

Candid Commentary

By Chuck Davis

HOMEcoming COMES but once a year and this time, how many grads will be there? That's the question that the Booster asks this week. Next Friday is the day we pay special homage to those who have gone before us. (how pretty) The Student Council and the school administration are working to make it a better than ever affair, but don't you think you should do something? Some day you'll want to come back and "shoot the bull" with old friends.

DON'T YOU KNOW someone, maybe your own parents, who graduated from this school? Sure you do. Why not get them out? Let's fill that auditorium so full actually bulges!

DEBATE TOURNAMENTS are funny things. It's hard to judge by the outcome, sometimes, who really is good. And right now I'd like to give credit to a couple of fellows who really did get tough breaks. They're Philip Norman and Billy Hazen. They were members of a four man team at Coffeyville, meaning that they debated one side of the question and two others debated the other side. These two debated twice and won both but they did not get into the eliminations

because the other half lost both of theirs. Furthermore, through some screwy mix-up they debated once for another team. They also won this but the other team got the credit for it. In other words, they won every debate they entered but got no official credit.

IF EVER YOU got the idea that there is nothing to this debating, you just think how you like to get up front of people and talk. Add to this that your English must be perfect, and you must be able to think while talking, having an immense vocabulary, and convince the judge that everything the other team says is a lie.

AND NOW, let's get away from school and see what's happening on the outside. Business men report that in 1940 they are going to need two million competent men. I now wait to hear what some of the learned pessimists of the age have to reply. Permanent army of unemployed! Nertz!

BRITISH SOLDIERS in the present are reported to be using different songs than they used in the last war. For their marching songs instead of "It's A Long Way To Tipperary" They

are using "Heigh Ho" and the "Beer Barrel Polka." When they dream of home this time instead of "Keep the Home Fires Burning" they sing "South of the Border." When thinking of Herr Hitler, they probably give out on "ScatterBrain."

IN THE HEADLIGHT the other night was a picture of a Paris stenographer (very nice looking to say the least) who had quit her job as soon as the war started and was now employed in a machine shop doing hard manual labor that men had done before the war. Of course you know the immediate thought that comes to mind. How would our girls stand up under this?

DAY - DREAMING---Only seven shopping days until Christmas. Wow! Second big dance tonight. Thanks, Faculty---Good luck at Chantute tonight, fellows. We're not ashamed of last Friday and we won't be this time either.--- Sure did enjoy that movie Wednesday. Thanks Council.--- If you didn't notice it, the Booster looks a bit different this week than it has for the last decade. How do you like it?

Assembly Climax
Of Courtesy WeekPittsburg High School
Pittsburg, Kansas
Dec. 15, 1939

"Old Grad" of P. H. S.
Somewhere in the World
Universe

Dear Old Grad,

It's not how old you are but how you are old that's important. So recapture your carefree high school days, meet again that little blond that made your adolescent heart do the "jumps" jive," encountered again the "dear" faces of instructors now wreathed in haloes of golden memories, and attend "Old-Grad Day", Friday Dec. 22, at the Pittsburg Senior High School.

In times past many of you have taken part in the celebration of Old-Grad Day. You know the pleasure received from renewing acquaintances, the charm of exchanging personal experiences with old pals and classmates, and joy of shaking the hand of some of the beloved instructors of the past.

So, to experiences these joys once more--you, Johnny Old-Grad; and, Mary Recent-Grad; and you, Willie Future-Grad. Turn back the hands of the clock, and fill the auditorium once more on Old-Grad Day, Dec. 22, with the shouts of happy carefree voices and the fellowship of a common "alma mater".

Sincerely,

The Student Body of
Pittsburg High SchoolFour Teachers Attend
Kansas City Conference

Delegates to the National Council of Social Studies at Kansas City reported to a meeting of the Pittsburg Teachers Association Monday night, Dec. 11.

The representatives were: M. M. Rose, Superintendent; T. E. Davis, representing the Junior High Schools; Miss Pauline Staats, Supervisor of the Elementary Schools; and Marion Nation of the High School.

Mr. Davis, in discussing the problems of Junior High social science teaching, stated that the major problems were first, how to teach students to understand group life, and second, how to make practical community surveys.

According to Miss Staats, "The social studies are exceedingly broad in the elementary schools." She described the "Blue Book" published by the council in regard to social science in the elementary schools.

Mr. Nation presented the three main questions which are before social science. "Shall we have a course of study or miscellaneous classes? How to provide for three types of students, the ones killing time, the average and the above average? and "How can we better assume responsibility for social development?"

Bundle Day is Successful

Girl Reserves and Hi-Y members of P. H. S. gathered fifty bundles on Bundle Day last Saturday. There were approximately 150 articles of clothing in the bundles.

Miss Esther Gable and Clyde Hartford, sponsors of G. R. and Hi-Y, will begin distribution of the garments to the needy students of the high school as soon as possible. Forty-five students took part in the drive.

"There were about as many bundles this year as in former years, however, there were not quite so many articles of clothing," pointed out Ellsworth Briggs, who was in charge of Bundle Day.

G A A ELECTS SECRETARY

Eudene Mingori was elected to take the place of Alice Loth as recording secretary of G. A. A. in a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 6. The time was spent playing captain ball.

In the meeting Wednesday, Dec. 13, the G. A. A. had their group picture taken for the annual. After this the time was spent playing captain ball.

FACTS
Eighty per cent of the toothbrushes produced in England have celluloid handles.

CALENDAR

Dec. 15--All-school Party
Dec. 15--Chanute basketball (there)
Dec. 19--C. of C. Xmas Party (Roosevelt Gym)
Dec. 19--Columbus basketball (there)
Dec. 20--Faculty Club
Dec. 20--Christmas Assembly (G. R.)
Dec. 21--Ft Scott basketball (here)
Dec. 22--Kansas City Southern Xmas Party
Dec. 22--Christmas Vacation

Mass Chorus
Begins Rehearsal
For Xmas Play

Rehearsal for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party got under way recently when a group of about 400 met in the high school auditorium in a special assembly to make up a mass chorus.

