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What D'Ya Know

By Louise Claire DuBois
JACK SPARK'S wavy hair has proved a source of curiosity and envy for many of the fairer sex for ages untold. It has been wondered if his coiffure success is accredited to "scientific methods" such as Charm Kurl and the like. Only recently was his secret revealed. It seems that Jack regularly frequents the local beauty salons for his weekly shampoo and wave set. This was realized when Jack was seen leaving the (censored) Beauty Shoppe; thus we ask if he will discontinue this practice now that his secret is known. How about it, Jack?

Here's wishing the best of luck to the Purple and White Staff, the opera cast, and the junior play cast! It is the results of the efforts of groups such as these that make PHS what it is today.

TENBROOK KING, sophomore left recently for Culver Military Academy, where he is planning to attend until his graduation. Ten was active in school affairs, especially those in which the band participated, as he played not only in the band, but also in the orchestra and with the Royal Dragons. We hate to lose you, Tenbrook, but as we've said before, "One's loss is another's gain."

Yes, Pittsburg has its place on the map; anyway that's the conclusion we came to after hearing FRED WARING'S Pleasure Time program dedicated to the men in the Liaison school stationed here in our fair city. We in PHS were particularly interested in this because these men who chose the numbers to be played on the daily program are those that share our building for both class rooms and recreational facilities. The selections made by these officers included the Artillery Song, Take It Easy, My Heart Tells Me, and The Army Hymn. This program was presented Wednesday evening, Feb. 9.

Total Sales of Bonds And Stamps Reach \$9171.30

Sales for the third week in the Fourth War Loan Drive in RJHS and PHS totaled \$2439.45.

Of this amount RJHS purchased \$880.70 and PHS \$1558.75.

This is quite a drop from the \$3445.45 taken in the first week of the drive.

Since the Bond Drive began, PHS and RJHS students have purchased a total of \$9171.30.

My Face Burned And Sizzled All The Way Home

Getting an interesting interview the other day from Lula Belle Picklewick leads us into a most embarrassing situation which I shall introduce to you through this remarkable character "Lula Belle". This story is being told exactly as it was told to the reporter. The words are hers.

"It all started when I was preparing to leave work that evening to go home. While I was putting on my coat, I noticed a Chinese American soldier, walk by the shop window, stop and look in hesitantly, and then walk on. In a very few minutes he returned and came in. He inquired where 15th and Joplin Street was located. Since this was the second time he had been to Pittsburg, he was not familiar with the town and streets. This was all explained by the Chinese soldier. As I was going as far as 15th and Broadway, I volunteered to show him the way as far as I was going.

"So this is how it all got started and now we're at the point of the story where I open my big mouth and got my foot caught in it."

"Falling into step, military style, we proceeded down the street headed down with my arms full of books. The very first book that caught my little friends eyes was my "Economics" book. He took up the discussion of Economics right off and it continued from then on out.

"He asked me if I was interested in the field of "economics". Being

Purdue University Offers Students Scholarships

Purdue University trustees at Lafayette, Indiana, have authorized the award each year of special scholarships to high school pupils of unusual ability, personality, and promise. These scholarships, known as Special Merit Scholarships, are intended for young men or women who otherwise would be unable to continue their higher education.

Twenty-five Special Merit Scholarships will be awarded for the academic year to students whose homes are outside Indiana. Only in exceptional cases will more than one scholarship be awarded to pupils of any high school in any one year.

The scholarship entitles the holder to an exemption from University fees of \$50 a term. The award is made for the duration of the undergraduate course, but after the first term is contingent upon the holder's maintaining a predetermined, scholastic rating equivalent to that of approximately the upper forty per cent of Purdue University students. If the student achieves a scholastic rating of distinction, (a grade point average of 5), he will in the term following such achievement have further remission of fees in the sum of \$30 for the semester.

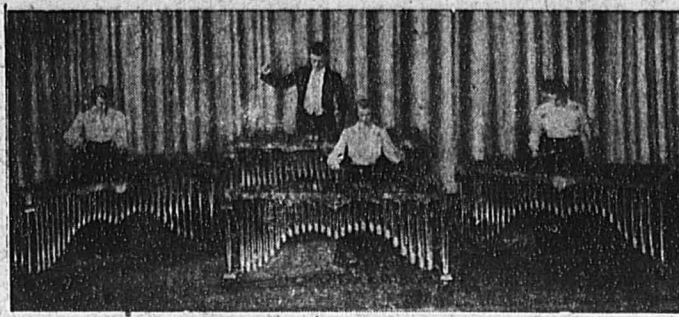
Any student who accepts the award of the scholarship is required to deposit \$20 within ten days after notification. This amount will be refunded upon satisfactory completion of one term's work.

Those students who are nominated by the principal of the secondary school, who meet the entrance requirements of Purdue University, who are scholastically in the upper ten per cent of their class, and who achieve high scores in certain selected tests. These tests will be furnished at a cost of thirty cents per student prepaid.

All inquiries and applications should be addressed to Professor H.H. Remmers, Division of Educational Reference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. The tests and other material are to be obtained from this address. The tests are to be administered by some responsible member of the high school teaching or administrative staff, and will require approximately three hours. They will be scored in the Division of Educational Reference Office.

Applications must be filed according to the following dates: Enter the University for study, March 1, 1944; July 15, 1944; November 1, 1944. Order blanks must be filed by December 1, 1944; April 1, 1944. Applicant's papers must be filed by Saturday, January 22, 1944; Saturday, May 20, 1944; Saturday, September 23, 1944.

Attention!



WANTED: Mr. Lawrence Lacour to come back to PHS to hold open discussion. Mr. Lacour has been here twice before, and most students will agree that Mr. Lacour is a very understanding man who can speak well to young people because he talks on their level.

Mr. Green has spoken to some of the groups, and favorable answers were made to have Mr. Lacour back to speak to discuss youth problems. There is nothing compulsory about attending these open discussions. Only those interested need attend.

