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## Many Cooperate In Successful '47 Cage Tourney

With over half the games played, Pittsburg High School finds that is having one of its most successful years of tournament management.

Much of this success is due to the very efficient planning of Mr. Doran C. Woods, tournament manager, and to the fine cooperation of the visiting schools, students, and teachers of PHS.

### Council Sells Programs

Sales of the official program are sponsored by the Student Council. Last year programs were given away, but this year they are sold for ten cents to avoid the confusion made when small children manufacture airplanes or confetti out of them. "With the additional work and cost of team cuts, these programs are well worth the cost," explained Mr. Woods.

Members of the Student Council who are working are Helen Peterson, Ennis Martin, Roger Coppenbarger, Dixie Farris, Barbara Nesch, Norma Johnson, Judy Veatch, and George Sprunk. Joan Hughes and Mary Lou Latty are in charge of sales.

The Hi-Y has a refreshment stand in the lobby and will sell during all games.

### No Sections Reserved

Tickets for tonight's game and tomorrow night's game will be sold for 75 cents. Children under 12 will be admitted for 20 cents. There will be no reserved sections in the Gym this year.

Several PHS boys are helping carry out a smooth tournament program. Dan Martin is Mr. Wood's assistant. Ed Grandle, Dan Slavens, Ray McDaniel, and Roger Halliday have charge of the four dressing rooms. Bill Nulton is checking equipment and Mickey Huffman is checking towels. Jim Patterson and Don Menchetti are the put-up men for the signs identifying the different teams' scores.

## Good Schools

### Rest On Teachers' - Parents

"Good Teachers, proper environment for teaching, and parental interest are the three main parts to a school system," stated Mr Gerwert.



Victor Gerwert

president of the Pittsburg Board of Education.

He brought out the point that not one of these alone make a

## Youth Manages City For One Day

"I assure you, that I have never been assisted by a more able, more intelligent, more efficient group of city officials before in my career," stated Pittsburg's mayor for a day Douglass Story, Pittsburg high school junior.

In accordance with the annual "DeMolay day" members of that organization stepped behind the wheels of the city government to try their abilities for a day. Getting off to an early start De Molay officers were welcomed into their positions by their predecessors, the city officials at 9 o'clock in the city hall.

### Studies Improvements

Bruce Myers, Finance Commissioner, struggled desperately to balance the budget and Bob Waters kept the Police force well supplied with complaints.

Ronnie Mannoni studied and checked Pittsburg's streets and was also confronted with the question of how to move Broadway 3 blocks west to make Bus service more convenient for a lady who lives in that area.

Richard Slinkman, Police Judge, kept busy making traffic violation decisions while Bill Miller, Fire Chief and John Corpulongo, assistant chief, raced down Broadway to put out a hungry blaze. Tom Van Hoy, assistant chief of Police spent the day in search of traffic violators and studied the work of the Police Department.

Richard Lance, City Judge, Bill Nulton, Marshall of the City Court and Russell Francis, City Attorney, spent the day in court "to see how the big boys do it."

### Officials Spend Busy Day

Fatigued by a hard morning work at the office, the proud new officers held a noon banquet at the Hotel Besse with the city commission and the De Molay advisers board as guests. Mr. Finis Green, principal of Pittsburg Senior High was placed under arrest by chief of police Paul Jones on a charge of cruelty to students and escorted by a group of young law enforcement officers to the Hotel where he was "forced to enjoy the banquet."

Victor Gerwert good school, but it takes all three working together in order to make a strong school system.

### World Problem Studies

He went on to say that students not only learn to get along in this country, but through different subjects and speakers also learn and discuss the problems of the world.

"As a whole students have not changed much since I was in school, but they have more opportunity for enjoyment outside of school," he said.

A considerable amount of money is spent by tax payers on every pupil and each student should feel obligated to get all the education possible.

### Sports build health

On the subject of sports Mr. Gerwert became very interested "Sports are not only essential in building healthy students, but also to teach them good sportsmanship and education are the main forces not predominate over academic subjects," he continued.

Mr. Gerwert concluded, "Religion and education are the main forces of the world and without these the world will be lost."

