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YOUTH SHOULD BE INTERESTED

College and high school students are invited to attend the Pittsburg

Public Forum Tuesday evening Feb. 29, 1944, from 7:30 to 9:00. This will be eighth of a series of discussions. "Social and Economic Problems in Post-War A-

merica" will be the topic of discussion. Finis M. Green is the Moderator. The discussions are open to the public.

Library Makes Display Of Books And Pamphlets For Armed Services For PHS Boys Soon To Be Inducted

Many high school boys are being drafted without any idea which branch of the service they prefer, or what the requirements are in the different branches. In order that boys may read about the services and understand them more fully, a display of pamphlets and books has been placed in the library for use by the boys. A few of the pamphlets deal with the following:

ARMY

The Army Air Force offers opportunities to all young men. Many jobs which are available are aircraft mechanics, radio mechanics, armorers, welders, radio operator, and metalworker.

"Career in the United States Army" by the Institute Research, Chicago, describes the work of the ground force, cavalry, field artil-

lery, corps of engineers, signal corps, supply, and air force.

The Army also sponsors an Army Specialized Training Program dealing with special training in the engineering, medical, and other professional training.

NAVY

The Navy hospital corpsmen have a real job to do. They transfer injured from torpedoed ships to rescue planes, bring in wounded, apply field treatment to wounded, and transport injured by sea - going stretchers.

Many occupations are offered to help prepare for civilian jobs, such as dental technologist, first aid man, food inspector medical, technologist, nurse, physiotherapist, sanitarian, and X-ray technologist. Special jobs offered to the

men of the Navy are torpedo-men's mate, gunner's mate, quartermaster, signalman, yeoman, pharmacist's mate, musician, cooks, printers, painters, aviation pilots, machinists, parachute riggers, and many more.

The Navy also sponsors Vocational Schools for machinists, metalworkers, and woodworkers.

"Careers in the United States Naval Services" offers complete explanation of the navy including the branches of seamen, engineering, aviation, and chaplain.

MARINES

"Careers in the United States Marine Corps" offers complete information about the musical, branch, signal and radio, quartermaster, paymaster, aviation, and

Allen And Askins Will Reign

Winners Also Take School Vote; Glaser And Holden Runner-Ups

Dolton Askins and Lois Allen will reign over PHS as 1944 Purple & White King and Queen.

Placing second to the royal couple were Johnny Glaser and Bonnie Holden, with 3585 and 3380 votes respectively. Askins received 5190 votes with Allen totaling 4920. The winning couple received the majority of school vote.

456 annuals were sold during the campaign; thus making approximately 800 annual sales. More two dollars annuals were sold to business firms this year than usual.

Votes for other candidates totaled Crowe 1980, Woodbury 1395, Cremer 1185, and Urban 185.

Seniors Elect

Osborn Prexy War Emergency Takes Old Class Officers

At a special meeting Monday, the seniors elected Bob Osborn and Johnny Bertonecino to serve as president and vice-president respectively, of the senior class. Jim Ludlow was elected cheerleader.

The need of officers to fill these vacancies arose when Jesse Velia and Karl Ball, former elected officers, entered the service.

Gilbert Strickland presided over the meeting until Osborn was elected.

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Retail Salesmanship Course To Be Offered

A course in "Retail" salesmanship will be offered to Senior high school boys and girls at the high school from 3:45 to 4:45 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for a period of four weeks, beginning the week of March 6.

This is a Wartime Emergency Training course designed to instruct beginners, and those with limited salesmanship. Furthermore, to train boys and girls so that they may be ready to assist in filling some of the vacancies created by those who have been called into service, and those who have chosen to enter other occupations. Suggestions are given to such problems as "what shall I do when faced with certain selling situations," and some suggestions are presented which answer why you are more beneficial to your employer by having had some theoretical training preceding the actual selling of merchandise.

Credit will be given by the Kansas State Vocational department for this course upon satisfactory completion of the work. There is limited outside preparation, however. Class attendance and participation in the discussion is required.

Those interested, sign in the Principal's office or room 305 between Friday, Feb. 25, and Friday, March 3. The course is given without cost to participants and there is no age limit.

Here's A Challenge!

Mr. Green has suggested that PHS make a gold service star flag. The flag could be made by an organization here in school and hung on display in the auditorium.

Could this project be sponsored by a club or council? By continually checking with students and teachers, the Booster staff will attempt to keep a record up to date.

Anyone knowing or hearing of a PHS boy who has lost his life in the service of his country, could help by leaving his name in the Booster Box or telling someone on the staff. This is the least that can be done for these boys.

R.J.H.S. Leads In Totals Of Fourth War Loan Drive

Stamp and Bond sales in the Pittsburg City Schools during the Fourth War Loan Drive amounted to \$42,418.45, reports compiled recently revealed. Roosevelt Junior High School led the list with a total of \$7889.30. The sales by schools were as follows:

Senior High School	\$6983.65
Roosevelt Jr. High	\$7889.30
Lakeside Jr. High	\$6997.80
Lakeside	\$2301.30
Eugene Field	\$4366.45
Lincoln	\$5897.00
Forest Park	\$4114.25
Central	\$2429.60
Washington	\$1237.40
Douglas	\$201.70

Lincoln school led the elementary school group with a total of \$5897.00. Douglas school has joined the ranks of those schools with 90 per cent or more of its students buying at least one stamp a month, and has been awarded a Minute Man Flag. During the drive Douglas had 100 per cent participation.

"The total sales in each school corresponded rather closely to the enrollment in the school, with the larger schools accounting for the larger totals," Superintendent Howard D. McEachen pointed out. Stamps and Bonds have been sold one day in each week in each school since January, 1942.

