

What D' Ya Know?

By Louise Claire DuBois

It has been acknowledged by the Lockerroom Chatterer that the feud between himself and this columnist has been terminated; the victor being none other than this columnist. The reason believed to be because of the lack of material or in this case, evidence. We are indeed proud and by no means modest of this victory over the writer of such journalistic art.

Personality of the week; this week the outstanding senior chosen is BOB SCHWANZLE. Bob is very well-known around PHS not only because of his active participation in various sports but also of his attractive personality. This is Bob's fourth year in suiting up for the Dragons in both football and basketball. He also has played on the tennis and track team. Recently he was chosen on the all state football team as half-back. He serves as Student Council alternate.

Best of luck to this future Naval Aviator!!

No, PAT CLEMENS, this column is not intended to be one furnishing the latest "gossip," although at times we must admit it most certainly stimulates one.

Probably by this time everyone here in school has realized the absence of one of our dear little juniors, LOWELL BERRY. Yes, he is gone, in fact to California. Thus the question of the week—"In this case, which proverb is more suitable, "Good riddance of bad rubbish" or "One's loss is another's gain?" We'll leave it up to you to draw your own conclusion.

P. S. No doubt you all have heard rumors to the effect that Mr. Berry was leaving PHS. When this news reached the ears of this columnist, she immediately wrote it up—not until later did she learn that the date had been either postponed or cancelled indefinitely. But, for the pleasure of Lowell, we are printing this "false" news regardless.

HONORS TO:

KEITH ALLMON—for bowling a perfect "flat" game, and attaining the miraculous score of 50.

JACK BRUMBAUGH—for his high average in Physics.

ALICE COMSTOCK—plain good in plane geometry.

The four Seniors enrolled in third year Latin had finally convinced themselves that they knew just about what was in Latin Lingua. That is, until Pistol Packin' Mama caught up with them. Recently they had been reading copies of Res Gestae, and Acta Diurna, which are newspapers written in Latin. These publications contain everything from current events to a "love story" serial. But then the words to "America's Number One Song" were published so of course the class insisted upon singing the song. It was rather difficult to make the words and the tune correspond, but they termed it a good try, and started on another article. It was then that they discovered that they had sung the directions along with the intended lyrics. Although Magistra Radell realized this, she waited for the class to waken to their mistake. Here is a portion of this still-popular song:

Bibebant in taberna
Saltavi cum flava
Sed nocte fregit lumina at—
Bang! flava abest
Depone scopetum
Scopetifera Mama
Tone scopetum

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

Attention all of you jivin' joes and janes; its jamboree time again. Yes, another all school party will be held immediately following the Parsons game. As usual, the dance will be held in the Roosevelt gym, and admission will be gained by the presentation of your party ticket. Music will be furnished by the Skyliners. So, come one, come all!

Wichita To Be Boy's State Host

Interested Students
Should See Mr. Green

Plans have now been made to hold Boys State this year in Wichita, Kans. The date has been set for June 7-14. Different organizations in Pittsburg are being asked their attitude toward sponsoring a boy. Only a certain number of boys are to be allowed to go.

Requirements for enrollment in Boy's State are as follows:

1. The boy must be recommended by his high school principal or other faculty advisor certifying that he possesses the qualities of "Scholarship, Leadership, Sportmanship, and Courage for Service." The purpose is to select boys who are potential future leaders of city, state, and nation and who will most likely carry the lessons of the Boy's State effectively to many other boys in their home communities who do not have the privilege of attendance.

2. Each boy must be sponsored by an organization such as American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Labor Unions, or other civic, patriotic, or religious groups, and must have the moral backing of the organizations which he represents.

3. Boy's attending once can not attend again.

4. He must be a junior in his high school during the school year 1943-44.

5. He must be physically fit as attested by a health certificate signed by his family physician.

Boys in the junior class who can qualify and are really interested, should get in contact with Mr. Green as soon as possible.

Future news concerning Boy's State will appear in the Booster as soon as available.

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Law And Sociology Offered Second Semester

Two courses will be taught the second semester that were not offered the first. Miss Waltz will teach a class of sociology, and Mr. Stanton will teach commercial law. Enrollment is getting along nicely. Mr. Green said, "it is practically completed. The first semester will end Friday, January 21, the second semester will follow Monday, January 24.

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Junior Red Cross Holds Meetings At Central

The monthly meeting of the Junior Red Cross was held Jan. 5 at the Central School under the sponsorship of the senior division. Virginia Huffman, city chairman presided. Each chapter alternated on holding meetings. After the business was taken care of, Mavis Brewington played a piano solo, and Mary Carolyn Daugherty sang.

McFarland Views Opinions On Future Of Aviation



After parking snugly six feet from the wall of a building, two reporters climbed wearily out of the "puffing" Pontiac and approached the business office of E. H. McFarland, who is in charge of the local airport. As a result, here is the interview they got regarding the history and future of the local airport.

"Tommy Atkinson," grinned Mr. E. H. McFarland as he drew a map from his desk drawer, "started the airport by getting Pittsburg's businessmen to donate money to help build it. The average donation was \$50 to \$75. Its name was Pittsburg Airport Company. The airport originally occupied 73 acres."

Mr. McFarland estimated that after the war there would probably be around 300,000 privately owned airplanes. He stated also that much commerce would be carried on extensively by airplanes. By flying high enough to keep the merchandise cool, vegetables and fruits could be carried across the nation and be as fresh as they were picked.

"The future airplanes," continued Mr. McFarland, "will probably sell for around \$1,000. The ships

Boosters To Be Sent To NSPA For Rating

Eleven issues of the Booster will be sent, before the 25th of this month, to the National Scholastic Press Association to be rated.

