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PHS Enrollment Drops This Year

Continuing a downward trend in enrollment during the past ten years, PHS shows a decline this year of 44 students under last year's figures. Roaming the halls of PHS are 467 students as compared with 511 in the fall of 1946.

Juniors lead in the number enrolled with 81 boys and 85 girls making a total of 166. Sophomores, not far behind, have 79 boys and 78 girls totaling 157. That leaves 144 "dignified" seniors trailing behind with 70 boys and 74 girls.

Ten years ago there were 855 students enrolled in P.H.S. This shows a loss of 388 students during the past decade.

The total listed for all Pittsburg Schools—grades, junior and senior highs—is 2654 for 1947, compared with last year's 2682. In 1937 that total was 3668. These figures show that the enrollments of the Pittsburg schools have been dropping steadily for the past ten years, excusing a slight increase in 1945.

Four Seniors Attend Boys State Meet

Requiring members to take off their shoes to pass inspection before meals was one of the laws passed by the legislature at Boy's State this past summer. This was only one of the humorous incidents which occurred during the week the boys spent in Wichita.

Four senior boys, John Gibson, Art Halliday, Jim Hamiltom, and Douglas Story attended Boy's State. All but Art Halliday were representatives while Art took up his position as citizen of the State.

On being asked if he enjoyed his stay there, John Gibson replied with an enthusiastic, "Yeah", and a mischievous twinkle in his eye.

Boy's State is sponsored by the American Legion and other civic organizations. Those who participate are given a more thorough knowledge of the governmental processes of a state and offers a rare opportunity to the boys to understand the problems of a legislator.

Booster

To Use Coal Theme Throughout Year

Old King Coal was a merry old soul,

A merry old soul was he.
He called for his staff
He called for his type
He called for his Booster. See?

And that's just where he is in the Booster. Readers will notice that the "Spirit of King Coal" is carried out in the pages of the Booster. Just as the 46-47 Purple and White had the seasons of the year for its theme, the Booster will honor Pittsburg's most vital industry.

Pittsburg owes its growth to the fact that nature provided this area with an abundant supply of coal. The needs of the miners lead to the building of a small general store; and later, as more coal veins were discovered, railroads came, homes, schools, and churches were built. Thus Pittsburg grew from its humble beginning to its present size.

Most students will remember the grand "King Coal" celebrations held before the war to honor Pittsburg's chief industry. To keep these traditions alive the "Spirit of King Coal" will reign over the pages of the Booster during the

Harmon-White '47 Working For FBI

Imagine working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation! Eldon Harmon P.H.S. graduate of last spring and a member of last year's Booster Staff, is doing just that. By passing an entrance examination he has started toward his goal of being a full-fledged G-Man.

"Eldon didn't always want to be an F.B.I. agent," said Mitzi Harmon, Eldon's sister who is a Junior this year. "I can remember when he wanted to be a chemist, then a doctor and I don't know what all. It was just a couple of years ago he decided to take detective work seriously."

When asked what position he holds at the present time, Eldon said, "My work at present is of confidential nature and cannot be disclosed."

Don White, also a last year's graduate is now employed by the F.B.I. and is at present stationed at Washington, D. C.

M. J. Gintzell

Staff Plans Trip To Journalism Meet

Word has been received that the twenty-fifth annual high school journalism conference will be held at the University of Kansas Saturday, Oct. 11.

This annual one day conference is sponsored by the department of journalism of the University of Kansas. Designed for the benefit of high school editors, business and advertising managers, journalism teachers and advisers, this conference will contain useful ideas, expert help, fun and entertainment on its full agenda.

As in previous years, the majority of the "Booster" staff is planning to attend this conference, dependent upon transportation facilities.

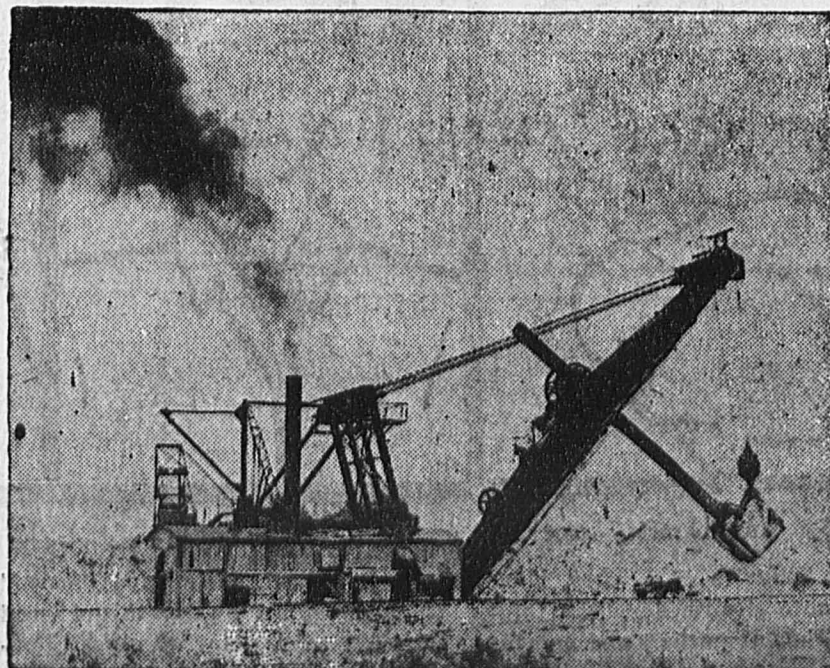
Further information concerning the journalism conference will be printed in the "Booster" at a later date.

coming year.

