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KSTC Features Robert St. John

Robert St. John, eminent N. B. C. Correspondent and author of "From the Land of Silent People" will speak on "The World at War," Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 8 o'clock at the College Auditorium.

High school students have been offered a special price of 55 cents.

Delving into the files of the school library and especially "Current Biography of 1942" resulted in discovering many interesting facts about the life and experiences of Robert St. John.

He is described in the following fashion: "This tall, blue eyed brown haired, soft spoken man has an impressive beard which has made many persons mistake him for some European diplomat, and at other times for a Nazi spy."

St. John was born in Oak Park, Ill. on March 9, 1902. Joining the Associated Press in 1931, he became a city editor only to quit and take up farming.

His wife, the former Eda Gueriore, a New York newspaper woman and actress, accompanied him on many of his trips to the seventeen countries he has been in.

Later St. John rejoined the A. P. just in time to land in Europe at the outbreak of World War II. He covered the Balkans for some time.

During that time a revolution broke out, called a "Diaper Revolution". It was in reality a revolt of the children, boys and girls from 8 to 15 and 16.

Returning to the United States, he immediately took a small room in a cheap hotel and proceeded to type out the book, "From the Land of Silent People", in three weeks.

Senior Girls Offered Teaching Opportunity

According to Mr. J. E. Needham, county superintendent of public schools, "It appears that the shortage of teachers will be more acute for the coming year than at any time during the war crisis."

"High School graduates can qualify to teach in the elementary schools by acquiring eight hours of college work. If there are any senior girls who are interested in teaching in our rural Crawford County schools I should like to know the number of such prospects," Mr. Needham concluded.

If there are any senior girls who would be interested in this announcement, they should leave their name with Mr. Green at the office.

One Week Remaining To Earn Minute Man Flag

Less than one percent separates PHS from the 90 per cent participation goal necessary to enable the school to fly the Minuteman Flag.

Stamp sales in Senior High for the third week in February soared to the total of \$1,695.85.

Ten home rooms attained the 100 per cent goal. They were Miss Bailey's, Miss Fintle's, Mr. Hoffman's, Mr. Lampton's, Miss Laney's, Mrs. Lewis's, Miss Nelson's, Miss Radell's Miss. Stephens and Miss Waltz's.

There were eight home rooms reaching the 90 per cent or more total. They were Miss Farner's, Mr. Huffman's, Miss Lanyon's, Mr. Nation's, Mr. Stanton's, Miss White's, and Mr. White's.

Only three rooms failed to make the 90 per cent or more goal. These were Mr. Wood's, Mr. Price's and Miss Gable's.

Lance, Morey, Eastman, And Gutteridge Referee Basketball Tournament

Plans for the Regional Basketball Tournament to be held in Pittsburg March 7-10 are nearing completion.

E. A. Thomas has announced that the officials will be John Lance Jim Morey, Don Gutteridge, and Jess Eastman.

It has also been announced that Iola definitely will not participate in the Pittsburg Tournament. However, Girard will take the place of Iola. There will be the same number of A bracket teams as last year. Baxter Springs, Cherryvale, Altamont, Riverton, and Galena, and Girard complete the list of six teams.

AA brackets teams will be Pittsburg, Parsons, Fort Scott, and Columbus.

The eight teams that will participate in the B bracket will not be known until the week before the tournament because then the teams play their district tournament games. However, Pittsburg will get most of its teams from the McCune and Frontenac.

Advance ticket sale, under the direction of Miss Oliver and Miss Waltz, will start Feb. 27. Tickets can be bought from home room representatives in the Student Council.

Easter Vacation Is Last In Line For School Year

Vacation days are almost over!! Students of PHS are looking forward to the Easter vacation, Friday, March 30, to April 3 that gives students four days to enjoy their one and only vacation this Semester. School will be out on May 25.

Weekly Letters Go To Sinn, Allmon and King

This week's letters to servicemen will be mailed to Elmer Sinn, Keith Allmon, and Bob King.

Elmer left PHS last year at the end of the first semester and joined the Navy. He is now overseas. Keith was drafted during his Junior year last spring and is now a Corporal in the Army. He, also, is overseas. Bob left last fall after he had started his senior year. He is at the Navy Air Training Center in Norman.