## Office Practice Pupils Type Grade Cards

Get out those roller skates and golf clubs, teachers! More leisure time is on the way, thanks to the efforts of Miss Nelson's Vocational Office Practice class.

These students are hard at work filling out grade cards and grade sheets on their typewriters. A majority of the teachers are taking advantage of this free labor, but some had already filled out their grade cards when the offer was made. Although the plan has been tried in former years, this is off ered this year.

The first time the service has been "Much valuable experience is gained from the practical application of typing," smiled Miss Nelson, "and we're glad to be able to help. If any teacher would like to have tests typed, please let me know," she concluded.

## Foreign Couple Take English From Laney

Miss Laney, one of the language teachers in PHS, has many interesting pastimes. However, none of her former pastimes can quite equal the one she is engaging in at the present time — teaching a young Swiss man and his French wife, to speak English.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanz have been in this country only a short time, but they seem to be very interested in the United States, and desire to learn the language as quickly as possible. Mrs. Lanz speaks French very fluently, while Mr. Lanz has mastered both the French and German language, and has a few of the fundamentals of the English language.

"At the present time we are spending three evenings each week with English lessons, and would spend even more if there were only enough time," stated Miss Laney. "I enjoy working with this young couple since they really work in their desire to learn English and are such apt students," she concluded.

## Students Read Foreign Papers

Students and teachers of PHS really believe in keeping dated on the news of the world, or maybe they are just working on their good neighbor policy. What ever the reason may be, newspapers from all over the world have been seen around PHS lately. Mexico, and other South American countries, Italy, Hawaii, Germany, and the Netherlands, are some of the countries represented.

Tom Van Hoy brought the paper from Mexico to the fourth hour Spanish Class recently. It was one that his family had bought while vacationing in Mexico. Miss Laney also receives many magazines, calendars, papers, and pamphlet advertisements from the South American Countries. Mrs. John White has some Italian papers from a family she and Mr. White have been corresponding with in Italy.

Many students have papers which their brothers had brought for souvenirs from Germany. Martha Boulware, Lois Griffith, Mary Hallman, Esther Green, and other students of the Methodist church recently received a newspaper from a family in the Netherlands to whom they have been sending letters and packages.

The Booster Staff is exchanging papers with a high school in Hawaii, and one in the Canal Zone.

Yes, PHS students and teachers certainly believe in world brotherhood.

## To Speak Wednesday



Dr. James E. Ellenwood

## Thornton Displays Miniature Slippers

Miniature slippers reign in the hobby case display this week. This interesting collection is owned by Miss Thornton, Roosevelt Junior High teacher.

Quality, not quantity, counts with Miss Thornton. She started her collection while attending college, and since then she has tried to retain only unusual or rare slippers. Her first collection piece was a family heirloom slipper, given to her by an aunt.

"My favorite slipper," said Miss Thornton, "is a little yellow and pink boot, made of delicate French china."

Miss Thornton also collects unusual statuettes and cups and saucers in her leisure time.

## Deadline For Dragon March Lyrics Set For Friday, Mar. 14

Students planning on entering the contest to write lyrics for the new school song, "Hail Dragons," will have to turn them in to Mr. Johnson not later than Friday, March 14.

"So far, Marilyn Markham has handed in a lyric and three other students have indicated they plan to enter the contest," stated Mr. Johnson.

Copies of "Hail Dragons" may be found in the music room, journalism room, and in the library.

## Carmen Runnels Wins Oration Contest

Carmen Runnels, a PHS senior, made an outstanding oration, and brought a great deal of honor to her church, at an oration contest held at the Nazarene Church Feb. 18.

The topic of the oration was "The Challenge of the Bible", and was 6 minutes in length. There were three other contestants. The Nazarene Church from Chanute, Ft. Scott, and Nevada, were represented in the Zone Contest. The judges were 3 preachers from the seminary.

"I will give my oration again at the district contest in June", Carmen commented. "The winner from the District Contest will have all expenses paid to the Nazarene Summer Camp which is to be held in Kansas City, Mo., during the last week in June."

