

Leads In "Erminie" To-night



With the long-headed arrival of the opera tonight, the above people will be seen in the leading roles. At eight o'clock tonight, the curtain will part to reveal them with the support of a huge chorus. Left tonight they are: Betty Parsons, Marjorie Wheeler, Gene Coppedge, Bruce Washburn, June Lowe, Donald Patrick, Mac French, Cecil Perry, Charlotte Sparks, Bob Akey, Jack Cox, Barbara Williams, and Al McClure. Jim Marchbanks and Doris Hromek also play supporting roles.

Sun-PICTURES-Headlight



Mac French

Eight Students To Science Meeting

The Junior Academy of Science will hold its annual state meeting in Wichita, March 29-30, with Pittsburg represented by several members from the local chapter.

Billy Scott, will talk on "Electricity," Georgeanne Switzer and Dorothy Anderson will discuss "Cosmetics," Loretta Ashline will speak about "Precipitation On Rare Metals," Roy Thompson will talk on "Neon Lights," and Martha Ruth Howard will tell how "Silhouette Pictures" are made.

Two scientific demonstrations will be given. Harold Kerby will demonstrate his transmitter and Frank Thogmartin his home-made gun.

Students may enter three divisions. Awards will be given for the best speech or written paper, the best demonstration, and for the best group and individual project. From those attending, an outstanding boy and girl will be selected by a committee and will be honorary membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In 1937-38, Harold Green, president of the local chapter, won the honorary membership with his airplane demonstration. The state meeting was held at Kansas University last year, with Miss Peterson and four members attending.

Williams And Ray Win Chemistry Test

Anita Ray and Ruth Williams won the annual elimination contest given Friday, Feb. 23, by Mr. Thiebaud. The contest determined who would be the contestants in Chemistry at the annual scholarship contest in April at the College.

Others who competed in the test were Dorothy Anderson and Martha Jane Ellis. The test included everything the department has studied this year.

It was a general objective test containing true and false statements, completion, problems, equations, and some discussion questions. A similar test was given in physics to determine the contestants in this subject. Those competing in physics were Kenneth

Headliners

- Well, is he, or isn't he? First he's "Miss" and then he's "Mrs." For more detail, look in the "Wanderin' and Listenin'" column on page 2.
- "I had a lovely time," said Ida Louise Rush, as she returned from Topeka, for it isn't everyone who gets to see the governor's mansion from the attic to the cellar. If you want to know how it feels to sit on the Supreme Court bench, see page one.
- When the curtain rises tonight for the "Two Vagabonds," Evelyn Massman will be seated at the piano. Her long hours of faithful service have contributed much to a successful show. "People," on the editorial page, will give more detail.
- Busy hands make many beautiful and practical articles under the guidance of Mr. Collie. If you'd like to find out what they make, turn to page three.
- Notes fly thick and fast when June Mardelle Lowe appears on the scene in "The Two Vagabonds" tonight. Reaching the top of her high school musical career, June will fill the leading role of "Natalie." This petite brunette sings her way into the heart of "Gerard."
- True to his name, Mac French swings out in a "Frenchy" way in the opera, portraying a role in the gay days during the reign of Louis XVI. From a sailor in "H. M. S. Pinafore" last year, Mac (as Gerard) becomes the humble secretary of Natalie's father in tonight's opera. See the story on the opposite side of this page.

Eight Girls Attend Sedan Conference

Eight members of the Pittsburg Girl Reserves Club and their advisors, Miss Gable and Miss Bailey, were delegates to Kansas District YWCA conference held in Sedan last week end.

Members were Lida Lee Schasteen and Joan Higgins, sophomores; Jane Pratt, Eudene Mingori, Evangeline Graver, Charlene Williams and Zoe Wilma Baade, juniors; Laurel Helen Ellsworth, senior. Zoe Wilma Baade and Charlene Williams substituted for Esther Cherry and Nancy Lee Soper, who were absent because of illness.

At this conference there were about 250 delegates from surrounding communities. The theme of the Kansas District Y. W. C. A. Conference this year was: "This day we sail west, for that was our course."

The conference closed early Sunday morning with a consecration service led by Miss Florence Stone, secretary of the Y. W. C. A. of Kansas.

"Georgia da Wash ees greata da man," is the chant heard around the speech classes these days. They are studying interpretative reading and this Italian dialect is a required one. They, also, give poems which they especially like.



June Lowe

Girls Are Guests At Home Ec. Day

Six girls from P.H.S. attended the annual Home Economics Day at the College Saturday, Feb. 24. There was in attendance 187 girls, representing schools of this district.

Those attending from P.H.S. were Anita Ray, Dorothy O'Laughlin, Doralea Wheeler, Geraldine Miller, Ethel Mae Reddick, and Anna Smith. The program for the girls was in charge of the College Home Economics Club.

Stunts were presented by a number of schools as follows: Ft. Scott, a skit; McCune, a skit; Baxter Springs, a style show of the latest hats; Mound City, singing; P. H. S., home economics game. After this, games were played and pep songs sung.

A luncheon was held at noon in the cafeteria. Later, a program was given by the home economics club under the direction of Lois Dickey. It also presented a style show of the latest hats made from kitchen utensils and ornamented with different vegetables. Mildred Gillett of the Phi Upsilon Omicron gave a demonstration on draping of modern clothing.

The girls were then conducted on a tour of the campus at which time they visited the girls dormitory, the home management house, and other places of interest on the campus. After a tea was served under the supervision of Miss Gertrude Wade of the College.

Miss Josephine Marshal, head of the home economics department, was in charge. Donna Loy was in charge of the program for the girls, and Mildred Gillett presided at the luncheon.

At the same time, a home economics conference for the teachers was held. Hazel Thompson, supervisor of vocational homemaking for the state, was the principal teacher at the conference.

Mr. Towell's English class is studying literature. Some of the authors studied are Mark Twain and Oliver Holmes.

"Safety" was the topic of a panel discussion in Mr. Briggs' home room Tuesday, Feb. 27. William Prince led the discussion Friday, March 1.

Five Columns Of Editorial Page Have Many New Features

The first Booster under the new management of Martha Ruth Howard and Anita Ray is making its appearance today. The editorial page has been changed from four to five columns with the columns rules taken out. This allows for more space and variety of the page.

Jacque Smith will write the exchanges called "Borrowed Bits." She is going to write special features each week. This week she interviewed Ida Louise Rush on Ida's trip to Topeka.

"Wanderin' and Listenin'" a column of brief comments on schools news and events will be written by Wilma Williamson. Ida Louise Rush will write a personality column called "People".

Philip Norman and H.B. Cheyne will conduct a "Pro and Con" column. Each week they will select a topic of some specific school problem and argue on it. Each will answer the other's argument in his own column.

"Headliners" a front page column composed of pictures of people in the news will be a weekly feature. Also, included in this column will be biographical sketches of other people.

Ida Louise Rush Meets The Governor And Sees The Capital

By Jacque Smith

"I really had a lovely time," Ida Louise, senior, answered to a query about her trip to the State Capital as DAR representative.

Ida Louise left Friday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. John Fink, and after reaching Topeka, stayed at the home of Mrs. Fink's son for the night. Saturday morning began the series of interesting events as the girls from the seven districts got acquainted at the Jayhawk Hotel.

The rest of the A. M. was spent visiting the Capitol building, and exploring its interior.

In the Supreme Court offices, the girls sat on the Judge's bench, and had, at the moment, a feeling of authority, as they rapped the gavel upon the desk. The center of attention in the Legislative offices rested with the Speaker's chair, as the girls, like Goldilocks, all tried it out.

A standing tradition can not be broken, so, in the footsteps of almost every visitor at Topeka, the climb to the top of the State house dome was made. Ida Louise stated that the recent was fine, but the descent is apt to make a person a little dizzy, for one can see between the iron steps to the first floor, far below.

At the Governor's offices, Mr. Ratner talked to the group, and the high-ness of the representative of the seventh district, from Sterling Kansas. This entitles her to a trip to Washington D. C. for the National DAR Convention.

"She was certainly thrilled-she turned so white," was Ida Louise's comment on the lucky girl's actions.

A luncheon was held at the Jayhawk Hotel and each girl had a chance to put in words of her appreciation of the trip. The rest of the day was spent at the Governor's mansion and in seeing Topeka proper. Mrs. Ratner took the visitors through the mansion to see the splendor which surrounds the life of the main officer of Kansas.

"I never saw so many bedrooms before in all my life," Ida Louise exclaimed.

She returned to Pittsburg by bus Saturday night, tired but happy.

Pictures Most Popular

Motion pictures are the student's choice for assembly programs, according to the Student Council, which took a poll in the homerooms last week.

Second choices was musical programs, with dramatics coming in close behind. The pep chapels and speech programs were last but, by no means least, for quite a few preferred these above the others.

