburg High came in fourth in the first class city group with their sale total of E, F, and G bonds at \$21,466.

The school entered at Russell, Kans. took first place in second class cities and Medicine Lodge a third class city, took first place in that classification.

The \$100 bond for highest individual sales went to a young lady from Medicine Lodge. Her total was around \$50,000.

Ruth Payne Rates As Typist Kid Of P H S

Pittsburg High has a genius in its midst in the person of Ruth Payne a Junior. Ruth has really proved herself to be a typing student extraordinary. As a first year student she has already attained a typing rate of 50 words a minute on the 10 minute tests which is well above average. On one-minute tests she has made as much as 101.4 words a minute.

This is Ruth's first year as a typing student although she has worked in her father's office.

Mr. Stanton, the typing teacher said, "Ruth's ability to type fast was due largely to her ability to concentrate and thus keep her error rate down. I would consider her a natural-born typist."

Her accuracy is 97 to 99 percent on 10 minute tests and she is just as consistent in preparing accurate lessons.

Reporter Encounters Mystery While Seeking "Coal Scuttle"

ious high school boy might have been FROM COLUMBUS.

The bucket appeared as mysteriously as it disappeared. One morning it was found sitting just inside the door of the Journalism room.

The mystery of the missing "honor bucket" is solved. Case dismissed.

'Education Should Fit One For Life'

Reck Crowley, Assistant Cashier at the National Bank of Pittsburg, is the school board member of this week. He has served on the school board two years this April.

He was born and reared in Richards, Mo., and graduated from the Richards High School. After graduating, he went to work in the bank at Richards.

Mr. Crowley attends the First Presbyterian Church. He has one daughter, Martha Jane, aged seven, who now has the chicken pox.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Crowley, "high school education should include more practical courses to prepare the individual for securing for themselves a place in the business world. In general, the high school education has been more of a preparatory course for college, and the individuals not planning on attending college sometimes have a difficult time securing a permanent job after the graduation."

Since the war has started, Mr. Crowley's hobby is back yard gardening, which he does on a very small scale. His favorite sports hunting and fishing, but likes all outdoor sports, especially those that give him exercise.

When asked his opinion of a Family Relations class being taught in high school, Mr. Crowley replied, "I think it would be a very good idea if the instructor were very wisely chosen. A class like this should help a lot in preparing a student for home life."

Chicken Pox Prevalent; Colds Are Widespread

The City Health Department reports that there are many cases of chicken pox, a few cases of scarlet fever, and influenza and colds are widespread. Aside from this the health of Pittsburg is very good.

The City Health Officer advises persons, especially students, who have colds to remain at home to help reduce the spread of influenza cases.

This Is Our Opinion!

It Happened This Way

YES, PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY INVITE STUDENTS FROM VISITING TOWNS TO THE ALL SCHOOL PARTIES.

Well that condition existed for the first year Mr. Green was in charge of Pittsburg High School.

Well, let's begin at the beginning. Mr. Green wanted to be hospitable so he invited visiting school students to PHS all school parties. Students of one of the towns in the former SEK League caused trouble and at the first meeting of the principals in the SEK league they decided it wasn't a good policy to have visiting teams invited to all the school parties. Since then no visitors have been invited to school dances in Pittsburg.

Recently a town some distance away visited here and the players were not allowed to attend the dance. It was not lack of courtesy on the part of Pittsburg administration. The team members were invited to attend the dance, but it was thought wise by the coaches in charge of the athletes that they not accept the invitation.

It is hoped that this will clarify some misunderstanding on some incidents that have taken place this year.

Pat Lane

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.
—Coleridge

Don't Quit Now

Don't quit now, kids. Everyone has a feeling about the time of the end of the second semester that it's all over but the shouting. That statement is as far from the truth as anything could be. It isn't over. Remember, the school is just half finished. There is still a lot of work to be done.

If your work has been slipping a little the past few weeks because of the holidays and work, here is a wonderful chance for you to say, "I can make a new start, and at least have this semester's work something I can be proud of." You can be proud of it, too, if you make up your mind at the very beginning to make it successful.

There are a lot of people depending on the present high school group. Don't let them down. You're capable of it, or they would not expect so much. Come on, nineteen more weeks to go. Don't quit now.

Mavis Brewington

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty; inaccuracy, of dishonesty.

C. Simmons

How's Your Gum, Chum?