Each year NSPA sends an entry and information blanks to each school that wants to have its paper rated. Also they include a "Helpful Idea" sheet so that others may be helped by telling of successful plans. The papers are rated by the publication method, the type of school, the enrollment, and the frequency of the publication.

Last year the Booster received a first class rating, lacking ten points of making All American. This year the Printing and the Journalism class hopes that an All American will be earned by the Booster. Results won't be known until May.

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Two Assemblies To Be Brought To PHS Soon

Two unusual performances will be brought to school assembly soon. Mr. Green has contracts for Elliott James to appear Thursday, Feb. 3, in the school auditorium. Mr. James does experiments with science. The assembly scheduled for March 10, is the Deep River Singers. The acts are brought here through the University Extension Division of Lawrence, Kansas.

might even have folding wings; this would make it possible to taxi it into the garage downtown and also it might be driven just as you would a car."

"As to the future of the helicopter," he laughed and then remarked it will do miracles. To prove his point this is the story he told: "A man was in a helicopter by himself. He lowered a rope ladder over the side so the fifteen foot ladder touched the ground. The man then climbed over the side of the ship, down the ladder to the ground! Looking up, he saw the helicopter just as it was when he left it."

Mr. McFarland said that some money had been raised to improve the field. He said they wanted an administration building, but the money will be used to improve the field instead. Green lights are needed at the end of the runway. The runways will be made a full 150 feet wide. More grading and more drainage will be done.

After the war Pittsburg's airport will probably be used as a "feeder line." It is situated in the middle of a triangle of three important cities, Tulsa, Kansas City, and St. Louis. This places the airport in an important position.

Watch The Birdie



Boy do we rate! Not much, we just have Superintendent, Howard D. McEachen as Staff Photographer.

The Booster Staff needed a Photographer to take some pictures of the many PHS students who helped the merchants during the Christmas rush. Mr. McEachen consented to take over the job, and from the reports it seems that he had some interesting experiences.

"One young lady working in a drug store never did know I took her picture," Mr. McEachen stated. "The girl was stirring something when I snapped the picture and the flash went off. She turned around to see what happened, but I stepped behind a couple of fellows and she couldn't see the camera."

"I tried to get one young fellow to do something in one of the men's clothing stores so I could snap his picture, but he insisted on posing for the picture."

The pictures came out swell and they will be published in the booster on a future date. Incidentally, that was the first time Mr. McEachen had ever taken any flash pictures.

That will encourage youth to spend more time in the home.

Pittsburg is a fortunate city in many respects. It has many fine churches. The church aims toward the development of finer ethical and spiritual concepts. Youth who find they have 'no place to go' or 'nothing to do' might attend church regularly and take part in the social life of the church. If more youth attended church, there would be more social life within the church. Likewise the facilities of the Y.M.C.A. afford excellent escape for the boy or girl who is willing to participate. Pittsburg has unusually fine libraries. The ability to read was once a luxury of the privileged few. Have you ever stopped to think what your life would be like, if you could not read? Yet recent research tells us that fifty percent of our population does not read regularly. The theatres of Pittsburg are to be complimented for the quality of their shows. Many civic organizations periodically bring to the city high grade entertainments. The numerous school programs are usually both entertaining and instructive.

The success of Democracy depends upon our ability to discipline ourselves and even though we might not be particularly interested in all programs it is necessary that we practice that degree of self-discipline which will lead us to attend and enjoy at least a few of them.

The problem today probably is not so much a lack in number of organizations as a lack in the types of organizations. We have more organizations than at any time in history yet the problems of two thousand years ago prevail. Our need seems to be the development of a new sense of appreciation and a new understanding of life. We have a great need for 'repentance and by that we mean we must change our thinking and change our course of action. It may take some new type of organization to accomplish the desired results. The creation of new organizations seems to be one of the characteristics of Americans and we must admit that most organizations have some appeal to certain groups and that they usually accomplish some good.

Wouldn't it be wonderful, if we were to start a "fad" whereby each of us would attend church regularly, would read at least one book a week, and would spend three or four nights each week at home with the rest of the family?

Have You Any Paper, Rags, Metal

Each Tuesday of the week is declared officially scrap drive day. Students are asked to bring all the old scrap metal, rags, and paper they may find at home.

Grade and high school students will be glad to bring scrap to school from homes where there are no school children.

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Second Semester Band Directors Are Chosen

Band directors have been chosen. Mr. Carney chooses the Student Directors and the band boys and girls choose the rest. Band Directors are the boys that direct the band when Mr. Carney has something else to do. Field Directors are the boys that take charge of the band when it is on the field, on a parade, or giving a performance.

Student Directors are Harold Umphenour, Lewis Hanes, and Paul Wallack. Field Officers are Murray, and Stuckey. First officers are Hardesty, Neasch, Huntington, and Zollars. Second Officers are Burch, Tustin, Kennett, and Spencer. Third Officers are Cann, Huffman, Medlin, and Jameson.

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Two Girls Will Have Poems Printed In Anthology

Two PHS girls received certificates from the National High School Poetry Association, stating that their poems were to be printed in the annual anthology.

High school students may enter as many poems as they like. If they are good enough, the poems are printed in the annual anthology. The two PHS girls who received certificates are Jean Schasteen, a junior, who called her poem "Time," and Virginia Lee Huffman, the daughter of Mr. Huffman a science teacher in PHS, whose poem was called "Fear."

PHS students have had poems in this anthology for the past two years.

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Sing a Song of Print Shop

"What does our printing department do? Why, it prints the Booster, of course." Yes, of course it prints the Booster, but that is only a small portion of its daily work. Only those who come in contact frequently with that particular department even partially realize its versatility.

