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Debaters To Argue In Classrooms Next Week

Many PHS debaters will argue pro and con for the adoption of a policy concerning military training for youth between the ages of 18 and 20 in the annual one week school debate tourney starting next Monday.

The contest was originally planned to function at an earlier date, but the coach, Mr. Dan Tewell, following the

old adage that practise makes perfect decided that the debaters would stage better and more interesting debates if they had an opportunity to practise at various out-of-town tournaments.

The debates will be carried on in various rooms.

Mr. Tewell stated that the students could stage their debates in any home

room at any time that was suitable for teachers and debaters.

The following students will engage in the tourney: Evelynne Roerber, Charles Wheeler, Bill Scott, Bill Runyan; Joan Higgins, Christine Cottrell, Jack Toussaint, Jack Neet, Eugene Montee, Bob Green, Patsy Hutto, Colleen Michie, Mary Begando, Betty Thomas,

Charles Spencer, Jim Rupard, Helen Bendetto Marilyn Canfield, and Gerry Lewis.

The two winners of the tournament will have their final debate in a special assembly to determine the two top ranking debaters of PHS. Each constructive speech will be ten minutes in length with the rebuttal

lasting five minutes.

The question which was recently modified is stated thus: Resolved: That as a permanent policy every able-bodied male citizen in the United States should be required to have one year of full-time military training before attaining the present draft age.

Man About High School

By Billy Scott

Pittsburg, Kas. Jan. 9 (BP)—Well, here we are, back in school after a "lovely rest." Now, that we're back in the "same old rut," here's the latest news around the campus. Since this is the first edition of The Booster in this new year, your reporter will inaugurate a few new departments, let me know if you like, or detest them.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps —

Bright Student Department:

When Bud Hooper came to school with a bandaged hand Tuesday, Dec. 16, Miss Anna Fintel, geometry instructor, asked how he had cut his hand. "I fell down," replied Milton. Everyone questioned this statement. The bewilderment was finally ended though, when Bud explained he had a bottle in his hand. Further questioning found it to be empty. Sorry Bud; too good to keep out.

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The annual staff is trying to decide on a cover for the 1942 yearbook, and with that work goes much thought and deliberation. This year there will be no original cover contest and the cost saved by using a standard cover may let the annual staff use a padded cover. The yearbook will be dedicated to the students activities this year and the theme of the various affairs will be used on the cover and throughout the book.

Dale Bush, editor of the annual, stated that they are striving for more and better snapshots for this year's book. The book may be distributed earlier than usual because of getting an early start.

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PHS debaters have a hopeful outlook for winning the SEK debate tournament now that they have heard some of the other teams from other SEK towns. They are now working harder than ever to obtain that goal. Before the SEK tournament at Parsons, the debaters will make two more trips. They will go to Fort Scott and Wyandotte at Kansas City.

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Buy Defense Stamps from your home-room teacher. 10c and 25c.

P & W Contest Begins

Defense Stamps To Be Sold In School

Students of PHS and Roosevelt Junior High School will soon have the opportunity to help in American defense by purchasing 10 cent defense stamps.

The defense stamps will be offered for sale through the various rooms at activity period on each Monday.

Further announcements will be made concerning this sale of defense stamps.

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'The Mocking Bird' Is Opera Choice

Louisiana To Furnish Setting For Production; Tryouts To Be Tuesday

Mr. Gerald M. Carney has chosen "The Mocking Bird," a three-act play, by A. Baldwin Sloane for the operetta this year.

The play takes place in the Eighteenth century during the period when the French colonists were settling in Louisiana territory. So scarce were women in the French colonies that shiploads of peasant lassies (known as "cassettes") were sent over to provide wives for the colonists.

Romance centers around Manon De Lange (The Mocking Bird) and Bob Finchley, a young Virginian, and Yvette Millet who is loved by Eugene De Lorme.

The background for the play is Louisiana territory being protected by the French for the Spanish.

The play has a gay ending with the Spanish troops being defeated by the French and the lovers remaining together.

Try outs will begin next Tuesday for the sopranos; Wednesday and Thursday for altos and tenors; and Friday for the basses.

This opera is similar to Naughty Marietta by Victor Herbert, "Mr. Carney said. It was a Broadway show in 1914.

"The Mocking Bird" will be given sometime in March. Mr. Dan Tewell will assist Mr. Carney in the dramatics.

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Jimmie Rupard Hears Own Voice On KOAM

"Say that voice sounds familiar!" exclaimed Jimmie Rupard, senior, while listening to a recent KOAM broadcast. Jimmie was enjoying a coney and it seems that his voice struck so abruptly that he missed his mouth and gave his ear an enormous bite.

The record which was made recently by three PHS students for the American Children's Home and Service League, was replayed and Jimmie recognized his own voice while spending a few minutes at a local eating place after school.

Charles Spencer and Evelynne Roerber also took part in making the recording.

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Six New Students Enroll In PHS

Since Dec. 1, six new students have enrolled in PHS. They are as follows: Mary Louise Seal, a senior, from Vallejo, Calif.; Virginia Crotty, a junior from Ruskin, Mo.; Mary Lou Garrison, a sophomore, from Sherman, Texas; Austin Dill, a senior, from Hastings, Neb.; Hal Sherman, a junior, from Neosho, Mo.; and Maye Teal, a sophomore, from Florence, Ala.

