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Superintendent Well Pleased With Reception

Mr. McEachen Thinks School Year Has Had An Excellent Start

The gentleman behind the big desk in the broad of education office who is the No. 1 administrator for the Pittsburg city schools is no longer a stranger to the students of PHS. He is Mr. Howard D. McEachen, who was elected this summer by the board of education to succeed Mr. M. M. Rose as head of the school system.

Mr. McEachen came to Pittsburg from Monett, Mo., where he was superintendent of the city schools and president of the Monett junior college for the past three years. He obtained his A. B. degree at Nebraska State college at Wayne, Neb., and has his M. A. degree in school administration from the University of Nebraska. He studied law at Leland Stanford



—BOOSTER LECTURER
Superintendent H. D. McEachen

University, and at the University of Wisconsin and is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association.

He has taken graduate work toward the Ph. D. degree at Columbia University, New York, and at the University of Nebraska.

The new superintendent started teaching as athletic coach, and then as principal, at West Point, Neb. He was superintendent at Meadow Grove and Neligh, Neb., for nine years before he went to Monett in 1938.

A genial conversationalist, Mr. McEachen enjoys meeting and talking with people. The superintendent is only 38 of age and is the father of three sons, Billy, aged nine, Dickie, aged eight, and Gary, age three.

Photography and woodworking are hobbies of Mr. McEachen, but he claims to be only an amateur at both. A man with widespread interests, his first teaching assignment included coaching and teaching of Latin and music. His favorite sport is duck hunting.

"I am well pleased with the attitude and spirit of the faculty and the students of the Pittsburg city schools," Mr. McEachen told The Booster. "I have been impressed by the sincere efforts of the students. The faculty members have been unusually helpful in getting our school year off to a fine start."

"It was an excellent beginning," he said.

Mr. McEachen was elected for a 2-year term. He was chosen by the board of education after 42 candidates for the position had been considered.

Miss White Gets Master Degree

Studying in the summer may not appeal to you, but it does to Miss Florence White, art instructor of PHS. This summer she received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Greeley, Colorado, Teachers College.

She also took several mountain trips and she says the Walt Disney film "Fantasy."

CALANDAR

Fri., Sept. 26 - Independence (here)
Sat., Sept. 27 - Bowling ("Y.")
Tues., Sept. 30 - Student Council
Thurs., Oct. 2 - Hi-Y; Girl Reserve

538 Tickets Sold

Activity ticket sales went over with a bang last week when 513 students purchased the \$3.50 tickets. There were 25 who bought \$2.25 tickets. Over seventy-five per cent of the student body has purchased their tickets and the oncoming week promises an extended sale.

The sale this year have reached a total of fifty-one more than that of last year and the percentage of student buying set a record here.

Activity ticket sales have been stressed this year and the response of the students has been noteworthy, according to Mr. Claude I. Huffman, who is in charge of the tickets sales.

Mosier And Scott Named Editors

Biggs Writes Sports; Skaer Handles Art; Roberts Circulation

Maurice Mosier and Bill Scott were named co-editors of the Booster by Mr. George J. Frey, journalism instructor, in an announcement made last week. Then will be assisted by Betty Pyle, Virginia Kennedy, Evelyn Roeber, Charles Wheeler, Mildred Sherman, and Bill Delmaide as associate editors.

Rosemary Skaer was named art editor; Dolores Williams, club editor; Jean Helbig, feature editor; and Joan Higgins, feature editor. J. O. Biggs will head the sports department, assisted by Bill Delmaide and Bill Daugherty.

Harlow Roberts will be circulation manager. Advertising solicitors will be Janet Malcolm, Joan Veatch, Don Lynn, Harlow Roberts, Doris Vincent, Rosemary Skaer, Mimi Nettels, Beverly Stacy, Margaret Bailey and Helen Marie Coghill.