What D Ya Know

By Louise Claire DuBois

If, by chance, anyone stumbling across last week's League Bowling, which is written by the "MASTER" LUDLOW, (self-assumed cognomen), drew the conclusion that the "Y" bowling alley is a promoter of tantrums and rages, we wish to belay that opinion. The reasons for those statements were accredited to that columnist's totals in that weeks bowling. It seems that after rolling two games of 199 per line, and realizing that several of the fairer sex had obtained scores up to 153, "Master" was down-hearted to say the least. Thus, his column was a last resort in which to turn for revenge. We must admit though, that usually his bowling is fair, and through his scrappiness, he often manages to obtain a total which rates in the 120's.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK - the newly elected senior class prexy, BOB OSBORN, is the personality chosen for this week. Bob is active in many of the athletics offered at PHS, as he has lettered in basketball for two years and in football for one.

After playing on the Pittsburg Junior Baseball Club for three years, Bob admits it is his favorite, ranking even above basketball, in which he is very outstanding. This athlete also bowls with the Y Champs, in the high school bowling league. He serves as sports editor of the Booster and the Purple and White. Best of luck goes to this future army aviator!

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● Don't throw your magazines and papers away—pass them on to someone who did not receive a copy.

'More Questions Were Asked On Dating, Engagement, And Marriage'

—Lawrence Lacour

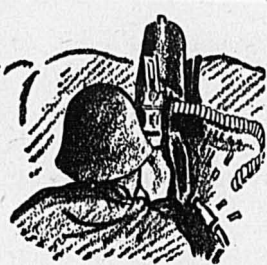
Mr. Lawrence Lacour made many interesting deductions after his conferences and interviews with the various classes. Here he tells us of his summary of the problems asked. . . .

Smilingly, the dark headed man said, "Pittsburg High has treated me most graciously with the usual interest and respect." Yes, the gentleman is Mr. Lacour, the man with all the answers.

"I have had less questions on religion, and student-teacher problems. I have had more requests for personal conferences than usual. Of course I couldn't reveal any personal incident but I have had from 75 to 100 conferences."

Mr. Lacour seated himself comfortably in a nearby chair and then looked thoughtful before saying, "I have noticed that the sophomores are more interested in dating and concentrate on problems relating to parent and child in this matter, while the juniors and seniors are most interested in dating, engagement, marriage to servicemen, and problems of boys in the service. The night club issue was quite prevalent, also duties of girls to servicemen."

This young minister is scheduled to visit 15 schools a year. Almost every summer he and his group go to summer conferences sponsored by the H-Y and C.R. groups all over the United States. From Pittsburg, Mr. Lacour is going to Oskaloosa, Iowa, his home town.



Magazine Stories Aid Pre-Inductees

Most people believe the war will last three or four more years longer. Consequently boys now 18 years old will be in the armed forces fighting in foreign countries, countries they know nothing about, possibly down to the equator or in Alaska. No one knows, therefore it should be wise to put at the disposal of these boys articles telling of experiences others have had.

Students or teachers having or seeing articles in magazines about such matters would help a great deal if they would leave a note in the Booster Box stating the magazine, name of the articles, the date the magazine was published.

It has been said that shell shock is not serious. There is a new name for it now. Combat fatigue, which is a very serious nervous disorder caused by the strain of fighting an enemy they cannot see or perhaps from continual fighting without rest.

The author writing this story in the March LOOK magazine tells of his experience with the boys suffering so miserably of this nerve affliction. There was the good-looking boy from Maine who simply sat in the casualty evacuation boat, holding his jerking arm trying to hold it still. When asked if he might be helped he answered, "I'm not sick or hurt—I just can't help myself." And the boy who fainted unconsciously every time a shell exploded, the one who cried like a baby for fifteen minutes and couldn't stop.

A really definite picture of this

cannot be fully painted but some of the causes are believed to be known. When green kids are suddenly lifted from their normal happy lives into a dark jungle to kill or be killed, there is bound to be a definite change. The Japs knowing the terror this unknown land held for the boys, would take advantage of it. At night they would crawl around a foxhole and howl and scream—inhuman screams to panic and draw fire from doughboys who would thus give away their position and expose themselves to grenades and mortar fire.

As this sort of thing continues night after night, it began to take its toll. Exhaustion, loss of appetite and jitters came first. Fright and frustration followed, then the hallucinations and other symptoms of combat fatigue. One officer told of a Jap who leered over the rim of his foxhole and dropped ants on him one at a time. The author gave some suggestions on how to overcome or prevent this disease that destroy men's souls.

Stories of this type will be a definite aid in preparing high school boys for what they might have to face.

"Mussolini Sent My Wife Three Dozen Red Roses"

—H. Roe Bartle

College students, Navy boys, and seniors from Pittsburg and surrounding towns listened attentively to H. Roe Bartle, a well known public speaker, traveler, civic and youth leader, and humanitarian at the Kansas State Teacher's College here Tuesday. For fifteen years he was Scout Chief of the Boy Scouts of Kansas City. He is national executive director of the American War Dads. Kansas City citizens call him a man of dynamic energy and a distinguished citizen.

Two very insignificant reporters walked meekly upon the stage to talk with the "human dynamo" who very courteously shook their hands with much enthusiasm. "Mr. Bartle," one of the reporters ventured, "Who is the most interesting person you have met in your life, that is, in the political field?"

Mr. Bartle thought for a moment before saying, "I think the most interesting character I have met is Mussolini. And I have met many foreign diplomats. For instance I have been in 12 countries besides the United States. I had a talk with Hitler, by the way before I was permitted to see him I had to remove all "deadly" weapons, all I had was a little pen knife that I clean my nails with, but they took it away because it was considered a "deadly" weapon. I had tea with the Duke of Kent, visited with the president of France, and met the King of England, and many other royalty and diplomatic persons.

