

Two More Weeks
Till Christmas

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See You Tonight
At the Junior Play

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And What's More!

Write your letters to Santa Claus to-day or Monday and slip it into the Booster Box. Make it short. Unusual letters will be published in next week's Booster. Be sure your letter is in the box by Monday evening.

While preparing HCL hydrogen Chloride gas, in the laboratory, Denman Orbes tipped the generator and received a minor burn from the acid. As the rumor circulated, it gained momentum. Before long Denman had practically lost an arm. Checking on the rumor, the reporter found Denman's injury was a small burn.

The pace setting war bond and stamp buyers this week were members of Mr. Marion Nation's room. Approximately \$94 were sold on Pearl Harbor Day.

If you have a tall tale to tell—let the sports editors in on it. If it is good enough to merit publication, look for it under "Tall Tales From the Timber" by A. Logg.

Rosalie Williamson claims that she got in the last word during an argument in sociology. Whether a woman will ever be president of the United States was debated.—Only Comment, its debatable.

The Question of the Week:
Can Pat Clemens write themes—and what about Deborah Naylor's technique?

Economics students know where at least 15 hours of their spare time will go within the next four weeks. That is the minimum amount of time given for the students to complete projects. Mr. Ellsworth Briggs states that last year, one student spent 98 hours preparing a report for his class.

Students are reminded again to invite all PHS grads that they can contact to the eighteenth annual homecoming Day Dec. 18.

It seems that Buddy Baer and his clean up campaign did not take into account the possibility of snow. It was necessary to call off the litter evacuating program because the only thing possible to clean up would be the white crystallized precipitant.

Old man weather will play tricks, eh, Bud.

Tonight "Almost Eighteen" will be presented in the high school auditorium.

"The cast has been working hard and I might say that a grand performance can be expected," Mrs. Lewis predicted.

The saying of the week
I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas.

Staff Sgt. Millers Visits PHS Friday This Week

"When a person goes into the army, he should go in with the thought in mind that he is going to try to like it, if he doesn't he will find it very difficult," said Staff Sergeant Sam D. Miller when he visited the high school here last Tuesday.

Sergeant Miller is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga. He was inducted in the army at Fort Leavenworth and received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. From there he was transferred to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he received his technical training. He is a specialist in radio repairing and maintenance.

He has been in the army for about 18 months. During that time he spent approximately 11½ months working at the switchboard. Sergeant Miller is a graduate from this high school. During the time that he was here, he lettered in track three years. He was the star mile runner during that time. He also played with the colored basketball team. In the intra-mural program he took part in the wrestling bouts.

He is a radio specialist and line foreman for his platoon. He is a platoon sergeant and has 85 men under his command. He is an instructor in a school which teaches the various parts of building, repairing, maintaining telephone connections.

Grads Invited To Homecoming Friday Dec. 18

Junior Play Cast Presents "Almost Eighteen"



(Melvin Hall) Photo
"Almost Eighteen" will be presented tonight by members of the junior class. The cast includes from left to right Mary Lou Griffin, Mrs. Granville; Tommy Davis, Mr. Merritt; Deborah Naylor, Beatrice Barry; Patsy Culver, Sally; Mardell Wright, Miss Dalrymple; Le Roy Stucky, Tommy Granville; Louise Clare Dubois, Mable Warren; Pat Clemens, Eddie Barry; Bob Tennent, William Barry; Jack Brumbaugh, George; and Mrs. Lewis, director.

THE JUNIOR CLASS OF 1942

PRESENTS

"Almost Eighteen"

A Comedy-Drama in Three Acts
Dana Thomas

CAST OF CHARACTERS (In Order Of Appearance)

William Barry—Eddie's Dad.....Bob Tennant
Grace Barry—His Mother.....Bonnie Jean Holden
Beatrice—The Daughter.....Deborah Naylor
Mabel Warren—A Music Teacher.....Louise Claire Dubois
Mrs. Granville—Of The Woman's Club.....Mary Lou Griffin
Eddie—Almost Eighteen.....Pat Clemens
George—The Uncle.....Jack Brumbaugh
Ann—Eddie's Ideal.....Mary Adele Woodbury
Tommy—A Friend Of Eddie's.....Le Roy Stucky
Sally—One Of The Crowd.....Patsy Culver
Mr. Merritt—A Professor.....Tom Davis
Miss Dalrymple—A Clubwoman.....Mardell Wright

Act I: Living room in the Barry home. An evening in May.
Act II: The same. Evening three weeks later.
Act III: The same. The following day at noon.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Mrs. Ruth H. Lewis
Music Director.....Mr. Gerald M. Carney
Prompters.....Mary Lou Garrison, Laura Belle Rush
Property Managers.....Paul Siple, Jack Sparks
Makeup.....Maude Laney, Eileen Daniels
Nell Theobald, Eloise Kirk
Advertising.....Earl Matson, William Benefield
Ushers.....Martha Smith, Wilma Kern, Colleen Nelson
Jean Ann Cremer, Florence Laughlin, Justine Cerne

Stage Furnishings: Courtesy Derry's Furniture Store
Produced by arrangement with The Northwestern Press.

Jim Irwin Is Scotchman

"If I were to choose between Scotland and this country as my home, I would choose the United States," remarked Jim Irwin, janitor of PHS.

Jim, as he is known to most of the PHS students, was born in Scotland but came to this country 36 years ago. He is married and has one son. His wife also is out from Scotland. His Scotch home was at Kilsyth. When asked if he had any relatives still living there, he said, "Oh yes, lots of them."

