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What D'Ya Know

By Louise Claire DuBois

There has been much talk concerning the senior class officers recently vacated. First KARL BALL, who served as vice-president, entered the service, and then JESSE VELIA, senior prexy, joined the navy. That leaves our secretary and treasurer, CONNIE COULTER and PEGGY EPPERSON, respectively. Plans presented have advocated advancing these two officers to fill the vacancies, or to hold a separate election in order that two students will be elected to these offices. As yet nothing definite has been scheduled.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK - This weeks sketch has been chosen from the sophomore class, and is none other than JIMMY FLOT'MAN. Jimmy hails from Lakeside, where he attended junior high. Now in PHS, he takes part in many of the activities open to sophomores. Jimmy is outstanding in the French-horn section of the band, and excels in tennis. His future seems to be definitely in mind as he remarked, "After graduation, I want to go to George Washington University and study to be a chemist."

Our thanks go to LAZELLE EMBREY for having so graciously consented to lead La Conga lines at the recent dances. She does a fine job indeed!

Recently two of our many(?) ambitious and industrious seniors took the time and energy to gather a few statistics for those who would be interested in knowing what became of approximately 90 of our 198 fellow sophomores who were with us at the time of the publishing of the 1942 Purple and White. At that time 198 were enrolled in sophomore class. To date, around 90 of these have dropped school, gotten married, entered the service, moved or failed to make the grade. These figures were obtained from LEROY STUCKEY, but are not claimed to be accurate.

The impossible can be expected now, after seeing a reverse situation at the ball game Tuesday night. It seems that while Lewis Hanes directed the band, our music prof Mr. Carney substituted on the baritone. Spectators were hoping for a solo, but without success.

Due to the shortage of necessary materials the annual of the Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Kans. will be limited to the senior class. The book will be pamphlet sized containing individual pictures of the seniors and a limited amount of other material pertaining to the senior class.

V-12 Tests To Be Taken Next Month

17 Year Old High School Graduates Are Qualified

The third nationwide test for candidates who wish to be considered for the Navy V-12 program will be held under the supervision of the United States Navy March 12.

The purpose of these tests is to secure men who are qualified for training to be officers in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Courses are open for the following types of officer candidates: Deck Officer, Medical Corps, General Engineering, Construction Corps, Engineer Specialists (seven types), Aerology, Supply Corps, and Chaplain Corps.

If a student qualifies in this test, he will be called to the nearest Office of Naval Procurement. In this district the office is located at Kansas City.

There he will be interviewed and given a physical examination. The physical requirements for a trainee are that he must have a minimum height of 5 feet, 5 1/2 inches, and a maximum height of 6 feet, 4 inches. A minimum visual acuity of 18/20 in each eye, correctable to 20/20. Normal color perception. Weight proportional to height. 20 vital serviceable teeth, including four opposed molars two of which are directly opposed on each side of dental arch, and four directly opposed incisors. Other physical requirements are required by the Navy.

Age requirements are as follows: He must be at least 17 on or before July 1, 1944, and not over 20. He must be a high school graduate by then and he must be in the upper 50 per cent of his class.

Taking the test does not constitute enlistment, and the candidate is not obligated to the Navy unless he desires to enter training, provided, however, he passes the requirements.

For further information, students are advised to see Mr. Nation.

Infantile Paralysis Campaign Nets \$556.62

The proceeds of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign in Pittsburg totaled \$1556.62, it was announced by Finis M. Green, city chairman.

This total was composed of the following returns: the benefit basketball game, \$279.68; tag day, \$352.83; march of dimes in local theaters, \$721.26; and special gifts, \$202.85.

DON'T WASTE PAPER

- Don't buy paper you don't need.
- Don't let the druggist, grocer, butcher, baker wrap articles you can carry home unwrapped.

'School Days Are Ones Best Days'

—Alvin K. Krider

The following letter was received from a former member of PHS, Alvin Krider, known by most of his friends as Kermit. Kermit is in the army now stationed at Truax Field, Madison Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

At mail call Sunday I was very much surprised but very glad to receive a copy of the Booster. It certainly lightened my day for me. It's really nice that you remember a person and do something as nice as that. There are a couple of former graduates of PHS here too (James Carey, and Frenchy Boisdrenghin) and if they haven't received a copy I will give mine to them when I finish. I know they will get the same enjoyment out of it that I did.

I was very much interested in your article on persons finishing their high school on completion of their military training. I was rather surprised at some of the comments on this matter. I can say from experience that a persons best days are his school days and even if a person is twenty or so when they come back, what's the difference? The most important thing is education. I didn't realize this when I dropped out but when the war is over I'm going to go back and finish my education if it is at all possible.

Please pardon the scratching as I just returned from the hospital and I'm a little nervous. I am thanking you again for your copy of the Booster. It's a real morale builder. I remain

Yours truly,
Pvt. Alvin K. Krider

Former Student Writes To Staff

Pvt. John Prince stationed at Nashville Tenn. writes that he receives the Booster regularly and enjoys it immensely. He says, "I enjoy reading it because it is about and written by my friends. Many PHS graduates now read the Booster, and I'm sure those in service enjoy reading it as much as I."

What's Buzzin Cousin In 1881

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the closed doors of the teachers meeting? Well the information at hand is not so very recent but gives the same idea.

Mr. Stanton brought a clipping to the Journalism room, it wasn't as unusual as it was old. The report was published in a newspaper in 1881, about 63 years ago. Here are some of the statistics taken down by the secretary of the teachers meeting.

"Mr. John Doe discussed the subject of cube root in a way which showed that he was thoroughly familiar with his subject; he illustrated factoring by means of the algebraic formula, and with cubical blocks the reasons for the rule. His explanations were attentively listened to and well received."