"Keep in mind this was the year 1937, I heard a speech



made by Mussolini from a balcony overlooking a street filled with 80,000 young Italian women. He made a simply gorgeous speech to these young girls about youth and caring for themselves so as to make healthier babies for their country, incidentally Mussolini made possible all the modern health facilities and has done more to safeguard Italy from disease than any other man.

"Once I talked to an Italian man. I asked him if he thought he would like to live in America. He shook his head and said, 'NO! In America they have strikes, in Italy there are not any, in America they have disease and flood, in my Italy we do not!' This young man spoke the truth. Italy is a clean country free of disease, strikes and famine. Mainly because Mussolini made them keep their homes clean."

Mr. Bartle paused for a minute, shaking hands with many of his old friends who had crowded upon the stage to congratulate him on his fine speech. Turning back to the saucer-eyed interviewers, he said, "One day I talked to Mussolini for one hour and twenty-five minutes, I introduced my wife to him and he graciously acknowledged the introduction. My wife, an ardent autograph collector, stepped up and asked Mussolini for his autograph. He stepped to his desk, pulled out a picture of himself, and wrote his name across the bottom. My wife thanked him for it, excused herself, and left the room, later that evening he sent her three dozen beautiful red roses. On a card placed in the flowers were these words, 'To Mrs. Roe Bartle, a delightful American woman, hoping she will enjoy her stay in Italy.'"

"In our stay in Italy we had limousines to ride in and every possible attention given us. Mussolini was a gracious host. In that country youth is not offered the opportunities that we offer in the United States. Only the upper crust get an education. That is why I thought possibly the Italian youth would like America, for he had little education, but no, the Italian people love their homeland."

In answer to the question, what do you think of Mussolini now, Mr. Bartle said, "I think Mussolini should never have risen to that position of leadership. He is nothing but a thug, and a ruffian. I truly feel sorry for him."

"In answer to the question of Teen Town, I'm for it 10,000,000 per cent," Mr. Bartle said very enthusiastically.

Cupid's Little Helpers



Dear Spin and Torchy:

Every girl I go out with slaps my face. My face does not resemble a punching bag! I am small light and ugly(?) What should I do?? Jim

Dear Jim:

Don't worry, sooner or later you're bound to find a girl who appreciates you. However, your trouble might be that the girl had reason to slap your face. Remember that although it's a "class" to be a wolf, not many girls like it for very long.

Dear Spin and Torchy:

I am writing to you as a last resort before I go down my sorrows. I certainly hope you can help me. I am a girl of sweet sixteen. I had

never been kissed until the night of November 16 th. I have delayed writing this because I thought something might happen. It has! I don't know why I did it but of all things I let a boy kiss me.

Now I don't know what to do because everytime I go out with a boy he wants to kiss me good night.

Desperate

Dear Desperate: If the boys are so irresistible go ahead and kiss them but the ones you don't like, you should somehow manage to fight them off. After all a girl's heart should be given to one and only one. Just be gentle but firm, don't black only one eye at a time.

Spin and Torchy

WHAT SUBJECT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THAT IS NOT OFFERED HERE IN PHS

Do you understand people? Most people do not for our greatest problem today is learning to get along with one another. When any great conflict is being carried on it may all be summed up by a misunderstanding or the lack of knowledge to understand a person. Let me cite an example of what understanding may lead to.

Let's take the case of Adrain Jones (fictitious name). Adrain joined the Navy Nurses Corps last spring. Back in her home town she had associated with people about like herself, common, not very exciting, generally quiet, and monotonous from her point of view.

Then on the day she enrolled at school for her senior course, she chose a semester course of psychology—not that she knew anything about it—only what she had discovered when she looked it up in the dictionary, and it stiffly said "the study of the mind". Well, she took the course and got the fundamentals and above all she began to see that the way one approaches a person depends a lot on the success of an acquaintance or merely a conversation. She learned how so often the tactfulness of a person reacts on the expression of the other person's face.

Upon graduating, a second lieutenant in the Nurses Corps, Adrain was sent overseas. There she witnessed many abnormalities, and in one case even saved soldiers from losing their minds, by simple understanding and helping them back to consciousness with her own knowledge of the human mind.

Yes, I definitely believe psychology should be offered here in PHS. It was at one time; but with the war and the problems facing youth today, this subject would be very profitable to many of us.

JO ANN LAUGHLIN, Junior in PHS



Something To Hum

Most all of the good musical programs are shortwaved to the boys overseas. I wonder what the boys thing of songs like Mairzy Doots. Maybe they think we've all gone barmy or started baby talk all over again. It's a song that doesn't make sense yet it does, who cares if let's eat oats or whatever they do. Any way it has taken to the public, thus it jumped up to the number four song.

1. Shoo Shoo Baby
2. My Heart Tells Me
3. Besame Mucho
4. Mairzy Doots
5. No Love No Nothin
6. For the First Time
7. I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night
8. A Lovely Way To Spend An Evening
9. Oh! What A Beautiful Morning

One of the jobs of the women in the British auxiliary service is to collect spider webs for the use in precision sighting instruments.

—University Daily Kansan.

Why I Did It

"My real intention when I started my education was to be a translator of languages, but at that time there were no great demand, so I followed the course of teaching," stated Miss Waltz, teacher of sociology and American History.

"I graduated from PHS and started at once to KSTC here at Pittsburg. Upon graduating I taught my first year at West Mineral, then I went to McCune for a year, then Ft. Scott for two years, and finally to PHS."

