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NO. 3.

Bond Purchases To Aid War Vets.

Bond purchases in the victory loan drive will have an opportunity to help buy one or more units of hospitalization for some war veteran who is in need of Medical Care.

Each 3,000 in stamps and bonds bought through the school buys one unit of hospitalization which is credited to the school and a sticker will have the name of student and teachers, the name of the school, and explaining that they have just completed a Bond Campaign to finance the facilities he is now using.

Plan for this campaign have not yet been completed but they will possibly appear in the next edition.

Annual Sponsors Choose '46 Purple-White Staff

Seven girls and six boys will guide the 1946 Purple and White from an idea to a finished annual worthy of PHS.

Heading the Purple and White Staff will be Editor Paul Gilliland. Assistant editors are Virginia Huffman, Ruth Green, and Nancy Smith.

Howard Hallman will be assisted by Lee Jack Woods as Business Manager and Assistant Business Manager respectively.

Merlin Knaup will have charge of boys sports.

The Purple and White artists are Maurine Linthicum and Edna Zimmerman.

All the typing will be done by Lavin Duggan and Wanda Norris while the job of printing will be taken care of by Joe Rinard and Fred Kiger.

This staff will work with Mrs. Dora Peterson and John White who are the sponsors.

Talent Show To Provide Variety

Acrobats, reading musical novelties and skating demonstrations are but a small part of sixteen numbers scheduled so far for the second all school Booster Talent Show to be held Nov. 30, in the high school auditorium.

A large number of juniors and seniors who contributed some of the best numbers last year have volunteered again this year. There is still room for more numbers, especially from the sophomore group. The response in this class has been rather slow so far but from what the Booster has heard the little 'sophies' don't intend to be the 'dog tail'. Contact a Booster representative as soon as possible. Come on students with special talent there are prizes and fun for all.

College Play Day Attracts Girls

Play day at the college this past Saturday was highlighted by Ten games and swimming.

Three hundred girls from the south eastern Kansas area were present, 50 being from Pittsburg.

From what PHS girls said they had a wonderful time and hoped it will become an annual affair.

Sixty Per cent Of PHS Girls Join Girl Reserves

One hundred and ninety-eight girls or approximately two-thirds of the girls enrolled in school have joined the Girl Reserves this year.

The club started selling the P. H. S. decals on Wednesday of this past week.

Candy will be sold by the Girl Reserves Friday night at the Ft. Scott football game.

Finis M. Green

School Recognizes Prospective Citizens In American Youth

Many of us take our school too much for granted. We are inclined to think of it as going on forever offering the same old things in the same old way. As a matter of fact, however, our school program is slowly but constantly changing. The records indicate that we are not teaching today what was taught forty years ago, nor do we teach in the same way.

Yesterday, we were talking about the job confronting secondary education in the post war period. Today, we are experiencing some of those realities. Many social, economic, political and educational problems are a part of the consideration in reconversion and reconstruction which is upon us. It must ever be remembered that in war or in peace the mighty force of education assured victory for a nation.

Education as an investment is the mark of greatness of a people and a nation. Only through complete cooperation of laymen, teachers and pupils will education be able to meet the demands placed upon it. Education dares not wait to catch up with the times. Education must lead the way to the "World of Tomorrow."

It is apparent that secondary education is being characterized by a new philosophy namely that secondary education must have meaning for all American Youth, not

Seven Committees To Direct PHS School Activities This Year

PHS will have seven activities committees this year to aid in carrying the school program.

Those serving on the guidance Committee are Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Miss Sarah Stephens and principal Finis M. Green.

There are four teachers and four students on the Assembly

alone for the fifteen percent who are college-pointed. There are nearly twenty million secondary youth in our America... white and black, rich and poor, boys and girls, living in farm houses, tenements mansions, just plain houses even reformatories and prison cells. These are the American youth. These were the youth who fought battles and who are returning to help all of us make a better world.

It is the primary job of the secondary school to see that all youth must be served in the best possible manner in accordance with their needs, abilities and interests. This implies that the home, church school and community at large must work together to achieve this end.

Pupil participation in school affairs at PHS is not a fad. It is being featured on the theory that it offers an excellent method for giving pupils a habit of mind that will consider the public business a matter of special interest to the private citizen. This educational viewpoint holds that effective citizenship is taught by active pupil participation. Each pupil is recognized as a prospective citizen. Through the daily cooperation of teachers and pupils the slogan at this school might well be "Pittsburg Builds Better Citizens For The World of Tomorrow."