This program for determining what the students preferred was started after the evaluation committee visited PHS and found the students were not participating enough in the assembly programs. From this survey, officials hope to give the students what they preferred.

Large Cast To Present Stirring Opera 'Two Vagabonds,' At 8 O'clock

Gilbert and Jekobowski's light opera, "The Vagabonds," or "Ermine," will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock in the auditorium by the High School music department.

The plot of the opera is centered about the gay days of Louis XVI. Rene Clandette, played by Bob Akey, a University of Paris student, runs out of money, and with Chicot Sorentille, a comical thief, played by Al McClure, gains entrance to the Chateau. There he wins a bet from the Viscount deBurdaleau played by Gene Coppedge, and wins the hand of his sweetheart, Claire Ponsetti, played by Charlotte Sparks.

In the meantime Natalie, the daughter of the Marquis, taken by June Lowe, has fallen in love with Gerard Devoe, her father's secretary, played by Mac French. The plan to elope during the ball, Chicot is scheming to rob the guests, and Rene to thwart him and win Claire, thus giving rise to amusing complications.

Other character parts in the opera are played by Doris Hromek as Babette; Marjorie Wheeler as Mitze; Barbara Williams as the silly Countess Tartoluff; Bette Parsons as the gypsy fortune-teller, Lazella; Bruce Washburn as the Marquis le Mayenne; Jim Marchbanks as the Duke of Avalon; Don Patrick, Captain Dupre; and Jack Cox and Cecil Perry, the keepers of the Golden Stag Inn.

Carney and Towell Direct

Directing the production are Gerald M. Carney, music instructor, and Dan Towell, dramatics coach.

In chorus of peasants, guests, and soldiers are: Helene Adams, Dorothy Anderson, Shirley Ainsworth, Lauretta Ashline, Velma Bath, Beatrice Bevins, Irene Bennett, Betty Clauch, Eva Fern Clark, Pauline Elias, Dorothy Elliot, Mae Flynn, Laverne Hankins, Sammy Lou Heaton.

Joyce Henney, Darlene Hudgen, Mary Margaret Kerr, Arlene Kirby, Tolly Keck, Eleanor Keplinger, Marjorie Ogan, Marjorie Parr, Betty Jean Payne, Mary Ramsey, Johnnie Roeber, Ruth Salina, Janet Still, Nancy Lee Soper, Sunshine Sherman, Beverly Vercoglio, Virginia Gore Griffith, Virginia Lee Hill, Patsy Hutto.

Maxine Longstaff, Nadine Pethel, June Risher, Florence Bicklehaupt, Virginia Lee Cass, Phyllis Fretwell, Mary Elizabeth, Betty Lou Thomas, Joan Veatch, Beverly Stacey, Louis Butler, Dale Bush, Otis Carr, Joe Gray, Jack Collins, Dana Lemler.

Capable Staffs Assist

Donald Marchbanks, James Millington, Morris Moffatt, Jerome Neptune, Kenneth Perry, Warren Peterson, Bob Piper, Gene Rogers, Jim Rupert, Max Rose, Arnold Seaman, Tom Shultz, Jack Toussaint, Marvin Tucker, Sam Van Gordon, Max Yeske, James Young, Dean Johnson, Lloyd Sill, and Jimmy Chaney.

On the musical staff is Evelyn Massman, accompanist; Zoe Wilma Baade, assistance accompanist, and Mardell Mangrum, concert master.

The scenic artist staff are Miss Florence White, art instructor; J. M. Collie, manual training instructor; Jack Collins; Philip Norman; Mary Lois Smith; Donald Schwab; Bruce Washburn; and Eudene Smith.

"I think this opera will hold the interest of the audience and measure up to high standards set by previous ones," declared Mr. Carney.

Purple and White Panels Are Sent To Engravers

Work is rapidly under way on the panels of the 1940 Purple and White, with everyone on the staff striving to have them finished and sent to the engravers by the first of March, according to a statement by Mrs. Peterson.

"We plan to have a banner sale," she declared, "and hope to sell 850 or more annuals."

"One of the new features of this year's book, according to H. B. Cheyne," will be division pages, in which different organizations and groups of PHS students will be depicted. Such pages, have gained much popularity and are in use in many of the annuals of others schools.

"The verses, courses, and activities compiled to place beside the seniors' pictures, are now nearing completion with the typists typing them every day."

When everything is finished the artists of the staff, estimate there will be approximately 20 panels of seniors and 6 junior panels.

"Negligence on the students' part in getting their pictures taken, has slowed us up considerably this year, declared Mrs. Peterson, "and I wish they

Educators Attend NEA At St. Louis This Week

Principals J. L. Hutchinson, Finis Green, P. O. Briggs, Superintendent M. M. Rose, and Miss Pauline Staats returned today from a weeks trip to the National Education Association's annual meeting held at St. Louis the week of Feb. 24 to March 1.

The Association made up of educators from all parts of the country first met with a banquet Saturday night for principals and superintendents. The rest of the week was spent in committee meetings in which specific phases of educating were discussed.

It is intended that the meeting will help along the line of school evaluation which has been the project of the faculty club this year. Most of the evaluating work was completed a few weeks ago when a committee from Kansas University, New Mexico University, and K.S.T.C. went over the school in detail.

The American Association of Teachers Colleges, meetings currently at St. Louis, elected President Brandenburg of the local college as their president.

As the guest of the local Allied Youth chapter, Mr. Hutchinson will attend a banquet of Allied Youth while in St. Louis. Mr. Briggs acted as principal in the absence of Mr. Hutchinson.

Calendar Of Events

March 1	March 9
Friday: Opera, "Erminie"	
Monday: Lincoln School Operetta, Senior High School Allied Youth, noon	
Tuesday: Photography Club, 7:30	
Wednesday: Regional Tournament, 6:00 Forum Club, noon	
Thursday: Regional Tournament Girl Reserves in auditorium Hi-Y in groups	
Friday: Regional Tournament End of P & W contest	
Saturday: Regional Tournament	

We Think

More Baseball For High School

Baseball is America's greatest outdoor sport, although it is not played in any extent in American high schools. Truly, baseball is a great game, or it would not be upheld as our nation's pastime. Many boys enjoy playing baseball that can't or didn't want to participate in any other High School sport. So the high school should give these boys a chance to enjoy the game.

It has been said that school is out too soon to facilitate baseball, but there is no reason why play can't start about the first of April. That would give two months for playing of the schedule. In this school baseball has been played for the last two years but without a great deal of success. With better facilities for playing it will rank in importance with other sports.

Kenneth Hunt

How About A Gun Fight On The Student Court?

Last week our Student Council president wrote in the BOOSTER about the student court idea raising numerous objections to the plan. Although the objections are mostly picaresque and not fundamental with the idea, it might be well to examine them and see if they stand.

First of all the president wants to know "....who for goodness, sake is going to stick their neck out and inflict said punishment?" If he is not willing to do this, there are a number of people who would be ready to "stick their neck out," and pass sentence.

Secondly, Mr. Lanier wishes to know who are going to be policemen. Simple, the proctors, they are not overworked with present duties and they are supposed to turn in the name of offenders, anyway.

"What are to be enforced?" Such laws and rules as the Student Council and administration find it necessary to pass. "How many students are going to be willing to abide by the sentences passed?" Most students abide by punishments inflicted by teachers; if not, they are expelled. The matter would pass for the court.

"What authority would the court have?" The requisite authority. "How many students would take part?" Enough to carry on the functions of the court; this could be determined by experience. "Who in going to make the laws?" The president's Council. So it can be seen that the court is quite practical, and with the advantages of giving practical experience in democracy and quite possibly improving the conduct of the school, the idea is definitely a good one!

Philip Norman

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Woolens

Colorful plaids and stripes
featured in spring woolens;
Navy blue is quite good

Woolens are going to be used a lot for early spring. Soft woolen coats, jackets, capes, suits and separate skirts will be seen a lot.

These woolen outfits are to be very colorful. Tweeds are to be quite good. Some new color combinations that have recently been featured in New York Times are: natural, cocoa brown, and gray; pimento red and beige; honey tan and navy; navy and white; vivid red, gray, and navy; and olive drab.

A popular combination is plaid, check, or stripe used with a plain color. A new style this season is fingertip length coats that have a circular flair. Also fitted coats are tending to have slightly bloused backs and a lot of them have belts. Pockets are essential!

Gloves, as always before, are to be worn a lot during the spring season. In New York and Paris, pigskin will be worn for sport and suede, reindeer, and antelope for dress and for evening. Near home you will see cloth gloves of colors to match your hat.

New handbags continue to get larger. For the leather purses, large initials that cover practically one whole side of the purse are the newest things.