In keeping with the coal theme are such headings as: "The Strip Pit", "Hot Coals from the Gridiron", and the comic strip, "Peat Coal". Follow him through

the issues of the Booster. He is a lovable little character, but will doubtless have his share of trials and tribulations. Only students of P.H.S. can keep him and the "Spirit of King Coal" alive.

Coal-Pittsburg's Biggest Industry



This is a typical scene in the strip-mine area which surrounds Pittsburg

Welcome New Teachers



From left to right: Miss Marsh, English teacher; Mrs. Hood English teacher; Mrs. Hand, Speech teacher, Mr. Rohde, Coach.

Students Rejoice As New Lights Go Into Action

"No more candles, no more bumped shins, no more getting lost in the dark classrooms. Happy, happy day." These expressions and others of a similar cherry nature have been heard since PHS opened its doors this fall. All of which seems to be due to the ultra-modern lighting system recently installed in the school.

These improvements have been due greatly to the activity and enthusiasm put behind the project by Superintendent Lowell A. Small. Superintendent Small has long been interested in the problem of the school lighting and went to great efforts to interest the Board of Education in the situation.

The fixtures are of these types. First, the industrial type, installed in the printing room and other shops, which gives direct light upon the work. Second, the 2-40 type—that is, two tubes, 40 watts each—installed in the library and senior high classrooms, which are put in continuous lines or rows. Third, the 4-40 type—four tubes 40 watts each—which are installed separately at the various outlets in the room.

To explain one of the reasons for making the final decision on fluorescent lighting, one may compare the four incandescent

lights in the superintendent's office, which use 2000 watts, to the two rows of 2-40's in the outer office which use 560 watts. "Despite the fewer watts, the fluorescent lights give more candle feet than the incandescent; and the incandescent lights make the room ten to twelve degrees hotter," says Superintendent Small.

Thus it may be seen that both the need for better lighting and the ultimate economy were responsible for the installation of the lights.

Band Chooses Wiley To Head Organization

"New band officers have been recently elected," said Mr. Johnson, PHS music director. Alvin Wiley was elected Captain; Gussie Rouse and Bill Rinehart, Lieutenants; Ronald Brown and Fred Strope were elected Sergeants.

These officers have definite responsibilities. They must, "take over," wherever Mr. Johnson is absent and they must be responsible for the conduct of the rest of the group. Officers must also set an example for the other members of the band to follow.

Sophomores Tell How H.S. Affects Them

Timidly, gazing from around corners, looking wistfully after the dignified footsteps of upperclassmen, sighing sighs of relief when the day is over are the 157 new sophomores invading the portals of Pittsburg High this fall.

Cornering these meek souls is quite a job, but once nabbed they seem to be learning the ropes of high school life fast. Take black-haired sophomore Norma De Ridder who affirms, "I was petrified the first day, but after the first week it seemed like home."

June Mosier grimly asserts that the only difficulty she had during the first was "barking dogs". The result of the tromping feet of the mighty senior boys.

Quite to the contrary, Patt Lewis shyly confesses, "I don't have any complaints against PHS upperclassmen."

Tall, lanky sophomore Bob Clark admits that he was pretty nervous the first day while Bill Hamilton proudly declares that he felt like an "old timer," for he had surveyed the halls many times before.

When asked the comparison of junior and senior high in connection with curriculum Ralph Sill, surprisingly answered, "Senior high is easier than junior high."

Story Unopposed For Council Pres.

"Doug" Story, though unopposed in the recent school-wide election, garnered 361 votes for student council president. "Doug" was council president at Lincoln Grade School before coming to Roosevelt Jr. High.

Richard Slinkman will take on the duties of vice-president of the council while Judy Veatch will serve as secretary-treasurer.

Richard Lance will lead the graduating class of '48 as senior president. Other officers to help with plans in making this a big year for their fellow senior-classmen are Mary-Jean Periman as, vice-president; Donna Ross as secretary; and Shirley Ellis, treasurer.

Juniors will follow Bob Hull as their class president, Jim Mitchell will be around to help as vice-president, Jeanette Berry as secretary, and Billie Smith as treasurer.

