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Debaters Attend Wyandotte Meet

Debate seasons is nearly over, but the most important tournaments are still to come. Nine debaters will travel to Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas for an invitational meet, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 6-7.

Making up the first team will be Wanda Tossier and Bill Nulton on the affirmative, Bill England and Bruce Myers on the negative, with Jimmy Fowler as alternate. The other four-man team will consist of Doris DuBois and Norma Barbero on the affirmative; Norma Simons and Gertrude Naccarato on the negative.

After the Kansas City tournament, the team will travel to Atchinson on Jan. 14-15, and then to the district and state tournaments.

While in Kansas City, the debaters will stay at the Hotel Aladdin.

PHS To Be Host To Annual Hi-Y Conference Feb. 10

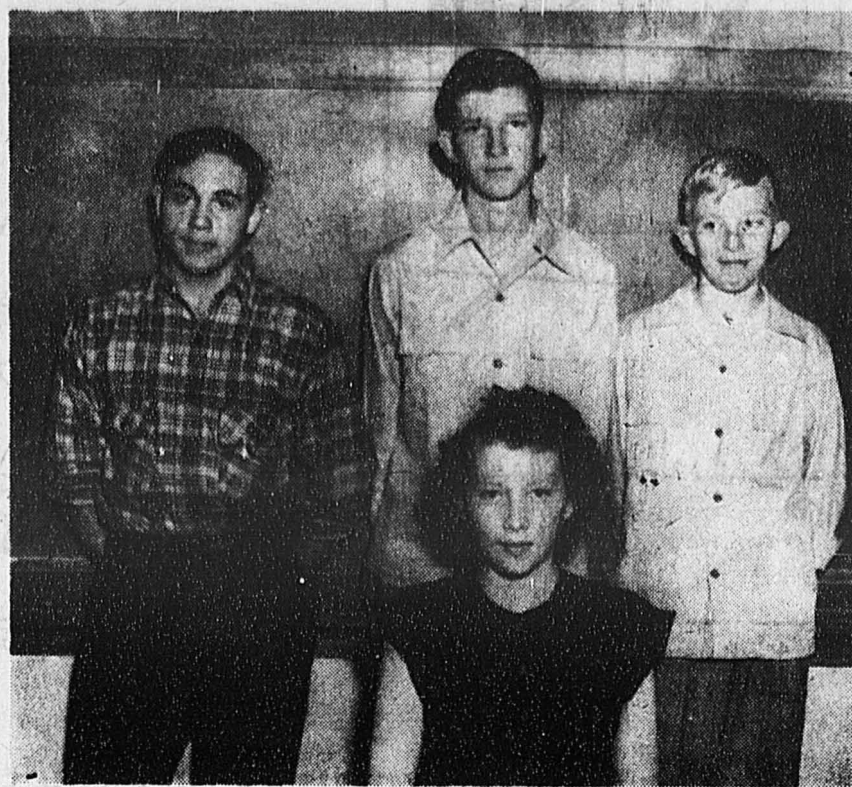
"Pittsburg Senior High will be the hosts to the annual Hi-Y conference which will be held all day Feb. 10," stated Mr. John Biddle, head Hi-Y sponsor.

Last year the conference met in Parsons with about 10 PHS'ers attending. The conference at PHS should afford many of the club members an opportunity to participate.

In order to give the chapter officers a chance to prepare for their meeting lessons in advance, Mr. Biddle, sponsor, has made available a Hi-Y calendar, showing who will be responsible for each chapter meeting. This should provide valuable assistance for the committee chairman who must plan the meetings. Next week the World Brotherhood chairman will be held responsible for the program.

Three pictures are to be shown to Hi-Y members during the second semester. Other important meetings during the coming year are the nomination of officers for next year, on April 7, election, April 24, installation of these new officers on May 12.

The final meeting of this year's Hi-Y program will be the senior farewell on May 19.



Four new students who have entered PHS since Nov. 3, are from left to right: Orville Wickman, a junior from Mammouth, Ill.; Richard Schmidt, a junior and Robert Schmidt, a sophomore, both from Oberline, Kans. The girl seated in the front is Barbara Jean Coston, a junior from Eureka Springs, Ark.