WHY I PLAN TO HAVE MY HOME IN PITTSBURG WHEN AND IF I HAVE ONE

This little mid-western city is an ideal place to live. It is not too large so that you get lost and it is not too small. It is located almost in the center of the United States. It is surrounded by large cities where you can go to do your shopping if you can not get what you want in Pittsburg. There is adequate transportation to these cities. You can go by train, bus, or airplane.

There are excellent schools for which to send children of all ages. Pittsburg has seven grade schools, three junior high schools, and three senior high schools. Not only these but it has the Kansas State Teachers College for students who wish a college education and the Pittsburg Business College for the business minded young people.

Pittsburg also has three first class theaters, two bowling alleys, and two skating rinks. There is also one of the nicest swimming pools in this part of Kansas here. Pittsburg has a baseball team and th high schools have football, basketball, and track teams.

Pittsburg has a well equipped hospital and a clinic with the best of doctors and nurses. There is also the city fire departments, the police department, and the water works which has a water softener.

The weather is generally good. The winters are very mild. The summers are hardly ever severe. It does not rain too much either.

Pittsburg is a mining, industrial, and farming center. There is much coal shipped from here. The Jayhawk Ordnance Works is just a few miles outside of this city. It is a government operated plant which is to be permanent. There has recently been established an airplane manufacturing company which makes small parts. All of these provide work for the citizens of Pittsburg.

We also have one of the nicest airports in this part of Kansas. It has good runways, hangars, and planes. The airport also has the largest hangar in this part of the country. After the war is over Pittsburg will be in the center of the airlines.

The people of Pittsburg are very friendly and neighborly. If and when I have a home I would choose Pittsburg for it.

Helen Anderson

Jr. Red Cross Elects Coulter And Williamson

Jr. Red Cross held its regular meeting in the conference room Wednesday Feb. 2. New officers for this semester are Ferrol Coulter and Ruth Ann Williamson, president and secretary respectively.

Future plans were discussed. Members are planning on raising money to help people and to knit sweaters for the armed forces. They are also going to make scrap books to send to service men. Meetings are held every Wednesday and any girl wishing to join Jr. Red Cross may attend the meeting next Wednesday.

Look At Custodian's Side Of Problem

There is a saying that there are two sides to every story. Each student knows his own side. Here is the other side.

Mr. Martinache, chief custodian here in high school compliments and thanks the students for their cooperation in keeping PHS in tip top cleanliness. "I find that students this year have done very nicely in helping the custodians keeping the building clean. Students don't realize the trouble and expense it takes to repair marked up and mistreated desks. The worst problem of all is throwing of paper towels in the lavatories, causing defectiveness in plumbing, also throwing paper towels on the floor seems to be a careless habit of the boys and girls."

Here are a few suggestions so that students may help keep the building clean. Refrain from throwing paper towels on the floor and in the lavatory. The patriotic gesture would be to put them in the containers there for that purpose, also to be sparing of them. Don't stick gum on the bottom of desks and tables. It's not only unsanitary, but hard to remove.

Be thoughtful about marking on the painted walls; it looks bad, it doesn't add beauty to our walls. Be careful about carelessly throwing papers down the halls. It makes unnecessary work for the janitors. This again is a hindrance in the appearance of the school.

Any thoughtful acts on the part of students would be helpful. It's our school, let's keep it attractive.

Former Graduate Visits "The Old Homestead"

Most students here in PHS will undoubtedly remember Bonnie Crouch. She graduated in '43, and was well known to many of the students and members of the faculty. Bonnie won a scholarship to the Kansas City Art Institute last year and is doing well at this work.

Bonnie has been to the art institute since September and intends to take the full four year course. Her ambition upon graduating is to become a commercial artist. Bonnie was visiting her old Alma Mater last Friday. She says, "PHS is a dear old school, I miss it lots, sure wish I was back again."

You Wonder Why You Did It

So! you want to know why you filled out that questionnaire today, huh. Well, here's why. There are parties given here at school for the students but it's a funny thing that out of approximately 550 intelligent students, 125 take part in the dance and the activities.

A lot of time and planning is put in for these all school parties. Why not take advantage of this opportunity, so what if you don't know your left foot from your right. Here is a chance to learn, a chance to mix with your classmates without a book and a teacher.

Our school dance band is a pretty good group of boys and they know their music. They work on their arrangements so as to make bigger and better dances. We want to know what your opinion is and just what is in that mind, make you have some suggestions that will help the dance committee to work up a program that all the students will like and participate in come on lets all work together so as to have 100 per cent at our next party. Let's truly make it an All School Party.

MALARIA DISCIPLINE

In some tropical theaters of operation, malaria has hospitalized ten-times more soldiers than have battle casualties," says the War Department in Training Circular 108.



Love's Old Sweet Song Is Back Again

Have you ever stopped to think what the origin of this "lovers festival?" Well, here is a short summary of how it all came about.

The name Valentine is supposed to have originated from two saints who lived in the third century both being named St. Valentine and both died on February 14. The traditional anniversary of their death was known as the "lovers festival". This day is observed because it comes at the beginning of spring, the time of the year when cupid is working at top speed.

Today, greetings which are a variety of comedy, sentiment, and love are sent to friends everywhere. Candy and flowers are a few of the common gifts exchanged between sweethearts on St. Valentines Day.

Have you sent your favorite girl or boy friend a remembrance? You'd better hurry, time's a fleetin'.

Two Senior Girls Win Recognition In Contest

Katherine Blair and Rosie Fish, a former PHS student were awarded recognition in the Girl's Home Maker Cook Book for their cake recipes. The project was sponsored by the DAR Club.

Last year a representative of the DAR club spoke to Mrs. Mitchell's Foods classes about entering the

contest. The students prepared the food and tests were made by the judges.

The girl's recipes were printed in the Cook Book which is sold. Funds are turned back to the club.