A large envelope purse made of material of your dress and trimmed with tiny ruffles would make a smart and different outfit.

Something our girls won't greet too cordially is Schiaparelli's new hand-knit stockings of lisle tread. These are to go with cotton summer frocks.

Other designers are featuring them with Spring tweeds and are knitting them in either wool or mercerized cotton. The patterns are of various things, as for example plaids or white stars scattered over a sky blue background.

The stockings are being worn with low-heeled strap slippers.

Borrowed Bits

In speaking of the latest discovery in bugology, the Kansas State Collegian states: "The young jitterbug, nursed on Benny Goodman's 'licorice stick,' grew to maturity in the 20's. The tempo rose to a white heat, fanned by the depression, as youngsters in action and oldsters in mind found a release from troubles, financial and otherwise, by fantastic gyrations. Rivalled only by football for action, the jitterbug was a boom to the music hall operators, laundries and dry cleaners."

Sheh's five feet, four inches tall, has blue eyes, and is blonde, but don't start running, boys, because this pretty miss is soon going to the Coconut Grove in Hollywood with Jackie Cooper. She is Virginia McGill, Southwest senior, who was elected Girl Reserve queen at the recent all-city G. R. dance. Paramount officials here saw her pictures in the papers as queen, and said "That's the girl to represent Kansas City at the Hollywood preview of 'Seventeen.'"

The Paseo Press, Kansas City

The wastebasket shivered, the paper rustled and Miss Dahlstroms fifth period class found the erstwhile elusive bat fast asleep on a bed of wastepaper. He was proudly carried down the hall, bed included, to Miss Virginia Daniel's biology class, where his famous career as an invading monster ended.

The High Post, Latrobe, Pa.
Note: Education must be worthwhile when even the bats come to school!

An Allied Youth commission experimented for five years with four dogs in Omaha, Neb., according to The Tech News. Two of them were given food and no alcohol. They, said Anderson, a member of the commission, were "smart and peppy." The other dogs were given food and alcohol and they soon were stupid, had no pep.

(The Western Graphic, Denver)

Thirty Fire Chiefs carry on duty at Central high school. These students secured their positions by popular vote in each home room. The duties of these boys are to assist in fire drills, each knowing his correct stations while the drill is being carried out.

Central Outlook, St. Joseph, Mo.

All because of a toy balloon, Nobert Sukovaty, junior, has a new friend in the Buckeye state. The balloon, released in Lincoln, was found by Delbert Dill near Sidney, Ohio. The two have been corresponding ever since.

The Advocate, Lincoln, Nebraska

THE NEWS IN CARTOON

—Mary Lois Smith,
Staff Artist



Back from a big trip to the big city and with their necks strained from looking at tall buildings. Five educators in St. Louis.



Tonight, eight o'clock. Here in this auditorium. That's right. The annual "big" affair of Pittsburg High School. The Opera.



Reach, reach. Just a little bit higher. Yes, they are reaching for the Crown to be worn in this years Purple and White contest.

Royalty Purple & White nominees seek crown with high enthusiasm

The P. H. S. nominees for the King and Queen for the 1940 annual consists of ten boys and girls who deserve a little applause as they enter into the contest, each one happy over his selection and with the intention of winning the highest esteemed "Crown."

"I'm very glad to be a nominee for Queen and I'm going to work very hard," said Naida June Brannum, the golden haired drum majorette.

Naida June, (Pinky) was born in Morgan. She believes that while being a drum majorette, she has made a lot of friends which she may not have met otherwise. Upon graduating, she is planning to take a commercial course at K. S. T. C.

"I've had more fun these three years in high school than I'll probably ever have again during my life and I hope that being in this contest will not make me loose any friends or cause any ill feelings," asserted Pinky.

"I consider it a great honor to be a nominee for King," claimed A. M. Brim, the tall, red-headed football player.

A. M. was born in Fairland, Okla. He says that he has enjoyed various experiences. In high school especially playing football, although he delights in anything pertaining to sports.

"After I graduate I'm going to attend College and take up aeronautical engineering," asserted A. M.

"I think it's a big honor for me to be elected as a nominee, asserted Jack Broadhurst, tall blonde, basketball player.

Jack was born in Pittsburg. He says that while being drum major for three years in P.H.S., he has had the privilege of meeting a lot of "kids" who proved very enjoyable, and also that marching with the band has been of great value to him.

"I've enjoyed playing basketball in high school and next year I think I'll go to college and specialize in physical education," asserted Jack.

"Oh, I was just 'tickled to death' to be elected as a nominee and I'm going to work as hard as I can," smiled LaVerna Casterman, one part of the brunette Casterman "twins."

"I've surely enjoyed my high school days, all the basketball games, football games and especially the all-school dances," declared LaVerna.

BIRTHDAYS

Wilma Williamson

FEBRUARY 19

Wanda Morgan

Kenneth Smith

FEBRUARY 21

Lester Ghor

Edwin Payne

FEBRUARY 22

Bob Coultre

Helen Schneider

FEBRUARY 23

Jack Van Hoy

Raymond Wilson

FEBRUARY 24

Claude Huffman, Jr.

James Marchbanks

Dora Lavon Ristau

Nellie Jo Tharrington

Elbridge Wright

FEBRUARY 26

Arleene Kirby

FEBRUARY 27

Betty Jean Center

Helen Kriegsmann

Margaret Naylor

Afton Ragan

Marian Sparks

FEBRUARY 28

Junior Moore

Jacquelyn Smith

MARCH 1

Bob Briggs

Ralph Clark

Virginia Plagens

People

Tall, blond, with skillful fingers that play miles and miles of tunes; she's probably the most important person in the music department, though she doesn't get much publicity. Chief accompanist in "Erminie," as well as for the glee clubs, she has been indispensable throughout the days of practice and rehearsals. Hard work and years of practice have made her ever masterful of the art of "tinkling the ivories."

Knitted "nose-warmers", gloves, and ear muffs are only a few of the accomplishments of this talented girl. She plays the piano and was P.H.S.'s candidate for "governor" at last summer's Sunflower Girls' State. Kind and lovable, she's the "tops" in Girl Reserves!

"Poets were made, not born, or vice versa." The "Deacon", tall and and slim, reels off poetry faster than it can be told. In of the "four great lovers of P. H. S." (quote from Mr. Tewell), the girls find him quite the Beau Brummel and fall for him hard and fast.

"Jam session on the loose" Beware! The handsome pianist of "Hutchie's Hot Shots" is at it again. (Watch out, though, they say he has an awful temper!) Yes, he's a senior too—"Handsome Harry, Hottest of the Hot Shots," he's known as in these 'yere days!

Freedom Of Speech

Due to my exceptionally good looks, etc., etc., and wonderful personality, I think that the beautiful girls of PHS should love me. But it seems that everytime I get one under my skin, she plays a "catand mouse" game with me, and M. O. and M. R. make very good cats.

J. Collins

Dear Booster

There have been many complaints about the inefficiency of our school dances. These complaints have started that there were too many wall flowers at our dances. But at the Sadie Hawkins dance there were a lot of boys standing around. We agree that a "Hash" dance would be the thing. Let's give this a try and if it doesn't work we can at least say we tried.

Five (Really) Modern Gentlemen P.S. Not Connected with the "Three Modern Gentlemen"

Definition of "Hash" dance. Boy asks girl or visa versa. Neither can refuse.

Dear Willie

After studying that masterpiece of yours for several hours I finally believe I have been able to decipher it and learn the real purpose behind such an unusual piece of literature. If you are trying to ask me to the De Molay Dance (sometime in March, you think!) (Blush! blush!) I, after thinking the matter over with the utmost care and consideration, have at last succeeded in reaching a decision. I find that I will be very happy to go (if my mamma will let me) and accept your kind invitation. Any further details concerning the matter at hand will reach me if sent to this address.

Margaret McCoy
Palmer Inc.
Library Center
P. S. (I'm not so bad at this literature stuff myself!)

Dear Tim

Once again I feel the necessity of (gosh I can't tell you the way I want to) asking you another question which is very embarrassing. I hope you don't have anything else to do. Oh! heck, I don't know how to tell you what I want to (Ed. note: end of note, it was lost here).

Candid Commentary

Chuck Davis

● THE RECENT RULING by the Board of Education that there would be no more pay assemblies in this school, has raised some questioning in our minds. This columnist believes that the Board was dead wrong on this item. As usual, the students and the Booster knows nothing of the motives that surrounded the act which affects the students more than anyone else. Apparently, the Board felt that it was not right to have to pay to see this entertainment. As we recall it, no one was ever forced to pay five cents. It was entirely up to each person. They could go or not to the assembly as they chose. We do not believe, moreover that five cents is an excessive charge to pay for a program.