Have you heard the latest?? I simply couldn't believe it when I heard that the high school was full of cows!!

No, it isn't really full of cows but that's the impression we get when half the class starts, shall we say, chewing their cud, gum to you!!

Have you ever seen a class when half of the students were chewing their gum? Or maybe I should say—ever HEARD the class?

Really school isn't the place for gum chewers. And by the way—where do you PARK your gum? Certainly not behind your ear. Although sometime you couldn't find a better place—in some sense of the word.

Have you ever been walking down the hall and suddenly discovered you couldn't lift your foot? That's right, you stepped on a gob of gum. Or have you ever gotten up to move your chair and put your hand in another gob? If you haven't you're lucky or maybe you just happened to know where it was.

Gum is O.K. in its place but certainly not in the classroom. So come on all you gum chewers wait until you're out of school and then chew to your hearts content—and by the way if you know where to get some let me know, will ya?

Evelyn Bennett

The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection.
—Michael Angles

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Vase Collection Varies in Size

Collecting seems to form a major part of hobbies around PHS. Johnita Thomas aids the cause in collecting vases.

These oddities are of various shapes, sizes, and colors. She even has some which are shaped like a jeep, tank, and many different animals. The smallest is approximately one inch in height, and the largest about 12 inches.

Johnnie just started this hobby about two years ago. It has grown rapidly since then. Friends and relatives are the largest contributors. The vases come from many states in this country, and a few from foreign countries, including Mexico. "I keep them on my piano at the present time," said Johnnie, "but it's getting full so I guess I'll have to find a new place."

Classes Use Wood Substitutes

No walnut, no California pine, no plywood, no sandpaper, no hardware such as hinges and locks, no nothing is the plight of Mr. Price's woodwork classes in these war times. However the boys are using other materials and going ahead with their projects.

Alpine Kent and Bob Robinson are making desks and Newton Lippitt is making an upright book case. Two bright and eager young lads, Harvey Mason and Bob Waggoner, are trying their hand at making coffee tables while Charley Price worries about another room in the house when he works on his small hanging kitchen cabinet. Thinking about his leisure time which is to be spent next summer, Jim Kinsch is making a lawn chair. Several of the boys are making book racks and magazine racks.

To help Mr. Peterson, the school board treasurer and school census taker, Clarence Simpson is making a complete map of school district 49 which will aid Mr. Peterson in plotting his census route.

The map has been made according to scale and is really a fine specimen.

Students Like Going Steady

In our grandfather's days, they didn't like the idea of their pals cutting in and dating their girls. Therefore, they asked their pals to go steady with them and that is how it originated.

Here are some of the opinions of the students on this problem question:

"What is your opinion on High School students going steady?" Don Broome He grinned and drueled Rose Marie Castellani: "I just think it's silly unless the person you're married to."

Merlin Knaup: "Sounds pretty good to me."

Polly Bauchamp: "Wonderful if you are sure you want to date." Carole Price: "It depends on the boy."

Lavon Masquelier: "Its alright if you like the person."

Bob Lorenzen: "I think its O. K. if you are sure theres no one else you want to go with."

Milton Fidler: "I think its alright if you really like the person and don't care for anyone else in school."

Phillip Journal

Advance plans are being formulated for a Victory Day program to be presented at Stonewall Jackson when victory comes in the European theater of war.

The Jackson Journal

He: Jane lost her job in the grocery store because she refused to do what the boss asked her.

Her: What was that?

He: He asked her to lay some eggs in the window.

The Arsenal Cannon

Girls are Taking Over Boys Clothes; Wear Ties and Jeans

A person can never tell whether he is greeting a male or female these days. Girls have taken over boys wardrobe. They borrow their shirts, slacks, jeans, and bow ties. Several of the mothers approve of the plan because of the washing saved. Others think that girls look very sloppy. The height of fashion now is the bobby socks and brown casuals. One can keep the heavy wool socks up without the aid of fingernail polish.

NEW METHOD OF DECORATING YOUR HAIR IS BY BORROWING YOUR DAD'S NECKTIE. THIS IS A VERY

Putting Out A Line



This cartoon by Jim Conover won first place in the Booster Cartoon Contest. Jim will receive a plaque in the near future.

Baby Minders Has Thrills and Spills; Being Old Maid Has Advantages

No doubt many high school girls have had the difficult task of taking care of some little "heathen" while the mother is away spending "hubby's" money.