"I thoroughly enjoy teaching," stated Miss Waltz.

Florence Means Prosperous

Have you ever wondered about the meaning of your name? Most people are so used to thinking of names entirely as personal identification that they give little thought to their original meanings. Practically all names are derived from words and phrases of ancient languages. Each week we will have a list of the meanings of ten different names, five boys and five girls. This will help you know what your name means.

ALICE (Sex) Noble; illustrious
CASSANDRA (Gr) she who inspires love
JUSTINE (Lat) Just; righteous
MARGARET (Gr) Pearl; precious; beautiful
FLORENCE (Lat) flourishing; prosperous

CARL (Teut) Strong; manly
GEORGE (Gr) A farmer; husbandman
PAUL (Gr) Small; gentle
RALPH (Teut) Shielded by the wolf-god
JACK (Heb) The Lord's Grace

Book Reviews



ASSIGNMENT IN BRITANNY

Here is a novel by Helen MacInnes dealing with a nerve wrecking situation.

One task alone was foremost in the mind of Martin Hearn when he landed by parachute near the small village of St. Deidat in Brittany. He was going to use the coast once officer, his success, his entire life depended on the fact that he resembled beyond any question a wounded French soldier named Corlay who had escaped to England from Dunkirk, and who had grudgingly made possible this daring exchange of identity.

At St. Deidat, Hearn found that Madam Corlay "accepted" him. He found also that Anne Pinot, Corlay's fiancée, "accepted" him. He found things in his home much as the wounded Frenchman had described them during the day that Martin Hearn was perfecting his impersonation. The Nazis were there as he expected; and the people of the village fell neatly into their positions as he had visualized them from Corlay's description. But something was wrong. The facts which had been so reassuring to Hearn when he left England had now a double meaning somehow. There had been important omissions that nearly cost him his life as well as those of his friends.

It will hold your attention.

WHY! OH! WHY!

Dear Me,

Well, today is here and time is marching on. Spring is just around the corner, I hope.

About that steady problem. I just don't believe boys and girls in high school should go steady. Because after all they may fall in love many times before the real thing comes along. If one is willing to take the chance of being left out as far as dates are concerned after one quits going steady that is another problem. I think a girl is silly to go steady.

It won't be very long before school is out now and we won't be seeing some of our class mates again so I have decided to make the most of it while I can.

Well dear, I'll sign off. Am hoping to hear from you, Love, Thee.

Mosquitoes Flew In V-Formation

Have you heard the latest story Mr. Nation put out in class the other day? The title of it was "The Mosquito Ferrying Command!"

It concerned our soldiers many miles from here which of course was a military secret. They have been having more trouble with these little insects than with the Japs. (No relation of course!)

It seems that these mosquitoes organized in Bomber squadrons and attack in the same V-formation as our bombers do. Then if this doesn't annoy the boys enough the mosquitoes call out the Ferry Command to come and carry the boys off. (They sure lost a lot of boys this way!)

These brilliant lads have solved the problem by chaining themselves in their cots at night.

At the climax of his story, Mr. Nation stated that he had read this little article in one of his favorite magazines. We wonder if it could have been the "YANK"?

BUY BONDS AND STAMPS



Seen Around Ye Old Town

By C. Too Much

Booster Box Bubbles

David Lane now has a new flame. She is Polly Lashbrook. He hopes he has a chance now that she and Harry Neer are definitely off the beam.

Audrey Sutton was someone's little Valentine the other day. The lucky lad being our bashful Elmer Blankin. Audrey hasn't yet expressed her opinion but evidently he has.

A lousy love letter was found in the Booster Box from Louis Duff to our cute Helen Weaver. Sounds fine, but really don't be too jealous of each other. Shirley Ball really likes Clayton Taylor and vice versa. No need for either of you to worry.

Johnnie Glaser and Corinne Bogati seem to be hitting it off all right the other nite.

Jack Hutto and Teresa Lavery are finding they really care for each other's company. No doubt you have all seen them together.

Comon' kids fill the Booster Box with some more Bubbles so we can see them pop when they are floating around in the Booster.

P H S

Lavon Masquelier sez she would really like to find a man up here. Oh you, boys, don't you know a good deal when you see one?

P H S

Seen shaking a leg and so forth at the dance the other nite was Pat Bortz and Charlie Stonciphier, Nancy Messenger and Jim Flottman, Laura Helen Wray and Guy Knapp and quite a few others.

P H S

My when did this Wayne Parker and Cathie Slinkman two some develop. They both looked awfully pert the other eve.

P H S

Jean Cremer seems to be overcome with joy. Why? Because her Ensign Bill Neel is to sink anchor in this yere port this week.

P H S

Say Myra Stout and Bill Walker seem to hit it off fine and dandy. They have been seen together now many time. Power to yah.

P H S

Question of the week. Are Gib Strickland and Connie Coulter going together or are they going to quit altogether?

P H S

Well babes, I'll sign off and help my little Gremlins work. Hope to see ya all at our next games.

THEY'RE EITHER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD

The bus which takes me to school stopped at the bottom of State Street to take on a passenger. The passenger, actually a boy, put a school car ticket in the box and stood by the driver, although the bus wasn't very crowded. Of course the girls made eyes at him and remarked that he was "so handsome." The bus stopped at Classical but he didn't get off. Was he going to Commerce? All the girls were thrilled; he was!

When we finally came to Commerce, he got out of the bus and proceeded along the sidewalk to the girls' entrance. Thinking he might be confused, I followed him. To my surprise(?) he walked into the nursery, took off his coat, and started playing with his classmates and teacher. Well, -- they're either too young or too old.