"Miss McCabe of Palestine, read a paper on the school-room," which defined the duties of the teacher, his powers and responsibilities, and the obligations of the pupils in the school room. The paper was valuable because it was practical, distinctly read and listened to with marked attention.

In the afternoon the Glee Club sang several artistic numbers, essays, and reports were read by various faculty members.

This is just a sample of what goes on behind the forbidding doors of a teachers meeting on a cold day in January, 1881.

Mr. George Frey Now In Army Training Program

Most of the faculty will remember Mr. George Frey. He was formerly instructor of Journalism here. Mr. Frey is a private in Uncle Sam's Army now. He has been assigned to the Moral Service section of the Training Division of the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

His job is to write war news summaries for use by men in the retaining battalions for their current events discussions. His office will enroll men in the army's training program of correspondence work offered through the army institute.



Gilbert And Sullivan Were Enemies Once

Gilbert and Sullivan had several small arguments during their lives but at one time, they broke up completely. Although, they lived in the same town, London, they did not speak to each other. They sent their ideas back and forth by mail or messenger. At the close of a performance, they would bow to the audience but never to each other. It was during this time that they wrote "Ruddigore."

Gilbert and Sullivan separated were nothing at all. But the two as a team-ah, that is a different matter. Gilbert was fatally handicapped as a serious dramatist by the heavy veil of Victorian moralism that made it impossible for him to look at any phase of human conduct with completely clear vision. As a writer of opera, he need not be concerned with the moralities, since the creatures of the Savoy operettas were never any chance real people. He had a chance to give free rein to the sarcastic wit that was one of his

Interested In A Business Course?

The army is finding Florida an ideal training ground for Uncle Sam's aviators. Webber College is proving Florida ideal for the training of America's business women. Webber College offers one and two year courses with majors in accounting, merchandising, business administration, and finance, secretarial studies or physical education. Enrollment is limited to fifty girls, thus assuring individual attention.

Swimming, sailing, tennis, and other sports are part of the recreational program. Twenty scholarships of \$600.00 are awarded each year. Special courses are offered in economics, law, typing, shorthand, statistics, economic geography and insurance, plus those mentioned above.

Application blanks for these scholarships may be secured from the registrar, Webber College, Babson Park, Fla.

Cub Scouts Sponsors Bean Feed At Lakeside

The Cub division of the Boy Scouts of Pittsburg sponsored a "bean feed" Monday Feb. 14, in the Lakeside cafeteria.

In order to be admitted the Cubs had to be accompanied by either their dads or a specimen of the male sex, since no women were allowed.

Each person attending was to bring bread and butter and eating utensils. There were approximately 350 Cubs and dads present.

Students Urged To Purchase Yearbook Now

Eight Candidates Campaigning For Annual Royalty

To date, eight candidates have filed petitions and are officially running for the honor of Purple and White king and queen. Of these, four candidates are campaigning for each office.

Candidates include the following couples: Jean Cremer, Joe Urban; Lois Allen, Dalton Askins; Mary Addle Woodbury, Junior Crowe; Bonnie Holden and Johnny Glaser.

These seniors have been soliciting both individual and business firms. Students not having purchased yearbooks may do so from these candidates or their business managers for the price of \$1.50 plus .50 cents for engraving costs.

Closing dates for the campaign will be next week; the exact time is not definite. Between 650 and 700 annuals have been sold by these candidates and their workers.

"Students are urged to purchase their annuals as soon as possible. This year students have been unusually slow in ordering them," stated Jack Sparks, business manager of the yearbook.

You Have It Why Not Use It

Libraries are wonderful institutions, someone said, and so it is. It is wonderful. In fact PHS has a fine well-equipped school library, but why don't more students use it? Recently a new shipment of books came to the PHS library, including fiction, directly on to comedies and mysteries. These books were brought here for the benefit of the student body. Let's use them.

Here are a few of our latest books:

Have you read
Assignment In Brittany - Hight
The Murder of Lidice - Millay
Here Is Your War - Pyle
God Is My Co-Pilot - Scott
Romantic Rebel - Hawthorne
Nurses In Action - Flikke
Indigo - Weston
Summer At Buckhorn - Wright
Several of the Book of the Month Club selections are included in this shipment. Have you read?
Der Fueher - Heiden
Literary England - Shsherman
The Signpost - Robertson
C/O Postmaster - St. George
So Little Time - Marquand

These great books plus many others are here for your use. Drop in sometime. Your time will not be wasted.

BUY BONDS AND STAMPS

"Schools Reflect Needs Of The Community."

—Dr. Herold Hunt

Have you ever visited Superintendent McEachen's office? For what reason? Well, the other day there were two visitors there. They were there only to see and talk to Dr. Herold Hunt, superintendent of Kansas City Schools. He was in Pittsburg for a series of talks to teachers and young people. Dr. Hunt was asked some questions that face young people today. Here are the questions and the answers he gave:

1. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE TEEN TOWNS THAT ARE BEING ORGANIZED?

"I know very little about Teen Towns or Youth Centers. What I do know, I've read or heard about. Everything I know is very favorable. There is none in Kansas City. But, I believe that teen-aged people should have responsibilities in solving problems. I believe an organization of this kind is the answer to that."

2. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT EIGHTEEN YEAR OLDS VOTING?

"If a person is old enough to fight for his flag and country, he is old enough to vote. People eighteen years of age know more about national and state problems today than they did when I was that age."

3. DO YOU THINK THAT GIRLS WILL BE DRAFTED?

"Girls will probably be drafted, if the war continues a long time. I believe all manpower will be used. I have a sister in England. She tells me they use all women between the ages of eighteen and fifty. I believe the same system will be used here."

4. DO YOU THINK THAT SERVICE MEN WILL GO BACK AND FINISH THEIR EDUCATION AFTER THE WAR IS OVER?

"I don't believe they will. I think most of them will feel

too old. If they do, it will entirely up to some colleges to offer a course in education for these adults."

5. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS A GOOD WAY TO MAKE SCHOOL DANCES MORE POPULAR?

"This problem is entirely the students problem. In Kansas City, we have a dance once a week. We have games and and serve refreshments."

6. IN WHAT WAY DO YOU SUGGEST THERE BE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS?

"should be extreme cooperation between the teacher and "A school reflects needs of the community. Therefore there student. Attitudes are very important. I think a school program should be built around what students will do in the future and prepare them for their future jobs."

7. WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR POETRY?

"I write some of my poetry. But, tell me, was that a compliment or not? Was it really that bad? Every time I felt my audience going millions of miles away from me I recite a poem to wake them up."

8. TELL US ABOUT YOUR EARLIER LIFE AND SCHOOL DAYS.

"I was born in Holland, Mich. This is a typical Dutch community. I went to the University of Michigan, University of Chicago and Columbia University. I taught school in Hastings Mich. Some of the subjects I taught were senior history, junior civics, public speaking, and journalism. I came to Kansas City in 1940."

As a note of appreciation, this reporter wishes to tell the students of PHS how very nice Dr. Hunt is. He was easy to talk to. His appearance is very neat. Dr. Hunt has a way of making anyone who talks to him feel much at ease. When he talks, he includes everyone in the room in the conversation. Students of PHS were fortunate to be able to hear Dr. Hunt speak.



DR. HEROLD HUNT



The Suicide Club

SNAKES

Mr. John White tells this story of a large yellow dog belonging to his parents. The dog had a habit of killing snakes and then dragging them into the yard to exhibit his kill. At this particular time the dog brought in an unusually large rattle snake and assuming it dead, trotted off to rest. But the snake wasn't dead!!! Only wounded. In the same yard, only a few feet away, the brothers of Mr. White were playing. The huge snake coiled itself for the kill and was preparing to strike when the dog returned. Seeing the snake alive and about to hurt his young masters, he jumped upon the snake killing it. Mr. White, claims that dog is still man's best friend.

SAVED LIFE

Going under for someone is pretty serious, don't get this wrong—hero's theory. Mr. Matzenbacher, assistant custodian, tells of an experience his two sons encountered about a month ago. Don, 13, and Rex, 9, started out to look at some rabbit traps with a friend and his

dogs. Upon crossing Cow Creek one of the dogs fell through the ice and their young friend went in to save his dog. Unable to get a shore Don went in after the boy and had almost gotten him to shore when he lost his balance and they went under. His brother, Rex, panicky, stricken at sight of his brother sinking below the depths of the water, jumped in to save the boys.

Don, got his friend to shore, while the boy held on to some roots then he went back for his younger brother and helped him to the shore also. Thus saving the lives of his brother, friend, and himself.

CRASH LANDING

Chopping wood has proved fatal in more than one way, for instance - - Bob Brown just loved to help around home. You know, the "odd-job man". He liked nothing better than to chop wood. (This younger generation!)

One Saturday afternoon he started out to play with some of the boys in the neighborhood when his mother asked him if he would-

n't chop some kindling for her. Bob, being a nice little boy, consented to do it, but secretly vowed to make a quick job of it. The wood had been piled near the garage so Bob hurried into the garage to get the ax. Thinking how much quicker it would be to chop the wood in the garage he raised the ax to begin. Swinging it into the air Bob caught the ax in the top of the door of the garage. Caught by surprise and very much disgusted, Bob stepped back to pull the ax out of the door. He pulled one big tug and then sat down to think the matter over. "Ah, Yes, now he had it, just a little higher and then pull."

He stepped up for his final try and really used all the strength he had. The ax came out, in fact so did Bob. He fell back into the garage and landed on a large spike. Bob didn't have much to say only there wasn't much playing done that afternoon and we're just wondering - - how in the world he sat through church the next day?

Moron Male Make Up

Boys of PHS are beginning to get "sox appeal". Have you noticed the different colors and designs? Some even match the personality of the boys who wear them. Here are some fine examples of sox appeal in PHS.

Joe Lewis—yellow ones given to him by his sister-in-law.

Bob Osborn—green ones given to him for Christmas by his aunt.

Mr. White—navy blue silk ones. (he says they're real silk too)

Jim Ludlow—orange and green stripes (about five years old)

Johnnie Glaser—red and blue stripes sent to him by his brother's girl in New York.

Arvel Anderson—blue polka dots (Kress's Best)

Mr. Cromer—brown ones out of the drawer at home.

Arkie Hoffman—white gym sox from Bowlin School Supply.

Mr. Price—brown with red and white stripes from J. C. Penny's.

Bill Endicott—bright green and yellow stripes from Coulter-McGuire.

Don Broome—surprise of all surprises, Don wears plain brown ones.

Gilbert Studym—pale blue ones that he "just had"

For shirts we suggest a blue and



Howdy Stranger

DO YOU KNOW HER?

DESCRIPTION - About 5' 2", dark brown hair, brown eyes.

AGE - 16

QUALITIES - She has a fine quality of not losing her temper easily. She always has a bright smile.

HOBBY - Tinkling the cash register in the cafe, and sewing I. Q. - "My I. Q. is just average," she sez with a grin.

FAVORITE SPORT - "Skating and basketball."

FAVORITE SONG AND TYPE OF MUSIC - I like all popular songs.

FAVORITE SAYING - None in particular.

She is very active in Girl Reserves and Senior Scouts.

NAME - Margaret Tuston



Seen Around Ye Old Town

By C. Too Much

Say, who is this classic little lassie Gordon Lohr is seen helping get around? Could be her name is Jessie Smith.

PHS

Mary Cronin seems very thrilled at the new man she has discovered. He is a third class Petty Officer. Now Mary, no military secrets.