Clarence Scates has the honor of being sophomore class president. Kay Newman takes on duties of the vice-president of her class. The secretary for the sophomores is Patty Lewis, and Charles Bavuso will keep track of the money. The race was very close for sophomore class officers.

The cheering section will be led by Annette Brown and Harry Smit elected by the sophomores, Jake Clanton and Bill Nicholson will carry on for the juniors, and Lillian Prideaux and Jerry Davidson will represent the senior class.

Staff Elects First Editor, Slinkman

Richard Slinkman was recently elected by the Journalism class as Editor in Chief to head the Booster for the first six issues. The paper is published and distributed every Friday during the school year by the Journalism and Printing department.

Virginia England, as first page editor, will be responsible for placing stories and pictures on that page. Dorothy Hodge as second page editor will arrange editorials and feature articles on that page. Donna Ross will prepare page three for the printers while Marvin Gilbreath, fourth page editor, will place the sports stories on this page.

Barbara Biddle as exchange editor will see that the Booster is mailed to all the papers that exchange with the Booster. Sports Editor has been assigned to Richard Lance. Wanda Wall will draw the weekly cartoon and take care of illustrations needed for the paper. Mary Jean Periman will see to it that all the Surveys are run, analyzed, and reported.

As Circulation Manager, Mitzi Angwin will see that everyone receives his Booster at the correct time. Advertising manager Martha Jane Gintzel will contact merchants for advertising, and Lois Taylor, as business manager will keep an accurate account of money turned in from the advertisements so that the Booster can pay its bills.

Teacher Shortage Causes School To Drop Classes

Because of the loss of Mr. Jarvis, former commercial teacher, to Washington Elementary School, distributive education courses offered in PHS last year have been discontinued.

Retail selling and office practice were under Mr. Jarvis and Miss Nelson respectively. When Mr. Jarvis left the load became too heavy for one teacher, so the courses were temporarily dropped.

THROUGH THE MINE

Joe "Stude" Learns Knowledge Comes From Study, Not Clock Watching

Tradition plus necessity has dramatized the well-known theory that schools require the burning of a certain amount of the midnight oil, commonly known as study.

From grammar school children to dignified seniors, this problem has been recognized and its solution constantly sought. Psychologists have drawn various conclusions concerning shortcuts to this educational problem child. A brief resume of their findings might well benefit the students of PHS.

Take the case of Joe Adams, senior lad, who brags that he always gets his lessons. According to Joe, when he gets around to it, he STUDIES TWO HOURS every evening whether he needs it or not. Of course the studious lad fails to mention HOW he studies. He always needs a background of quiet music or, if the program changes, bloodcurdling melodrama to keep his spirits up. During the course of the evening Jane calls at least twice to discuss a coming date, each conversation lasting fifteen minutes. Adding to the novelty of the situation, Joe uses a brilliant 25 watt bulb to illuminate the pages of his text books.

As the two hour period draws to a close, Joe has barely begun his lessons. Although lessons are far from completed, Joe closes his book as the clock strikes the hour, shrugs his shoulders and concludes with "well my conscience is clear, I put in two hours even if I couldn't get the dry stuff."

As we can easily recognize, this is not the proper procedure for study. First one should set aside a definite time for study. Lessons are meant to be learned. A clock-watching session generally results in no study at all. Listening to the latest Ellery Queen murder mystery or the cooing tones of a boy-stuck girl never solved algebra problems and certainly doesn't spell A's. A good light which will illuminate the entire room is a necessity for concentration. As for the problem of a dull course, psychologists have proved that success motivates interest. The result of proper study will find Joe and his admirers developing a rousing interest for that supposedly "dull course."

In case a "Booster" reader should like to delve deeper into the subject of correct method of study, he may read the pamphlet "Study Your Way Through School" by Gerken which may be found in the senior high library.

Virginia England

Who Knows

What His Reaction Would Be When Caught In Catty Gossip

This scene takes place in the hall where a group of girls and boys are discussing their friends with them at the moment. Why not get a little closer to listen and see whom they are discussing now?

"Did you hear that Johnny had a date with that new girl last night?" Don asked.

"Yes, and Jean doesn't know it. She thinks he stayed home and studied," Mary put in.

"Well, I can certainly understand why he would step out

on her the way she's been acting lately," Jim remarked. As the little group began to break up they saw Jean standing behind them. What were they to do?

What would YOU do? SUE WOODS: Just say, hello, and pretend we hadn't even been talking about her.

RICHARD LANCE: Run away, I guess.

PAT BRADY AND NORMA WILSON: Run home and crawl under the same bath tub.

VIRGINIA SULLIVAN: I'd blush.

JEANNINE NIXON: Probably run as fast as I could.

BARBARA LAWSON: Fall through the floor.

RICHARD SLINKMAN: Change the subject.

BETSY THOMAS: I suppose I should apologize.

BOB WILDING: I'd turn red for one thing.

