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## Students Elect Room Officers

Each home room has elected officers to make their rooms "stand out." Officers elected in most home rooms were president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

The presidents and their home rooms are following: Richard Comstock - Miss Bailey's room; Bruce Myers - Mr. Cline's room; Jo Anna Singleton - Miss Gable's room; Charles Campbell - Mr. Huffman's room; Richard Tessmer - Mrs. Lewis's room; and Jakelene Clanton - Miss Messenger's room.

In the journalism class the editor of the Booster will serve as president. Therefore, each time the editor changes the president will change. Edward Grandle is president of Miss Marsh's room; Bob Bath - Mr. Morey's room; Jerry Davidson - Mr. Nation's room; Marilyn Hollar - Miss Nelson's room; Bob McVicker - Mr. Sutton's room; and Pat Brady - Mr. Tewell's room which is taught by Mrs. Hand at present.

Jim Patterson will lead Miss Waltz's home room; Don Menchett; Miss White's; Jim Hamilton - Miss Fintel's room; Colleen Witt - Miss Swafford's room; Don Close - Mr. Rohde's gym home room; Pat Lewis Mrs. Hood; and Mr. Biddle's room is headed by Carl Cobb.

## Fire Prevention Ends This Saturday

Tomorrow will end Fire Prevention Week for this year, but the theme should continue to be carried out. Ten children are killed each day by fire. A blaze of some type starts every minute of the night and day.

Fire Prevention Week is designated by a proclamation from President Truman and carried out by the state governors. For the past forty years the week in which Oct. 9 falls, the anniversary of the famous Chicago fire, has been set aside as Fire Prevention Week.

During the week fire drills have been held at the schools, posters put on display, and stickers distributed. This with an inspection of the business district closes the activities of the week.

Justification for setting aside a single week in the year as Fire Prevention Week is the fact that fire has become such a problem to modern civilization.

## Broom Pushers Boys Display House Keeping Talents On Job



Scholes, Garret, Phillips, Boham, Cobb, Strope.

"As our scene opens, we find six beautiful housemaids busily dusting and cleaning the room." This might well be the opening lines of a play entitled "The Six Beautiful Housemaids" or "Who Cleans the Rooms of Dear Old PHS."

## School Prescribes English Test For All Students

Staff Makes Plans For KU Conference



Staff from left to right are: Mary Jean Periman, Donna Ross, Wanda Wall, Lois Taylor, Marvin Gilbreath, Richard Slinkman, Dorothy Hodge, Virginia England, Richard Lance, Martha Jane Gintzell, Mitzi Angwin, Barbara Biddle, and Mr. Cromer.

Anticipation plus unbounded curiosity are doomed to ride with the nine journalism students and Mr. Cromer who will travel to the University of Kansas annual High Tomorrow, Oct. 11. Mr. Cromer was elected president of the Kansas Council of Journalism Teachers last year, so he will preside over their meeting.

Activities will begin at 7:30 am with a sight-seeing bus trip around the campus. During the morning roundtable experience and discussion sections will be attended by conferees. These groups will discuss methods of bettering high school publications.

Luncheon will be served to the members of the conference in the ballroom of the Memorial Union building. Following dinner the conference is invited as guest of the University at the Kansas Univer-

sity - South Dakota State game.

Members of the Booster Staff who will journey to Lawrence tomorrow are Mitzi Angwin, Richard Lance, Donna Ross, Mary Jean Periman, Martha Jane Gintzell, Marvin Gilbreath, Virginia England, Dorothy Hodge, Richard Slinkman and Mr. Cromer, advisor.

## Photography Club Chooses New Name

Camera club members, meeting this past Wednesday in the Visual Education room, chose the name of "Pittsburg Senior High Photography Club" as the official title of their group. The club, divided into three clubs last year, has been reduced to one this year to enable Mr. Cline, sponsor, to give more time to the members.

Committee chairman met with their committees and future programs and contests were discussed. Dues were collected from 21 members. Four juniors will fill the vacancies left open by seniors.

A meeting of committee and cabinet members has been called for next Wednesday.