'Participation In Sports By A Prospective Coach Is Essential,' States KSTC Mentor

Coach Charlie Morgan at the local college has done five years of college work at Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia and Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg. He did post graduate work at the University of Michigan. He has been on the coaching staff of KSTC for thirteen years. Before that he was head coach at PHS.

"It was just an accident that I became a coach.

"I started teaching industrial arts but someone was needed to take care of the athletic program so I volunteered for the job. They didn't have many professional coaches in those days," he added.

To be a coach a boy must have a college degree. As much athletic experience as he can get is also an important item.

Mr. Morgan believes that a coach must be able to get along with boys.

Assembly Speaker Explains Need For War Restriction

Leo W. Allman, who spoke in assembly Tuesday morning, lives in Wichita and heads the Journalism Department at the University there. At the present time he is District Information Executive for the O. P. A.

Using a pair of balancing scales to dramatize his discussion of the economic situation of the United States at the present time, Mr. Allman held the attention of the audience throughout the assembly period Tuesday morning.

Mr. Allman was born in Fort Scott but moved away when he was five. He now has a wife and a four year old daughter named Linda.

He received the AB degree at the University of Kansas and the Master's Degree at the University of Missouri.

After graduating from college he secured a position on a St. Louis paper. Later, he became a correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor and his line of work was politics and economics.

While he was working for the Monitor, he traveled to Canada three times, Mexico twice, Western and Central Europe, the Balkan countries, and every state in the Union with the exception of North Dakota.

Mr. Allman left Europe in the latter part of 1937, just before the European war began.

He said that he was greatly flattered by the attention that the audience gave. It seemed that everyone was interested in his topic.

In conclusion, Mr. Allman stated, "It behooves every student to understand the war time program and to realize that it is a war time program. There are two fronts: the home front and the foreign war front. Students should not abuse the rationing of gas and other necessities, since they are vital in the prosecution of war."

Illness Causes Absence Of Two High School Teachers

Two high school teachers, Miss Radell and Mrs. Peterson, were absent the past week because of illness.

Mrs. Peterson was absent only one day. Mrs. Herbert Hallman was the substitute for Miss Radell. Mrs. Hackler was Mrs. Peterson's substitute.

PHS To Present Musical Feast For Public Thursday; Whistling Number Featured

Playing all types of music from marches to overtures, the Pittsburg High School Band, under the direction of M. O. Johnson will present a musical feast for the public Thursday, March 1, in the High School Auditorium at 8:00.

Mystery Play Set For Mar. 5

Due to circumstances beyond the Booster Staff's control it has become necessary to postpone the "Unsolved Mystery" until Mar. 5, instead of Feb. 28.

It has been rumored that a free show ticket will be given to the person who received the best guess regarding a novelty, that will take place at the intermission.

As yet no definite price has been set for the play but next week it will be printed along with a description of the play.

Supt. Small's Condition Is Improving Gradually

Superintendent Lowell A. Small is improving as rapidly as can be expected according to the latest reports. He is at Burke Street Hospital in Fort Scott.

Mrs. Small and their son, Kenneth, visited him last Saturday. He has received many expressions of kindness from his many friends in Pittsburg.

Mr. Seymour Talks To Senior Discussion Group

"Styles and Colors" was the topic discussed by Mr. Hawley Seymour before Miss Lanyon's sixth hour discussion group last Tuesday.

In discussing the topic Mr. Seymour stated, "Most styles are set by young girls themselves. Styles do not grow overnight but take from six months to a year to develop."

"Most girls over the United States dress in what is called American Girl Style. Styles will never lean on foreign design again. America, now independent, is leading in designs of today."

Mr. Seymour also stated that there is no possibility of clothes being rationed, as there are not enough textiles and it would be too complicated.

more attention will be paid to sports and athletic events, and competent men will be needed to take care of the new demands.

Coaches salaries rate about the same as most teachers. Some coaches instruct classes during the day and then after school they coach. For this extra work they receive extra pay. However, only top flight coaches receive large salaries.

"Coaching can be a life profession. A boy can stay with it as long as he wants to. That doesn't mean that he has to win either. However, coaching is a strain on the nervous system and many boys quit their job after a few years," stated Mr. Morgan.

Then he smiled sincerely and said, "As for me I like coaching fine."