Nation To Teach New Course

Students have expressed some curiosity as to how the new senior course, American Problems, will be conducted.

American Problems is a unit course required of all seniors and is a combination of government, sociology and economics with some emphasis on personality development. The course consists of a series

of study units dealing with everyday problems, effecting the political, social, and economic life of the individual. This course combined with the unit in American History will give seniors the required minor in social studies.

It is thought that one day a week will be given to the study of current events. Mr. Marion Nation, instructor for the course, expressed hope that three weeks of the course would be devoted to the study of Parliamentary Procedure.

"We are looking for a textbook now to supplement this new course, which will deal with a problem in Government one week and perhaps crime and its punishment or consumer problems the next," explained Mr. Nation.

Four Departments See Films Next Week

Four departments in PHS will see films next week.

On Jan. 10, the boy's Physical Education classes will see "Elementary Tumbling." This group will also see the films "Intermediate Tumbling and Volleyball."

Girls will see the same three pictures Jan. 11, and also "The Fundamentals of Basketball."

Students in the Industrial Arts department will have an opportunity to view the films "Home Electrical Appliances" and "Safety in the Shop."

Art classes will see "Matchstick Heads and Expressions," on Jan. 13, while home economics students will learn from "America's First Silver Plate," on Jan. 14.

Y-Teens Have First '49 Party Wednesday

Nine Y-Teen cabinet members and four sponsors met at Diane Walker's home, Wednesday night, for a covered dish supper. This was the first meeting of the cabinet in 1949.

Following the meal, songs were sung and short quiet games were played under the direction of Doris DuBois, social chairman of the Y-Teens.

Thursday at activity period, the cabinet again met to plan club activities for the coming year.

Beat Iola

Crime

Juvenile Delinquency Starts Early

Juvenile delinquency is an ugly sounding word, but it is even uglier in meaning, because it is the second stepping stone to major crime. The first step is home life, or the lack of it. With both parents working, the child is left to make his own decisions. This is where crime starts from the adolescent amateur, to the most dangerous criminal.

According to Mr. M. B. Duffey, city marshal, "The most frequent charge in arrest of juvenile delinquents is that of shoplifting. More boys than girls are involved in this charge." This law violation is classified

as a misdemeanor. Take a case for example that could have happened to anybody with criminal tendencies. Call the hero, Dick Scott. He had to have a pen for school, but he hated to spend the dollar that was necessary to buy a pen. He remarked to his friend, Stubbie Clemenson, who was always looking for something new and exciting to do. Stubbie said, "Why pay out a dollar for it? Lift it." The idea hit Dick as a good one; so he did the lifting.

The rest came easy. He picked up everything he wanted. This practice became habitual in the dime stores uptown. Then one day he got careless. They caught him, and

took him into court. There they said he was probably a habitual criminal. Just because he hated to spend one dollar. For him it's too late to spend that dollar, but for others, who have not yet met the temptation, now is the time to build up resistance. When a person commits a crime, he takes out a promissory note to society. Someday it will fall due.

"Today in the USA there are more boys convicted of crime than girls. Yet when they get older, the girls turn into worse criminals," stated Mr. M. B. Duffey, Marshall of the City Court.

Band To Present Music Program Designed To Entertain All Jan. 13

Music, comedy, dancing, and singing are only a few of the entertaining acts to be presented by the PHS band under the direction of M. O. Johnson on Jan. 13, in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

The program is made up of classical, semi-classical, and popular music that is guaranteed to

please everyone's musical likes.

Band To Play First
To begin the program, the band will play a march, "Storm King" by Finloyson. The next three numbers are the "Ballet Egyptian" Suite, the "Victory Garden" Suite, and a march "Trombones on Parade," all played by the band.

The fourth act will be two numbers by the girl's double trio consisting of Jeannine Nixon, Jo Partin, Jack Clanton, Billie June Smith, Doris DuBois, and Charlotte Fredericks. Their numbers are "Cheriberibin" and "Somebody Loves Me."