Jim explained that if he had any hobbies at all, his hobby was reading. He said he likes to read all types of books. He has no favorite author. Jim added that he plays no musical instruments.

Boys Organize Model Airplane Club

"The Balsa Butchers of PHS," sponsored by Mr. Harlan Price, is the name of the new model airplane club organized a week ago Tuesday.

Its officers are George Bennet, president; George McClure, vice-president; and Raymond Rogers, secretary. Other members are: Homer Albers, John Peterson, Clayton Taylor, Dan Seifers, Vivian Ratt, Ted Moody, Bob Hull, Jim Conover, Virgil Crammer, Don Broome, Harold Butler, and Gene Carmichael.

Members supply their own material and work on whatever they wish.

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Don't forget the Junior play

Hartford Here

On Brief Visit Former PHS Teacher And Hi-Y Sponsor Has New Kind of Job To Do

Visiting high school for a short time last Friday, Mr. Clyde Hartford, former PHS instructor, announced that he is going to make personal appearances and give many talks to the Hi-Y clubs in the area, of the Y. M. C. A. which covers the five states of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, and Missouri. His work is a Hi-Y project sponsored by the area Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Hartford was forced to discontinue his job of teaching last year because of his health.

He will also have personal inter-



views and speaking to Hi-Y cabinets, program planning groups, and to tional guidance groups, and to members of the inner circle.

While at PHS Mr. Hartford was sponsor of the Bunny Carlson Chapter, and did a great deal in making the Hi-Y organization in this school what it is today.

The former instructor has also conducted individual interviews and counseling at Camp Wood for 30 years.

A story recently appeared in the Stimulator, a Hi-Y magazine, telling about Mr. Hartford's new work.

Concerts Planned After Christmas Vacation

"After the Christmas vacation we are planning to have concerts," stated Mr. Gerald M. Carney. "The band, orchestra, and the chorus each will again take part at the basket-ball games this season. These concerts are given regularly by the music department each year.

The band has participated in playing in the football games and will again take part at the basket-ball games this season.

The band plans to play for the assembly the eighth of this month.

Afternoon Program Will Consist Of Speaker, Musical Numbers, Recognition To Fighting Men

Dance Will Take Place After Assembly
Purple And White Picture Will Be Taken

Homecoming, which will be Dec. 18, was the main topic of discussion at the Student Council meeting last Tuesday.

There will be the customary program with speakers and musical entertainment which will begin about two on Friday afternoon.

The program will begin with the band playing the Star Spangled Banner and the high school song. Then the chairman who will either be Larry Davis, Student Council president, or Bill Walker, vice-president, will lead the group in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Principal Finis M. Green will welcome the old-grads, and last year's Student Council president, Charles Wheeler, who will speak.

Mr. John L. Hutchinson will be the main speaker of the afternoon. There will be a recognition service for PHS grads who are now in the armed forces. A Booster representative will read a list of the names of all the old-grads in the service. Then there will be a minute of silence for those fighting men who have given their lives for their country.

After the assembly a picture will be taken for the Purple and White.

A dance will be given in the Roosevelt gymnasium after the program, and all former graduates of PHS are invited to attend.

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Files Filled With Frisivolous Fun

Digging in the dirt of old Booster files revealed that early amusement of PHS'ians four or five Decembers ago, were much like those of today:

37—Show—"Live, Love and Learn," with Rosaline Russell, Robert Montgomery.—Song—"You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming"; Joke—"They said good-night out in the hall."

He did not want to go at all
His heartache he could not erase
She tilted up her lovely face;
She stole a kiss that thrilled his soul.

She got his watch, scarf pin and bank roll.

38—Song—"Heart and Soul;" Show—"The Bride of Frankenstein" with Boris Karloff. Every high school student with an activity ticket admitted two for one; Joke—"Did you take a bath?" Brown—"No I didn't know there was one missing."

40—Show—"Jesse James" with Tyrone Power; Song—"The Man Who Wasn't There" Joke—"Love"

"Sure Do!"

"Kiss Me?"

"Fraid To!"

"A Cold?"

"About To Freeze!"

"Want My Coat?"

"No Just The Sleeve."

Farming Is Most Basic Work In World, Says Mr. J. M. Collie

"Uncle Sam urges all farmers to grow oil producing crops; therefore I am starting to raise flax and say beans on my farm," explained Mr. J. M. Collie, PHS instructor.

Mr. Collie owns a 240 acre farm 17 miles from Baxter Springs. He has had his farm only a short time, and now he is just beginning to get his place in the condition with he wants it.

This PHS instructor grows many grains in his land, and he hasn't yet been able to get the stock he wanted because of being unable to get wirefence. He would like to raise sheep and cattle, and he also wants to have a number of horses.

Mr. Collie does not live on his farm now, but when his services are no longer needed in PHS, he then intends to become a farmer. However he has been supervising all the work on his land.

Mr. Collie wasn't born or reared on a farm, but he has had experience in this field. Until a year ago he had a small farm in Oklahoma, and he also made his living as a farm manager from 1932 to 1935.

"My opinion of farming is that it's the most basic occupation in

Clothing Classes Make Gowns For Red Cross

"Clothing classes are making two dozen flannel gowns for Red Cross. The girls are enthusiastic about helping the war effort in this way," remarked Miss Esther Gable.

"One can see various activities in the clothing room as the girls choose and work on their new projects. They are still filling in the gaps of their ward-robos from suits, house-coats, dresses, skirts, to robes," commented Miss Gable.