"Winning was not expected," Mrs. Mitchell stated, "because of the unusually keen competition."

The club will sponsor a similar contest this year.



Gilbert And Sullivan Wrote Numerous Operas For Public

Sir W.S. Gilbert was born in London on Nov. 18, 1836. He became Barrister-in-law in 1866 and practiced until 1870. His first play was "Dulcamara" and was produced Dec. 29, 1866, "Bab Ballads" was first published in 1869. He first met Arthur Sullivan in the autumn of 1870. "Palace of Truth" was produced on Nov. 19, 1870.

The first Gilbert and Sullivan (Theopis) was produced Dec. 23, 1875. Their next works were as follows: "Trial by Jury" in 1875, "The Sorcerer" 1877, "H.M.S. Pinafore" 1878, "The Pirates of Penzance" 1880, "Patience" 1881, "Iolanthe" 1882.

Arthur Sullivan was knighted on May 27, 1883.

Gilbert and Sullivan continued with their writing with "Princess Ida" 1884, "The Mikado" 1886, "Ruddigore" 1887, "The Yeomen of the Guard" 1888, "The Gondoliers" 1889.

There was a breach between Gilbert and Sullivan from 1889 to 1893. "The Mountebanks" with music by Alfred Cellier, was produced in Jan. 1892; followed by "His Excellency", with music by Osmond Cair, in Oct. of 1894, "Utopia, Limited", with music by Sullivan, in Oct. of 1893 and "The Grand Duke", with music by Sullivan in March of 1896.

Sir Arthur Sullivan died on Nov. 22, 1900. Wm. S. Gilbert was knighted June 30, 1907 and drowned on May 23, 1911.

Sir Arthur Sullivan was born in London on May 13, 1842. He won the Mendelssohn Scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music in 1856. He was a student at Leipzig in 1858.

He composed incidental music for "The Tempest," performed at

Teachers Are Performing Effectively

Mr. Green Presents Views Expressed At Recent Conference

"Teaching is an important a job as, ever before," commented Mr. Finis M. Green, principal of PHS, recently. "And judging from the products, the teachers are doing a splendid job," he continued. "This is known as a result of the aptitude tests which service men are given at the time of their induction. Never before in the history of the United States has literacy been as high as at the present."

Mr. Green spoke concerning those topics discussed at the recent meeting of the Council of Administration, which was held Feb. 3, 4, and 5, at Emporia, Kansas. This group was subtitled as the Kansas Association of Secondary Schools.

"The idea was brought out," Mr. Green remarked, "that to do the man shortage and other war-time conditions, it is necessary for high schools to allow students to do part time work. Some phases of this work prove beneficial and valuable to the student in later life."

In PHS, if the required data is furnished and approved, the student is allowed to do part time work. This is following the policy recommended by educators.

"It might be added," Mr. Green concluded, "that servicemen not having graduated may apply credits earned while in the service to their high school graduation requirements."

Demand For Waste Paper Is Critical

Collection of waste paper has in recent months become the number one salvage of the nation, exceeding in importance and urgency the collection of scrap metal.

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board says, "The need for more waste paper is becoming increasingly critical each day. The constantly growing demand for paper by our armed forces for the production of hundreds of military items has reduced the inventories of paper mills to alarmingly low levels. Shutdowns are imminent in many places."

The paper shortage affects not only newspapers and other publications but also school and office supplies. Most seriously it threatens the overseas shipment to the armed forces of 700,000 items, everyone of which requires paper or paper board in its packaging or in its very construction.

Schools are asked to collect all the paper possible to salvage for other uses. Here is a war job-a very urgent one-which school students like to do and can do well. Kansas is asked to help in this emergency, let's do it!

Sullivan discovered many lost Schubert manuscripts in 1867. He wrote "The Window" in 1871, "Di Ballo" in 1877, "The Prodigal Son" in 1871, "Onward Christian Soldiers" in 1872, "Te Deum" in 1872, "The Light of the World" in 1873, "Henry VIII" in 1877, "The Lost Chord" in 1877, "The Martyr of Antioch" in 1880, "The Golden Legend" in 1886, "Ivanhoe" in 1891, "Haddon Hall" in 1893, "The Chieftain" in 1894, "Victoria and Meads England" in 1897, "Beauty Stone" in 1898, "The Rose of Persia" in 1900.

"The Emerald Isle" was published in 1904 after his death.

Cupid's Little Helpers

Is there something bothering you? Do you feel ill? Are you in love? Do your false teeth slip? Do you need arch supports? Would you like to make money, or would you like to know how to spend the money you now have? Would you like to meet a certain boy or girl? Do your knees get weak when a sailor walks by? Would you like to have somebody's address? Would you like a blind date? Would you like to tell your troubles to someone? You may wonder why these questions are asked; well, if you are having any troubles, just address a letter to Cupid's Little Helpers and place it in the Booster Box and your problem and answer will be published in the Booster. If you don't want your name known just sign "the letter", "Frantic", "Neglected", or otherwise. No one will ever guess your identity! So come on all you guys and gals with troubles, write to Cupid's Little Helpers for advice. We guarantee that you will live happily ever after or die of the results!

Now for the first week letters

Dear Spin and Torchy,
Joe's been having so much trouble with a girl that I thought I'd write to ask you for a few pointers.

I like the girl a lot but she does not seem to like me as well as I'd like for her to. I keep asking her



for dates but she always makes some excuse. When she does accept a date, she usually calls up the night before and tells me she can't go. What should I do about it? I like her a lot but can't find a solution to my troubles.

I'm So Blue
Dear I'm So Blue;
You really have sad case. You seem to be nervous man so please don't do anything drastic. You could commit suicide and it would probably bring the girl to her senses. Try this and if it doesn't work let us know.

Spin and Torchy
Dear Spin and Torchy;
I have had a couple of dates with one girl who I think is a pretty clever number, only she suddenly decides not to speak, other times she is too friendly. What shall I do? I would like to have another date with her but don't know whether or not to ask her.

