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## Cast To Begin Rehearsals

### Halfhill And Fretwell Lead In Close Race

Stand Ahead By Only Scant Votes; Election Next Week

John Halfhill and Phyllis Fretwell were out in front in the P & W annual king and queen and contest this morning but all candidates were neck in neck.

The votes for King are J. O. Biggs, 695, John Halfhill, 700, Bob Timmons, 535, and James Millington, 309.

Votes for Queen thus far are Phyllis Fretwell, 740, Rosemary Skaer, 665, Verociglio, 430.

With each annual counting 15 or 20 votes (according to price of annual), it is evident that this will be one of the closest races in years.

More annuals have been sold to date than in other previous years, and according to Mrs. Peterson, this year's contest has promise of being a record year.

"The candidates' enthusiasm is very great this year," stated the sponsor, "and the race this year will be a close one."

Snapshot Editor Tommy Thomas asserted that work on the snapshot sections was well under way and that the yearbook would feature several pictures of students at their various activities.

Literary work on the year book is almost completed, most of the 2-line verses about the seniors have been written. The book this year will be most certain to come in a padded cover as the number of annuals that are being sold will allow this added cost, according to Dale Bush, editor.

The yearbooks will be distributed about May 23.

### All School Dance Staged In Gym

Games Furnished In The Game Room For Non-Dancing Students

An all school dance was staged last Friday night in the PHS Gymnasium after a victorious game with the Independence Bulldogs.

The dance, under the supervision of the student council, lasted approximately two and one half hours, and a large number of students were present. Checkers, table tennis, bingo and other forms of entertainment were supplied in the game room.

Music was furnished by a special machine that was purchased by the council. Members of the girl reserves sold candy in the outside corridor.

### Band Will Appear In Concert Thursday

The band under the direction of Mr. Gerald M. Carney will present a concert in the Roosevelt gymnasium at 8:15 o'clock next Thursday night. No admission will be charged.

"The numbers should appeal to everyone," Mr. Carney said, "as they are classical, popular, light-classical, and marches."

### Defense Stamp Sale Above Expectations

The sale of defense stamps in PHS and RJHS has gone far above expectations both weeks. Students of PHS purchased \$125.70 worth this week. Last week the sale amounted to \$106.85. RJHS students bought \$83.20 worth this week over a sale of \$53.30 last week. The total sale for PHS and RJHS for both weeks amounted to \$369.05.

Junior home rooms are still leading in the chasing of defense stamps. One home room purchased the largest amount of stamps for the second week with a sale of \$15.10. Another home room was second with \$12.00, and a sophomore room came in third with \$10.55.

### Supt. McEachen Tells G. R. Of Importance of Prayer

"Many prayers amount to nothing more than begging, and my conceptions of prayer are not based upon the need of asking for something," Superintendent Howard D. McEachen told members of the Girl Reserves yesterday morning.

"A prayer," he explained, "should provide opportunity for relaxation and rest; it should affirm our convictions and reestablish our companionship with God and through this release inner resources of power."

"The Bible," he added, "has had a tremendous influence upon the morals of man and even those who do not openly accept the Bible, are influenced by it. The Ten Commandments alone have had a tremendous effect upon the lives of men."

### Rubinoff Plays Special Concert For Students

Famed Violinist to Appear in Pittsburg on Feb. 3; Will Excuse Pupils

Rubinoff and his violin will appear in two concerts at the KSTC auditorium Feb. 3 under the auspices of the KSTC student council. There will be an afternoon concert at which high school students will be admitted for 25 cents. The main concert will be given in the evening.

When David Rubinoff plays his famed violin solis, he will be using what is believed to be one of the most precious instruments in the world, a Stradivarius violin insured for \$100,000.

To possess such an instrument has been the overwhelming desire of his life. Satisfying this desire for a 'Strad' required a search of many years. Many old and new violins were placed at his disposal by music dealers and collectors but none were just right. When he finally tested the Romanoff-Stradivarius, as his "Strad" is known



Rubinoff... Will appear in concert here soon.

it sent him into raptures. Made in 1731 by Antonio Stradivari in Cremona, Italy, the violin came eventually into the hands of the Romanoffs—the Russian royal family. During the revolution the Strad disappeared but turned up later in Paris in the possession of the former Russian Prince who had taken the valuable instrument with him when he fled the country.

The violin is elaborately engraved, bears the bejeweled coat of arms of the Romanoff family as well as the identification marks of Stradivari and the date it was manufactured. Colored a deep brownish-red, its dull luster, perfect form and intricate development of detail mark it as representative of the best work of the master. Rubinoff will play several of his own compositions, including his own as a violin solo as well as his famous version of "Rhapsody in Blue" presentous "Dance Russe", Tango Tzigane, and Banjo Eyes.

Students buying tickets in advance will be dismissed from school to attend this concert. Tickets are now on sale at the office and at KSTC.

### Debaters Go To Fort Scott To Enter Tourney

Invitation Extended For Saturday If Teams Win All Five Debates

Fifteen PHS debaters journeyed to Fort Scott early this morning to enter the south eastern Kansas tournament. The subject of the debate is "Military Training for Youth."

This trip will be a two day trip with no overnight stay involved. The tourney is being staged at the Fort Scott junior college and the first round commenced at 10:00 o'clock.

The A teams that attend the tournament are invited back Saturday if they win all of their five debates.

The 1 and 2A teams are composed of Charles Wheeler, Evelyn, Roeder, Bill Scott, Jack Toussaint, Charles Spencer and Christine Cottrell.

Betty Thomas, Mary Ella Begando, Gerry Lewis, Helen Benedetto, Colleen Michie, Peggy Denn Moore, Virginia Williams, Louise DuBois and Deborah Naylor make up the B teams.

Mr. Dan Tewell and others of the squad furnished transportation.

### College Group Praises Library

Future School Teachers See Advantage Change in PHS System

The high school library administration class of KSTC under the direction of Miss Esther Park, librarian, visited the PHS library last week to study how it has been organized under the direction of Mr. Doran C. Woods and Miss Elizabeth Chesnut.

Class members accompanying Miss Park were Miss Alta Brink, Miss Mary Atkins, and Miss Evelyn McDonald, Miss Brink is, College high librarian.

When asked the opinion on the PHS library, the students replied that they were very much impressed in the changes that have taken place in the last year and stated that the library has a very efficient staff that has done a very good piece of work.