Fifth on the program is "Vienna Dreams" played by the band. Next is "Dancing Tambourines" to which the majorettes, Jackie Koontz, Jane Ann Lamb, Virginia Hindman, Joan Neher, Betty Allen, and Janice Burnidge, add some color and flash by doing some fancy twirling.

Number eight on the program is a band number, "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier" arranged by Alfard.

Comedy-Dancing Added
Clarence Dixon and Bill Bolinger will put on a comedy act to add laughs to the program. Jeannine Nixon will give a dance act and Jim Mitchell will play a clarinet solo.

The last three numbers are "Turkey In the Straw," "Zigeuner" from "Bittersweet," and to end the program with a bang, a march, "Skyrockets" by Leonard.

Library Displays Photo Awards

Photographic Award pictures decorate the bulletin boards and the top of the bookcases in the library. These photographs are the Third Annual National High School Photographic Awards of 1948.

On the front bulletin board in the study hall are the Grand Prize Pictures and the first prizes. The Grand Prize picture, awarded \$500, was taken by Bailey Donnally Jr. from Deatsville, Ala. He also won a first prize of \$100. There are 5 other very effective first prize pictures of \$100.

The photographs in the reference room received honorable mention.

This contest was under the sponsorship of the Eastman Kodak Company. The competition was conducted from Feb. 2, to May 7, 1948.

Tewell Sets Feb. 24 As Sr. Play Date

Since seniors are busy at the last of the year with graduation activities, the senior play will be given before the junior play. The date has been set for Feb. 24-25.

Selected as the play this year is an amusing comedy, "Dear Ruth" by Norman Krasnax. Tryouts for the cast will be in approximately two weeks. Rehearsals will start immediately.

Coming Events

Tuesday,
January 11-Basketball game with Parsons, there.
Jr. High Basketball game with Joplin, here.

Wednesday,
January 12-High School Assembly, Swimming Meet with Coffeyville, here.

Thursday,
January 13-Y-Teens, Hi-Y, Band Show, 7:30.

Friday,
January 14-Basketball game with Coffeyville, here.

Magazine Publishes Slinkman's Article

"Good sportsmanship has always been an important but difficult problem in high school everywhere," are the opening words of Richard Slinkman, '48, in an article published on page 6 in the January issue of the Student Life magazine.

Richard included in his story to the magazine two pictures of familiar items around PHS. One picture of the sportsmanship chart in the gymnasium, and one of the coal cuttle which was in the hall display case during the past year, carry out the theme of his story.

Four students of last year's journalism class wrote article for various school magazines. Martha Jane Gintzell had one published in the December issue of the School Activities magazine. Virginia England and Marvin Gilbreath also sent stories to the School Activities magazine and the Kansas School Activities magazine.

Anyone who is interested in reading either Martha Jane or Richard's article may find School Activities in the library, and the School Life in the Student Council Room.

Educational Agency Rates P.H.S. High

"Unqualifiedly approved for North Central Association Membership," were the words of Ralph Stinson, state high school supervisor, in a recent letter to Mr. John England, principal of P.H.S.

Such membership means much to students who plan to attend college since their high school credits will have better standing if they attend a North Central Association accredited high school.

Cooking Classes Study Nutrition

"Anybody can cook," stated Miss Esther Gable, instructor of Home Economics in PHS, "but not everybody can prepare a balanced meal."

The new textbook "Everyday Foods" by Harris and Lacey stresses nutrition. Girls in the foods classes are learning to choose good food and how to serve the food attractively.

"I have found that the average high school student considers a coney, a dish of chili, and a candy bar a good lunch," stated Miss Gable.

First year food students are having discussions and preparing adequate breakfasts. They are preparing dishes which consist of milk, cheese, eggs, cereals, fruits, and vegetables.

Advanced students are preparing various luncheon dishes such as hot dish luncheon salads, and cold plates, school luncheons, breads and desserts.

"Both classes are studying the school luncheon so that they will know the adequate dishes," concluded Miss Gable.

