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Fingerprinting Begins Thursday

Ink, rollers, and black fingers will begin to show themselves Thursday, Jan. 31, when fingerprinting senior high students will begin.

Prints will be taken in room No. 201, the conference room. Sgt. Beard of the local Police Department will be present to start the ball rolling. Portable printing equipment will be supplied by the Police Department.

Gym classes and the library will be among the first groups to have prints taken. The first classes to be printed will be used as experimental groups so that a definite rate and management for taking prints may be found.

"After a system has been set up the prints will be taken at a greater rate of speed and with more efficiency," concluded Eldon Harmon, student chairman.

Visual Ed. Features Seven Films, Feb. 3-7

Seven films, ranging from history to biology, will be shown on the visual education menu for the week Feb. 3-7.

The history classes will see "Territorial Possessions of the United States" on the third, while geography classes will see "Along the Great Silk Route" on the fourth.

"Gypsy Revels" will be shown to the music classes the fifth.

Two pictures, "What is Electricity" and "Electronics at work," will be shown the sixth to science and physics classes.

The week will end with "Flowers at Work" and "Leaves," which are being shown to the biology classes

Hi-Y Boys Go To Coffeyville

Seventeen Hi-y boys from Senior High, Roosevelt, and Lakeside will leave tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock to attend a Sectional Hi-y conference at Coffeyville.

The conference will start at 10 a.m. and will last all day. There will be two meals given.

The speaker will be Paul Harris Jr. of Punetey, Vt. He is an author and lecturer on international problems and has traveled extensively in Europe and South America.

Three sponsors—Mr. Huffman, Mr. Jarvis, and Mr. Lampton will accompany the boys. Members making the trip are Dan Martin, Dan Slavens, Roger Halliday, Melvin Boswell, Dean Watts, Don Overman, Bill Brumbaugh and Jack Venoglia.

Ronnie Mannoni and Roger Curran will represent Roosevelt. There will be four other boys representing Lakeside.

Dentists Examine Pupils' Teeth Today

"Open wide, please!" "Say 'ah'—that's it!" Such things were heard in PHS today as all the students had a dental examination in the high school clinic.

Miss Margaret Woods, school nurse, stated, "This is the third year that this 'dental clinic' has been held. The purpose is to stimulate the importance of dental health among high school students. We plan to have a permanent tooth chart showing a record of the students' teeth."

"The junior high school will have their inspection on Feb. 12," continued Miss Woods. "Local dentists give their time to make this check."

This morning students were examined by Dr. A. L. Crowder and Dr. J. C. Kays, Dr. H. Marion Grandle and Dr. L. J. King did the "open wide, please," for the students in the afternoon.

"In the grade schools, we are having puppet shows stressing the importance of dental health. The shows are put on by the General Tooth Council in Chicago. These shows are planned to give the children educational dental instruction all the way through," smiled Miss Woods.

Booster Published Two Days Early This Week

Mr. Small, Mr. Green, and Mr. White left this afternoon for Wichita to attend a meeting of the State Council of Administration.

Due to Mr. White's leaving, a four column instead of the usual five column Booster was printed this week.

Today - Wednesday Jan. 29 — KANSAS DAY.

Maestro Johnson

Composes School March

PHS has a genius in its midst. Not that the talents of M. O. Johnson, music director, haven't been recognized before, but this is something special!

Pittsburg Senior High has its own exclusive march entitled "Hail Dragons," written and arranged for the marching band by Mr. Johnson. As yet he hasn't had it published, but he hopes to have it done soon.

Ever since Mr. Johnson came to PHS, he has wanted someone to write a school song. Not just some university song adapted to Pittsburg High, but one written especially for it. At last his ambition has been realized, but through his own efforts. "It is still a 'song without words,'" explained M. O.

Cupid to Deliver Corsages Feb. 14

Hearts and songs, lace and frills, romance and thrills—these are common place suggestions of Valentine's Day, but, has anyone ever heard of the Crosbyettes, a Cupidgram, or a lollipop corsage?

Yes, Cupid is really planning to go the limit in his love accomplishments around PHS this year.

Cute little corsages have been designed by merely dressing up these flavored heart-shaped lollipops.