## Y-Teen Cabinet Holds Picnic At Lincoln Park

Members of the Y-Teen cabinet met Wednesday night at Lincoln Park for a picnic and cabinet meeting. Each member brought a guest from her committee. Plans were made for the following year and standards for Y-Teen members were discussed.

## Project To Determine Grade Level For Teaching English Usage In Nation

"Identify the subject and predicate in this sentence. Should the pronoun be singular or plural?" Questions similar to this will comprise the contest of a nation-wide English test which will be given to all students of PHS sometime during the month of October. The test will be given under the direction of the English department.

"This test is a follow-up survey sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching," started Miss Stephens, head of the Pittsburg High English department, in a recent interview.

"Its purpose is to determine at what grade level different types of English usage should be taught," she furthered explained.

Dr. L. J. O'Rourke of the Psychological Institute has prepared this 75 question English examination as the first of a three year series of similar exams.

All High Schools and Colleges have the opportunity to participate in this project. It is preparatory to an achievement examination which is scheduled later.

Details as to the exact time and place where the test will be held has not been worked out, but will be announced when further information concerning the test has been received by the office.

## Educator - Parent

### Air Views On Respective Duties

This is the second in a series of interviews with parents and teachers in the question: "What Should The Home (School) Do For The Child?"

A junior high school teacher and parent of a junior high student have been interviewed this week.



Mr. Earl Ludlum

## Educator

Religious training should begin in the home. Parents should not send, but take, their children to Sunday School and Church on Sunday, because no one can go to church and not be instilled with a certain amount of courtesy, fair play, and obedience, began Mr. Earl Ludlum, math teacher in Roosevelt Junior High. Obedience in one important lesson that should be taught in the home for if kids won't obey at home they certainly won't obey at school. Too many parents have the idea that 'Juniors' personality should be developed to the fullest but sometimes the fullest can go to far.

The subject of grades is becoming so important as to make it more of a game than anything else. Teachers do their best to keep students from cheating and students will do anything to get the grade.

There's a lot of worry about grades on grade card day, but how many parents ask a child every night before he goes to bed, "Did you get your lessons?"



Mrs. Clugston

## Parent

The lack of co-operation among the different departments is one of the most astonishing and outstanding shortcomings of the present day school systems, stated Mrs. Clugston, who has a child in Roosevelt Junior High School. "If the school is to teach co-operation, and I think they should, absolute co-operation between departments is a must," she continued.

Some teachers have the mistaken idea that parents don't know what's going on in school and furthermore don't care much. Of course parents are interested to know what their children are doing in school, but most "kids" would just die if their mother or father went to see the teacher," explained Mrs. Clugston.

"In a sense teachers are just as close to children as parents in that they set just as much of an example in both co-operation and tolerance of other people," Mrs. Clugston finished.



## THROUGH THE MINE

Poetry Is "Music Of The Soul"  
To Anyone With Love Of Beauty

The poets eye, on a fine frenzy rolling, Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven  
And as imagination bodies forth  
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen  
Turns them to shapes and gives to airy nothings  
A local habitation and a name.

Wm. Shakespeare

Wouldn't it be nice to be another Shakespeare? But it doesn't take a SHAKESPERE to write good poetry ANYONE can — if he tries. This rythmical form of writing is enjoyed by everyone, even the boys if they will only admit it. Poetry has been called the "music of the soul," and, "the spontaneous overflow of powerful feeling a person must only FEEL and be able to put their feelings into words and rythm. This would be good practice for anyone. No one can be so self-confident and assured as the person who can express himself clearly.

Many a successful writers has begun a profitable career by the trial and error method in high school. Even though a person may have no desire to become a great author or poet they should sometime try writing a simple poem where their in that "blue mood" or have an "Im on top, of the world feeling. A poem may be written on anything from love or death to a football game; therefore it takes no special knowledge or adaption to put feelings into words, but only a deep understanding of what ever topic is chosen.

Whether a poem remains the private property of the individual or eventually belongs to the world its originator will get the benefit from it in the form of SELF ASSURANCE and CONFIDENCE.

## Unappreciated Labor s Cause Teachers To Leave Profession

What in the world is gonig to happen to the poor students of future years when they go to school aand there are no teachers to teach them? Every year 70,000 teachers are leaving profession.