No doubt many have had experiences like the following: The time is during Christmas vacation on a snowy December morning, and the scene takes place just as Mary, the baby minder, arrives at the home of the Jones, a typical American family. This was to be a day which she was long to remember!

"Mrs. Jones met Mary at the door. Her tired eyes looked a little relieved at the sight of Mary. She had been trying to get ready to go to town; have Johnnie, age five, pick up his toys; and give Ruthie, age three, a bath. She had succeeded in none of them! Smilingly she asked if Mary minded finishing Ruth's bath so that she could get to town before things were all picked over."

She Slipped On The Soap Obliging Mary smiled and said, "Oh, no, I can't mind." But little did she know! She had no more than started her task until the little dear began to pour water on the floor with her toy swan, and then dropped the soap on top of it. It happened again just like it did when she tried it on mama! Poor Mary slipped on the soap and fell flat. Before she could pick herself up, the little "bundle of happiness" was out of the tub and half way around the block in the dress God gave her.

In the meantime, little Johnnie was trying to make a duck pond out of the basement. Mary thought it best to sneak up from behind and scare him so that he would drop the hose and run screaming.

The Boosters Staff is under the impression that the individual opinion of some student on a certain book that she or he

for Mama. But woeful day, he heard her coming and turned the hose full blast in her direction and Mary was now very definitely a soured spouse!

Desires To Be Old Maid

These were just a few of the things that happened during that morning, but finally came the arrival of the missing parent, who immediately asked the hated question of all baby-minders, "Well, dear, how much do I owe you?"

The first impulse was to say, "Listen, lady, no matter how much you gave me, it wouldn't compensate for this day."

But meagerly she accepted the fifty cents Mrs. Jones was holding all the time and went home listing all the advantages of being an old maid.

Girls Bells Go Jingle Jangle

"Rings on her fingers
And bells on her toes,
She shall have music
Wherever she goes."

Girls of PHS aren't wearing bells on their toes and fingers but definitely jingling bells around. The halls are resounding with the jingling rhythm of bell-adorned females.

They are wearing them on their shoes and shoestrings. Some girls are displaying tiny silver bells in their hair. PHS girls are clever and original in their ideas. The happy sound of tinkling bells in the halls is cheerful and entertaining.

At last Friday's game Joanne, Ferrol, and Mary Lou wore bells on the bottoms of their skirts. As the girls twirled, the spectators got their eyes and ears both full. More power to the bells.

Leah Jean Rhodes Recommends "Indigo" As Book Worth Reading

has read, will be of value in aiding students in choosing books to read. Usually one chooses a book because someone has recommended it. So following this idea the book for this week was recommended by Leah Jean Rhodes. The book she has chosen is "Indigo" by Christine Weston.

"I liked this book very much," Leah Jean stated sincerely. "It was different from anything I've read and it really was interesting for the type of story it was. The author has an interesting style. I can remember that especially, although I read the book some time ago," she smiled.

"The book deals mainly with ideas of the Indian people and contrasting them to those of the English. The story is about two boys, who live in India. One boy's mother owns a huge India plantation. His mother sent him to England for his education, while the other boy is educated in India."

Leah Jean concluded with the thought that the book is not only interesting to the reader but useful also, because it gives one some idea of the difference in the lives of both boys. "And this," she stated, "helps to broaden ones thinking."

There is a senior man running around loose in the halls of dear PHS. Honest!

Of course you know him tall, dark and handsome, unusual. Yes? His interest is airplanes. He has part interest in one now and he'll make a wonderful pilot.

Quiet and thoughtful are his moods in 5th hour library, maybe that is because he is usually getting his Algebra and Geometry. Hard working guy!

As far as is known he's not tied down. But he may run fast so good hunting gals. If you have not already guessed him take a peek.

EDAN GOYTOMMDNER

Laughing all the time and generally in love with the world, that's her. Of course there's a one and only but she won't tell.

She's a Senior and formally came from Parson. Now do you know? If you don't here's a good description: about 5' 2" blue eyes-brown curly hair-a darling figure and oh, how that gal loves to dance.

Her pride and joy is a St. Christopher medal which she wears constantly. Desire-to live, love and a good time.