Members of the classes had an opportunity of displaying their knowledge of fundamentals and techniques of actual sewing last week. Their test took the form of making buttonholes, different kind of seams, darts, and various stitches.

Girls Bake Cookies To Keep Up Soldier's Morale

Keeping up the moral of the boys in the service seems to be the aim of the girls in Miss Doris Sherman's food classes this Christmas season.

The girls are beginning to bake military cookies, either for the boys in service or to be sent to friends.

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What's To Be

Monday—Homeroom payment of activity tickets and sale of war stamps.

Tuesday—Clubs.

Wednesday—Pep club.

Thursday—Girl Reserves and Hi-Y.

Friday—Homecoming assembly and dance.

Basketball at Lawrence

Vacation from Dec. 18,

at 4 p.m. to Jan. 4, at 8:

45 a.m.

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"Meat Eaters"

Why is meat rationing necessary? Secretary of Agriculture Wickard says, "One of the main reasons lay in the fat pocketbooks of 32,000,000 housewives. Their husbands are earning more than ever before, and as a result demanding more beef, pork, veal, lamb, and mutton."

Hundreds of millions of pounds of meat each month go to the fighting men and to Lend-Lease and the greater demand for meat by civilians is what makes meat rationing necessary.

Statistically there is no serious shortage of meat. Under rationing at the rate of two and half pounds a person a week, each person would have 130 pounds of meat a year. That compares with an average consumption of 131 pounds of meat for the ten years between 1930 and 1940, and his is only 12 pounds under the 142 pounds which was eaten per capita during 1941.

Salmon or halibut cannot be used as a substitute for red meat. Because of submarine warfare and restrictions on coastal fisheries there will be little fish on many menus during coming months. Canned fish will also be difficult to obtain.

Lamb, mutton and cheese will be as plentiful as last year. There is also a bumper crop of chicken. If every American family would have an extra chicken every so often instead of beef, and cheese instead of pork, the pressure on meat supplies would be eased.

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A Dirty Trick

Out of a clear Hawaiian sky zoomed a horde of Japanese airplanes just one year ago this past Monday, Dec. 7.

But—what the Japs didn't realize was that a dirty attack such as that would do more than anything to unify the American people. They thought that by destroying our Pacific fleet they could destroy our spirit.

Our freedom is the most precious thing we have. It is what America stands for and what our very lives are built upon.

Fighting mad, that is no description of the feeling the people had. Sons, husbands, brothers, and friends were lost or injured. Over night our country changed. Men and boys volunteered for service. Factories for defense sprang up. Naval yards worked like bees building ships.

Our country has launched as much tonnage this week as we lost in the Pearl Harbor attack. Now, Japs, we might have been asleep once, but never again.

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Rumors

"Don't believe everything you hear." How often have you heard that familiar saying? No doubt everyone has been told that many times, but have you ever stopped to think what sound advice it really is?

Now, more than ever before, you should pause and weigh the truth of things you hear before you repeat them. During war time people often become aroused easily by things they hear; they overhear a shocking bit of news and immediately become so excited they repeat it before they stop to realize that it may not be true. The ability of a false bit of news planted in the right place to gain momentum as it is reported, is one of the most deadly weapons known to propagandists for destroying the morale of a nation.

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MIND YOUR MANNERS



When private papers lie on desks, Don't ever take a peek; Unless you want the world to think Your middle name is sneak.



Don't snub the newest student, She may be next week's friend; A cheery word or helpful hint Will earn you thanks, no end!



It's time to turn a deaf ear When near a private "talkie," And Grade A etiquette, of course, To take a little "walkie."

SWAPS

* The Joplin high school junior class selected and presented "Almost Eighteen" as their class play. Reports say it was a success.

* The pep club at Nampa, Idaho elects its members by popular vote. The Girls must have a "C" average to be eligible for nomination.

* The Manual Arts high school of Los Angeles has been leading a double life. It seems that they are having regular high school classes during the day and war training classes for adults in the evening. There are 3,000 men and women enrolled in the classes. Through this training 150 men are prepared for Army or Navy every 16 weeks.

* Pittsburg was unable to attend the annual G. R. conference which was held at Coffeyville. Approximately 150 delegates representing Caney, Chanute, Dennis, Fort Scott, Independence, and Alamo were able to attend the meeting this year.

* The seniors at Miami high school have already voted on their class rings, so that they can wear them while still in high school.

* Times are changing: They were single and went walking,

And her heart did skip a beat As she stumbled on the sidewalk, And he answered, "Careful sweet" Now the wedding bells have rung, And they walked the same old street, She stumbled on the sidewalk, And he yelled, "Pick up your feet!"

* T.B. Christmas stamps will be sold by the G.R. and Pep Club members at Independence. The Girl Reserve has charge of "Bangle day" which will be Dec. 12, when the girls will sell bangles on the street.

* To our Romeos we dedicate these lines:

Two is company, and three's a crowd,
He, she, and the light.
Crimson and Gray
Nevada, Missouri

Doublecross

December 11, 1942.

Dear Pittay,

Oh hi! I got myself in another mess the other night. You know Percy Small don't you? Well if you don't remember, I can't say I blame you. To get back on the subject though, last Friday, Percy called and asked if I would go to the show with him. I told him I had a cold and couldn't go out and he was very nice about it. About a half an hour later Johnny came by, you know he's that real cute football star all of the girls are just crazy about.

He wanted me to go for a ride with him, and I did. When we were in town we stopped to get a coke and who should be walking down the street but Percy. Well believe me I never felt so low in my life. Honest I felt like a snake. Percy was as nice as he could be but I know he was hurt. I've learned my lesson: I'll stay home the next time.