Yes, the printers do print the Booster, and also the Roosevelt Junior High School Echo, which is published monthly. In addition to these two publication jobs, they also handle the majority of printing necessary for the public school system. That amount of work should be sufficient to occupy most of the printers time without their contracting other jobs such as printing stationary with cor-

Choose 'Lease On Liberty' For Junior Play

Large Cast To Be
Used in This Years
Presentation

"Lease on Liberty", a three act comedy-drama, written by Dana Thomas, has been chosen as the junior class presentation of the year. Thomas was the author of last years play, "Almost Eighteen."

"The play calls for the largest cast in years", remarked Mrs. Ruth Lewis, director. "Because of this, all juniors, especially boys, are urged to try out for various parts."

Approximately 20 characters are in the cast, including nine girls and 11 boys. The play is strictly modern, as it takes place in 1941. The epilogue and prologue are dated a year in the future.

"All parts are exceptionally good, and it is hoped that there will be a large group for try-outs," Mrs. Lewis added.

Try-outs will be Monday after school, with probable continuation Tuesday afternoon. The date for presentation has not been definitely set.

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Miss Gertrude Parker Addresses Girl Reserves

Miss Gertrude Maye Parker, assistant pastor at the Methodist Church, was the main speaker on the Girl Reserve Program yesterday. Her theme was "Patience-A Dear Company."

Special musical numbers included, a xylophone solo by Mary Lou Garrison, and a vocal solo by Lavon Masquellier.

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Come to the dance tonight.

'What Can Be Done?'

—Supt. Howard D. McEachen



The question is asked me "what can be done" to alleviate the juvenile delinquency problem in Pittsburg. I do not suppose anyone has the absolute answer, but I am willing to offer some suggestions.

In the first place I am not going to admit that the young people of Pittsburg are as bad as some people contend. It is true that we have a few young people who do not exercise good judgment at times, but the same conditions were true twenty-five and even fifty years ago. In many respects our young people of today exercise unusual good judgement and it is unfortunate that occasional misdeeds by individuals leads to the condemnation of the entire group.

Individuals respond as they do because of the mental attitudes they have developed. Attitudes toward life, toward the home, the school, the church and the state are acquired and never inherited. Scientific research has proven that the home, while not the only influence, is yet the greatest single influence toward the development of ideals. It follows then, that our first aim should be one

Book Reviews



ALL-OUT ON THE ROAD TO SMOLENSK

"Bang! Bang! I'm a Russian guerilla behind the German lines and am I capturing a lot of Germans?"

You know you are playing just what I am reading about. It is called "All-out on the road to Smolensk" and it really is a thriller.

"All-out on the Road to Smolensk" tells how the Russians have managed to remain as one, even though they were taken by surprise.

At the time of the Russian-German pact, the Russians were preparing for war, for they knew that they couldn't remain safe as long as Germany was their ally. When Germany declared war on Russia, most of the common people were very much surprised since the radio's had been telling the Russians that Germany was their ally. But to their commanding officers, this was not a surprise and they had been preparing for it. However, the reason the Russians had to give up so much land was due to the fact that the Russians had not expected the attack so soon.

The correspondent who wrote this book, Erskine Caldwell, arrived in Moscow shortly before the outbreak of the war. He told how hard it was to get reservations for the plane and for the trip to Moscow, and the many difficulties that he encountered when he got there.

The Russian guerilla is performing a wonderful job in helping the Russian Army. There is another army called the People's Army, which consisted of all the men, women and children who helped the Red Army by digging ditches and fighting fires and the like. When the bombing of Moscow took place, all the People's Army helped clear away the debris. Although the people did not know that war was inevitable, when war was announced, they helped by doing everything in their power.

All radios were under the control of the Russian government. One reason the Russians drove the Germans back was that Russian radio stations kept pounding into the minds of the common people that they would eventually win the war. Although the Germans were superior in equipment, the Russians felt that with their manpower they would finally win. Whenever the Germans came out to fight, the Russians always took a heavy toll of both men and equipment.

After several months in Moscow, Mr. Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell started their long journey home.

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Baby's Clever Capers

THE MODERN GEORGE WASHINGTON

When Charles Million was small his father gave him a lovely, new, shiny axe. Now the Million's happened to keep chickens and anytime they wanted a chicken, Charles' mother would tell him to go get her a chicken. So Charles sat outside and waited. Suddenly the chicken stuck its head out side of the fence to get some grass and Bang! Down swung Charles with his axe and there was the chicken nicely killed.

A BIG FLY

When Howard Hallman was two years old a neighbor boy brought over his new dog. The dog was rather big and Howard was scared by the dog's appearance. So he ran to his mother and asked her for the fly swatter. His mother wanted to know what he wanted it for, so he told her, "Give me the fly swatter because I want to kill that big dog."

Your Medicine Cabinet



Let's see, cenie meenie miny me... funny things-- medicine cabinets, they usually have everything but medicine in them.

This article is to help weary minded people to help themselves and others, who knows maybe a little suggestion here and there might save a life. The following articles is condensed from the January issue of HYGEIA. These are suggested ideas made by two experts in this field.

All medicine cabinets should have a good LAXATIVE. Doctors agree that ASPIRIN is the safest pain reliever, especially for war workers and house wives who figure ration points. IODINE too is an important article for it does the job well. In case of fainting, AROMATIC SPIRIT OF AMMONIA will bring a person out of that swoon, but fast.

For colds, yes even the best people have 'em, COUGH DROPS and a good old grandma's tonic is good for that unexpected sneeze or cough. For persons watching their pennies, TABLE SALT, BAKING SODA, or BORAX in a glass of water will counteract the most severe cough.

Everyone knows that illness today is a real danger to the war effort. Bromides have their place in putting a person on his feet, but one is cautioned to take small doses. State laws now prohibit the sale of dangerous sedatives to the public except on prescriptions.

You know, those perscriptions which you got for Aunt Mary's rheumatics won't cure Uncle Henry's stiff knee. Don't share rheumatism perscriptions as you would layer cake. And with the do's of course come the don'ts.