Do You Like Books, Magazines School Library Offers Variety

How about a good book to read? The school library, probably has just what the average student wants. With 4,535 books and 64 magazines it doesn't seem likely that anyone should lack for reading that interests him.

Miss Oliver, school librarian, has found that the most popular type of story among girls is—guess what—ROMANCE and among the boys, as one might guess, SPORTS and ADVENTURE are the high-rankers.

Books Need Re-binding

In fact some of the books are so popular that by the end of the year they must be rebound. This year the library had it's binding done by the University Bindery of St. Louis. The new bindings are very colorful and have much eye-

Skiddish Fashions Irritate Public

Skirts coming down! Troussers going up! Hemlines go up and down faster than a yo-yo on a string, and the local hep cats, like Mary's little lamb, follow quickly after. All during the summer Suzie may run around in a bathing suit, but come winter she is very disturbed if her skirt doesn't hang well below her knees.

Styles are not only changeable, but sometimes selfish. "High Fashion" cares little whether Buddy Beaver or Pat Peacock freeze or not. They make coats out of furs and lately have been stealing the birds' feathers to make "peacock purple" hose, and "canary yellow" trousers. What will they think of next?

So far the public has followed Dame Fashion to a "T." The girls especially have bought anything: New York and Paris have made without batting an eye. Why? Some of the local sophisticates have volunteered their ideas on the subject.

PAT BRADY: "I don't like those new long skirts, but I'm going to wear them. One look at my knees tells why."

BILL ENGLAND: "I think people should keep wearing the same kind of clothes for several years. As for the guys that wear those short pants. I think they look striped."

JO PARTIN: I like a few of the long skirts, but I'm not going to wear them and I don't think very many will, because they make you look out of proportion.

CECIL WILSON: I don't like those long skirts one little bit. Instead of 14 inches from the floor they should be 14 inches from the waist.

appeal. Toward the end of last year a survey was made to ascertain the likes and dislikes of students as to magazines in the library. As a result some magazines were dropped and some new magazines have been added to the shelves of the library.

These new magazines include, American Home, Colliers, Coronet, Journal of Business Education, Ladies' Home Journal, Sport, and Varsity.

Useful Arts Books Added

The survey showed that the two favorite magazines of the students were The Saturday Evening Post and Life. Because of this two copies of each magazine have been ordered.

Miss Oliver extends an invitation to all new students to use the library's facilities—the chance to check out books, to use reference books, bound magazines, and four daily papers. The invitation, of course, includes those students who were here last year.

"This year," said Miss Oliver, "we have tried to build up the useful arts section. Since the beginning of the Auto Mechanics and Aeronautics courses, we have discovered that this is our weak side."

A number of books dealing with Auto Mechanics, Aeronautics and Home Economics have been purchased this year."

'So You Were Elected' On Library Shelves

"So You Were Elected" is a book which should be a 'must' on the reading list of any newly elected officer," stated Miss Oliver, school librarian.

"It is written in a readable, breezy style and is humorous yet gives all of the information student officers need to become proficient in their work. The success of any organization depends greatly upon its officers and this book will give the student officer a good idea of the duties of his office."

She went on to say that any student who holds an office should get this book and read the chapter that applies to him.

Any student not an officer should be especially interested in reading the chapter, "Follow the Leader."

"Various projects and activities are discussed in the book. 'There are also some good suggestion for parties and other entertainment, and also for assemblies, and club meetings," Miss Oliver continued.

"I am sure this book will be popular with student leaders," concluded Miss Oliver.

The Strip Pit

by Ima Digger

Why Me?

Perhaps some students have noticed the appearance of the new comic strip in the Booster. When Richard Slinkman was asked to play the part of Peat Cole in the skit given by the Booster Staff for Lakeside, Roosevelt, and Pittsburg Senior High, he donned the perfect expression of surprise and asked, "Why me?" Could it be Richard's personality?

I'll Get Lost!

Senior, Bob McVickers patronizingly asked a sophomore boy to stroll around the halls with him, but he recieved the frightened reply, "No, I'll get lost!"

Has anyone seen Johnny Strawn having trouble finding his way to the door when school is dismissed?

Nip, Girlies?

"How bout a little nip, girlies?" asked Charles Bavuso, sophomore, as he held out a tempting bottle of Sloan's liniment to a couple of senior girls.

It could be that sophomores are smarter than upper classmen give them credit for.

Pepsi

The shocked students of Mr. Nation's Sociology classes came from the room chattering madly about a drinking incident in class. It seems that Mr. Nation has a passion for pepsi cola and came sauntering into class one day recently drinking a bottle. He didn't seem to care that his pupils nearly all died of thirst.

Torture Mad?

Is one teacher, namely Mr. Cromer, so exhausted after a week of staying up nights thinking of ways to torture his students that he was caught snoozing in church? The students would probably be glad to make it easy on you Mr. Cromer.

White Typewriter Ink?