Reporters are Ruth Otto, Patsy Hutto, Lois Meyer, Helen Coghill, Betty Barbero, Jean Helbig, and Betty Latty.

"Positions are tentative as yet," said Mr. Frey. "As no business staff has been announced, there will possibly be some additions later on. A new staff will be announced every twelve weeks."

Elect Marilyn Canfield G. R. Vice President

Marilyn Canfield was elected vice president of Girl Reserves last week at a meeting of the cabinet.

Marilyn is to take the place of Bonnie McCaskill, who was elected vice president last year. Bonnie moved this summer to Cheyenne, Okla. Other officers elected last spring include: President, Joyce Higgins; program chairman, Lida Lee Schasteen; Treasurer, Rosalie Williamson; secretary, Charlotte Miller; devotional chairman, Virginia Williams; service, Peggy Dean Moore; publicity, Gerry Lewis; social, Phyllis Fretwell.

Keep Your Boosters

Students of PHS, a good way to keep a record of all the school activities is to make a file of your Boosters. It will be of value and interest to remember all your old school mates years after you have graduated.

If you do not have an activity ticket and wish to subscribe for the Booster, the price is 50 cents. You may obtain a subscription from the Journalism Room.

Eleven New Faces In City Education System This Year

Howard D. McEachen Replaces M. M. Rose Head Of City Schools

Several changes in the teaching and administrative staff of Pittsburg city schools greeted students when they returned to their classrooms this month.

Mr. Howard D. McEachen, who has headed the school system of Monett, Mo., for the past three years, became superintendent of schools to succeed Mr. M. M. Rose, superintendent here for the past 17 years. Mr. Rose is now executive secretary of the Kansas school retirement board at Topeka.

Besides his experience at Monett, Mr. McEachen served as superintendent of schools for four years at Meadow Grove, Neb., and five years at Neligh, Neb. He has been an active worker in school associations of Nebraska and Missouri.

Mr. C. Y. Thomas was elected president of the board of education at its August meeting to succeed Mr. Troy Lane. Mr. Raymond L. Letton is vice president, and Miss Thelma Werme was chosen to continue as clerk of the board.

Beginning 4-year terms as board members last month were Mr. E. H. McFarland, Mr. Letton and Mr. Roy Price. Holdover members are Mr. Lane, Mr. Harry F. Myers and Mr. Thomas. Two members who retired from the board were Mr. E. A. Sellmansberger and Dr. C. M. Gibson.

The new school nurse is Miss Mary Gulay, who received her training at



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Miss Mary Gulay, New school nurse

at Mt. Carmel hospital. She succeeded Miss Mary Britton, who was married.

New teachers in the elementary schools are Miss Lavon Besse, Miss Dorothy Eyestone, Miss Elizabeth Willis, Miss Ada Francer Slinkman, Miss Corene Simms, Miss Eleanor Weiland, Miss Martha Lou Payne, Miss Constance Cockrill, and Miss Irma Ahrens.

Mr. R. O. Peterson is now employed full time as treasurer of the board of education, attendance officers, census enumerator and visual education head.

No teaching changes have been made in senior high, but we have a new custodian. Mr. Carl Lippitt, former custodian in PHS and and Roosevelt, goes to Lincoln to replace Mr. John Gearhart, who resigned. Mr. John Green, formerly of Lakeside, comes to PHS replacing Mr. Lippitt, and Mr. Ray Sanderson has been appointed to the vacancy at Lakeside. Mr. Sanderson will also have duties as a driver for the school bus.

Booster Scoops Press; Presents Exclusive Prison Break Interview

Hershal Fentriss Was Installing Public Address System at Time of Uprising; Barely Escapes Death in Gun Battle

By Betty Jean Barbero
Hershal Fentriss of Oklahoma City who was in PHS last week to repair the Public address system, barely escaped death in an amazing prison break at the McAlister, Oklahoma state prison, Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock last August 10.