In conclusion Charlie Morgan gave this bit of advice to boys who want to become coaches. He said "Get a good preparation; learn to understand boys and to get along with people."

Home Ec. Demonstrator Speaks To Cooking Class

Mrs. Bridges, a demonstrator from the Kansas Gas and Electric, Home Service Department spoke to the girls in Miss Gable's second year Home Economics class several days ago. Mrs. Bridges is a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College and has taught Home Economics for several years before beginning her work with Kansas Gas and Electric.

Mrs. Bridges' sister, Miss Potter, is a freshman at the college and also a Home Economics major, assisted in the demonstration.

Mrs. Bridges demonstrated the different methods of cooking meat. She pointed out that protein is very necessary to the human body and meat is one of the main sources, but since it is so high in ration points, it is necessary to know that cheaper cuts of meat are just as nutritious and not nearly as expensive in money or points. Since these cheaper cuts of meat are often rather tough, she showed the girls how to tenderize these cuts in an effective way thus making them more palatable.

Girl Reserves Have Colonial Tea At Activity Period

George Washington's birthday was celebrated last week with a tea given for the Girl Reserves in the Little Theater at the regular activity period.

There was a receiving line which preserved the dignity of the olden days. The women in the line were dressed as colonial ladies, with Jo Ann Laughlin, president, characterizing Martha Washington. The remainder were Rhonnie Schmidt, Norma Tevis, and Helen Currence.

Music was provided by Norma Miller, Rosemary McCluskey, Esther Grace Lewis, and Mavis Brewington. Punch was served to all the girls. Miss Stephens was in charge.

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George Nettles, Pittsburg and Midway coal mining engineer, is very definitely interested in school administration work.

He graduated from Kansas University with the class of '21 and at the present time he has a son and daughter attending his old alma mater.

"One of my interests is sports. I was captain of the KU basketball team back in 1920 and consider a sound athletic course for all in school a fundamental advantage," said Mr. Nettles.

The father of four children, three of whom have already graduated

now owns a hamburger home and Auto Supply Store.

Mr. Bumgarner has one daughter whose husband is in the Army in the Philippines. He also has an 11 months old grandson.

Mr. Bumgarner was a member of the school board between 1925 and 1929 and he said that he enjoyed the experience.

"I haven't been keeping up with the school activities recently and I don't know where changes can be made. The Distributive Education class is very nice. However, students need book learning, and then the experience," Mr. Bumgarner concluded thoughtfully.

This Is Our Opinion!

Season Tickets Pay

Students are always eager to discover a bargain and the Basketball Tournament offers an excellent opportunity. Getting down to facts and figures it would cost \$2.30 to attend all four games if each ticket is bought separately. But the tournament committee offers a season ticket for only \$1.50. That's a saving of 80 cents. Even if a student plans to attend only three nights it would be more economical to buy a season ticket. Figure it out for yourself. Here's a chance for a bargain. Take it.

PAT LANE

Let's Keep Flying

Let's keep that minute man flag flying! To be allowed to fly one of these flags is a privilege of which few schools can boast. It took a long time and a lot of tough sledding to get it in the first place. If it took a great amount of money from each student, that would be a different proposition. It doesn't. One 10 cent war stamp each month from each student will turn the trick.

Remember kids, Roosevelt is in on this flag too. They were practically 100 percent last month. It took every person the high school could possibly persuade too pull the number to the top. Don't let that happen again.

Number Please

Eight telephones!! Where are they and what are they used for?

Yes, there are eight telephones in the high school building and they're all usually busy. Although, there are eight phones there are only two main lines.

In the high school office there are three. Mr. Green has his; Mrs. Adams has one, and there is a phone available for the students' use.

In the Board of Education office Superintendent Small has a phone; Miss Broadhurst, his secretary, has one, and Mrs. Miller, a clerk of the board is also equipped with the much needed instrument.

There is a phone in the cafeteria to order food which feeds the hungry PHS'ers and to complete the list of eight there is a phone in the shop.

Quick and efficient communication is a vital necessity in any large institution. Telephones save precious time. Each telephone in PHS is here for a definite purpose. The business of the high school and the entire city school system is run more smoothly because of the assistance of the phones.