Its understandable that Sue Woods came to school one day forgetting to polish her shoes. But what isn't understandable is that in typing class Sue took off her shoes; brought out her little bottle of white shoe polish and went to work.

We'll have to see those pretty white shoes now.

Expensive Reading?

Judy Veatch
414 Webster
Pittsburg, Kansas
Postage due 3 cents

It seems that JUDY VEATCH recently received just such a letter postmarked from Danny Slavens who is attending K.U. Danny should be able to write quite a few letters that way.

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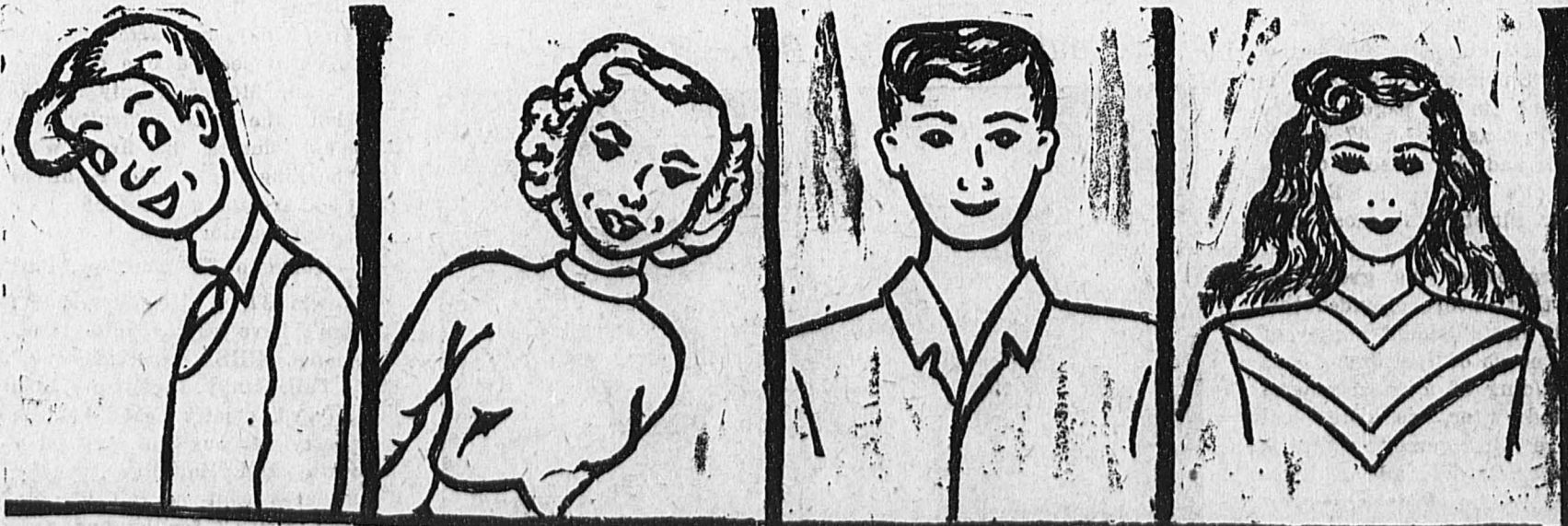
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Introducing

'Peat Coal-Just A Minor' In 'Cartoons By Tuminous



Peat Coal

Peat Coal, sophomore, is always getting into messes because of his "dumb" curiosity. If there were a hero, he would be it.

Ann Thracite

Ann Thracite is a cute, blonde sophomore cheerleader. She thinks Peat is about perfect and constantly tags after him wherever he goes.

Ash 'Scoop' Shovel

Ash Shovel, nicknamed "Scoop" because of his ability to get good news "scoops" for the school paper, is a handsome senior athlete.

Lig Nite

Lig Nite is a black haired, sophisticated, senior drum major who goes steady with Scoop so she is the envy of all the girls.

Watch For Antics Of These Characters In Future Issues.

Future Band Major Duties Rest Upon Shoulders of Jane Ann Lamb

"The appointment is really a thrill and an honor," said Jane Ann Lamb, newly appointed Head Drum Major of Pittsburg High School.

It is an honor to be selected drum major because the requirements are high. First, the drum major must be a member of the Band. Second, she must be able to lead; she must be a person that is liked by her fellow students and one who has the ability to get others to work with her. Third, she must know the rudiments of twirling and majoring.

Jane Ann is a sophomore. She has, for the last two years, been drum major of Roosevelt Junior High Band in which she played a clarinet. She has also been active in helping Junior High twirlers.

Classes were held for the twirlers all summer. After try-outs Jane Ann was selected to be the Head Major for the next three years.

In addition to the Drum Major, six twirlers will add their talents and personalities to the color of the band. They are Marilyn Holler, Betty Allen, Virginia Hindman, Mary Lynn Huntington, and Wilma Roeber.