Dale
Dear Dale;
Your problem is one which will take much consideration. I would say the girl is fickle. I can't imagine what could be wrong with you. Send me your address and five dollars, then we'll call for a personal interview.

Spin and Torchy

Why I Did It

"Asking me why I became a teacher is like asking a painter why he paints. It's just the thing I had the greatest urge to do." This was the answer given by Doran Woods.

He started by smiling and saying, "I sometimes wonder." I guess the real reason was "bread and butter." We have to eat; that is one sure thing. I don't exactly love school because I was just naturally born lazy, but I do like young people and the work is really interesting. I'll tell you, it's the one field in which you don't have to know anything." He laughed, looked very mischievous and said, "Now don't take that seriously, I don't mean it."

Mr. Woods went on to say, "I graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan and attended West Virginia University. From there I came to Pittsburgh and obtained my Master's Degree at K.S.T.O. In 1928 I started teaching in the Roosevelt Junior High School and taught there for twelve years. Then I came to PHS and this is my fourth year here. I have never taught in any other school system."

He ended by saying, "The real reason behind my becoming a teacher was that, I thought I was better qualified for teaching than any other profession."

V. . . .
BUY BONDS AND STAMPS

Howdy Stranger



Introducing Suzann Mertz a clever little sophomore from Pascoe High School, Kansas City, Mo.

DESCRIPTION:

Green eyes, brown hair, and is five feet tall.

AGE:

Sweet sixteen and you know those people from Missouri!

FAVORITE SONG AND TYPE OF MUSIC:

My favorite song is "Music Maestro Please," and I like all types of music.

FAVORITE SPORT:

"My favorite sport is roller skating," Suzann sez.

QUALITIES:

Miss Mertz just smiled and said somebody else will have to answer that question. Well, Sue, you have a very nice disposition.

HOBBY:

"My hobby is post cards, I like to collect them from different parts of the country," she said.

FAVORITE SAYING:

"I really don't know what my favorite saying is, I am chucked full of 'em, was her answer to this question."

HOW DO YOU LIKE PHS?

"Pittsburg High is a very nice school, was Suzann's reply.



Seen Around Ye Old Town

By C. Too Much

It seems as though Helen Johnson has been holding out on us. She has been seen many a time with a nice looking lad from Girard. Also she is holding her own at PHS. David Close thinks she is super and so they are seen in the halls and strolling around the building.

P H S

Well Shirley Ball and Clayton Taylor have finally hit a happy medium. They go strolling side by side down the halls at all times with that "I'm Falling In Love With You" look. Glad some of you all are happy.

P H S

Well, at last we can tell the Evans twins apart. Eva is seen with Libbert Holcomb and Neva Evans with Paul Coley. But the question is now, how can the boys tell them apart?

P H S

What's this about Jessie Smith and Gordon Lohr? Seems to be sizzling—eh doc?

P H S

Louis Duff has a new admirer. The little sophie is Ruth Ohlhausen. But also remember Helen.

P H S

Delores Lahy and Fred Kiger seem to like each others company fine as they are seen quite often together uptown.

P H S

Bernie Allmon seems to want a date with Polly Beauchamp but well those looks Floyd Hogard gives him makes him feel a little unsure. Of course Polly didn't say anything when Floyd had a date with Harriet Hilboldt from Lakeside.

P H S

What is this about Jake Matson, the woman hater of PHS wanting a date with Shirley Sherman. Is this true or false, time will tell.

P H S

Martha Jane Anderson is just between, no, not the devil and the deep blue sea, but the blue of two sailors. Leo Hudson wants to date Martha but then Lee was there first. And consequently what can she do?

P H S

Well chilluns Joe Urban and Zell Embrey are on the up and up again by that I mean they are picked up from where they both left off. Glad of that.

P H S

Betty Jo Mays and Harold Umphenour are seen giving each other that moon-eyed look. Who wouldn't with two such swell kids.

P H S

Seen out at the Ottoway sippin' cokes a few ago were Kenneth Stickly and Wilma Kern. Say, when did this two-some develop.

P H S

Well my little gremlins, I must proceed to see what is going on for the future week. See you 'round.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sat. Feb. 12—Lincoln's Birthday
Tues. Feb. 15—Baxter Springs, Here
Fri. Feb. 18—Columbus, There

Book Reviews



A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is a current best seller written by Betty Smith. Miss Smith was born in Brooklyn. This book pictures the life of those who live in the tenement district.

"There's a tree that grows in Brooklyn. Some people call it the tree of Heaven. No matter where its seeds fall it makes a tree which struggles to reach the sky. It grows in boarded-up lots and out of neglected rubbish heaps. It grows out of cement. It grows lushly—survives without sun, water, and seemingly without earth. It could be considered beautiful except that there are too many of it." This is a paragraph taken from the book.

Life for Francie Nolan had been hard from the very beginning. Williams, Brooklyn, was not the best place in the world to live. There, it was crowded, and laughter and tears formed the larger part of her life. From the beginning of her life, she had learned to be toughened to this. She had to live up to it, or fall; but Francie stood it all even though she was scorned because her mother was a janitress, and her father had a liking for drink. When he wasn't drunk, he worked out as a singing waiter.

Considering all this, Francie called Brooklyn serene. This especially applied to Saturday. What a wonderful day was Saturday in Brooklyn! The street swarmed with children who were selling their week's collection of paper, metal, rubber and other junk to the old junk dealer. With the pennies received from this junk, they bought candy which they couldn't otherwise have.

When Francie was thirteen, her father died of pneumonia. In order to support the family, she had to begin working. Through many years of difficulty this family grew and prospered through their own efforts.

A truly realistic story told in a single straight forward style.

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PATRONIZE BOOSTER ADVERTISERS
BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Who Told You So?



—Bobbie Jean Delaney

How would you score on a War Bond quiz contest?