Let's begin with the deadly CARBOLIC ACID, and the still more dangerous BICHLORIDE TABLETS. They should never be in the medicine cabinet. Remember, children cannot read the word "POISON" and the skull and cross bones sign means nothing to them but "PIRATES."

And for heavens sake, as well as your own, turn on the light before reaching for the medicine at night. No one will ever know how many deaths have resulted from taking a dose from the wrong bottle in moments of panic, confusion or just plain sleepiness. Many deaths have been caused by confusing white roach powder for baking powder put in the pantry and mistakenly put into biscuits, causing serious illness, if not death.

Precaution should be stressed on any medicine taken without first consulting a doctor, especially the SULFA DRUG. These life saving drugs are also potent poisons when taken by the wrong patient for the right disease.

Before taking any medicine advertised, see your doctor. Remember what a medicine cabinet is for. Precaution action taken by a wise person may benefit you and others.

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Eat It Up

Wear It Out

Make It Do

Or Do Without

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Do Your Stuff

Onion all you Juniors; show your class spirit and support by trying out for the Junior play. Here's predicting it to be classed among the best ever!

Who Told You So?



—By Mary Adele Woodbury

In Peru, Indiana, girls and boys have signed up for part time work. The boys handle jobs such as railroad, factory, Western Union, driving and garage work. The girls hold jobs such as cleaning, factory, office, hospitals, Western Union and waitress. Only Jrs. and Srs. who are above 16 years of age are permitted to do this. Peru Senior High School, Peru, Ind. salesgirl - Shoppin' bag? Customer- No just looking. Maroon and White

A boy, a girl
An evening whirl
That dizzy feeling
Head is reeling
Jill and Ted
A football star
A 40 car
A dance, a kiss
Then it is this
Jilted.

Rushlite, Rushville, Indiana.

AH LIFE

Below is a view of some of our better students on the way to the cafeteria.



Spilled Ink, Fort Collins, Col.

The Czechoslovakian patrols have adopted unusual ways to antagonize the Nazis. One clever stunt is to furnish the Germans with a special grade of paper which ruins the eyes by the intense glare.

Ben Untermyer, New York City linotype operator can set 8,800 ems per hour (twice as fast as the average) while wearing gloves!

An enterprising Argentine manufacturer now offers fancy paper neckties which can withstand a week's hard wear!

Girls when they went out to swim, Once dressed like Mother Hubbard Now they have a bolder whim They dress more like her cubard.

The Poly Press



The Suicide Club



KEEP OFF!

You have all read little Audrie in the funnies, haven't you? Well, here is a story about our own Audrie that can beat any funny papers. When Audrie was five years old, she and her sister were riding their tricycles down the walk. They came to a sign that read, "Wet cement—Keep Off!" Being a little young to read, the girls rode right on across

MEN . . . ONLY!

Read the SUICIDE CLUB next week! Mr. Woods has promised to give a story that will take at least a half an hour to tell and he says it will take up all the space this columnist has to offer for the next six weeks. Be sure to look for this story next week!

A GOOD BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Something About Bottles



Then there was the big'n, the middle sized one, and the timey wenny one—no one bears bottles. Not ordinary gruesome things that we see around the house that hold milk or what not, yep they're bottles all right but not what we usually associate the name with.

The ambitious lady who saves these is Mrs. John Fink, 606 West Martin, who has saved them for ten years and has 500.

Oh, what a story they could tell if they could talk. The largest holds a gallon, the smallest would hold about one-half teaspoon of liquid. Her most historic one is an old pop bottle. When pop was first made, it came in two flavors, lemon and strawberry. She has one of the original bottles. Among her historic collection are wooden pill boxes and lotion bottles. A couple of the old ones were dug up in this vicinity and given to her by persons

knowing she was interested.

Shapes and sizes vary beyond ones imagination. Some of them are like steam engines, covered wagons, automobiles, airplanes, these shapes are molded on the side of one to show the progress in transportation.

One of the most interesting ones is what Mrs. Fink calls her "Uncle Sam" bottle. It truly is the shape of Old Sam, with his hat for the stopper. She prized this above all her collection, and states that she has not been able to find one like it in this part of the country. There are so many that it would take anyone with a good imagination to even begin to picture these beautiful specimens.

Along with the collection she saves wish bones, seashells and prettied up. She has them from all but six states. The most prized one is her bone from Guam.



Seen Around Ye Old Town

By C. Too Much

Say it seems as tho the Jimmy Clark thinks Ona Wright is all right. Of course she hasn't expressed her opinion, but it will be favorable, Jim.

P H S

There were lots of rooters the other nite at the game. A few supplying the noise were Lazelle-Embrey-Don Wright, Ferrol Coulter, Johnnie Bert-onconio, Orbra Graham-Maurice Mosier, and many more. Thanks kids for your rooting.

P H S

What has happened to these couples? Delo Lahy—Dale Smith, Bobby Dick Soper—Shirley Ball, Harry Neer—Erma Glidewell, Shirley Sherman—Jack Oertle.

P H S

Major-Brown reported for active duty the other nite at our victorious game. Bob Brown of the printing department seems to think that Dot Majers is quite all right. Power to them

P H S

Say where did Mary Lou Griffen, locate that cute soldier by name, Kenny Smith. Come on Mary Lou no military secrets.

P H S

Edna Kauder has been hearing bells all Christmas Vacation and they weren't Santa Claus. Edna is now engaged to Glen Wiscup. The date is for after the duration. Good Luck Chilluns.

P H S

It seems as tho Mary Jean Bill has a Shaw around her shoulders every sailors liberty nite. The lucky sailor being Burton Shaw.

P H S

The Fadler-Grant affair is still doing fine. Milton had to go clear to St. Mary's to find a girl who really appealed to him. Her name is Gus Grant.

