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## Just Prattle

By Jane Pratt

Since this is the last Booster, therefore, the last column, I can officially leave this space to some junior columnist. The oncoming seniors, juniors, and sophomores need not worry about the success of next year's paper. Those junior journalists are tops!

The Forum Club members had a wonderful time last Thursday night at their picnic. Here's to Mr. Marion Nation for the use of his back yard and for his patient and competent sponsorship during the year.

Last minute work is certainly coming full force - senior English class reading novel, economics projects, sociology projects, biology reports, — oh, let's stop.

Oh, by the way, — have you heard the latest daffy definition? Stagnation — a country for men only. — Hal-

Snitching an idea from "A Junior Speaks," I'd like to give compliments to —

Bill (Ham) Hazen for his masterly performance yesterday.

The printing department for being so patient with the journalists.

The senior — for — oh, well, we're graduating, aren't we?

## Students Win Driving Award

Harry Bradshaw made the highest score and Mini Nettles the second highest the results of the driving tests given last week at the college showed. There were 30 students representing nine schools entered in the contest.

Mr. F. M. Snodgrass, physical education instructor at PHS, participated in the programs presented.

## PHS Musicians Participate In Three Music Contests

The music department participated in three music contests this spring where ten highly superior ratings were received, 15 receiving superior ratings, and four receiving excellent ratings.

At the Joplin music clinic only the soloists attended and only criticism was given.

In the district music contest here those placed in the first division were the mixed chorus; the band, George Pogson, baton twirling; Zoe Wilma Baade, piano; Shirley Ainsworth, girl's low voice; Sammy Lou Heaton, girl's high voice; and Nancy Freeto, violin. Robert Friggeri, clarinet, received a one division minus rating.

Those placing in the second division were: Edwin Payne, French horn; Jaurie Welsh, bassoon; orchestra; Jerome Degen, trombone; girls glee club; boys glee club; a string quartet composed of Maxine Alberty, Martha Baxter, Ruth Otto, and Jean Helbig; Herbert Butler, boy's high voice; Charles Newcomb, boy's medium voice; Zoe Wilma Baade, girl's high voice; Stanley Seymour, saxophone; and Velma

## Plans for Junior Senior Frolic and Dinner Complete

### To Form Group And Hike To Lincoln Park

#### BANQUET AT 6:30 FRIDAY

### Ball Games and Tug-of-War To Be Featured Activities of Annual Event

Plans for the junior-senior frolic and banquet are now complete. The junior and seniors will form in a group at the high school and hike to Lincoln Park at 11:30 o'clock, taking a picnic lunch with them.

After eating lunch there will be a gunny sack race followed by three legged race. The losers will have to do something for their defeat. Next will be a three-inning girls ball game followed by a five-inning boys ball game. To climax the afternoon 25 boys from each class will have a tug of war over the well known Cow Creek.

The banquet will be at 6:30 that night. Speeches will be by Jack Crews, junior class president; Georgeanne Switzer, Jane Pratt and Principal Finis M. Green. Musical numbers will be by Shirley Ainsworth, Zoe Wilma Baade, Rosemary Cowan, Bob Rose, Charles Newcomb, Herbert Butler, and Gene Rogers.

Baccalaureate will be next Sunday at 8 o'clock with Rev. Virgil G. Nalley as the speaker. Commencement will be next Thursday at 8 o'clock at the college.

The Pittsburg tracksters journeyed to Wichita last Friday and Saturday for the state track meet which was being held there. The only boy to place for Pittsburg was Bob Friggeri in the 440 yard dash. He was third in that event.

### LAST ISSUE

Since this is the last issue of The Booster, any school news which takes place before the end of the year will be announced by The Booster over the public address system.

## Elect Duerksen Faculty President

At the regular faculty meeting last Monday afternoon, faculty officers were elected for the ensuing year. Mr. George Duerksen was named president, Miss Jessie Bailey, vice-president; Mrs. Dora Peterson, secretary; and Mr. John White, treasurer. Mr. Ellsworth Briggs, Miss Anna Fintel, and Miss Sara Stephens were on the nominating committee.

Retiring officers are Mr. Charles Thibault, president, Mr. George Duerksen, vice president, Mrs. Ruth Lewis, secretary; and Miss Ferdia Linton, treasurer.

## Joan Higgins Is G. R. President

### Organization Selects Bonnie McCaskill for Office Of Vice President

The Girl Reserves elected Joan Higgins, junior, president of the Girl Reserves for 1941-42 in a meeting in the auditorium last week. Evelyn Roeber was runner up.

Other officers elected were Bonnie McCaskill, vice-president; Lida Lee Schasteen, program chairman; Rosalie Williamson, treasurer; Charlotte Miller, secretary; Virginia Williams, devotional chairman; Peggy Dean Moore, service chairman; Gerry Lewis publicity chairman.

Other Candidates for the offices were as follows: Vice-President — Janet Malcolm, Nancy Freeto, Ann Benny, Betty Lance Program-Chairman — Helen Benedetto, Marilyn Canfield.

Treasurer — Dorothy Nation, Patty Higgins, Barbara Stewart. Secretary — Lois Dean Meyer, Doris Lock, Ruth Otto. Devotional chairman — Helen Louise Allen, Nancy Horton.

Service chairman — Cora M. Wright, Anna Lou Cox, Norma Little.