Each student probaly has hopes that one of these will be a teacher whom he dosan't like. However this is a serious matter and as a student and a future parent, this should be of great importance to all.

Teachers' hours are long, tiresome, tedious, and often thankless efforts spent in trying to develope boys and girls, of all ages into civic leaders who may bring about a much-needed change in the teaching profession.

In an effort to create interest in the teaching profession, it would be well for some community could to take-up the torch of freedom for teachers. One community could do some real good in burying some of the traditional obsessions which have bound instructors ver a period of years.

Perhaps this freedom could be brought by better school boards, proper community support, and the bettering of working conditions for teachers. It is imperative that the best brains of all communities go to work to create interest in the highly important field of teaching.

Surveys show that 350,000 teachers left their profession in the past five years; it is up to you, your community and state to make this profession as attractive to the youth as it has been in the past.

Mitzi Angwin

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## Loyalty Is Shown By Knowledge Of PHS School Seng

Every student should know his school song so he can sing it well and with great pride. For all sophomores, new students, and those who don't remember their school song, here it is:

Classmates stand together  
Don't give up the fight,  
Fair or stormy weather  
We won't give up, we won't give up the fight.

Friends and pals forever  
It's a long, long trip.  
If you have to take a lickin'  
Carry on and quit your kickin'  
Fight for Pittsburg High,  
Rah, Rah, Rah!

Repeat omitting the Rah's the last time.

## Students Approve Of "Going Steady"

It looks as if Dan Cupid has been working overtime in PHS. An analysis of the recent Booster survey reveals that 103 students "go steady" and 340 approve of this practice.

To find reasons for the "yes" and "no" answers marked for the question, "Do you think high school students should go steady?" Seven students and two teachers have been interviewed.

DON MENCHETTI: If you go steady, you know you'll have a date for what ever comes up. That way it saves a lot of worrying and there isn't any last minute rushing around to find someone to ask.

EVELYN MANITZ: If two people like each other enough, they wouldn't want to go with anyone else anyway. In a case like this, I think a couple should go steady.

BETH PHILLIPS: No, they're just too young. I don't think they can know whom they really like by dating just one person.

CAROLE WILSON: Yes, because I go steady, I guess.

HARRY SMIT: Why shouldn't they go steady? I do and it's lots of fun.

MARION BEAVER: If both of them go to high school, I think it's O.K. Then they get to go places with other kids in high school.

RONALD DEEMS: If they take it seriously, it's O.K. But if they go steady two or three different times a year, it's not so good.

MRS. LEWIS: I'm "agin" it in high school! For students planning to go to college, I'm definitely against it.

MISS LANCY: I think it's all right if the boy and girl like each other and if they talk it over with their parents. If they decide against going steady, it's O.K.; and if they decide in favor of it I think that's fine, too.

## Barber's Profession Included Blood Letting' Drawing Teeth

Clip, clip, clip went the scissors. Almost everyone has made a trip to a barbershop in a lifetime. And almost everyone has seen the red white and blue striped pole in front of a barbershop. But how many know just what that pole is for and what it means?

Well, it seems that a long time ago the barber was also a surgeon whose profession included minor operations such as blood-letting and drawing teeth.

### Helper Does Dirty Work

The professions of barber and surgeon were uncombined at first, but the surgeon decided to hire a helper to do all of the dirty work," began Mr. Major, a local barber in Pittsburg. "If a patient came in with a gash in his head, it was the helper's job to bathe the wound and cut the hair around it. Eventually the helper crossed the street and became a barber, in business for himself.

"When he went, he took with him the sign, which had heretofore been the surgeons. The sign was a striped pole supported by a basin. The white stripe symbolized a patient's flesh, the blue one, his veins, and the red tripe, his blood. The basin was for bloodletting," explained Mr. Major.

### Barber Bleeds Customers

"It's a good thing for the barber that men's hair style is short and his beard is clean-shaven," he laughingly remarked. Barbers still do a good bit of bleeding, but nowadays money is blood," he finished.