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KOAM's Chief Engineer To Speak To Academy

The Junior Academy of Science discussed plans for a meeting to be held Tuesday night in Science Hall at the College in a meeting Tuesday during activity period.

They also made arrangements to have a speaker, W. L. Brown chief engineer from KOAM, to speak to the members next Tuesday at their regular meeting.

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Girl's Life Saved By Johnny Clark

Before the Christmas vacation one of the boys in Mr. Fritz Snougrass's gym classes proved himself to be a hero by saving the life of a little girl.

He is Johnny Clark. He saved this girl's life by pushing her out of the path of an oncoming car. The motorist apparently did not see the pedestrian, and quick thinking by this boy prevented a possible very bad accident.

Pick Class Rings

A committee for selecting the class rings for the senior class met during activity period Wednesday, with Mr. John Rooney, agent for the Balfour Company. The committee decided upon one box. This box has several types of rings and seniors may choose any one of them.

The committee was composed of the class officers, Joe Gray, Eugene Montee, Bob Timmons, and Maurice Mosier and three senior girls, Mimi Nettels, Joan Veatch, and Carolyn Coulter.

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Bible Outsells All Other Books

—Mr. McEachen

Tells of Influence It Has Had Upon World Developments

"No Book has had so great an influence upon the development of man as has the Bible," declared Supt. Howard D. McEachen, in a talk before a general Hi-Y meeting yesterday morning in the little theater. The Bible annually out sells any other publication. In any given year, there are ten times as many Bibles sold than any "best seller," he said.

Mr. McEachen stated that the Bible out sold "Mein Kampf," Hitler's book even in Nazi Germany. At that time "Mein Kampf" was at the height of its popularity, and there was also a great movement underway to minimize the importance of the Bible.

"The Bible has always influenced art. It has determined the subjects and the scenes to be painted," declared the superintendent. Many of our great literary works have revealed the power if the Bible in their development. It would be easier to list all the books that have not been influenced by the Bible than to name those that have been influenced by it.

"Ten years from now when the "best seller" for the year has been named, the Bible will still have outsold its nearest competition," predicted Mr. McEachen.

J. O. Biggs, president of the J. L. Hutchinson chapter, introduced Mr. McEachen. Mason Atkins was in charge of devotions.

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Candidates To Get Petitions Early in Week

The annual P & W king and queen contest will open next Monday morning when the candidates get their petitions from the office.

The candidates will be selected by petition, the same as last year. The petitions will have to be turned in Tuesday after school in Mrs. Dora Peterson's room. Each student may sign a petition for one king and one queen candidate only.

The contest will last for about three weeks.

Candidates will begin to sell the year books next week.

There will be a meeting of the candidates and their campaign managers Tuesday after school.

The winner will be determined by the number of annuals sold. Votes for annuals sold will count more than those sold by activity tickets.

This year the Purple & White will feature the student body and their activities.

The P & W staff is working on the junior and senior panels. Some of the snapshots for the yearbook are ready for the panel.

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Local Debaters Enter Wyandotte Tournament

Forty schools will enter their teams in one of the largest debate contests of the year at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City today and tomorrow. The regulations of the meet require that all teams entered be composed of one or two four-man teams with the addition of two alternates.

The PHS squad under the direction of Mr. Dan Tewell is composed of the following debaters: Charles Wheeler, William Runyan, Evelynne Roerber, and Louise DuBois composing the first four-man team with Peggy Dean Moore, Christine Cottrell, Bill Scott, and Jack Toussaint forming the second team. Mary Ella Begando and Jimmie Rupard are the two alternates.

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Mary Alice Glover She sings with popular dance band.

the band with whom she was singing featured the vocalist, they forgot her name and presented her as Mary Lou. "I liked the name so well," she said, "I decided to keep it."

Mary Alice has been singing with dance bands for three years. Her successful career began by winning two local amateur contests which she soon followed by winning the all-star program.

Sell and Sanden gave Mary Lou her first opportunity of singing with a dance band recently however, she has been entertaining night clubbers as the vocalist for Anson Weeks.

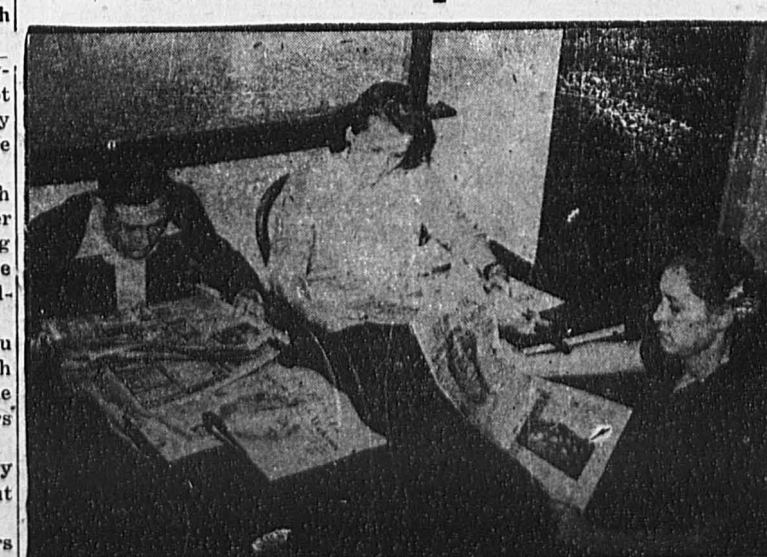
Ella Fitzgerald represents Mary Alice's idea of a singer who can put anything over.