Now, ya know.
GEYPP KICRODER

Ad Lib From the Campus

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
What are your grades going to be?
PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK:

Is that dark beautiful lady by the name of Pauline Beauchamp... Polly's ambition is to get thru high school and four years of college... her favorite colors are blue and purple... favorite food is steak... she usually is saying, "You think so, huh" and Bing Crosby singing "Always" makes her swoon.

Congratulations go to the Senior Service Scouts for their excellent work they did over Christmas. They packed candy for the Lions Christmas party and sang carols at the County Fair.

The Draft has hit us hard over the vacation taking our men. Milton Fidler left the 26th for the Navy and is stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois. Gordon Lohr also left over the holidays.

Bill Burnside and Blaine Walker are to leave in the next call. The Question is: What are we girls going to do for men?

A tip to Roberta Evans on what... made her fall in the snow. It wasn't the ice but she tripped over her sister's boot. The way Doris tells it I don't think it was an accident.

Mr. Lampton spends part of his evening's reading to a man who is partly blind. This helps the man save his remaining eyesight so he will be able to get around.

You've heard the statement "Why teachers turn gray." We think we have an example. Mr. Nation spent an activity period talking to Gilbert Studyvin of the Marines. After left one of the brightest members of the class asked, "Mr. Nation what branch of service is he in?"

One of the classes were all prepared to take a test when the loud speaker said all boys interested in the Navy over the age of sixteen and nine months please come to room 203. Joe Peel got up and was out of the room when one of the class yelled, "Come back Joe you're not old enough," so Joe took the test.

Luscious Blonde; Attractive Male; Darling Figure

Well, dear children, here is the item you have been waiting for. The characters for this week are naturally chosen from among the inmates of this institution. So, here we go!

A description of her is very hard but I'll try my best. About 5' 4" can dance swell and has a cute figure-hun-oh, yes, on top of all that she is a luscious blonde (sort of reddish) Her personality is something to shout about. Always nice and that's good. Yes, Yes!

She frowns when she thinks and is always seen with a lovely smile! This cute junior has brains though. She makes it in Latin and can really rattle off the Spanish.

You may note that she stays home on Mondays (her telephone no. is 1343) Sat. night she takes in a show. Her name?

Just a wee bit of brain work!
TEBYT RABREB

There is a senior man running around loose in the halls of dear PHS. Honest!

Of course you know him tall, dark and handsome, unusual. Yes? His interest is airplanes. He has part interest in one now and he'll make a wonderful pilot.

Quiet and thoughtful are his moods in 5th hour library, maybe that is because he is usually getting his Algebra and Geometry. Hard working guy!

As far as is known he's not tied down. But he may run fast so good hunting gals. If you have not already guessed him take a peek.

EDAN GOYTOMMDNER

Laughing all the time and generally in love with the world, that's her. Of course there's a one and only but she won't tell.

She's a Senior and formally came from Parson. Now do you know? If you don't here's a good description: about 5' 2" blue eyes-brown curly hair-a darling figure and oh, how that gal loves to dance.

Her pride and joy is a St. Christopher medal which she wears constantly. Desire-to live, love and a good time.

Now, ya know.
GEYPP KICRODER

Uncle Sam Calls Eight Boys to Armed Forces

"Greetings from the President of the United States."

This is the summons which a few of the senior boys have answered during this first semester of their senior year.

Two of the boys have gone to help Uncle Sam win the war by joining the Navy. Bob King and Milton Fidler were the fortunate ones for this branch of service. Milton is now stationed at Great Lakes and Bob is stationed at Norman, Okla.

Two more boys are doing their part in the Army. Bill Endicott and Richard Sharp are both in Camp Robinson.

Ellwood Bath is the only one at present from the senior class who is a member of the Coast Guard, but he is doing his share while receiving his training in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gordon Lohr and Bill Burnside are soon going to answer their call to the Navy Air Corp, another excellent branch of the armed forces.

Kenneth Baldwin is giving his support to the Army Air Corp and is stationed at Kessler Field, Miss.

This isn't all the boys by any means who will have to lay aside their school spirit for some much more important activity.

As the boys leave their names all will be posted in a similar manner in future editions of the Booster.

Marines Studyvin and Ratt Enjoy Furlough

Privates Vivian Ratt and Gilbert Studyvin arrived home Dec. 17, from North Carolina. They both had a fifteen day furlough to enjoy Christmas.

"Twie" and "Gib" enlisted in the Marine Corps last September and left for Parris Island, South Carolina, to begin their training. "Gib" graduated from PHS last spring. "Twie" started to school last fall but completed only one week of his senior year before he was called to the Marines. They both took printing.