Be good,

Susie

Offhand Interviews

Rex Thompson — I wouldn't even let them put my name in that paper.

Billie Rinehart — That Believe It Or Not, where will we get the stuff for it.

Mr. White — You had better get that down here if you want it set up.

Peggy Moore — Oh, Jke! Are you going to be a doctor?

Bill Studvyn — Does it meet with your approval?

Mr. Green — What is this, a committee meeting?

Elizabeth Oldham — It's very simple, really it is.

Maurice Emerson — I think the Navy is swell!

Mary Nell Clark — Dorothy, do you think the government test will be hard?

Ruth McMurry — My mother was a lady, but woe is me.

Clair Gillin — Come out! Come out!

Karl Ball — You Would!

Ossie Shoup — Hello, little girl. Mr. Cromer — I think it would be well to put some comment in there.

Gladys Burke — Shall I?

Lowell Berry — Hey sis, your slip is showing!

Miss Sherman — What do you, want an interview?

Ruth Wray — My Avocado slipped off my plate.

Mory Ruth Wilson — Yes, and just then my orange slipped off my plate.

Dickey Colburn — You know him. He sits across the aisle from me.

Bobby Delaney — How are you doing kid?

Gus Blair — (censored)

Patsy Higgins — I've been a bad girl.

Cupid Rides Again

Dear Miss Cupid,

Please help me with my great big problem. Most girls are holler-ing about getting boys but I have some I'd like to get rid of. I can't go anywhere unless I have a boy escort—I just can't stand it.

Everytime I come to school there's one waiting at the door for me or at my locker.

I can't even study at night because one of them always comes down. Don't you think this is an awful situation.

If some of the girls who don't have boyfriends come around and see me, I can fix them up with any size, shape, or form.

Please help me out. Signed

Don't Know What To Do. Dear Miss Don't Know What To Do.

Most of us at sometime or other have wanted a certain boy friend we couldn't have, but you are the first case I have ever heard of that had boy friends to give away.

As I have never been in such a position, it would be unfair for me to give you advice. All I can tell you is a number of "don'ts," such as: don't comb your hair, don't wear neat dresses, and don't wash your face.

My only advice to you, since I am unable to give you a specific answer to your question, is if you are not an egotist and love to brag and are serious about your problem, write to Miss Dorothy Dix, maybe she can help you.

Maybe if you weren't so darn cute you wouldn't have so many boy friends.



TWINS

Now for those handsome Loy twins. No, one isn't seeing double because if one looks real close, he'll see that Ike has a scar above his right eye and Mike can be recognized by his false tooth. He is proud of this artificial molar.

Both have black hair and brown eyes. Ike weighs 126 and is 5 feet 3 inches tall. Mike weighs 132 and stands 5 feet 4 inches.

Mike is a trombone player. Ike plays the trumpet.

When Ike was asked his most embarrassing moment, he replied, "Ask Christine." Mike wouldn't talk.

My ambition is to be a C. P. A., Certified Public Accountant," remarked Mike, "and Ike wants to be a doctor."

Their hobby is working on cars, and eating hamburgers, and drink-

ing free root beers.

Some of their possessions are two horses, two calves, seven sheep, 100 chickens, four motorboats, a bicycle built for two, and a car, if that's what it's called.

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CAKE

Gene Carmichael had a time with his girl friends when he managed to get a date with one girl and then met her at the show later when he had a date with another girl. Embarrassing, wasn't it?

"My hobby is women and my favorite one is Betty Tims," remarked Gene.

Gene is 5 feet 9 inches tall and wears a small shoe which is only size 11½. He has blue eyes, and brown hair.

Gene said, "My ambition is to be a machinist in the Navy."

His favorite food is a big chocolate cake with brown icing, so gals get your hands in the dough and start baking that cake.

Gene's most serious accident was the time he ran his hand through the glass in a door at school and almost cut his thumb off.

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CUTE

Patsy Culver, ex-gal of Jimmy Bertone, is now interested in her next door neighbor, by name of Mac Hay. She is that cute 5 foot 1 inch junior with hazel eyes and brown hair.

"My favorite pastime is dancing and I love to hear the song, "At Last," remarked Pat.

Her hobby is collecting miniature salt and pepper shakers. She also likes to skate.

"My ambition is to be an air hostess because I love airplanes," Patsy asserted.

When you hear the expression, "You're just an old fuddy-duddy," you'll know Pat is somewhere near

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Did You Know? Miss Helen Lanyon, Miss Ferda Hutton, and Miss Madge Walters were members of the Booster Staff in 1917?



by Jeep and Peep

Some of these gossip-lovers have been asking for juicier gossip and more of it. This year we are trying to rate an All-American paper and from former rated papers it has been observed that they for the most part, do not contain any gossip columns.

Last year the paper contained three columns.

At least until after papers have been sent in for the rating the present policy will be continued.

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...—first we will drop around and eave-drop on some of these dignified seniors. MOLLY MARGE WILSON is going with JOHN BERKLY. She isn't. She is! She isn't! I guess you'll have to ask MOLLY. I can't seem to find out.

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...—Could some girl be the cause of ED. SIEGFELD having to sleep in library? We are not sure about the girl but we're certainly sure when we say he snores.

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...—and here's more gossip about the girl with beautiful hair. Yes, sir! It seems as if DORIS HALFHILL is being rushed a plenty by a college boy, PHIL CARTER.

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...—it seems JUNE FREEMAN has quite a few heroes here in school. Some being KENNY COULTER, RAYMOND SCAVEZZE, and MR. BRIGGS. Could this fainting be an old trick she has pulled out of her sleeve?