Committee. The teachers are Miss Anna Fintel, Orville Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Lewis, and Harlan Price. Student representatives are Mary Jean Periman, sophomore; Maurice Chrysler, junior, and Anita Hilbalt, senior, were elected for this committee this semester. Student Council president, Arthur Delmez, will also be in this group.

Miss Madge Waltz, John White, Miss Helen Messenger, and Miss Mary Nelson along with four student make up the Social Committee. The Student Representatives are Helen Peterson, sophomore; Joan Hughes, junior; and Polly Lashbrook, senior.

Members of the Activity Finance Committee are C. I. Huffman, Doran C. Woods, Mrs. Dora Peterson, Miss Maude Laney, Arkie Hoffman, class treasurers, Jacque Price, Marilyn Markham, Joe Peel, Student Council Treasurer Ruth Ann Williamson; and Business Manager of P. & W., Howard Hallman.

C. I. Huffman, Miss Waltz, and John White are on the Audio-Visual Education Committee.

Members of the school Library Committee are Dr. C. Woods, Miss Margaret Oliver, Miss Effie Farmer, Miss Clara Radell and Marion Nation.

Former KSTC Teacher Presents Music Program

It has really been swell being here once again and you all have been a grand audience," stated Cpl. Oscar Stover as he arose from the piano program in assembly this past Friday.

Cpl. Stover was born in Coffeyville Kans. and taught there for several years. Before the war he taught music at K.S.T.C. He entered the army July 18, 1943 and said he would never forget that day.

Cpl. Stover has just returned from the European theatre and said, "after all my traveling I am going to come back to K.S.T.C.

Opinion Survey Shows Students Like Simple Life

In the Institute of Student Opinion survey conducted by the Booster Staff this past Monday, results showed that 50 per cent of 200 students polled believed that the United Nations Organizations will not prevent another world war in their life time.

Twice as many boys as girls thought this world organization would fail in its peace time.

A simple, secure, and happy life is all that 55 per cent of the students aspire to achieve while 25 per cent indicated they wanted to be famous.

Thirty five per cent of the group do not know what is keeping them from "Achieving their aim in life", however 20 per cent believe lack of money is holding them back, and 13 per cent think it is "lack of pull", or knowing the right people.

Sister Silveria Talks At Senior Scout Meeting

Sister Silveria, superintendent of nurses at Mt. Carmel Hospital, spoke to the Senior Service Scouts at their regular meeting Wednesday morning. She explained the hospital duties the Scouts are expected to carry out this year. Sister Silveria also helped the girls set up a schedule for work at the hospital.

This year the Senior Service Scouts have been divided into two groups. The 24 members of the junior and senior group meet with Mrs. Dorothy Jordan, as sponsor. New officers were elected last week to replace those of last year who were in charge during the summer. Helen Curteman was elected President; Betty Ann Cole vice president; Harriet Hilbalt, secretary; and Marilyn Markham, treasurer.

Miss Thornton is the sponsor for the 23 Sophomores who joined Senior Service Scouts this year. Betty Thomas was elected to head this group as president, assisting her will be Virginia Sullivan as vice president, Billy Lou Beard as secretary and Mitzi Angwin as treasurer.

A meeting of officers and sponsors was held Monday night to make plans for the winter activities.

Home Rooms Elect Student Council Members

Two thirsty Student Council representatives and alternates were elected last week in home rooms.

On the first floor students elected as representatives were Betty Jo Rinks, Anita Hilbalt, Edna Mae Nagles, Wilma Ketterman and Howard Hallman. Alternates were Ella Rose Scates, Bob Scott, Harold Shaw Betty Rae Hall and Marilyn Seymour.

Representatives on the second floor are Joan Buckley, Grover C. Roystand, Polly Lashbrook, Joan, Hughes and Judy Veatch, while Mary Louise Caney, Mary Lou Gibson, Virginia Huffman, Harvey Grandale, and Marilyn Marquardt will act as alternates.

Richard Lance, Billy Nelson Marjorie Pease, Mary Jane Periman, Don Overman, Bob Kennedy are representatives on the third floor. Alternates are Martha Smallwood Arthur Halliday, Vera Masterson, Donna Kempster, Don White and Lillian Evans.