## Coaches Announce 1941 Track Lettermen

The coaching staff feels that the following boys have successfully met the requirements for the letter in track: Gene Allred, Frank Bettega, Harry Bradshaw, Dale Bush, Jack Crews, Harley Devine, Howard Farrimond, Bob Friggeri, Clifford Gregg, Joe Gray, Claude Huffman, Charles Ishmael, Glenn Lottman, Earl Minnick, John Prince, Bill Ramage, Tom Shultz, Bob Tommons, and Marvin Tucker.

Glenn Lottman gathered the most points for the Dragons with 109 1/4 points. Bob Friggeri was second with 68; Harry Bradshaw, third with 65 1/4; Joe Gray, fourth with 41 1/4.

## Farner and Green Student Council Visitors Tuesday

### Guests And Sponsors Give Talks Of Thanks

#### COMMITTEES REPORT

### Historians Prepare Records Of Years Activities and Accomplishments

High praises were expressed for the work that the Student Council has done during the past year by Miss Effie Fagner and Mr. Finis M. Green who were guests in the final meeting of the year last Tuesday noon.

Miss Fagner said also that she again wished to express her appreciation for the pin that was presented to her in an assembly two weeks ago. Mr. Green thanked the council members for their cooperation with the administration during the past year.

Mr. Ellsworth Briggs said that the students did a good job, and that he appreciated the way in which they worked.

The various committees gave a summary of their work during the past year. Bill Hood, chairman of the law and order committee, told of the honor study hall and some of the other activities of his committee during the year. Bob Friggeri, chairman of the constitution committee, told of the work of the constitution committee.

Jean Snider, chairman of the social welfare committee, told of the work of the committee. They sent cards to those who were sick more than three days, took charge of the game room at all of the school dances, and decorated the gymnasium for homecoming. She said that there is to be a meeting of her committee Thursday noon in Mr. Briggs' room to turn in the supplies that were given to the members.

Harlan Peterson, chairman of the sanitation committee, told of the work done for the negro dances, and Arbor Day program.

Arnold Boisdreghien, one of the historians, reported that the history of the year would be ready next week. Betty Pyle is the other historian.

## Elect Ethel Hatton Teachers' Club Head

Miss Ethel Hatton of the Central school was elected president of the Pittsburg City Teachers Club at the annual banquet held in the Collegiate room of the Hotel Besse last Monday night. Mr. Willard Thorpe of the high school was named vice president and Miss Evangeline Higgins of Eugene Field was elected secretary-treasurer. Miss Ruth Thornton of Roosevelt is retiring president. Miss Ethel Hatton was vice president and Mr. Harlan Price was secretary-treasurer. Mr. George Duerksen, Miss Mildred Young and Mrs. Ade Ferns acted as the nominating committee.

## Speech Department Present 4-act Play

The speech department presented a four-act farce entitled "Romance In A Boarding House," by James Parker, in assembly Wednesday morning. The characters were Betty Payne, Jim Rupard, Jane Pratt, Bill Hazen, Georgeanne Switzer, Anita Stewart, Morris Moffatt, Virginia Tucker, Jack Toussaint, Evelyn Roeber, and Don Marchbanks.

## Purple & White Out Tomorrow

### Book Is Dedicated To Mr. Green; Carrying Out Theme of Public Address System

Tomorrow will be a day of busy pens and flowery compliments, for then it is that the 1941 Purple & White is to be distributed.

No one, not even a "lowly" sophomore is too insignificant to sign an annual or so it seems, for everybody who is able to write will be asked to plaster his name on a perfectly good yearbook.

The annuals are now here at PHS, but don't try to squirm past the teachers to see them ahead of time. "It can't be done."

One of the outstanding features of the book this year is the purple plastic binding, which, in the opinion of Editor-in-chief Harold Foster, "Really dresses it up."

The books, which were engraved in Chicago, were printed here and bound in Kansas City, after getting the covers from St. Louis. The original design for the cover was drawn by Lavern Pelphrey.

The book's being dedicated to Mr. Finis M. Green in honor of his first year as principal of PHS.

There are 100 pages, and besides pictures of the administration and faculty, there are individual pictures of the class members. There is no page especially for autographs as before.

## PHS Speech Students Receive Six First Throughout Year

Debaters, speakers, and thespians who represented PHS in nine interschool tournaments this year made a generally good showing in all the contests and captured high rankings in five.

The K.S.T.C. debate tournament, which inaugurated the season, was won by Topeka, with Pittsburg taking second honors.

Topeka was the next contest. PHS rank third in this tournament.

The debate squad entered contests at Coffeyville, Independence, Fort Scott, and Wyandotte school in Kansas City. The last debate tournament of the year was the SEK at Parsons, where PHS was awarded third place.

PHS entered several speakers and a one-act play in the dramatics festival at Chanute. Jane Pratt ranked first in

## Seniors Plan For Exercises Of Graduation

### Commencement Speech To Be Given By Dr. James S. Thomas

#### MIXED CHORUS WILL SING

### Rev. Nalley Will Be Speaker At Baccalaureate Exercises

Many of the 217 seniors graduates are awaiting the commencement and baccalaureate exercises. At both of these important events, there will be speakers and music.

At commencement, Dr. James S. Thomas, president of Clarkson College at Potsdam, N. Y., will be the main speaker. Rev. Alpha H. Kenna of the Methodist Church will present the invocation and the benediction. Superintendent M. M. Rose will introduce the speaker. Principal Finis M. Green will present the class and Troy C. Lane, president of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas.

The music at commencement will be by the mixed chorus and orchestra. "Onward, Ye People" by Jean Sibelius, "Pledge of Allegiance" by Adher Bergh and "The Peasant and His Oxen" by Walter Aschenbrenner will be sung.