P H S

Seen at the show Sat. nite were Cassie Lemler-Carole Purgason, Bob Huntington-Carol Price, Carol Brown-Frank Stirman. Good show weren't it huh?

P H S

To Leroy Stuckey; Don't worry pal. She hain't mad at you. Try again I'm sure she'll give you a date.

P H S

From all reports Rip Nesch prefers the company of his little sister to our high school beauties and cuties. This is a break for the girls or tain't it? I think the latter.

P H S

Couples seen after the game the other nite were Mildred Klein-Johnny Glasor, Audie Ellis-Jr. Crowe, Ossie Shoup-Halford Manninger, oh oh what's going on maybe a new romance huh? Connie Coulter-Gib Strickland, Bernie Allman - Polly Beauchamp and odds of others.

P H S

Betty Manitz from all reports is making score with Jim Goebbles, also his score seems to be tops.

P H S

It seems as tho Bob Lorenzon and Jeanne Knight are buggy about one another. By that I mean love has taken over

P H S

Well Goodbye child, I'll see you all my next trip around. Don't forget to study lots cause the semester is coming up. Are your grades doing the same? We hope.



Something To Hum

Isn't it wonderful what remote control can do now days? Refering of course to the subject at hand. Seems as though the band plays in New York and the singer croons from Hollywood. The Hit Parade is the subject at hand and the crooner of all people, Sinatra. This weeks tabulations differ with those of a few weeks ago. Paper Doll, that 23 year old song, took a leap downward on the musical scale of hit songs. So here is this week's choice in popular music.

1. My Heart Tells Me
2. People Will Say We're In Love
3. Shoo Shoo Baby
4. Paper Doll
5. White Christmas
6. Oh What A Beautiful Morning
7. I'll Be Home For Christmas
8. They're Either To Young Or Too Old
9. No Love No Nothin'

The Sign Of The Goat

by

Madame "X"



Isn't it interesting that out of two equally gifted people, one makes something of himself and the other seems to just drift? Is there some ingredient passed around? Everyone wants to know what the future holds for him.

Listen while the stars are read. By the signs of the Zodiac, futures are fore-told.

Were you born between Dec. 22, and Jan. 19, then the sign of Capricornus — commonly known as the Goat, rules this group.

In this group men are good providers, practical—men are never this way, but that's what

the book said—unimaginative and unromantic. The women are shy and demure and would rather not speak than appear noisy. Many hermits are found in this group but few ever become famous.

The following sophomores were born under this sign:

Kenneth Batley, Katy Benefield, Ernie Chaney, Bill Cheyne, Paul Coley, Bill Cooley, Arthur Delmez, Muriel Greger, Vivian Halpaen, Bill Haney, Ronald Holler, Pauline Lashbrook, Vera Masters, Joseph Rinard, Antone Roitz, Ellarone Scates, Nancy Smith and Jack Thomas.

Postal Carrying Students Help In Christmas Rush

Two reporters entered the Post Office expecting to be knocked down by the crowd, instead, there was hardly anyone in sight. A few people stood quietly at the windows and Mr. Mangrum sat at his desk reading Christmas cards. Mr. Mangrum laughed when he was asked if they had been busy.

He said, "Packages this year were wrapped the best they have been in the past several years. People, in general, mailed early as they were asked to do. If every boy in service didn't receive at least one package this year, he must not have a friend in the world. Every girl should have gotten one too by the amount mailed."

"Because of congestion in the Kansas City Terminal, the Postmaster continued, 'mail did not come into Pittsburg for three days. This caused a last minute rush in the Pittsburg Office.'"

High school boys helped the Post Office Staff out of this jam. Boys

doing this work were Bob Brown, Donald Kelly, Alfred Kneebone, Don Broome, Gilbert Strickland, John Lock, Keith Almond, Bill Lowe and Wayne Parker. Also helping were two lieutenants, one sergeant, and one yeoman. Two army trucks and one navy car helped deliver mail to the residents of Pittsburg. The Pittsburg office was fairly well cleared by Christmas Eve.

After taking the reporters through the Post Office, the Postmaster explained just how much work is needed to get your mail to its destination.

He said, "Every letter that is mailed in Pittsburg has to be handled seven different times in the post office. It seems easy to drop a letter into a mailbox. However it is doubtful if the average person ever considers the work and the amount of help needed to get a letter to its destination. Approximately 38,000 letters and cards go through the Pittsburg office each Christmas season."

They Sez It



Ossie Shoup-If I could have a little more time.

Jake Matson-That "Rosie The Riveter" is quite a girl.

Bob Armstrong-Who is Student Council President, Shoup or Strickland?

Dottie Thomas - Gosh, the sailors can go now!

Jack Hutto-Remember, you promised not to tell!

Bob Osborn-She says she is my cousin, but I doubt it.

Dorothy Hammick-Will you help support a Teen Town?

Mary Jean White-I just love to dust off buttons.

Shirley Pierce-She told me I wouldn't get married for a long time.

Shirley Sherman-Do you think I can use this telephone?

Audrie Ellis-What are you doing out so early?

Bob Schwanzle-Be sure you ask for more than you really need!

Bonnie Gohr-I'll see you later to night, I didn't know you could kiss so

Bob Osborn - Blow it out.

Charles Million - Louise, you're falling down on the job.

Mary Jean Bill - We're talking government.

Colleen Nelson - Mary Adelle, here is something for you.

Dorothy Majors - A dashing through the snow.

Laura Belle Rush - I have to get this read by tomorrow.

"Pardon Me, May I Sit On Your Knee?" Said The Damsel To He

Won't you step into my parlor said the spider to the fly. Perhaps it could be said this way. Won't you sit upon my knee said the soldier to the damsel. But that's a head of the story.