When Mr. Majors became a barber 35 years ago, wig-making

## "Young Barbarians" Tells of Teenagers

"I really like the "Young Barbarians" by Helen Sattley, began Cheri Montgomery, Junior. "It kept my interest throughout the book."

The joys and trials of high school girls in small towns are portrayed in this book. Barbra Hiatt, the main character, is a sixteen year old high school girl who has been attending a boarding school. The experiences of Barbra and her friends are amusing and true to life.

### Barbra Has Problems

"To overcome the problem of a place to go Barbra and her friends opened the "Juke Box", where they could dance, play games listen to records or anything. But when the girls beginto be unsatisfied with their aimless search for fun, they help at the orphanage," Cheri explained.

"The problems of high school girls are dealt with in this book in an interesting way. I believe any girl would enjoy reading this book as much as I did," concluded Cheri.

was no longer a part of barbering. It used to be that some sort of musical instrument was kept for the entertainment of waiting customers. Although this is no longer the custom, the barber shop is still a heaven for loungers and news-mongers.

### Barber Learns About People

"I must have been born tired, because when I become a barber, I was just too lazy to do anything else," laughed Mr. Major. "The barber bussiness is usually the same ole' routine. Once in awhile a drunk fall out of the barber chair but that's nothing unusual," stated Mr. Majors.

"All kidding aside, although I may deride it, I really like the barber business. It affords the chance for meeting all types of interesting people. They really let their hair down in my shop, he concluded.

## The Strip Pit

by Ima Digger

### Picture Causes Trouble

A person strolling through Lakeside Park a few mornings ago would have come upon a scene of mad confusion. It seems that SUE WOODS, wanting to get an unusual picture, climbed out on a tree over the lake. But! Oh! It was awful!

Her foot was caught in a fork of the tree and no amount of twisting on the part of the group of girls hovering over the lake would free it. There she was hanging head down by her foot. Finally a brave girl, LIL PRIDEAUX ventured forth into the lake, removed Sue's shoe (which was lost in the lake) and helped her down.

Don't look now but Norma Wilson got some VERY interesting pictures of the escapade. "My mother always expects something like this," remarked the dripping Sue.

### Janitor Dresses Up

Last week the Booster Staff, Double Trio and John Gibson journeyed to lakeside for the purpose of entertainment and business. On the way back to school Shirley Ellis remarked, "I liked that janitor who helped us move the piano." "Shirley! That wasn't a janitor! That was Mr. England, new principal of Lakeside School," the girls in the car exploded.

"Well, I thought he was awfully dressed up for a janitor," came Shirley's meek reply.

## Bi Tuminous

## Peat Coal-Just A Miner

## Right Gift, Wrong Girl

**BOOSTER BARGAIN BASEMENT**

Peat's all in a dither. You see tomorrow is Liggie's birthday and he hasn't bought her a birthday present yet. Suddenly he remembered that the Booster is having an auction —

"Going, going, gone to the gentleman in the red sweater for 10 cents, just one-tenth of a dollar," shouted the auctioneer. Peat's spirits were light. Surely Liggie would like him now.

"Happy birthday Liggie!" offers Peat. "I don't want any ole' cheap bracelet from an auction," sniffed Liggie. "See the bracelet Scoop brought me. He's a senior and knows just what girls like," she explained.

"Hello, Peat. Oh-h-h a bracelet! Is that for me? You always do the sweetest things," purred Ann. Well, it looks as if Peat's present didn't go so far wrong after all.

Watch This Space For Further Adventures of Peat Coal



## Assembly Plans For Coming Year Almost Complete

Members of the Assembly Committee have formulated a program schedule for the remainder of the school year.

Seven University of Kansas assemblies are definitely slated for Oct. 20, Nov. 13, Dec. 5, Jan. 23, Feb. 25, April 5, and April 27.

Also planned are four Basketball and five football assemblies. Those before games played here will have short playlets and those before games played away will be simple pep assemblies.

Thanksgiving, Homecoming, Christmas, Easter, and National Education Week programs have been set.

The rest of the programs are still subject to change and will not be revealed at this time, but will be printed as soon as they are scheduled.