Some of the entertainment was not outstanding, but on the whole it is the belief of this columnist that they were beneficial and educational. Now, we must forage for ourselves. We can not possibly see how we can have such good programs as we had in the days of the pay assembly.

THESE GUSTS OF WIND we have been feeling the last few days have been accounted for. One of the men close to the administration made the statement that there would be no "purge" by Roosevelt this year. Those who felt that they might have been singled out by the New Deal for defeat in the election breathed an audible sigh of relief. They remember the terrible results of the "purge" at the last election.

FEELING VERY AMBITIOUS and industrious the other day, we went to the library and got "Abraham Lincoln: The War Years" by Carl Sandburg. Wow, what a book. When we settled down to read that, it was the start of a project, not a reading. But it is a marvelous book. At times Mr. Sandburg is purely the historian. And then he becomes the poet. His command of words and phrases are able to produce the most powerful and moving effects on the reader.

One of the most surprising and revealing things to be learned from this reading is the amount that people hated Lincoln during (Continued on page 3)

Wanderin' And Listenin'

● Sun glasses are the latest fad for Spring. Anyhow Margaret Nail thinks so. Have you noticed her wearing them?

● Because of complications (Mr. Carney to you), Jerome Degen doesn't bring candy to orchestra anymore.

● Are some people dumb? Madlyn Osterfeld was looking at a cut for the Booster of the Sophomore officers looking at an annual. We guess she thought it was a checker board of Mr. Lundquest's because she went up to Mr. Lundquest's room to ask him. He told her that anyone with common sense would know it was an annual. We-ee-!?

● Miss White's students are beginning to think that something's wrong some place, because every time they go in her room the tables and chairs are placed differently. Well, they say variety is the spice of life.

● Mr. Nation certainly goes in for politics in a big way, though you can't tell which party he's for. He has a calendar in his room with an elephant (Republicans) and a donkey (Democrat) having a fight, with a monkey (we wonder) as referee. Oh, well don't we all.

● Much of the credit for the scenery of the opera "Erminie" should go to three art students. Jack Mead, Rex Hall, and LaVern Peitz.

Carney Directs Opera at 8 Tonite

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Natalie—Daughter of the Marquis.....June Lowe
 Claire Poinsette—Chum of Natalie.....Charlotte Sparks
 Babette—Maid at the Chateau.....Doris Hromek
 Mitzi—Maid at the Chateau.....Marjorie Wheeler
 Countess Tartaluff—Guest at the Chateau—Barbara Williams
 Lazella—Gypsy fortune-teller.....Betty Parsons
 Rene Claudette—Student seeking adventure.....Bob Akey
 Chicot Sorentello—Comical escaped thief.....Al McClure
 Marquis Le Mayenne—Owner of the Chateau—Bruce Washburn
 Gerard Devoe—Secretary to the Marquis.....Mac French
 Duke of Avalon—Guest at the Chateau.....James Marchbanks
 Captain Dupre—French officer.....Donald Patrick
 Peter—Waiter at the Golden Stag.....Jack Cox
 Ladeau—Landlord of the Golden Stag.....Cecil Perry
 Francois—The real Viscount de Bordaleau.....Gene Coppedge

Scene

Act I—Courtyard of Golden Stag Inn
 Time—Middle of afternoon
 Act II—Corridor in the Chateau Vienne
 Time—Evening of same day
 Scene II—Corridor in the Chateau Vienne
 Time—Just before dawn, same night

Musical Staff

Accompanist.....Evelyn Massman
 Assistant Accompanist.....Zoe Wilma Baade
 Concertmaster.....Mardell Mangrum

Members of Orchestra

Violin I—Mardell Mangrum, Lois Mae Williamson, Robert Saar, Betty Jackson, Rosemary Cowan, Charlene Williams, Herman Brinkman, Virginia Davis, Wilma Williamson, Virginia Cronister.
 Violin II—Harlan Peterson, Bobby Evans, Ruth Otto, Eldon Watson, Charles Jameson, Carl Pethtel, Marvin Gough.
 Viola—Helen Otto, Joy Holt, Jean Helbig, Martha Packard, Betty Jo Latta, Ella Louise Ahrens.
 Cello—Bob Rose, Martha Baxter, Lida Lee Schasteen, Gerald Eech, Margaret Hooper, Evelyn Roeder.
 Bass—Dorothy Edwards, Nadine Bruce, Ulene Mingori, Virginia Plagens.
 Flute—George Pyle, James Wells.
 Oboe—Jay Rennick.
 Clair—Harvey Lanier, Jack Barber, Frank Freeto.
 Bassoon—H. B. Cheyne, Margie Ellis.
 Horn—Donald Schwab, Edwin Payne.
 Trumpet—Bob Briggs, Jack Cremer.
 Trombone—Jerome Degen, John Rule.
 Tympani—D. W. Cheek.

CHORUS OF PEASANTS AND GUESTS

Helene Adams, Dorothy Anderson, Shirley Ainsworth, Loretta Ashline, Velma Bath, Beatrice Bevens, Ilene Bennett, Betty Claunch, Eva Fern Clark, Pauline Elias, Dorothy Elliot, Mae Flynn, Lorraine Hankins, Sammy Heaton, Joyce Henney, Darlene Huges, Mary Margaret Kerr, Arlene Kirby, Anna Caroline Keck, Elanor Keplinger, Marjorie Ogan, Marjorie Parr, Betty Jean Payne, Mary Joan Ramsey, Johnnie Roeber, Ruth Salina, Janet Still, Nancy Lee Soper, Sunshine Sherman, Beverly Verocchio, Virginia Gore, Virginia Lee Hill, Patsy Hutto, Maxine Longstaff, Nadine Pethtel, June Russer, Florence Bicklehaupt, Virginia Cass, Phyllis Fretwell, Mary Elizabeth Anderson, Mimi Nettles, Rosemary Skaer, Betty Lou Thomas, Joan Veatch, Beverly Stacey.

Chorus of Peasants, Soldiers, and Guests

Louis Barbero, Charles Bennett, Herbert Butler, Dale Bush, Otis Carr, Jack Collins, Joe Gray, Dana Lemler, Donald Marchbanks, James Millington, Morris Moffat, Jerome Neptune, Kenneth Perry, Cecil Perry, Warren Peterson, Bob Piper, Gene Rogers, Jim Rupard, Max Rose, Arnold Seaman, Tom Shultz, Jack Toussaint, Marvin Tucker, Sam Van Gordon, Max Yeske, Jimmy Young, Dean Johnson, Lloyd Sills, Jimmie Chaney.

The Story

(Act I) Rene Claudette, a law student from the University of Paris, in the gay days of Louis XVI, is out of funds from lavish spending, and comes to the Village Fair near the Chateau Vienne, hoping to earn some money by singing and playing in his old carnival suit, as a Spanish Troubadour.

On the way he falls in with Chicot Sorentello, an escaped thief, to whom he takes a fancy. Not knowing Chicot to be a rogue, he takes him for a partner, to perform with him as a Mountebank to do tricks and pass the hat.

While stopping at the Golden Stag Inn, Rene and Chicot overhear the Marquis le Mayenne telling his guest, the Duke of Avalon, about the expected visit of the Viscount de Bordaleau, a young man of large fortune, to whom he has betrothed, unseen, his daughter Natalie. Rene decides to impersonate the Viscount. He does this for two reasons: to win a wager from his chum, the Viscount, and to win the hand of Claire Poinsette, his lost sweetheart, whom he discovers at the Chateau.

During the Finale of Act I, the real Viscount arrives and is arrested as the thief whom Chicot claims robbed him.

Scene I of Act II opens outside the ballroom of the Chateau, just before the guests arrive for the ball in honor of Natalie's birthday. Babette and Mitzi are training a group of Villagers to help as extras at the ball. They discuss the Chateau gossip, amusing antics of Chicot, who has been introduced as a Baron and a magician, the friend of the Viscount, and who has made a great impression on the silly Countess Tartaluff, another guest, by his tricks and attention to her.

Natalie, in love with Gerard Devoe, her father's secretary, begs Rene to free her from the promise of marriage. To this he readily agrees since he is in love with her chum Claire.

In Act II of Scene II, Chicot determines to rob the Chateau while the elopement of Natalie and Gerard Devoe is in progress. Since Rene and Chicot are working at cross-purposes, amusing complications arise.

In the end, affairs are straightened out by the arrival of the real Viscount.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Scenery: Miss White and Art Department; Mr. Duerksen, Jack Collins, Mr. Collie, Don Schawb and Bruce Washburn.
 Printing.....Mr. White and Art Department

Collie Teaches Unusual Vocational Course



The shop division of the industrial arts department, under the guidance of Mr. Collie, is trying to make its courses more vocational and practical. Girls' and boys' home mechanics classes were started last year. Mr. Collie introduced a student foremanship plan this year, and looks forward to the time when metal and ceramics work can be added as classes.