The College high library has adopted the PHS policy in permitting students to check out magazines only through instructors. They were also interested in the plan of checking out books which is an easier and freer method than that used in the past.

Miss Atkins asserted, "PHS has something to be proud of; if it does in the future what it has done in the past, it will really go places!"

From the Journalism Room Loyal PHSians! gee, we were surprised last Friday night—and we were pleased, too.

The Booster staff heard scarcely any booing at all during the game. Everyone is talking about it. And it's a great improvement over the actions at the other games.

Mr. Green commented on the "mighty fine" cooperation you gave us and said the absence of booing was very noticeable. Miss Lanyon and Miss Laney, pep club sponsors, were pleased. Charles Wheeler, student council president, was astounded. And the journalists are kicking their heels in joy. We're deliciously happy that you, the students, would give us such splendid cooperation when we asked for no more booing. It makes us want to believe people have hearts again.

Thanks a lot, all of you. Let's keep it up, huh? And, oh, yes—Please, couldn't we hear more volume on the yells next time? And how about more standing when the school song is played? Again, thanks to everyone of you.

The Journalists

### Noted Woman Judge, Mrs. Camille Kelley, Commencement Speaker

Mrs. Camille Kelley, judge of the Juvenile Court of Memphis, Tenn., has been chosen by the Board of Education as speaker for commencement, it was announced by Superintendent H. D. McEachen the early part of this week.

Judge Kelley is a lecturer on child welfare, human behavior and crime prevention. She is the first woman juvenile court judge in the South and second in the United States.

She has written publications for the magazine, "Home."

Commencement will be on May 28

### Senior Rings Made of Gold

Made in Two Sizes; To Have School Crest

The final decision of the choice of the senior class rings has been made by a special committee.

It has been the policy of the senior class to choose only one design, and because of this the committee found it hard to select a design which would be desirable for both boys and girls. Mr. Rooney, agent for the Balfour Company, displayed many rings and the design finally selected was declared by Mr. Rooney to be a "best seller."

The rings selected are gold and are made up in two sizes for girls and two sizes for boys.

Although the design will remain the same, rings may be selected with a stone, either black, red, or blue and a white gold strap; however, all rings will have the school crest on them.

Prices will range from \$6.61 to \$9.85 for the girls and from \$6.65 to \$11.95 for the boys.

Two different styles for bracelets and lockets at about \$3.25 and \$2.85 respectively will be available. If desired, students may also buy pins with guards which will cost from \$4.45 to \$7.25.

### Study Inheritance

Mr. Claude Hoffman's biology classes are studying inheritance and the effects of environment on the individual.

Some interesting reports have been given on the power to determine inheritance as applied to higher animals and plants, Mr. Hoffman said.

### School Buys New Record Player; Has Many Uses

On recommendation of the Student Council, the school has purchased a transcription record player from the Telectron Engineering Company of Los Angeles, Calif. More than 350 of these machines have been bought for the schools of Los Angeles.

The uses the school expects to make of this machine are: To provide music for some of the school dances at the school parties, As a loud speaker in assemblies,



McEachen Photo — Booster Lecturer Larry Davis is shown here demonstrating the new record player recently acquired by the school.

To play records for the music department, both in junior and senior high.

To provide music for the girls' gym classes.

### Cast Is Led by Toussaint, Anderson, Fretwell, Lemler

#### Operetta Tryouts Present Problem For Amateur Vocalist

By Rosemary Skaer "Next! Next!" repeated Mr. Gerald M. Carney last Tuesday afternoon in that hurried tone befitting a music instructor after a day's work.

I jumped at his words, realizing that I was being addressed and walked quickly towards the piano, I started at the keyboard, the black and whites, which grinned at me, as though to ridicule me in my plight. For they had already guessed that I had never been in this predicament before, never having tried for an operetta part.

Huge, black notes appeared as enormous, insignificant spots before my eyes as I began to sing. I invariably flatted the notes when they were written as sharps. Then, as abruptly as it began, it was over. The ordeal to which I had looked forward to for weeks, yet feared, was over. With my knees beating an un-called-for offbeat rhythm, and my heart thumping as though I seen Robert Taylor pass, I returned to my seat. Never before had I welcomed the chance to sit down before. Immediately, upon reaching my chair I heard that familiar word and thanked my lucky stars I completed my try-out.

"Next! Who's next!"

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

#### Ticket Holders May Be Taxed Another 11 Cents

An additional tax of about eleven cents may have to be collected from activity ticket holders, Mr. Claude I. Huffman warned students this week. Just when the tax will be collected, or the exact amount, have not yet been determined. That part of the ticket which will be taxed is the portion that is paid for admission to basketball, football games and plays. The portion of the ticket for the Boosters and the Purple and White are not being taxed.

The new tax law went into effect October 1 after the activity tickets were sold. However, the tax applies to them.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

Romance for the opera, "The Mocking Bird," will be provided for by Mary Elizabeth Anderson and Jack Toussaint, and Phyllis Fretwell and Dana Lemler, Mr. Gerald M. Carney, music instructor, announced today.

The rest of the cast include Jim Rupard, Betty Pyle, Joe Tumbull, Patsy Hutto, Bill Conover, Betty Thomas, Bob Iper, Joan Veatch, and Mimi Nettels.

"A definite date has not been set for presenting the operetta," stated Mr. Carney, "but it will be given some time in March."

The opera takes place in the eighteenth century during the period when French colonists were settling in Louisiana territory. The task of the settlers was to protect the land for the Spanish. This setting provides a colorful background for the production.

Mr. Carney said practice would begin next week.

### Everett Sample Enlists In Army

Roosevelt Instructor Will Be Stationed At Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Mr. Everett Sample, English instructor in RJHS, is the first of the faculty men to answer the army's call. Mr. Sample was called to Ft. Leavenworth on Jan. 14, for his physical examination, which he passed very satisfactorily.

Mr. Sample has not received his notification from the local draft board as yet, so he drove to Joplin and enlisted "for the duration" in the quartermasters corps. He will leave next Wednesday for Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, Mo.

The army service will not be a new experience for Mr. Sample. He has served in the Citizen's Military Training which is held every summer during August. One year he received infantry training at Fort Leavenworth and the other three years he spent in cavalry training at Fort Des Moines, where he received the rank of cadet sergeant.