PAT LANE

Sammy Kaye, Swooners, and Cowboy Crooners Fill The Air; Film Stars to be Awarded Oscars

Sammy Kaye and his Sunday Serenade!!

Ah, that one and only Nancy Norman singing "I Didn't Know About You". Lovely girl-lovely singing!

Remember when you were young

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Students Color Vocabulary With Jive-Jargon Expressions

Here is the second installment of the jive-jargon. If the last one was enjoyed this one will be doubly so. Names were placed by the expressions, when reasonably certain of not causing someone embarrassment. So cool down, papa, if the to-s seem a trifle stepped on!

A GIRL WHO NECKS WITH EVERYONE
toujour la clench
goo hall
smooch date
sausage (everybodys meat)
hot cake
mug bug
giraffe
chin up girl
share crop
neckerchief
Ha - Ha - Haw
PRUDE
touch me not
hair shirt
moth ball
Mona Lizard
percy pants
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GRIND
brain box—Mavis Brewington
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gone quishing—Jack Woods
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pepper shaker—J. T. Gardner
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ducky shineracker—Danny Slavens
jive bomber—Carol Price
A BOY WHO'S FAST
B. T. (Big Time) Operator

Eddie Slankard
wolf on a scooter—J.T. Gardner
active duty—Ted Hoffmann
educated fox—Gooch Lorenzen

GIRL CRAZY
shirt nertz—Don Cooper
doll dizzy—Richard Bawles
lap happy—Bernie Allmon
thirty flirty—Bob Scott
dame dazed—Roy Blanken
witch wacky—Jack Thomas

BOY CRAZY
slack happy—Jeannie Mitchell
khaki wacky—Norma Miller

TO BE IN LOVE
twitterpated—George Ford
snake bit—Harvey Dickenson
caro eye tis—Merlin Knaup

TO BE JILTED
robot bombed—Who hasn't been?
blow a fuse
shot down in flames
defrosted

A STRICT PARENT
crab patch
curfew keeper
egg beater
picanyonic

TERRIBLE
sub zero
sally
greeby
sklonkish

Good food is called "Slush-Mush," an easy course in school is a gravy train; and the word of words is fuzzbuttons, which can mean almost anything? How's your I. Q.?

Famous Words Follow Spanking

My first spanking was really something to remember. I don't quite know just what the little payment was for, but as I was always burying the neighbor's cat or killing their cockroaches, it was probably something a trifle goofy.

My dog and I were always together, and she was standing by to help me bear the punishment. That faithful animal could not stand it to watch her mistress being mistreated, so she went in the other room to cry. On and on came the mama, who was to do this terrible deed. But the little kid stood brave to the last.

The first whacks, and bravely she stood never retreating. After about the first one and a half, when it was all over, her pert little face turned up sarcastically, and these famous first words were "Satisfied now mama?"

The Oscars will be presented to these people in Grauman's Chinese theatre on the night of March 15.

Juvenile's Horror of Dentist's Office Provides Chilling Experience To Remember

"Hello. Yes, this is she. What! At two this afternoon! Yes, we will be there only it won't be too painful will it? I can't stand the sight of blood. Yes, I'll see to it that he gets there."

What conclusion does the reader draw from the above conversation? Here is the secret. It was only the dentist calling to remind Tom's Mother of his appointment that afternoon.

How many have had a tooth pulled? If so, it will be easy to follow some of the painful operations that take place. To those who haven't, this story is dedicated.

This story begins on a bright and shiny autumn day. That is it was to everyone but Tom.

The day was first spoiled when Tom had to take a bath. He grumbled and grumbled because anyone knows that a dentist looks into ones mouth not his ears or down his neck.

He takes a bath

After, as Tom put it, the painful bath, Tom and his Mother were on their way. When they first arrived, the doctor was busy so they had to wait. Tom tried to tell his Mother that it was the wrong day or maybe the doctor was too busy. Finally after what seemed

hours to Tom, the door opened and a huge man emerged dressed in white. Well, right then and there, Tom decided to come back later, but his Mother changed his mind.

At last he was inside the gloomy looking room with all kinds of strange horrible looking machines. Next he was placed in a chair and a large white sheet was tied around his neck. Out of the corner

Printing Room Filled With Pigs

Two hundred pigs in one small room. That's the condition in the Printing Room.