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...—if someone would only let MARY LOU KINCH and FRANK KIRK know there might be something behind their continual quarrel-ing. True love never runs smoothly.

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...—the boys will surely envy JACK DELA-MAIDE when he takes BILLIE GRAVER to the formal dinner party in her gorgeous black formal.

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...—CLARA TATHAM likes to ride the cross town bus and her reason is not to save gasoline. Could be the driver, DARREL WIN-INGER?

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...—in case you would like to meet the new girl of PHS just ask MAYE TEAL to introduce you. Her name is PHYLLIS FLEMING, and she is a slight resemblance of GENE TIERNEY!

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...—RICHARD EPPLE has been seen escorting ELIZABETH OLDHAM home from school. From all indications this romance is getting more interesting everyday.

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...—going a little further we come to those love-sick kids, known as juniors.

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...—Have you noticed the happy smile on GLORIA GURSS's face? It could be because of her early Christmas present from CHARLES OERTLE. Yes, it's a diamond ring for her third finger left hand.

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...—Is the breakoff between PAT CULIVER and JIM BERTONE final? We understand she and MAC HAY are seen quiet regularly together. In fact it is even rumored they are going steady.

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...—MARY ADELE WOODBURY has found her one and only at last. He is no other than RICHARD NESH. Why don't you look into this matter, RIP?

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...—most of the boys seem to be out of luck as far as our cute little blond junior, GLADYS BURKE is concerned. Her heart still belongs to HERBERT BELLAMY, '41 who is in the service.

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...—when we say they should get together more often as they make a darling couple we mean no other than DOTTIE LOU THOMAS and GEORGE NETTLES.

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...—let's hope there isn't anything seriously wrong between EDRA HOOTON and FRANCIS CROWE. JIMMY PARKS seems to be in the picture now.

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...—HOWARD CHANCELLAR doesn't know it, but there is a certain girl here in PHS who is eating her heart out over him. Hey, HOWARD, what has the St. Mary's gals got that we haven't got.

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...—last but not least we come to that branch of high school which is the sophomores. Though we sometimes feel we could get along just as well without them, it wouldn't be a high school of someone didn't make mistakes.

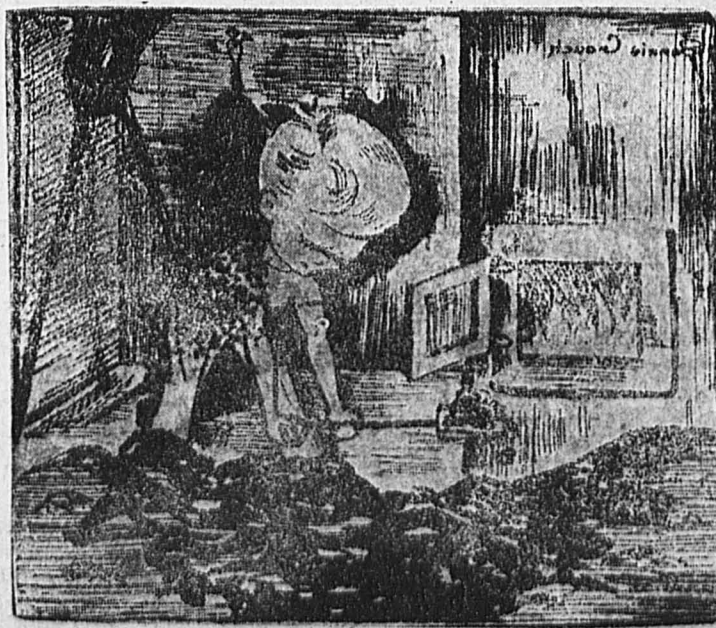
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...—MARY LOU ELLIS really goes in for red-heads. Her latest seems to be CHARLES BABCOCK and the feeling is mutual.

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...—these lucky girls! LAVETTA DRAKE is wearing a beautiful diamond ring given her by BOB MORIN formerly of Western Kansas.

Believe It Or Not



To heat the building occupied by the Pittsburg junior and senior high school for the school term of 1941-42, 481 tons of coal was consumed at a cost of \$1,348.

Engraving by Jack Matthews

In keeping with the Booster policy of having guest editorials, we have asked President Rees H. Hughes of the Kansas State Teachers college to submit on —

WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

With increasing emphasis in recent years high school students are asking themselves the question: "Why should I attend college?"

In many respects, at least, this question comes as a natural outgrowth of the present war, its dislocation of our economic life, and the unusual demand for labor of all kinds.

With numerous positions available for the asking and unskilled labor in demand, the first impulse of the moment is to grasp the opportunity at hand, allowing the future to take care of itself.

Many high school students who before the war had planned to attend an institution of higher learning now are delaying their education or planning to drop their original ideas entirely. Some plan to work now and attend college later. To most, though they may not be aware of it, this means that they will never return to complete their education, for statistics show that students leaving school under such circumstances seldom return.

Why should a young man attend college in this day of national emergency, and what should he expect when he gets there.

A college is for the use of the state and the nation. It is not established primarily for the

benefit of those who administer it or carry out its private objectives. The faculty may be experts in their particular fields of knowledge, but they are more, they are servants of the state and the country. Their time is spent in providing the atmosphere which will allow young men and women to grow into adults who will be strong members of society.

A young man should go to college because his experiences there will provide the chance for work under the supervision of experts; see that he or she may develop the art of personal discipline of his facilities and become better awakened to the issues and interests which he must face in a rapidly changing world.