"The ideal band," told last years Booster reporter, "must be one that can put expression into its playing." The songs which she sings are consistently popular, the type being slow and sentimental.

years ago, he took several lessons from a professional, but that is the only lesson he has ever had. Also while in California, he attended an ice carnival and studied the various tricks the skaters did. Although Bob says he "just picked it up", anyone who has seen him twirl and otherwise defy the law of gravity, will agree that he is a whiz on skates.

Briggs took up the handbill committee, Miss Florence White and Mr. George Frey have charge of the advertising and Miss Jessie Baily and Mr. C. H. Lundquest are co-chairmen. The actual distribution of the clothing is under the supervision of Miss Esther Gable and Mr. Clyde Hartford. The bundles will be collected after school today.

Students Keep Informed



The library now has several daily newspapers in file, for use by students and faculty. Frank Bettega, Doris Fast, and Jean Skibbee, are seen reading some of papers.

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King vs. Four Compete In Contest

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Date Asking May Become Task While at School

Number please? 2009.

May I ask what you are calling for I'm going to ask my girl for a date.

Sorry! business only! That is an example of what will be heard and experienced in weeks to come! yes! telephone calls are going to be rationed, so before long one will have to do date asking and other business (questionable) in school or other places. It will also be hard on these so called "all day talkers" who can't find out enough information (gossip, in other words) when in anyone's presence. Your best bet from now on will be to practice doing without the telephone unless for business use so it has been rumored by some.

Editor's Note: This story is entirely unofficial and has not been confirmed by telephone company officials.

We Believe

Does Uncle Sam Really Need You Now?

Since the outbreak of the war last month, several PHS boys have felt it their duty to enter into the service for Uncle Sam. These undoubtedly are patriotic gestures on their part; however, if this matter is more carefully studied, it may be seen that it is their duty to remain in school.

If a boy enters into the service before he has completed high school, it will most likely mean that he will never finish school. The war may last for several years, and the person will not care to come back to school and graduate with students much younger than himself. If he is a senior, he will not have to wait very long before he is out of school; then if he feels it his duty he may join the armed forces. For those who are juniors, or sophomores, you are not needed by your country. There are hundreds of thousands of young men, out of school, who have not yet been called into service. Uncle Sam does not need you so finish school.

After the war we undoubtedly will have a bad depression, and there will be no jobs for the men who do not have at least a high school education. It is as much your duty to be able to fight the depression as our present armed forces. Finish school before you join the services.

With Vacation Over, There Is Work Ahead

Did you have a merry Christmas? That's fine but now that vacation is over we need to get back to the horrible realizations that are staring us in the face.

Yes, that's right! Semester examinations will be any day now. One don't see how such horrible things can happen at least not to himself. But there is an old saying, "You have to take the bitter with the sweet." Let's see if you can take yours. It's really not so bad if you hold your nose. If you wonder what has happened to me, I'll gladly enlighten you. I am cramming for that government test, and writing (?) an editorial at the same time. See the results? —M. M.

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Win or Lose, Cultivate Good Sportsmanship

Athletic contests, school work, social life, and business all bring scores of successes and failures, victories and defeats. The sportsmanlike manner in which one takes these various experiences will have an important bearing on the way he gets along with people and on his enjoyment of life.

Why not make up your mind that you're always going to be a good winner and a good loser?

If you're on the winning side of an athletic event or some other kind of contest, don't brag or gloat or "rub it in." Help make the losers feel as cheerful as possible in defeat. If you have better grades than your friends, don't become superior and arrogant.

Whatever distinctions or victories you may enjoy, be modest and don't deliberately trample on the feelings of others. Make them to see your bad luck and failure.

On the other hand, if you are on the losing side, if someone else wins the honors of victory and success, don't complain or make excuses. Congratulate the winner and show by your actions that you are big enough to accept defeat in a goodnatured manner.

If you consistently follow this policy, your good sportsmanship will be respected and admired by all who know you and you will help to make P. H. S. a better place to be.

—The Hutchinson Buzz

Education is a capital to the poor man, and an interest to the rich man Horace Mann.

Over in Missouri recently, a small child swallowed a mill. Physicians worked feverously until they finally obtained the mill from the throat of the child. Results: first case of any one escaping the tax.

From The Library Shelves

By Ruth Otto
Frills and Thrills

Louise Barnes Gallagher

Mary Bray, as the story begins, was attending an exclusive girl's school. All was well with her. She had plenty of money and lots of friends and had never had to think about work. Suddenly word came from her mother in New York that her father had been killed in an accident. When she got home, she found that her father had practically no insurance and very little money in the bank. This meant that she would have to work.

As a child, Mary had loved making dresses for her dolls. She took such pains with each one to make sure that it was exactly right. It was for this reason that friends suggested she take up dress designing work. Mary knew that it would take more knowledge than she had on the subject to make good, and she didn't want to be rated "second class."

She found work as a dress model in a large store and after months of discouraging experiences, finally was rated one of the best in New York. She took up dress designing at night school and the store let her help the designers a little.