Under the foremanship plan a general foreman and an assistant are elected from each class. Then a divisional foreman is appointed over each department of the shop.

The general foreman for the second semester are Marvin Tucker, Glenn Lottman, Bob Coulter, and Bob Saar. They are assisted by Frank Thogmartin, Buford McWilliams, Sammy VanGordon, and Don Schwab, respectively.

Those in the Home Mechanics classes are Christine Walche and Al

McClure, foreman, and Lavon Casterman and Bill Poland, assistant foreman.

"The industrial arts department is really a small business. Materials must be bought and distributed among the students and accounts must be balanced. The foreman plan not only helps me in this work but gives the boys practical training in working in an industrial shop," Mr. Collie explained.

The boys' and girls' home mechanics classes have worked much with leather this year. Besides small pieces such as coin purses, belts, and bill folds, fourteen of the girls are making suede jackets in different colors. This semester Al McClure has made an under arm holster for a deputy sheriff.

The classes will also study wood finishing, refinishing, upholstering, electrical appliances, and other practical things which can be used in any

home.

"Metal work in all angles is a chief field of employment for the people in this district. For this reason I would like to include in the department a class in wrought iron and other heavy metals," Mr. Collie declared.

He would also like a general leather class, which would take up shoe repairing in addition to the present leather work.

"The beauty of the thing," Mr. Collie concluded, "is that it wouldn't take costly equipment. All the equipment we use in leather working, including the sewing machine, didn't cost so much as one set of tools in the bench department."

"The things being started in the Industrial Arts and Vocational Departments of Pittsburg High School look good," remarked Prof. Schwanze of K.S.T.C. "They smack of progressiveness in its best sense."

Candid Commentary

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his presidency. Pure, unadulterated, hate. We would not speak to our dog in the language some of the men of that day used on the President. Ignorant, middle-headed, stupid, vain, these are but the mildest of the adjectives used. Constantly, people called for his impeachment.

Newspapers continually ridiculed him. When a move was on foot to impeach him in the House, only three Congressmen out of his party would say anything in his defense. How true it is that history is the only thing that tells the true greatness of a man. We read of Lincoln's vow that "government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from this earth." And yet his day they called him "despot" and dictator. They called him the murderer of hundreds of thousands of men. And yet read of him saying, "With malice toward none, with charity for all." It is the long range view that tells the story.

We can see no reason for the Good Lord to make this winter weather last much longer. It's going to be cold right up to spring and then—bam—a thaw. The mud will be feet deep. And then with all this to enhance the situation, along comes a political campaign!

The famous sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, who is chiseling the faces of famous men out of the granite side of Mt. Rushmore Dakotas, reports that he will have his job done by midsummer. Here is a man who has been chiseling for thirteen years suddenly, proof, he is through chiseling. He could get on relief, but he would probably find an over abundant number of chisels there. Our guess is that the poor fellow will go quite mad and start chiseling a new canal through the middle of the Rocky Mountains.

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Monday, March 4: Debonaire—Louella Johnson—7:30 p.m.

Queen Esther—Methodist Church—5:00 p.m.

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Charm Club—Colleen Verocchio—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6: Sigma Delta Chi Dance—Country Club—8:00

Saturday, March 9: Foolish Ferns—Arlene Kirby—3:00 p.m.

HAVE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Mrs. Lewis's Girl Reserves group had a covered dish luncheon Thursday night, Feb. 22. The group met at 5:30 in the Home Economics dining room.

DEBONAIRE HAVE DINNER DANCE

The Debonaire Club had a private dinner-dance at the Bee Hive Annex Thursday night, Feb. 29.

Members and their guests were: Daphne Shoupe, Ed Herbeck; Marjorie Hubbard, Leland Kirk; Betty Gohr, Russel Duff; Dorothy Redfern, Johnnie Lamb; Loyella Johnson, Virgil James; Virginia Osredker, Lyle Strahan; Barbara Gohr, William Schmedel, hah; Barbara Gohr, William Schmedel.

Birthday Party

Jimmie Marchbanks was honored Saturday night with a birthday party given at the home by his mother, Mrs. Howard Marchbanks. Time was spent in playing cards and dancing. A cold lunch was served.

Guests were Maxine Scott, Robert Saar, Mary Margaret Morgan, Bob Akey, Naida June Brannum, Albert Hopper, Betty Payne, Max Yeska, Joyce Henney, Wilfred Morin, Charles Davis, Don Marchbanks, Mickey Van Arsdale.

Speaks To Hi-Y Groups

George L. Nicholson, former principal of the Arma Crawford County high school spoke to the David New and J. L. Hutchinson chapters of Hi-Y in a joint meeting Thursday, Feb. 22 on "Life As An Adventure."

Mr. Nicholson has been active for several years in Hi-Y work and is very much interested in the type of work needed with the Civil Service in the Taxation Investigation department.

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BETTY & BARBARA

That inseparable couple seems to be Ted Myers and Edith Lance. Good Luck Ted, but we thought it was going to be Margaret Ruth Crockett.

What does Jimmy Young's note to Rotey Skaer mean? Well, Morris this situation needs looking into. We don't know what the rest of you think about it, but we're willing to make Morris Moffat chief investigator of the case.

Here's a pleasant surprise! O. R. you ready? Betty Peterson has been dating Don Slagle "39". He was her escort to the Rainbow Dance.

Keith Vella has finally decided to date our PHS girls. It was a lucky thing for Margaret Robins because she seems to be the girl he has chosen. By the way, his choice was a good one.

A romance that has started looking serious is that of Doris Hromek and Carl Mishmash. Carl gave Doris a cedar chest for Christmas, and an engagement ring for Valentine's day.

Another PHS student who has plans for the future is Marjorie Wheeler. The boy is from Wichita but is now Fort Riley Kansas. The date hasn't been set yet but when the time comes they plan to move to Wichita.

Cats definitions of these things

Egg—A chicken—not yet.
 Kill—Shot to death.
 Wind—Air in a hurry.
 Halo—What to say when you meet a friend.
 Dimple—A lump turned inside out.
 Leak—Leak of Nations.
 Putter—We put it on bread.
 Viper—To clean windshields with.
 Yeast—A direction such as North, South, etc.
 Tanks—Expression of appreciation.
 Keds—Boys and girls.

"Faint heart never won fair lady"—At least that's what Chuck Gilliland thought the other night at the skating rink when his girl walked out on him. He just walked out after her.

Jackie has a token of love on that certain finger. Have you all seen it?? Norman Finley is the lucky boy!

Bombs seem to be exploding on the Stewart-Evans front. This is rather surprising, we thought this was a sure case of love; but as the old saying goes true love never runs smooth.

This is the Cats signing off
 B & B

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Found... That man with beard make ticklish proposition --- Confucius Found... That all, and I do mean all, diets were knocked into a cocked hat—due to Valentines Day gifts.

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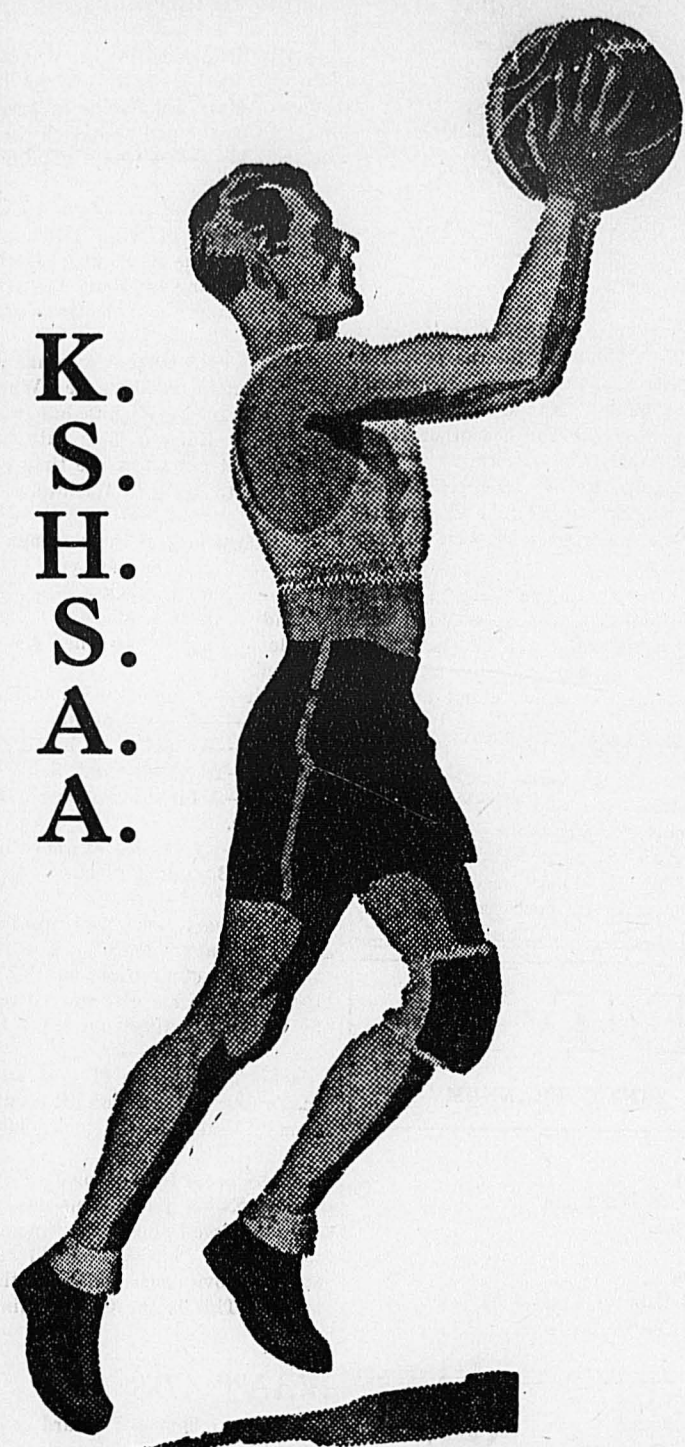
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A Big Chance