The main speaker for baccalaureate will be Rev. Virgil G. Nalley of the First Christian Church. His subject is "Giants and Grasshoppers." Rev. Arthur R. Armstrong of the United Presbyterian Church will give the invocation and the benediction. The mixed chorus will sing "Only Begotten Son" and "Glorious Forever," by Sig-reid Rachmaninoff. Baccalaureate will be next Sunday, at 8 o'clock at the College auditorium. Commencement will be next Tuesday at 8 o'clock at the College auditorium.

After nine tedious days, Robert Friggeri at long last has found that his rating at the Topeka music contest was superior.

# 212 Seniors to Graduate From PHS in 1941

The list of tentative PHS graduates for 1941 is as follows:

Adams, Helene E.  
Ainsworth, Shirley Jean  
Alderson, Jimmy Raymond  
Allison, Howard Kenneth  
Anderson, Dorothy Lucille  
Arthur, William Walter  
Ashline, Lauretta Belle Corinne  
Axtell, Ralph Louis  
Baade, Zoe Wilma  
Bain, Mable Fern  
Bales, Delores Sue  
Ball, Steve William  
Barbero, Louis Eugene  
Barkell, Patty Ann  
Barkell, Colin Frederick  
Bath, Velma Dorene  
Bain, Mabel Fern  
Beasley, Harold Lloyd  
Bennett, Charles Dewey  
Bennett, Ilene  
Blasor, Calvin Arthur  
Boatright, Russell James  
Boisdreghien, Arnold  
Boucher, Vida Lorene  
Bourg, William Francis  
Bradshaw, Charles Harry  
Breiner, Dorothy Deane  
Brennan, Gordon Richard  
Brennan, Charles  
Briggs, Roger Max  
Brinkman, Herman, Jr.  
Brown, Cecil Ray  
Buford, Charles Thomas  
Butler, Herbert William

Carpenter, Betty Lucille  
Center, Betty Jean  
Chaney, James Edward  
Clark, Clayton Floyd  
Clark, Eva Fern  
Claunch, Betty Allene  
Cole, Albertine Roberta  
Collins, Jack B.  
Cooper, Ruth Marie  
Cosman, Ermal Glen  
Cowan, Rosemary  
Craig, Wilma  
Cronlater, Roy  
Crosby, Mary Kay  
Crowe, Lawrence Allen  
Dailly, Rex Griffith  
Davidson, Ted E.  
Davis, Inez Effie  
Davis, Virginia Lee  
Degen, Jerome  
Devine, Harley  
Dollar, Robert Paul  
Dougherty, Rebecca Joan  
Dowty, Glenna Mae  
Edwards, Dorothy Lou  
Elias, Pauline  
Elliott, Dorothy Louise  
Endicott, Mildred  
Evans, Charles Robert  
Evans, Dorothy Mae  
Farrimond, Howard Roe  
Flynn, Mae Camilla  
Forrester, Betty Jean  
Foster, Harold Eugene  
Fougine, Betty Mae  
Frakes, Sara Mae

Friggeri, Robert Wayne  
Geisler, Lowell Dean  
German, Don Frank  
Gibbons, Wanda Mae  
Gillenwater, Juanita June  
Glenn, Lawrence Marion  
Glover, Mary Alice  
Gough, Marvin L.  
Grassi, Norman Henry  
Graver, Evangeline Eugenia  
Grege, Clifford Lee  
Guinn, Mary Pauline  
Hager, James Harold  
Hanshaw, Olive Louise  
Hazen, A. W.  
Heaton, Sammy Lou  
Heckert, Mary Grace  
Heldy, Bill  
Hill, Virginia Lee  
Hite, Florence Amelia  
Hoffman, Jack Edward  
Holden, Roy Vernon  
Holloway, Leona Lee  
Holt, Jay Francis  
Hood, William Archibald  
Huffman, Claude, Jr.  
Innis, Mary Lou  
Ishmael, Charles Monroe  
Jameson, Charles August  
Johnson, Robert Mason  
Johnson, Dean Russell  
Johnston, Shirley Deane  
Keck, Anna Caroline  
Kirk, Leland Raymond  
Kirk, Mardell Lavern  
Kotur, Jesse Everett

Kriegsmann, Helen Florence  
Lee, Jesse Martin  
Lehmer, Robert  
Ligon, Arthur Francis  
Longstaff, Maxine Hope  
Loth, Alice Velma  
McAdams, William Haynes  
McAnally, Betty Joyce  
McClure, Merle Morris  
McCollister, Harriet Ruth  
Maddox, Arnold  
Mansfield, William Curtis  
Marchbanks, Donald Lee  
Massmann, Robert Ernest  
Masterson, Richard G.  
Matney, Verna Alberta  
Meier, Mildred Eleane  
Million, Retha Kathryn  
Mingori, Norma Eudene  
Minnick, Earl Homer  
Minter, Darlene  
Modlin, Fred Leon  
Moffatt, Morris Hudson  
Montgomery, Betty Jane  
Moore, William  
Moore, Robert Dale  
Moran, Deloris  
Myers, Dorothy Jean  
Myers, Jimmie Arthur  
Newcomb, Charles Frederick  
Oldham, Henry  
Orshan, Paul Davis  
Page, Marvin Ellsworth  
Payne, Betty Jean  
Payne, Edwin L.  
Pelphrey, Lavern