Then her big moment came. She was sent with several designers to Paris. But little did she dream at the time that she would have to stay so long. Hitler invaded Poland while she was there. After several long months, she secured passage on a clipper and came back. However, during that time in Paris, she had attended many fashion shows and was up on all of the latest styles.

Upon arriving in New York, she was given a studio of her own. Later she realized her ambition when she was rated a first class dress edesigner and was turning out "best sellers."

This book is interesting and is not at all difficult to read. It tells quite a lot about dress designing and modeling.

Batty Latty

Hi! This is For-Once-To-Sleep-Late-in-the-Morning Latty, leaving the pillows to bring you all up-to-date on every li'l thing. . . .

Holidaters. . . .
At the DeMolay dance. . . . Bill Horton, Janet Malcolm, Jim Langdon, Rosalie Williamson; Bob Piper, Rotey Skaer, Dana Lemler, Zoe Wilma Baade; '41. . . .

And seeing the old year out at the midnight shows were Jerry Esch and Betty Caslavka of Minden. . . . Betty Cockerill and Dan Leet (followed by sunrise dance). . . . Joe Gray and Shirley Ainsworth. . . .

Chimney Peeper. . . .
We find that Santa (in the person of a boy in Mississippi) left Alice Anderson a letter manicuring kit. . . . Jody Higgins received a gold bracelet from her Columbus penpal, Bob Copenharger. . . . Edith Lantz was gifted with a locket from her A-1, who's in the army. . . . And Virgil Tims sent Norma Little a dozen roses. . . .

L'amour (?)
Nadine, '42, is hitting it off with Bob Stevenson of College Hi. . . . Norma Cates' heart has strayed off the PHS plantation-- his name is Bob Tygett. . . . Don Loss' girl friend is named Ruth -- not Delores, as previously broadcast. . . . Marilyn Canfield and Jack Walton have the situation well hand in hand. . . . Same goes for Virginia Williams and Martin Feely. . . . Jeanne Knight has rated Bill Conover's company several nights during vacation. . . .

Top Tunes. . . .
Seem to be "Rose O'Day" and "Everything I Love". . . . "The Skunk Song" is a new cutie. . . . Seems as if the Hit Parade would get wise to "Madeline" and "I Know Why". . . .

Ink Blots. . . .
One of those reliable sources informs us that Charlotte Miller has finally decided to run for queen. . . . The NBC broadcaster at Cairo, Egypt, was a university mate of Mr. Frey. . . . Recently he made mention of a heroic fighter in Libya—who was a fraternity brother of Mr. Frey. . . . Gerry Lewis had a cousin, Don Ribacki, of San Francisco, visiting her during the holidays. She tells us that he had never seen snow before and was quite astonished to find that it felt and tasted as it did—the PHS gals made some impression on him, too, especially Rotey Skaer. . . . Did you know that if you put a canary thru the meat-chopper you'd have shredded tweet? . . . And how are your resolutions this year? Still being broken, we see. . . . Batty

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POME
Hi diddle diddle
The cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
She should have been in the west Coast relays!

The Lions Trail
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Goofy
Three goofs, cruising the countryside in a jalopy, approached a town. First Goof: "Is this Wensley?" Second Goof: "No, this is Thursday." Third Goof: "So'm I. Let's stop and have one."

The Red and Black
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The Dakota Scientist
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Students Work Down Town During Vacation
Many students from PHS worked in stores down town during the Christmas vacation.

About a dozen worked, missing school, during the week before Christmas and many others worked the week after school was dismissed for the Christmas vacation.

Joan Higgins Works On Headlight and Sun
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BORROWED BUNK

by Mimi Nettels

It seems that little Audrey was in a printers shop, and a maniac came in and threw her into a press. And then little Audrey just laughed and laughed because she knew she wasn't the type!

The Central Record
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Waitress: I have stewed kidneys, boiled tongue, fried liver, and pigs feet.

Customer: Don't tell me your troubles. Bring me a ham swandwich, Beaumont Digest

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Barber: "Was you're tie red when you came in?"
Customer: "No it wasn't."
Barber: "Gosh!"

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps
Some eat and grow fat
Some laugh and grow thin.
If you don't like our jokes
Try handing same in!

The Pennant Weekly
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Little Willie seeking fun:
Sawed his legs off one by one.
"No more stocking" said his dad
"Willie's such a saving lad."

"Columbia High life
Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

Everything in place:
A red socialist once knocked at a house in Park Lane, London and shouted to the footman, "The revolution is here!"

All revolutions must be delivered at the tradesman's entrance," replied the footman coldly.

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Advice:
Don't marry a girl because she looks sensible because a sensible girl has more sense than to look sensible.

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Teachers Work Outside Classes

Faculty Members Have Many Responsibilities In Various Activities

Faculty members of Pittsburg High School have many duties to perform besides those of conducting and planning their classes. A list of faculty responsibilities outside their classes follows:

Adviser for boys, Mr. Charles Thiebaud.
Adviser for girls, Miss Sara Stephenson.

Student council sponsor, Mr. Ellsworth Briggs.

Enrollment committee: Mr. Marion Nation, Miss Anna Fintel, and Miss Jessie Bailey.

Social committee: Mr. John White, Miss Maude Laney, Miss Helen Lanyon, Miss Elizabeth Chesnut.

NYA: Mr. J. L. Hutchinson.