New Year Means New Opportunity

There is no doubting the sagacity of the wit who wrote on the front of a calendar, "Life's greatest gift—a year of time." Three hundred sixty-five days of life would be a wondrous gift to a dying man, but to the healthy, the advent of the new year is the signal for celebration and the making of multitudinous resolutions, none of which will be kept.

Don't make a resolution! They are like delicate china, pretty to look at but easily broken. One might consider instead what he is going to do with the 12 months, 52 weeks or if one prefers 8,760 hours which has been granted him.

Here might be the opportunity to explore an interesting hobby, make some new friends, acquire a job, do some heavy reading, or any number of other things one has always wanted to do.

Does Kansas Want Saloons?

To drink or not to drink was the situation voted on by the people in Kansas on Nov. 2, 1948. But if students will remember they also voted against the open saloon. An open saloon is anyplace where liquor is sold over the bar in individual drinks.

Package liquor stores can be regulated to some degree, but the sale of liquor by the drink is another situation entirely. It is the taverns and bars that cause officers the most trouble and turn most people against anything but a bone-dry law.

When the legislature meets to decide on this question, it will affect high school students of today, for they are the citizens of tomorrow who must abide by the decision made.

Many details must be worked out in a state-wide liquor program. It must be remembered that anyplace selling liquor by drink should be considered a saloon whether it be called a tavern, cocktail lounge, or a nightclub. If the law is passed, it must be enforced, and that will be up to the students of today!

Englishman Reports Fire by Mail Porter Can't Work-Too Smoky

Fire! Fire! How many times is that little word yelled all over the world? Fire often comes from an unusual and sometimes rather amusing incident as is proved by articles appearing in newspapers every day.

Has anyone ever heard of a fire reported by a postcard. That's just what happened in Blackpool, England. The firemen got the card 24 hours after the man sent it and thought it was a joke. They went anyway, however, and found timbers smoldering under the man's hearth. They extinguished the fire.

Mr. Abe Sadoff, who operates a theater in Sioux City, Iowa, received a telephone call at his home from a porter at the theater.

"I can't work down here today, Mr. Sadoff," said the porter.

"Why not?"

"I can't see."

"Why can't you see?"

"Because of all the smoke."

"Smoke? What smoke?"

"Why the smoke from the fire."

That was how Sadoff learned that his theater was one of several downtown establishments hit by flames in a \$50,000 fire.

Another odd happening was the time a falling board hit a young



man in the head and knocked a cigarette out of his mouth. The board bore the sign "No Smoking."

A few more minutes in the oven and Mrs. Ralph Saladini's pie would have cost \$125. She noted a peculiar smell coming from the oven, and found \$125.00 in bills—done to a brown, but not charred.

Her husband said he had placed it there for safekeeping and then forgot to tell Mrs. Saladini.

The door leading to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club, destroyed by a fire, originally bore the legend, "Members only."

Firemen battling the blaze smashed the door with axes, and clipped off one letter of the sign.

Now it reads:

"embers only"

Merthworton

By Brady



Merthworton, I don't believe Mr. Marine will think he's Rip Van Winkle.

Radio Offers Fortunes in Prizes

Listen

With a new year well on its way the "it" men of big time radio are giving fabulous prizes for fabulous answers.

A question worth some nineteen hundred odd dollars was, "Who was the Secretary of State under Abraham Lincoln?" It was not answered, but just for the books, it was Seward.

"Stop the Music," a Sunday night program, is heard in homes all over the nation. It started the chain prize show. For instance, every week the question is missed, more prizes are added to the jackpot.

Money Prizes Popular

The jackpot on "Stop the Music" is around \$25,000 at the present time. The mystery song is not "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain." But all the words in the title may be found in a book which has been a best seller for 300 years. In fact, it may be found in the Bible. Need one say more?

Jimmy Fidler is sponsoring a kid's day foundation contest. The format is a movie star talking and revealing hints as to his identity. Here are the clues on a recent female who sings in all her pictures. Her husband's name is two first names, and her last leading man also had two first names for his name.