Commerce

Springfield, Mass

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THE DROOLER

It may be that he's drooling Or maybe he is bored; But his mind's not on his schooling—

It has just gone off to war. In English he is shooting At a little yellow Jap; In Physics he is booting A Nazi off the map; Geometry finds him knocking down A German Messerschmitt In Latin class he plays around And doesn't hear a bit.

But then comes graduation— He'll have a chance to drool. For since he's missed his education, He'll have to stay in school. —The Spectator, Bridgeport, Conn.

Who Told You So?



by Bobbie Delaney

Little Harold, having climbed to the top of the pinnacle of the roof of a very steep shed, lost his footing and with terrifying swiftness began to slide toward the point where the roof swept gracefully off into space.

"Oh Lord, save me!" He prayed. "Oh Lord—never mind, I've caught on a nail."

Gallatin High News

Bozeman, Montana

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Freshman: "I don't know." Sophomore: "I'm not prepared." Junior: "I don't remember." Senior: "I don't think I can add anything to what has been said."

The Collegio

KSTC

—V—

Q. How many War Stamps can you put into an empty stamp book? A. One, because after the first, it isn't empty.

Q. What are two things you must keep after giving to someone else? A. Your word, and your War Stamp investment.

The Collegio

KSTC

—V—

WE MUST NOT FORGET

A Yankee boy was shot in the To South Pacific, last night. He died because he thought his country was right, Because he was told it was his duty to fight, To protect America, with all his might.

What did you do last night? That American boy was sent away To help MacArthur save the day, For our mode of living: The American Way,

To preserve our freedom from these beast of prey. What did you do, to keep them at bay? That boy was waiting for Japs to pounce,

He was in the valley, He was thirsty and parched, for they don't set up founts, Out in the islands, where every minute counts.

What have you done to back the "big bounce?" We think we make sacrifices, and yet, We couldn't repay, I'm willing to bet,

That soldier boy's life, which is a debt, That in this world, cannot be met. Will you buy a Bond today, or forget?

Anaranco

Anaheim Union High School

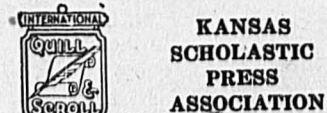
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Guess They Must Have Slipped Out Of My Hand "Well"

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Fighting Men On Parade

By Mary Adele Woodbury



This week our star is none other than Don Bryan of the United States Navy.

Don entered the Navy May, 1943. After taking his boot training at Farragut, Idaho he was sent to Keyport for torpedo training. This was accomplished at a torpedo school. Don then went to a Receiving Station at Puget Sound. After finishing torpedo school and training, he will be a torpedo man striker.

Entertainments are mostly bands. They also have U.S.O.'s and Recreation Centers. At these centers they have pool tables and the general entertainment. Also there are canteen and libraries.

The food is fine, but aboard ship the food is mostly dehydrated and foods that won't spoil.

Don said that he has enjoyed the letters he has received from students, and the boys are really wild about the Booster. He also stated that the boys would all like to receive more mail and often.

This friend of ours was well-liked by all who knew him and was one of the better printers in the print shop.

May Don have the best of luck and let's hope God will always be watching over him.

NED, THE KNOTHEAD



Meet this little curly headed fellow, he might be yourself, or the fellow just across the aisle. Consequently he is "just a droop," call him Dan, the drip, or Ned, the knothead. You name him for he is a character in anybody's language. He always does the wrong thing at the right time. Therefore he may be any PHS student, who unthinkingly pulls boners and causes much confusion.

He is the fellow who flips that cute young lady who is bent over her locker, taking advantage of the young ladies manners or maybe he is the guy who crowds ahead of everybody in the cafeteria line and yells "Hey Joe, remember me I'm the guy you copied that algebra test from, got a place in line for me?" Then smiles that "you'd better if you know what's good for ya" smile. Oh yes, this little fellow really gets around, watch for him in following issues, he really gets in some stews.

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A man received the following communication from his tailor:
"Dear Sir: With reference to the coat we are making for you, please call tomorrow and have a fit."
The High Times
Springfield, Mo.

That Remark You Made

"Think before you speak" is a good motto for everyone to have and observe. Many embarrassing moments, hurt feelings, and quarrels could be avoided if this were practiced. How often words are spoken that we afterwards wish had never been said. But the damage has been done. The words cannot be retracted. It has been said that the tongue is man's worst enemy. Sometimes one can almost believe that this is true. Friends can be lost and anger aroused quickly by a sharp tongue that has no consideration for other people's feelings.

Probably most of the time it's just carelessness on our part. We think nothing about what we are saying. Then we realize that it sounded entirely different from the way it was meant. Words are a powerful weapon. They are ours to use as we wish. They can be used to influence the thoughts and actions of the people. They can make one cheerful, or they can make one bitter. They show our true character. Always use them wisely.

Senior Service Scouts Organized For PHS Girls

A new Girl Scout Troop was recently formed at the Pittsburg Senior High School to be known as the Senior Service Scouts. This troop is for girls from 15 to 18 inclusive, both former Girl Scouts and girls who have had no previous scouting experience. Twenty-seven girls form the membership of the organization and each plans to spend at least two hours a week in service to the community. The plans for service at the present include service at the local hospital where four girls will go each afternoon from 4 to 6 to help in the diet kitchen doing such jobs as dishing up food, setting up trays and taking the trays to the floors. There are also plans for some Senior Scouts to work at the Canteen at the Kansas City Southern Station and at the Red Cross Office each week, and some of the former scouts are going to help leaders of younger troops with their programs.