PHS

Billy Burnside seems to have found a delightful flame. Kids just refer to Billy as the "Moth". You know a moth always stays around flame.

PHS

Ina Marie White is being showered with letters and such from our own Pvt. George Story. This little romance has been developing for sometime now. Give him a chance Ina.

PHS

Say seen at some of the games recently was Jack Sparks and Bonnie Holden, Louise DuBois and Bill Spencer also Dottie Thomas and George Nettles.

PHS

This Coulter and Bertoncino affair is coming right along. Can't anybody please do something but no doubt about it they make a fine couple.

PHS

Helen Weaver and Louis Duff are often seen strolling the halls hand in hand. My hain't love grand.

PHS

Well Bobbie Delaney and Charles Tustin seem to like repetition. They are now seen together again. Why did they ever break up?

PHS

"Sug" McCool and Helen Minter are doing fine and dandy.

PHS

Why Doesn't Jo Ann Laughlin give Jack Oertle a chance. Poor Jack has been wanting a date for ever so long. I think Jo Ann is considering it deeply.

PHS

Pat Lane said she simply swoons when she sees "Ossie" Shoup and her ambition is to have a date with him.

PHS

Willie Raye Gray writes to Kermit Krider. Boys are you going to let such a cute girl give you all the go-by?

PHS

Well dears, I must go now and help my little gremlins find some new couples and such. See more of you next week. I HOPE.

PHS

He: "Please?"
She: "No!"
He: "Aw, Please?"
She: "No!"
He: "Even if I tell you that I love you more than anyone else in the world?"
She: "Positively no!"
He: "Aw, but mother, all the other freshmen stay out after nine."

Bagpipe, Lakeland, Fla.
V . . .
BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS



Something To Hum

The star of our program, everyone knows. He has a certain technique all his own, any one could do it. Just sing a little off key and sigh after each line, effective too. You fellows could have the girls crawling at your feet if you use this method, as the saying goes, if Sinatra can do it, so can I. Maybe there is some hidden talent in you somewhere, who knows. Despite the style the swifter crooner rung up this weeks favorites in great form.

1. Shoo Shoo Baby
2. My Heart Tells Me
3. Mairzy Doats
4. Besame Mucho
5. No Love No Nothin
6. My Ideal
7. Star Eyes
8. Speak Low
9. Paper Doll

V . . .
I wish I were a Kangaroo, Despite his funny stances I'd have a place to put the junk, MY girl brings to dances.



KNOW YOUR TOWN

Around the vicinity of Pittsburg, there is a State Quail Farm. It is located two miles west of the city on 20th street. It occupies a 320 mile tract owned by the Kansas State Forestry, Fish and game Commission. About thirty acres are occupied by the hatchery, which includes brooder houses, pens and incubators. An average of 4,000 birds are raised annually for restocking hunting areas.

Farlington Lake, 22 miles northwest of Pittsburg, is a new state park containing 165 acres of water surface in a beautiful rugged setting.

The United States Government is spending \$100,000 for the construction of a Federal fish hatchery at Farlington Lake.

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Who Told You So?



THE COPY BLUES

Though the copy may be nil,
Though the type may slip and spill,
The paper must come out;
Though the advertisers us may flout,
This is true without a doubt,
The paper must come out;
The news staff may shake and shiver
From a headache in their liver,
But the paper must come out;
Though Friday we may not come through,
Sunday, Monday, or always we do
The paper must come out;
Though our gremlin's making merry
With a rootitoot raspberry,
The paper must come out;
Though the deadline was last week
And for copy we still seek,
The paper must come out;
If we sat upon a splinter
We'd still blame the printer,
If that paper don't come out.
V . . .

Maxwell house coffee is "Good to the last drop." I wonder what's wrong with the last drop?
V . . .
Did you know that this was the warmest January we have had in this section of the country for the last eighty-four years?
V . . .

An American newspaper correspondent in Japan wrote to a friend. "I don't know if this letter will ever arrive, because the Japanese censor may open it." A week later he received a note from the Japanese post office saying, "The statement in your letter is not correct. We do not open letters."
V . . .

PSALM
My editor maketh me to have indigestion.
She borroweth my pencils and maketh me run errands.
She fileth my desk with junk.
She looketh over my shoulder when I write.
And cheweth gum in my ear!
She maketh me to write a long story (theres no material)
She maketh me to rewrite all my copy.
For thank heavens, I'll not be on the staff forever!
Amen?
---Swiped---
Many a girl has dropped a hankie and picked up a husband.
---The Salina High News---
V . . .

HAPPY LANDINGS
Newton's geometry classes land in Japan. Finding new uses for camouflage, Mr. John Ravenscroft, the teacher, gives his students problems concerning the bombing of Japan.



She Knows Rhyme

The following poems were written by Marjorie Moore. She has considerable talent along this line as she has proved. She wrote a parody on that quiet little number, "Pistol Packin' Mama." Everyone sang the words and liked them. Now she comes forth with this thought.

UNITED STATES
U-nited they are ready to go
N-umbered in millions lined up in a row.
I-n-terested in winning this tragic war.
T-urning out tanks to fight once more.
E-ngulfed in fighting are Americans brave.
I've taken its meanings more serious.
D-e-fending their country some lives they gave.

S-quadrans of air and torpedo boats.
T-rences of soldiers along the coast.
A-rtillerymen are another group
T-en thousand sailors and Army troops.
E-verlasting they fight on and on.
S-ee-king to fight till the axis are gone.

AMERICA'S FLAG

There are times when I feel happy
But sometimes I almost cry;
But the time when I feel happiest
Is when the flag goes by.

It makes me feel patriotic
To see the Red, White and Blue.
It means liberty and justice
And I hope it means that to you.

I've taken its meanings more serious
Since the men have been called to fight,
But I still give honor and glory
To the red, the white and the blue.