Mr. White's pigs are different from pigs that are raised on farms. They're 4 percent tin, 12 percent antimony, and 84 percent lead. Mr. White and the printers make the pigs themselves.

After the paper is printed the linotype slugs are remelted at a temperature of 650 degrees and poured into forms. When they have cooled, they are poured out and called pigs. Each pig weighs three pounds.

Metal for the pigs is obtained from southeastern Kansas.

of his eyes, he could see the doctor putting together a large needle. When the doctor came at him with it, he jumped straight out of the chair and was racing towards the door when his Mother finally caught him.

Out comes the tooth

At last they had his gums frozen and were ready to begin the operation of removing his tooth. By this time, Tom didn't care what happened to him. He opened his eyes to see what was going on. As it looked to him, an ordinary pair of pliers was being fastened around the tooth. With a few twists of the wrist and a little jerking, out it came.

Tom didn't know it was all over until he saw the tooth, grinning hanging before his eyes as if to say, "I'm glad I'm free!"

Tom didn't say much after it was over because his mouth felt 10 times too large and he just knew he had a hole big enough to put his fist in where the tooth came out.

The perfect ending is that Tom survived after his first tooth had been pulled and lived happily ever after—that is until he had to make another trip to the dentist.

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Ad Lib From the Campus

The girls want Butch Hallman to smile for them cause they think he smiles just like Van Johnson. At that rate Butch will be a very popular man of he doesn't get too tired of smiling.

Thanks to Ft. Sept for inviting us to their dance. We are sorry we couldn't stay but being on a school night we must get our sleep so we can attend our classes, looking fresh and not yawn in the teachers face.

WE HAVE HEARD THE OLD EXCUSE ABOUT RUNNING OUT OF GAS AND SO HAD POLLY BEAUCHAMP, BERNIE ALLMON AND POLLY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE OTTO-WAY WHEN THE CAR STOPPED RUNNING. BERNIE GOT OUT AND ANNOUNCED THE TROUBLE AS NO GAS. TO THIS POLLY REPLIED, "REALLY I'VE HEARD OF PEOPLE PULLING THAT IN A SUITABLE PLACE BUT NOT ON BROADWAY."

Louise Claire DuBois, Monmouth College student, has been initiated into Alpha Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Initiation ceremonies were held for twenty girls. Louise is a freshman at Monmouth. She was the editor of the Booster and attended school here last year.

A classy lassy of the junior class was going to entertain her boy friend at dinner and he had fixed everything just fine. The poor girl had the habit of biting her finger nails so she purchased some exotic artificial ones. The evening went well until she started to light the candles. Why didn't someone tell her they burn? The result was that her hand went up into flames.

Question: What two members of the basketball team would not let the team leave them unescorted at Ft. Scott? What's wrong boys, you afraid someone would get you?

Just call the Purple Dragons the Dragon's Fire Fighting Department. After the Ft. Scott game the team was coming down the street, when they noticed that an awning was on fire. The brave men stopped and had the fire out before the fire department arrived. Arkie and Ted Hoffmann relieved slightly burned hands.

Don Cooper wanted to go to Miami so bad he could almost die. He soon settled the argument when told there wasn't room. He rode all the way going and coming from Miami in the trunk of Thomas' car. He reported that he didn't see much scenery but he did have a nice sleep.

Howard Hallman Tagged 'Butch'

Some nicknames seem to have no reason for being stuck to some people and other nicknames appear made especially for the person claiming it.

"Butch" Hallman is a good example of the former type. Having the given name of Howard Wesley it seems strange that someone should tag him with "Butch".

When he was in the fourth grade, John Kelso, who is fighting in Italy now, started calling him Butch, for no apparent reason at all.

All the kids in the neighborhood followed John's example and for the past seven years "Butch" has been Howard's name to all his friends, both young and old.

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His main dislike of the service is that he does not get home enough. He had been gone for five years before getting his first leave. The reason for this was that his company did not issue many leaves, and he left for overseas before his opportunity came. He had not seen any of his old friends until his first leave in Kansas City.

Lieutenant Herbeck has been married for one and one-half years, and after the war plans to have a business of his own running a tourist camp hotel.