Since then, the same students have practiced each Tuesday and Thursday. The date for their appearance in the Roosevelt Gym is set for Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The chorus, the first group of its kind since Mr. Carney has been teaching the vocal section of P. H. S., is working up four-part Christmas carols. The high school orchestra will accompany them on "Adeste Fideles."

Two special numbers, "Christmas Bells" (Rapee), and "The Toy Shop" (Colby) will also be given by the orchestra.

Other phases of the program will be Mr. Towell's speaking choir, who will read Bible verses from which Christmas Carols are originated and Miss Laney's tableau, "Nativity."

The Christmas Party will be made up of about one thousand interested residents of Pittsburg.

"I am very much pleased with the chorus," stated Mr. Carney. "The tone quality is good, and I believe it has many possibilities. A large group of students goes over big, because they interest people."

Malcolm, Attorney, Speaks
At Allied Youth Meeting

"Time is the greatest thing in the world," declared Mr. George Malcolm, an attorney in Pittsburg, who spoke at Allied Youth, Mon, Dec. 11.

"There has been a great change since I was in high school," he asserted. "There were no automobiles or jazz like we have now."

"Years ago, scientists said that human beings could not go past 12 miles per hour or it would mean sudden death. But all of that has changed," he pointed out.

He also said that it doesn't do any good to dodge things. You must be able to decide things instantly.

In closing his speech, Mr. Malcolm added "It is up to us to get the advantages in life. We must regulate ourselves to get fun out of life."

The group made plans for a movie to be sponsored by Allied Youth in the near future.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Betty and Barbara Gohr, Laurel Ellsworth, Evangeline Graver, Kenneth Hunt, Colleen Verogio, Marilyn Canfield, Marjorie Hubbard, Harold Shields.

Edna Mae Price, Lida Lee Shasheen, Anita Ray, Louise Barbero, Louella Johnson, Harold Kerky, Helen Klinehammer, Frank Thogmartin, Barbara Huffman, Mr. Maliolm and the two sponsors Mr. Thiebaud and Mr. Thorpe.

Frenchman Swing Carol

"Voci Noel, o douce nuit," sang a French class in a light airy French way.

They did beautifully until they got to the second line. The words and the notes just wouldn't fit. After much squeaking and squawking they finally succeeded in co-ordinating the two.

The French classes are celebrating Christmas early this year by singing "Silent Night Holy Night" in French.

Adolf Hitler is in the unfortunate position of having heard every single speech by the Fuehrer and having been carried away by the man's eloquence on each and every occasion.

Gala Homecoming Day Program
Planned By Student Council
For Old Grads Friday

By Ida Louise Rush

Friday, Dec. 22, is the day set for the annual P. H. S. Homecoming for old grads, according to the plans of the Student Council. This is the fourteenth annual affair and has been sponsored by the Student Council since 1926. Special honor will be given to the grads of 1892, 93, 94, 95, and 96.

WINS SECOND IN EXTEMP



Jane Pratt placed second in the extemporaneous speaking contest at Coffeyville last week-end, thus maintaining her record as one of the outstanding speakers in PHS. She is a member of the PHS debate team which ranked high at the College this year.

Awarded Second
In Extemp Contest

Two Pittsburg High debate teams went to the quarter-finals and Jane Pratt, P. H. S. entry in extemp, tied for second in the annual debate tournament at Coffeyville, Dec. 8-9.

The winners of the tournament and last year's national champions from Classon High of Oklahoma City defeated Bob Akey and Margaret Naylor, and Jim Marchbanks and Charles Davis in the second round. The Pittsburg teams placed fifth and sixth, respectively, out of 75 teams entered.

Jane Pratt, junior tied with the entry from Coffeyville for second out of 21 candidates in extemporaneous speaking. The entry from Classon took first place.

Those attending the tournament were Bob Akey, Margaret Naylor, Jane Pratt, Georgesanne Switzer, Albert Hopper, Naida Chandler, Billy Hazen, Phillip Norman.

Charles Davis, Jim Marchbanks, W. C. Wilson, Jack Collins, Al McClure, Bruce Washburn, Sunshine Sherman, and Helen Kriegsmann.

Seventeen Students
Participate in Pageant

Seventeen P. H. S. students will be participants in a Christmas pageant to be given Tuesday night, Dec. 19. This program, a portion of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas party, will be presented in the Roosevelt Gym.

The part of "Mary" will be portrayed by La Verne Casterman. Bob Coulter will characterize "Joseph." Other characters include: Angels: Naida June Brannum, Margaret Ziegler, Mimi Nettles, Nellie Jo Tharrington, Colleen Veriogio, Madlyn Osterfelt, and Phyllis Fretwell; "Three Kings": Frank Freeto, Charles Davis, and Jimmie Myers; Shepherds: Jaure Welch and Jack Embree. Three additional shepherds will be chosen later.

The pageant, directed by Miss Laney, will be given in pantomime and will form a background to the all-school chorus.

The speaking choir directed by Mr. Towell, will give the continuity while the tableau is being presented. Scenes from the "Nativity" will be depicted.

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"The average modern girls marries a man with money and a sense of humor," asserts a sociologist. If he didn't have money, she wouldn't marry him, and if he didn't have a sense of humor, he wouldn't marry her."

The program this year will consist of a welcoming speech by the Student Council President, Harvey Lanier; the response to which will probably be given by Joe Stephens '39, last year's Council President, if he can attend the reunion.

He is studying at Missouri University this year and it is not certain whether he will be able to be present. There will also be the annual roll call of classes.

All grads will be asked to register in the front hall before the program. Plans are being considered to honor former Purple and White Editors and Booster Editors, Council Presidents, Class officers, and officers of clubs. As it is impossible to contact all these, Student Council officers wish to remind the students that if they know any of these old grads to make it their business to invite them and contact as many as possible.

After the program there will be a picture of the homecomers taken for the Purple and White.

"We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all old grads of P. H. S. and we feel that we are in a position to offer them one of the best programs there has been for several years," declared Harvey Lanier.