Activity finances: Mr. Claude I. Huffman, Mr. C. H. Lundquest.

Athletics: Mr. George N. Duerksen, Mr. F. M. Snodgrass, Mr. Ellsworth Briggs, Mr. C. H. Lundquest, Mr. Carl Ison, Mr. F. M. Hoffman.

Assembly activities: Mr. Dan Tewell, Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Mr. Gerald M. Carney.

Class sponsors: Sophomores, Mr. Doran C. Woods, Mr. Clyde Hartford, Miss Helen Lanyon; juniors, Mr. C. H. Lundquest, Miss Florence White, Miss Elizabeth Chesnut, Miss Calla Leeka; seniors, Mr. W. G. Thorpe, Miss Maude Laney.

Club sponsors: Allied Youth, Mr. W. G. Thorpe; forum, Miss Madge Waltz; Girl Reserve, Miss Esther Gable, Miss Sara Stephens, Miss Jessie Bailey, Miss Calla Leeka, Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Miss Florence White; Junior Academy of Science, Mr. C. L. Huffman; Kansas, Mrs. Dora Peterson; photography, Mr. Charles Thiebaud; Dragonettes, Miss Helen Lanyon, Miss Maude Laney.

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Faculty club officers: President, Mr. George N. Duerksen; vice president, Miss Jessie Bailey; secretary, Mrs. Dora Peterson; treasurer, Mr. John White; representative to city teachers club, Miss Elizabeth Chesnut.

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Little Bits

Martha Baxter gave a review of the book, "Berlin Diary", by William L. Shirer, in Forum Club last Tuesday.

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Frank (Buch) Coghill, '40, and Bill Griffith, '40, have gone to Big Springs, Texas, to go to school.

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Evelyn Tucker, Marjorie Bruce, Virginia Landers, and Belva Ogan lead the discussion in Allied Youth at the regular meeting Tuesday morning in the visual education room.

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Miss Mary Nelson spent her Christmas vacation in Odessa, Tex., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Brady and in Dallas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thayer Acord and daughter, Mrs. Acord is the former Rosalie Gilbert, PHS graduate.

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Edna White, former PHS student, and now working for the government in Washington D. C., visited in Pittsburg during the holidays.

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Miss Pauline Staats visited with friends and relatives in Denver during the Christmas holidays.

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Superintendent Howard D. McEachen addressed the Education Club of KSTC Tuesday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Street. He discussed the probable effects of the recent world affairs on education.

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Betty Jane Junet, former student of PHS, had been visiting here during the holidays. She is now living in Alexandria, Va.

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Evelyn Roebber spent her Christmas vacation visiting friends and relatives in DeQueen, Ark. She also visited Miss Betty Jeanne Roland in Kansas City, Kas.

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Typists, Erasers; Typing Classes Act In Dual Roles

Your Booster reporter assigned to Mr. C. H. Lundquest for all interesting information in the typing classes for our readers. Lundquest found that all Mr. Lundquest could say this week was, quote, "We'll be using erasers all this week," unquote.

To you who are not typing students, the above quotation is due to the fact that the typing students have not been allowed to use erasers in their work until this week.

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Three To Attend Dinner Of Graphic Arts Club

Principal Finis M. Green, Superintendent Howard McEachen, and Mr. John White, printing instructor, will attend a dinner sponsored by the Graphic Arts Club of KSTC next Tuesday. The dinner will be held at 6:15 p. m. in the cafeteria annex.

The speaker of the evening will be Mr. George Ortleb, former deputy public printer of the United States, who will analyze and discuss in fullest detail the many problems and annoyances encountered in every day printing.

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Tommy Ferguson Tells Club About Enlarger

Tommy Ferguson gave demonstration to the Photography club last Tuesday on an enlarger he made during Christmas vacation. Melvin Hull gave a report on the paper situation.

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KU Requests Nominees For Girls' Scholarships

High school authorities are requested to nominate girls in their graduating classes who wish to enter the University of Kansas, and who are unmis-takably superior in training, character, and promise of future usefulness. The report on each candidate's qualifications should reflect the composite opinion of those of her teachers most competent to pass judgment on her.

Candidates for these girls' competitive honor scholarships will be expected to take the same preliminary examinations, at the same time and places, as candidates for Summer-field scholarships, but the girls will not be asked to come to the University for further examinations.

Each high school is entitled to nominate at least one candidate for the honor scholarships for girls, and it is recommended that no high school nominate more than three candidates.

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Several PHS boys cooperated with the local churches and the union prayer week, by presenting devotion programs, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

The programs were given over the public address system during the home room period.

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Kansas Use Dr. I. Q. Method to Study State

The Kansas club had a Dr. I. Q. program, at their meeting last Tuesday. Their time was used in asking questions and answering them, on Kansas statesmen and important cities.

The devotions were led by Stella Bertino.

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Ninety-Four Old Grads Return For Homecoming

P & W Picture Is Taken of Graduate Students After Program

Ninety four graduates of PHS retraced their steps Dec. 19, the day before the Christmas vacation, when they attended the annual homecoming program sponsored by the student council, presided over this year by Charles Wheeler under the direction of Mr. Ellsworth Briggs.

The former students were honored with a special assembly featuring three vocal groups, and speeches by Harvey Lanier, Mr. Finis M. Green, Miss Frances Palmer, and Mr. J. L. Hutchinson.