A year ago Elmer Hackney of Kansas State was a human cannon and fired the 16-pound shot to seventeen titles in eleven meets. Among them was a heave of 55 feet, eleven inches for the American collegiate mark.

This season a bone growth in his right wrist has cut his distance radically. Competing in an indoor meet with Kansas recently, insult was added to injury. Hackney let go with a high toss and the shot struck a light bulb--which merely bounced out of the way and continued burning.

Believe It Or Not

Most athletes in college are lost because of their inability to meet scholastic standards, but Coach John Kobs of Michigan State baseball team has a reverse situation. He's lost a ball player because the athlete was too smart.

George Stark, senior catcher Detroit Mich., heard of a job in the office and applied himself so ardently to his books that he graduated six months ahead of his class and left Kobs without a catcher.

NEW IDEA

Dr. F. C. Allen exhibited a game of basketball the other day between two of his teams playing under a new rule which he, as chairman of the national rules committee, plans to submit to the legislative body of the cage sport when it meets at Kansas City, March 30, 31, and April 1.

The rule provides that circles with eight-foot radii be drawn beneath each basket, and that no player of the offensive side may shoot at a basket in this area. They may dribble in and out and handle the ball, but no drive-in shots or tip-ins will be permitted within this area.

Doctor Allen believes that this prohibition will cut down a great number

of fouls, especially the player who fouled when driving in for the basket in an attempt to shoot a goal.

If the rule were to be adopted, it would not only cut down on the number of fouls but it would do away with the tall player who stands beneath the hoop and dunks them in.

If Only It Were True

In the Saturday, Feb. 24, issue of the Kansas City Times, an account of the Pittsburg-Parsons game Friday night says in the headline: "Puts On A 1-Man Show," and directly under it says, "Dale Hall Stars to Give Pittsburg High a 25-24 Victory." This is one case of inaccuracy that we wish were true.

Note To Columbus

It seems that Jim Robinson of Columbus is always wanting to start something that he can't finish. In a recent issue of the Columbus High School Record he says, "I know I'll start a controversy, especially in good old Pittsburg but I'm to tell all you fans that Pittsburg's success in basketball does not depend on Jack Broadhurst's long looping shots but to the fine defensive work of Ray Lance."

We wish to thank him for commending Ray for his defensive work, but we also want to remind him that a game cannot be won on defense alone. There has to be some figures on the scoreboard in order to win the game, and in that department Jack is proficient.

SEK All-Star Team

The ballots should be coming in soon for the all-star team. The Booster is sponsoring, and if they come in time, the results will be printed in next week's paper. This would be a good time to put in a plug for Lance and Broadhurst who carried a big share of the Dragons burden this year.

Theibaud's Classes Study Varied Lessons

Explosives, fuels, fire extinguishers, and fire--the necessities for it and ways in which you can put a fire out are the topics of discussion in Mr. Theibaud's senior science class now.

The chemistry classes for the past week have studied ionization, equilibrium, molecular concentration, and completion of reactions. This ended the class room work for a while and the students will go to the laboratory to make experiments pertaining to the elements they have just studied.

Air conditioning, refrigeration, ice manufacture and heating have been the topics of discussion in the physics class. Special reports have been made on mechanical refrigeration, cost of purchasing, cost of refrigeration, ice manufacturing, and the heating efficiency.

The class plans to visit a firm which is air-conditioned so that they may see how the air-conditioning is operated, Mr. Theibaud stated.

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First, he has been well educated in the matter of make-up. Girls who run to catch the bus, proceed to further their toilet. Out pop the combs, powder puffs, and lipsticks, and Mr. Busman takes another lesson.

In his little mirror he can see a group of the fairer sex in the far back corner, each contributing to the matter of gossip--"Where Susie went and what she did, and who she was with, last night."

A few ambitious students suddenly remember a test. With worried frowns and pounding hearts they cram and cram. Maybe, they can just get a glimpse of the light.

Still another group occupy the lime-light--the ones who manage to catch up on lost sleep during their short ride. Mr. Busman, when he feels extra nasty hits as many bumps as possible, thus jarring the peaceful students into sharp awareness of the reality. At last the end of the line! Off scramble the happy flock, and Mr. Busman rides on in peace.

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Little February Sighs As Students Forget It

When this school fails to observe an important event, the reader may feel that it was just oversight. But when this repetition occurs for three different events, then its time for a suggested remedy.

Whether Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow on Feb. 2, or whether he didn't is immaterial now. But as far as PHS students would have known, Mr. Groundhog never existed.

Again, on Feb. 12, an important date was overlooked. For on that date the birthday of one of the world's greatest men was celebrated. Nevertheless, not a single line was printed in this paper about "Honest Abe". That ever popular little fellow Dan Cupid was also absent from his usual birth on Feb. 14. Not one word was mentioned in accordance with Valentine's day.

In view of these holidays that were missed, why not set aside an "All Holiday's Day" and make up these inaccuracies? Better late than never, and it would certainly be different!

Girls Basketball Reflects Popular Songs

Favorite songs? No, you're wrong. It isn't the Hit Parade. Its a survey from the girls gym classes, showing how swing conscious these sophies really are. Recently, the classes have chosen basketball teams, captains, and names for their teams. Such names as the following were selected.

First hour--"Scatterbrain," captained by Doris Lock and the "Chatterboxes" with Connie Catanzaro as captain.

Second hour--"The Little Red Foxes" with Joyce Bertone acting as captain. Phyllis Fretwell captains "Fretwell's Thugs."

Third hour--Lila Nevin is in charge of the "Red Devils." "The Jitterbugs" are under the leadership of Billie Harrison.

Fourth hour--"The Fightin Fidgets" are fighting under the guardianship of Lucretia Askins. Due to such a small class only one team was chosen.

Fifth hour--"The Hotshots" 'get hot' under the captainship of Martha Sale. The feminine Dragons known as the "Dragonettes" have Claudine Quincy as its captain.

The teams in each hour play against one another. The winner of two out of three games plays the winners of the other classes. There is to be a consolation tournament as well as a championship tournament.

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Four Dragons End Cage Careers

The high school careers of four of the Dragons' first string men will come to a close shortly as graduation draws nearer and nearer. Those men are Jack Broadhurst, Ray Lance, Bill Poland, and James Wells.

All four came from Lakeside junior high and all four boys played on the sophomore basketball team together in their sophomore year. In their junior year, they were moved up to the Dragon team, and two of them played on the first team. In their senior year, they all landed berths on the first team.

The Scoring Ace

Jack Broadhurst, the main-scoring threat, started his PHS career when he was in the ninth grade by playing on the reserve team. He continued to play on the reserve team when he was a sophomore, and in his Junior year went out for the first team. At first scouted at forward until a first string man was declared ineligible; then he was shifted to guard to take over the vacant spot.

That is when Jack really began to shine as a Dragon cager. He was the star of several close games in which his long, high, arched shots would swish the netting to put the Dragons into the lead. He finished the season with an average of more than six points a game.

Starting his snior year as leader of the SEK champs and regional tournament winners, Broadhurst was determined to keep the Dragons in the running with only two returning first string men. After getting off to a poor start, Jack averaged around eleven points per game, to elevate him to third place in the league scoring.

Strong Defensive Guard

Ray Lance is another who has been constantly in the sports lime-light at P. H. S. since he enrolled as a sophie in the fall of 1937. Ray is a three-sport man, lettering in football, basketball and track.