## Students Broadcast Over Local Station

Nerves were on edge as the minute hand slowly moved towards the hour. A light flashed on and all was quiet. Then the announcer spoke. "This is your 'Salute to the Schools' program." Those PHS students who had their dials turned to KSEK at 8:00 a week ago Thursday, were surprised to hear some of their classmates broadcasting on this program. This was made possible by Mr. Simoncic of Bowls Supply Co., who has purchased 30 minutes radio time every week for six months. Schools from the surroundings district will have the privilege of performing on this program at some time during the year.

The first performance in this series was given by Pittsburg School. The first program includes Jim Mitchell playing a clarinet solo, accompanied by Mr. Johnson; a violin solo by Bill Wilson, accompanied by Emma Lou Grees. The girls Double Trio consisting of Martha Burns, Mary Jean Periman, Martha Jane Gintzell, Esther Green, Helen Peterson, and Shirley Ellis sang two numbers, with Gussie Rae Rouse accompanying.

The students who performed were thrilled, but nervous. The

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## Elizabeth Howard Jr. High Student Back From Cape Verde Islands



How would the average student like having to spend seven of his thirteen years on an island where nobody but his father, mother, little sister, and he could speak English? Would he have learned Portuguese and nine island dialects? Would he have kept up standard schoolwork

by correspondence with the help of his mother?

Maybe the average student wouldn't have, but Elizabeth Howard did—all these things and more.

Elizabeth is now in the eighth grade at Roosevelt Junior High. She looks and acts just like any

typical eighth-grader with the exception that she may appear a little older than some.

Elizabeth was born in Kansas; but at the age of two, she went to the Cape Verde Islands with her parents, who are missionaries. In 1940, the family came back to the States, but returned to the islands in '46. About a month ago they came back again to put their daughters in school. Elizabeth's grown-up composure broke just a little with excitement at remembering their travels through the Azores, Lisbon, Paris, and London on the last trip home.

And the United States is home. Because, as Elizabeth says with her intriguing accent, "My grandfather and my grandmother live here, and I was born here; so—it is just home."

### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 14-- Student Council meeting  
Thursday, Oct. 16 -- Y-Teen and Hi-Y meeting; Sophomore football game with Cherokee here.  
Friday, Oct. 17 -- End of first six weeks; PHS game with Fort Scott, here  
Saturday, Oct. 18 -- Play day at KSTC for high school girls

## Poetry Magazine Conducts Contest

Enter now! -- Every high school student has a chance to have an original poem published in the "Annual Anthology of High School Poetry."

A contest is being conducted by the National High School Poetry Association, and from the winning poems an anthology will be published. This group has been flourishing since 1937 and their anthologies have been very well received.

To enter a poem these rules must be followed:

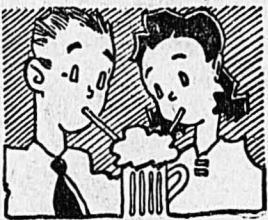
- (1) Pupils may submit as many poems as they desire.
- (2) Each poem must be on a separate sheet of paper.
- (3) Each poem must carry the following statement: "The verse entitled '\_\_\_\_\_' is my own personal effort. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_"

If any high school student wishes to write a poem and enter it to the following address:

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## Team Tangle With Springfield Bulldogs Tonight

Moving out of town for a non league game, the Purple gridsters battle Springfield tonight at 8:00.

The Bulldogs always have a good team but can be beaten as evidenced by their recent defeat at Little Rock by the score of 33 to 0.

Pittsburg came out on the short end of a 26 to 13 score last year and will be battling to even the score this year.

Probably starting lineup will be Gibson and Varner at ends; Brown and Baker at tackles, Hamilton and Deems at guard, White at center, and Rinehart or Menchette at quarterback, Mc Vickers at right half, Wilson at left half, and Knaup at fullback.

## Team Chalk Up First Win Of Year

Pittsburg chalked up its first league victory at Chanute last Friday night by the score of 13 to 7.

Bill Thornberry scored both Dragon touchdowns and a pass from Menchetti to Gibson accounted for the extra point.

Chanute ran out of a single wing and was strong on off tackle plays. Knox, Comet, fullback, was a good line plunger and picked up quite a few yards for them.