Mrs. Lavin Graham Holden sang two numbers, opening the activities, and a girls trio composed of Joan Ventch, Mimi Nettels, and Phyllis Fretwell sang. Gerald Hutton ended the program by singing two numbers.

Mrs. J. A. Barrett, grandmother of Lida Lee Schasteen, was the oldest returning student, finishing her high school career in 1896. Miss Effie Farmer, PHS English instructor, was second, graduating two years later.

After the program, a Purple & White picture was taken of the graduates.

Beginning at three thirty, the students and graduates attended a dance in the gymnasium held in honor of the returning students.

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Take Yearbook Picture

Member of Allied Youth had their pictures taken for the Purple & White after which plans were made for a White at their regular meeting Tuesday morning.

Students Showing Greater Interest in Newspapers

"Students are showing greater interest in national affairs much more since war was declared," stated Mr. Doran C. Woods, librarian of PHS when he was interviewed about the newspapers in the library.

When newspapers were placed in the library for the first time last year students did not read the newspapers very much, but this year the news table is always crowded. Mr. Woods further stated, more newspapers or more copies of the papers than they are taking at the present could be used. He also said that at the end of the day the papers were torn, not by misuse but by so many persons reading them.

The library subscribes to Pittsburg Sun, Kansas City times and Kansas City Star. The Joplin Globe and several county papers are sent to the library free.

amateur hour at the Colonial theater last Sunday.

Johnnie and his licorice-stick made a hit with the audience and was called back for an encore.

He has been playing the clarinet for about four years. He is a sophomore and takes both band and orchestra, and has taken band all through junior high.

When Johnnie starts his career, he hopes to play in a band or have one of his own.

Former PHS Student Dies

Harry Lance, former student of PHS, dies on his way home from Cleveland Ohio. Harry was seeking employment in Cleveland. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle C. Lonce. He was buried here Wednesday afternoon.

Debaters To SEK Tourney

PHS debaters will journey to Fort Scott next Friday to compete in the final tournament before the SEK at Parsons. Chances for winning at Parsons definitely do not give Pittsburg a positive victory outlook, but neither do the rest of the schools have the title clinched.



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Dragons Meet Iola Mustangs In Fifth League Tilt

Pitt Expects To Be Victorious At Iola Tonight

Purple Needs Win To Offset Defeat By Parsons Vikings

Tonight the Dragons will engage in their fifth cage tilt of the current season, as they meet the Iola Mustangs on their court, Pittsburg should have little difficulty in triumphing over the Iolans. The Mustangs were defeated by the Columbus Titans and the Dragons won over the Titans several points ahead.

Kenny Coulter, red headed Dragon forward, and Clair Gillin, tall Pitt center, will lead the attack.

"Big Red" Williams, Mustang center is considered the chief threat for Allen Countians. Tuck Sifers, guard, and Frazell, forwards, are also point-makers for Iola.

Starters for Pitt will probably be Coulter, Biggs, Gillin, Horton and Gray.

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Intramurals To Begin Next Week

Captains Will Be Announced Soon

The boys intramurals will start next week if possible, according to Mr. Fritz Snodgrass, director.

Some of the captains have already been chosen by him and the rest will be chosen soon.

There will be intramurals in basketball, tumbling, swimming, and table tennis.

The intramurals will be held after school and basketball will be played in the old gymnasium.

"If there are any boys that would like to play in any of these events but have not signed for them please see me," said Mr. Snodgrass.

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George Story is Top Table Tennis Player

George Story emerged the top table tennis player for the second consecutive year by defeating Charles Wheeler and Bob Murray.

Out of eight contestants in the set or division, George copped first place in the tournament played at the Y. M. C. A. on Dec. 20.

The champ is contemplating attending the state contest at Topeka this year.

The winner of the junior division was Bob Freeto who defeated Lee Jack Woods in the finals.

The Dope's Bucket

By Maurice Mosler

Hello again...well he "dope" it again Dale Hall, of course, and after we thought that the Dragons had finally won a league battle from him, too. He maintained his average after he found his eye in the last half. Just isn't any defense for that kind of shooting.

We were glad to hear that he was nominated for Annapolis by Senator Clyde Reed of Parsons. Dale Hall is one of the finest sports stars that the SEK ever produced, and also one of the best in Kansas. We will be proud if, two or three years from now, he will be playing with the navy.

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Dribblings: Reports are that Oren Stoner, Coffeyville Tornado football is "in the army now".... Without a doubt the biggest "gyp" of the season is that the Gorillas were defeated by "Tall Texans", and after the game was over too.... The Big Six Athletic commission met Monday to discuss the declaration of Gerald Tucker's eligibility to play with the Sooners in Big Six games. Seems that Tucker unknowingly violated the Big Six "migratory" rules.... Looks like he be the big favorite to take the Big Six title again this year.... Looks like all the Bowl predictions were cracked. Looks as if the muddy field at New Orleans was more slippery than ice.

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We think that Pitt should place two men on the All-SEK this year if both continue playing as they have in past games. They are Kenny Coulter and Clair Gillin.

Come on boys, don't let me down.

The Dragons travel to Iola tonight and should come home with another scalp. The two main points in the Iola attack are "Big Boy" Red Williams, and Tuck Sifers, Mustang guard. Pitt trounced Columbus, and Columbus, ran over Iola so the Pitt prospects appear very bright.