"Hey Gertie, I'm hungry, how's about getting us some popcorn." Gertie of course being the goat obligingly proceeded to do so. Have you ever tried to juggle six bags of popcorn? Gertie did and how. Some people stopped and applauded, thinking it was part of the show, but the last straw came when a foreign looking chap cornered her in the aisle and followed her step to a lively rumba. She had a terrible time backing up two steps, stepping up three. Well after much diversion she made it. Whew - Gertie settled herself comfortably and daintily gobbled down the puffed up corn.

"Hey Gertie," one of her chums called, "I'm thirsty, how's about getting some fiz water before I have a carbonated fit. Boy, that stuff was salty." Well Gertie, the goop, tripped down the balcony stepped gracefully clad hopped to the sweet shop. "Six pepsi's please," she told the squirt behind the counter.



Howdy Stranger

Introducing Virginia Hoffman, an ugly little Junior from College High.

DESCRIPTION: Brown curly hair, hazel eyes, five feet one inch tall, and has a very nice voice.

QUALITIES: Her most out-standing quality is making friends easily. She always has a broad smile (showing her Pepsodent teeth).

FAVORITE SAYING: "No doubt!"

HOBBY: "My hobby is singing, and my favorite type of music is classical music," stated Virginia.

AGE: She is sweet sixteen. She has a considerably high I.Q. Virginia is the type of girl PHS is proud of.

HOW DO YOU LIKE PHS? "I think Pittsburg High is tops."

she sez.

Pass It On

TEEN TOWN:

No doubt you all have heard of Teen Town, Joplin, Mo., has one, they are clubs that high school students may join. They provide for recreation, dances

games and all sorts of entertainment. The Teen Town's are sponsored by a group of elders who are interested in seeing their children have the right kind of fun. Springfield, Mo., now is making plans for one in their city. If the kids are interested enough, why couldn't Pittsburg have one, too?

Gerte took the cone shaped cups and wound her long tapering fingers around them, and again started up stairs to her friends juggling the disks and running foot races with herself to keep from spilling them. Whoop-caught it just in time.

"Pardon me please," she told the man sitting on the end, "may I get through." The whole row grudgingly stood up to let her through. Gert slipping and struggling, finally made her way over people's feet.

"Hi! Gert, 'Myrt called out. Gert was to interested in looking about to notice where she was sitting. She suddenly realized she was sitting on someone's lap. She jumped up so startled she spilled the drink, ice and all, down on everybody in that locality.

The poor girl turned to see who she had sat upon, ye gads a soldier, sat there dripping with coke and trying to look as though he didn't mind. Gertie had caused such a commotion that the ushers came running to see what the confusion was all about.

Surely everyone's heart goes out to poor Gertie, let your imagination finish the story.

Has He Moved?

If the Booster is being sent to some serviceman whose address has been recently changed, please contact a member of the Staff or bring the new address to the Journalism room. Boosters will be sent to former PHS grads now in the service if their addresses can be obtained.

Mode of the Moment

by
Ruth
McMurry



Do you admire Lana Turner? Do you swoon at the sight of Hedy Lamarr? Does Greer Garson intrigue you? Well! you, too, can be beautiful! You, too, can be popular!

As your new fashion advisor I do hereby pledge to lend all you feminine readers into a world of beauty and fashion. Don't misunderstand I shall also deal with subjects other than the usual "Clothes-horse." There are fashions in houses, in medicine, in gardening, and in any number of items.

Let's start with the brain protector, or hair if you insist. There is always some Sassy Lassie who wails, "I washed my hair and can't do a thing with it!" I wonder what would happen if she ever washed her feet. But seriously, she could try a pompadour if her face is full and rather short. For delicate features and a winsome look; a middle part and simple loose, style is very becoming. Then there are braids. Why not entwine artificial daisies in your braids?

Any wardrobe looks good if properly taken care of. Although we're a little late, lets make a New Year's resolution to keep our clothes in good order.

Hey! Mom, Sew My Pants

It was one of mother's busiest days. Her small son, who had been playing outside, came in with his pants torn. "You go right in, remove your pants and mend them yourself," his mother ordered.

Some time later she went to see how he was getting on. The torn pants were lying on a chair. The door to the cellar, usually closed, was open and she called down, loudly and sternly, "Are you running around down there without your pants on?"

A deep voice answered, "No madam, I'm reading the gas meter." The Dakota Scientist, Wahpeton, N. D.

The average man shaves twenty square miles of face surface in a lifetime.

If you think the jokes in the Booster are lousy, just throw 'em in the furnace. Bet it'll roar!

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Should High School Student Skip His Senior Year?

A question that many high school students are asking themselves is this, "Should I skip my senior year and go on to college?"

This question is plainly one that requires a lot of thinking and one that must not be answered hastily. Such a move as this will affect your entire life. It will enable you to finish school earlier and thus go into life with more time ahead of you! but, on the other hand, it might put you into life too young to take advantage of your opportunities. Many businesses hesitate in hiring a person under 21 years of age. You may put up an argument this way. "I am a junior. I will be 17 when this year is over. If I skip my senior year, I can get a year of college before I am inducted." This sounds very reasonable, but look at it this way. If you are to substitute the freshman year for your senior year in high school, you must compare the two and choose what is best.

In the first place the high school course is arranged as a series of subjects designed to lead you to a point that will conclude a definite portion of your education. If you break this continuity and substitute the college course for it, the system is entirely upset. As far as the pre-induction taste of college is concerned, that is fully cared for in the fact that the armed services are sending the more capable boys back to the same colleges for specialized training. So, whether the student gets his taste of college as a civilian or as a member of the armed forces, the result will be the same.