"Keep your fingers crossed for me, because I really want to go to camp this summer," Carmen concluded.

## Hi-Y Members Pledge Money To Support 'Y' Drive

Hi-Y at the present time is backing the city Y. M. C. A. in the world wide Relief Fund, attempting to help raise \$2,500 for starving millions of the world.

Mr. Allen Gardener, local Y secretary, has been named chairman of this district of Kansas. Highlighting the campaign, Dr. James E. Ellenwood, a former paratrooper will speak in an all -school assembly March 12.

### "Y" Will Have Open House

After his appearance at PHS, Dr. Ellenwood will speak that same evening at the Methodist Church. The ministerial alliance of the city is inviting friends of the local Y. M. C. A., K.W.C.A., Hi-Y, Y-Teens, and College Youth organizations to hear him that night.

Following this meeting, our city "Y" will hold "open house" to the public, showing the local "Y" in session, especially gym classes, hobby room, and social activity. Light refreshments will be served to guests at that time.

### Hi-Y Members Pledge

Some Hi-Y members, including one week's entertainment, and the two Junior-Highs, are pledging luxury sacrifice as a gift toward this fund.

Any contribution will be appreciated from any senior high student, faculty member, or friends.

The inner-community committee which is working on the extended program Wed, March 12, is composed of the following members: Judge Perry Owsley, Jr., R. E. Mangrum, W. E. Ellsworth, William Shute, Dr. Eugene Dawson, C. C. Blackburn, Supt. Lowell Small, W. B. Pritchett, C. I. Huffman, with Judge Simeon Webb of local Y Y board as general chairman

## Junior High Band Concert Nets \$100

Clearing over 100 dollars on the benefit concert for new band uniforms, the combined bands totaling 80 members from both Lakeside and Roosevelt Junior High gave an outstanding performance last Tuesday evening.

Soloists for the concert were Eldon Nickolson, trombone; Charles Peterman, clarinet; and Frank Rodkey, clarinet. Outstanding on the program were the ensemble numbers given by the Brass ensemble, cornet duet, and cornet soli.

As an added stimulus in the ticket sales, each school nominated a ket sales each school nominated a most tickets would have the candidate crowned at the concert.

Lakeside's, whose ticket sales totaled 55 dollars, crowned their candidate, Charles Campbell, King of the Concert. Roosevelt sold 45 dollars worth of tickets for their candidate, Charles Bavuso.

M. O. Johnson, director of music at PHS, conducted the concert.

## City Forum Discusses Radio Next Tuesday

"What is right with the press and radio" and "what is wrong with the press and radio" are the two timely topics being discussed at the Pittsburg Public Forum, Tues. evening, March 11, at 7:30.

The affirmative speaker will be C. L. Stroup, of the Head light and Sun, the negative speakers Clay De Ford of the college.

Moderator that evening is Finis M. Green

The public is invited.



## THINK IT OVER

### Non Competitive Activities Between Schools Will Aid Sportsmanship

Competitive sports between schools are doing much to develop good sportsmanship, but is that all that is needed for successful inter-school relationships? On the whole, competitive inter-school athletics do not tend to build friendship, but even bring about deadly rivalry in some cases.

Friendship could take the place of rivalry if more non-competitive inter-school activities were planned. One such activity, exchange assemblies, has been tried this year among the three Pittsburg high schools. It has been proved a success, so why not try more activities along the same line?

Certainly every class in PHS would gain knowledge and information by visiting classes on the same subject in other schools. The journalism class attended an inter-school journalism meeting at K.U. last fall. Information and ideas were exchanged, and the student journalists returned to their own schools with many new plans and a better idea of how to run a newspaper.

Sociology classes could sit in on discussions at other schools. Speech classes could hold an inter-school speech clinic. Home economics classes could hold demonstrations among schools. At first, the plan would have to be worked out among Pittsburg schools, but soon out-of-town trips could be planned.

These non-competitive activities would do what athletics cannot by building up friendship and understanding among schools.

Carol Burke

## Booster Will Publicize Students Displaying Bad Manners in Assembly

Students of Pittsburg Senior High seem to be acquiring a reputation of bad conduct in assembly because of the actions of a few inconsiderate persons.