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Independence will be here next Friday. The Bulldog starters will probably be Harry and Shemman, forwards, Shive, center, and Van Dolan and Lehrman, guards. Pitt should have little trouble in making the Bulldogs look like terrier pups.

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Hall Too Much For Dragons

Parsons Star Scores 25 Points as Pittsburg Crew Meets Second Defeat

Led by Dale Hall, the Parsons Vikings came from behind to hand the Pittsburg Dragons their second SEK league defeat by a score of 36 to 31 last Friday night in the TRJH gymnasium.

Hall scored 25 points of the Vikings total with 12 field goals and one free throw. Clair Gillin, big Dragon center, led the Pittsburg attack with eight field goals and one gift shot for 17 points.

Parsons got off to an early lead when Hall got two baskets and Breuer bagged one for a six point lead for the Vikings. In the second quarter Gillin started making tip-ins for the Dragon cause and Pitt went ahead 17 to 12 at the half.

In the third quarter Hall started to make baskets from all angles to put Parsons ahead 28 to 26 as the last canto began. Hall scored six field goals and one charity toss in the third quarter.

In the last period Parsons increased its lead to 34 to 28 and then started delaying till the game ended.

Parsons also won the second team game 16 to 9.

The box score:

Pittsburg	Parsons
Biggs, f	3 2 1 Hall, f
Coulter, f	2 1 1 Chase, f
Gillin, c	8 1 1 Dr'mright, 1 0 0
J. Gray, g	0 1 3 Porter, c
Davis, g	0 0 0 Bush, g
Horton, g	0 0 2 Breuer, g
Totals	13 5 8 Totals 16 4 5

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Bowling Schedule for January 10

1:30 Pin Splitters vs. Lucky Spooks

All Stars vs. Clef Dwellers

Chiselers vs. Snappy Snubs

Flashettes vs. Streamliners

2:30 Rangers vs. Snub Dubs

Five Mites vs. Lucky Five

Pin Gals vs. Pen Pushers

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Lockerroom Chatter

By J. O. Biggs

It seems the same old story repeats itself. Dale Hall defeats the Dragons. However, this year the story is going to have a different ending. Last year the Vikings defeated Pitt both times they met in league play with Hall leading the attack. This year the two teams met and, Parsons went away with a victory. But Pitt has another crack at the Vikings and if Pitt plays the ball they are capable of playing, they can defeat Parsons.

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Defense has held the Dragons back so far this season. The offense has been sufficient with over 30 points scored in each game. Also the Dragons could stand some conditioning, they have the old failing of playing the first half of the ball game and being so tired that they loaf the second half. Pittsburg is capable of defeating Parsons, Hall or no Hall.

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This evening the Dragons travel to Iola for a league game. The Iolans defeated Chanute and Chanute defeated Pitt. This would indicate the Mustangs are somewhat better than the Dragons, however Columbus defeated Iola and Pittsburg defeated Columbus which indicates that the Dragons are better than the Mustangs. Which all goes to show that statistics are all the bunk and you can't tell how a game will end by figuring it out on paper.

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In the first three games Parsons played, the team scored approximately 100 points. Hall scored 75 of the 100 points. This gives the other four members of the team together 25 points in the three games or an average of 8 points per game. Each player excluding Hall has an average of 2 points per game. Which isn't very much of an average.

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Rockets Win Over Carthage

The Rockets, PHS colored team, staved off a late rally, to win over the Carthage colored team, 27 to 25. Johnny Phillips led the Pitt squad with 16 points. Tonight the Rockets entertain the Parsons high colored team.

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Dragons Win Surprise Victory Over Lawrence

Purple Stages Rally In Second Half Of Thrilling Game

In a thrilling game played on the Roosevelt gym three weeks ago tonight, the Dragons defeated the Lawrence high school "Lions" 31 to 25.

The Dragons were entirely out played th first half but staged a great rally in the last half to win the game.

The first quarter ended with the Dragons holding a three point lead, 9 to 6, but some nice shooting by McDonald and Stanwix gave the boys from the Northeastern Kansas League a 20 to 14 lead at the half.

The third quarter, the Dragons scored nine points to Lawrence's two and the score was 23 to 22 in favor of Pittsburg as the quarter ended. Again in the last quarter Gillin, Biggs, and Coulter found their basket eyes and the Dragons went on to win the game. High scoring honors went to Gillin, who had 13 points, closely followed by McDonald, Lawrence center, who had 11.

Score by periods.

Pitts. 9 14 23 31 — 31

Law. 6 20 22 24 — 24

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PHS Journalist Receives Mention in Q & S Contest

"There Will Be No Christmas In Europe This Year" was the editorial which won Virginia Lea Kennedy, senior of PHS, honorable mention in the Quill & Scroll editorial writing contest.

Each school was to choose and send in one editorial written by the journalists. Mr. George Frey, journalism instructor of PHS, chose Virginia's editorial and sent it to the contest.

The editorial by Virginia appeared in the Dec. 12 issue of the Booster.

A. J. Cripe Town Talk and Hobo Bread

For that Noon Time Refreshment Order

Puritan Ice Cream

Just across the street from the High School Campus

Everyne Koeber, Charles Wheeler, Jimmy Rupard, Deborah Naylor, Christine Cottrell, Bob Green, Jack Toussaint, Charles Spencer, Eugene Montee, Ray Williams, Louis Dubois, and Phyllis Fretwell.