Hi-Y Again has Three Chapters

Meeting on Thursday at the activity period, the Hi-Y club of PHS will again have three chapters which, Mr. Huffman, chairman of sponsors, hopes may be extended to the pre-war number of six some time in the near future.

Before the war there were six chapters in Hi-Y where as there are only three now. Each chapter was given the name of some prominent person, but since the chapters were reduced to three each chapter now has a dual name.

Chapters Have Two Names

The men after whom the chapters have been named are - Bunny Carlson, David New, Jimmy Welch, J.L. Hutchinson, Joe Dance and V. V. Edworthy.

The present chapter presidents are Douglas Story, Edward Grandie, and Richard Lance. The sponsors are Mr. Cline, Mr. Biddle, and Mr. Huffman at PHS. Mr. Ludlum at Roosevelt and Mr. Lampton at Lakeside. That completes the sponsor group.

Hi-Y Events Planned

Events for this year in Hi-Y include two or three parties with the Y-teens and the Hi-Y convention as well as the monthly meetings of the chapters in the Little Theater. The first mixer, given last week, brought a crowd estimated at near three hundred.

"I would like to remind everyone," commented Mr. Huffman, "of the Hi-Y motto: 'To create, maintain, and extend high standards of Christian living, home, school, and community. We will be glad to have any new members who wish to join.'"



"The appointment is really a thrill and an honor," said Jane Ann Lamb.

Overman-Nifong '47 Make Trip To Coney Island - White House

"You just push a button, and out comes the food," remarked Don Overman about the Automats in New York, where he and Bob Nifong visited on their trip this past summer. "I've always wanted to eat at one of those places, where you don't get in line you just knock someone over and grab what you want."

As a graduation present for themselves these two boys saved about \$115 and spent it on a twelve day trip to Washington, New York, and Chicago. Four days were spent in bus travel.

Congressman gives passes

On their arrival in Washington the boys state that they found Congressman Meyer, who gave them passes to everything of interest. The boys were able to hear a hot senate debate, and see all the "big shots" around Washington. They also got to go through the White House, and Don got up enough nerve to go to the dome of the capital, but Bob's experience was "dancing the light fantastic" so he didn't make the climb.

"Sub-ways surely get me all fouled up," mused Don as he was recalling their experiences in New York.

"Yes!" laughed Bob, "About the first thing we did in N. Y. was get on the wrong sub-way and spend an hour finding the way back."

Boys Call "Y" Home

The boys stayed at the YMCA in both New York and Washington. During the day they saw the sights such as; Radio City, Madison Square Garden, Times Square, Statue of Liberty, and they also had a rather long visit at Coney Island.

At night they attended Lawrence Milchior's radio program, the Firestone Hour, and a premier of "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Roxy Theater.

"Boy!" exclaimed Don, "Macy's Department Store really went in for advertising THAT picture."

Visual Ed. Program Has Wide Appeal

Five movies for Visual Education will be shown during the coming week. Pictures have been selected to appeal to students in everything from Art to Athletics.

"We have booked several films for two days so that both junior high and high school may see them," stated Mr. Sample, chairman of the Visual Education Committee.

Geography students will see "Southern Crossways" and "Jewel of the Pacific" on Sept. 29.

For those students interested in Chemistry, "Chemistry of Fire" will be shown on Oct. 3.

"Arts and Crafts of Mexico" and "Plastic Art" will be shown to the Art classes on Oct. 2.

Football boys will be interested to know that "Ball Handling in Football" will be shown on Sept. 25.

There were 25 windows just for that. Wow."

Duet Travels Turnpike

Next, the duet decided to make a short stop at Pittsburgh, Pa. They traveled on one of the state's fine highways, the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

"I swallowed my tongue" joked Bob, "as we cruised along in that big bus at 75 per. I guess it's safe enough though because there are't any roads crossing it."

Finally the boys arrived in Chicago just in time for the Century Celebration, which was so well advertised in Life Magazine. They avowed that the celebration was practically a "Mardigras," but but they voiced the opinion that Chicago was as a whole a pretty dirty place.

"If you want an education," advised Don, "just go East."

But it was Bob who added the final touch to the adventurous exploits, by saying "Don't let him kid you. We were surley glad to get home."

Mary Jean

School May Revise Student Handbook

"Tentative plans have been made made for the student handbook to be available by the end of the first semester," stated Mr. Green when asked about this long awaited book. This publication will particularly benefit new teachers and students. Sophomores will probably be the first to receive the books.

The book will be the first edition to be revised and printed since 1942.

It will contain diagrams of the campus and buildings. This will simplify directions for all new students and sophomores. Subjects offered and the number of credits given for each will also be listed. How to choose a major and minor in class subjects will be explained.

A long face and a broad mind are rarely found under the same hat.

Sterling High School
Sterling, Kansas

Low Birthrate Causes Drop In Enrollment

"Where, oh where have the students gone? Oh, where, oh, where can they be?" Since the enrollment of PHS has been dropping consistently for the past ten years, this seems an appropriate jingle. College-Hi enrollments have decreased also from 101 in 1937 to 72 this year. St. Mary's High started this year with 110 enrolled, 12 fewer than last year.