Members of the Booster Staff have been selected to be special delivery messengers for cupid this year, as they will be delivering all of the cupidgrams and lollipop corsages.

Watch for more details concerning the work cupid is planning for this year.

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McCool - New Senior Joins Booster Staff

Introducing a new student and staff member, Merlin McCool. He hails from Kansas City, Mo., where he attended Manual High Vocational School.

Along with electricity he took journalism, so the Booster won't be entirely strange to him. Merlin was a reporter for the Manual Craftsman Paper in his junior year, and managing editor in his senior year.

He worked part time in the A.P. Store in Kansas City.

"I intend to join the Navy for 6 years when I graduate," Merlin stated. "I'm going to take up electricity," he continued.

Ray McCool who works in the printing department is his brother.

Band Presents Annual Winter Concert Feb. 6

Parents and friends will have a real musical treat in store for them Thursday, Feb. 6, at 8:00. M. O. Johnson will present the band in its annual mid-winter concert packed full of new music, solos, and clever novelties.

The complete "Ballet Egyptian Suite" will be featured. Soloists for the night's concert are Bill Buford, cornet, playing "My Old Kentucky Home" and Gussie Rouse, baritone, playing "Sounds From the Hudson."

Pittsburg listeners at the concert will be privileged to hear the premier performance of "Hail Dragons" the new school march written by Mr. Johnson.

Another high spot on the program will be the clarinet quartet composed of George Quier, Jim Mitchell, Roger Coppenbarger, and Charles Shirley. They will play "Repartee."

Also on the program is S. S. Richards' new march "West of the Rockies." Mr. Richards sent Mr. Johnson complimentary copies of his new march as a result of their correspondence about the S. S. Richards program given last summer.

The concert will conclude with "Victory Gardens" a boogie woogie novelty.

RJHS Art Pupils Design Puppets

Dogs, horse, scameles lambs, deer, and giraffes make up the animal menagerie the ninth graders are making.

The eighth graders are making puppets. Each student chose his own character.

These puppets are made of paper mache' which is a mixture of paste and paper that has been chopped up.

The heads are shaped over light bulbs and are cut off in pieces after they are thoroughly dry. The pieces are then pasted back together. After they are painted the final step will be to shellac them.

When the puppets are completed they will be placed on display in the case when the Yazzi display is removed.

It Will Happen

Thurs., Jan. 30—Motion Picture.
Fri., Jan 31—Basketball—Ft. Scott
Tues., Feb. 4—Basketball—Joplin.
Thurs., Feb. 6—Band Concert - PHS—8:00 P. M.
Fri., Feb. 7—Basketball at Iola.
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THINK IT OVER

Trusting Students Blindly Sign Fake Vacation Petition

Over one hundred students signed a fake petition that was offered them recently, stating that they would keep the building maintenance, that is, they would sweep the floors, dust the chairs, sweep the halls, wax the floors, empty waste paper baskets and so forth, if they wanted a weeks vacation at Easter.

The petition said that they would also pay all the money necessary for the up keep of the building. They were to do all this for the rest of the year.

How, why would someone want to sign something like that? Simply because they didn't read the petition. They merely looked at the first few words and signed their names.

Pupils were just lucky that this petition was a fake. But next time it may not be a fake.

JUST REMEMBER THE OLD SAYING "LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP."

PHS Needs Movie Camera For Recording School Activities

In some southern university, a girl with a motion picture camera took motion pictures of every athletic event. These pictures were shown to the team, after each game and they discussed their mistakes and plays. This proved valuable to the team and also furnished a chance for townspeople to see movies of the games.

This could be only one instance where a movie camera would benefit a school. Such a camera would provide a way for taking pictures of all important school events. These pictures could be shown at Homecoming as an added feature. This picture record would form a cumulative history of the most important events taking place in the school each year.

The athletic department could have pictures of all the games, and could discuss the mistakes and plays of the team. Each organization could have movies of its important activities.

A movie camera would benefit PHS a great deal. If anyone has opinion on this, drop a note in the Booster box.

"A liar should have a good memory." —Quintilian.

"What is the end of fame? This but to fill a certain portion of uncertain paper." —Lord Byron

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Jarvis Surprises Checker Players

Hearing a commotion outside her door on third floor, Miss Swafford peered out, and taking one look at a circle of kneeling boys, intent upon some sort of game, she feared the worst and hurried to tell Mr. Jarvis.