College provides a general intellectual training which gives advantages in any vocation. It allows the student to discipline himself by putting him to the test of laboring with increased skill and care. More than that the college stands for the highest type of intellectual and moral enlightenment.

College allows the student to prepare himself definitely for work which he intends to do after leaving college. It awakens his interests and initiates him preparatory to following a vocation.

It does not provide all the skills and learning which will be necessary in the profession which he chooses. True learning is more than the work of four years on a campus—it is the consistent day by day progress of a lifetime. College points the path which the student may follow with best results. It offers a general background which combined with specific skills, allows him to stand out as a leader among men.

In a world at war the college is providing increased service to the nation and offering continued advantages for its students. Future officers of the army and navy are now being trained on the campus; women are being trained for war work of all kinds. The government has urged young men and women to continue in college for it believes that their training is essential to national effort of all kinds.

No young man or woman can afford to overlook what the college is offering today. More than ever before the high school student should continue his education.

His entrance into college means advantage for his future, progress for his state, and strength to his nation.



PHS Teacher Experiences Life In A College 'Co-Op' House

Life in a "co-op" is really an experience that's not to be forgotten," remarked Mr. Ellsworth Briggs, PHS teachers who spent a summer living in a cooperative house while attending Michigan University.

According to Mr. Briggs, the boys shared the duties of "keeping house," which included preparing meals, washing dishes, and keeping the house and lawn clean.

He told of how the boys would wait on Saturdays until the farmers were ready to go home and then buy the fruits and vegetables they had left for less than half price.

"Our morning meal was cocoa and rolls which we had to get for ourselves," he continued.

He then added that the noon

meal usually consisted of soups which were made from the vegetables they had purchased on the weekend.

All but one boy living at the "co-op" were trying to live as cheaply as possible and were anxious to share the everyday duties they had to perform. This one boy seemed to have all the money he wanted and was sometimes reluctant about doing his work around the house.

"I believe that sharing expenses is a good way to realize how lucky one really is to get to go to college, and when outside work has to be gotten to pay for this chance an education is still more appreciated," he concluded.

Inquiring Reporter

This week the inquiring reporter conducted the weekly quizzing in a somewhat different manner.

Very informally and for a presumed chemistry test the reporter asked various students this question:

What are some uses for sodium chloride? Although this sounds like a very complex substance, it is merely common table salt.

The Answers:

Joe Urban: caught unaware—stepped backwards and stuttered, "I guess you could use it for burns." Harold Williams—looked puzzled—showed faint signs of thinking. "Well, you use it and something else to make hydrogen and something else."

Bill Kerby: "I haven't taken chemistry since last year so I don't know anything."

Gordon Haliday: "Use it in making hydrochloric acid."

Richard Epple: "Use it as a gas." Charles Samples: "You're just going around trying to find out how many stupid people are in school. It's table salt."

Tommy Davis: "Use it to season food, of course." Clara Tatham: "It can be used to make lead pencils."

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Former Principal Addresses Forum Club

"Any person who works under 40 hours week is unpatiotic," said to the Forum club last week.

Mr. J. L. Hutchinson in an address He said that the students are rendering a worthwhile service to their country by staying in high schools and continuing.

"I am inclined to believe that we miss the mark in high school because we have the wrong philosophy of life," stated Mr. Hutchinson.

He said that a person who twists his way around a teacher and tries to get a passing grade and then gets his diploma, shouts hurray.

"If we master our tasks as we should, we will have less trouble when we get out into life," said the former PHS principal.

He said that Pittsburg High School has a great amount of competition which tends to broaden our horizon. He recommended that all students try to find a philosophy of life.

"Even if a person takes a subject that he thinks he will not need in the future, chances are that he will find some use for it," remarked Mr. Hutchinson.

a Dr. Pepper, then Alas! That is also gone.

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PHS Girls Write Victory Letters



M. Ivin (left) Photo —Booster Lecturer Mary Nell Clark, Norma Little, and Elizabeth Oldham are holding a chain-letter which the Booster Staff sponsored. It was sent to Private Robert Canover who is in the Marine Corp located in San Diego, Calif.

A number of students have contributed to this letter. At present it is planned to send a letter to a service man very two weeks during the first semester.

Engraving by Jack Matthews

He Works 'Em For A Dime, If He Can

If anyone has any mathematics problems that he wants worked, he should take it to Professor Wilson, 105 West Lindburg. He will work any mathematical problem for a dime, if he can.

Professor Wilson is a retired English teacher at the college. He has eight years of mathematics and that covers nearly everything. About forty years ago he started to make a hobby out of working difficult problems. He has now worked about 1,000 of them.

About twenty years ago he put an advertisement in the paper that he would work any mathematical problem for ten cents. Some editors must have thought that this was unusual and passed it along to other newspapers because he has had letters from all over the United States, the Philippines, Europe, and other parts of the world. Sometimes he spends four to six weeks on the real hard ones, but he seem to have gotten them all.

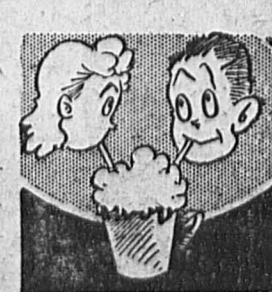
His latest one was sent to him by a man in a distant state. This man had sent his problem to eight or nine colleges and it had been sent back because of insufficient data. The man had a fifteen dollar bet with his boss about this problem. Professor Wilson worked the problem and the man sent him the money that he had won from his boss.