The Dragons defense stood up fairly well and stopped a lot of plays before they went far.

Ray Knaup plunged through the center of Chanute's line several times for 7 or 8 yards. He also made several good tackles on defense from his line backer position.

Most thrilling part of the game came, however, with one minute and twenty seconds left in the last quarter. Chanute had the ball on the Dragons thirty yard line and tried a long pass. Bill Thornberry intercepted in on Pittsburg's fifteen yard line and ran eighty-five yards for a touchdown to cinch the game.

## Gym Classes Gain Skill In Archery

"I got a bull's eye!" Sometimes, but not very often, as yet, this statement can be heard when the girl's gym classes are out for archery.

Six bows, ranging from 15 to 35 pounds, are owned by the Phy. Ed. department and are used by the girls. When girls begin archery, their target is 15 yards away, but after much practice they stand 50 yards from the target.

In archery three players make-up a team. As one girl shoots the arrows, one girl keeps scores while the other one goes after the arrows.

While about half of a gym class goes out for archery, the other girls play badminton in the gym. The class is divided so each girl will be able to learn about the sports by practicing them, herself, rather than watching other girls most of the time. Girls alternate games every day, thus they learn more about these two games.

Four badminton rackets are owned by the department. Badminton is usually played in doubles so more girls may play at one time.

If the weather permits, archery and badminton will be played for the next two weeks.

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## Hot Coals From The Gridiron

Richard Lance

Blocking in the Chanute game last Friday looked much much better than in the past. The line blocked hard and looked good defensively also.

MARV WHITE made a block that helped BILL THORNBERRY run eighty-five yards for a touchdown. As Bill caught the ball two men came at him. "Marv" blocked one out and Bill outran the rest of them. Teamwork like that will enable the Dragons to win a lot.

Thornberry showed up equally well on defense also and made some nice tackles near Pittsburg's goal line.

Bill Marlier looked exceptionally good on defense. He made several tackles near the line of scrimmage by coming up from his halfback position.

Taping plays an important part in football too. Before each game the back-field men have their

ankles taped up. This job is done by Coaches Rohde and Winchester.

PHS had quite a representation at Chanute, which is nearly seventy miles off. The football boys appreciate this and it makes them feel better to have a cheering section.

Come on kids, lets see as many of you as possible back the team up at Springfield tonight.

## Booster Auction To Be Wed. Oct. 15

Don't forget the great Booster Bargain Basement SALE, Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the Senior High Auditorium starting at 12:25. Remember that the Booster Bargain Basement is the only Bargain Basement that lets the customer determine the price of its values.

## S.E.K. League Plans For '48 - '49 Seasons

First meeting of the S. E. K. League was held Sept. 27, 1947, at Iola High School. Representatives were present.

Pittsburg received permission to have the regional track meet to be held on May 7.

A Double Round Robin schedule for basketball for 1948-1949 was

presented and accepted by the board. Independence received permission to have the tennis tournament on April 30.

The S. E. K. golf tournament is to be held on May 8 at Parsons.

The next meeting of the S. E. K. League will be held at Columbus Feb. 14.

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Glamour and glitter may show when the varsity trots on to the football field each Friday but dirt, dust, and hard work precede this display of color and ceremony.

On Monday Coach Rohde has a chalk talk. During this talk all mistakes are pointed out from the last game and plans for the next game are discussed.

Tuesday signal calling and dummy scrimmage are run off with a hundred yard dash at the end of the workout.

Full scrimmage is held on Wednesday with the second string generally on defense and the first team running offense. A hundred yard dash also ends Wednesday's practice.

Limbering up with calisthenics

and more signal calling comprise most of Thursday's practice.

At last the distant Friday comes and the boys go out to play the long awaited game.

This shows how much work is behind the scenes for each football game.

## Six More Games

## In Dragon Schedule

Sept. 19—PHS 0,	Joplin 7
Sept. 26—PHS 6,	Iola 20
Oct. 3—PHS 13,	Chanute 6
Oct. 10—Springfield	There
Oct. 17—Fort Scott	Here
Oct. 24—Parsons	Here
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