Mr. Fentriss has been here several times to install and repair the public address system in the senior and junior high schools. At the time of the prison break Mr. Fentriss and Warden Jess Dunn had been looking over the grounds to find the most suitable places in which to install the communicating system about the prison walls, so that when a break would occur the guards could be easily notified.

Mr. Fentriss stated that one convict walked up behind him, took his hands and tied them behind him. Three men tied the hands of the warden in the same manner.

The convicts had as their weapons knives which they had made from old files. They held one of these near Mr. Fentriss' neck. The other convicts held one at Warden Dunn's neck, heart and ribs.

"When we were told to keep quiet and march to the east gate I began to realize that I was in the middle of a prison break," said Mr. Fentriss. "After the warden had pleaded with the guards at the gates to put down their guns to let us out, the warden and I were pushed into a car belonging to one of the guards that by mistake had left the keys in his automobile," he related.

Wheeler, Watson Roeber Head PHS Student Council

Gray Senior Prexy Barbero And Askins For Other Classes

Charles Wheeler, newly elected president of the student council, will take the helm at the first meeting the council Tuesday, with Eldon Watson as vice president and Evelyn Roeber as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Ellsworth Briggs is the sponsor again this year.

Wheeler won the top position by a landslide vote of 535 votes to Watson's 164 votes. The voting ended a week of hotly contested political battles.

Watson became vice president by being runnerup in the race. Evelyn Roeber defeated Betty Lance by a 481 to 224 margin. Balloons, bands, posters, and swaying speeches turned PHS upside down all last week, making the appearance of a regular convention.

Mr. Briggs stated, "I am extremely pleased with the way the students used the democratic way of electing our leaders." The class elections proved equally interesting and in many cases decidedly more so.

Joe Gray, hitherto unopposed in the primary election, for senior class president, nosed out Milton Hooper, a write-in candidate for the post, by 106 to 90. Eugene Montee defeated Bill Conover for the class vice presidency, Bob Timmons was chosen over Betty Jo Latty, and Maurice Mosier became treasurer over Phyllis Fretwell. James Millington was elected cheerleader over Bill Horton and Tom Willingham, the latter a write-in candidate. Rosemary Skaer was picked for girl cheerleader over Colleen Verocgio.

The junior class presidency race proved to be a thriller with Bob Barbero edging out Delmar Cezar, 130 to 124. James Langdon became vice-president over Bruce Paxton, Billie Fisher won the secretaryship from Colleen Michie and Nell Kathryn Davis was selected treasurer over Shirley Williams. Dan Leet was unopposed for boy cheerleader, and Bonnie Crouch defeated Helen Bendetto for girl cheerleader.

Sophomores elected Dalton Askins president over Oliver Shoup by 131 to 115. Johnny Glaser won the vice presidency from William Benefeld, John McGuire became secretary over Dorothy June Hammick, and Billie Jean Schultz defeated Betty Jo Theobald for treasurer. Jess Vella took the boy cheerleader post from George Nettels and Patsy Parrott the girl yell leader job from Effie Lanora Rowe.

A new floor was put on the stage in the auditorium. The windows were made to open from the bottom instead of the drop windows at the top. In addition, new shelves have been placed in the library. Improvements have been made on third floor also. The glass doors between room 319, 320, and 321, have been replaced with opaque partitions. There have been two storage closets put in Miss Gable's room. These new improvements have added a great deal to the appearance and usefulness of the school, according to Mr. Green.

Hi-Y Boys At Arma

Five boys, accompanied by Mr. Clyde Harford, Mr. C. H. Lundquest, and Mr. John Thiesing of Lakeside Junior high, attended the Hi-Y meeting at Arma Monday afternoon and evening. PHS delegates were Maurice Mosier, Bill Abers, Eugene Montee, Clifford Taylor, and Jack Toussaint.