Ray began his basketball career with the reserve team as a guard and since then has made a reputation for himself as an outstanding defense man.

Last year Ray landed a place on the first team as a guard and played a brilliant defensive game throughout the season, to become known as the unsung hero of the Dragon five.

This year Ray again proved his worth by holding the scoring threats of the oppositions to a minimum. Ray not only was successful on this, but carried his share of the scoring burden. Star At Center Bill Poland started his P. H. S. basketball career on the reserve team in his sophomore year. Bill was the big

boy who played center and operated from the pivot post for the sophies.

Last year Bill subbed at center for the Dragons and only because of the stellar playing of Ned Tryon, SEK all-star center, was Bill kept on the bench the biggest part of the time.

When Ned was declared ineligible to play on the team this fall, Bill was called upon to fill the open spot at center. It was a tough job but Bill came through and not only filled the spot but gave the leading league scorers a run for their money, and until Bill hit a scoring slump, he was among the top half of the list of leading scorers.

Mainstay At Guard

On the reserve squad when a sophomore, Jimmie Wells had his eye on a first-place position with the Dragons and kept fighting until finally his hopes were realized.

Last year Jim was content with his duties as a substitute and played in thirteen of the games throughout the season.

Beginning his senior year as a basketball player Jim was called on to be a guard on the first five. Later Jim moved to the forward position where he is now.

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Bookkeeping is a worthwhile subject. It teaches the girls to keep books in an office, but it doesn't teach them to keep their date books in good order. This is leap year, you know, and the girls have to keep their date books in order.

Some of them who don't take much interest in bookkeeping had better keep their date books in better order than bookkeeping, or they will be in one big muddle. Some night they will have three or four dates, and for the next two weeks they will stay home.

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Hall Defeats PHS Single Handed

The PHS Dragons had their title hopes dampened when they dropped a close, hard-fought game to the Parsons Vikings by a score of 25-24. The local quintet is still virtually assured of a tie for the crown, with Iola the only remaining obstacle.

The Vikings took an early lead after Hall, star forward, swished a long shot from near the center. Hall again tallied from long range before the Purple crew started hitting.

Ray Lance hit the hoop regularly throughout the entire first half to keep his team close behind the Parsons lads. Jack Broadhurst, scoring threat, of the Dragons was off his usual style and though his playing was outstanding, his scoring was not up to par.

Dale Hall kept the Vikings ahead throughout the game, making all but one of the Parsons field goals. The Dragons never were ahead of the opposition but were tied several times in later periods.

The last half of the game was the usual razzle dazzelegamethatthe Pittsburg fans witness. The score was close and both teams were fighting hard. Pittsburg was close on the heels of Parsons, with Broadhurst, Peterson and Lance hitting.

Hall came back on another spree and rang up five field goals in the last half. Hall broke away for a set-up to put his team in the lead, and they made a charity toss, making the score 25-24 with less than thirty-seconds to go. The Dragons took the ball down the floor and Broadhurst fired a high arching shot that almost went in, but the buzzer sounded ending the game.

Box Score

Pittsburg (24)				Parsons (25)			
Fg	Ft	F		Fg	Ft	F	
Ryan, f	1	1	0	Deegle, f	1	0	2
Wells, f	0	0	2	Hall, f	10	1	0
Peterson, f	1	0	0	Henry, c	0	1	2
Poland, c	0	2	1	Leathers, g	0	1	3
Broadhurst, g	4	1	3	DeLon, g	0	0	0
Lance, g	4	0	3				
	10	4	9		11	3	7

Reserves Lose To Parsons

The Pittsburg Reserve team lost a game to the Parsons reserves last Friday by a score of 25 to 17. The local team was handicapped by the loss of three regulars who were declared ineligible.

Lowe and Harry were the mainstays of the Dragons, Lowe making 6 points and Harry netting five. Gibson and Taylor were high for the victors.

Box Score

Pittsburg (17)				Parsons (25)			
Fg	Ft	F		Fg	Ft	F	
Kelly, c	0	0	1	Hathly, f	1	0	0
Coulter, f	1	0	1	Taylor, f	3	0	0
Gray, g	1	0	1	Dunlay, f	0	0	2
Spencer, g	0	0	0	Gleason, f	2	0	2
Lowe, f	3	0	1	Gibson, c	5	1	0
Halfhill, f	0	0	0	Lar'm'n, g	0	1	1
Harry, f	2	1	2	Sti'mi's, g	0	1	2
Crews, g	1	0	0	Every, g	0	0	0
	8	1	6		11	3	7

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Regional Tournament Starts March 6

Purple Coasts To Easy Victory Over Iola Last Nite

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Pittsburg	11	3
Parsons	10	3
Coffeyville	10	3

Games tonight

Parsons vs Columbus
Coffeyville vs Fort Scott

The Dragons trounced Iola 30 to 16 on their home court last night to end the current season with a tie for the SEK crown assured. The local crew got off to a hot start and piled up 14 points in the first period.

Jack Broadhurst led the attack for his team with 15 points. Ryan was next in scoring hitting the hoop for 7 points. Pittsburg took an early lead on baskets by Poland, Lance, and Ryan, Iola was never in the lead.

Tomorrow night Coffeyville tangles with Fort Scott and Parsons with Columbus. If both Coffeyville and Parsons lose, then the Dragons will again be the champs, but if they win, it will be a three way tie.

From Where We Sit

Hopes of the Dragons winning the SEK championship haven't died yet, as they have only to defeat Iola to gain a tie for the top berth. Pittsburg is tied with Parsons and Coffeyville. Next week Parsons tangles with Columbus and the Javatowners go to Fort Scott. If these leading teams should lose, then the Dragons will again, be on top.

Ray Lance and Jack Broadhurst look plenty good for an SEK berth this season. Jack is a fast lad who can hit from any angle and is usually the high-point man for the Dragons. Ray is a steady guard who draws the assignment of covering the hot-shot of the opposing teams, and, also, his shots find the hoop quite often.

Harlan Peterson, junior basketball, has been showing up well this year on the hardwood and is slated to be one of the leading cagers of next year's squad. Bill Waltz, also, holds promise for next season.

A brief glance at intramurals showed that the teams captained by Brim and Ahrens recently were engaged in a play-off game for the deciding of the senior championship. Incidentally, Ahrens won the contest.

Gregg's team copped the junior title, going through the entire season winning 10 and dropping 2. Pelphey and Kotur tied for second in this division.

Track, golf, tennis, and baseball will soon be under way according to local coaches. Fritz Snodgrass has a group of boys working out for track and will have several more at the close of the basketball season. The first track meet is scheduled for the latter part of March. Lundquest, golfcoach, is expecting to get his program under way as soon as the weather permits. Kirk, Edwards, Turner, and Vietti are the players returning from last year.

Tennis is starting in a short time, according to Coach Briggs. Waltz, Ozburn, and Ward are returning from last year's team. Baseball is coached by Mr. Thorpe and practice will start in about two weeks. Baseball is played in a regular SEK league in which Pittsburg is a member.

Cadet Teachers Assist PHS Instructors

"Cadet" teachers from K. S. T. C. are assisting Mr. Collie, Mr. Lundquest, and Mr. White in their departments the last semester as a part of the teachers course at the College.

"The students, while doing a valuable service to P. H. S. in the overcrowded departments, are obtaining worth-while experience in actual teaching. The project, however, is still in the experimental stage," asserts Principal Hutchinson.

In the printing department James Edwin Ryan, a former student of P. H. S., assists Mr. White, coming in two hours each day for his work. This will help considerably in production work, Mr. White said.

Mr. Lundquest, typing teacher, says, "I find Pauline Gilmore, my cadet teacher, a great aid in my typing classes, where the average attendance is eight above the recommended class size. Miss Gilmore aids in giving individual instruction where I find it impossible to give all of it necessary."

Pauline Gilmore, who substituted for Mr. Thorpe, was teaching a college shorthand class at K. S. T. C. Miss Gilmore attends fifth hour class every day in the week.

In the Industrial Arts department, Emory Arnold is helping Mr. Collie. "The industrial arts department has been over-crowded all the way for a long time, and Mr. Arnold, student teacher from the College, will relieve the situation—a great deal. He offers assistance to boys I couldn't possibly

Dragons Team Host for Regional Tournament



The Regional Tournament will mark the end of high school basketball for six Dragonmen. The lanky center, the two guards, one forward, and two substitutes will not be in the line up when the team plays its first game next year. The ten Dragons pictured above have completed a successful season winning eleven games and losing four, tied for the league leadership and highly favored in the tournament. Four of the Seniors are on the starting line up. They closed their regular season last night against Iola. Left to Right, back row: Frank Walker, Senior; Harlan Peterson; Bill Waltz; Coach "Arkie" Hoffman; Ray Lance, Senior; Bill Poland, Senior. Front Row: Paul Ozburn; Jim Wells, Senior; Jack Broadhurst, Senior; George Pogson.