You may say this, "I have a high scholastic rating. Won't I be wasting my time if I go on to my senior year? The freshman college course is usually a repetition of the high school subjects anyway." The truth of this statement is seldom questioned. However, the social reaction must also be taken into consideration. Freshman college students are terribly young as it is. What will happen if it becomes a custom to skip that last year of school? Will the colleges readjust themselves to take care of the younger students? As a senior in high school, a student is a big duck in a little puddle, while a freshman in college is a little duck in a big puddle.

If a student is willing to go through all this and give up the best year of high school, then he should go on and speed up his schooling. Before anything of this type is done, however, think over all of these advantages and disadvantages and imagine the present and future consequences.

The Holtonian, Holton, Kans.

Doings Of A Dull Day

Ho hum wish I didn't have to come to school today. I wonder what that boy is doing in the office. He can't be getting an admit because you don't sit down to get them. He must be waiting to see Mr. Green. There's three boys waiting for their girlfriends to get to school. I wish I had a boy-friend. Look at that girl! She seems to have mice in her locker or someone around here likes to chew paper. That teacher must be telling that boy something interesting. I have never seen him so interested before unless with a girl. Here come three journalism kids. I'll have to get rid of them quick. They can't hear this story. Did you see the librarian talking to those reporters in the hall Wednesday and Thursday? It must have been funny because they were certainly laughing. It might have been a story for the Booster. That boy on the stage certainly can blush easily! He must be bashful. Am I kiddin'! The bell just rang. Boy, am I glad to end this dull day.

First Civilian: Hurry there's the air-raid siren.

Second Civilian: "Wait I'll get my false teeth."

First Civilian: What do you think they're dropping (sandwiches?)

Mamma, why does the furnace make daddy shiver and make funny faces and hiccup when he comes up from the cellar?

MIRROR OF THE PAST

Ten years ago -- Jan. 12, 1934

Look what we have here; the purple-clad cagers defeated the Joplin Warriors. 30 to 16, Noor scored the first Pitt point on a free throw. Schmuck and Morgan added two pointers to complete the Dragon scoring for the initial game of the season. Looks as though the boys were doing a pretty good job way back then.

The Dragons also beat the Coffeyville, five 34-20. Morgan and Noor did the scoring again. They must have been the first Coulter and Gillin team.

On Jan. 10, 1939, Dr. Glenn V. Cunningham lectured in PHS on his experience in track. He holds

the world record for the mile run, which is 4:04.4.

Final action on the construction of a stadium on Hutchinson Field on the Senior High School campus was to be taken at the Board of Education.

2 years ago Jan. 9, 1942

We see that George Story is the top table tennis player. He defeated Charles Wheeler and Bob Murray. The winner of the junior division was Bob Freeto.

Oh, yes in Mr. Briggs room a survey was made and it was found that \$7.18 worth of gum had collected under the chairs. After two years this columnist wonders just how much has collected there now.

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Dragons Out For Second Win Tonight Against Parsons

Norsemen Rely On Defenses in Former Games

Dragons Hope To Have Form Shown Against Ft. Scott

Tonight the Pitt Dragons will tangle with the Vikings from Parsons in what will be the last home appearance until Jan. 23, two weeks away.

From all indications Parsons has a strong defensive outfit. They beat Columbus 20 to 18 in their opening game of the season. Last week they lost to the Chantue Comets 14 to 13. From those scores alone one can see that they have a tough defense.

Principle scorers in the Viking five are Lovelace, center, and Brunoehler, the only returning lettermen. Brunoehler played alot of football for Parsons and plays guard on the basketball team.

Coach Hoffman's squad has been taking stiff workouts all this week with special emphasis put on defense.

These are the probable starters for tonight's contest.

Pittsburg	Parsons
Shoup	F Nightengale
Huntington	F Dennis
Glaser	C Lovelace
Fadler	G Fouts
Osborn	G Brunoehler

V . . . —
Don't crowd ahead in the cafeteria, others are just as hungry as you.

Golden rule — Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Be careful, the floors are often slick.



Hey mom! did I get any mail today? That's what many of our high school girls yell the first minute they get home. Don't say PHS girls aren't doing their bit to keep up moral. Many girls receive letters from undreamed of places. Education is not let out either, how else could one learn, unless the censor cuts it out, the customs of the strange people we know so little about.

War is grim business, we all realize that but think of all the old relics and statues and historical places Johnnie Jones would not otherwise have seen. He is the kid who used to deliver your groceries, and the boy who fitted your shoes just a few short months ago. These boys who never dreamed of seeing these places are now treading the sacred plains of Jerusalem

Pitt Downs Tigers In Decisive 38 to 21 Affair

LOCKER ROOM CHATTER

Coach Hoffman changed the Pitt lineup a bit last Friday night against the Ft. Scott Tigers. Bob Huntington, who had previously played guard, was switched to a forward position. Oliver Shoup traded places with Johnnie Glaser by taking over the other forward spot and giving Glaser the pivot post. All three boys showed up well at their new positions. Shoup had played forward before (in fact, he's played every position on the floor at some time or other) but Glaser held down the center spot for the first time. Huntington piloted the forward spot for the initial time and did a mighty good job.

Every sport loses its stars to the service. Bowling has been the first sport in PHS to lose one of its outstanding members. It is none other than George Story, now Private George Story of the United States Army. George was a "live wire" when it came to high school bowling in these parts, being President of the High School Bowling League, exceptional bowler, and winner of several of the numerous bowling tournaments held hereabouts.

He is also an exceptional player in the general art of table tennis, being city champion several times.

George was an ardent baseball fan, and was generally all-sport minded. He will be greatly missed by this department, as he supplied a lot of the "dope" that went in this year column. GOOD LUCK, PRIVATE GEORGE STORY!!!!

These Panthers from St. Marys are running wild over in their league having won their fourth straight game last Friday night. We are, interested in seeing how they come out with Ft. Scott tonight.