Meier, Gintzell, Evans Twins, Perform At Wade Theatre In Dallas, Texas For Eight Weeks Past Summer

The show must go on! Four firm believers of that this summer were Eva and Neva, Ladene Meir, and Maratha Jane Gintzell. They spent six weeks in Dallas, Texas, working at one of the Wade theaters there. They did three shows during the week and four shows every week end. They all were asked to stay on during the winter, but

the time they stopped the show three day in a row, in other words the audience liked their act so well encores were necessary before the show could continue.

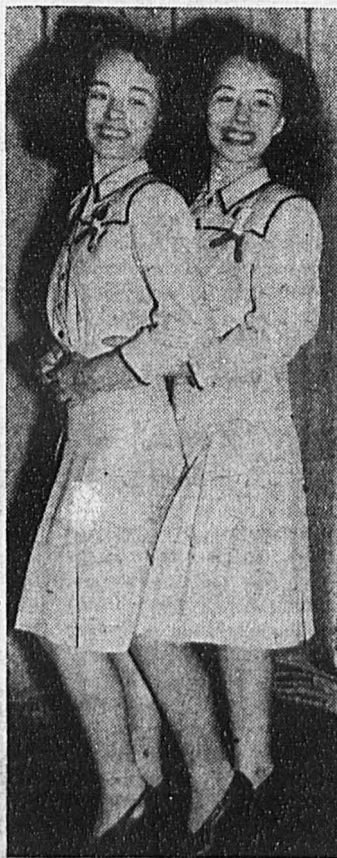


Martha Gintzell

each of them decided that they preferred an education so they came back to PHS.

Ladene did toetap, acrobatics and sang with the trio. She stated that the people of Dallas were nice and that she had a wonderful time there.

Eva and Neva sang popular songs and for the first time danced professionally on the stage. It seemed their biggest thrill was



Neva-Eve Evans

Martha danced and sang and was part of the show's chorus. "Mail call was the high time of day for me," she remarked. One of her bad moments in Dallas was the time her ward robe trunk with all of her clothes in it couldn't be unlocked.

The show changed twice a week and rehearsals were at midnight so they had a pretty busy time. Eva, Neva, and Ladene came



Ladene Meier

home a week this summer and then went to San Antonio where they stayed one week and then returned to begin school again.

Its Worth Thinking About

Students Receive Seven New Text Books For Fees

After payment of fees this year, students are provided with seven new text books in addition to the sixteen received last year.

Some of the new texts are Government in Action, National Government in Action, and International Affairs, Second course in Algebra, Plane Geometry, Solid Geometry, and Every day Biology.

Also the library has several new magazines which students have access to. One of these being "The American Way of Life"

In addition to all these, students are permitted to attend football and basketball games through their activity tickets. Locks, art supplies, instruments and materials, towels and laundry, reference books and materials, and also Red Cross books are among the helps students receive in addition to the textbooks for their fees.

Former Teacher GP's Don't Want To Return To Old Jobs

"What the hell, Johnny, When I tell you to do something I mean what I say."

The above sentence is one reason why a returned veteran does not want to take up his peace time job of teaching.

He said there were two reasons for his decision; first, he lost his self confidence and second, the language he was accustomed to hearing in the army would embarrass him and the student if it ever popped out in the classroom. He added he was afraid he would not have patience with young people.

Before the war he was a social science teacher in Ames, Iowa. In the army he had been attached to the Intelligence Department and was in Greece for two years.

The problems of this G. I. will be multiplied many times as more veterans are returned to civilian life.

'Horror In The Band Room' or 'The Horn Blew Too Late'

Is New Local Mystery Serial Offering

Nothing is too good for the Booster readers. The staff has secured exclusive publishing privileges of the best seller, "Horror in the Band Room," or "The Horn Blew Too Late," by the well known detective writer, "Bubbles" Barber. Be sure to follow the thrilling adventures of the master detectives, "Philo" Harbeston and "Watson" Lamb.

Nolene Rinehart "Winchell"

Chapter I

It was 11:00 p. m. The audience had left and a few members of the cast were loafing around on the stage. It was thundering and lightening outside. Rain was coming down in torrents. The silence in the building was almost deafening. The play cast was stranded.

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Shirley Brown And Kieth Michella Swing Into Personality Parade.

A slight drawl in her talk and a bright smile describes Shirley, Brown, a gal who has lived in five states, having come to Pittsburg from Coushatta, La.