1. Who in the U.S. sells more War Bonds than anyone else, yet owns none.
2. Do our war costs equal \$250,000, \$250,000,000, or \$2,500,000,000?
3. Do War stamps bear interest?
4. If Stamps are lost, can they be replaced?
5. What is the cost of a \$500 Bond?
6. What is the interest rate on E Bonds?
7. Why are the present War Bonds always worth at least what you paid for them, while the Liberty Bonds of the First World War fluctuated in value?

ANSWERS TO WAR BOND QUIZ

1. The Secretary of the Treasury is forbidden by law to own any Government Bonds.
2. \$2,500,000,000 is correct.
3. Stamps do not bear interest, turn your Stamps in for a Bond as soon as you have the necessary amount.
4. No, they should be kept in a safe place and exchanged for War Bonds as soon as possible.
5. A \$500 Bond costs \$375 since the purchase price of an E Bond is always 75% of its maturity value.
6. If held 10 years until maturity, Series E Bonds yield at the annual rate of 2.9%.
7. Unlike the Liberty Bonds which could be sold at any price, the new War Bond can be redeemed only according to states values. Hence you cannot lose money through the sale of your Bonds today.

—THE LOG, MINDENMINES, MO.

BATTLE PICTURES

At the meeting of the Boy's League in Fort Collins, Colo., boys were shown actual battle pictures which have never been released for public showing by the U. S. Navy. Among these were pictures taken by the Japs when Pearl Harbor was bombed on Dec. 7, 1941. After the pictures were shown, the officers announced the opening of a new radar branch in the Navy. This is open to boys under 19 who can pass the required test.

Spilled Ink—Fort Collins, Colo.

HI-Y BUYS BOND

A \$100.00 war bond was set aside by the Eugene Hi-Y club, as the beginning of a fund to send a delegate to the national conference after the war.

—E. H. S. News, Eugene, Ore

SHORTHAND

The top sergeant lined up the the draftees.

"Any of you know anything about shorthand?"

Seven eager volunteers, having expected a worse job, put up their hands.

"O. K. Report to the kitchen, Cook's short-handed on dishwashers."

Emporia High Echo, Emporia, Kans.

Students See Air Demonstration

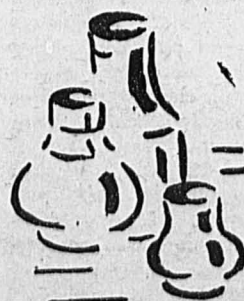
"Oh," and screams seemed to echo from the auditorium Thursday of last week. The liquid air demonstration by Mr. Elliott James was the cause of it.

For ten years Mr. James taught science in high schools, and lectured for 17 years in 26 states and Canada. Mr. James said liquid air exists in our atmosphere pressure at about 312 degrees below zero.

This is Mr. James' eighteenth year of demonstrations before high school assemblies. He has completed 104 appearances in Kansas schools since September. Mr. James began his demonstrations in a Chautauqua circuit, which as he explained, "Were little shows playing in small towns."

Mr. James has been here twice in the past. He remarked that he missed Mr. Hutchinson who had always introduced him in the assemblies.

Smell Containers



Everyone should have a hobby, it's good for them. But to those who do fiddle away their spare time, this is dedicated. This is the hobby of Mattye Shaw, a senior girl and very patient too, for her job is a delicate one. Here she is to tell you about her spare time occupation.

"I collect as many kinds of perfume bottles as I can get hold of. I have been saving them for about two or three years, and I enjoy it very much. It isn't so very much fun though when I have to take them off the shelf and clean them. I have about 150 and they range from all different sizes. My smallest one is 1 inch tall while the largest is 9 1/4 inches tall.

"I keep my collection displayed

in my bedroom and some on corner-shelves throughout the house. My favorite bottle was sent to me by a friend in the army. This friend stationed in Calif. had a chance to go to Mexico and that is where he bought it to add to my many others. The least expensive came from my dear old cousin—Kress. The most expensive one came from Colorado, and I prize it very much. Many of my bottles came from Kresses or were given to me by friends.

"Some of my bottles have come from parts of Calif., Mexico, Texas, Mo., Colo., and other states. I like every one of my precious collection and would not take anything for them.

"I would appreciate very much

They Sez It



Ferrol Coulter-Jr., that looks

bad.

Ted Moody—You said that once before.

Dorothy Vilmer—He's the man I'm going to marry.

Bob Schwanzle—Have you seen Bonnie?

Betty Ann Harrison—Keep clapping!

Jeanne Knight—I couldn't sell annuals.

Rhona Schmidt—It would be fun to walk across the floor in a formal.

Carol Price—I'll talk to him tomorrow.

Andrie Ellis—Gosh, he's funny!

to have any old perfume bottles any of you may have and do not want. I especially like the queer and odd shaped bottles.

KNOW YOUR TOWN

Pittsburg's first home was built by J.T. Roach in July, 1876. The first school house, a frame structure costing \$1,200, was built in 1877. A. J. Georgia was the first teacher. The first couple married was William Weaver and Mattie Boyne and the first child born on the townsite was their daughter, Josephine. By Oct. 1876, the new coal mining camp had three stores, two blacksmith shops, a wooden hotel conducted by Froman Shout at Third and Pine Streets and 100 residents. The railroad came through from Girard to Joplin that fall and the Pittsburg depot was built where present Frisco station stands.

In 1879, two years after Pittsburg's incorporation, two miners from Joplin, Peter and Matt Coyle, leased several town sites on the East Side or Pine Street near the hotel conducted by Froman Shout and sank a coal mine shaft, said by old-time "pit bosses" to have been the first shaft in Crawford County. The farmers had been supplying coal from strip mines. The finest quality of steam coal was dug from these shafts while Kansas became the greatest rail-roading state in the West.

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Fighting Men On Parade

By Mary Adele Woodbury



A letter was received from Sgt. Slankard thanking us a million times for the Booster. He said the boys are really appreciating the Booster and hopes more boys are receiving it.