Take Yearbook Picture

Member of Allied Youth had their pictures taken for the Purple & White after which plans were made for a White at their regular meeting Tuesday morning.

Students Showing Greater Interest in Newspapers

"Students are showing greater interest in national affairs much more since war was declared," stated Mr. Doran C. Woods, librarian of PHS when he was interviewed about the newspapers in the library.

When newspapers were placed in the library for the first time last year students did not read the newspapers very much, but this year the news table is always crowded. Mr. Woods further stated, more newspapers or more copies of the papers than they are taking at the present could be used. He also said that at the end of the day the papers were torn, not by misuse but by so many persons reading them.

The library subscribes to Pittsburg Sun, Kansas City Times and Kansas City Star. The Joplin Globe and several county papers are sent to the library free.

amateur hour at the Colonial theater last Sunday.

Johnnie and his licorice-stick made a hit with the audience and was called back for an encore.

He has been playing the clarinet for about four years. He is a sophomore and takes both band and orchestra, and has taken band all through junior high.

When Johnnie starts his career, he hopes to play in a band or have one of his own.

Former PHS

Student Dies

Harry Lance, former student of PHS, dies on his way home from Cleveland Ohio. Harry was seeking employment in Cleveland. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merele C. Lonce. He was buried here Wednesday afternoon.

Debaters To SEK Tourney

PHS debaters will journey to Fort Scott next Friday to compete in the final tournament before the SEK at Parsons. Chances for winning at Parsons definitely do not give Pittsburg a positive victory outlook, but neither do the rest of the schools have the title cinched.



Mary Alice Glover She sings with popular dance band.

the band with whom she was singing featured the vocalist, they forgot her name and presented her as Mary Lou. "I liked the name so well," she said, "I decided to keep it."

Mary Alice has been singing with dance bands for three years. Her successful career began by winning two local amateur contests which she soon followed by winning the all-star program.

Sell and Sanden gave Mary Lou her first opportunity of singing with a dance band recently however, she has been entertaining night clubbers as the vocalist for Anson Weeks.

Elfa Fitzgerald represents Mary Alice's idea of a singer who can put anything over.

"The ideal band," told last years Booster reporter, "must be one that can put expression into its playing." The songs which she sings are consistently popular, the type being slow and sentimental.

years ago, he took a lesson from a professional, but that is the only lesson he has ever had. Also while in California, he attended an ice carnival and studied the various tricks the skaters did.

Although Bob says he "just picked it up", anyone who has seen him twirl and otherwise defy the law of gravity, will agree that he is a whiz on skates.

Briggs moked up the hondbill committee. Miss Florence White and M. George Frey have charge of the advertising and Miss Jessie Baily and Mr. C. H. Lundquest are co-chairmen. The actual distribution of the clothing is under the supervision of Miss Esther Gable and Mr. Clyde Hartford. The bundles will be collected after school today.

Students Keep Informed



(Melvin Hall) Photo The library now has several daily newspapers in file, for use by students and faculty. Frank Bettega, Doris Fast, and Jean Skibbee, are seen reading some of papers.

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wing Boys, Four Compete In al Contest

Students to Take re Proofs Back otographers

today no results were a- in the Purple & White Because the candidates urn in their sales, no re- be given out until the progressed further.

ple and White king and dal selling contest got und- is week with the filing of n Monday. The candidates heir receipt books on Wed- the selling was officially official receipt books can

nes of the candidates for J. O. Biggs, Bill Horton, jill, Jimmy Millington, and ons.

or the honors of queen will Fretwell, Charlotte Miller, Skaer, and Colleen Ver-

usual sold will give votes for ing and a queen. Each \$2 .1 bring for a king and queen any votes, the \$150 year- poll fifteen votes for each. lers of \$8.50 activity tickets a chance to vote for their sometime before the clos- of the contest, January 30, ts bring five votes for a king or a queen. There will be a before the voting in which dates and their campaign will be introduced.

arbook this year will prob- ecked out in a padded cover to authoritative source.

activities will be the theme he book and the idea will be car- out on the cover and all through book.

ll students are urged by Mrs. Peterson, sponsor of the annual, ske back their proofs to the stu- An official check will be made day to determine the number of ents who have had their pictures

No Early Books

Although previous reports stated t the annual would be out sooner Peterson said that this was not ict. "The annuals will probably given to the students about May

lls have sent for the printing of al and it will probably be known week who is to print the year-

All I have to add", asserted Mrs.

Peterson, "is that we must have pic- tures. Many of the students have had their pictures taken, but have not taken the proofs back. They should do this immediately for this is merely hindering the progress of the book.

Date Asking May Become Task While at School

Number please?

2009.

May I ask what you are calling for I'm going to ask my girl for a date.

Sorry! business only!

That is an example of what will be heard and experienced in weeks to come yes! telephone calls are going to be rationed, so before long one will have to do date asking and other business (questionable) in school or other places. It will also be hard on these so called "all day talkers" who can't find out enough information (gossip, in other words) when in anyone's presence. Your best bet from now on will be to practice doing without the telephone unless for business use so it has been rumored by some.

Editor's Note: This story is entirely unofficial and has not been confirmed by telephone company officials.