This new junior loves to play the juke box and eat southern fried chicken.

Smiling she commented, "I'm a Gregory Peck fan and have a scrap book full of his pictures."

In her room at home she also has movie star pictures on the walls.

"Of all the towns I've been in, I like Pittsburg the best," stated Shirley.

Her favorite pet is a cat "Skipper," who was named after one of her father's friends.

Shirley's ambition is to be a doctor.



This week's 'mad musician' is one Pittsburg High School's most outstanding accordion players, yes, it's none other than Kieth Michella.

Keith is sixteen years old and has been playing the accordion for nine years. He spends most of his spare time playing the accordion, and flirting with the girls.

Keith has played with various bands and he is an outstanding accordion player.

This is Keith's last year at P.H.S.

Erma Pinches Pennies For Hobby

"Saving pennies is fun and also practical," smiled Erma Glidewell. Erma has been saving pennies for several years, but she only saves 1928 pennies as that's the year she was born.

She has between five and six hundred of these copper coins. After she has saved about a thousand, she plans to go on a buying spree.

But Erma said, "I have a lot to save yet and they seem to be getting scarce, so if, you have any 1928 ones I'll trade you."

Short Snappy Yells Wanted

Students have been asking for new school yells. You the student body must furnish these yells. They must be short, to the point, and have some meaning. They must not be in any way a slam to an opposing team. Drop these yells in the Booster Box as soon as possible. The best ones will be printed along with name of the person turning them in.

This week another in yell is printed. This has proved popular in past years. Let's all learn it and give the cheerleaders a break. CENTER END TACKLE GUARD HIT THAT LINE AND IT HARD HIT EM HIGH, HIT EM LOW COME ON DRAGONS, LETS GO

Graham Writes About Baseball

Students who like basketball will want to read "McGraw of the Giants," an informal biography, by Frank Graham. This is the story of the famous manager of the Giants.

John McGraw was the greatest figure in the history of baseball and left a deeper impression upon the game than any other man who ever played it or had anything to do with it.

In his youth he was one of the famous Baltimore Orioles—a team that virtually revolutionized baseball by the aggressiveness and alertness of its play. As manager of the Giants, he imparted to his own fiery spirit and made them the most admired—and hated—team in any league. He did more than anyone else to spread baseball across the face of the earth.

The story of his life—of his early struggle as a nobody—pounding the baseball trails—of his glittering triumphs—of his failures and troubles is told in this book. It is also the story of the fabulous Giants and the earlier baseball heroes.

John McGraw was a man who dedicated his life to baseball and who will be remembered as long as the game is played.

(continued next week)

The Awful Truth

"CHOP - CHOP," FOR THE LATEST IN PHS BOYS HAIR STYLES, TAKE A LOOK AT DAN SLAVEN'S, CECIL WILSON'S HARVEY GRANDLE'S AND BILL RINEHART'S HAIR. JUST CALL THEM "EGG HEAD." ONE OF THE QUARTETTE CONFESSED HE SAVED HIS RED LOCKS, GUESS WHO!

Mr. Nation asked the third hour government class what Lord Baltimore's family name was. No one knew the answer so he gave a clue, "It is a name of a famous whiskey." As soon as Mr. Nation got this statement out of his mouth, Scholar Ernest Joe Chaney answered correctly. SOMEBODY MUST KNOW HIS BEVERAGES.

Standing in a group in the hall the other day, George "flower" Nicholson stuck his hand in his pocket and brought out a small round wad of some white substance.

He dramatically said, "Look! what I brought you all from Chanute, a bread crumb!"

Indignant Mother Replies To Article

Dear Marilyn,
After reading "I Love My Wife But Oh You Kid" Was Favorite Saying of Mom and Dad" I was in a state of near collapse from indignation. You are mixing your generations, dear Marilyn, which is as bad as mixing metaphors. You are writing of my Mom and Dad not my daughter's and this cannot go unchallenged.

Part of your article I must admit is true, for instance; the flapper, and shiek, and Thelma Bara and Rudolf Valentio. However I feel Clara Bow would have been a better comparison to Betty Grable. Our favorite song was "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby" and perhaps "Always" (which has recently been revived and is more than our generation can do if you don't stop cataloguing us in the Gay 90's)

But, oh! Those bathing suits!!! Please don't do that to my generation. How could your Physical Education teachers have learned to swim in such costumes? No one at a very brief one piece even in my day.