They are in the Fleet Marines and now stationed at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina.

Both boys are proudly displaying medals for combat and bayonet practice.

"Gib" said, "The Marines are a good deal and plenty all right."

"Twie" had more to say on the subject. He said, "All the lads just becoming 18 should join the Marine Corps. I hope plenty of them do. It's a good deal. They make a new man out of you."

Their addresses are listed below. Pvt. Vivian J. Ratt 559882 3rd. Pltn. Co. B, 10th Training Bn. Infantry Training Regt. FMF Camp Lejeune, N. C.

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Midland Features Love Triangle

An eye-filling evening awaits anyone who braves the storm of color to attend "Frenchmen's Creek" at the Midland, beginning Jan. 14, Sunday through Wednesday. This film is based on Daphne du Maurier's best seller by the same name. Top stars are Joan Fontaine, and Arturo de Cordova.

The plot is one of the ever-present triangle, when the wife gets tired of hubby and seeks new entertainment in a different man, this time, by the movie name of de Cordova. Joan and her husband with their two children live in London, but Joanie gets tired and bored, so she takes her two children to their country estate at Cornwall. This charming bit of country provides the background for quite a bit of eye-to-eye looking-them-over between the lady and her new hubby's friend, who has incidentally been residing in her house and admiring her lovely portrait.

When excitement reaches its peak hubby rescues her with a non-stop flight from London. Good supporters are Cecil Kalloway, Basil Rathbone, and Ralph Forbes.

'I Dream Of You' Is Newcomer To Saturday Night Hit-parade

It's Larry Stephens over Jack Benny's program singing, "There's That Song Again." Go ahead sing that song again. We could listen to it over and over again with Larry singing it.

Harry James really stomps out "The King Porter's Stomp" on that horn of his. He can make it swing too with "It Had To Be You."

One of the new songs on the Hit Parade is "I Dream Of You." Of course you know its star is Frank Sinatra.

Margie Hart ran away from home to try her hand in show business. You remember her in "Cry Havoc" and do you remember her song writing efforts? Well, she's hit it this time. She wrote that new popular song, "He's A Character."

Bing Crosby is sending, autographed pictures of himself to every member of the next graduating class of the Ripples (prospective Waves).

When the Ripples learned that Bing Crosby worked in Japhmont's "Herb Come the Waves", they said the first of their group to go overseas would carry pictures of Crosby with them.

P.S.—Bing is now known as pin up boy Crosby.

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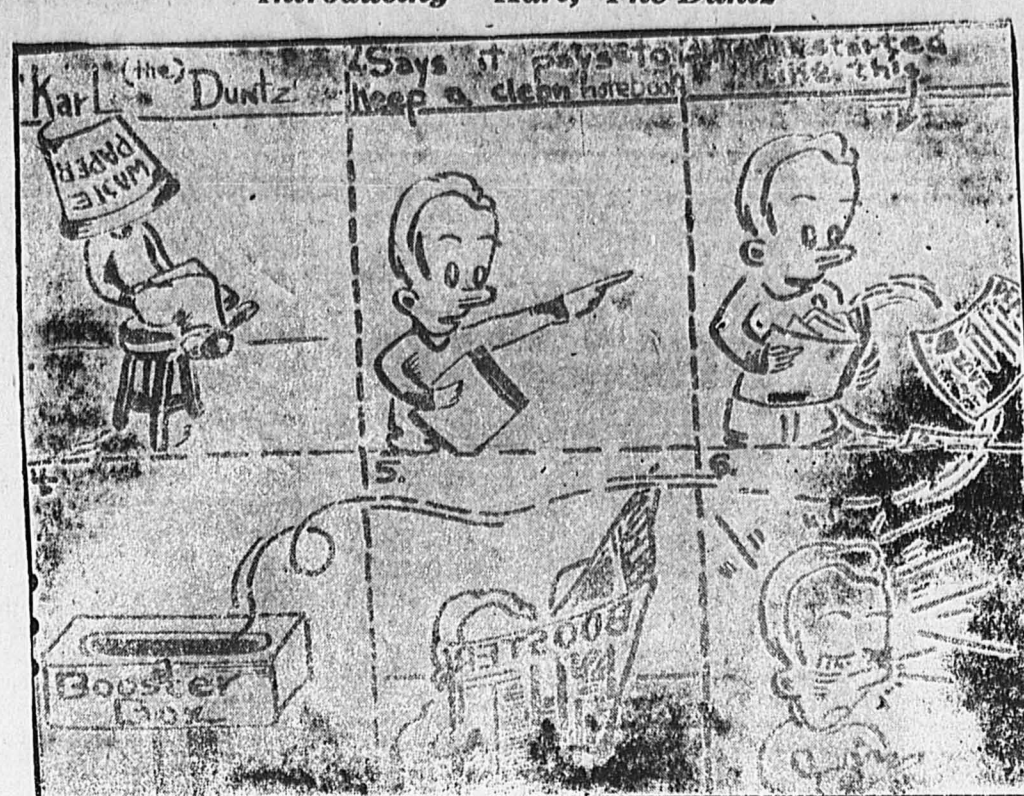
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Scarlet Fever Extends Boot Training Period