Mr. Jarvis crept up behind the boys, peered over their shoulders, and saw in the center of the circle not the dice he had feared to see, but two checker boards.

The machine shop students had been pushed out of their regular classroom. Having nothing to do, the wandering waifs devised their own entertainment and were carrying on a checker tournament.

"It's happened several times," said Mr. Jarvis. "I always let them finish their game, then I send them to a classroom."

Blue-eyed Junior Likes Angel Food

When you meet her, those sparkling blue eyes and that darling smile will first catch your eyes, but it's her sweet disposition and winning ways that make her the kind of friend everyone would like to have. Age 16, phone 3954-R, height 5 feet 4 inches, hair blond, name Helen Peterson.

Helen is very active in school activities belonging to Y-teen, student council, mixed chorus, and G.A.A. of which she is vice president. Her hobby is music and she says she likes it in almost any way, shape, or form.

"My favorite food is angel food cake," then she added with a twinkle in her eye, "with frosting an inch and a half thick and I hate tea."

When she finishes high school Helen plans to go on to college or business school. She says she would like to be a stenographer or do office work of some kind.

At present her one and only is Charles Parrish, currently star of the College High's basketball team. Wondering what happened to the PHS men that they let College High beat their time.

In talking to Helen, it doesn't take one long to find out her favorite expression is "Oh Golly!" She says her nickname is 'Butchie' A Parrish original, no doubt!

Her favorite radio program is Truth or consequences and her favorite movie stars are June Allison and Robert Walker.

If you don't already know this interesting junior you'd better make tracks around to her second floor locker and find out what you've been missing.

IT'S A PITY

By Kitty

Ask some of the fairer sex what their latest embarrassing moment has been and your answer will probably be going into Dave Degen's. Every since Degen got in all that silver jewelry, many a timid female has been seen sneaking in and out of those fair portals, that is, unless she could bribe her brother or boy friend to go in and get what she wanted for her. It seems that the speech class just won't let VIRGINIA FRANCIS forget her little excursion there. Isn't it awful how one will risk one's best reputation for a little piece of silver. By the way, have you seen my new silver chain and bracelet?

SECOND FLOOR SCENES

According to my investigation, second floor would be my candidate as the spot in PHS least likely to succeed as lover's lane. Maybe it's because of the office being on that floor or the overabundance of light. Never the less there are a few hardy souls, but of a more playful variety than their first floor counterparts. Those usually seen walking are DAN MARTIN and MARILYN SEYMOUR with ROGER HALLIDAY and BARBARA BANTA. Second floor seems to be the meeting place of JOAN BUCKLEY and MELVIN WILBERT. One of them always seems to be waiting too. "Keep moving" is the slogan as MARY BETH TANNER and FRANK DeGASPERI take their daily exercise. Then there are the less movable kind. Examples: MARWILDA FORD and HAROLD WILLARD or CLARENCE KRUSEMARK and EUGENIA ALLEN.

COMMON HERD

Just to prove that we PHSers are no better than the common herd, Dr. LAWRENCE DOUGLAS and Professor RAY McDANIELS assisted by RICHARD LANCE, PHD of I, and JOHN P. GIBSON, BN conducted this world shaking experiment at Pittsburg High School last week. Those four started out by staring at a tack in the center hall. They kept on staring at that spot even after someone moved the tack. It resulted in a mob scene with students climbing on top of each other trying to see what our four distinguished friends were looking at. In fact, there were so many people there, three-fourths of them wouldn't have known it if there had been a cow in the hall.

NO GREATER LOVE

"No greater love hath a man than to giveth you the coat offth his backth!" Somebody must have said that but I can't remember who. Anyway it sounds logical, and fits in with this. Never let it be said that Mr. Cline hasn't deep affection for CHARLES CHANCY. The other day when CHARLIE dashed up breathless and said he wanted a coat and tie, Mr. Cline was all too ready to sacrifice his. He taught class that hour in his shirt sleeves. He said he was more comfortable that way. The story behind the story was they were taking annual pictures that day and CHARLIE forgot to come prepared.