These girls meet every Wednesday during activity period at the High School and have one special meeting monthly. At the last meeting the following officers were elected: President, Peggy Cochran; Vice-President and Social Chairman, Ina White; Secretary and Publicity chairman, Carol Brown; Treasurer, Virginia Huffman. There are also three committee chairmen. The following chairman appointed are: Hospital, Lavon Masquellier; Canteen, Merri Harpole; Red Cross and Troop assistance, Nancy Lee Messenger.

Mrs. Henry F. Woodward Jr. is the scout leader.

Styles and Stuff

by Estelle



It is the normal objective of every girl to be attractive, and the only way to be attractive is to be neat. To be neat your body must be clean. Another idea is to try a different hair-do. You know it gets monotonous seeing a person with their hair fixed the same way week after week. It really adds to your attraction to have your hair fixed in a new and different way. There are all different and numerous kinds of hair ornaments that will do wonders for your hair and you can even make some.

Feathers to wear in your hair are quite popular nowadays. Betty Deems really looks cute with a blue feather in her hair to go with her pale blue sweater.

Shirley Pierce has a darling red wool jersey dress. She looks very nice in it. I wonder if it is the dress or just the girl?

For a popular shade of nail polish "Thumb Up" is just right. Jean Cremer flashes this color and it looks quite nice.

Slacks seem to be all the rage this week. Bobbie Delaney has an adorable pair of black serge and then she tops it off just right by wearing a black and white checkered suit jacket. They're really "it".

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A still greater bore—One who keeps on talking after he has made his point.



Want To Learn Something New About That Private Love Affair?

Mr. Lawrence Lacour, visiting minister at the Methodist Church, has won a reputation for being able to speak to young people, anyway as far as PHS students are concerned. Mr. Lacour spoke in assembly a week ago, also he spoke at the GR and Hi-Y meeting. He achieved so much enthusiasm on his speeches that he was asked to come back to speak to the sophomores, juniors, and seniors on succeeding days. His talks this time were of the question and answer type.

On Wednesday at activity period Mr. Lacour met with the sophomores in the little theatre. The sophomores seated themselves, rather anxiously waiting for his appearance. After his introduction, Mr. Lacour was greeted by enthusiastic applause. He immediately drew from the question box that was before him prepared by the students. The main subject matter was Boy and Girl Friendships. He picked the first question from the box and with a smile read the first question which read "How old should a girl be before she starts dating?"

With an engaging smile he said, "There should never be an age limit set for young people. When they are matured enough in mind to act intelligently, when girls can take care of little baby brother help with the dishes and help mother with the housework on Saturdays. A boy is matured for dating when he can drive dad's car on

all four wheels."

The next question was, "How do you get a boy interested in you?" "By simply acting as though you are not interested, but remain friendly and attractive. Impress him as 'hard to be had', always be a desirable and an attractive person."

Mr. Lacour briefly scanned the questions answering them without further comment. If you like a boy should you show it?"

Not unless he gives you reason to. Keep him guessing.

"Why do boys let the girls do all the planning of the date?"

Boys are not as interested as are girls. Girls think more in terms of what they like to do, and depend on the boy to take her where she indicates.

"What do you think of engagements and marriages in high school?"

If a young person doesn't have a few "puppy love" affairs, he'll miss something that is important. Have fun, live while you're young. Marriage is a serious business, it takes a matured mind to cope with the problems.

What traits do boys like in a girl?

First of all a boy likes a girl who is attractive in appearance, second he likes a girl with brains, third he wants a girl who can prepare delicious food, fourth he wants a girl who is sympathetic and a good listener, also a girl who is a good sport, has a sense of humor, show affection without sloppiness.

A fellow likes a girl to be enthusiastic not a "dead pan" or "sphinx." A fellow likes a girl who is full of life, not silly but full of fun, a girl with this attitude, "touch me not, Bud, but stick around."

Should high school students go to night clubs?

Definitely not, night clubs are primarily for older folks, they are not the best place to go, stay out of night clubs. Go to "Sloppy Joes" or the "Greasy Spoon", somewhere where kids your age go.

What about dating on school nights?

Most parents think that two nights a week is enough, week end dates should be adequate for sophomores.

As a sophomore, should I date every Tom, Dick or Harry?

Don't date just anyone, date around. It's not how many dates you have, it's what kind of dates you have.

Why shouldn't a girl go with a soldier or sailor when there are so few civilians?

Dates with soldiers are alright if they are put on the same basis as an ordinary date. Meet him through your parents, church or friends, have him call at your home, meet the folks. The disadvantage of this is that you establish the reputation as a snob who is to good to go with the boys at school, you will be left out of school activities.

You ought to associate with the boys at high school.

RULES TO LIVE BY

Read carefully Read Often

The greatest sin—Fear

The best day—Today

The biggest fool—The boy who will not go to school

The best town—Where you succeed

The most agreeable companion—One who would not have you any different from what you are.

The great bore—One who will not come to the point.

The greatest secret of production—Saving waste.



Baby's Cever Capers

LITTLE ICES

When Effie Rowe was about five years old, she had the privilege of attending school with her elder sister. She was always begging to go to school so finally her sister let her go with her and visit the school. The day she decided to go seemed to be the coldest day of the year, anyway it was snowing. About half way to school Effie, as all youngsters her age, wanted Big Sis to carry her, because her fingers were cold and the "little ices" were hurting her face.

GUM CHEWER

When Virginia Million was a little girl, she always had a supply of gum. She used to tell her sister's boy friend how many callers her sister had during the week — for a stick of gum. Nice work if you can get by with it.

TOJO SAID TO HITLER,
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Miami And Joplin Next Foes For PHS Cagemen

Wardogs And Eagles Have Former Wins

Both Games Were Won By Narrow Low Score Margins

Tonight the Dragons will entertain the Miami Wardogs from Miami, Oklahoma.