Davis Explains
Economic Future

"Don't let anyone tell you that Pittsburg is finished; if you say it is, it is; but if you make up your mind it isn't then it isn't," asserted C. O. Davis vice-president of the National Bank who spoke to the Forum Club recently on the "Economic Future of the District."

"Through the help of the Industrial levy, provided for by the people in the last election, the by-products, which can be made from Pittsburg coal, are being studied in co-operation with the College. These products are made from slack which at present is sold at a low price.

"There is a possibility that a chocking plant and a sulfuric acid plant will be established here. This would increase the economic wealth of the community," Mr. Davis declared in showing that economic future of Pittsburg is sound.

"They tell you that the introduction of the huge coal shovels was the worst thing that could have happened to Pittsburg, for they caused so much unemployment. But I tell you if it were not the shovels helping to compete with cheap fuels such as gas and oil, there would be no coal industry here to-day," explained Mr. Davis as he gave a little of the history of the coal industry in Pittsburg.

He told how these cheap fuels forced the coal business to provide apparatus such as the coal washer and the stoker to make it as clean and as easy to handle as gas and oil.

The statistics of 1939 show that since 1919 the coal tonnage has been reduced from 7,500,000 to 3,000,000 tons per year as the supply has been depleted and from competition with other fuels.

"The future of your town depends on you, the adults of tomorrow. It is you who must keep this town and district from dying," he declared.

NEW CLUB FORMED

The Debonaire Club met Tuesday night with Marjorie Hubbard. New officers were elected as follows: President, Louella Johnson; vice-president, Daphne Shoupe; recording secretary, Marjorie Hubbard; corresponding secretary, Virginia Osredker; treasurer, Barbara Gohr.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served to the officers and these members: Nadine Scavazza, Dorothy Redfern, Betty Gohr, and Marjorie Harrison.

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HOME-COMING AND YOU

There are 1000 seats in the high school auditorium, many of which have been occupied few times except when Pittsburg High gave something away. The last time we gave something away was at the 1938 Home-coming (We gave away Boosters.)

But the point is, a good number of these seats have not been sat in for a long time. We of the Boosters believe a worth-while goal would be to fill the auditorium to overflowing at Homecoming.

If you, the approximately 800 students of PHS, each invited one grad, the H. S. auditorium would really be full of with enthusiasm and pride for good old PHS. We might even build a second balcony to accommodate all!

Let us each make ourselves responsible for one old grad's being in the high school auditorium Dec. 22, Homecoming Day. Show the grads you are proud of your school and let them share your pride by inviting them to PHS.

—The Booster

BEST MUSIC FOR DANCES

A plan for providing funds to obtain music for our school dances was brought up in home room last Friday. The plan devised so far is that students who so desire may donate any sum of money to go into this fund to provide music.

This donation is not to be compulsory for those attending the party. Anyone who attends the party does not have to make a donation in order to come to the dance.

The type and quality of music depends on the student's desires. If the students want a first class orchestra, they will be permitted to let their donations speak for themselves. Some students want a nickel-o-deon; this will cost much less than the orchestra, but again it is up to the students as to what kind of music they want.

We, the students, want the best type and quality of music that is available so that we say keep up good attendance and interest in our all-school parties.

We wish to thank the faculty and student council for their work in putting on these dances, and we want them to know that we appreciate it. Also, we wish to make it clear that we are not demanding the best music in the U. S., but only the best that it is possible for us to have.

This, students, rests in your hands. The result will be proportional to your donations for this cause.

—Kenneth Hunt

SMILE-CHILLUN-SMILE

This is an editorial. It is an editorial that is pointed right at you. If you don't like to have someone tell something that can be done to improve you, don't read this.

In the walls of this building, there are between 700 and 800 of you. You are thrown together day after day for nine months. How many of them do you know? How many of them do you speak to when you walk down the hall?

It doesn't cost a thing just to smile and it might give someone a lot of pleasure. Sometime you're going to feel down and a cheery word or a smile will do worlds of good for you.

So come on, let us smile and get acquainted. Nothing lost and a lot gained.

Chuck Davis

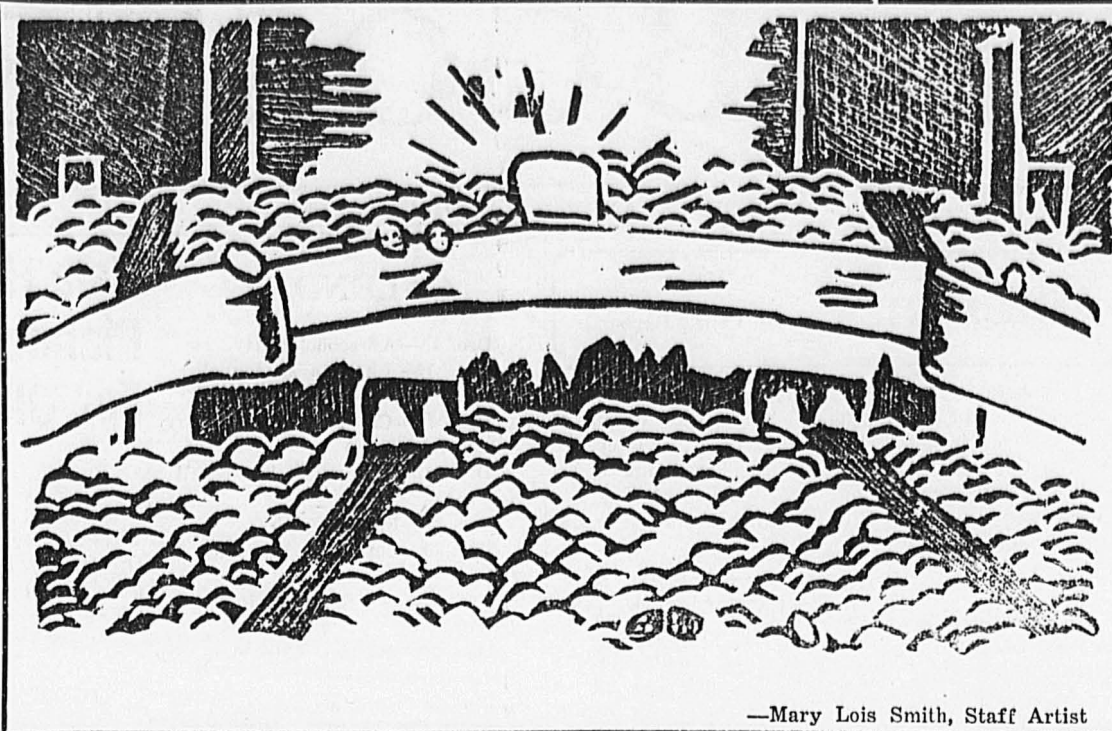
WHO STUFFED THE BALLOT BOX?