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Booster Sends Team Telegram

Feeling very devilish last Friday, the Journalism Class decided play a practical joke on the basketball team by sending them a collect telegram! But one over brilliant creature not mentioning names decided that it would be much more fun to send it to Coach Bartel!

So last Friday night just before the Wyandotte game Coach Bartel received the following telegram: **Whole School Behind You In Game Tonight. If You Win, Booster Refunds Telegram Cost. If You Lose you pay.—Booster Staff.**

There is only one thing wrong, no one knows who payed for the telegram. It is believed that some helpful person in Wyandotte did. But until Coach Bartel finds out who payed for it the Booster can keep on laughing.

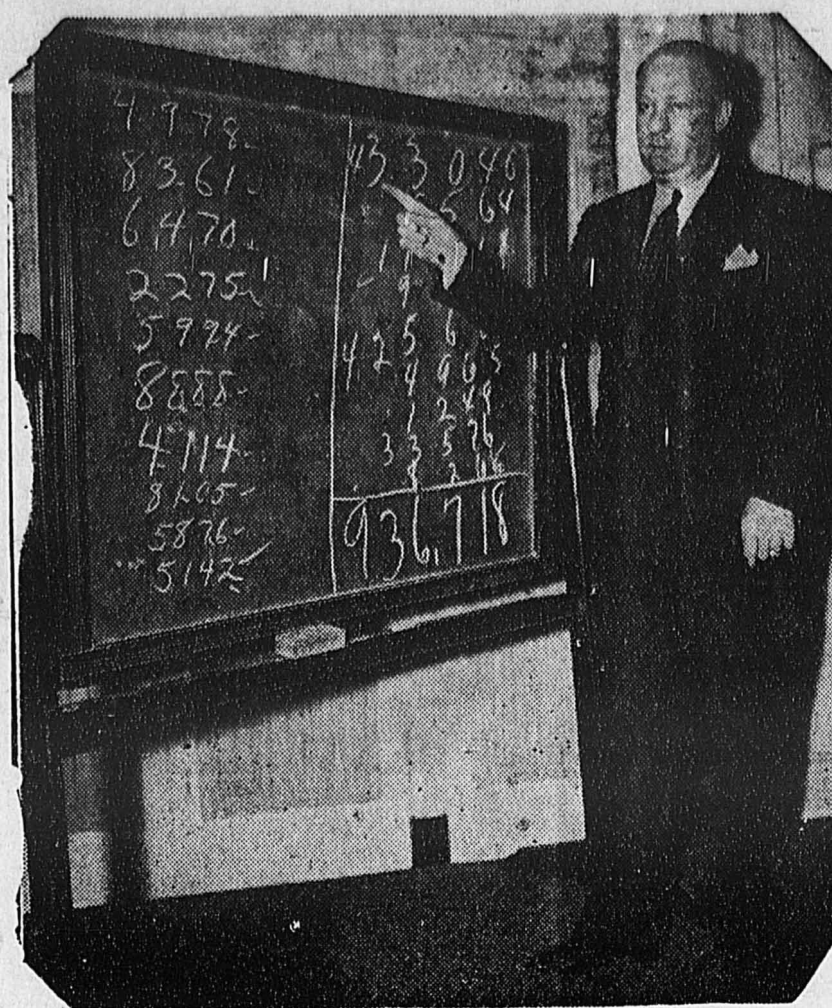
Notice:— Lucky Yazzi may be found in the Journalism room every morning before school, during the noon hour, and after school every evening. Anyone interested in making a Indian doll should see her.

Mental Wizard Does Amazing Memory Tricks

Elzie R. Brown, nationally known mental wizard, who is coming to Pittsburg Senior High on Feb. 7, at 10:00 a.m. does not have to resort to tying a string on his finger to remember errands. This mental wizard will astound everyone in high school by his amazing feats.

He can recite a column of figures of four digits each, instantly, by memory reciting them backwards. Once he startled his fellow passengers on a short steamship trip by calling 157 of them by their full names, giving their street addresses and cabin numbers, after having been introduced to them in a group.

He might well be called "The Man with the Photographic Mind". Mr. Brown not only performs dozens of miraculous feats of memorizing but explains the method by which this same power may be developed by others. He has been given wide spread publicity by Robert Ripley in his "Believe It or Not".