Surprising indeed is the fact that after three years of high school training, some people cannot control their actions during assembly. The bad part of this misbehavior on the part of these few students is that all students and teachers must pay the penalty for their discourteous behavior.

This type of action might be expected from a sophomore during the first few weeks of school, but surely not of senior students as they near the close of their high school education. If these students have no self respect they might at least consider the other students and teachers who are present.

This misconduct does not show itself on particular occasions or at specific times but may be found at nearly every gathering and assembly. Possibly these students have turned to this form of conduct to gain recognition. If this is true, they certainly succeeded. Students who wish to be recognized and thus become a party to bad conduct will be aided by the BOOSTER in every possible manner.

To aid with this recognition of those taking part in unacceptable conduct the BOOSTER will print their names under corresponding titles and recognize them for their misdeeds. It is true that this condition fits only a few students, but recent action brought this fact to the attention of the staff.

Although conduct in general is good, all students could give the people performing more of their attention. Students not interested in the program could help by not disturbing those who have a sincere interest.

Everyone should do his part to bring up assembly conduct in Pittsburg Senior High.

Eldon Harmon

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## White's Wizards Sketch Profiles

Noticing the west bulletin board in the main section of the library, one may see pencil charcoal sketches of various pupils in high school.

The drawings were made by Miss White's art classes consisting of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Wanda Wall's drawing of Don Wall, Kathleen Braderick's drawing of Paul Waggoner, Edna Zimmerman's drawing of Maurine Linthicum, June Pritchard's drawing of Ennis Martin, and Virginia Hindman's drawing of Charles Longo were exceptionally good likenesses of these students.

## Hep Cats

Now that teen-age members of the jive set have those eight beat rhythms bown pat, how about polishing up those ballroom manners.

Young ladies are usually pretty busy trying to be ladylike, so the young men will get their advice first.

Now fellas, forget that one doesn't act the same way in the gym as at a party, although the party may be held in the gym. No girl appreciates the guy who says, "You walk on your own feet, sister, so why can't I walk on them too?"

## Student's Names Carry Meanings Seldom Known

Pliny the Younger wasn't kidding when he said, "I have said everything when I named the man."

The parents of many PHSers no doubt have said many things they didn't mean to say when they named their offspring. Looking up the origins of names reveals that BRUCE means "happy conqueror" and CECIL means "blind or dim-sighted."

PHS is honored in the fact that there are many boys in school whose names are EUGENE. Nothing to get snooty about, but that name means "well born." JOSEPH or just plain JOE must be a family man, for that name means "he (with) shall increase." Think of how happy some mothers must have been when THEODORE or TEDDY arrived—that name means "divine gift."

Looking through the names of girls, ALICE means "noble or illustrious," and BEVERLY means "beaver meadow." Since ESTHER a bounds in PHS, this school thus has "many stars."

Many students should be wearing blinders to school because HELEN means "light, bright as the dawn." There are no doubt sportswomen in this institution, too, because JOYCE means "sportive."

RUBY betokens a "contented mind," while PHYLLIS means "a reed; a green bough." When Shakespeare's Juliet (Latin, "soft-haired") leaned on the balcony and sighed, "Whats in a Name?", she didn't know the half of it.

Next week more names will be analyzed by your reporter.

## Birthdays—History—Holidays Explain PHSers Personalities

Since the beginning of time man has tried to connect the day of his birth with certain traits in his personality. The horoscope was an outgrowth of this and even today many people live by the signs of the horoscope.

But now man has a past behind him and there have been tendencies to connect his personality with certain historical events and holidays. For instance one might say that the reason NORMA SHIELDS is so independent, DAN SLAVENS likes to wear red, and JOE ADAMS gets such a "bang" out of things is because they all were born on July 4th.

### Statesmen Three

Feb. 22 was not only Washington's birthday, but also BILL NULTON'S. Maybe they too will become great statesmen.

People say that Washington was not really born on the 22nd but on the 11th due to a change in the calendar. If this is so then JOANN ALEXANDER is the only one in PHS who can claim the great man's birthday as her own.