There She Goes—Here She Comes She Went South To Go North

"One ticket to Ft. Scott please," replied Matye Shaw to the ticket agent in an impatient tone of voice, at the local bus depot.

She spotted the bus and hurried out to get on, for this was a very important trip.

Matye, a senior here in PHS, swished out to the parked bus, got on, and seated herself in a rather uncomfortable position on the soft cushions. She squirmed around in her seat, very eager to get going, but thankful for the few minutes rest.

Then the driver did come, and they were on their way, she sat back and sighed with relief. At first she paid little attention to the direction

they were heading, but when the driver nosed the bus due south, Matye began to worry. At that instant her eyes were as large as water buckets.

"Oh my gosh she exclaimed to the driver. "Where are we going?"

"Joplin, of course," replied the driver.

"What do you mean Joplin, I want to go to Ft. Scott."

The occupants of the bus, laughed heartily, seeming to enjoy her plight. The amused driver turned the bus back toward the bus depot.

Matye sat very still, the natural color of her complexion turning to a tarnished red. Yes indeed she had caught the wrong bus.

Book Reviews



BLACKOUT IN GRETLEY.
Here, J.B. Priestley, England's most popular novelist, has produced a fine novel of war time.

Humphrey Neyland, large boned, dark, Canadian, was definitely not the kind of man you'd expect to find working for the British counter-espionage. But although he was by no means infallible, he was as his chief told him, both impudent and lucky.

Certainly, both impudence and luck in large quantities were called for on the Gretley job. Sent down to discover who was collecting and distributing the valuable information that was streaming out of there, and to stop the leak, he quickly tangled with as dangerous collections of Nazis as you'd care to meet in a blackout.

Of the dozen or more suspects, only one might have been more or less than he seemed, but Neyland could not afford to guess. Calling on brains, luck, and impudence, he dodged and twisted, laid traps, and fought his way out of a number of tight corners, but he won in a fine blaze of action and quick thinking.

The story explodes with drama and has swiftly developing action.

A NAZI SPEAKS

(The following was written by Mary Denney, a sophomore at MSTC. We feel that her unusual approach to the attitude of a Nazi subject will be of interest to other students.)

"I am a German. I have been reared under the present regime of an Austrian paper hanger. I am not allowed to think. I would be executed immediately for expressing an opinion that Germany might be defeated.

"I used to believe what Hitler told us about complete and immediate victory, but now I'm getting tired of propaganda! 'Russia will be defeated this year. The French fleet will cooperate. The Suez will be ours soon.' What lies those were! I'm sick of it. Suppose we don't win! What if this starvation, and misery, and suffering is all for nothing!

"If we are the conquered instead of the conquerors how will we be treated? The standard of Nazism say that the victors must be served by the vanquished. Would we be treated as we have treated Greece and Belgium and the others? Would we be forced to watch our children die of starvation while enemy soldiers had an abundant supply of food? Would we be shot as hostages for crimes we had not committed? Would we be denied the privilege of free worship? Excuse me—how utterly stupid of me. There is no God but Hitler.

"Yes, I've seen all this happen. I myself have poured milk out on the ground to keep a Polish peasant from using it. I have coolly leveled my pistol to shoot a row of Czech patriots who refused to hail Hitler. I have beaten a Jew until he was unconscious for the very simple and very good reason that he was a Jew.

"Have I no heart," you ask. No, of course I have no heart. I have been educated and trained into a system in which it is essential not to have one.

"Suppose my enemies are like me. Suppose they win and treat us as we have treated our vanquished. Life would not be worth living. There would be no mercy. If we are defeated we are doomed. We must not lose!"

—The Trail Blazer
Morehead State College
Morehead, Kentucky

Fighting Men On Parade

By Mary Adele Woodbury



Our star this week is none other than that all around fellow George Story. George was active in bowling and other sports. He is now a member of Uncle Sam's Armed Forces.

George said the Army life is fine, but after a short time he had his first K. P. duty. His hours were from 3:30 in the morning until 6:30 in the evening. He said he very seldom drank milk at home but in one day he had two quarts and that was equivalent to a three months supply at home. He didn't use to drink milk, but now he has too. The chow is fine, and he eats plenty of it after a hard day's work. George has helped the butcher, and he stated he saw 4,000 pork chops.

The Army "Y" provides ample entertainment. They have four bowling alleys, swimming pool, two pool tables, and two good table tennis tables.

One of George's duties was to take the inducted men to their barracks and the different places. Some of the regular duties are making beds and scrubbing barracks.

As you all know George worked in the printing department helping to perfect the Booster. This is the most missing thing of all George said.

George said he enjoyed the Booster very much and hoped more boys in the Service are receiving it because it made him feel closer to home.

I'm sure this is one Story we'll all remember. Good luck to a grand guy and the best of everything.

Cough Syrup

A small boy of about four or five came into a local drug store and asked for some Rock Canada. The galsgirl, thinking he wanted rock candy was at another counter. He politely repeated what he wanted, then when he couldn't make her understand, he gave her a disgusted look and blurted out: "I want a bottle of Rock Canada, you know the stuff you mix with whiskey to make cough syrup."

Doings of a Dull Day



Did you get many valentines? I didn't even get one. I guess nobody wanted me for their valentine - - - The snow, at the first of the week, was nice wasn't it? It wasn't much fun shoveling it but some people did it anyway - - - Did you see those girls walking down the hall the other day in their stocking feet? They said their feet hurt but the printers said they were just saving their shoes - - - That was quite a snow fight the boys had the other night and I guess some of them got rather cold. I bet they'll learn some day - - - That was a pretty good game the other night. That red headed guy really can play ball. - - - The school dance seemed to be quite a success too. Too bad the band is drafted! - - - Gotta be shoving along now - - - Bye for now and buy war bonds and stamps.