Here is the problem: The hypotenuse of a right triangle is 12.961 whole units. Find the other legs in whole units. Can you work it?

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Maurice Emerson Sees Duty In Philippines

Maurice Emerson, former student of PHS, now is a Third Class Aviation Machinists Mate stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Maurice has been in the Navy approximately twenty months and has received two leaves. About a year ago he came home for a few days.

One of his duties is flying airplanes from San Diego to San Francisco. "It is grand to be home and I hope I see all the teachers before I return to the fleet and go overseas," Maurice remarked.

Maurice is an early riser not because he wants to but because the Navy says 5 A. M. is time to get up. Maurice's nickname is 'Emmie'. When asked how the Navy caused him to lose weight, 'Emmie' replied that it was a military secret.

The medal Maurice has is for overseas duty. He has served in the Philippine Islands.

PHS Enrolls Three New Students Last Week

Three new students have enrolled in the Pittsburg Senior High School during the week of Nov. 30, to Dec. 4.

Rosalie Giordano, a senior from Arma; Jack Beshears, a sophomore from Enid, Okla.; Ronald Phillips, a sophomore from Santa Anna, Texas.

No Dull Moments In Cafeteria Line At Noon

Ge! Track isn't in season but if you wish to see a fair facimile of a 4-40 run—just place yourself at the cafeteria two seconds before the bell rings.

It's Gillen, no, it's Colleen Michie, no, it's Dorothy Hartshorn—Clair Gillen wins the race followed by ten students.

The reader should keep in mind that the time is Thursday and the junior high should be going into the cafeteria first. But not until after ten high school students have gone ahead of the "little tots" apparently to sample the food and approve of the menu. A Student Council member finally comes to the rescue and paves the way for their entrance.

Rueda Gilmore and her colored friend are asked not to crowd into the line, which they readily promise not to do.

Then... for the fifteen minutes, Stan Seymour entertains a group in the line, while Ossie Shoup finds great pleasure in jamping the contents of Mary Nell Clark's purse on the floor.

Carol Brown tries desperately to crowd into line—but she has no "friends" (while the S.C. representative is looking).

Tom Davis (member of Student Council) attempts to crowd into line but notices the representative eyeing him and trudges to the end of the line.

Floyd Hogard and Charles Million playfully sock each other around while Mr. Marion Nation, (mind you, He didn't crowd in), looks on. Bob Isenberg crowds into line but denies the charge. 1:30—one breathes with relief as he begins to devour his noontime victuals in time with the sonata played upon the cooking utensils by the cafeteria employees.

Who said the noonhour was dull?

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Institute For Athletics Will Be Tomorrow

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Teachers, principals and supervisors of physical education from surrounding towns will be in Pittsburgh tomorrow from 9 AM to 3 PM out for the Institute instruction meeting. Demonstrations will be given in the Roosevelt gymnasium and the high school pool meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to instruct teachers of athletics the proper method of introducing the new war requirement program will come into effect next semester in PHS.

According to Miss Helen Lanyon, girls physical ed. instructor, and Mr. Fritz Snodgrass, boys instructor, the program stresses participation in activities to develop alertness, stamina, and the general well being of the individual.

This rigid athletic program may come into next semester in PHS. Volunteers from among the boys' gym classes will be used for various demonstrations.

Twenty sophomore, four junior, and two Lakeside junior high school girls will take part in demonstrations which Miss Lanyon will supervise.

The physical education war program for girls is divided into four phases of activities - gymnastics, aquatics, apparatus, and games and sports.

Girls taking part in apparatus drill will be Martha Holler, Florine Howard, Norma Tevis, Lola Heaton, Ramona Utermohlen, Evelyn Bennett, Helen Scheider, Betty Brewer, Betty Geest, and Gwendolyn Renfro.

Those taking part in aquatics will be Deborah Naylor, Louise Du Bois, Bonnie Holden, Connie Coulter, Marilyn Markham, and Mary Hallman.

Jeanne Mitchell, Ina White, Betty Glimin, Ramona Utermohlen, Florine Howard, Betty Geest, Bonnie Bryan, Orbra Graham, Norma Valentine, Margaret McNeill, Norma Jean Miller, and Evelyn Bennett will take part in conditioning exhibitions.

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Sports N' Stuff



The college Gorillas placed three men on the C. I. C. All-Star team this year. Eugene Ridenour, Waldon McCoy, and Leroy Schuette. Ridenour is a former Pittsburgh High Grid star. He played end on the local team and was field captain for the Gorillas this year.

Leroy Schuette is said to be one of the greatest seat backs in the state. Although just a sophomore he was one of the greatest scoring threats in the conference.

Bertuzzi, Brim, Sears, Spigarelli, and Salb, all members of the local team were placed on the second team.

Honorable mention awards went to Jones, German, and Humphries, all of Pittsburgh.

German, Brim, and Ridenour are all former Dragon stars. They were all placed on the SEK All-Star teams when they were in high school.

According to the present schedule the first basketball game will be played next week. The Dragons will travel to Lawrence to meet the Lions next Friday night.

The Dragons defeated the Lions 31 to 24 in a thrilling second period rally last year.

Gillen, Coulter, Davis, Schwanzle, and Shoup will be the probable starting lineup for Pittsburgh.

I happened to be down in the gym the early part of this week, and watched the future commandoes of the United States Army take their physical education.

An 18 foot rope is one of the muscle builders that Mr. "Fritz" Snodgrass has. One is required to scale the parallel bars that are about five feet high.