Peterson, Betty Catherine  
Peterson, Harlan  
Pethel, Carl Albert  
Pethel, Nadine Elinor  
Phillips, John Park  
Plagens, Virginia Lee  
Pogson, George W.  
Pratt, Laura Jane  
Price, Bill  
Prince, William Allen  
Ragan, Afton M.  
Ramage, William Mathew  
Ramsey, Mary Joan  
Reed, Celia Elliott  
Rees, Geardine Lee  
Rennick, E. Jay  
Resler, Jean Marie  
Resnar, John Joseph  
Rhorer, Jack Earl  
Ridenour, Vaudine M.  
Robins, Margaret Louise  
Roeder, Johnnie  
Rogers, Richard Gene  
Rogers, Robert Dean  
Rose, Robert M.  
Rose, Max Ellis  
Rule, John H.  
Ryan, Francis  
Schneider, John David  
Scott, Delores Ralphine  
Scott, Juanita  
Scott, Ruth Ann  
Seaman, Arnold M.  
Shaffer, Virginia Lee  
Sherman, Russell Knowles  
Sherman, Sunshine Ruth

Shultz, George Thomas  
Silla, Lloyd  
Slankard, Mabel Ruth  
Smith, Marvel Lee  
Smith, Uden Elaine  
Snider, Jean LaVella  
Soper, Nancy Lee  
Spragg, Robert Dean  
Stewart, Anita May  
Stewart, Mari Marcine  
Still, Janet Laura  
Switzer, Georgeanne  
Tavernaro, Nick  
Tavernaro, Rita  
Tharrington, Nellie Jo  
Thomas, Charles Tucker  
Tucker, Marvin Ray  
Tucker, Virginia Lee  
Uermohlen, Eileen Bertha Mae  
Van Gorden, Sam  
Van Hoy, Jack William  
Waggoner, Violet May  
Walche, Christina  
Waltz, William J.  
Ward, Paul David  
Wheeler, Dorales Florence  
Wheeler, Margie Lucille  
Whitcomb, Martha Nell  
Wilcher, Evelyn May  
Williams, Charlene E.  
Williams, Martha Rose  
Wilson, Juanita Florine  
Wilson, W. C., Jr.  
Young, James A.  
Ziehlike, Clarence H.  
Zimmerman, Warren Elmer



## We Think

### Just Around The Corner

The time is drawing near for the seniors to be graduating from high school. Some will go on to "higher learning," others will be hunting jobs.

They say the last few weeks of school are always remembered more by the seniors. Every thing is happening picnics, proms, buying clothes and everything.

No one knows what lies just around the corner for each senior. It is hoped that what ever it is, it is only the best.

Best wishes and good luck!

### Show Sportsmanship

The true character of Pittsburg High students was revealed recently. It shows that he thought of the best interests of our school in making a decision. Bill Albers is a student who would sacrifice self glory for his school's sake.

Bill was recently elected congressman of this Hi-Y district. This position carries much honor with it. Because PHS uses the chapter plan, it has more clubs and thus more votes than Hi-Y organizations in other schools. Because Bill was afraid that Hi-Y clubs of other towns would feel that Pittsburg dominated or controlled this district, Bill resigned his office in favor of the Fort Scott boy who had been nominated by the retiring congressman, Harlan Peterson of Pittsburg.

This incident will not soon be forgotten, but will be remembered by other schools. It is doubtful that most persons would readily give up their high positions as did Bill. His act represents the true, spirit of Hi-Y and will advance the recognition of the Pittsburg Hi-Y club and PHS students. It will cause other schools to respect this high school.

### Just Another Step

At one time a high school graduate was considered to be very well educated. He had finished his formal education. Graduation was his step from childhood to manhood.

Today, things are different. Graduation from high school is just another step.

Few stop with their education at this point. Either they go to college, take post graduate work, or follow some educational pattern.

High school graduates are not considered old or intelligent enough to hold desirable jobs. Thus, graduates must continue their education, either in college or out of it.

High school education is just another point in the progress of education.

Helene Adams

### Fields For Pioneering

During the Civil War a congressman named Vallandigham made speeches that upheld the Confederate South. As a result of his speeches, this traitor to the North was conducted over the lines to the Confederacy. Since that time, the name Vallandigham has been a synonym for "traitor." The President has found occasion to employ this name.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters recently that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh had not been called into active service because "the army has no room for Vallandighams." A few days later, Colonel Lindbergh submitted to the President his resignation as a reserve

officer in the United States army air corps.

The President's disapproval of Col. Lindbergh has risen as a result of Lindbergh's public statements of opposition to the administration's aid-to-Britain program. Many Americans sympathize with the colonel's views, but those who oppose the program are, of course, a minority. We must decide whether or not we will adopt the President's attitude toward Lindbergh and the expression of his convictions.

This instance is a sample of many decisions that we, as citizens, must make. Throughout our lives, many individuals will be asking us to adopt their political viewpoints, is opposition to others who will plead for their causes also. We are the judges. We will make our decisions, and act in accordance with them.

Many of the cases presented for our decisions will be pleaded by "shysters" who will use every means, foul or fair, to gain our support. A favorite tactic of the shyster is to connect his opposition with some catchword of propaganda, such as "red," "radical," "isolationist," etc. Carefully analyzed, these names will be found to mean little. Nevertheless, they can sway the minds of intelligent people. Such language, for extreme example, has focused the hatred of whole nations against small minorities, and it has directed terrible campaigns persecution against innocent thousands. The millions of persecutors make false decisions when they choose to follow the leaders of these inhuman campaigns. The people are not stupid, nor are they cruel by nature of their race. They are being deceived by "shysters" who throw a smoke-screen over the facts by using colored, emotional language.