And "strolling through the park and hearing the barber shop quartette" Oh BR-OTH-ER! I, too used the excuse of Band Concert on Thursday night to get away from home. I have never heard a Barbershop quartette in the park.

That "well known whistle," known as wolf call today, was WELL KNOWN to the flapper. I had to be told, after reading your article, what "23 skidoo" meant!

Start cooking on the front burner. Better read upon your history of the "Jazz Age."

An Indignant Mother
Editorial Note TO THE INDIGNANT MOTHER. Thank you a lot for your letter in reaction to the article, "I Love My Wife But Oh You Kid" Was favorite Saying Of Mom and Dad published in the Oct. 5 issue of the Booster.

We are always glad to receive comments from Booster readers. The writer intended to picture in general the early 1900's. You have given us an idea however and we wish to express our sincere appreciation. You have made one error though, Marilyn was not the writer of this article!

can now go to school in the sun shine instead of the dark.

Yes everyone hopes that standard time is here to stay for good.

Lonesome 'Ain't' Lonesome No 'Mo'

"Just Plain Lonesome" in care of the Booster received this letter.

"Dear Just Plain Lonesome I, too am unusually lonesome and this opportunity to commute with someone under the same emotional strain

thrills me beyond words and really gives us a common base for human relationship. I am a seventeen year old girl and very anxious to prove to you that I am worthy of your future friendship.

Looking forward to your reply I close thinking of you. Your future friend,

Gnivol

P.S. Gnivol, my name spelled backwards spells Loving!! Watch this column for "Just Plain Lonesomes" reply to Gnivol next week!

"Time Marches On" Proves Untrue

"Time marched back." For once in a life time the old saying "Time marches on" was changed. For on Sept. 30, Pittsburgers set the clocks back one hour to change from day light savings time to standard time. The daylight saving time or more commonly know as war time was created over three and one half years ago to provide a longer working day for workers.

PHS students, although they may not have thought about it, have been going to school at 7:30 And if the clock said 7:00 students really got up at 6:00. Since the change

Contest Offers Students Prize For Putting Wrinkles In Brows

Students, here is a chance to win a theater tickets and have some fun at the same time.

Following are 15 definitions and in front of each one is a blank place on which the reader is asked to place a first or last name that would fit or make sense.

Contestants bring their entries to the Journalism room. The first entry that has the most nearly correct answers will receive the ticket.

The Answers to the definitions will be published in the next issue of the Booster.

1. _____ a path.
2. _____ a group of people having common language, religion, law and ancestors.
3. _____ indefinite article.
4. _____ songs sung at Christmas.
5. _____ earnest and sincere.
6. _____ an I. O. U.
7. _____ man who cuts hair.
8. _____ person who runs errands.
9. _____ to put on.
10. _____ what you do at a roller rink.
11. _____ formal assembly for social dancing.
12. _____ a forest.
13. _____ a dance.
14. _____ a person who interlaces yarns to make cloth.
15. _____ a corridor.

Schools Show Variety Of Humor

I wish I was little egg,
Way up high in a tree,
I wish I was a little egg,
As rotten as could be
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Band May Strut In Other Towns

For the first time since Pearl Harbor band members hope to attend several out of town football games during the season.

Along with this good news Mr. Johnson stated, "We are hoping that in one of the future home games that both senior and junior high schools will march during the half, making approximately 120 musicians on the field."

Recent Survey Shows Needs And Wants Of PHS Student Body

The complete results of the Student "Need and Want" survey conducted recently follow. The figures after each word indicates the number of students who want or need the article.

BOYS		DO YOU	
Topcoats	137	Bowl	229
Suits	151	Skate	203
Sport Jackets	105	Buy phonograph records	189
Shoes	101	Buy sheet music	201
Shirts	95	Eat down town	225
Extra trousers	125	Ride the bus	195
Sweaters	77	Ride the Taxi	103
Robes	39	Like cola drinks	185
Belts	43	Attend movie	307
GIRLS		Drive a car	148
Dresses	207	Parents read the Booster	201
Coats	167	buy much hardware	103
Shoes	147	buy many pasteries	88
Jackets	123	GIRLS ONLY	
Purses	97	Patronize beauty shops	68
		Want jewelry	145
		Want cosmetics	130
		Blouses	103
		Skirts	95
		Suits	184
		Sweaters	97
		Housecoats	74

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Gift Shop Owners Must Be Friendly

"I like this business because it has the spirit of kindness, the people who come in here are usually doing something nice for someone else," said Miss Flora Marsh, owner of the Shirley Shop. Before buying the shop, Miss Marsh taught English in Carthage, Mo.