If any of the boys were going around with stiff necks this week, blame it onto the Physical Fitness program. The classes are getting, and I'm putting it mildly, ROUGH. Everybody seems to be having a pretty good time and it isn't doing them any harm. Some of the boys have been talking about how much fun it would be to go on a week-end camping trip this spring. Everybody would have a good time and it wouldn't require too much arrangement. Besides, it would be healthful. How about it, Arkie?

Moses and St. Peter were out playing golf one day. Moses stepped up and lashed out a hole-in-one. St. Peter repeated the trick. Moses turned to St. Peter and said, "Let's cut out the miracles and start playing golf."

Letters To Servicemen Prove Moral Builders

or the mountains of Italy. Everyone thinks he knows what American boys are going through. Young women of this country are no exception, so they pledge themselves to help keep up the moral of these boys by writing bits of news from home, news that brings a little sunshine into their starved minds. Here are but a few of the girls who do keep the servicemen posted, a good example for all girls to follow.

MRS. MITCHELL hears from her soldier husband in England. He told her of his experience at Thanksgiving time. He was invited to an English Boy's school. The chap-

lin spoke on, "What Thanksgiving Means To Americans." The boys carry their autograph books, and are eager to have any American soldier sign them. According to his letters the English people are very friendly and respectful to American soldiers. English people often invite them to tea, which is held at 5 o'clock. Their evening meal is at 8 or 9.

COLLEEN NELSON hears from and writes regularly to a boy in Australia. He says, "The people here look and act like any average American. They speak with definite English accent. The civilians treat us like kings."

DOT MAJORS writes to a serviceman in Honolulu, and one in England. The boy in England says, "The queerest thing here is that the people drive on the left side of the street. Between the fog and the backward driving, we Americans have to watch our step."

EDNA KAUDER keeps her friends moral up to that certain point. He writes, "The weather here in Italy is damp and rainy. We American boys have a hard time trying to understand their lingo."

PAT CULVER writes cheering notes to a soldier in Tunisia. He states that our Allies greet Americans with open arms, so to speak.

There are many loyal girls who write to boys in uniform, these are but a few. Let's salute these girls and others who write cheering letters to boys overseas.



1944 Basketball Schedule

Dec. 23—PHS 27, Miami 29
Jan. 4—PHS 20, Joplin 21
Jan. 7—PHS 38, Ft. Scott 21
Jan. 14—Parsons (here)
Jan. 21—Jola (there)
Jan. 28—Columbus (here)
Feb. 1—Chanute (there)
Feb. 8—Ft. Scott (there)
Feb. 11—Parsons (there)
Feb. 15—Baxter Springs (here)

Feb. 18—Columbus (there)
Feb. 25—Miami (here)
Feb. 29—Joplin (here)
Mar. 3—Jola (here)
Mar. 6—Baxter Springs (there)

Colored Rockets Drop Close Defensive Contest

PHS has another basketball team besides the Dragons. This is a colored team made up of colored boys of Pittsburg High. They play other teams in the SEK. As of to date this year's edition of the Rockets, as they are called, will play Fort Scott, Joplin and Parsons. A game with Coffeyville is planned if transportation can be arranged.

Members of the first team are Benefield, Allman, Walker, Caw, and Carson.

The second team is composed of Kelly, Green, Gilmore, Brown and Holmes.

Boys returning from last year are Benefield, Walker and Caw. The Rockets lost their first game of the season to a Ft. Scott quintet. It was a fast defensive game with Pitt coming out on the short end of a 11 to 8 score.

The Rockets will meet Ft. Scott there tonight. According to reports it will be a different story.

The next game will be Jan. 18 on the local RJHS gym.

Commerce Students Begin More Difficult Study

Miss Nelson's shorthand classes have almost completed their first book on brief forms. Soon they will start their second and most difficult study. Booking students have set up their first book of figures and records. Her classes have also taken up the study of income taxes.

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Locals Show Basket Eye In First Win

Glaser High Man With Seventeen; Shoup Gets Ten

Taking an early lead by scoring on the tip-off, the Pitt cagers racked up their first triumph of the season by knocking off the Ft. Scott Tigers 38 to 21. The Dragons led all the way with Johnnie Glaser scoring seventeen points.

There were several changes in the Dragon's lineup for the game. Bob Huntington was converted from a guard to a forward. John Glaser was switched to center with Shoup leaving the center spot to play forward. Shoup tallied five times at his new position to take second scoring honors for the locals.

The Dragon quintet did everything but take the basket down and go home in the first stanza as they hit from every angle and ran up a comfortable 16 to 9 lead. Evidently this was too much for the visiting five for they scored only one point in the second period.

Coming out at the half Ft. Scott threatened to the extent that they marked up ten points and whittled the summary down to 28 to 20. Pitt defenses went to work, however, and held the Tigers to one point in the last period.

Box Score:

Pittsburg (38)	Ft. Scott (21)
Shoup	5 0 2 West 0 0 0
Matson	0 0 0 Winters 0 0 1
Huntington	3 1 1 Ayers 0 1 0
Endicott	6 0 0 Blair 1 0 0
Knaupp	0 0 0 Hend's'n 2 1 2
Osborn	0 0 0 J. Graham 0 0 1
Glaser	7 3 2 Shorten 0 0 0
Urban	0 0 0 K. Graham 5 1 2
Lorenzen	0 0 1 Hurst 0 0 0
Fadler	2 0 0

Totals 17 4 7 Totals 9 3 9
Running score by periods:
Pittsburg 16 24 28 38
Ft. Scott 9 10 20 21
Referees: Russell and Binford.

Pvt. Shultz Administers Blood Plasma To Wounded

A picture of Private Tom Shultz, former PHS football player, administering plasma to a wounded veteran on Bougainville island was carried recently in The Headlight. Only a few people recognized Pvt. Shultz including the parents.

A letter received recently by the parents from Tom identified the figure as himself.

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