When the time comes that the decisions you and I make will determine the course of America's progress, let us strive to arrive at our decisions carefully and sanely, unmoved by emotional prejudice. To think dispassionately, to judge without bias, to act with tolerance—these are fields for pioneering, as difficult to conquer as the wild forest our forefathers mastered. They are challenges to American thinking.

Arthur Ligon

## Fads in Fashion

—By Pauline Elias and Jean Resler

This year many senior girls are going to wear sport dresses to the banquet. These will be seen in pastel shades and black and whites and also navy blue in this line of apparel.

Some girls are going to wear hats and some are not. Those who will wear them will probably have small perky ones and snap brims.

Spectator pumps are very popular this year. Brown and white, navy and white, and black and white will be worn.

Clothes for baccalaureate will be either two-piece dresses, suits, or jacket dresses. Large hats will be suitable for this occasion, especially picture hats.

Graduation formal will be in pastel colors and some materials to be worn will be marquisette, net, and lace. The styles will be of several kinds: some are tailored, while other are very definite glamorous and sophisticated; some are off the shoulder and some with sweetheart necklines.

## Ex-Libris

By  
Helene Adams

Your Best Foot Forward

by  
Dorothy Stratton and Helen Schleman

A book of social usage, for young moderns, not a stiff, formal rich man's volume, was the aim of the authors. Many of the topics discussed were taken from questions sent from colleges throughout the country.

You and social usage, introductions, techniques, dining in hotels and restaurants, in public places, dates, social communication, extending and receiving courtesies, travel, and personal appearance; are topics discussed in "Your Best Foot Forward."

Do you know whether or not to remove your gloves when shaking hands? What would you do if you spilled jam on the table cloth at a dinner party? Do you know what smorgasbord is and at what kind of restaurant it is found? Does a girl still have to remove her hat in the theater or movie?

Would you know what to order for refreshments when you didn't know how much the boy could afford? What would you talk about on your first date? Are you expected to send a corsage every time you ask a girl to go to a dance? Do you carry away silver teaspoons and towels as souvenirs of the hotel which you have been a guest?

What would you wear for a business interview with a prospective employer?

All is answered in "Your Best Foot Forward" by Dorothy Stratton and Helen Schleman which is in the PHS library with the new books under the call number of 395 St. 8.

## Double Track Minds



—BOOSTER LECTROUT

With vacation but a few days off, the students find it hard to keep their minds on their school work. As it is, they are thinking of school work and vacation plans at the same time.

## Meet The Faculty

### Doran Woods Lived

#### In Lumber Camp

"I was known as Whiskers Woods," said Mr. Doran C. Woods, head librarian, reminiscing about the "good ole days." "I was born down in West Virginia (notice his Southern accent) and lived my first twelve years in a lumber camp where men were men and boys wore whiskers." (We thought he had a head start on the other bewhiskered gentlemen in the high school.)

Mr. Woods first attended a one room school house at this lumber camp but his high school days were spent at a prep school for boys, Potomac State School, near Cumberland, Md., on the top of the Alleghenies. While there he was president of his class junior and senior years, sports editor of the school paper, one of the governors on the board of student government, and football and basketball manager.

In 1927 he graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan with his A. B. degree. Before completing his college work, he attended



—BOOSTER LECTROUT

Mr. Doran C. Woods . . . Here the PHS librarian is in a thoughtful mood. Perhaps he is wondering whether to shave off his whiskers or let them grow all summer.

his junior year at K. S. T. C. There he met Miss Ruth Gene Scott whom he later married. In 1938, Mr. Woods received his Master's degree from K. S. T. C.

In 1928, our subject began teaching at R. J. H. S. He was an English major, he said, but his classes have always been of mathematics. At the beginning of this year, Mr. Woods became head librarian in the PHS system.

One of Mr. Woods' main interests is books. He likes almost any kind. His favorite—pastime, he says, is to sit and not do a thing. "Nothing is nicer than just sitting, listening to the radio with no one to bother me."

Mr. Woods mentioned no outside organizations to which he belonged except the First Presbyterian Church which he attends regularly.

Of course, not to be forgotten, is another interest of his life, his twins, Sue and Ann in the fifth grade, and his son, Jack, in the seventh.

"All in all, I've had a very drab life," said Mr. Woods. (Mr. "Arkie" Hoffman then entered the library and began some very interesting stories of Mr. Woods' life. Our space is limited, however. But ask him about not wearing shoes until he was 19 and the grape vine by the back porch.

Many people ruin their chances of success in their work or of happiness in their personal relations with others because of the unfortunate habit of making excuses for the non-performance of duty.—Walter E. Myer.

## Commencement Nears



—BOOSTER LECTROUT

The big night is at hand! This is an artist's conception of the commencement to be in the college auditorium May 29. Seniors have been looking forward to this event for a long time.

## Gos-i-pel Truths

What is this another lover's quarrel? Virginia Tevis and Rex Tompson have broken up. It isn't serious, is it?

What's this? Clayton Clark certainly is that way about a certain girl. How about some information, Clayton?

Was it just a date or was it serious? Was it serious Merle McClure? We mean that nate you had with Betty Nichols?

Things are getting worse and worse. Marcetta Dunfee is wearing a diamond on her engagement finger. Did Albert give it to you, Marcetta? And it is a ten-cent diamond at that.

Georgie Masterson has changed her mind again. This it is Dan Leet. What happened to Harry and Fred, Georgia?

Colleen Samples thinks Eldon Watson is just to cute. In fact she would just adore to go with him. Hint, Hint! Or Dalea Wheeler

We wonder if it is serious. We mean Hurschel Lewis and Pat Besson sitting together in assembly all the time. They seem to like it.