She has been operating this shop since January, 1945. It was originally owned by Mrs. Cliff Swan and was located on Broadway. Then Mrs. T. V. Baxter brought it and moved to East 4 Street. In April 1944, she moved to the present location on west sixth and in January it changed hands for the third time with Miss Marsh as owner.

"The big problem now is getting merchandise, but I am expecting a big Christmas stock," stated Miss Marsh. "As for the possibilities of youth in this field, it is not like a grocery or merchandise store, but it may easily become overcrowded."

Some of the things sold in this attractive little shop are Imperial Candlewick and Heizey ware, birthday, anniversary, sympathy, sick or any kind of card one may desire, stationery to fit any taste, handkerchiefs, leather goods and gifts to please the most discriminating individuals.

"Being friendly and having a pleasing personality is important in this field," said Miss Marsh. She is the sister of the former Miss Patty Marsh who taught English in Roosevelt.

"I really don't know why I went into this business, but I guess one reason was just to be home and among my friends again," concluded Miss Marsh.

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Dragons To Battle Tigers Tonight In Second Home Game Of Season

Coach Jim Morey's Purple Dragons will be seeking their first victory of the season this Friday night on Hutchinson Field when they will meet the Fort Scott Tigers.

Tonight game will undoubtedly be one of the best of the season. Pittsburg has lost three games in three starts while Fort Scott has lost four games in four tries. Pitt. has lost to Coffeyville, Chanute, and Springfield while Fort Scott bowed to Nevada, Iola, Independence, and Coffeyville. Coffeyville defeated both teams by three score of 13-7.

Injuries have been the big drawback of the Pittsburg squad this year. It seems that as soon as one recovers from his injuries some one else is knocked out of the line

Bowlers Elect Overman To Head 45-46 League

Pinpushers of PHS have elected new officers to take charge of the 1945-46 bowling league. Don Overman has been moved to the office of president for his second year, while Molly Jo Woods took over the vice president duties.

Ona Marie Wright will take notes and receive the money of the club. Mr. White will sponsor the league.

Four teams are entered so far this year. They are The Lucky Strikes captained by Peggy Baldwin, The Wolfettes captained by Molly Jo Woods, The All Stars captained by Bill Brumbaugh, and The Five Aces which will be headed by Don Overman.

The league has adopted three rules. They are as follows: 1. Any student enrolled in P.H.S., St. Marys, or K.S.T.C. may bowl in this league.

Any service man with a furlough may bowl in the league. 2. Any one having to work may bowl before the league starts. 3. A sum of five cents will be paid by each person bowling so that when the annual PHS championship bowling tournament rolls around the bowlers will not have to pay an entry fee. This five cent assessment will insure better prizes for the tournament.

Any one wishing to bowl in this league is asked to see any of the officers or the sponsor.

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Oct. 12 PHS 0 Springfield 19
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Dragons Won't Shave Till Victory

Blue Beard killed all of his wives and put them in the closet. No, the Dragons don't want to kill and hide anybody, but they do want to win a football game. A group of the boys decided they wouldn't shave until they won a game.

The girls admit the boy's faces are getting rough already.

Musicians Needed For Dance Band

Dear Musicians,
Are you interested in organizing a school dance band?

Would you like to play in one? If so, meet in the Journalism room Tues. morning, Oct. 23 at 8:00 A.M.

Arthur Delmez Student Council President will be on hand to take charge of the meeting.

Bob 'Harry James' Scott
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Football boys seem to take advantage of the small size of George Nicholson. For some strange reason Jack Thomas and "Butch" Hallman took George to the showers before he could get his football pants off.

That's getting caught with your pants on.

Rick Smedley had an honest to goodness dirty trick played on him the other night.

After a light workout Jim told the boys to hit the showers and they felt so good that they took out full tilt across the field. On the north side of the field there was a puddle of water about three inches deep. When they reached it someone tripped Rick and he sprawled unceremoniously into the mud.

Could be that Jim Williams was laughing up his sleeve.

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