The reasons for this decrease? Lower birth-rate over the entire nation before and during the 30's could be one explanation. Of course, birth-rates jumped during and after the war, but the effects of this increase will not be felt in the high schools for a number of years. To illustrate this decrease in enrollment figures for the past decade, PHS has 388 fewer students than in 1937 College-Hi shows a drop of 29 in 10 years. Since the first graduating class in 1940, St. Mary's enrollment has neither gained nor lost an appreciable number. Pittsburg schools totaled together have 1014 fewer students than in 1937!

Mr. Matter, principal of the College Hi, stated recently that in Cincinnati, Ohio, 18 grade school teachers had to be released due to the drop in enrollment. He further stated that upon his arrival in Pittsburg in 1921 the grade schools were over-flowing but that most of the top floors since that time have become auditoriums or general recreation rooms.

Scientists have predicted that at some future date the greatest percentage of the people of the United States would be over 40 years of age. If the present situation remains unchanged, that future date may be just around the corner.

Camera Club Plans Various Program

PHS camera club members held their first meeting of the school year this past Wednesday. This meeting was for all members belonging to the group last year. Application blanks, which were distributed to students wishing to join, were discussed.

Constitution and by-laws of the club were read and approved by the members. Committees were appointed. Mr. Cline, sponsor, spoke to the group on the activities for the coming year. Contests and speakers were among the programs planned for the following year.

Enrollment in this club is limited to juniors and seniors. The number of students in the organization can not exceed 25.

Students Have Wide Choice Of Activities

For desert everyone wants something he especially likes. The choice activities offered here at school are the deserts of the regular courses.

Some of these activities are scheduled for the same day, so students will have to consider which club fits his needs the best.

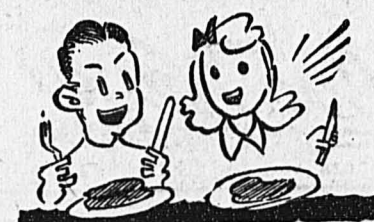
In regard to joining clubs Mr. Green stated, "No one will be able to join more than two clubs this year." This restriction was made so students will have time for their regular studies, and at the same time have a few minutes to devote to the clubs they join.

The choice activities for this year will be Y-Teen, Hi-Y, Student Council, Photography Club, Forum Club, and Junior Red Cross.

Marty's Bakery

Pho. 776

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Tomorrow's Heir Looms
Norine's Gift Shop
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Bring Friends to the Diner
Where you're always welcome

711 N. Bdwy.

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"Good as best and better than rest"

Harry's Cafe

"Mother's Only Competitor"

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"Wheel Chair For Don German"

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Purple Gridsters Play Iola Tonight

Ready for a red hot battle, Rohde's Purple Gridsters take on Iola tonight in the first league game of the season. Tonight's game is expected to be a lively one as Iola is rated with Coffeyville to take the S.E.K. title.

Iola tangled with Fredonia last Friday night and was beaten 21 to 13. The game, however, was a non-league encounter just as the Dragons loss to Joplin was.

Iola has COOPENING, an all S. E. K. guard, back and he will keep their line on it's toes.

The Mustangs line will average around 180 pounds.

Rhode's Rambling gridsters, however, are ready to meet the challenge and are hoping to be at their best. They have been practicing both offense and defense the past week and ought to be ready for action.

School Officials Arrange Schedule

In order not to conflict with the football schedule of K.S.T.C. the Dragons have an oddity in their schedule this year.

The first four games will be played out of town and the next four at home.

This is unusual in the fact that generally the schedule is mixed with games away and at home as much as possible.

The last game of the season is the traditional coal scuttle game with Columbus.

Below is the remainder of the 1947 schedule and scores of games played.

Sept. 19— PHS 0 Joplin 7	
Sept. 26—Iola	There
Oct. 3—Chanute	There
Oct. 10—Springfield	There
Oct. 17—Fort Scott	Here
Oct. 24—Parsons	Here
Nov. 8—Independence	Here
Oct. 31—Coffeyville	Here
Nov. 14—Columbus	There

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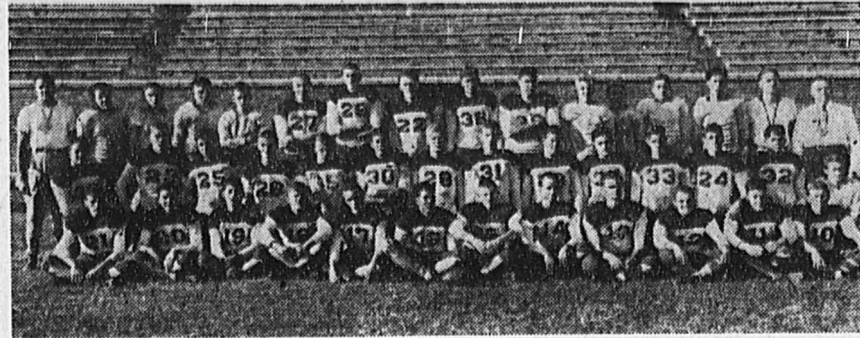


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Varsity Football Team Poses For Birdie



PHS football squad is composed of 39 members not including coaches Rohde, and Miller and Mr. Green, Principal of PHS, who are in the back row.