With grave dignity the Student Council discussed a very weighty matter. The vote was finally taken and as the secretary counted the ballots an air of excitement and suspense prevailed.

"Ah," sighed the winning side with relief, "we made it by two votes." The Council, by a vote of eleven to thirteen, had just decided to bring their lunches and eat together before the meeting began the next week.

This is closest vote The Student Council has had in recent years. It seems that on such important issues the Council is of one mind. How very strange! Martha Ruth Howard

WHO FAILED?



—Mary Lois Smith, Staff Artist

Next Friday is Homecoming Day for the old grads of this school. In the special assembly planned for that event we want every seat in the auditorium filled. It would certainly be a shame if such a thing as is characterized in this cartoon would happen.

The Waste Basket

(By Three Smart Girls)

The Blushing B. V. D.'s
Hello folksies—Here we are. We are as you have probably guessed, "Three Old Gossips." If you want your names in the paper, come to see us. Nice juicy gossip is always welcome.

A senior has actually become a man! The other night he smoked a five-cent cigar, and I do mean five-cent. It took a blow torch to light it and he got a little pale after the first few puffs. He decided there was too much wind and threw it away. (We wonder???)

Could it be that a certain red head whose initials are E. C. is the cause for the arguments between one of our popular puppy love couples? Watch out Tims—red heads are dangerous!!

Lo and behold!! Lunchroom romance is discovered. Geneva Pryer can hardly eat because Ned Tryon is in the same room. She's so nervous she chokes on every bite. Don't lose hope Geneva, he'll never take notice.

Special delivery to Sophie Harry Pittser. Certain people are wondering if you know where Martha Packard got that box of chocolates? Tsh, Tsh, aren't some people inquisitive?

Mac French has asked Patty Ann Barkell to go steady. Smooth Sailin'. Now's the time to start using your crooning ability.

Couples Seen at the Junior Dance
Mary Ramsay Jimmy Myers
Nellie Jo Tharrington Bill Hood
Nancy Lee Soper Frank Freeo
Betty Forrester Don Marchbanks
Ilene Bennett Francis Ryan
Rosemary Cowan Jay Renick
Wanda Gibbons Jack VanHoy
Well kiddies we think our tongues have been wagging enough for one week, so we will sign off. But we will be back soon, with news from the dance floor. Toodle doo!

WANT ADS

FOUND—Dollar bill; owner please form line at —P. H. S. door.

WANTED—Information on skippers: J.L.H. FOR SALE—Cheap—One Ford, in first class condition. Call 2222 ding dong.

PERSONAL—Write, phone, or (better yet) —come up and see me, for advise to the —lovelorn. 3749 for appointment.

WANTED—One model train—Mr. Nation. He —saw one in K. C. and can't get over —it.

WANTED—Alarm clock that can be set to ring —on day my library books come due.

WANTED—Suggestions for a Christmas gift —for Tommy—C. Reed.

FOUND—One feud—Between two prominent —clubs of the High School, Sub Deb —and Sigma Delta Chi. It's anyone's fight.

FOUND—One romance—Harvey can't keep his —mind on his studies at all, since he —took Helen Otto to the Twelve' Til —dance.

Here's the story of a typical male—

I'm through with women,
They cheat and they lie,
Till the day we die —
They prey on us males
And drive us to sin,
They tease us; torment us
Say! Who was that blond
That just walked in?
—Central High Times, St. Joseph, Mo.

Ode to a Double Crosser

"Love me?"
"Sure do!"
"Kiss me?"
"Fraid to!"
"A cold?"
"About to freeze!"
"Want my coat?"
"No, just the sleeve."
Wellington Crimsoa Rambler.

Me hate him
Me hate him
Me wish him were die
Him tell I
Him love I, but
Darn he, him lie,

Style Show

Joyce Henney

Christmas formals! That's all you are hearing now because there are about four formal dances ahead and most P. H. S. students will be attending some of them. SEYMOUR'S have a new line of formals with the prices as low as \$7.95.

One sweet formal they are featuring is a Christmas red jersey top with a full black taffeta skirt. The blouse is made very plain with a rather high front, cut high in the back, and small puff sleeves. To make it more dressy, it has a darling gold necklace.

Some of the other outstanding dresses are in new light colors. One is angle trimmed in rhinestones—it would really look darling on a redhead. Another one is salmon pink with sequin trim.

Looking still farther, we discover a slipper satin; it has quilting as the trim. By the way, it is quilted with silver. There are also many white formals. You should see them!

We mustn't forget fushia. It is another new interesting shade and looks lovely in Moire Cellophaille.

Snooping around some more, we found a Red Ridinghood wool, fitted, full-length coat. It has a velvet hood that goes hand in hand with vogue.

If you want something brand new, you will have to have a formal sweater. They are wool, just like any other sweater, but have a very elaborate trim of sequins. We saw a lot of taffeta skirts to go with these sweaters. A metallic blouse would go nicely with the skirt, too, and that would make a complete change for you.

Well Christmas is coming soon, and girls, if you want a new formal, the next time you are uptown with your mother, just kinda stroll into SEYMOUR'S and look over the things, drop a few gentle hints, and maybe Santa will like the idea of a new formal, too.

X-Ray

Here is a column which turns upon the patient and brings out their hidden likes and cravings.