Three graduates of PHS have been spending their 5 day leaves at Pittsburg after completing boot camp at Farragut, Idaho. These sailors were Jack Jenkins, Dean Shonk, and Willard Edge.

"It wasn't so bad, although it took us 18 weeks to go through a 12 week course," was Jack's interpretation of boot camp. "It wasn't that we were dumb," he hastened to explain, "It was scarlet fever."

Dean merely said, "The beans were fine!"

"The Navy's all right, if you're not at Farragut," stated Willard Edge. Willard had a little trouble one day while they were fire-fighting. The hose he was handling accidentally got out of control, and happened to get the Ensign who was directing the fighting all wet.

"We really enjoyed our haircuts. They only lasted for 18 weeks they stated. The favorite part for Dean was the chamber-maid service with each room. Her name was Dean Shonk! Yes, indeed!"

We only saw six women while we were there, and we only saw them once a week. This was when we'd have to buy something. If we had several articles to buy, we'd buy one thing and then go get in line again just for the privilege."

For graduation dinner they had beans, and this nearly broke their hearts. They were expecting something special. The training has been mostly routine stuff, but it has been pretty tough at times.

All three of them have an ambition in common, and that is just to become a civilian again.

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Former Grad Hunts Subs

Ensign Fred Bumgarner, who graduated from PHS in '39, came back this week to visit the old school.

The day of his graduating he left for midshipman's school. Since then he has been to California, Key West, the Philippine Islands, Bermuda, and he has just returned from 9 month's convoy duty in the North Atlantic.

Subs Give Selves Up

"We have been doing anti-submarine work," Fred stated. "I don't believe they're quite so rare as they used to be, for we had one enemy sub just come and give itself up. This is just my prediction, but I believe the war with Germany will be over by July or August of next year but I think the one with Japan may continue for three or four years," he continued.

One of his most embarrassing moments happened one night while he was officer of the deck. It was pitch dark and they had word that an unidentified ship was approaching. He gave the order to start firing and it so happened that there were no shells in the ready boxes. Luckily, it turned out to be a British destroyer.

Ate Steak For Two Weeks

"The Navy is better than the Army any time," Fred stated. "We have wonderful food and cut like kings. As an illustration, we had steaks every day for two weeks, and we grew tired of this, so we ground it up as hamburger, so that we'd have a change!"

While he was in California he set by Berniece Stout

saw all the California football games, and the East-West football game. His ambition is just to be a civilian once more, but at present he is interested in foreign commerce and may follow this line of work after the war is over.

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Hoffmanites To Tangle With Ft. Scott There

The Fort Scott Pittsburg game which was to have been played tonight has been postponed until Thursday, Feb. 15, at Fort Scott.

This has been brought about because of a misunderstanding of Fort Scott school officials as to the place of playing the game. Ft. Scott was under the impression the game was to have been played in Pittsburg Jan. 12, and in Fort Scott Feb. 2. When an error was discovered, Fort Scott found it was impossible to lease the Municipal Gynasium because of an outside show that had been scheduled.

The Dragons, however, will play the College B team after school at the College Gym.

Tonight the Pittsburg Dragons will journey to Fort Scott to tangle with the Fort Scott Tigers.

It will be Pittsburg's sixth game of the season. The Dragons have only one victory to their credit but have lost the last two games by only one and two point margins.