Styles and Stuff

Each girl has her own favorite color and type of dress this is very true. Every girl is different from other girls in her likes and dislikes because this makes each person stand out from others. Some girls look best in frilly dresses, others in tailored clothes, and still others in sports clothes. This is usually because the type of clothes that a girl wears shows the kind of a girl she is. The colors that are worn fit in with their complexion, and the color scheme of their accessories matches their clothes to a "T". You should experiment with all types of clothes and find the kind that is best suited to your taste and feels more comfortable on you. A girl should be able to have some initiative in their clothes, such as developing a style of their own. This will prove to be a lot more fun than copying what someone else wears and you'll find that everyone will notice you. The main idea is to look neat and clean and then you will always be becoming to the people around you.

If you want to look like a "breath of spring," daisies to wear in your hair are magnificent. Marilyn Hyatt has this idea and they're really "it".

A red corduroy suit such as Betty Harrison wears is the very thing when the rooms here at school seem rather chilly.

Connie Coulter's fingernails have that mysterious enchantment on them. This uses white nail lacquer effect when she is definitely different, and it's indeed novel.

For the girls who like to have that dressed up look and yet still be suitable for school a fascinating red and white checked gingham dress with frills is ideal. If you don't think so look at Norma Miller's and you'll see for yourself.

There is hardly a girl in PHS that doesn't carry a purse at some time or another. Carol Brown has a darling black cloth shoulder strap purse with her initials on it. It's very attractive for school use. Don't you agree?

On a very cool day slacks are usually worn to school. When you wear a pair such as Maxine Jones blue slacks suit they don't look a bit bad, in fact they look very nice.

V

DIDN'T LIVE EXTRAVAGANTLY

One day when George Washington was eating his dinner, he asked the servant how much the fish he was eating cost. The boy replied that they cost three dollars each. Washington told the boy to take them away because he didn't want the people to say they learned extravagance from his family.

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Scarlet Moments

Oops Sorry Didn't See You There

I'll just cut through here and save time, thought Maxine Jones, a sophomore here in PHS. Hope the lady here doesn't mind. She proceeded on through the grassy lawn thinking about nothing in particular.

Just as she was passing the back through the back yard, she received a cool welcome. The lady of the house came to the back porch and not seeing Maxine threw a large handful of scraps and water, so-called garbage, right in Maxine's face and down her neck.

After recovering from the first shock of the cold water, her first thought was to get going, but fast. The startled lady ran out where Maxine was daintily fishing down her back for bits of scrap and helped her pick off the remaining pieces. She apologized for throwing the refuse on her and invited Maxine in to dry off. Well here is one little gal who has learned the hardway.

Autographs

In all of our lives, sometime or other, we all have little "scribble books" or better known as autograph books.

They are primarily just notes and verses to remember old classmates. Rummaging through the attic the other day Sally ran on to this old red velvet book. The reader picked up the book, dust scattered on her freshly starched frock. She jumped up hastily and shook off the dust then turned to take the old relic downstairs.

She settled herself in the easy chair and opened the book. On the first page there are the words written in old English script, "School Days Memories," and under that are scribbled the names of two old school chums. Then the class officers. Why there's the name of old Judge Hodgins, gosh, I didn't know he was a class officer in high school.

Under "Folks I Have Met" there are several names, several of whom are prominent citizens in the community, and there nestled among the filters of dust is written the name of Tyrone Rower, say how did that get there. "Mom mustn't see that," thought Sally, Sally was deeply touched.

Baby Clever Capers

SCOOTER

When Eileen Daniels was a little baby, she was very different from other babies. Most little babies crawl, but oh no, Eileen was not content to crawl, she scooted. Well, one day Mrs. Daniels set Eileen down on the floor to play while she went to dress. No sooner had her mother left the room than Eileen began to scoot. She scooted outside and found a pile of rotten tomatoes. She began having the time of her life playing in the tomatoes when out came her mother. Naturally, Mrs. Daniels gave Eileen a spanking and then had to take her in and clean her up all over again.

WANDERING

Dalton Askins was just a little lad when they lived in Joplin, Mo. One day he decided to roam around the streets and see the sights. No one knew he was gone and suddenly he realized he was lost. He didn't know what to do and he became very frightened. Finally his sister and aunt found him and took him safely home.



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MIRROR OF THE PAST

Feb. 18, 1934—TEN YEARS AGO

The strong Springfield Bulldogs bowed to the Pittsburg Dragons Saturday night on the Springfield court by a score of 30-20. The Dragons were paced by Max Maletz, speedy forward, who scored thirteen points for high honors.

Feb. 17, 1939—FIVE YEARS AGO

Betty Montgomery and Billie Baer will head the editorial and advertising stabs, respectively, of The Booster for the next seven weeks, according to the tentative list issued by G. W. Corporan, Jr., adviser, last Monday. They have replaced Joe Stephens and Drury Love, editor and business manager of the last "hitch".

The league-leading Purple Dragons applied the "boots and saddles" to the Iola Mustangs last Friday say how did that get there. "Mom mustn't see that," thought Sally,

"I took it down to the Ozarks when he was down there. night and rode them to a 48-23 victory for their fifth league win. Johnny Toeller led the Pittsburg attack with sixteen points.

Feb. 20, 1942—TWO YEARS AGO

Coach "Arkie" Hoffman registered last Saturday at the City Hall in compliance of the new measure men from twenty to forty-four years who did not register under the other draft. "Arkie" was preceded in registering by the Superintendent of Schools. Principal Finis M. Green was also one of those who registered.

The Pittsburg Dragons took a two-point decision from the Joplin Eagles last Tuesday in a non-league basketball game 32-30 in the Roosevelt Junior High Gym. Coulter was high point man with 12 points closely followed by his teammate Gillen who had 10 points.