Examining Carolyn Coulter, we discover that she "crawls with excitement every time she hears Artie Shaw. By the way, have you noticed what a swell jitter—bug she is?

June Mardelle Lowe draws her chair up nearer and is lost in the rapture of her favorite song, "Day In Day Out."

When it comes to movie stars, Rosemary Skar picks Richard Greene. It seems to be the same story with many feminine—goers. "Rotey" confesses that this tall, dark, and handsome actor is just about "tops" with her.

Barbara Cornelius says she likes Charley McCarthy, so he is her favorite comedian. He's short and cute but such a block—head.

Upon turing the X-Ray upon Nellie Jo Tharrington, we find that she prefers typing above all others subjects. However, she admits that so far she never found one that typed correctly.

Well, so long children more examinations next week.

The Doctor

Birthday Bouquets

Christmas is th most beautiful time of the year, with all of the white snow, bright colored lights and everything. So here's wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a Happy Birthday.

Dec. 17—Jimmy Millington
Dec. 19—Bill Horton
Dec. 20—Inez Davis
Dec. 21—Millard Cronister
Dec. 22—Doris Ogan, Ruth Salina
Dec. 23—Troy Mickie, Virginia Brown, Betty Jane Jumet, Bert Mathes, Rosella Ullrich.

Northeastern Courier, Kansas City, Mo.
Rules for handling a Woman by Electricity
If she talks too long --- Interrupter
If she wants to be an angel --- Transformer
If she is picking pocket --- Detector
If she'll meet you half way --- Receiver
If she gets too excited --- Controller
If she goes up in the air --- Condenser
If she sings harmoniously --- Tuner
If she is a good cook --- Discharger
If she is too fat --- Reducer
If she talks too much --- Regulator



Sentimental Sal

Dear Sal,

Well, it's love as usual. I have been trying to get a date with a certain junior boy. Since I'm just a sophie, I guess they think it is Leap Year. He could at least call me up (He has a phone and so do I). There are places to go such as a show. Does that sound too strenuous for a junior who by now should know his way. There's no use in both of our going stag. Please try to help me, Won't you?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Love is never usual. More than one girl has tried to get a date with a certain junior boy. Perhaps you aren't using the right bait. You have a telephone, but does he know your number? As for the theaters, they cost money; maybe, your love comes to high a price. Impress him with the fact that the school dance is free and you love free things. If this doesn't work, introduce him to me. I'll soften him up.

Sentimental Sal

Dear Sal,

I am just a dumb sophie, so tip me off. A good friend of mine is on my mind. He attended Lakeside School last year; so did I. He is in one of my classes but I just can't make much headway cause junior and seniors sit around us. They tease me too much! Because we are such good friends, he is too dumb to ask me to a dance, show, or play. What'll I do to hint to him that I wouldn't mind going with him? I am depending on you.

Wishing

P. S.

It certainly wouldn't hurt any boy to go to the school dance. Look how much we do for them, and the school dance is free, too.

Dear Wishing,

My, you sophies, letting juniors and seniors get in your way. Don't let them bother you. Ask him to the next dance and treat him very sweet. Be interested in what he says and does. Ask him before the school dance; then he will see that you are interested.

Sentimental Sal

Dear Sal,

I am a sophie and I'm not exactly the worst looking gal in P. H. S. In my sixth hour class sits a very handsome boy (a sophie). He doesn't even have a girl on his mind. I hardly know him—just well enough to speak. I certainly would like to get acquainted because I am getting lonely. Help me out.

Lonely

Dear Lonely,

Are you afraid of talking to boys? Make an effort to see him in the halls. But don't act silly; act sensible and talk with sense. Know things he does, and talk to him about them. Most of all, don't talk about other boys to him.

Sentimental Sal

YOUR HIT PARADE

"Blue Orchids"

I dreamed of two blue orchids
Two beautiful blue orchids
One night while in my lonely room.
I dreamed of two blue orchids
So full of love and light
That I wanted to possess each tender bloom.
Then my dream took wings
And through a thousand springs
Blue orchids seemed in a world apart,
But when I met you something pale and blue
Came stealing from the meadows of my heart.
I saw my two blue orchids
My beautiful blue orchids
Last night and what a sweet surprise,
When you looked at me it was plain to see
Blue orchids only bloom in your eyes.

"What's New"

What's new?
How is the world treating you?
You haven't changed a bit;
Lovely as ever, I must admit,
What's new?
How did that romance come through?
We haven't met since then,
Gee! but it's nice to see you again.
What's new?
Probably I'm boring you,
But seeing you is grand
And you were sweet to offer your hand
I understand, adieu.
Pardon my asking what's new
Of course you couldn't know,
I haven't changed,
I still love you, so.

Turkey On A Plate A Dog With A Bone

Arkansas, the state with hills and rocks
Where people lie around, absence of shoes and socks,

"That's the sife for me," I'll proudly say,
Without a single care or bill to pay
'Give me Arkansas or give me death.'
The very thought always takes my breath,
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Arkansas!! Arkansas!! The thought of every day.

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The Public Forum

By H. B. Cheyne

Several students wishing to express their views on the question of a student court have been given an opportunity in this interview. Disregarding any definite plan, these opinions are merely on the general subject: "Do you think a student court would function in PHS?"

PRO:

Bob Akey, a delegate to the Boy's State camp at Wichita last summer, where he had experience with such a court states, "I believe the student court is a good experiment, in the first place; but having been acquainted somewhat with its workings, I think it will function only if the power to carry out sentences is provided. Otherwise, the court will be just a 'heck of a good time'."

Bob Friggeri, active in Student Council work, asserts, "I think the Student Court is a good idea and I will put my full support behind it, if such a plan is adopted."

In discussing the subject, Ed Booth, also a delegate to Boys' State camp, says, "After weighing both the liabilities and the assets of a student court, under conditions present in

PHS, I believe the court would work and would do far more good than bad for the school."

CON:

Albert Hopper, a Boys' State delegate, reasons on the question, "The victims, while being called up for some minor charge, might be looked upon by the rest of the student body as someone shady in character and detrimental to the school. I believe the good derived by the student court wouldn't outweigh the bad results mentioned above."