LOUISE BURCHAM has the distinction of being Pittsburg High's only Christmas child. Imagine getting Christmas presents and birthday presents on the same day. Dirty deal!

MARILYN MARQUARDT, DOROTHY TUSTIN, JOHN WARD, and ROSE WHITE believe in doing things right. Being very punctual, they started their year off right with the calendar year, Jan. 1.

Being born on Oct. 12, Columbus Day, gives LAURA ROBBINS a claim to some explorer blood in

her veins.

### Some Pumpkin!

PHS's Halloween contribution is none other than MR. GREEN. Wonder what that indicates?

Being born on St. Patrick's Day gives VERLA BIERD a wee bit of Irish whether her ancestors were O'BIERDS or not.

Last but not least are those sweet little April Fool's. It must have been purely accidental that ELLEN DRAY, JACK VERCOGLIO, and GEORGE FORD were born on April 1st, for with their intelligence no one could ever connect that day with their personalities, or could they???

Marilyn Markham

## IT'S A PITY

By Kitty

Drag 'em in Dragons; victories that is. That Columbus game was a classic! It practically burst the buttons off of us loyal fans, we were so proud of you. We'll all be there watching for a repeat performance tomorrow night.

### Stinkie Drums

When the music department returned from its afternoon excursion out to hear the Kansas City Philharmonic, Mr. Johnson gave everyone an opportunity to straighten out any questions they might have about the orchestra. M. O. was getting along very nicely until JO PARTIN came up with this bright observation, "But Mr. Johnson, what I'd like to know is why that kettle drum player kept leaning over and smelling his drums?" All who have ever watched a tympani player tune his drums during a concert will appreciate the humor in that question.

### Reconnaissance

Miss Messenger is extremely careful with her brood when they go swimming. Not only does she count noses when they come out of the pool but after they're all gone, she takes a walk around the pool looking for stray akuimaidens lost on the bottom. Gruesome thought, but does she really expect to find anything? I wouldn't put it past MARY LOU LATTY or ROBERTA HAGGERT to burst their silly little lungs trying to fool her some day!

### Bad To Worse

Few left Chemistry last Friday without the yellow stain of nitric acid in some form or another. These tattle tale marks ranged in area from half a hand to a few tiny spatters, DICK KING regretted this coloring of his lily white palms and asked Mr. Cline to please take the yellow out. Mr. Cline obligingly agreed, took DICK into the lab and poured ammonia over his little paws. True, it took the yellow out, DICK thinks his present condition is no better. In fact he would rather have had them that light lemon shade than that "Frisco" orangethey are now! you had studied your chemistry DICK, you'd have known that ammonia reacts with nitric acid.

## Ginardi Hitch Hikes 10,000 Miles Rides In Jeeps—Coal Trucks

Gee, but my thumb's sore!

But yours would be too if you had been riding on it for four years. Literally speaking, my right thumb has been responsible for over 10,000 miles of rides for me. In plain language, I have hitch hiked the equivalent of three trips across the United States.

I have ridden with every thing from speed demons, averaging 85 MPH to the "Cautious Casey" who creeps along at a slow 15 MPH and never exceeds 20 MPH. My patron's cars have ranged from a pride of a millionaires to the garbage man's special; from the school boy's masterpiece to the soldier's true love, the jeep. Although I have depended upon hitch hiking as my sole mode of travel to and from school, I have never been late because of it.

Some people go to a carnival for thrills, but me, I'll take hitch-hiking any day. A few days ago a fellow brought me to school at the fire engine speed of 80 or so. Any way, the way he cut in and out of traffic would do honor to any fire department. Another time a fellow skidded on the ice and snow and narrowly missed a steep embankment by spinning around three times.

by Don Ginardi

...But the incident that I will never forget was the time that I rode in the bed of a commercial truck. Every time the truck hit a bump it did the "jersey bounce". This



wasn't bad at all except that the driver had just finished hauling a load of coal and by the time I got home I looked worse than if I had worked in the coal mine all day. Just call me "little eight ball".

Oh well as yet no one has gotten rid of me yet. To anyone who wants to try, I'll be on the seven mile corner on North Broadway every school morning from now on until school is out.