He Was Kicked Just South Of The Corn Crib

Almost anyone can be an editor. There is simply nothing to it. All one has to do is be present five days of the week, four weeks of the month, and nine months of the year, and edit such stuff as this:

"John Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week, looking for a leak and fell, striking himself on the back porch."

"While Grassy Green was escorting Miss Emma Wiece from the church social last Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green several times on the public square."

"Mr. Fond, while harnessing a bronco last Saturday was kicked just south of the corn crib."

These are just small problems to the busy chief, trying to unscramble these misplaced adjectives, and danglers. Try it, there must be perfect English, proof must be read on all stories.

Here is one for the book as used by one of the writers of this publication.

"Rushing down Broadway and back a fire was built on the campus."

"Say where are you going at?"

This is just a days work for the busy gremlin. Then there is the matter of writing heads for the abused stories, working with the advisor on page "dummies", and reading page proof.

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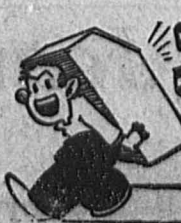
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Pittsburg Meets Columbus Tonight - Miami Friday

Locals Add Wins Over Parsons And Baxter

Titans Have One Victory Over Purples

Miami Also Has Close Win Early In The Season

Tonight the Dragons will travel to Columbus for the second engagement with the Titans. This will probably be one of the toughest games of the season for the boys from the coal capital as Columbus is riding high on their recently decisive victories.

In the former tangle of the two clubs, Columbus eked out a 24 to 22 decision over Pittsburg on a last minute wild heave by Winters, Titan forward.

Both teams displayed fine ball handling and offensive strength in the affair, and the local fans commented that it was one of the best games they had seen this year.

Comparison of these two teams is hard to tabulate. Both outfits have wins over about the same schools.

The Columbus crew is strewn with "hot-shots" such as Winters, Pitt team has two main scorers in Shoup and Glaser. The local club is a little more collected than Columbus, or at least they were when Columbus played here.

The game is scheduled for 7:45 and a large crowd is expected.

Pittsburg	Columbus
Shoup	F
Huntington	F
Glaser	C
Fadler	G
Osborn	G
	Winters
	La Rue
	Christianson
	Myers
	Louie

Next Friday the locals will be host to the Miami Wardogs, once victor over the Dragons.

The Wardogs beat the Purple gang in their first spray of the season 29 to 27 in a "helter-skelter," "huckle-tuck" contest in which no one showed much basketball. Pittsburg has settled down and started playing ball since then and will be out for revenge.

The Dragons now have six wins against four losses.

LEAGUE BOWLING

The teams went at it again last Saturday with tooth and nail. When the smoke cleared, the Wolves Inc. had pushed themselves into a tie for first place due to the exceptional skill and bowling ability of "Little Lord Twinkletons" Freeto. At times he actually seemed to be a second George Story.

Here are the standings:
Wolves Incarnated 3-1
Pen Pushers 3-1
Five Aces 3-1

The remaining standings will be given later.
For the boys high single line, "Twink" Freeto scorched the alleys with a hot and unusual 190, for your information this is just ten less than 200. "Donald Duck" Overman stole second with a miserable 179 while Lee Jack "Wonder-boy" Woods carried in the tail with 169.

For the high boys double line Robber Freeto scored an unbelievable 325 which took the wind out of "Ducky" Overman who made a scratchy 312 to hold second place. Davis mauled the alleys and gutters to take third place on 298.

For the high female single line Evelyn "the sphinx" Benpet scored an impossible 183 for high honors. It seems that "Flirter" DuBois, (pronounced "dew boys") lost her temper and let fly a sad 150 for second place honors while Virginia Tewell scratched a weak 137 for the rear position.

For the high double line Evelyn "Expert" Bennet made "Dumbo" DuBois fly into a tantrum by outscoring her for first place 286 to 257. Virginia Tewell took an easy third with 246.

All scheduled games will be at the 'Y' Saturday.

LOCKEROOM CHATTER



Having nothing to do, I decided to nose into some of the old basketball records of the past few years to see just how Pittsburg has come out. These figures include the games since the 1940-41 season to the present date (not including the Baxter Springs game). Listen to these statistics. Pittsburg has won 42 out of the last 60 games which include tournament play. They came in second in the SEK two years and topped one tournament. They have amassed a total of 1831 points in league play to their opponents 1489.

Not bad at all!!! Let's hope the Dragons keep up the good work. Although Spring is not her there has been a few signs of it already. It's not the first robin or anything like that, but the first impatient baseball throwers. Yes, the campus has been an unsafe place for our passers-by. Doesn't seem like one baseball could get into so many places. The result of all this pre-season flandering?—Sore arms—Sore hands. It's tough on the new grass too.

I don't know whether any of you fans have noticed, but three of the teams that Pittsburg has played have had boys by the name of Winters or Winter on them. Everyone knows Winters of Columbus from the "shoot-and-Holler-Alabocho" shot he made against the Dragons. The second Winters is a likeable guy from Ft. Scott. He was in Pitts hair all night up at Scott.

The other is a Winters with Baxter Springs. Hope this Winter of Columbus lives up to his name and stays cold tonight.

There is no getting around the fact that Pittsburg did not play up to par the other night even though the score might constitute differently. Tuesday nights have always been a jinx for the locals and last Tuesday was no exception. Not that any of the squad is superstitious about that day, but they can't, for some reason or other, get their mind on basketball. The game was slow in spots and almost everyone pulled frequent boners.

All this build-up leads to one conclusion.—Even though Pitt did win the ball game by a wide margin, it didn't mean that they played good ball. The boys know they didn't and they also know they are capable of a better showing. I can say this because I'm a member of that organization and a few of them wished the fact known that they weren't satisfied with Tuesday's game. THEY ARE OUT TO DO BETTER.

Well, the subs finally came into the lime light the other night, especially Bill Endicott. Bill is a junior this year and will be a "big gun" in the Dragon attack next season.