W. C. Wilson, a debater and serious thinker on school problems, says, "The conditions in this school, such as indifference, lack of spirit, etc. alone would ruin the chances of the courts functioning to benefit all."

"As a delegate to Boys' State camp, where I saw such a court in progress, I don't believe," says Jim Marchbanks, "that the student are conscientious enough to make the student court work beneficially. The jury, being students, would have the responsibility of handing down the decision, and I don't think students are capable of making such decisions in the face of their schoolmates."

Safety Week Observed Here

"Don't just observe a certain week as Safety Week, but remember every week is a safety week," emphatically declared Highway Patrolman Thomas Walker in a special last week.

A college graduate of Bethel, Walkerspoke to the students body. Friday Dec. 8 as a speaker for National Safety Week, and concluded his appearance with a picture show entitled "No Chance To Lose."

"On the highways, 322 lives have been taken in the last year; almost one fatality a day."

"In days gone by deaths caused by car accidents were few, but the great expansion of transportation in the last twenty years enlarged that number to a startling degree," pointed out this "knight of the highway."

"And, furthermore," continued Walker, "the automobile, with all its power, has almost become an instrument of destruction instead of an instrument of use. But, to keep our present rate of civilization, the automobile is a necessity."

"We are appealing to you," Walker told the 700 or 800 teen-aged youths before him, "because you are the drivers of the next twenty, thirty, or forty years."

"Being a sportsmanlike driver is being a careful driver. A careful driver is a good one," he asserted.

Girls Sigh As Romeos Play

Breathlessly, the crowd waited, scarcely making a sound. With their eyes glued on the ball, they sat on the edge of their seats, hoping, praying, yet not daring to believe that perhaps one of the boys might sink a basket and break the scoreless tie that had held 'til the last two minutes of the game.

One of the members of the favored team had possession of the ball—he was racing down the court, warily watching his opponent's every move. Then, with perfect calculation, with every muscle beautifully in play, he paused, and with the strength of Atlas and the precision of Mercury, he threw the ball directly into the center of the hoop.

The audience went wild with joy. The boys cheered and girls sighed. Ah, what physique what youthful grace their team possessed. Those manly figures were enough to set any high school girl's heart pitter-patter.

Boom! The gun gave the signal that ended the game with the handsome Romeos leading, 2-0. Whatta game, whatta team!

What you have just read, fellow students, is a preview of the highly anticipated games in which, not the Purple Dragons will star, but such well no-trained athletes as Claude Huffman, Howard Lundquest, Ellsworth Briggs, John E. White, Dan Tewell, Willard Thorpe, and J.M. Collier, George Duerksen, and Fritz Snodgrass.

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Campus Conversation

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Students Holding Downtown Jobs Tell of Customer Discourtesies

As a recognition of Courtesy Week, students who work in stores or have other lines of duty were interviewed to find out some incidents of discourtesy on the part of the customer toward the employee.

H. B. Cheyne (Handy Man at Mary's Apparel Shoppe)--"I don't like to see people who don't pay any attention to the salesman, or walk away while he's talking."

Eleanor Keplinger (Keplinger Roller Rink)--"The main discourtesy I have to contend with is fast skating, and when the kids are called down, they try to go all the faster, just for meanness. Tripping is also a discourtesy."

Alvin Davies (waiter at the Bee Hive Cafe)--"I believe most people are discourteous when they are crabby, and not friendly. Then, too, some expect too much for their money."

Katherine Gore (Kresses)--"Well, people are discourteous when they are at the toy counter and the little kids want toys. When they start crying for them, their mother yanks them away and cares nothing about the commotion."

Girl Reserves

Mrs. J. L. Hutchinson talked to the Girl Reserves yesterday in the auditorium. Her topic was "History of Caroling and Carols."

Mrs. Hutchinson led group singing of Christmas Carols. Miss Stephens group had charge of the program.

Next Thursday, Mrs. Lewis's group will present a play entitled "The Japanese Madonna" to the G. R. in the auditorium. Esther Cherry and Doris Vincent are the leading characters.

What Shall We Give For Christmas?

You've always heard that it isn't the gift but the thought behind the gift that counts. Well, here are a few gifts that will speak for themselves.

For Christmas this year why not think up something really useful to give to friends? A small attractive pocket flash light is always a welcome gift. How many times haven't you dropped something in the dark and then probably had to burn your fingers during the hunt with matches? Did you ever stop to wonder how many of your friends didn't have their own little whisk brooms to keep their clothes in shape? Well, think on that.

Then there are those girls who are always writing letters to anyone anyone and everyone; so how about an attractive inkpot with a quill pen that looks so decorative.

SLIMY ROMEO FRIGHTENS P. H. S. GIRLS

How excited the girls in Miss Gable's clothing class, were the other day! It wasn't the usual thing that arouses most of or glamorous girls in P.H.S.—such as a tall, dark, and handsome romeo entering the room. This strange visitor caused some of the girls to shake in their boots, some to turn white, while others screamed!

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"Too, people get impatient until they get a girl to wait on them, then they cant, decide what they want."

"Butch" Coghill (Rhodes Greenhouse)--"I don't think many are discourteous. Most of them are all right."

Beverly Vereciglio (Woolworths)--"Customers are discourteous when they are unfriendly to the salesgirl, who's doing her best to be pleasant. They are discourteous when they try to get out of paying one-cent tax."

Harry Bradshaw (Y.M.C.A. Bowling Alley)--"The only discourtesy they show, and it's enough, is to throw balls at the boys in the pit."

Bob Coulter (Coulter-McGuire)--"Well, smart alecs come in and think they know more about clothes than the salesman. Then, too, they come in at the last minute to get things altered."

Arnold Maddox (Filling Station Attendant)--"Most everyone seems polite enough to suit me."

Ray Trumbule (Curb Hop at Pure Delight)--"I call it discourtesy when they honk like they're going to buy the place out, and then they only want a three-cent stamp!"