Madelyn Lukenbill has a new flame from St. Mary's, by name, Vincent Aubert. But we hear that she is afraid of some competition from PHS.

Sammy Van Gorden, so we hear, has finally succeeded in convincing Joan Higgins that she should give up tennis. Anyway that is her version.

Nadine Bruce just loves to be teased about Claire Maddox. But as you know, Claire has another flame.

Here's news from the sidelines. Connie Catanzaro doesn't want to miss out on seeing the amateur hour, once. Because, you see, Russell Neas is there. Is this so, Connie?

Colleen Michie thinks Tommy Thomas is just too wonderful!

Betty Lee certainly gives us the run around. What happened to Marvin Page, Betty? Or is she still brooding over Rex?

Since this is the last Booster, and we won't be able to print another gossip column, we want to thank all you kids, that have cooperated with us during the past semester. Here's hoping you all have a nice vacation. Dee and Dot, signing off!

Christine Cottrell has her eye on a certain junior boy, by name we mean, Eugene Montee.

### THIS SHOULD BE OUR PRAYER

God bless and guide America  
Thru each long weary day.  
Help her to accept Thy blessings  
As the world's highest pay.

God help us to remember  
That thru you all things are wrought,  
That none of the joys of nature  
With earthly money can be bought.

You give us the joys in living,  
You give us Peace after death,  
You give us freedom from gas in the air  
As we take our every breath.

You gave our liberty and freedom  
And the right to equal life,  
So now we look to you, Dear God,  
For guidance thru our strife.

You've asked us nothing in return  
For all your help and care,  
So now, Dear God, to Heaven  
We send an earnest prayer;

Asking You to help America  
To stay in her own sea;  
And asking you to keep America  
The home of the brave and the free.

—Ethel Mae Ruddick

## Near and Far

By Helene Adams

I wonder if the rising generation ought to attend aviation schools.

Sometimes a girl can avoid lots of worry by having a bad memory.

Some of the high school students manage to dodge enough work to keep a dozen busy.

This is the time of year, when on reviewing their last three years work, some of the seniors are addressing a new theme song to PHS—entitled, "How Can I Leave Thee".

I see where a college professor says that troubles are cured by talking. These are times when I wish I knew what would cure talking.

There never was any winter's snow as slushy as some of the current spring poultry.

Late to bed and late to get up and you'll feel all day like a poisoned pup.

Doctors say that fatigue is a disease. Do you suppose that means sick of work?

Opportunity certainly does knock twice. If you fail to heed it the first time, you are sure to take the rap.

It seems that some PHS boys have traveled on a personally conducted tour under the management of some girl this year.

"For nothing can hope to be immortal in a universe which itself seems bound to a definite time limit." —Hendrick Van Loon.

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## Catty Patty Tales

Remember the Seniors when as:

Sophomores:

Bob Swan and Rosemary Cowan really had it bad.

Jean Resler went with Gordon Dunn (and still does).

Maxine Longstaff went with Don McCollister.

Dorothy Briener went steady with Bob Nichols.

Laurietta Ashline and Louis Dennis' love life was running smoothly.

Sammy Heaton and Francis Ryan had that certain look.

Martin Lee dated Charlene Williams.

Jimmie Chaney and Harriett McCollister went together (tho' Bill Johnson was in the picture).

Marcine Stewart and Harvey Evans had it bad.

Betty Forrester dated Jimmy Gould.

Betty Claunch and Sammy Van Gordon went steady.

Jimmy Myers and Madlyn Osterfelt started dating (and haven't stopped).

Juniors:

Pauline Elias and Bill Heidy's affair was in full swing.

Sammy Heaton went steady with Don Isenburg.

John Phillips had quite a case on Mickey Van Arsdale.

Betty Forrester and A. M. Brim started going steady (and still do).

Nancy Soper and Herman Brinkman dated.

Nellie Jo Tharrington was madly in love with Don Kuebler (and ----).

Morris Moffatt had quite a case on Rosemary Skaer.

Martha Whitcomb and Harlan Peterson dated.

Rosemary Cowan and Bill Graue went steady.

Eva Clark and Louis Reiner were in love — for a while.

Shirley Johnston went steady with Bob Coulter.

Shirley Ainsworth and Joe Gray started going steady (and continued).

The morality of an action depends upon the motive from which we act.

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## RJHS Has Most Positive Tests

**Junior High Has 16 Per Cent Positive, PHS Students Have 12 Per Cent**

In the tuberculin tests given here last week, Roosevelt Junior High held a small lead on the PHS group with 16 percent reactors, while the high school ad 12 percent.

Out of a total of 273 taking the test in RJHS, 17 girls and 24 boys reacted positively. In PHS, 480 took



Headlight-PICTURES—Sun  
This picture shows Clair Gillin receiving his T. B. test. Miss Mary Britten, school nurse, is in the background. Dr. J. H. Bena gave this test, the test, and 28 girls were positive, along with 26 boys.

This does not mean, as explained by city health doctor W. G. Rinehart, that all positive reactors are active cases of tuberculosis, but that only a very small percentage of these "positives" have, or have ever had, tuberculosis.

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## A Junior Speaks

By Billy Scott

For the movie of the week "Citizen Kane" has been chosen. No wonder Orson Wells is the star. When its an Orson Wells picture — well just don't fail to see it.

We the students protest! — Yes, in Mr. Briggs' fifth hour class on the day of Monday, May 12 a petition was passed around. It was signed and passed to Mr. Briggs. It started in "other words" that we don't like his "beard" Dide he get mad? Uh-huh, he merely laughed it off—one in a million!