The largest band in PHS history made its debut last Friday night attired in new uniforms. The uniforms consist of black trousers and red coats. Both are trimmed in red gold braid. The drum majors and majorettes also have new uniforms. The majorettes' suits will be red with a black front-piece on which is sewed a gold lyre. The majorettes have two piece uniforms; the jackets of white with a red front piece resembling that of the majorettes. Their skirts are gored swing skirts and are longer than those of last year.

Three majors, three flag twirlers and seven majorettes will lead the band. Its first performance was last Friday night when the PHS dragons met the Haskell Indians on Hutchinson Field.

Enrollment Figures In Downward Trend

PHS has 20 fewer students enrolled this year than last. The total enrollment in 1940 was 745 and at the present time this year is 725. This enrollment consists of 254 sophomores, 200 juniors, and 209 seniors.

The total enrollment for all city schools has dropped from 3,137 to 2,971.

This decrease of enrollment has resulted in a change of number of students to a class. Last year there were about 20 students in each class and this year approximately 21.

Attends School

Miss Maude Laney, language instructor at PHS, attended the University of New Mexico this summer. She studied Spanish at the graduate school for an eight-week term.

While attending school she stayed with her sister who lives in Albuquerque, N. M. During the latter part of the summer she visited another sister at Lake Tapawingo near Kansas City, Missouri.

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100 girls to aid the Music Department. Experience unnecessary. Meet Tuesday evening in the band room.

Board Members At Work



Seated above, from left to right, appear the members Mr. Harry F. Myers, Sup., Howard D. McEachen, Mr. of the board of education as they were snapped at C. Y. Thomas, Miss Thelma Werme, clerk of the board, business session recently. They are Mr. Raymond Letton, Mr. E. H. McFarland, Mr. Troy Lane, and Mr. Roy Price.

Dragon Gridsters Massacre Indians By 25 to 6 Score

Crews, Lottman, Gray
Star For Purple Squad
In Last Friday's Tussle

In their first game of the season, the Pittsburg Dragons defeated the Haskell Indians by a score of 25 to 6 on Hutchinson Field last Friday night. Glenn Lottmann and Jack Crews were outstanding for PHS while Eli Coffee, 148 pound halfback was the Indians big threat. Captain Joe Gray won toss and chose to receive the kick-off and within five minutes the Dragons had their first touchdown with Crews going over from the five-yard line. Lottmann placekicked for the extra point.

In the second quarter Gray, who also played a stellar game for Pitt, intercepted a Haskell pass on their 16-yard line. On the next play Crews carried the ball to the five-yard line. Lottmann took the ball to the three yard marker where Crews went over for the second touchdown of the game. Lottmann's kick failed.

Later in the quarter, Quarterback Dale Bush intercepted a Haskell pass on their 45 yard line, and went over for a touchdown in the longest run of the game. The half ended with Haskell in possession of the ball on their own 45 yard line.

In the second half, John Halfhill intercepted a pass deep in Haskell's territory. Crews went over from the 16 yard line for his third touchdown of the game making the score 19 to 0, in favor of the Dragons. Lottmann's kick was wide.

Later in the third quarter, Blalock carried the ball to Pitt's two yard line and then Coffee went over for Haskell's only score of the game. The pass for extra point was incomplete. The game ended with Haskell in possession of the ball on Pittsburg's 20-yard marker.

FROM THE BENCH BY J. O. BIGGS

Any afternoon after school if you should chance to be in the vicinity of the football field, you would notice at one end a group of boys who form the line of the PHS Dragons. Standing near by or more likely in the act of demonstrating a side body block would be Ralph Russel. He is Pittsburg High's new line coach. "Rusty" as he is called by his many friends, stands in the neighborhood of six feet and weighs 170 pounds.

In 1928, Mr. Russel attended PHS and had quite a career as an athlete. He played three years of first string football. The first and third he played on championship teams. His versatility as an athlete was proven in that his first year he played guard, his second he played tackle, and his third year when he was selected as captain he played fullback. Of the three positions, Mr. Russel prefers fullback.