Severay running exercises are also used. Some require double time, walking on all fours, doing the bear walk, that is walking on all fours with ones legs held stiff. A person is also asked to crawl under a bench without touching the top at all. Chinning exercises are also stressed in the program.

If one pulls through all these exercises, and is still alive, praise the Lord and ask to be dragged to the shower.

PRESSBOX

Press box by Robert Kelly is a keen story of the introduction of Mark Nowell, a newspaperman, to the post of sports writer on a big New York City newspaper. After a brief period as a news reporter, the illness of a veteran baseball writer gives Mark a chance to go South on a training ship with the Yankees. Following this enviable initiation into the sports branch of newspaper work, he covers rowing, boxing, tennis, golf, polo, and various other sports for his paper, finally winning his spur at football, the spurs being the right to sign his stories as a regular member of the sports staff of his paper.

Mark Nowell is a typical young graduate of an Eastern college. His mistakes and his successes, his good or bad luck carry along through a story which gives an idea of the requirement of sports writing, its opportunities and some of its pitfalls. Throughout he is aided and encouraged by an old sports writer and the story brings in many glimpses of prominent sports figures on the field of play and newspapermen whose names are familiar to all readers of present day sports pages.

Classroom Doors To Be Decorated For Christmas

Art students are working on Christmas designs to be painted on the door of each room in P.H.S. Students making the designs are Virginia Williams, Virginia Sanden, Joe Urban, Dorothy Hillman, Helen Robit, Dortha Bain, Joan Laughlin, Lorene Hamilton, Jim Conover, Charles Zimmerman, Mary Margo Wilson, Shirley Williams, Loma Lee Singleton, Bonnie Crouch, Dorothy Nation, Dale Ellis, Gerald Scott, Bobby Albers, and Chester Smith.

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Sophomores Help In War Effort As Janitors, And Clerks

It is possible that today more high school students are working at outside jobs than ever before. Checking through the office files one finds the various occupations of students. My compiling this list into the different classes it is possible to determine whether the sophomores, juniors, or seniors have the most students working. In the sophomore class there are approximately 55 students working. Students working and occupations engaged in as are:

Janitors: Bob Buffington, Bill Burnette, Beau Holland, Harold Phillips, Vivian Ratt, and Joe Strahan; care of children: Pauline Beauchamp, Vera Buford, Martha Hollar, Virginia Lance, Barbara Mitchell, Lavetta Porter, Madeline Richvine, Jean Schasteen, Virginia Tewell, Ramona Utermohlen, and Lida Winsor; Clerks: Keith Allmon, Gene Carmichael, Betty Geest, Bonnie Gohr, Jo Ann Laughlin, Russell Seals, and Betty Timms; Ice Cream Companies: Richard Cass, Glenn Long, Jack Marshall, Jo Ann Whitcomb; Garages: David Close, Harvey Dickinson, Burl Hill, William Staples, and Blaine Walker; Waiters: Doris Brady, James Conover Nora Green, Olie Hall, Billy Pipkin; Paper Carriers: Claude Denny, Joe Horton, and Elmer Sinn; Midland Theater: Charlott Anderson; Pittsburgh Produce Lawrence Elliot; McNally Richard Emerson; Tower Check Room: Betty Rhoades; Pittsburgh Elevator: Gerald Rogers; Garden etc.: Richard Sharp; and on the farm: James Willard.

Flashettes Win Volley Ball Tournament

The Flashettes team, Captained by Virginia Million, is the winner of the Girls' volleyball tournament.

Members of the team are Doris Evans, Shirley Patrick, Jo Ann Laughlin, Mildred Klein, Nyla Langdon, Mary Millman, Jo Ann Whitcomb, and the captain Virginia Million.

The semi-finals of the Consolation bracket will be played in the near future. Teams that will play are the B-19's, captained by Betty Brewer; the Bombardiers, captained by Margaret Tustin; and the Victoriettes with Gwendolyn Renfro as captain.

Team	Bowling	Standards	W	L
Slickers	16	2		
All Stars	12	6		
Flashettes	10	8		
Pen Pushers	10	8		
Smoky Joe's	9	9		
Guttersnips	4	14		
Jeeps	1	17		
Snub Dubs	0	18		
Teams	Alleys	Tomorrow's Games		
Snub Dubs vs Slickers	1 - 2			
Smoky Joe's vs Pen Pushers	3 - 4			
Guttersnips vs All Stars	5 - 6			
Flashettes vs Jeeps	7 - 8			

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TALL TALES FROM THE TIMBER

by A. Logg

FISH

Bob Greenwood tells of a recent experience. Bob caught an eighteen inch bass and on cleaning it found a whole three inch catfish in the largers fish's stomach.

PEPPERED

Mr. John White, now printing instructor, tells of an experience "when he was a kid." A brakeman bet group of boys 50 cents that they couldn't shoot a sparrow through the eye. By chance they did, but the "brakie" refused to pay off so the boys peppered his trousers with BB's as he boarded the train.

EYED

Then there was the story of the man hunting rabbits. While his dog pursued the cottontail, the man aimed and fired; the rabbit toppled over. On inspection, he could find no wound on the animal. Closer examination revealed that the bullet had gone in one eye and out the other.

College Uses Gym For Practice Sessions and Games

Because of the occupation of the college gymnasium by glider pilots, the K.S.T.C. Gorillas must use the Roosevelt Gymnasium for its basketball games.

The college gymnasium is now the barracks of the trainees. They have completely taken over and are now living in it.

This summer they were living in the college dormitory, but when the fall term began they had to move out so the college students might have a place to stay.

The college also uses the Roosevelt gymnasium for its practice sessions.

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