Bob Lorenzen also broke into the scoring column, and even though they do kid "Goach" about getting his seasons mixed up, he's going to be in there pitchin' next year.

In a letter recently received from Homer Cole, he stated that he had met Dick Ashley, Markham, and Crain former SEK athletes. Ashley is a Chanute boy while Markham hails from Iola and Crain, Ft. Scott. I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing from some of you fans.

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SPORT 'N' 'ROUND



G.A.A. BASKETBALL:

The teams in G.A.A. are really working these days! There will be a contest between the two teams. The one who lost the most games at the end of the season has to throw a party for the winning team. Bennetts team is one ahead of Majors team but don't let it throw you, PINKS, because the season is young and the gals on the opposite team are eager.

This last game was quite an exciting one. It was in favor of Bennetts team all the way through, but finally Majors team perked up and the game ended with the score being 28 to 24.

May the best team win! It will be a swell party no matter who wins! ! !

CORRECTIVE EXERCISES
Corrective exercises have started this week for postural defects. It is hoped that the girls will carry out their exercises at home - so that improvements will be made and can be seen in their posture.

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS:
Orchids to Vivian Brown and Colleen Woodside for washing all the mirrors in the dressing room down stairs.

Onions to the persons who never try to help keep the dressing room clean! ! ! this week. There are two teams in each class. Pairings will be made and teams will play as long as they win. One loss and it puts 'em out of the tournament.

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Dec. 23—PHS 27, Miami 29
Jan. 4—PHS 20, Joplin 21
Jan. 7—PHS 38, Ft. Scott 21
Jan. 14—PHS 23, Parsons 17
Jan. 21—PHS 21, Iola 18
Jan. 28—PHS 22, Columbus 24
Feb. 1—PHS 24, Chanute 41
Feb. 8—PHS 60, Ft. Scott 46
Feb. 11—PHS 31, Parsons 26
Feb. 15—PHS 44, Baxter 18
Feb. 18—Columbus (there)
Feb. 25—Miami (here)
Feb. 29—Joplin (here)
Mar. 3—Iola (here)
Mar. 6—Baxter Springs (there)

Beat Vikings Last Friday

Visitors Hot In Interesting Game

The Dragons made it two in a row over the Parsons Vikings last Friday night to the tune of 31 to 26 in a fast game in which the two teams displayed exceptional passing and floor work. Parsons fans declared that it was the best game they had seen on the Parsons court this season.

Pitt went in to an early lead the first few minutes of play and ran the score to 11 to 4 with the "hot" basket shooting of Shoup and Glaser.

Fouts, Brunorhler, and Smooth soon ran the score to 16 to 15, Pittsburg, at half time.

Parsons used an offense contrary to any they had used this season. Formally they relied on the passing of the ball and seldom shooting unless they had a sure shot. Instead, they shot continuously at the hoop, missing a considerable number of shots. They hardly ever got the ball down the court before one would fire at the basket.

Smooth was the "big gun" in Vikings attack, collecting 13 points on five baskets and three free throws.

This was the most points that Parsons had scored this season.

Johnnie Glaser led the Dragons attack with thirteen counters and tied with scoring honors for the game with Smooth. Mrs. Shoup's boy Oliver got nine points with Osborn close behind with eight.

This was the fifth win against four losses this season for the locals.

Parsons will play at Independence tonight.

Pittsburg (31)	Parsons (26)
f f t f g	f f t f g
Shoup, f 3 3 2	Dennis, f 0 0 2
Hunt'g'n, f 0 0 3	Fouts, f 2 0 0
Endicott, f 0 0 0	Miller, f 0 0 0
Glaser, c 6 1 2	Bessom, f 0 0 0
Urban, c 0 0 0	Brunorhler, c 2 3 3
Osborn, g 3 2 1	Lancaster, c 0 0 0
Fadler, g 0 1 3	NiP'te, g 1 0 1
	Smooth, g 5 3 3

TOTALS 12 7 11 TOTALS 10 6 12
Running score by periods:
Pittsburg 11 16 26 31
Parsons 7 15 20 26
Referees: McIntyre and Eckert

Visitors Drop 44-18 Contest

Home Team Comes To Life In Second Half

The Dragons had things in their own hands Tuesday night as they downed a weak Baxter Springs club 44 to 19. Pittsburg displayed its most ragged ball of the season with no one being able to turn out a recommendable floor game.

Pittsburg loafed to a 12 to 7 lead at half time and never really came to life until the third stanza. The Pittsburg offense was weaker than it had been in former games but they did tighten up considerably on defense.

Glaser copped scoring honors with six field goals for 12 points. He fouled out in the latter part of the game and Endicott took over and added three baskets to the cause.

The Dragons played with frequent substitutions and finished the last few minutes with the second team.

Osborn got five goals for the locals and Shoup got seven points. Shoup was the only boy who turned in a smooth game both on the floor and shooting.

Richards was high man for Baxter with two goal and two charity tosses.

Pittsburg will get their real test tonight against Columbus.

Pittsburg (44)	Baxter (18)
fg ft f	fg ft f
Shoup 3 1 1	Winters 1 0 1
Lorenzen 1 0 1	Minor 0 1 0
Knaup 0 0 0	Hayes 1 1 1
Hun,g,n 0 0 0	Abbey 1 0 0
Endicott 3 0 1	Hull 0 0 1
Hallman 0 0 0	Fehren'h'k 1 1 2
Glaser 6 0 4	Richards 2 2 1
Urban 1 0 1	Thomas 0 1 2
Fadler 2 1 2	
Crelly 0 0 1	
Osborn 5 0 0	

Totals 21 2 11 Totals 6 6 8
Running score by periods:
Pittsburg 6 12 29 44
Baxter 0 7 11 18

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