The debate question for next year is: "Resolved: That every able-bodied male citizen in the United States should be required to have one full year of military training before the age of 21 years." If you have yearned long to hear some more debate, perhaps your dream shall be fulfilled next year.

Let's all be at the Colonial next Sunday and give Zoe Wilma all we've got in the way of applause. The Purple & White staff and Mrs. Peterson for a beautiful annual. Teachers (men) for their long beards.

Since this is the last edition of the Booster, it becomes necessary to say good bye until next year. I hope you have enjoyed my column as much as I have enjoyed bringing it to you —Thanks!

## Sophomores Picnic Proves Successful

The sophomore picnic, which was held last Tuesday, May 13, was a great success according to Miss Jessie Bailey and Mr. Doran C. Woods.

There was approximately 100 students who attended the picnic. The main game played was softball. The food of course, was served around 6 o'clock. Miss Sara Stephens, Miss Esther Gable, and Mr. Claude I. Huffman helped serve the group.

The menu consisted of pop of two kinds, wieners and buns, candy bars, potatoe chips, and baked beans.

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## Install New Hi-Y Officers May 5

**New President Are Briggs, Bush, Montee, Toussaint, Menchetti, Albers**

Five of the Hi-Y chapters had their annual installation of officers Wednesday morning of last week.

A discussion of problems of the government was the program in the Joe Dance chapter.

The new officers for the different chapters are as follows: J. L. Hutchins chapter: J. O. Briggs, president; Tom Blancett, vice-president; Donald Wright, secretary; Milton Hooper, treasurer.

Joe Dance chapter: Eugene Montee, president; James Galloway, vice-president; Bill Conover, secretary; Ralph Clark, treasurer. These officers were installed this week.

Bunny Carlson chapter: Jack Toussaint, president; James Rupard, vice-president; Glenn Lottman, secretary; Dan Leet, treasurer.

B. V. Edworthy chapter: Dale Bush, president; Maurice Mosier, vice-president; James Millington, secretary; Bob Piper, treasurer.

David New chapter: James Menchetti, president; Herbert Bellamy, vice-president; Dick Parrish, secretary; Harry Pittser, treasurer.

Jimmy Welch chapter: Bill Albers, president; Eldon Watson vice-president; Larry Davis, secretary; Tommy Thomas, treasurer.

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## Issue Awards to Typing Students

Typewriting awards are to be given to students who have typed at the speeds of 40 or 50 words a minute without more than five errors. These awards are for the 10-minute timed writings, according to Mr. C. H. Lundquest, typing instructor.

Those who typed 50 words per minute are: Shirley Ainsworth, Virginia Lee Hill, Sammy Lou Heaton, Gene Rogers, Martha Sale, and Marjorie Bruce.

Those who typed 40 words per minute are: Alice Anderson, Zoe Wilma Baade, Calvin Blaser, Camilla Bumgarner, Pat Besson, Carolyn Coulter, Betty Mae Fougner, Nor man Grassi, Mary Margaret Hall, Gerre Jo Hilbott, Betty Jane Jemet, Robert Johnson, Doris Lock, Maxine Longstaff, Betty Mendenhall, Loretta Codlin, Verna Matney, Betty Peterson, Nadine Pethel, Jay Rennick, Juanita Scott, and Helen Kriegsmann.

## GIVE GAA AWARDS

GAA awards were given this week to those girls who have made a sufficient number of points in activities of the organization. They included Daisy Bennett, Christine Cottrell, Bonnie Crouch, Peggy Moore, Patty Jemet, Becky Beth Byers, Jeanette Scott, June Scott, Jean Skibbie, Wanda Camblin, Betty Cockrill, Virginia Landers, Doris Lock, Dorothy Bringer, Betty Jemet, Delores Scott, Mildred Endicott, Pauline Guinn, Rosemary, Skaer, Martha Sale, Mary Beauchamp, Wanda Shelburn, Dorothy Standlee, Virginia Tevis and Betty Lou Thomas.

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## Little Bits

Miss Florence White's art classes are on compositions of trees, bushes, and buildings in their art work. This week they have been going out in front to draw the building trees, or any sort of a composition work. The students will be doing this type of work this week.

## MISS LANYON RETURNS

Miss Helen Lanyon returned home from the hospital Sunday. She was expected at school today to teach her classes.

## SOLDIERS HERE

Former graduates of PHS now home on furloughs from Camp Robinson, Ark., are Joe Friend, Mac French, Milo Heatwole, Bob Little, Bob Coulter, and Joe Dugan. These national guards members went into training on Dec. 23, 1940.

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## Forum Members Debate Military Training Issue

The Form Club met last Wednesday noon in Mr. Marion A. Nations room. A discussion on the picnic held last Tuesday took most of the time, but afterwards Bill Scott and Jack Toussaint led a discussion on the debate question for next year, namely, "Resolved: That every able-bodied male citizen should undergo a year's military training before reaching the age of twenty-one."

## JOB FOR JOE STEPHENS

Joe Stephens, graduate of PHS in '39, was named business manager of the 1942 Savitar, the University of Missouri yearbook, last week. He will serve next year.