Baseball Starts In Near Future

P. H. S. will open its baseball season as soon as the basketball season has ended, providing the weather will permit.

It is expected this year that there will be a SEK league if one or more SEK school will enter a team. Four teams are needed to have such a league and at the present there are only three SEK teams, Columbus, Parsons, and Pittsburg.

This means that if Ft. Scott, Iola, Coffeyville or Independence will enter the SEK league can be formed.

The Rragon nine will have a good chance to take top honors in such a league. Nine of last years first string men are returning, although they will suffer the loss of three players, Kennedy, who plays a fine game at the hot corner; D. Moore who played a good game at short; and G. McClarrin, in left field.

Those returning are: Hull, behind the plate; Bob Moore, at the initial sack; Gold, covering the keystone bag; Michie, playing short; and Hunt, Cobb, Cronister, Sill and Embree in the field.

The chemistry classes are, again, working in the laboratory making experiments of the elements that they have just completed the study of. The senior science classes are having a series of tests to conclude their study of fires and the atmosphere.

The physics class is hearing reports on the heating systems, and gas and steam engines. They are completing this unit of work and will soon take up the study of magnetism.

Miss Whites' sophomore history classes are studying Russia. They have made quite an interesting collection of maps and news items which have been posted on a bulletin-board for the benefit of the entire class.

"The students enjoy comparing the old Russia with the Russia of today. They have found many timely articles written on 'Modern Russia,' remarked Miss White.

Laverne Pelphey, Rex Hall, Jack Mead and Edward May have been painting scenery for the opera. Miss White said that the boys enjoy the work very much and have spent quite a few hours at it.

reach of tere and he receives very valuable experience in dealing with actual teaching problems," Mr. Collie, declared.

The cadets also will be valuable to the school as substitutes, since they will know the class room routine better than outsiders.

Two High Scores Here

During the Regional Tournament, the eyes of the public will probably be on two scoring stars of rival teams, Dale Hall, of Parsons, and Jack Broadhurst, of Pittsburg. These two lads are the king pins of their teams and usually carry the scoring burdens.

Hall is first in SEK scoring and maintains a high game scoring average. He is a sophomore, is six feet tall, and very fast. Last year Hall made the second SEK team and again was high in individual scoring. Hall is somewhat of a one-man team and shoots quite frequently, but his shots are mainly good as he has a very good eye for the basket. In a recent game with the Dragons, he scored 21 points and practically beat the Dragons by himself. Hall is also a fine ball handler.

Jack is not very big but is very fast and deceptive. He plays guard and is high scorer for the Dragons and third in SEK scoring. Jack was placed on the second All-SEK team last year, and is a senior. Broadhurst takes many one-handed shots and is efficient with either or both hands. Jack's best scoring game was at Fort Scott, where he chalked up 20 points.

Golfers Begin To Swing Clubs For 1940 Matches

Several boys are starting golf practice under the eye of Howard Lundquest. The players out so far are Marvin Edwards, Eugene Vietti, Leland Kirk, and Fredrick Turner. Later on in the year, an inter-school tournament will be played, in which everyone may enter.

The golf team has not been picked, as yet, because matches will not begin until the weather permits and the league gets organized. During the season, matches are played with Independence, Chanute, Columbus, Fort Scott.

There is an SEK tournament to be held at Independence this spring in which several boys will enter. Also, there will be a state golf tournament at Emporia in which Pittsburg will probably enter.

More interested than usual is being shown in golf in recent years and Coach Lundquest is expecting to have a strong team this season.

Miss Fintel's trigonometry class is solving right triangles by logarithms. Her algebra classes are studying quadratic equations and her plane geometry class is studying similar triangles.

Vikings Challenge Purple Next Week

Parsons and Pittsburg are favored to be top-flight contenders in the Regional Tournament as they are at the top of the SEK league. Both teams have won 10 and lost 3 in league competition and have made an impressive record for the season.

Parson's Season Record

Parsons 15	Ark City 21
Parsons 17	Coffeyville 23
Parsons 46	Chanute 33
Parsons 31	Topeka 22
Parsons 30	Leavenworth 28
Parsons 13	Pittsburg 20
Parsons 21	Fort Scott 23
Parsons 38	Columbus 30
Parsons 44	Independence 21
Parsons 28	Iola 19
Parsons 29	Independence 17
Parsons 29	Fort Scott 23
Parsons 26	Coffeyville 24
Parsons 31	Chanute 29
Parsons 42	Iola 24
Parsons 25	Pittsburg 24
Won 12	Lost 4
Score by Parsons 465	
Score by Opponents 326	

Pittsburg's Season's Record

Pittsburg 13	Springfield 17
Pittsburg 18	Chanute 11
Pittsburg 19	Coffeyville 18
Pittsburg 38	Fort Scott 18
Pittsburg 20	Parsons 13
Pittsburg 17	Columbus 16
Pittsburg 25	Independence 24
Pittsburg 19	Coffeyville 20
Pittsburg 15	Columbus 14
Pittsburg 32	Chanute 21
Pittsburg 24	Independence 21
Pittsburg 35	Fort Scott 28
Pittsburg 26	Iola 20
Pittsburg 24	Parsons 25
Won 10	Lost 4
Score by Pittsburg 325	
Score by Opponents 277	

Walker to Annapolis

Harold Walker, graduate of P. H. S. in '38, has received an appointment for entrance to Annapolis. After Senator Clyde Reed appointed him, he was privileged to take a competitive Civil Service examination.

Annapolis is situated on the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. There is an enrollment of 2200 students. A midshipman receives \$780 a year.

The rules are very strict, if a student flunks a subject he is dropped immediately. The students have two vacations per year, a ten day vacation at Christmas and one month during September.

Walker must take an entrance examination before enrolling. He will take this examination the third week in April.

Parsons Will Battle Dragons For Class A Honors

Four Southeast Kansas League teams will battle it out with four other Class A teams for the right to go to the State Class A Tournament at Topeka when the Regional Tournament gets under way March 6 in Pittsburg.

The four SEK teams are Pittsburg, Fort Scott, Parsons and Columbus. Altamont, Arma Barter Springs, and Girard are the other four Class A teams to be here.

In the Class B division it should be all Weir. Led by Jimmy Hamilton, Weir defeated Erie to win the Mineral Belt League championship. They have won fifteen games and lost none. Hamilton has averaged more than fifteen points per game this year. Parsons and Pittsburg Leaders Parsons and Pittsburg should put up the main fight to represent the Pittsburg District at the State Tournament.

The class B team coming to Pittsburg will not be known until next Tuesday. They will be the winners, runners-up, and some third place teams. The elimination tournaments in this district will be held this week end at Weir, Erie, and Fulton. The teams competing at Weir are Weir, Mineral, McCune, Frontnac, Cherokee, College High, Cockerill, Oswego, and Riverton.

The Class A winner will go to Topeka to compete with the winners of fourteen other regional tournaments and one second-place team. The second-place team will be chosen probably by the state athletic board.

The main reason for choosing the second place team competing is to have sixteen teams in the tournament while there are only fifteen Regional Tournament winners. The winners in the Class B division will go to Hutchinson for the State Class B Tournament.

Last Tourney Here in 1928

This is the first Regional Tournament to be held in Pittsburg since 1928. That year it was held in the K. S. T. C. gymnasium. Briggs, Carlton, Knost, McClure, Mack, Conrad, and Russel played for Pittsburg. This team played in the finals but was defeated by Frontenac.

Frontenac won the tournament and went to Winfield for the state tournament. At this time, Class A and Class B Competed against each other. It has not been held here since due to the lack of seating facilities.

This year it will be held in the Theodore Roosevelt Gymnasium. The second night of the tournament will mark the first birthday of the gymnasium. It was dedicated on March 7, 1939 in a game with the Miami, Okla. Wardogs.

Pittsburg Won in 1937, 1939

In 1937 and again in 1939, Pittsburg won in the Class A division. In the year between the two Pittsburg victories, 1938, Columbus won the tournament.

Last year's winning Class A division team from Pittsburg had such boys as Francis Ryan, Bill Poland, Rudy Fanska, James Wells, Jack Broadhurst, Raymond Lance, Ned Tryon, Harlan Peterson, Wayne Edwards, and Johnnie Toelleron it. Ryan, Poland, Wells, Broadhurst, Lance and Peterson are on this year's Pittsburg team.

The officials for the games will be Charles Morgan, K. S. T. C.; Prentice Gudgen, K. S. T. C.; and Earl, Independence.

There will be four games played the first three nights, with two games being played the last night. The games will start at 8:00. Any person selling ten tickets will be given one free ticket.

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