Miami has long been a rival. Pittsburg has always had a tough time downing the Oklahomans in any athletic tilt.

The Dragon's played Miami in their first game of the current season. This was along about Dec. 23 of last year. Miami downed Pittsburg 29 to 27 in a "haren-scrum" affair, with little basketball shown by either team. Miami had previously played several games in an Oklahoma tournament.

Taylor was the main threat in the Wardog attack with Stepp close behind. Miami went off the floor with 20 to 11 lead. Pittsburg rallied but fell short two points.

Since then Pittsburg has won six games while losing four more. Miami has been beaten by several SEK teams.

The game is scheduled for 8:15. Everyone is urged to attend. A large crowd is expected. This will be the first of three home games in a row.

Next Tuesday Pittsburg will be host to the Joplin Eagles. The Eagles also have one win over Pittsburg. This was a 21 to 20 affair, the second game of the season for the Dragons.

In the meeting of the two teams at Joplin, Bob Schwanzle made his debut and ran the curtain down the same night as he injured his knee in the second quarter.

Bob might see action in the game Tuesday but Coach Hoffman is hesitant about sending Bob out on the court with so little workout. Bob's knee has been healing nicely the past few weeks and he ought to be ready by tournament time.

There will be a preliminary game tonight between Lakeside and Roosevelt. Game time will be about 7:00.

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Course In Parachute

Rigging Offered To Seniors

Mr. J. B. Johnson, parachute technician, explained Monday to the senior class the course that is being offered them every night from 7 to 10 Monday through Friday, at the College.

The course is offered for commercial purposes or for gaining information. It will be offered to boys who will soon enter service first, then girls may take it.

The pay for those who become parachute riggers is \$155.00 a month with additional pay for overtime. Students interested in learning to fold parachutes were given an application blank to fill out.

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The Commercial students in Ellsworth, Kansas have been working in downtown stores for the past week in different offices.

The commercial department is pleased with this arrangement because of the practical experience which the girls will receive.

—The E. H. S. Bearcat Ellsworth, Kansas

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Although the scrap metal drive has let up for the present, we shall to do the job again and again. So we should continue to keep on the lookout for stray pieces of metal—old key, broken skates, and other "junk", and save up until the next scrap drive. Also, keep buying War Stamps and Bonds.

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LOCKER ROOM CHATTER



Pittsburg was definitely off the beam against Columbus and this department is not going to attempt to make any explanations. That's water under the bridge. Everyone has formulated their own opinions about why the Dragons were swamped, so—-that is that.

That beating is almost as bad as the 21 point beating we gave them last year.

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I believe this letterman's club idea is a bit of allright. I know the lettermen are in favor of it and are wondering when things are going to get going.

George Duerkeson, former mechanical drawing instructor, was the first to do anything about the organization of the thing and when he moved to Wichita, it died away. Only recently has there been anything said about starting it up.

Just what is the purpose of this organization? Well, according to the student handbook — The "Letter Club" is an honorary and service organization composed of boys in good standing who have been awarded an athletic letter in one of the various sports sponsored by this school. Members are to be host to game officials, protect athletic equipment, help conduct tournaments and track meets, sponsor club meetings or assemblies to explain rules for different sports, and assist the pep organizations.

They are to stand for good sportsmanship and clean athletics, clean living, loyalty to the school and its administration and be acquainted with athletic eligibility rules.

If any of you lettermen have any views or suggestions, drop a note in the Booster box.

Yours truly has access to this paper and can express his views more than the reader. If any of you out there has anything that might be of interest, drop a note in the Booster box. If it is within reason you'll hear about it. Students should use that box to more advantage.



SPORT 'N' ROUND

The basketball team in G.A.A. were at it again the other day with Bennetts' "Pinks" coming up with the top score.

The game started off with Majors' Greens in the lead, but soon ended up in the RED. Bennett and Laughlin were the high-point scorers on the Pinks team; while Griffin and Kerns were high-point scorers on the Greens' team. The game ending with the score being 28 to 18.

This makes two straight victories for Bennett; so it sorta looks like the party will be on Majors, unless there are some changes made! ! !

CORRECTIVE EXERCISES:

Instructions have been given to the girls concerning what exercises they should practice to improve their posture.

These are very important practices to carry out in the home as well as school. Your posture expresses your personality; therefore you should take these exercises seriously and constantly be conscious of your posture.

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS:

Orchids to those good sports who never "boo" at the basketball games; the referee is right.

Onions to those who don't back up their perspective teams in intramural basketball after school.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL:

Intra-mural basketball has started in full swing this week. Teams will play after school on Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursday; if one loses it is automatically put out of the tournament.

Teams that played this week were: Monday the Dribblers VS the Gruesome Crews. Tuesday the Gobs Gals VS the Snappy Saps, and the P-38's VS the Itchy Breches. Thursday the Audries' Anies VS the Rosie Riveters, and the Bouncin' Balls VS the Burpy Slurps.

Result of these games will appear in this column next week.

ATTEND THE BASKETBALL GAMES

TONIGHT

Lakeside vs. Roosevelt at 7:15
Miami vs. Pittsburg at 8:30

TUESDAY, FEB 29

Lakeside vs. Roosevelt at 7:15
Joplin vs. Pittsburg at 8:30

Lakeside and Roosevelt To Play Preliminary

As a preliminary to the Miami-Pittsburg ball game tonight, the Lakeside and Roosevelt Jr. High cagers will engage in their second game of the season.

The two teams have always created alot of enthusiasm and, when they do meet, a large crowd usually attends.