## May Be Classified As 'Skirt Jerkers' 'Swoon Goons'

After all shes only putting her best foot forward.

### Good Dancing Habits Needed

One doesn't have to click his heels and bow, and kiss a girl's pretty paw just to show he is paying essential in ballroom etiquette.

Having good dancing habits is essential in ballroom etiquette. First there is the "skirt yanker" who takes a good hold of a girl's party dress in back and pulls on it so that four inches of her petticoat are seen beneath the hem.

Then there is the "swoon goon" who literally wraps himself about

his partner til she can hardly breathe.

The good old steady 'time keeper' who counts out the rhythm to himself, and usually pumps his arm up and down, reminds a girl of dancing with a long lost uncle.

On the other hand is the "jive expert". He insists in putting in an exhibition, and twisting his partner all to pieces.

### Don't Hold Her To Tight

Don't hold a girls arm so high that it aches for a week. Also on this line is a rule that says to hold your partner firmly. This doesn't

## And Time Keepers

mean to hold her so tight that she loses her balance.

Also don't make like a Fred Astaire until you have a little more practice with the fairer sex.

Now girls' don't be a wolfs who dancing with your partner.

Females always want beauty to be admired, but they shouldn't give out with a gab-fest and spoil the illusion.

...For both don't sit on the sidelines or sing with the band, but get to dancing and have a really good time.



## Staff Enters National Contest

Money prizes, ranging from \$100 to \$10, a typewriter, and scholarships are being offered in the scholastic writing awards contest, which the journalism students entered recently.

Quill and Scroll offers Prize Quill and Scroll, international honorary society for high school journalists, sponsors the journalism division of the writing awards. Entries in this division have an opportunity to win as first prize in the national contest, a Royal Portable Typewriter. Other entries for the various divisions may win \$25 to \$10.

The entries were in the form of a printed item, clipped and mounted from school papers.

### Six Divisions Offered

The six classifications for the journalism division are news story, feature, column, interview, sports writing and editorials.

The contest ended March 5.

### Twelve Students Enter

Students entering and the type they entered are-

ELDON HARMON- feature, editorial, and news.

ENNIS MARTIN- feature, news, interview, and sports.

BONNIE SCULLEN- interview

BARBARA WINTLE - feature

JOAN BABCOCK- interview

MARILYN MARKHAM- interview,

MARILYN MOSIER - editorial,

DON GINARDI- feature, interview,

editorial, and sports.

BILL BENNET- editorial, column,

news, feature, interview, and sports

HARLETT HILBOLDT- news,

editorial, and feature.

CAROL BURKE- news, editorial,

and feature.

MARY LOU LATTY- sports, editorial,

news, and feature.

## Local College Offers Grads Advantages

P. H. S. students are offered many courses at the college here, at Pittsburg. Among the various subjects taught are mathematics, foreign languages, social science music, art, home economics, and industrial education.

Tuition fees for undergraduate students \$36 a year, graduate \$50; non-resident undergraduate students \$90, nonresident graduate \$100. It graduate students \$90, non-resident resident graduate \$100. It would be cheaper for PHS students to attend, as they would have no room and board fees to pay. College work is about the same in any college during the freshman year, although there might be a few differences in the many colleges.

For a degree a person must have a minimum of 36 weeks of residence; 120 hours; 120 grade points; C average, and a major of 30 hours. Students must take physical education in freshman and sophomore years unless excused for specific reasons.

For boys interested in taking industrial education they may take auto mechanics, drawing, crafts, electricity, photography, metal shop, and printing. The girls might take foods and nutrition, clothing and textiles, household and institutional management, related art home economics education, and home and family.

## Woolen-Plaids And Sports Strut Again in Colder Weather

"Snow and cold weather please go away,

I want to wear my new spring frock today."

Yes, it seems that some eager PHSers want to wear their new spring clothes, but old man winter says "No". They must be obeying because they are wearing a lot of sweaters and heavier garments.

MARILYN MOSIER doesn't want to get her head cold because she is seen wearing the latest model in taboggan caps. It is dark blue with a half inch ruffle around the top.