Girls In Gym Classes Have Enjoyable Time

Plop-Splash! Those are the sounds heard around the girls' gym. While the warm weather is here, Miss Messenger is letting the girls enjoy the pool during the week.

Miss Messenger observes the girls as they demonstrate different strokes; then she makes suggestions to help improve their form.

All girls are classed in one of three groups - beginning intermediate, or advanced. Out of the 117 girls taking swimming, 28 are advanced, 29 intermediates and 60 beginners.

Advanced swimmers are working Junior Life Saving. At the end of the school year a Red Cross Examiner will award Junior Red Cross Life Saving Badges to girls who have met the qualifications.

Miss Messenger who usually instructs the girls from the edge of the pool gets unusually wet for not going into the water.

As she peers over the diving board to see if her girl has done a good dive, she suddenly knows by the dousing she gets that the dive was flat! It doesn't matter where she happens to be, she always participates in part when a girl jumps into the water—the wet part. However, everyone knows she really isn't all wet!

Peterson leads
Helen Peterson will lead G.A.A. as president for the year. She presided at the first meeting where tentative plans for the year were discussed.

Mary Lynn Huntington is Vice President, and Imogene Smith will keep records and the money as she is Secretary-Treasurer.

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Athletic Officials Give PHS Low Rating

Poor crowd attitude at football games caused Pittsburg to receive it's lowest rating in the annual scoring published in September, 1947 Activities Journal. These scorings are published each year to show how each school rates.

For the 1945 football season PHS and Wyandotte High School of Kansas City recived the only first class ratings in AA competition in the state. This showed hard work on the part of the school and everybody associated with it.

During the 1946 season, however, PHS dropped off considerably. Roughly speaking Pittsburg placed fourth in the S.E.K. alone!

...Since players, spectators, coaches, and school officials play such an important part in the school rating, it will help the school in this year's scoring if they watch their conduct at all times.

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Hot Coals From The Gridiron

Richard Lance

Even though the Dragons were defeated in their first game last Friday night they looked pretty smooth for a team that has been introduced to an entirely new system of play.

Since practice in Kansas cannot start before Sept. 1, the Purple gridsters had only two weeks and four days of football workouts.

Cecil Wilson and Bob McVickers made some good gains in open field running and would have done better had their team mates been able to block better.

Ray Knaup looked exceptionally good on defense. Over and over he stopped line plunges made by Marshall, Joplin's fullback.

Bill Rinehart puled Pittsburg out of the hole several times with his fine kicking.

Bob Hull, Bill Thornberry, and Don Menchetti looked good in the backfield last Friday. Hull and Thornberry made some nice runs. They weren't of the spectacular type, but they were the kind that adds consistent yardage.

"Duck" Menchetti substituted off and on throughout the game for Bill Rinehart pulled Pittsburg out of the hole several times with his and looked good.

The officials at Joplin were of the best caliber. Each time the ball was downed, the referee called out the down and told how much yardage was left for a first and ten. It always makes a game more interesting when the officials are good.

Jim Smedley was the fifth man in the opponents backfield last Friday. Joplin was shifting from a "T" to a short punt formation and Jim charged across. It disturbed Beaver Joplin's quarterback, no end and he just about handed Jim the ball.

Orchids for PHS fans at Joplin who didn't boo the referee's decisions. Onions to those who did. Booing the referee is more likely to make his decision against your team than for them.

Sophomores To Play Six Game Schedule

Sophomore schedule has been completed and the Little Dragons tangle with McCune in their first game on Oct. 1.

Coach Joe Winchester's boys have a six game schedule with five games contracted and one to be announced later.

The starting lineup for the sophomores will probably be Huffman and Aikerman at ends; Hyatt and Scates at tackles; Hamilton and Coughenor at guards; Prince at center, and Strawn, Wall Bath, and Spencer at backs.

In the past the B team games have always been free but this year, there will be a small admission

price of 25 cents tax included.

Senior and junior high students will not be affected by this charge as their activity tickets will admit them to the games.

Below is the remainder of the sophomore schedule:

Oct. 1 - Pittsburg vs. McCune

Here

Oct. 9 - Pittsburg vs. Columbus - Here

Oct. 16 - Pittsburg vs. Cherokee - Here

Oct. 22 - Pittsburg vs. Joplin Here

Oct. 28 - Pittsburg vs. Parsons - There

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