Novelty Stunts Go Well

People will almost give their left ear lobe to see the next program. "Truth or Consequences" is one of the most talked about programs on the air today. If a question is missed on this program, the poor contestant might have to pitch a tent on Hollywood and Vine. This program initiated such projects as starting riots in police

stations, or digging up some poor unsuspecting soul's front yard.

Yes, radio has come a long way since the "Two Black Crows" to the present day fabulous fame and money making scenes heard today.

That brings to mind a story about little Wilbur who, on the way home from the program, shed a heavy tear. He had lost on the "Take It or We'll Cram It Down Your Throat Program." All he got was a consolation prize, and to top it off, what was he going to do with the QUEEN MARY?

Book Gives Hot Tips For Tasty Cooking

Let's face the facts, girls, sooner or later we of the feminine sex are just going to have to learn to cook! If we expect to snare a good husband, it's vital that we know this art. Men can either eat out or marry a good cook, but the women need to acquire that age old art of making tasty dishes.

To help the girls in their dilemma, the library has purchased the "Encyclopedic Cookbook" by Ruth Berolzheimer. The book contains 10,000 recipes, and more than 1000 pictures. This cookbook is really 30 separate cookbooks in one and contains 17 sections!

Most of the photographs are in color. Ummm! does that food look good!

Any girl who wants to tempt a man with food, need only check out this lovely volume of tried and true recipes! Phyllis Nelson

Just Playin' Aroun'

By Minnie Brown

What's The Point

"Man will always have appendicitis and gall-stones," said Phil Reid in a recent debate. The only trouble is that no one in debate class could figure out what this had to do with Federal World Government, the subject of the debate.

Red Beard

It has been rumored that Chick Wilson is growing a beard to attract the attention of girls. Five o'clock shadow does attract attention.

Just A Snort

Recently an inquiring Booster reporter asked Pat Mouthuy what she thought of hospital life, which she had an opportunity to sample during the holidays, and her impressions of the operation she had on her nose.

"Ah" she sniffed, "it was nothing."

How Do You Spell It?

When Barbara King and Wilma Rhinehart walked into the economics class the other day sporting signs that read, "Booster Benefit Ball," Mr. Nation took one look and then wrote on the board, BAWL!!

CAUGHT!

Cupid was as busy over the Christmas vacation as Santa Claus.

Wearing lovely engagement rings as a result of cupid's arrows are Jake Clanton who received her token of affection from Charles Chancey and Mary Jean Pepper who got hers from Harvey Mason.

Congratulations girls!

Not Yet, But Soon!

"Well no, I'm not engaged," said Joanne Turner sorrowfully. Then she brightened, "But I'm engaged to be engaged!"

It's All In A Day

The Booster staff works late, To meet the deadline date. The features, the ads, and the sports too, All must be in, ere the day is through.

Clarence is writing a ten word story, While Barbara reigns in the editors' glory.

Carole is proof-reading as fast as she can, She's afraid she'll wear out her hand.

Pat is making cartoons very funny, She'll get paid, but not in money. Bill and John are busy writing sports,

And both are getting out of sort. Cromer is hollering and wanting more; He won't even let Clarence go to the store.

The rest of the class carries on their duties The girls all wishing some of the boys were cuties.

And the poet wishes to say "No wonder teachers get gray."



Politics

Donkey Brays Way Into Hearts of Democrats

"And I believe students of PHS should have and will have, if I am elected, 9 months of vacation and 3 months school!" —oops wrong speech.

Now that the smoke of the election has cleared, the Booster decided to inform its readers of the origin of political party symbols. After looking through musty files, old political literature, and campaign speeches, and after winning a battle with an elephant—probably left over from the election—this poor dumb reporter finally found the why and how of this question.

Nast-Originates Tiger

During the party battles of the 1870's, Thomas Nast, probably the greatest cartoonist this country has ever known, originated the Tammany TIGER, Democratic DONKEY, and the Republican ELEPHANT.