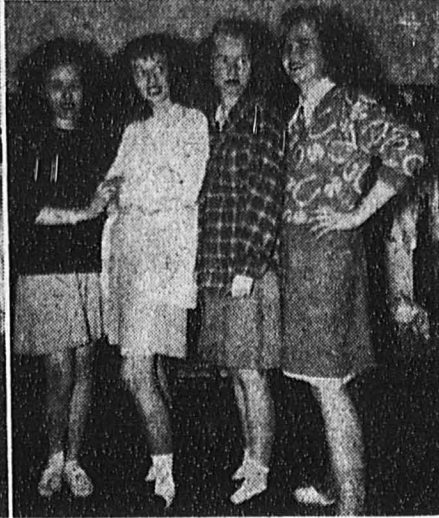
Also looking for more cold weather is JACK ROSS. That new sweater, and socks to match, are really something. It is a shade between yellow and gold.

Wearing large black and white checks is TEDDA ROBINSON and GEORGE QUIRE. She with her

## Girls Demonstrate Do's- Don't of Dress



Eight members of feminine population of PHS, are demonstrating the "do's" and "don'ts" of high school dress. The girls correctly and neatly attired for coming to school are Charlene Glaser, Dorothy Wells, Marian Beaver, and Dorothy Tustin.



Showing the "messier" side of dressing are Phyllis Wray, Joan Turner, Patsy Paterson, and Jakalene Clanton. These girls didn't know the picture was going to be published. They don't look like this all the time.

## Ray McDaniel Comments On True Experience Chronicle, 'I've Had It'

"I've Had It" is the true story of actual experiences of Col. Beirne Lay, Jr. The title of the book refers to the luck he had while he was a pilot in Europe," said RAY McDANIEL, senior boy.

"The Liberator, which was piloted by Col. Lay, was hit by flak while they were flying over France during the Second World War.

"Lay gave orders for the men to jump. He and the tail gunner

were the last out and landed together.

"The underground was supposed to meet them but they didn't so Lay and the tail gunner made their way across France with little outside help," continued Ray.

"When the underground did contact them, they were given French clothes. The French people helped them, but some of them were suspicious because they looked like Germans.

"Finally they met the advancing American forces and were flown back to England," concluded Ray.

This dramatic escape story may be found on the library shelves.

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## Dragons Tromp Ft. Scott 49-34

Led by Larry "Long Shot" Douglas who hit the hoop for 14 points, the Dragons trounced the Fort Scott Tigers by a score of 49-34 in the final game of last night's tournament playoff.

Saturday night the Dragons will meet the Columbus Titans, who beat the Parsons Vikings in the earlier game by a score of 33-29 to decide the winner of the class AA division of the regional tournament.

## Booster Writer Errs; Apologizes

Fan mail for the Booster has increased 50 per cent during the last two weeks due to a certain article on PHS's athletic rating last year published in the Feb. 14 issue. A staff writer rechecked the statistics and found that an error had been made. The writer of this article accidentally quoted his figures from the 1945 School Activities Journal instead of the 1946 issue.

Apologies are due to all of last year's basketball squad especially to Coach Arkie Hoffman and Co-captains Butch Hallman and Jack Thomas, who are not with this year's team.

In correction of the figures printed in the article, it is found that PHS had the highest all-over rating in SEK league. Pittsburg had top ratings in court and playing facilities, attitude of coach, attitude of school officials and condition of dressing room and showers. Pittsburg was second only to Iola in attitude of crowd and attitude of players.

The staff is truly sorry that these figures were misquoted because the rating brought in by last year's team would be the pride of any school.

## Forty Boys State Intentions Of Going Out For Track Team

Up to now, 40 boys have stated their intention of going out for track, but I expect about 20 more, which will bring the total up to 60," stated Coach Winchester.

"Coach Morey will handle the relays and Mr. Bartel will assist in coaching the field events," he continued.

"The first meet after the boys check out their equipment next Monday, will be the class meet March 24, 25 and 26. Our tentative schedule calls for about nine meets during the season.