Our star this week is Lt. Jack Toussaint, who is in the United States Army Air Corps. Now stationed in Salt Lake City, he said it is grand.

Jack's schedule is as follows: They rise at 6 o'clock, within the next hour breakfast is served. At 7:45 they have formation after that the ones who aren't listed on the duty roster or bulletin for duties return to their sacks or beds. Chow is served at 11:30. At 1:30 another 10 minutes formation. Formation is dismissed at 4:30. After this formation they are allowed to go to town and stay until 7:30 the next morning this is permitted every day of the week. Salt Lake City is known as a replacement bureau. After the boys leave there they have about three months in the United States and then they are given advanced orders.

Yellow fever shots were given. Later on they are taken up to 30,000 feet in a pressure chamber. A pressure chamber is a big tank like affair.

Jack told many more interesting things. He said Salt Lake City is a wonderful place, and in the winter the city is often covered with a smoky fog.

Jack was one of our outstanding students and took part in all activities. Good Luck and God be with you.

Moron Male Make Up

By Jean and June

Goeh, have you seen the new hair cuts? They aren't so bad! In fact, they have actually improved the looks of some such as Bob Osborn. Keep an eye on Shoup. He reports that he is following suit. Not such a bad idea boys!

Along the shoeline. How about those square toed (baby doll) school shoes of Blain Walker's? For good looking dress shoes, look at Lewis Hane's. Shoes add a lot to appearance-boys!

Have you noticed our sporty men teachers in their sport out-fits? Mr. Carney has a very handsome cnecked sport coat and Mr. Nation wears contrasting coat and pants. At least it is a change from the same old thing. Why don't some more of you boys try it?

Bob Soper has some very good good looking striped trousers. If you are short, fat and 4F you might try some for height. They are really good looking, no kiddin'.

Doings of a Dull Day



Here I am again - - Things are getting more dull everyday - - that assembly last Tuesday was certainly swell - - Why can't we have more things like that? The only trouble was, it didn't last long enough - - with our basketball team playing out of town this week, we will have dull evenings to add to our dull days - - The Kids in the library certainly differ. Some work math, some read and some spend their time sleeping - - Does

How Would You Solve It?

Our young boys will be facing the problem of post-war military training. Many people think they should be required to take at least one year of military training after they finish high school even though the country is at peace.

A number of people have been interviewed and they have given their opinions about the post-war military training plan.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? MISS NELSON: "No, not a strictly military training, but a physical fitness program would be a good part of a school's curriculum."

MR. WOODS: "I'm very much in favor of military training for boys even after the war, so as

to keep them physically fit at all times. Just in case there would ever be another war, they would all make fine soldiers."

EDRA HOOTEN: "Yes, definitely! Military training will give a boy more confidence and will decrease juvenile delinquency."

JOE LEWIS: "I think they should have some form of ROTC in every high school after the war because my one year of ROTC has already helped me."

GEORGIA WILSON: "I think the physical fitness program could be carried on for the benefit of the boys so they could be stronger men. As far as military training is concerned, it shouldn't be. If the boys want military training, let them join some service."

DALTON ASKINS: "I think it would be a good idea because it would keep the boys physically fit just in case there should be another war."

LEVI SMITH: "Every boy needs military training. It gives him a fine education and if they should enter the armed service they will have some understanding of it."

GILBERT KYRIAS: "I think so because we will have to have a standing army after the war to hold down aggressive nations."

MARDELLE WRIGHT: "I think every boy should be required to have at least one year of training. It wouldn't do them any harm, and it will be much to their benefit."

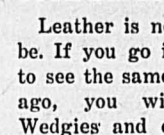
Common Complaints of Consumers

YOUR HATS



The materials needed in making hats is available. If you have noticed, though, it is not as plentiful as before the war. Ribbon of all kinds, with a little dash of lightly tinted plume seems to be better liked than the common felt and straw hats.

YOUR SHOES



Leather is not as plentiful as it used to be. If you go into a shoe store and expect to see the same styles you wore three years ago, you will be badly disappointed. Wedgies and other similar styles are out for the duration.

BAKERY



YOUR LUXURIES

Most bakeries have found that they must produce pies, cakes, and other pastries on a small scale. Sugar seems to be the hardest essential to get a plentiful supply of.

Just as a helpful hint, don't buy a lot of one foodstuff when you can see only a little. Remember someone else might like to have some too.

anybody want to buy an annual? That is a familiar question now days - - Did you see that couple holding hands the other day in the hall? Nice way to keep your hands warm?

Styles and Stuff

by Estelle

Here it is February, the month of lovers. You know valentine's day is just around the corner. So every girl wants to look her best so that certain one will pick her as his valentine. That shouldn't be hard because he is probably living in a dream cloud anyway, but if he should come out of his dream, you should look your loveliest for him.

A fascinating rose-tan jumper such as MARY JEAN BILL has is just the thing for enchantment, especially when she sets it off by wearing a dainty white blouse with eyelet trimming.

VALERIE WILLIAMS' Norwegian stitched sweater is the very thing for school wear. Incidentally,

Lincoln's Stories



Everybody knows the story of Abraham Lincoln's boyhood, his later life, his presidency, and his death.

Lincoln was noted also for the tall stories he could tell. His wisdom and his sincere manner in telling stories made him a great favorite among both children and adults. His sense of humor was the fascinating feature of his personal abilities. Here are a few of the most interesting and unusual of "Honest Abe" Lincoln's stories.

LINCOLN ASKED TO BE SHOT

Lincoln, was, naturally enough, much surprised one day, when a man of rather forbidding countenance drew a revolver and thrust the weapon almost into his face. In such circumstances "Abe" at once concluded that any attempt at debate or argument was a waste of time and words.

"What seems to be the matter?" inquired Lincoln with all the calmness and self-possession he could muster.