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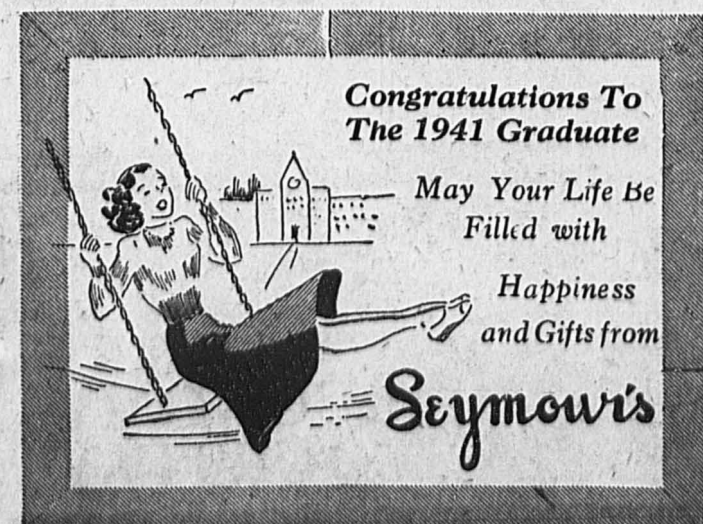
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## Looking Back Over Year, PHS Teams Furnish Sports Fans With Many Exciting Moments

There have been many exciting events in PHS athletic activities this year. Looking back, The Booster reporter recalled that the Dragons tied for fourth place in the SEK basketball race, took second in basketball and first in track.

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The football season was just fairly successful in the won and lost column, but it was highly successful in showing fine sportsmanship and clean play. The Dragon gridsters did not have one single boy put out of a game for unnecessary roughness.

On the gridiron the boys won six games and lost four. Don German and Arnold Maddox made the SEK all-star team while Joe Gray and Clifford Gregg were placed on the second team. Several others made honorable mention.

Here are just a few statistics about the season. The Dragons gained a total of 1,300 yards by scrimmage to their opponents' 1,200. The longest pass of the season was a 54-yard throw from Bob Sybert Bob Johnson. The longest run was a 87-yard gallop by Don German. The longest kick off was a 60-yard effort on Glenn Lottman's part. The longest punt was by Don German for 59-yards.

The point-making was rather divided up with about eight boys doing the scoring, and German leading with 77 points.

The basketball season was truly a success. In one of the past Boosters there was a game by game account of the season so just a few of the high spots will be told here.

The Dragons placed second in the league to Parsons and won the regional tournament by defeating Parsons in the finals.

Bill Waltz was placed at center on the first SEK all-star team while Francis Ryan and Harlan Peterson received honorable mention.

Many exciting games were played on the home and out-of-town courts. This year's team upset the dope bucket. It was not expected to win more than five or six games. Coach "Arkie" Hoffman had a team consisting of two sophomores, two juniors, one

senior who became ineligible after the first semester, another one who moved away, and only three returning lettermen. Francis Ryan was the only regular back.

Nothing but sheer fight, development of ability, good coaching, and want to win brought them the success they received.

Waltz also was high point man for any one game with 21 points. It was successful. Much of that success has been sounds as if Waltz was the only player on the team, but there were several other boys helping him. He was perhaps the best, but the outstanding defensive play on the part of Harlan Peterson and Francis Ryan, along with the ball dogging of George Pogson and Kenny Coulter. Several Arnold Maddox, Jimmy Myers, Tom Shultz, Bud Hooper in football; Francis Ryan, Bill Waltz, Harlan Peterson, and Bob Johnson in both football and basketball; George Pogson in basketball; and Bob Friggeri, Howard Farrimond, Bill Ramage, Cliff Gregg, Earl Minnick, and Harley Devine, in track. Yours truly might be missed a little, but it would only be that the

Last, but not least, is the track season. Coach Fritz Snodgrass started the season with several returning lettermen and some promising newcomers. The Dragon tracksters won every meet they entered except the KU relay at Lawrence and the invitational meet at Coffeyville.

There were no records broken this year, but there were some mighty good times made. Frank Bettega ran the half mile in 2:05.1 in winning the SEK half. Bob Friggeri ran the 440-yard dash in 51.9 in the regional meet after winning the SEK 440. Other first

## Sport Shorts

By Don German

As this is the last edition of The Booster, I would like to thank those who helped me for their lending hand in the sports department. The athletic events that have taken place this year have been considered very successful. Much of that success has been due to the fine cooperation on the part of the student body and faculty. Several of the athletes have asked me to express their appreciation to the students and faculty.

If the next year's teams do as good as this year, that will be plenty good enough. PHS will miss such boys as Arnold Maddox, Jimmy Myers, Tom Shultz, Bud Hooper in football; Francis Ryan, Bill Waltz, Harlan Peterson, and Bob Johnson in both football and basketball; George Pogson in basketball; and Bob Friggeri, Howard Farrimond, Bill Ramage, Cliff Gregg, Earl Minnick, and Harley Devine, in track. Yours truly might be missed a little, but it would only be that the

place winners in the SEK meet were: Lottman, discus, shot put, and javelin; and Gene Allred in the mile. All told, Lottman scored the most points for Pittsburg, usually winning his three events and running on a relay team.

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coaches would not have to be yelling, "Out of the way scrub."

The seniors leave the football worries to Joe Gray and Dale Bush along with 20 others. The basketball troubles will fall on Kenny Coulter, Clair Gillin and J. O. Biggs, while the tracksters will depend upon Glenn Lottman, Gene Allred, and Frank Bettega.

Well, there is my past summary and predictions for the coming year so until (I don't know when) I will be seeing you, I really have enjoyed writing the sports this year and hope you have enjoyed reading them. So long.

**GOLFERS WIN**

Pittsburg high golfers avenged an earlier defeat by taking the Fort Scott team by a score of 6½ to 5½ at Fort Scott last Friday.

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