"I believe that RJHS has one of the most efficient systems I have ever had the privilege of working in. I appreciate the fine contacts and friendships I've made here," he stated.

When asked what he thought about the war, Mr. Sample replied that he thought if the people continue with the same united spirit for their cause of liberty, peace, and justice, peace will come sooner than we think.

"The people and our government must make sure that we are not satisfied with merely winning the war, but with winning peace as well," he added.

Mr. Sample in a PHS graduate. He received his B.A. and M.S. degree from KSTC, where he was elected to Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary English fraternity. He also attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Duke University at Durham N. C., where he has practically completed his M.A. degree, except for three hours of residence requirement.

"I had intended to complete those requirements next summer, but now I'm in the army. I have written the university about my status there, but as yet I have no reply," he said. Mr. Sample said that all students, in order to do their share, would help best by making the most of their opportunities in school, for they will be needed in the years to come after the war.

Before coming to RJHS, Mr. Sample taught French, English, and Spanish at the Morgan School for boys, at Petersburg, Tenn.

"Tell all my friends I'll send them postcards from Tokyo," was his cheerful goodbye to the reporter who interviewed him.

#### Collect Wire Hangers

Students at Lakeside Junior High recently collected 1,500 discarded wire suit hangers. They will be sold and the proceeds will be placed in the Junior Red Cross.

# We Believe

## Compulsory Military Training For Youth

In these times of crises and hysteria in adopting a permanent program of compulsory military training, we must not be rushed into giving a hasty approval of any plan that supposedly would protect our democracy.

There has been widespread discussion on adopting, as a permanent policy, compulsory military training for youth. Those for it argue that there is a need both now and in the future, but the facts are these:

The present draft system can adequately give us the seven to eight million man army that Congress wants. Also we find that the age limits are not the best for Congress, when debating over the best ages, chose the older men.

Even if a country had a huge army, it might fail to win a war because a system of compulsory military training for youth would discourage unity and no country can win without morale.

Although France had what was said to be reputedly the greatest army in the world, France fell. Phillip Reed, who is chairman of the board of the General Electric company, said that France fell because of social and political dissention, and not because of her army.

Thus we can see that even the United States had a huge army she could win wars without unity, and compulsory military training would discourage unity. Billy Scott.

## Kansas Becomes Industrial Leader

A decade ago the people of Kansas had to look forward to other states to supply many of them with work, for industrial activity in the Sunflower state was at a standstill. The states on the coasts were the only ones in which industry was thriving.

Kansas had no steel mills or factories for the state in the center of the union was much too far from the huge cities on the coast. The boom of national defense though brought home to "safe" Kansas industries that it had long deserved, a great many people then came to the flat uninteresting place on the map for protection from the war. Kansas's share in the tourist trade was far from what it used to be, and it was very desirable as a haven from air raids on coastal cities.

Yes, the state that was once just a mere flat plateau began to hold its own as an industrial state, for its wheat fields and coal industries had contributed to a new industry, plastics. An industry that will keep Kansas a leader of industry.

Bill Scott and Virginia Kennedy

## Toughened People Better National Defense

We, as people of the United States, in order to help in the national defense, should toughen ourselves and make our bodies strong as possible.

Some noted authorities have mentioned some ways in which we can keep ourselves fit. They are: walking instead of riding all the time, eat proper food so we may get all the vitamins, and get the necessary amount of sleep we need.

Miss Helen Lanyon, hygiene instructor, has also mentioned some important ways in which we can prevent colds and help our bodies. Exercise, proper ventilation in rooms, not too hot or not too cold; dress properly according to the weather, not wear too heavy things on warm days and not enough on cold days. Persons having colds should stay at home, and if not should cover their faces when they sneeze and cough. Miss Lanyon stated, "People should be moderate and not go to extremes."

—Mildred Sherman.

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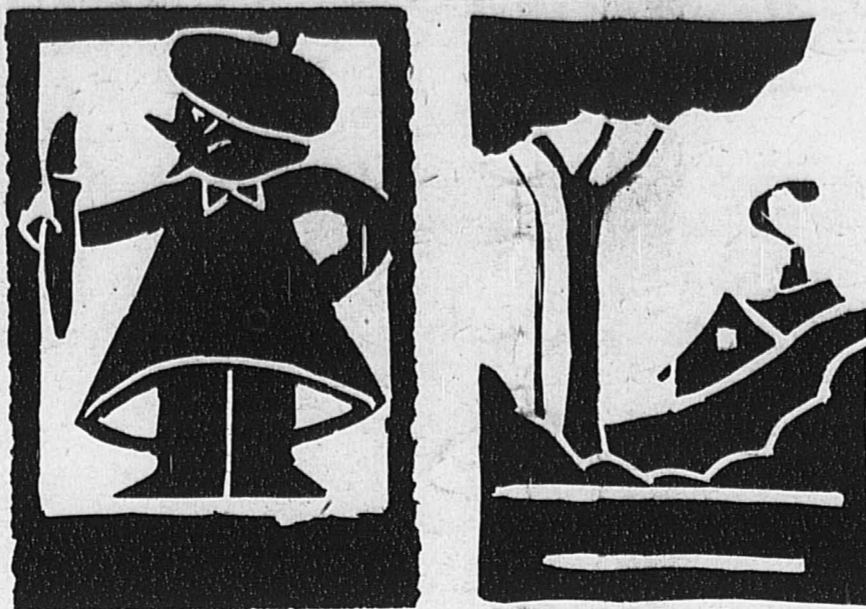
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## Art In Wood



Miss Florence White's Art Classes have been cutting pictures in wood-blocks. Above are two scenes cut in wood. The cut on the left was made by Rosemary Skaer and the one on the right was made by Kenneth Williams.