Dr. Heckert Speaks At Science Academy Dinner

Fifteen members of the Junior Academy of Science attended a covered dish supper Tuesday evening, Dec. 12. Dr. L. C. Heckert, head of the Physical Science Department at the college was the speaker.

Dr. Heckert gave briefly the development of industry and the large city and showed how concentration of wealth in large cities led to the ultimate decay of ancient civilizations.

"We believe in the decentralization of industry in order to prevent large cities from draining the wealth of the town and country," Dr. Heckert stated. Now recognized by the government as a good policy for national defense. Recently government agents came to Pittsburg investigating the possibilities of establishing in this district a plant to make supplies used in the supplies can be made from coal."

He went on to explain that Kansas is carrying on a program at the present to more nearly balance agriculture and industry in this state.

"Kansas has much natural wealth such as coal and agricultural products around which industries could be built. The only thing which would hinder this development is the lack of water. Water is very essential in making chemicals," he asserted.

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SOCIETY

RAINBOWS HOLD INITIATION

Initiation services will be held at the regular monthly night meeting of the Rainbow Girls, Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Those to be initiated are Mary Ramsey, Gerre Jo Hilboldt, Virginia Williams Collene Woodside, Ruth Carlyon, Billie Jean Shultz. Alice Marie Wood of Girard.

The assembly voted, in the last meeting, to send Christmas gifts to the children in the Masonic Home at Wichita. The roster is divided up into groups of four girls each, and these people go together to buy a gift for a person in this home. This is an annual affair. Also, they are sending two beds, fully equipped to the Crippled Christmas dance to be held at Eagles. The plans for the annual formal Christmas dance to be held at Eagles Hall Friday, Dec. 22 have been made.

CABINET PLANS PROGRAMS

Lois Mae Williamson entertained the Methodist League Cabinet members with a 5:30 dinner Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, at her home.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan and discuss the program for the coming months that are to be present at the Sunday night league.

Members of the cabinet who were present were H. B. Cheyne, Charlotte Sparks, Sammy Lou Heaton, Don Isenbarger, Paul Ozbun, Charles Newcomb, Lida Lee Schasteen, Jack Cox, Wilma Jean Dean, Mary Ramsey, Lois Mae Williamson, and Mrs. R. W. Hart, the sponsor.

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The Photography Club of the high school met in its regular monthly meeting Thursday night, Dec. 7. The members met at night in the chemistry room for demonstration on enlarging.

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P H S Opens S. E. K. Season Tonight

Dragons Seek Third Straight Win Over Blue Comets

After a rather poor showing against Springfield last Friday night, the Dragon cagers will attempt to hit their stride when they meet the Chanut Comets at Chanut tonight.

The game will officially open the S. E. K. season for the Dragons. The Dragons will be seeking a third straight victory over the Comets, having beaten them 33-26 in 1937, and 31-16 last year.

Pittsburg won the S. E. K. crown last year and Chanut finished next to the cellar, but the Dragons lost Edwards and Toeller by graduation and Ned Tryon was declared ineligible, leaving only Lance and Broadhurst from last year's starters.

Jim Wells, who saw much service last year and shifty Francis Ryan have been moved up to first place berths, as has Big Bill Poland who does the ball tipping. Captain Jack Broadhurst was fourth highest scorer on last year's squad and a guard on the second S. E. K. all star team.

Chanut lost Dick Miller, younger brother of Ralph, by graduation, and that will be one thing the Dragons won't have to worry about tonight.

K. U. LOSES AN "ASSISTANT"
Lawrence Kas, one of the most ardent assistants to the advancement of medical science in Kansas died at her home in the anatomy building on Mount Oread.

Miss Mehtabel was a cat who gave at least fifteen children to the cause of science in the three years she served medical students in the study of neurology, others in tissue work and others in diet experiments.

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S. E. K. Schedule
The Southeast Kansas League schedule for the 1939-40 season:
Results so far—Miami 30, Columbus 32; Pittsburg 13, Springfield 17; Parsons 15, Arkansas City 21; Coffeyville 35, Muskogee, Okla. 13.
Dec. 11—Fort Scott at Nevada, Mo.
Dec. 12—Frontenac at Parsons.
Dec. 13—Emporia at Independence.
Dec. 14—Coffeyville at Arkansas City.
Dec. 15—Independence at Fort Scott.
Dec. 16—Pittsburg at Chanut, Parsons at Coffeyville, Iola at Columbus.
Dec. 21—Columbus at Independence.
Dec. 22—Chanut at Parsons, Blackwell Okla., at Coffeyville.
Dec. 27—Parsons at Topeka.
Dec. 28—Parsons at Leavenworth.
Dec. 29—Nowata, Okla., at Coffeyville.
Jan. 5—Fort Scott at Columbus, Chanut, Parson at Pittsburg.
Jan. 9—Parsons at Fort Scott, Coffeyville at Pittsburg.
Jan. 11—Chanut at Independence.
Jan. 12—Coffeyville at Fort Scott, Columbus at Parsons, Pittsburg at Iola.
Jan. 16—Independence at Parsons.
Jan. 19—Iola at Parsons, Independence at Pittsburg, Columbus at Coffeyville, Fort Scott at Chanut.
Jan. 23—Chanut at Erie.
Jan. 26—Parsons at Independence, Pittsburg at Coffeyville, Iola at Fort Scott, Chanut at Columbus.
Jan. 30—Coffeyville at Columbus, Neshah at Independence.
Feb. 2—Coffeyville at Chanut, Columbus at Pittsburg, Independence at Iola, Fort Scott at Parsons.
Feb. 6—Iola at Independence.
Feb. 9—Coffeyville at Parsons, Chanut at Pittsburg, Columbus at Iola, Fort Scott at Independence.
Feb. 10—Columbus at Chanut, Wichita Cathedral at Coffeyville.
Feb. 13—Fort Scott at Iola, Pittsburg at Independence, Fredonia at Chanut, Miami, Okla., at Columbus.
Feb. 15—Parsons at Chanut.
Feb. 16—Independence at Columbus, Iola at Coffeyville, Pittsburg at Fort Scott.
Feb. 20—Chanut at Coffeyville.
Feb. 23—Chanut at Iola, Pittsburg at Parsons, Columbus at Fort Scott, Coffeyville at Independence.
Feb. 27—Parsons at Iola, Chanut at Fort Scott.
March 1—Independence at Chanut, Iola at Pittsburg, Parsons at Columbus, Fort Scott at Coffeyville.
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Shown above receiving instructions from Coach "Arkie" Hoffman are from left to right: Bill Poland, Jack Broadhurst, Ray Lance, Francis Ryan, James Wells, and Coach Hoffman. The scene is typical of the "Bull sessions" held in the gym during practice sessions and before every game.