The Dragons have not been defeated by Fort Scott for the last 24 or 25 games and with their steady increase in power the Pittsburg cagers are expected to keep up the record. However, Coach Arkie Hoffman said he feels somewhat "shaky".

Fort Scott's hardwood hoppers have played only one game which was a victory over Welda.

Coach Woody Kramer and Coach Hoffman are both working with young boys who are inexperienced.



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Tales of the DRAGONS

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On Dec. 30, Milton Fidler became 18. The day after Christmas he went to Kansas City and enlisted in the Navy. Wednesday evening at 7:00 he left K.C. for Great Lakes, where he is now receiving his boot training.

When Millie left the Dragons suffered a great loss. He was one of the three seniors on the team, had played on the varsity last year, averaging 3.2 points per game, and was one of the two players over six feet in height.

Don Broome and Gooch Lorenzen will be 18 on February 1. Don has 12 hours longer to enjoy the bliss of being "just seventeen" than Gooch has because Mr. Stork brought Gooch to the proud parents and then it took him twelve hours to summon enough courage to produce the fiery haired kid for the awaiting Broomes.

Crelly plans to join the Navy just before school ends but basketball season will be over and Pittsburg will not suffer any more losses this year.

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"Our boys will shine tonight"

Last Friday night our boys didn't win a game but they made a comeback that was terrific. Notice that all the baskets were made by juniors and sophomores. Larry scored four field goals, Jack made two, and Don came up with one field goal and one free throw.

—V—

The Dragons are definitely making a comeback. They're playing rough and tumble ball but it's making it tougher for the opponents. Thomas seems to be able to make baskets best when he is standing on his head while Lorenzen is good at the long shots. All types make a team.

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As usual, Snowball, Joplin's mascot, water boy, and good luck piece, came with the team to Pittsburg. He demonstrated his basket shooting ability and went through antics at each happening of the game. It's a toss up to see which is more interesting to watch, the game or Snowball."

—V—

A new fashion was seen at the Joplin-Pittsburg game. The boys wore their glasses taped on instead of the usual eye guards. The tape was placed across each temple of the glasses holding them in place.

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A grand climax to the excellent job our boys did on the court Friday night was the dance of the youth center with Joplin as Pittsburg's guests. It was decorated in red and green for the Eagles and purple and white for the Dragons.

The Y was packed with high school kids who were having a grand time. Congratulations to Don Broome, Inae White, and Mr. and Mrs. Price who made the whole affair a success.

—V—

Fort Scott has played only one game which was a victory over Welda, 36-13. Coach Woody Kramer wrote that the boys are young, even younger than last year's team. He's expecting a defeat from the Dragons, so-o-o-o.

—V—

THANKS TO JIM SMELTZER, PAUL JONES, DON BROOME, CAB DEEMS, AND AN UNKNOWN PERSON THE COAL SCUTTLE WILL SOON BE PLACED IN ONE OF THE TROPHY CASES.

—V—

The Dragons were defeated by the powerful Joplin Eagles on the local court last Friday night. The game was fast and hard fought all the way with Pittsburg leading until the last minutes of the game. The ended with the score of 18-17.

Douglas was high point man of the game with eight points. Dobbs was second with six. Pittsburg outscored their opponents 8-8 baskets while Joplin converted four free throws to the locals one.

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Greetings to all you bowling fans. Here I am at last to bring to you the inside dope of what's going on at the "Y" bowling alleys on Saturday afternoons.

Not having bowling during Christmas didn't seem to affect the bowling any Saturday.

Those "classy little lassies" on the Wolfettes and Jivin Jacks were really battling for first place. Evelyn "Lucky" Bennett was the fortunate one to take first and second place with 197 and 154 respectively. Ona Marie Wright took third with 150.

For the double line, Evelyn again took first with 351. Ona Marie took second with 269 while Molly Jo Woods took third with 239.

Blaine Walker bowled the outstanding game for Saturday of 217 that was good for first place in the single line. Blaine also took second with 184 while Don Overman was close behind to take third with 181.

Blaine was on top again to take first in the double line with 451. Don took second with 355 while Johnny Grisham took a close third with 354.

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Later on in the year, those that are interested, will form home room teams for intramurals to be played after school.

Teams were chosen in G.A.A. last week. As yet, they don't have names.

Most of the teams got off with a rollicking start, while some got off their feet! It seems the floors in the gym are pretty slick and some just couldn't stand up and play basketball, too! But one and all had a swell time.

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