He also participated in basketball and track.

"Arkie" Hoffman is having some difficulty in determining whether "Fran" Postal or Walt Stapp should play left guard. "Chuck" Spencer is firmly established as right guard. It seems that Postal is all right on defense but his offensive play does not measure up to the necessary standards, although he is improving rapidly. Stapp, on the other hand, is better on the offense than the defense.

Sophomores Win

The PHS sophomore football team defeated Parsons East 13 to 6 yesterday afternoon on Hutchinson field. Pittsburg scored in the second period when Martin went over for a touchdown, and in the last period Crella caught the ball in the end zone when a forward pass was blocked.

Fierce Dragonmen Await To Tear Into Bulldogs



(Don Slagle Photo)
The probable line-up for the Dragons against the Bulldogs will be the same as last week. Coach "Arkie" Hoffman is not sure whether Francis Potai or Warter Stapp will start at left guard.

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Reading from left to right; are Joe Gray, end; Jack Rodabaugh, tackle; Charles Spencer, guard; John Halfhill, center; Walter Stapp, guard; Virgil Tims, tackle; George Wickware, end.

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Back row: Dale Bush, quarterback; Jack Crews, Halfback; Glen Lottman,

Time For Dragons To Be Champions

Hoffman Belives That
41 Season Should See
Dragons Grid Victory

Coach Arkie Hoffman has decided that the have gone long enough without a league championship.

He declared this result that this is the year for Pitt. to win. The team, although lighter on the whole, has several big boys who are capable of playing rough and ready football against any team in the league. But whether PHS wins the SEK championship will depend on the speed of the line and the fight of every man on the team.

Last Friday night the Pittsburg High Dragons opened the football season by defeating the Haskell Indians on Hutchinson Field by 25 to 6.

The team is about ten pound lighter on the average. Last year the line weighed around 175 pounds compared to this year's 165 pounds. But the line is faster and this will likely compensate for lack of weight, the coach believes.

Glenn Lottmann, who switched from the line to the backfield is counted upon to do a large part of the ball carrying, along with Jack Crews and Dale Bush. Joe Gray, a former backfield man, is now an end and will likely carry the ball on end-around plays.

Lottmann will also do the majority of the kicking and passing with some assistance from Bob Schwanzle and Juan Zimmerman. Schwanzle is also doing the ball handling.

The line will be built around four returning lettermen. They are tackle Virgil Tims, and Joe Gary, guard Charles Spencer and John Halfhill, who will either play tackle or center.

The season schedule:
Sept. 26 ... Independence, here
Oct. 3 ... Miami, here
Oct. 10 ... at Chanute
Oct. 17 ... Coffeyville, here
Oct. 24 ... at Fort Scott
Oct. 31 ... at Joplin
Nov. 7 ... at Iola
Nov. 14 ... Parsons, here
Nov. 27 ... at Columbus

Dragons Meet Independence Bulldogs Tonight

Second Grid Battle of
Season at 7:30 P. M.
On Hutchinson Field

This evening at 7:30 under the lights Pittsburg High will seek its second gridiron victory of the season. They will entertain the Independence Bulldogs in the first SEK league game of the year.

Independence was defeated last week by Fredonia but Coach "Arkie" Hoffman warns of overconfidence.

Dale Bush, first string quarterback has been ailing and Coach Hoffman has been schooling Bob Schwanzle, who is ordinarily ball handler, at the quarterback position. Bush however is expected to be able to play and this is merely a precautionary arrangement.

The starting line-up is expected to be the same as last week, except there is some doubt as to whether Postal or Stapp will start at left guard.

Russel Is Line Coach

Ralph Russel, Laker Jr. Junior High physical education instructor, and former PHS football player, has been appointed as Pittsburg high's new line coach.

Martha Prakard, one of the senior students of PHS underwent a major operation this summer in St. Lukes hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Martha expects to return to school in about three weeks.