"Well," replied the stranger, who did not appear at all excited, "some years ago I swore an oath that if I ever came across an uglier man than myself I'd shoot him on the spot."

A feeling of relief evidently took possession of Lincoln at this rejoinder, as the expression upon his countenance lost all suggestion of anxiety.

"Shoot me," he said to the stranger; "for if I am an uglier man than you I don't want to live."

DONE WITH THE BIBLE

Lincoln never told a better story than this:

A country meeting-house, that

was used once a month, was quite a distance from any other house. The preacher, an old-line Baptist, was dressed in coarse linen pantaloons, and shirt of the same material. The pants, manufactured after the fashion, with baggy legs, and a flap in the front, were made to attach to his frame without the aid of suspenders.

A single button held his shirt in position, and that was at the collar. He rose up in the pulpit, and with a loud voice announced his text thus: "I am the Christ whom I shall represent to-day."

About this time a little blue lizard ran up his roomy pantaloons. The old preacher, not wishing to interrupt the steady flow of his sermon, slapped away on his leg, expecting to arrest the intruder, but his efforts were unavailing, and the little fellow kept on ascending higher and higher.

Continuing the sermon, the preacher loosened the central button which graced the waistband of his pantaloons, and with a lick off came that easy-fitting garment.

But, meanwhile, Mr. Lizard had passed the equatorial line of the waistband, and was calmly exploring that part of the preacher's anatomy which lay underneath the back of his shirt.

Things were now growing interesting, but the sermon was still grinding on. The next movement on the preacher's part was for the collar button, and with one sweep of his arm off came the tow linen shirt.

The congregation sat for an instant as if dazed; at length one old lady in the rear part of the room rose up, and, glancing at the excited object in the pulpit, shouted at the top of her voice: "If you represent Christ, then I'm done with the Bible."

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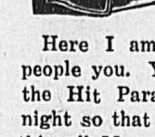
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Something To Hum



Here I am again you lucky people you. Yes, you're truly hears the Hit Parade every Saturday night so that we all can be "up on things". Monotonous isn't it. Though the program does try to show Americans their own choice of music. Even our boys overseas hear these songs and cheer the people who make it possible. It must be a swell feeling for those boys to hear what's new from home, for it is the last thing out. Here is the list in which they run.

1. My Heart Tells Me.
2. Shoo Shoo Baby.
3. No Love No Nothin'.
4. My Ideal.
5. Mairzy Doots.
6. Paper Doll.
7. For The First Time.
8. Oh! What A Beautiful Morning.
9. When They Ask About You.

Here's the words to the number four song.

MY IDEAL

Will I ever find, the girl on my mind.
The one who is my ideal.
Maybe she's a dream and yet she may be, just around the corner waiting for me.
Will I recognize, the light in her eyes.
That no other eyes reveal,
Or will I pass her by and never even know
That she is my ideal.

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Locals Journey To Parsons Tonight For Second Meeting

Glaser And Shoup Lead Dragons In 60-46 Rout

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The Pittsburgh steam-roller went into action last Tuesday night and when the smoke had cleared away Ft. Scott was on a decidedly short end of a 60 to 46 score.

Ft. Scott started out in the first quarter as if they really meant business and the Pitt defenses were unable to stop them until the third quarter.

Winters and K. Graham supplied the fireworks for the Tigers sending them to an 18 to 15 lead in the first quarter.

The two teams scored approximately 30 points in the first six minutes of play.

Johnnie Glaser had a field night along with "Ollie the Swede" Shoup as the two teamed up to tally 41 points between them; Johnnie getting 24 of them.

Pittsburg had a 31 to 28 lead as they walked off the floor and promptly proceeded to hold the Bourbon county boys to 5 points while scoring 15 themselves in the third stanza.

Pittsburg displayed a fast passing attack and made almost every scoring attempt click.

Pittsburg finished the last four minutes with the second team doing a fine job with Ft. Scott.

This was the fourth win against four losses for the Dragons.

The box score:

Pittsburg	(60)	Ft. Scott	(46)
Shoup, f	8 1 1	Blair	2 0 2
H'nt'gt'n, f	10 2	Armstrong	2 1 1
Glaser, c	10 4 3	Winters	5 2 1
Osborn, g	0 4 2	West	0 1 1
Fadler, g	3 1 2	Peterson	0 0 0
Endicott, g	0 1 2	K. Graham	5 4 4
Urban, c	2 0 2	Kieth	0 0 0
Creely, g	0 1 0	H'ndr's'n	2 0 2
Lorenzen, g	0 0 0	Johnston	1 0 3
		J. Graham	2 0 2
		Shorten	0 0 1
Totals	24 12 14	Totals	19 8 17

Running score:
Pittsburg 15 31 46 60
Ft. Scott 18 28 33 46
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SPORT 'N 'ROUND



Teams have been chosen in each gymnasium for intramural basketball. The names and captains of each class are as follows:

First hr.—Betty BREWER captains the Basket Bells and Edna Hooten captains the Guesome Grewsome.

Second hr.—Mary Lou Griffin captains the Gobs Gals while Norma Tevis captains the P38's.

Third hr.—Rosalie Lenne is the captain of the Rosie Riveters and Shirley Ball captains the Bouncin Balls.

Fourth hr.—The Snappy Sacks are captained by Louis Allan and the Dribblers by Birdy Nell Theobald.

Fifth hr.—The Audrie's Annies are captained by Audrie Ann Ellis and the Burpy Slurps by Dorothy Hammick.

Sixth hr.—June Ann Davidson captains the "Cant Think's" and Evelyn Bennet captains the Itchy Britches.

Intra-mural basketball will start soon, but the teams are just getting

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LOCKER ROOM CHATTER



Pittsburg may run into an entirely different team over at Parsons tonight. Several of the players who played against the Dragons here are not in the lineup anymore. At least they didn't play against Coffeyville. Neither Lovelace nor Erwin played. Can it be that Bailey Ricketts has something up his sleeve?