Eighteen Players Earn Letters This Season

Eighteen boys earned letters in football for their playing in the 1939 season. The selections were announced Monday by Head Coach Arkie Hoffman. The lettermen are judged by the amount of time which is spent in actual playing.

Several players are given honorary reserve letters who have not seen enough action to receive a regular letter. All players who are given this kind of letter are expected to be back next year and will get a stripe on their sweater if they letter next season.

The lettermen consist of twelve seniors, four juniors, and three sophomores. The Purple squad will be severely damaged due to the loss of twelve men all who have been large factors in the Dragon machine.

LETTERMEN		
Name	Class	Position
A. M. Brim	Sr.	End
Arnold Maddox	Jr.	Tackle
Ed Tims	Sr.	Guard
Cliff Hull	Jr.	Guard
Warren Bottenfield	Sr.	Tackle
Tom Shultz	Jr.	End
Ray Lance	Sr.	Back
Charles Gilliland	Sr.	Back
Joe Gray	Soph.	Back
Harland Peterson	Jr.	End
James Marchbanks	Sr.	Tackle
Glenn Lottman	Soph.	Guard
Cliff Gregg	Jr.	Center
George Ahrens	Sr.	End
Jack Cremer	Sr.	Back
Jimmie Myers	Jr.	Back
Jimmie Gold	Sr.	End
Dale Bush	Soph.	Back

Those getting reserve letters are Jesse Kotur, Howard Farrimond, Francis Ryan, Herman Brinkman.

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Basketball

The Dragons lost the first game of the season to Springfield last Friday night 17-13. The new electric scoreboard seems to be a little stubborn. It won't register past thirteen. Springfield had 17 points but the scoreboard refused to give them more than Pittsburg had.

Parsons will be the team to beat for the league crown this year, I believe. The Vikings have Hall and Leathers back, who finished up around the top in league scoring last year.

Jim Wells was high point man for the Dragons in last week's game with five points. That wasn't a lot but it was almost half of the points scored by the local boys.

Although it is too early to predict anything with any degree of accuracy, I'm going to stick my neck out and make some predictions for Friday night's games. So don't hope for too much and here goes.

Independence at Fort Scott: uncertain, but I think Independence should take the Tigers. My guess is by about eight points.

Parsons at Coffeyville: The Javatown boys will be a tough nut to crack, but Hall and Leathers are too much for 'em. The Vikings should have a 10-point margin when the final gun goes off.

Iola at Columbus: flipped a coin on this one. The coin was heads so I took tails. I'll guess Columbus by 5 points or more.

Pittsburg at Chanut: The Dragons should hit their stride and take the Comets for a cleaning. The score should be in favor of the Dragons by about 10 points. They are out to make up for that defeat last Friday and will be a mighty tough team to beat.

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Bulldog Cagers Defeat Dragons 17-13, In Opener

Springfield's scrappy Bulldog team defeated the Dragons 17-13 in the season's opener in the Theodore Roosevelt gymnasium last Friday night.

The Bulldogs, led by Captain Larue Savage held a slight lead throughout most of the game. The score at the half was 9-7, in favor of Springfield.

The game was closely contested, and although Pittsburg had no main scoring threat they managed to give the Bulldogs a lot of trouble and were right on their heels most of the time.

Savage was high scorer for the visitors with three field goals and a free throw, for a total of seven points. Jimmy Wells was high point man for the Dragons, with two field goals and a free throw totaling five points.

The first quarter went slowly and only one point was made, putting Springfield in the lead 1-0. The second period opened with Wells swishing one and putting the Dragons into the lead, 2-1.

Wells soon scored again, making the score 4-3. Gentry looped one for the visitors and Wells tied it up with a free throw.

A long shot by Batey and a short one by Savage put the Bulldogs into the lead, 9-5. The half ended with

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Junior-Senior Intramural Program Starts Soon

According to Mr. Snodgrass, sponsor of the intramural sports of P. H. S., the second round of Junior-Senior basketball will probably start the week preceding Christmas vacation.

The games will be played in the new Roosevelt gym, with two games being played at once. They will be played cross-court, one at each end of the gym.

Lists were sent around to the Junior and Senior home rooms and a majority of those who signed up wanted to play after supper so the games will probably be played around 6 o'clock.

Intramural baseball is a sport for all boys who are not on the school basketball team and all boys are urged to join the league of non-school players.

If you are at all interested, see Mr. Snodgrass as soon as possible so that he can put you on one of the teams.

Pogson scoring from beneath the basket, making the score 9-7.

During the third quarter, missed free throws were costly to the Dragons, and the period ended with Springfield leading 14-12. The last quarter again favored Springfield, as Quinn and Savage found the range and Broadhurst sunk a free throw, making the count 17-13.

Springfield (17)	Pittsburg (13)
Savage, f 3 1 3	FG FT F
Clayton, f 0 0 2	Br'ad'h'st, f 1 1 3
Gentry, c 1 1 1	Ryan, f 0 0 1
Batey, g 2 0 0	Pogson, f 1 0 0
Quinn, g 0 1 3	Ozburn, f 0 0 0
Teague, g 0 0 0	Waltz, f 0 0 0
	Poland, c 0 0 0
	Wells, g 2 1 1
	Peterson, g 0 0 0
	Lance, g 1 0 1
Totals	7 3 9 Totals 5 3 7

Running score by periods:
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