Oddity Flashes From PHS

Bill Macheer's nose has been broken twice. Considering that one pencil lasts two weeks, 1,000 pencils are used by students of PHS in a month's time. There are 469 lockers around the halls of PHS but 33 percent of them are not being used at the present. A ton of paper is used for the Booster publications in one nine month's period.

Lois Taylor Starts Horse Collection From Souvenirs

Lois Rae Taylor's family has horses all over the place. Lois Rae is a freshman at Roosevelt, and her hobby has attracted a lot of attention in high school. The major part of the collection are small horses which do not stow away hay.

Lois Rae began receiving horses about 10 years ago. They began as souvenirs. The smallest one she has is approximately one fourth inch tall. The largest one is a real one which they keep in the stable. They have a double garage, and one half of it serves as a stable for their riding horse. The smaller inanimate ones are kept in a large case in the living room.

These horses come from almost every state in the union and several foreign countries. There are no two alike. One of the odd ones was made in California from a fur coat. Another one is autographed with the names of Lois Rae's friends.

Perhaps the oddest one of all was molded from bullets in Africa.

She has some from Italy and Australia which have been sent by soldiers. Since Lois can remember, her father has had about six horses. She learned to ride when she was two years old. Her big aim after the war is to own a zebra. Her father has promised her that he will buy it if it can be found. He has already written to several circuses seeking information about them. She doesn't know whether a person can ride them or not, but "I'd like to try," she concluded.

Shoe Fashions Differ Greatly

Have you ever noticed the different types of shoes people wear? Some people go to the extreme for shoes and others wear one pair for years.

Since rationing went in, shoes have not been made of the best kinds of materials. One can buy rope sole, wooden sole and many kinds of shoes without ration stamps.

Short people wear high heel shoes to make them appear taller. Tall people sometimes try to wear high heel shoes but they make one look too tall. People with weak ankles and legs should wear shoes that both fit and feel comfortable.

Shoes range in color, style, and type. School and sport shoes are classified differently. Dress shoes are of the dress style and are many bright colors.

Have you noticed what kind of coats the girls wear? The box coat style is more suited for comfort and freedom. Suits can be worn under them easily.

Every color of the rainbow can be purchased in coats. Lime, fuchsia, grey, red, blue, purple, and green will be seen around the Easter Parade this year.

Take a look around and notice the different styles people are wearing.

Be back again to bring you more on the style news.

George Washington's Appearance Influences Journalist's Thinking

I had a little talk with George the other day. It was really the most interesting conversation I ever taken part in.

You see, it happened sometime like this:

I was sitting peacefully in the chair in the living room, just dozing more or less. I had just finished reading "Murder in the House of Death" and was still a afraid that something would walk through the door and scare me to death.

As I sat there with my feet curled under me, I was startled out of my reverie by a voice. It seemed to come from nowhere and everywhere.

I was terrified, when suddenly a figure merged from air around me. It was tall attired in a military uniform. I immediately recognized the period from which the man came and was more horrified than ever.

He said nothing more than "Hello" but I was sure he was coming to kill me.

The stranger pulled up a chair and sat down as if he belonged there.

A wild thought rushed through my head. What a story this would make for the Booster. I began to interview him and he became interested in my questions.

I asked him, "George, what do you think about the way the people of here in the United States are buying war stamps and bonds?"

George stroked his chin slowly and replied in his typical English manner, "I think," he began, "that the majority of these modern people know little of the horrors of war and they do not realize the suffering and inconveniences that their men are experiencing. If they did

there would be none of this cash-nig in of bonds for some luxury they have little or no need for. Mark my word, if they continue to spend their savings at the rate in which they are now, a depression will follow more severe than ever before." He drew in a deep breath and sighed heavily. I knew he was through. He quietly said good bye and strolled away into the air surrounding him.

I sat up straight and rubbed my eyes. What had happened! Why I had fallen asleep.

George Washington had come to visit me, on the eve of his birthday.

Bacall-Bogart Are 'Hot' Team

Everyone has been hearing wonderful things about that screen newcomer, Lauren Bacall. They have been waiting a long time to look her over and see just exactly what the gal is like. The chance is to arrive this week end. That tough man, Humphrey Bogart, with his little girl Monday, Lauren, are together in a pretty hot little number which goes by the name of "To Have and Have Not."