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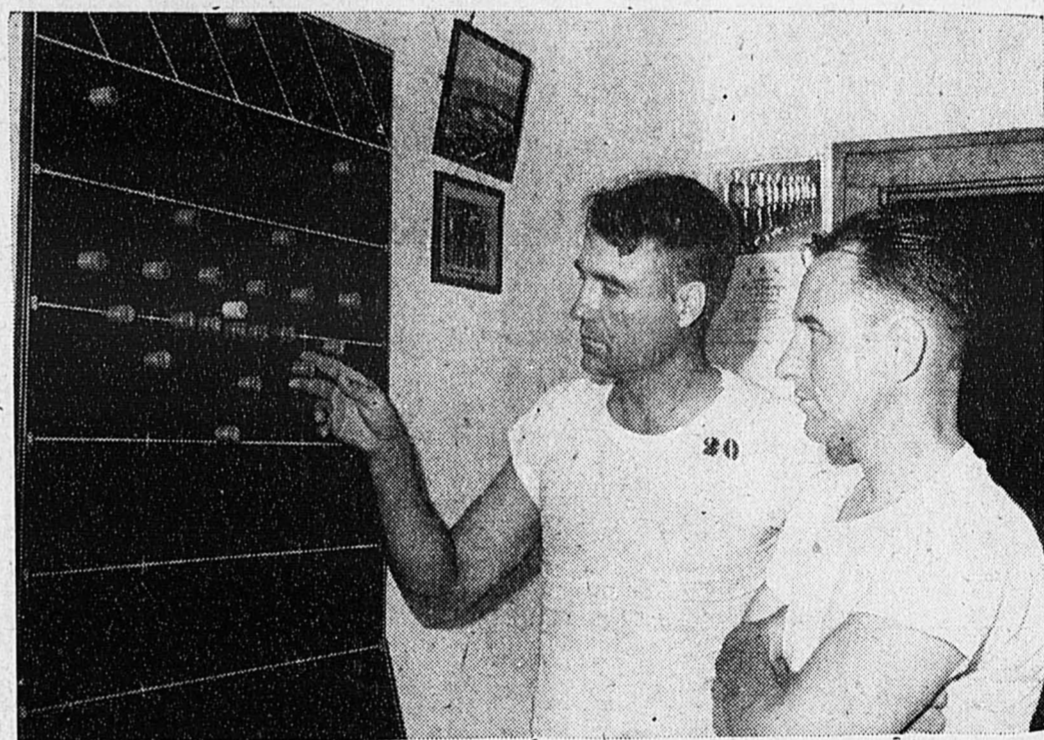
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Trouble Brewing In S E K



The fellows about are two very familiar figures to students of PHS. They are Coach "Arkie" Hoffman and Assistant Coach George Duerksen. They are shown about plotting plays which will help to shape the championship for the Dragons gridsters. Headlight-Picture-Sun (Don Slagle Photo)

FRONTENAC WALLEPS SOPHOMORES 18-0

The sophomore football team coached by Mr. Carl Ison, was defeated last week at Frontenac by the Frontenac "B" team, 18 to 0.

Those boys making the trip were: Earl Allmon, Hoyt Allred, Daldon Askins, Don Bellamy, Don Broome, Clyde Curry, Johnny Glaser, Francis Greger, Floyd Kennett, Bob Lorenzen, Paul Martin, Harry Neer, John Pensnick, Dale Romondo, Oliver Shoup, Bill Spencer, Bob Sutterfield, Allen Tierney, Joe Turnbull, Joe Urban, Harold Williams.

Learn Life Saving

The boys gym classes are swimming and learning the fundamentals of Red Cross Life Saving, according to Director Fritz Snodgrass. The tumbling team will start around December 1, but there will be a tumbling demonstration by one of the gym classes during the teachers meeting to be held here during November.

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