## This Is My Task Today

To live today to the full.  
To try to make my highest moment permanent.  
To give every one whose burden is greater than my own, a lift.  
To make every moment count; to try to be somebody with all my might.  
To be generous, tolerant, considerate, kind, forbearing, magnanimous.  
To keep my mind open to truth, responsive to the worlds best thought and to be true to the best I know.  
To look forward, not backward; to look up, not down; to make the most of my opportunities and never whine at the lack of them.  
To be a man before I am an opportunist, to accomplish something infinitely bigger and of greater service to the world that merely collecting dollars.  
To realize that "man is master of thought, the moulder of character, the maker and shaper of conditions, environment and destiny," and to use my power intelligently.  
To face life with a smile; to keep a stiff upper lip no matter how gloomy or depressing conditions may be; to have confidence in my power to conquer every difficulty and reach the goal of my ambition.  
To make my life yield its highest possible service by being faithful to the duties of each day; trying to do everything I attempt to a complete finish; by being scrupulously honest in every transaction; to be loyal to my highest ideals.  
This is the task that comes to me every morning—to be true throughout the day to my higher self. Its fulfillment demands all the courage, all the strength, all the manhood, all the divinity that is in me. This is my task, and today's the day!  
—(Menominee, Mich. News)

## From The Library Shelves

By Ruth Otto  
"Mr. Secretary" by Williams

Edwin M. Stanton, as a small boy was delicate, and as a result, all his life he was deeply concerned about his health. At an early age, he made up his mind to be an educated man.

While his father, a doctor, was alive, he wanted nothing; but after his death, Edwin often was in need. In spite of hardships, he managed by hard work, to secure an education. He became a lawyer before he was twenty-one. Often times he took a case when he knew the person to be guilty. He was criticised for this but he could see no cause for such criticism.

When Stanton first met Lincoln at an important trial, he treated him coldly and was not discreet in the remarks he made about him. These, Lincoln remembered when they met again in Washington soon before Lincoln was inaugurated President. Stanton was at that time serving as attorney-general in Buchanan's cabinet. He was violently opposed to Lincoln but he did accept the position of secretary of war, when Lincoln offered it to him.

Stanton knew that Lincoln was to be assassinated, for he had received a note to that effect; but he did nothing about it. Afterwards, he took all sorts of measures to prevent it from being known that he had any connections with the assassin.

Stanton continued to hold his position under Johnson, but their relationship was never pleasant. Finally the President sought to remove him from office. This act led to the impeachment of Johnson. When these proceedings failed, Stanton resigned and returned to the practice of law.

The next year he was appointed by President Grant to the United States Supreme Court, but he died four days after the appointment was made.

This book was written from Mr. Stanton's autobiography and various books and pamphlets in his life. It is an extremely interesting book and while not of the simplest sort of reading material, it is not difficult.

The Ark Royal, mightiest of British carriers, has finally gone to the bottom of the deep, after being sunk about twice every month since the war started.

## Batty Latty

Some folks think that fleas are black,  
But I don't think that's so.  
Didn't Mary have a little lamb  
With fleas as white as snow?

Well, didn't she?

Hot Tips. . . .

At least they were at this writing—trouble with columnists—they gotta know what's gonna happen before it does—and we WOULD have astigmatism when we need to be far-sighted! . . . Have Doyle Rogers and Mary Ann Farris made everything rosy again? Their love life looks like a patchwork quilt. . . . Carol Price (RJHS) can't decide between Charles Tustin and Eugene Montee—and just last month she asked Jack Hutto to go steady. . . . We heard that Bob Green and Margaret Butler have joined the steady list. . . . And wot's this about Deke Huffman and Bobbie Jean Delaney. . . . Jeanne Knight of RJHS has Bill Conover in such a daze that he tries to collect from the wrong homes on his paper route—may be those cakes and cookies she baked him have something to do with it. . . . Dave Diller and Dorothy Nation have been dating pretty heavily. . . . Archie Jameson and Mary Beaser champ dated last Friday. . . .

Fashionotes. . . .

Margaret Bailey's green leather mittens with slits in the fingertips so that she won't have to take them clear off to get change. . . . Long strings of beads, wooden or otherwise, are the latest. . . . Girls in KSTC and Kansas City wear slax to school—why not in PHS? They're really warmer in the cold weather. . . .

Dos and Dojns. . . .

Brethren and sistern. If you haven't seen that wink of Pat Clemens', you aint seen nuttin'. . . . Now is the time to say anything to Ruth Otto, if you don't want her to talk back, she's lost her voice. . . . Many PHS knitters are knitting for the Red Cross. . . . If something is not done about the squeezers-in of the cafeteria line, the Booster staff threatens by a pair of bronco boots the offenders. . . . Valerie Williams was thrown by a pair of bronco boots the other day. . . . See you around. . . . Batty

## The Cat

This is your snooper dooper reporter, back in the swing of things. Of course this Mary Nell Clark and Bob Schwanzle situation is a little ancient now, but to those of you who haven't heard, they've not been dating much lately. Bonnie Jean Holden is reported to be routin' hard for Bob at the basketball games.

Razzle-dazzle, sizzle-sizzle, and we find that Betty Berchtold dated Jimmy Bertone last Sunday. This is either to give Bob Uttley a rest or be a change for Betty.

A little off the gossip subject—Mr. Nation just sits and nods his head on Mondays. He just can't understand where all the money is coming from.

OOO! My! One of our naive juniors, Janis Bennett, is reaching out into this ole world. Janis dated Douglas Duffey, college basketball player, last week. By the way, she calls him Doug, and he calls her Ducky.

Alice Anderson is in luff—the luff is a mystery, but he is tall dark and handsome, she says. He has blue eyes too. Batty Latty says phooie 'cause there aren't any fellows like that here r shed know him.

## Girls Serve Dinner To Board Of Education

The sixth hour serving class, under the supervision of Mrs. Fritz Snodgrass, served a formal dinner to the Board of Education and wives last night. The planning and serving of this formal dinner was a semester project which finishes up this semester's work.

## School Faces Shortage Of Much Needed Articles

Many school supply items will be scarce and maybe difficult or impossible to purchase next year.

The Board of Education usually purchase these supply items in July and August and it is not known now how many items will be impossible to secure. Pittsburg however will be in the same position as other schools and it may be necessary to do without some articles.

"We definitely know that there is a shortage of rubber bands, paper clips, and paper towels," stated Superintendent H. D. McEachen, "and students in the Pittsburg schools can help by being thrifty in the use of these items."

## Buy Defense Stamps Monday From Your Homeroom Teacher

owner will call at the office for them.

## BORROWED BUNK

By Mimi Nettels

Fronzel: I'm sure I heard a mouse squeak.  
Burl: Well, what do you want me to do, get up and oil it?  
—Cushing High Oiler

"I guess I'll cut in on this dance," said the surgeon as he chloroformed the St. Vitus patient.  
Clipped

Cowboy—"Getting your saddle on backwards oin't you?"  
Dude Rancher—"That's all you know about it, smarty. You don't even know which way I'm going."  
Borrowed

Overheard in the bus depot:  
Check your bag sir?  
No, she'll walk.  
—Ottawa Record.