It is rather an old type story of which Vichy Frances slugging it out which her enemies, but with little Bogart and his girl in there pitching, every moment will be exciting.

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Two PHS Students Lay Ground Work For 'Tellers of Tall Tales' Club

These are the two best contributions to the LIARS CLUB contest. The staff wishes to express its thanks to "Gooch" Lorenzen and Harvey Mason for their stories.

Once upon a time Joe Urban gave Gooch Lorenzen one and a half pints of blood and a year later Gooch returned the blood to save Joe's life.

The summer before Gooch entered the ninth grade of school, he was in an automobile accident and thirteen stitches had to be taken in his abdominal region. He was in the hospital for six weeks and during that time he had two transfusions. Joe donated one and a half pints of blood that was needed.

One night a year later Joe lay in bed sleeping, he kicked out a window pane in his sleep. It cut a gash in his ankle, but he still slept while he was bleeding to death. Later he woke and, Gooch donated the pint of blood that saved Joe's life.

Joe's scar is out on display but Gooch's is private.

"Rabbit stew for supper tonight"

The meat shortage is apparently getting worse and worse. Three

boys in the printing class decided that they would catch their own food before starving for that precious rationed item.

One morning as they were standing in the printing room working industriously they spotted a plump looking white rabbit just outside the door. Being resourceful they were all three immediately struck with the same idea. Bob Willard rushed out the door with Harvey Mason and Ted Hoffmann following close behind.

The poor scared rabbit was cowering in some bushes with two dogs also on his trail. Bob approached the little bunny and gave it a vicious kick while Ted dove into the bushes after it. Mr. Hoffmann didn't hold the little creature long because the cottontail sank his teeth into Ted's hand.

The boys aren't going to have rabbit to eat and the only result of their experience was that Ted had to visit the doctor to take treatments for the prevention of rabies.

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The starting line up will be the usual five with Lorenzen and Crelly at guards, Thomas and Macheers at forwards, and Douglas at the center position.

Miami will probably use the same line up they used the past week. The game will start at 8 o'clock in the Roosevelt Gym.

A M A Z O N of the WEEK

This tall, dark haired senior girl is not only attractive but also good in sports. Her favorite one is basketball, but she likes almost anything with a little activity in it.

Her home room is typing, and one can usually find her in this vicinity.

Her ready smile makes her a favorite with everyone. She is the typical salesgirl on Saturday, and is running for queen this year.

Of course, its none other than Polly Beauchamp, the amazon of the week.

BOWLING

Saturday ended the first half of the bowling season. Much to everyone's surprise, the Jivin Jacks was the team on top.

The team standings are as follows:

Jivin Jacks	25	15
Wolves Inc.	24	16
Scratchy Rats	23	17
Wolfettes	11	29

Mary Schneider took first for the single line with 141. Evelyn Bennett took second and third with 133 and 125 respectively.

Mary took first again for the double line with 265. Evelyn took second with 261 while Molly Jo Woods took third with 235.

Much to everyone's surprise and to his own, Lee (sloppy) Brown took first for the boys with 172. Johnny Grisham took second with 168 while Lee took third with 165.

For the double line, "Sloppy" again took first with 337. Johnny took second with 305 and Ted Moody took third with 267.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
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Tales of the DRAGONS

BY THE ONE MONSTER

Once upon a time there were three little monsters; Fidler, Lorenzen, and Broome who wrote the Tales Of The Dragons. One little monster got a greeting from the President and joined the navy. Then the Tales were written by Broome, Lane, and White (Lorenzen got lost in the shuffle). Again the draft hit the Monsters and Broome marched away to be a gob. So Lane and White struggled away not knowing a free throw from a field goal. Lane, being the smartest of the two, became editor and chief of the Booster, leaving White to struggle along by herself. So ends this sad tale. White was born to be a monster, looks included.

Basketball tournament is here again. All you sport loving fans buy your tickets from a student council member and see some good games. In the AA class will be Ft. Scott, Parsons, Columbus, and Pittsburg. In the A class the teams that tangle are Girard, Cherryvale, Altamont, Baxer Springs, Riverton, and Galena. The third bracket (class B) has not been settled yet so names of teams can not be given.