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Basket Tossers Ready For Tigers

Basket thirsty for their first league game win, the Pittsburg basketossers will play the Ft. Scott Tigers at 8:30 on the Roosevelt Court Jan. 31. The Sophomore Squad will play at 7:00.

We're going out there to win," stated Coach Bartel. "We're going to, too."

Ft. Scott has lost to Columbus by a score of 34-39. Ft. Scott has lost to Iola twice, once by a comfortable score, and once by a small margin. Ft. Scott has won from Girard, Nevada, and Paola.

Coach Morey has stated that Ft. Scott has a little bigger ball club than last year.

Past Dragons 'Hot'

Clearing away the dust of time in the annals of PHS sports, a reporter discovered the Pittsburg Dragons football team captured the SEK title in a 9-6 win over Parsons in 1937. The Dragons won 6 games and lost none. In that year the Purple Gridsters scored 116 points, and their opponents scored 19. This is an average of 17 points per game for PHS and an average of 3 points for their opposition.

Including the games out of SEK league play the Dragons won 10 and lost 1. With an average of 18 points a game while they held down the opposition to 4 points a game, the Dragons made a total of 204 points while the opponents made 50.

Lakeside Wins Last Minute Thriller; 'March of Dimes' Benefit Goes Over Big

As a climax to the annual "March of Dimes" benefit games, the Lakeside Wildcats defeated the Roosevelt Rough Riders on the local court Monday night in a thrilling 33-31 contest.

The game was exciting to say the least. Campbell was high with sixteen points for Lakeside, and Prince led Roosevelt with eleven points.

Giving the spectators some neat exhibitions of ball handling, the Pittsburg American Legion team triumphed over the Frontenac team by a score of 55-38.

"Having two thrilling basketball games on the program, the annual polio benefit Monday night was a success both in entertainment and in financial returns," stated Jim Morey, committee chairman.

Returns had not been completely

Faculty

Relate Athletic

A Booster reporter, wondering if faculty members had ever engaged in athletics, asked several paragones of PHS about their past athletic achievements. Here are their answers:

MR. CLINE - "During my high school days, I went out for baseball, basketball, and track."

MR. WHITE - "Well, I was in for sports a little. I played football and basketball for three years, and was captain of the basketball team in my senior year. I played the position of running guard."

MISS WALTZ - "Yes, I played on the first team in girls' basketball in high school. I held the po-

believed that well over \$750 was taken in. Of this, PHS students accounted for approximately \$200, according to Miss Madge Waltz, sponsor of the PHS Student Council. The Council was in charge of advance ticket sales in PHS.

Non-G.A.A. Members Swim Every Fourth Wednesday

Tonight is guest night in G.A.A. The gals are going swimming, and any girl who is not a member may go in with the other girls. From now on every fourth Wednesday will be "guest night."

Coach Messenger has given out with the information that she is starting physical exams this week. On your toes, now, gals!!

Some of the feminine athletics of PHS are refereeing some of the RJHS girls' basketball games.

Achievements

sition of forward."

MISS LANEY - "Yes, I was on the basketball second team. I played running center. I also played volleyball."

MR. HUFFMAN - "I lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis in high school."

MISS MESSENGER - "There wasn't much for girls outside of regular physical education when I was in high school. However, in my senior year I substituted for our gym teacher who was ill."

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Doctored Facts

By "Doc." Ginardi

Coach Bartel claims that his team will knock over Fort Scott and Joplin just like bowling pins. Although the Joplin Eagles will have plenty of the old fighting spirit because they would like to get revenge for their loss to Pittsburg Jan. 14. Coach Bartel thinks his boys can win and will come out in good condition, for the Wyandotte win gave them the old "get up and go."

Out scoring their opponents by 30 points, the Dragons have racked up a total of 267 points for the season so far. Their opponents have hooped 237 points.

The Dragons have won 62.5 per cent of their games and lost 37.5 per cent. In other words they have won five and lost three. It seems as the league games have a jinx on both of us, for we have lost both of our league games and have won five out of six non-league games.

This statement appeared in the Wyandotte Pantograph above a picture of a bulldog biting the tail of a Dragon: "Razzle, dazzle, rinka dail; we've got the Dragons by the tail". Wondering: "Whose tail got bitten?"

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