When I was young I usta think That boys were sweet as pie; But when I think of what I think I think I think a lie.  
The Ocksheperida.

We read that Iola and Chanute are making plans for an exchange program with each other. The Iola Student Council has written to Chanute asking if they would like to participate in the exchange. Chanute would bring some of their talent over to Iola for an assembly and in return Iola would bring some of their talent to Chanute.

## POEME

A city and a chorus girl  
Are much alike, 'tis true;  
A city's built with outskirts.  
A chorus girl is, too.  
Cushing High Oiler

"It's nice of you, doctor, to have come this far to see my husband."  
"Not at all, madam, I have a patient next door and just thought I'd kill two birds with one stone."  
Borrowed

## Mental Meanderings

Imprisoned in the back of the widely read "Liberty" magazine, I noticed this interesting article, "Do You Want To Be a G-Man?" Now that you have chortled over the good old joke about G standing for garbage, with a plural smell, let's examine what the qualifications for a special agent are.

One must be between the ages of 23 and 36 with a certificate from an accredited law or accounting school or a college degree with several qualifications.

In addition one must be able to perform strenuous physical exertions; use firearms; analyze facts; analyze a federal statute and apply a set of rules to the facts; express yourself, in writing and orally; dictate reports; conduct investigations of a type calculated to test your investigative (that should be easy) poise, speech knack and have ease of approach, tact judgment, and resourcefulness, and drive a car.

If you are interested in a position of this kind after attending college, write to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice Washington D. C., and ask for additional information.

Think of it, when you walk down the street the scream of the female specie will remark after seeing your fine physique, "Gee, Man!"

## Students Present Radio Program For Red Cross

Last Tuesday afternoon seven speech students from Mr. Dan J. Tewell's debate class gave another of their Red Cross presentations over KOAM.

The program lasted 15 minutes and contained much data about the Red Cross.

The members which compose the bureau are Evelyn Rober, Christine Cottrell, Charles Wheeler, Bob Green, Jimmie Ruppard, Peggy Dean Moore, and Charles Spenser.

## Necessity For Clean Campus Discussed By Council

The point of keeping the campus clean was again stressed at the meeting of the student council Tuesday, David Diller, chairman of the sanitation committee, expressed his thanks to students for their cooperation in helping to keep the halls and classrooms clean.

For reprints of their picture for Purple & White the junior and senior members have to pay twenty-five cents and sophomores have to pay eighty cents, to their home room teachers.

Lost articles with the names of the owners on them will be put in their respective home room teachers' boxes and he in turn will give them to the owner. An announcement will be made over the loud speaker about these without names on them. The

# Students State Opinions on Cap and Gown Problem

## Interviews Show Many Opposed

### Most Students Favor Suits and Formals To Proposed Robes

Many students have contributed their share of arguments on the cap and gown situation. It has been delved into, and the pros and cons seem to be evenly divided. The question asked the students was "What do you think about the using of caps and gowns for graduation?"

Norman Renfro, "I'd like them if they didn't cost anything."

Tommy Thomas: "Caps and gowns will only add to the expense of graduating, and not reduce it, for the greater portion of the students would buy new suits and dresses any way."

Margie Young: "I think caps and gowns would be very nice for the seniors."

Marilyn Canfield: "Caps and gowns remind me of a funeral so dreary."

Annabell Gulnn: "I think caps and gowns would be the most economical."

Frances Renfro: "Formals are much prettier than caps and gowns, but the latter is less expensive."

Max Owensby: "I think we should have caps and gowns because the formality it offers; besides the graduation would mean so much to those who would be going into service and this would be the last one for them."

Gerry Gaines: "No, because the money we rent the caps and gowns with is just put down a hole."

Alice Anderson: "I think caps and gowns are the ideal solution to our graduation problem this year."

James Carey: "It doesn't make any difference to me."

Vivian Bowles: "Caps and gowns would be more economical but formals would be prettier."

Gerry Lewis: "I think the idea is unreasonable."

Bill Conover: "As far as I'm concerned, they're out. I see no advantage in having them."

Kenny Smith: "I don't want them."

Gerry Hilbott: "I don't think I shall care for them."

Harlow Roberts: "How would I look in a night shirt with a book on my head"

Madeline Knock: "Well, in the first place, graduation isn't graduation without caps and gowns. In the second place, there was never a more appropriate time to have them."

Harry Pittsner: "We might as well graduate in night gowns for all I care."

Colleen Vercolio: "Formals, because some have saved for a year or so for their graduation clothes. So it would be no added expense now, to those persons who can't afford them. Most girls can use them a great deal after graduation, too. You could make them very cheaply."

Bettie Berchtold: "I don't want caps and gown because they would be an added expense where as most girls could generally use a formal afterwards."

Bob Timmons: "No, I don't want caps and gowns because it would be an extra expense for boys too; it might be all right for the girls, but I don't think the boys would want them."

Don Lynn: "I'm definitely against caps and gowns; the majority of the students will buy a new suit or a new formal anyway. What is the use of having an added expense?"

Betty Stryker: "I want formals because they look so much prettier."

Martha Lee Baxter: "I don't want caps and gowns because formals don't necessarily have to be expensive and they are much nicer."

Eldon Watson: "I'm neutral about the whole thing but other clothes will be worn underneath the gowns, so it looks like it would be double expense."

Francis Postal: "Formals look much better on the girls than caps and gown."

Mary Anderson: "We can wear the formals after graduation but not the gowns."

Francis Nickell: "I'm for caps and gowns. Some students say they have been saving money for graduation clothes. Well, be patriotic and purchase defense stamps and bonds."

Norma Dean Cates: "I want caps and gowns because they're more reliable."

Genevieve Petty: "Formals are more attractive and we'll have caps and gowns in college, so why have them over again."

Alice Day: "Formals."

Geneva Fryer: "Formals."

Charles Sample: "I believe we should use the caps and gowns."

Jack Toussaint: "I'm for the caps and gown."