The 6 to 5 baseball game—er, pardon me, basketball game between Columbus and Joplin has been the talk of the district this week. We agree with everyone else that a contest like that is not basketball. Any team at all can pass the ball around for three or four minutes at a time. What a team would have to gain is beyond me. Seems like they would have every thing to lose if they didn't score. It's a cinch that fans don't like that type of ball. After all, what is the object of basketball? To put the ball through the hoop is what I always thought. Passing, dribbling, and the handling of the ball are just a means of putting a little more life into the game. Everyone likes to see a smooth passing team—but they also put their money on the marble head to see some scoring.

The basketball team says "Thanks boys" for the way a few of our PHS students have been following the team. Bud Elliott, Bernie Allmon, Bob Menchetti, Don Bellamy, Jim Conover, and several others have showed up at almost every out of town game. Keep it up boys.

If any of you fans missed the game between the Phillips Oilers and KSTC the other night, you missed a treat indeed. The Gorillas did alright against the Oilers, in fact, a lot better than most people expected.

This Carpenter who racked up 20 points and led the scoring attack is not unfamiliar to local fans. He was up here some time ago with the University of Arkansas.

By the way, the statement was raised that he oilers were professionals. They most definitely are not. The members of the team all have full time jobs with the Phillips Petroleum Company. Most of their basketball playing and practise is done on their own time. Don't take my word for it. Take Coach Browning's. In a recent broadcast over KOAM he and several members of the team told a little about the Phillips 66 organization.

lined out at the present.

An interesting and exciting game was played in the fourth hour the other day. Windie and yours truly came up against complications but the game ended with the score being ten up. There are a lot of good players and swell sports in that class so may the best team win.

BOWLING:

A lot of gals around dear ole PHS have taken up bowling. Scouting around I find that most of them are beginners—so why don't you get up a beginners team, gals, and go-say-every Saturday afternoon? The game is a lot of fun and practice makes perfect you know!!!

SNAPSHOT A HIT:

Say, gals, do you know what?? The girls get an additional sports page in the Purple and White this year. Yes, it is an action snapshot page.

In the past years there has been only one page dedicated to the girls sports, and that was the G.A.A. This year Mrs. Peterson said we could have a snapshot page also. Who sez we don't rate?? Come on gals, let's make that snapshot page stand out.

V . . .

What qualifications must a man have for enlistment as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps?
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LEAGUE BOWLING

The new half of the League got under way last Saturday with the Five Aces going to the top with two ill-won victories. Every other team split except the Rangers who were fitted into last place in a game which was far from straight. The standings which appear below are naturally temporary with the 'Y' Champs in a close race for first place, anything can be expected.

The Standings

Five Aces	W L
'Y' Champs	2 0
Wolves Inc.	1 1
Blancettes	1 1
Wolfettes	1 1
Ramb. Recks	1 1
Pen Pushers	1 1
Rangers	0 2

For the high single line for the boys "Duck" Overman paid a small fortune to the pin boys which resulted in a score of 208. He also rolled the second highest with 204. He was beaten out of third by Ruthrauff who took it with 108. For the high double line "Donald

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STARS IN SERVICE



Within a single year after the war started, more than one fourth of the entire personnel of the Major Leagues had gone to service. Some have reached the fighting front, others are contributing to vast and vital physical training program. Others still have given up the national pastime of baseball to go to work in defence plants.

Reports from the Minor Leagues show even more startling records of the number of men they have given to service. Even with this tremendous loss of players, baseball carried on through the 1943 season and will continue to do so.

The loss of many of the well known stars led to the discovery of many others. Boys who never had a chance in baseball before were at last given an opportunity.

Though many new faces came into the spotlight, the old ones are still remembered. Among the great

"Duck" Overman scratched a low 412 for first place. Ruthrauff took second with 327 while Larry Douglas was third with 305.

For the girl's high single line, Pat Scalet rolled 167 for first place. Evelyn "Lucky" Bennett and Ina "Scratch-out" White tied for second with a miserable score of 152. Evie Bennett had the third high game with 138.

For the girl's high double line, Little Patty Scalet pulled ahead to take honors with a score of 304. Evelyn Bennett brought up a weak second with 290 while her teammate rolled a meager 257 for third place. Ina White failed to place.

V . . .

Where should a man make application for aviation cadet?
Go to the Army Recruiting Office for literature. Apply at the office of the commander of your corpsarea or at the nearest aviation cadet examining board.

Have One Win Over Vikings This Year

See Hard Battle Against Tight Norsemen Defense

Tonight the Pitt Dragons, fresh after their 60 to 46 affair at Ft. Scott, will journey to Parsons for their second meeting of the Vikings.

Pittsburg downed the Norsemen in their former engagement 23 to 17 on the Dragons home court in one of the best games of the season. That was four games ago and the local boys have been benefited with much needed experience.

Parsons' lineup was somewhat different when the two teams met in Pittsburg as Lovelace and Erwin were starters. From reports of other Parsons games recently, these two boys are not starters. Who they have in their place is not known.

Parsons used a strictly pass and precisioned movement type of offense against Pitt and seldom shot at the hoop unless they were definitely open. Evidently this had worried some of their opposition to the point of boredom or at least that was what they were trying to do. However, Coach Hoffman has been warning his boys about such tactics and Pittsburg will be prepared.

Hoffman announced that he will probably start the same five that he has used in former games: Shoup and Huntington at forwards; Glaser at center; and Osborn and Fadler at Guards.

Urban, Endicott, Lorenzen, and Creely will also make the trip.

Who Is Eligible For Enlisted Reserve

Boys 17 years of age may enter this service and may be allowed certain deferments until they are 18½ years old; 20-30 vision, 60-76 inches tall, and 105-210 pounds in weight required.

V . . .
Did you hear about the girl who couldn't get a man of her own so she purchased a monkey and is waiting for evolution to take its course? (Sorry, couldn't resist that one.)

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