"The boys have accepted the program and seem to be coming along in their training," he concluded.

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## Boxing First Originated In Greece; Roman Prisoners Fought For Lives

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Many people sit spellbound by their radios listening to a boxing match. Still others go to see the bouts every time they get a chance.

Fighting with fists, or boxing, dates back to prehistoric man. Very little reference, however, is made to boxing in these early times, particularly as a sport.

### Greeks were boxers

The early Greeks, as far back as 3000 B.C. participated in boxing. However, only a few actually engaged in it, and the masses enjoyed it as spectators.

These early Greek boxers used a kind of glove called the "caestus." This consisted of long, thin, ox-hide thongs, wound around the hand. These thongs were very bothersome and required a lot of time to put on.

The Greeks considered boxing a game of skill, but with the coming of Roman influence, brute strength predominated in the matches. The Romans, knowing little about the science of boxing, thought weight would increase the power of attack.

## Fourth Hour Team Wins

In the final basketball game of the season for feminine basketballers of PHS, the fourth hour team defeated the first hour team last Tuesday noon by a score of 17 to 4. This win makes the fourth hour girls the feminine basketball champs of PHS.

These two teams were the finalists of a basketball tournament that had been played off the previous two weeks. During this time a total of 441 points were piled up by the six different teams, 47 of which were free throws. The girls averaged close to 7 personal fouls and 2 technical fouls each game, and the average score a game was 21 points.

"I wish to thank everyone who has taken part in this tournament for their fine exhibition of sportsmanship and good playing which has characterized so many of the games," commented Miss Messen-

### Fights ended in death

The leather caestus was changed to one consisting of a metal ball with spikes on the end. These coverings evolved the bloodshed and murder which was the essence of good fighting according to the Romans. As a result slaves and prisoners were the only ones who boxed, providing entertainment for the Romans.

The contestants would often dance about for hours, knowing full well that a well-placed blow meant death. This was a far cry from the Greek rendition of teaching the sport to develop courage, gracefulness, ability, and endurance.

In 1719, James Figg, known as the father of boxing, won the first national championship of England and held it till 1730. During this time boxing was a combination of boxing, wrestling, tripping, and butting, with matches lasting for three or more hours without any rounds.

John L. Sullivan was the last American to fight with his bare fists. This fight was in 1889. Shortly after this he invented the boxing glove which has been used ever since.



## Hoop Hear Say

by 'DOUG' STORY

This year the Dragon basketballers rang up a total of 609 points in 15 games for an average of 40.6 points a game. They held their opponents to 458 points. LONG LARRY DOUGLAS led the Dragons hoopsters with 172 points to take scoring honors for the games on the regular schedule. JOHN "Rebounder" GIBSON was next in the scoring parade with 107 points. MARVIN "Swish" WHITE was right on Gibsons heels having swished 105 points through the basket. DOUG STORY was next with 88 points. DON MACCHEERS, the expert passer and playmaker, followed with 72 points. COACH ROY BARTEL should be complimented for the excellent work he has done in turning out this team.

In this column while writing about basketball I have mentioned many individuals, but the Dragon basketball team is not a team of individual stars. It is made up of five boys who work together as a unit.

These boys don't care who scores the two-pointers as long as their is a steady flow of points flashed

on the scoreboard. Many people are wondering how the Dragon quintet swamped the Columbus Titans. The answer is TEAMWORK.

Columbus had Atkinson and Bull, two leading scorers in the state. These two boys play fine, clean basketball but as you know two cannot beat five in this game. "If you remember the scoring of the Dragons was divided very evenly among the first five. Two boys had 11 points, two had 10 points and one had 8 points. LARRY DOUGLAS who scored 8 points held the state's leading scorer, Buddy Bull of Columbus, to one field goal throughout the entire game. Orcharids to Larry for this fine defensive job.

The Dragon basketball team's good luck charms have been many this year. The best charm so far is a poem said when a load of hay passes. The words are: Load of hay, Make a wish and look away.

The Dragons have seen loads of hay on trips to Joplin, Wyandotte, Iola, and three loads on the way to Columbus, as you know the Dragons won all 4 of these games.

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