Dana Lemler: "No. It isn't a tradition here and I don't think it's necessary. I'll probably get a new suit for graduation and a cap and gown would

## Wheeler, Roeber Are Finalists

### Scott And Toussaint Cope Second Place In Assembly Friday

Evelyne Roeber and Charles Wheeler defeated Bill Scott and Jack Toussaint in assembly to win the title of first place in the PHS debate tournament held last week.

Bill Runyan and Deborah Naylor were winners of the consolation bracket while Mary Ella Begando and Betty Thomas placed second.

Mr. Dan Tewell stated that the tournament was conducted very well this year and the cooperation of the teachers was very good.

The following students engaged in the debating each having at least two debates; Evelyne Roeber, 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 students debated in Miss Madge Waltz's room, Miss White's room, Miss Maude Laney's room, Mr. George Frey's room, and in the little theatre.

The contest was held late in the semester with the idea that the students could debate much better later in the year than at the beginning.

## Forum Club Discusses Military Training For Youth

A discussion in the Forum Club was led last Tuesday by Jack Neet on the debate question. Resolved: That every able bodied male citizen receive one year of permanent full time military training before attaining the present draft age.

It was the general opinion of the organization that if this law should be satisfactory if the training were taken before entering college.

One member expressed the opinion that many students would remain out of school between their high school and college work and because he would receive so much beneficial training, the year of service would be justified.

The question of whether doctors or pre-medic students would be exempt from training was raised and in answer many members stated that they felt that although their education should not be interrupted, they should not be partial to this profession.

Arnold Flottman: "I'd rather spend my money for a suit that I could use in the future."

Edith Lantz: "I think caps and gowns are cheaper and they are more appropriate for a graduating class."

John Morin: "I don't think we should wear caps and gowns. It's too expensive and they look silly."

Charlotte Miller: "Formals look nicer and you can use them on occasions other than graduation."

Belva Organ: "I want formals because they are more appropriate for high school."

Helen Marie Coghill: "Why put your money into caps and gowns when you could put it on a nice formal? They look to much like night gowns to suit me."

Gerald Esch: "Why wear caps and gowns? The customary suits and formals have been all right before and are not expensive. After renting caps and gowns you've spent around five dollars and don't have anything. I don't want them."

Martha Sale: "I think very definitely that the caps and gowns are the best."

Christine Cotterell: "I think everyone should want to look forward to caps and gowns in college."

Marjorie Bruce: "It is said that caps and gowns are for college graduation, but how many of us are going to graduate from college?"

Mary Urban: "They are not so expensive and much more practical."

Others who are against caps and gowns are Louis Massadlia, and R. D. Noel.

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## Cafeteria Line



(Melvin Hall) Photo —BOOSTER LECTROGUT The Booster photographer snapped the above picture of the irregular cafeteria line this week while the students were waiting to eat. The student council is attempting to correct this situation by publishing pictures.

## Phyllis Fretwell, Young Composer Dreams Songs; Then Writes Them

"I always dream a song before I write it," asserted Phyllis Fretwell, composer of three songs.

Her latest song, "Reverie of Love," has been recorded and some day Phyllis hopes to have it published. "I'll have to write the music down first though, I never write songs down I only memorize them."

Phyllis has been playing the piano for six years, but has been composing song only since last summer. "My favorite subject is probably typing," said the young composer.

When questioned of her future Phyllis stated that she would like to be an actress. "But I suppose I'll have to go on writing songs as the tunes drive me crazy until I do," said Phyllis, as she is sometimes called by her friends.

Phyllis has been in various musical activities in junior high and has continued them in senior high. She stated that she planned to go further into music by majoring in it in college.

## Boys May Pay For Camp Wood In Advance by Installments

All boys who intend to go to Camp Wood, Hi-Y camp, this summer will be allowed to pay for the expense a little at a time, according to Mr. Clyde Hartford.

Money will be given to Mr. Hartford and the boys will be issued receipts. This innovation was made this year to allow boys to pay their expenses a little at a time.

## Woodworking Classes Meeting At Night

Nearly 40 boys in Mr. J. M. Collie's woodworking classes have been meeting two nights a week in the woodworking shop to complete their work delayed earlier this year by priorities.

The boys met for two hours on Thursday of last week and Tuesday and Thursday of this week. They were unable to get lumber supplies because national defense priorities during the first part of the year. Now that materials are on hand, they are meeting voluntarily at night to complete their projects.

"Much enthusiasm has been shown by these boys for this extra work," stated Mr. Collie.

## Story Of Telephone Told To Scientists

The Photography Club met Tuesday with the Junior Academy of Science, in the Little Theater.

Mr. John L. Whitcomb, from the Bell Telephone Company, told the story of the history of telephone to the members.

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## To Fly Plane or be Army Nurse Ambition of Betty Pyle, Editor

To fly a plane in the army or to be a nurse in the army is the ambition of Betty Pyle, co-editor of the Booster. Her favorite subject is English, but journalism also rates in her list. Among Betty's favorite sports are swimming, riding, tennis, basketball, football, and ice skating. Betty was tennis champion in her sophomore year.

"My hobby is collecting menus, and I would really appreciate it if someone sent me some," stated the editor. "I wouldn't call it a hobby, but I can play the piano."

Betty likes nothing better than to be at a movie where Robert Taylor or Franchot Tone are making in the pictures — their best love scenes.

She is also secretary of her Girl Reserve group.

## Little Bits

Men Lottman is suffering from three sore fingers that were received while washing his car.

At the regular meeting of Allied Youth Tuesday morning, Mr. Willard Trope, sponsor, explained next semester's program.

Lida Lee Schasteen, senior will go to Parsons Saturday for a meeting of the district cabinet of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

S. C. Election For Second Term To Be Held Soon

The student council election for the second semester representatives will take place the latter part of next week, according to Mr. Ellsworth Briggs, student council sponsor.

"I think if the first half representative has done a good piece of work for the home room during the first half, they should re-elect the student for the second semester," stated Mr. Briggs. He also added that about two-thirds of the students were re-elected for the second half last year.

He explained that the students must have a C-average or better in all their classes for the first semester or they will not be allowed to run for council representative. This is one of the provisions of the student council constitution.

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## Forum Club Hears Supt. McEachen

### "American Youth Must Face Future Problems" Is Main Topic of Speech

The problems which the American youth must face in the future was the main topic of the speech was given to the Forum club last Tuesday by Superintendent Howard D. McEachen.