The cheering at the Ft. Scott game was excellent. The small number of kids there did more yelling and had more pep than our whole school does at home games. They not only did such a good job of yelling they wrote their own yells as they went along. The loyal followers were Bernie Allmon, Bob Monchetti, Darlene Nelson, Claire Magie, Rhona Schmidt, Donna McDonald, Jack Daugherty, Inae White, Helen Anderson, Dan Martin, Don Cooper, Lloyd Wilbert, Bob Patrick, Richard Brecko, and Joe Strahan.

SPORTS QUESTION OF THE WEEK:— How do you like the average of two out of three games in one week? Not bad, huh?

We heard about the school in the east that their Basketball team took money to throw a game. We are glad that our team is above that.

The second team at Ft. Scott looked as though they were playing girls basketball the way they passed the ball around. One minute they were at one end of the court and next the had made a basket at the other end. Our second team played a good game losing by one point.

Amazonic Angles

"My Goodness! Wonder why all those girls are stooped over on the floor? Don't they look silly?"

Well, they may look dumb, but they're having a good time anyway! This is a game called "croquet". Girls in couples are holding hands.

They are scattered over various parts of the gym floor acting as wickets while two other girls act as "croquet balls" and run through the wickets.

The object of the game is to see which side goes through the wickets first. Naturally the first one through wins.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the game.

Exercises still seem to get the best of many girls. seemingly the best way is to take the exercises each night, and in this way keep free from so many aches and pains.

Many girls like to play "ping pong", but some of them get so tired of this strenuous game that they have to sit down to play. Tut, tut, girls, go to bed early, and this won't be necessary.

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Gym Classes Hold Basketball Tournament

In the Double Elimination Basketball Tournament held among the boys' gym class, the following results are available so far.

Fourth hour class drew a bye so naturally the fourth hour won fifth hour was the winner. Second hour battled it out and the sixth came out the winner. First hour also drew a bye.

The fourth hour class played the fifth hour and the sixth hour class played the first hour. This leaves the fifth and sixth hour to be played out.

The second hour is to play the fourth hour and first hour to play the third hour class. The winners of these two are to play each other. The winner of this round plays the winner between sixth and fifth hour. Complicated isn't it?

Captains of these teams are; Roy Purkey, Jim Conover, Bob Patrick, Bill Macheers, Gene Patrick, and Jim Willard.



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Meet The Dragons

The two Dragon personalities this week are the two goodlooking "guys" on the team. That isn't saying that they aren't all handsome.

ROGER HALLIDAY—

When Roger was asked about his favorite food, it didn't take him a minute to reply, chicken.

His favorite saying is, "What have I done now."

He has a great ambition for the future. He only wants to play basketball for the Dragons. That is simple just eat your vitamins and go to bed early like Crelly.

His favorite song is "Always" which he added, "On the bench."

Favorite actor and actress are Joan Leslie and Errol Flynn.

This is Rogers first year out for basketball with the Dragons. He played with Lakeside before coming here.

JOHNNY GRISHAM—

Is the personality of the week.

Johnny's favorite food is chili which he dearly loves. When asked his favorite expression, he smiled and got a gleam in his eye.

His only ambition is to get a woman. That should be easy.

When asked how he liked being a Dragon, he gave a strange reply, "I'm not a Dragon, I just drag along."

The fact that he acts so crazy is that he is Larry Douglas' best friend. To this he added, "I have to talk a lot because Larry doesn't do much talking."

This is also Johnny's first year out for the Dragons. So a lot can be expected from him in the coming years.

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Purple Crew Loses In Last Quarter of Game

Coach Bailey Ricketts boys from Parsons nosed out the Pittsburg Dragons with a score of 24-18 in the final quarter last Tuesday night at Parsons.

The Dragons led their opponents until the final quarter.

Both teams were off shooting par with neither team hitting the basket as in previous games.

The first quarter ended with the Purple Crew still ahead 2-1. The second quarter found the Purple Crew still ahead with a score of 11-8.

In the last two quarters the Vikings moved closer to the basket to try for their points, finding they couldn't hit the long shots in the first half.

Lorenzen led the scoring with two field goals and four charity tosses. Miller and Nightengale were next with seven points each.

The Vikings tallied up ten field goals to six for PHS. Dragons led in free tosses 6-4 and headed the foul list 12-7.

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