In the last meeting of the two quintets, Lakeside defeated Roosevelt in an infantile paralysis benefit affair.

Bob Schwanzle will be in charge of the Lakeside players and Don Gutteridge will handle Roosevelt.

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Rockets Victor Over Carthage Colored Five

The Pittsburg Rockets, all colored team won their first basketball game last Wednesday 20 to 13.

Pittsburg trailed at the half 8 to 9 but came through in the final minutes to hold their opponents to four points while racking up 12 for themselves.

The Rockets had previously lost two games, each to Joplin, Parsons and Ft. Scott.

They will play Carthage again this week in their final game of the season.

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LEAGUE BOWLING

Three teams still remained in first place in the League after last Saturday's bowling. The Wolves Inc. easily lost one game to the suitably named "Y" Champs.

Here are the standings:

	Won	Lost
Wolves Inc.	4	2
Five Aces	4	2
Pen Pushers	4	2
'Y' Champs	3	3
Ramb. Recks	3	3
Blancett's	2	4
Rangers	2	4
Wolfettes	2	4

For the high single line Twoie Ratt expressed himself honorably with a rousing 198. Little Marvy placed with an amazing 188. "Duck Overman was very angry because he just got third with a low 177. Paul Wallack, one of the Wolves' Inc. poorer half, insisted that his name be put in this column because he bowled a 166 for the high game of his wild career.

For the high boy double line Marvy White just did beat out "Duck" Overman with 339 "Duck" 334. Twoie Ratt was on the beam

Prepare For Coming Cage Tournament

Fans Urged To Buy Season Passes; Hold Four Night Sessions

Plans are underway for the annual regional basketball tournament. Pittsburg is again host to the Class AA, A and B schools.

A committee has been chosen to organize the affair. It is composed of Mr. Doran C. Woods, Manager; Mr. Claude I. Huffman, who has charge of tickets and receipts at the gate; Mr. Don Gutteridge in charge of advance sale of season tickets; Mr. John E. White advertising and official time keeper; and Mr. "Arkie" Hoffman, official basketball host. Mr. Ralph Russell and Bill Daugherty are the official scorers of the tournament.

Members of the newly organized Letterman club will also assist in the tournament. Season tickets will be on sale at \$1.30, tax included. Fans will save 90c if they buy a season ticket and attend all of the night sessions. Elementary school children will be admitted for 11c with Junior high school students admitted for 25c.

High school students and adults will be admitted for 40c a session for the first two nights, Wednesday and Thursday; and 55c a session for the last two nights, Friday and Saturday.

There will probably be four games a night the first three sessions and three games the last night which are the finals.

Several schools have already entered. In the AA will be Pittsburg, Columbus, Parsons, and Ft. Scott.

In the Class A will be Iola, Altamont, Humbolt, Riverton, Galena, Baxter Springs, and possibly two others including Cherryvale. B teams enteries will not come until after their district tourneys.

Paring for the AA and A teams have not been announced. The officials for the tournament are Don Gutteridge, John Lance, and Jess Eastman.

and received third place with 329.

For the high girl single line Evelyn Bennett took first place as was expected with a remarkable 159. Peg Cochran was very lucky and bowled 146 and 126 respectively for second and third place respectively.

For the high double line for the girls Peg Cochran ran wild and took first place with 272. Evelyn Bennett was a very lucky gal and rolled 265 for second place. The Wolfettes dummy bowled by all the Wolfettes took a poor third with 234. Bowling will resumed tomorrow as usual.

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WATCH THAT TALK

1. A careless remark may cost a terrible loss of life, perhaps the loss of a ship or an entire campaign.

2. A remark causing such a loss might contain only a fragment of information so small as to seem harmless.

3. Such fragmentary bits of information can be important to an enemy who is constantly picking up other fragments and piecing

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Pittsburg Is Easy Foe For Titan

Columbus Has Hot Night; Pitt Off

Pittsburg suffered its worst defeat of the season and probably the worst in several years last Friday night at the hands of the Columbus Titans 43 to 15 in one of the most one-sided contests in the district.

Pittsburg was decidedly cold and Columbus went to the other extreme with a decidedly hot night.

Columbus made almost every one of their scoring attempts count and Pittsburg never did cool the Cherokee Countians down.

Milton Fidler held the rampaging La Rue in check most of the evening but went out on fouls early in the second half. From then on, it was all LaRue. He scored six of his eight baskets in the last quarter.

Winters scored eight points on three and two while Lowrie tallied six points.

Shoup and Glaser were the only Pittsburg starters able to score from the field. Glaser got six points while Shoup rang up five. Urban added a field goal and Huntington and Osborn put in a free throw.

Tonight the Dragons entertain the Miami Wardogs, once victor over Pittsburg, 29 to 27.

The box score:

Pittsburg (15)	Columbus (43)
Shoup	2 1 1 Winters 3 2 0
Hunt'g'n	0 1 2 Blunk 0 0 0
Endicott	0 0 3 La Rue 8 3 1
Glaser	2 2 1 Christ'ason 1 2 2
Urban	1 0 2 Bradney 1 0 0
Crelly	0 0 0 Church'ill 0 0 1
Osborn	0 1 3 Lowrie 3 0 1
Fidler	0 0 4 McCall 0 0 0
Lorenzen	0 0 0 Myers 1 1 2
	Rilley 0 1 0

Totals 17 9 7 Totals 5 5 16

Running score by periods:

Pittsburg	2	5	10	15
Columbus	7	17	34	43

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1944 Basketball Schedule

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—PHS 15, Columbus 43
Feb. 25—Miami (here)
Feb. 29—Joplin (here)
Mar. 3—Iola (here)
Mar. 6—Baxter Springs

together a complete story.

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