Mr. McEachen stated his belief that the citizens do not appreciate their privilege and rights as Americans and in comparison he gave an example of a friend who had traveled abroad extensively and who had seen the standard of living of various countries. He stated that he would rather be the poorest person on relief in the United States than wealthiest in some of the countries which he had visited.

Mr. McEachen asserted four points which he declared the future taxpayer of America should follow. "First," he added, "hungry birds don't sing." He explained that if the future society was economically satisfied there would be a natural elimination of political bosses and gluttons of power.

The second included looking into the future instead of following our predecessors who are planning only for the present.

Next Mr. McEachen declared that the future voters must select able and honest leaders and he added, "I wouldn't be a bit surprised if, in a few years, you people will be training leaders who have been selected for their outstanding abilities."

In closing his speech Mr. McEachen declared that he wished all those present to remember one thing, that being, "If you've got a right, you've a corresponding duty."

Pittsburg Dentists Will Inspect Teeth Next Month

A dental inspection will be held Feb. 12, and 13, it has been reported by the school nurse, Miss Mary Gulay. Fourteen local dentists will examine the students.

In all an approximate 3,000 students will receive the examination in the city schools.

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# Pitt Squad After Coffeyville's Scalp Tonight

## Dragons Are Given Edge Over Javatown Bunch

### Tornado Picks Up Speed After Win Over Columbus Titans

The Pittsburg Dragons will don their war togs tonight when they battle the Coffeyville Golden Tornadoes on the Field Kindly H. S. court. The Dragons are given the edge over the Javatown squad.

The Tornado started the season with the appearance of being nothing but a gust of wind, but since they walked over the strong Columbus Titans with apparent ease in a game last Friday, it is reasonable to believe that they are beginning to pick up speed and may give the Dragons quite a spin.

The Coffeyville squad is well balanced and practically everybody does his part in running up the score. Stover, Tornado guard, played the major role in the Columbus game.

The Dragons, now the sole occupants of second place, will need more in tonight's game than they showed in the Independence game last week.

The probable starting lineups:

<b>Pittsburg</b>	<b>Coffeyville</b>	
Coulter	Forward	Levy
Biggs	Forward	Davis
Gilllin	Center	Truman
J. Gray	Guard	Stover
Davis	Guard	Pfister

## The Dope's Bucket

By Maurice Mosier

Back again to bring you a little dope—notice the smell.

The Dragons are going to beat the Coffeyville Zephyrs tonight. I bet that the Dragons breeze through them so easily that they will look more like a gentle summer wind than a Tornado.

Rumors have it that we may get rid of our present school bus. I certainly hope so. A school as large as PHS should certainly have a better school bus.

### Dragons of the Week:

Senior forward J. O. Biggs is the eager for this week. J. O. Biggs was one of the four letterman back this year. He did a fine job in the Iola game and we hope to see him play some more of that kind of BB. One of his best qualities is his fighting spirit and he is always in there pitching.

Dribbling: When Gerald Tucker was ruled ineligible to play this semester, Oklahoma found that they had another "Heap" big scorer. "Arkie" is trying to schedule a meeting between the Dragons and the St. Mary's squad. ST. Mary's has a strong team and this will be a good game if he can make an agreement. Several PHS boys are playing basketball in the Y.M.C.A. leagues on Thursday nights, that the Columbus "speed merchants" (because they are so small and fast) would walk over the "lumbering" Dragons in their next meeting (next Friday) but we say that the Titans are going to think that a "big tree" fell on them before the game is over. Remember next week we'll see, Mose.

## "The Dragons"



(Melvin Hull) Photo Pictured above with Coach "Arkie" Hoffman 13 boys who represent PHS on the basketball courts this season. This scrappy team is now second place in the SEK race. From left to right, they are: Back row: Bill Horton, Don, Gray, Coach Hoffman, Bill Daughtery, and Paul abaloz; Middle row (first team); J. O. Biggs, Joe Gray, Clair Gillin, Larry Davis, and Kenny Coulter; front row: Jack Crews, Ossie Shoup, Bob Schwanzle, and Homer Cole.

## Faculty Benefit Game On Feb. 4

### LJHS And RJHS To Battle For Basketball Honors In Preliminary

Proceeds for a benefit basketball game which will be played on the Roosevelt gymnasium Wednesday night, Feb. 4, instead of the previously scheduled date of Jan. 28, will be divided among the infantile paralysis and Red Cross war funds. The main game will be played between the Pittsburg and Baxter Spring faculties.

Not much is known about the strength of the opposing team, but it has lost a couple players to the army. The Pittsburg team will be the same as last year.

The two teams were very closely matched last year with Pittsburg defeating Baxter at Baxter by four points and in the return game here Baxter defeated Pittsburg by one or two points.

In a preliminary game the Lakeside Junior High will meet the Roosevelt Junior High.

There will be a tumbling exhibition at the half of the game put on by the gym classes of Mr. Fritz Snodgrass.

### Art Class Open To Anyone Interested

Miss Florence White's art class will be open to any student desiring to do free hand drawing next semester. Any person wishing to draw can do so if he will set himself to do it according to Miss White. "It is just like writing," Miss White said.

### Girls' Pep Club Leads Cheering At Pep Rally

The dragonettes, girls' pep club, demonstrated their cheering ability last Friday in assembly. The girls, led by Rosemary Skaer, Bonnie Crouch, and Patsy Parrott, formed a group on the stage and proved their cheering power with several yells.

Following this, the cheer leaders led the student body in yells and songs, accompanied by the pep band.

### INTRAMURALS

Blancett (32)	fg ft f	Halfhill (12)	fg ft f
Blancett	2 0 2	Halfhill	1 1 3
Zimmerman	6 0 3	Thomas	0 0 1
Massaglia	3 2 2	Septune	3 1 3
Albers	1 0 0	Toussaint	0 0 0
Grant	0 0 4	Masquelier	0 1 1
Dummy	2 0 0	Watson	0 2 0
	1 0 0		

Total 15 2 11 Total 4 5 8

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Postai (16) Faculty (40)

Postai	fg ft f	Faculty	fg ft f
Postai	0 0 1	Russell	4 0 0
Perry	0 0 1	Frey	0 0 0
Wisdom	0 0 0	Hutson	0 0 0
Neptune	1 0 0	Landquest	0 0 2
Bush	1 0 0	Duerksen	1 1 3
Pittser	4 0 1	Huffman	3 1 0
Moore	2 0 3	Snodgrass	5 0 0
		Gieier	3 2 1
		Ison	3 2 1

Total 8 0 6 Total 18 4 8

### Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

Timmons (7) Carey (40)

Timmons	fg ft f	Carey	fg ft f
Timmons	0 1 4	Plotman	5 1 3
Van Zandt	1 0 1	Carey	6 1 1
Movin	1 2 1	Bettega	4 1 2
Dalri	0 0 2	Curry	2 1 1
		Mosier	0 0 2

Total 2 3 8 Total 17 4 9

### Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

Box scores of intramurals: Junior Division: Played Tuesday.

### Hedgecock (26) Bertone (20)

Hedgecock	fg ft f	Bertone	fg ft f
Hedgecock	2 2 2	Bertone	1 0 2
Huffman	4 0 4	B. Murray	0 0 0
Grisham	0 0 0	J. Jones	6 2 2
Evans	5 2 2	Walker	1 2 3
Sample	0 0 0	Brinkman	0 0 0
Leet	0 0 0		

Totals 8 2 13 Total 8 4 13

### Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

Foote (30) Feely (18)

Foote	fg ft f	Feely	fg ft f
Foote	0 1 4	Feely	2 0 4
Lowe	1 5 1	Whitmore	1 2 4
Masquelier	2 1 2	Boone	5 0 3
Harry	6 2 0	Crowe	0 0 2

Total 9 12 7 Total 11 4 8

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Prince (11) Kerns (14)

Prince	fg ft f	Kerns	fg ft f
Prince	1 0 2	Kerns	0 0 2
Kirk	3 2 1	Roberts	2 3 3
Davis	0 0 1	Covell	0 0 0
Conover	0 1 1	Bear	2 3 2
Carpenter	0 0 3	Murdock	0 0 2

Totals 4 3 8 Total 4 6 9

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## Bob Timmons FOR P & W King

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### Photography Club Gets Contact Printer

The Photography club recently received a new contact printer which was made by Tommy Ferguson, junior in PHS during the Christmas vacation.

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The margin is put on the prints by an adjustable metal mask. The negative are put in place by the light of an inclosed ruby bulb, then printed for an average of six seconds.

### Chimes Repaired, Radio Also Is Reserviced

The chimes denoting the beginning and end of periods were finally repaired last week. Previously, the chimes, in many instances, could not be heard at all and were responsible for overtime periods and tardiness.

While the repair man was reser- vicing the chimes, the office radio went "on the bum." The repair man sent to Kansas City for new tubes and parts. They arrived at the first of the week and the radio is now in working order.

### Hi-Y Groups Attend Fort Scott Meeting

Four Hi-Y boys, accompanied by Mr. Clyde Hartford, went to a meeting at Fort Scott a week ago Thursday night.

The purpose of their attendance was to get the Fort Scott interested in the Hi-Y organization again. The boys going were Eldon Watson, Jack Clark, Bill Albers and Bob Peter. They were entertained with a chill supper and afterwards Mr. Hartford and each of the boys gave a short talk.

### WE WANT Charlotte Miller FOR ANNUAL QUEEN

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## Dragons Triumph Over Bulldogs

### Gillin and Coulter Lead Pitt in 29 to 21 Victory Over Foes

The PHS Dragons put another victory under their belts here last Friday as they trounced the Independence Bulldogs, 29 to 21.

Pitt held a slight edge most of the way, although the purple clad seemed to lack their zest and spark, Kenny Coulter and Clair Gillin shared high honors for the game, both collecting 11 points. Sims led the Bulldogs with nine points.

The Independence team had a decided edge as to height, but managed to get the ball through the Bulldog defense several times though many passes were intercepted.

It was the fifth loss for Independence and they went lower into the cellar, while Pitt took a tighter grasp on second place.

In other SEK games, Coffeyville whipped Columbus (speed merchants) Titans, 32 to 26. This knocked the Titans into third place. Chantue tromped on Fort Scott, 44 to 23. Parsons edged out over Iola, 27-22, as Dale Hall fell short of his 25 points average.

In a preliminary game, the sophomore team defeated the Roosevelt Jr. High team, 39-7. Bill Hart was high for the "soph's".

The box score:

<b>Independence</b>	<b>Pittsburg</b>		
fg ft f	fg ft f		
Sherman, f	2 0 2	Davis, g	2 0 3
Case, f	1 0 0	Coulter, f	4 3 3
Lee, f	3 0 3	Biggs, f	1 1 0
Shive, c	0 0 3	Schwanzle, f	0 0 0
Van Dolh, g	1 0 3	Gillin, c	5 1 2
Lehman, g	0 0 0	J. Gray, g	0 0 1
Sims, g	3 1 2		
Totals	10 1 13	Totals	12 5 10

Halftime score: Independence 14, Pittsburg 15.  
Official: John Lance.  
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## BOWLING

Saturday High School League Jan. 24. 1:30

Chblers vs Pin Splitters 1&2  
Rangers vs Streamliners 3&4  
Pine Mites vs Lucky Spooks 5&6  
Pin Gals vs Clef Dwellers 7&8

2:30  
Elsjes vs Snappy Snubs 1&2  
Flashettes vs All Stars 3&4  
Slickers vs Snub Dubs 5&6  
Pen Pushers vs Lucky Five 7&8

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Pitt Faculty Wins

The Pittsburg faculty team last night defeated the Baxter Springs teachers 33 to 24 at Baxter Springs.

## Let's Score



(Melvin Hull) Photo J. O. Biggs, foreground, has the ball under the Dragon's basket but is closely guarded by Shive, 88, Independence center. At left are: Joe Gray, and, Lee(80). At extreme right is Kenny Coulter.

### First Half Of Year Ends This Afternoon

"Hurray, today ends the first semester of school, just 18 more weeks to go." "But wait, I had better get busy on some of my studies or I won't graduate."

This seems to be the favorite tune among the halls of PHS as the semester ends today.

Yes, just 18 more weeks of school, and then it will be out. Report cards will be issued next Wednesday.

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### Collect 80 Bundles For Distribution

Eighty bundles were collected by the students on bundle day. The students, 120 of them, distributed 6,000 bond bills which were printed by Mr. John E. White and the printing department.

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If at any time anyone has some outgrown or discarded clothing they want to give someone, they can have their bundles picked up by contacting a G. R. or Hi-Y sponsor.

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