In 1874 Nast drew a cartoon showing animals in a forest frightened by a donkey dressed in a lion's skin. The donkey was labeled NEW YORK HERALD, a paper strongly disliked by Nast. In this cartoon was a huge elephant labeled "Republican vote." The Democratic party appeared as a FOX.

Nast Drops Fox Symbol

Nast later dropped the fox symbol, because it implied that the Democratic party was more clever than his own, the Republican party.

For several years he had been using the donkey as a symbol for any organization he disliked. Finally he adopted the donkey symbol for the Democratic party alone.

A Nast cartoon of 1879 showed the Republican elephant and Democratic donkey clearly labeled. At first the Democrats did not care for the donkey, but now they love the little fellow and protect him

from all dangers, especially from the elephant. The Republicans accepted the elephant as their mascot from the first.

Neither the elephant nor the donkey have ever been adopted as official emblems of the parties, however. Although they vary in the different states the official party emblems which appear on the ballots are as follow:

Democrats, rooster or star; Republican, eagle; Socialist, arm and torch; Prohibition party, rose; Communist party, hammer and sickle; and Socialist Labor, arm and hammer. Wilma June Rhinehart

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Poll Reveals Students Attend Movies Weekly

What are the movie habits of high school students? What makes them decide to go to see certain films?

The Institute of Student Opinion Poll, conducted by Scholastic Magazine, answers these questions from the reactions of 79,755 high school students.

Most Youth Attend Weekly

This study indicated that more than 67 percent of all junior and senior high school students attend the movie at least once in seven days and that 10 per cent attend three or more times within a week.

Better than 19 per cent of the students stated that they "just went" for no particular reason. Eighteen per cent of those polled gave as the reason for attending, "reading reviews about it in magazines," Hearing friends talk about

it was the statement of 16 per cent of the students.

School Influence Great

Mr. M. R. Robinson, president and publisher of Scholastic Magazine said, "It is significant that approximately one-third of the total vote indicated that influences directly traceable to school life are paramount factors in the selection of movies. This group goes to the movies because they hear their school friends talk about them, because they have heard about it in the classroom or from the teacher.

Add to this fact that many of the group who were influenced by reading reviews use the magazine for school work. It appears probable that many of those who say they "just go" really make their decision because of one of these school influences mentioned.

Vocational Leader Rates Booster Tops

"You will be interested in the fact that we just can't help but notice and comment on the wonderful appearance of THE BOOSTER," stated Mr. O. H. Beaty in a recent letter to John White, printing instructor.

Mr. Beaty, State Supervisor of Vocational and Industrial Education, continued, "We can say without reservations that The Booster has the best appearance of any of the numerous papers that come to our desk."

Inventors

Ivory Shortage Brings Plastics

Today's great plastic industry developed because of a shortage of elephants. Billiard ball manufacturers who needed ivory for their business offered \$10,000 to anyone who could make a synthetic billiard ball. The decimating of the African and Asiatic elephant herds and consequently the shortage of ivory had become so severe that it drove the pool ball companies, to the point where their output could not meet a third of the demand.

A young American, John Wesley Hyatt, was determined to get the money. Together with his brother Isaiah, Wesley experimented with collodium and nitrate and other elements until he had developed a cellulose nitrate plastic. This substance is now known as celluloid. It was really an acceptable ball, but ironically the brothers never received the money.

They applied for a patent in 1869 and started the Albany

Senior Class Rings Arrive At Williams

Some seniors are now wearing their class rings that came in Dec. 22. Although there are different designs, the Dragon, the PHS emblem, is the same on all.

One girl ordered a necklace and one ordered a pin. All other orders were for rings.

Those students who have not yet received their rings will get them in a matter of days by just calling at Al Williams Jewelry store and finishing paying for them.

Rollins College Gives Merthworton Educational Help

Two lucky seniors of PHS have opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship to Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

Only two of the highest ranking students from each school may be nominated. They should not only be among the highest in academic standings, but should also be students of good character and citizenship.

Nominations will close Feb. 1, 1949, and the winners will be announced in April.

The scholarship grants will be for one year, but may be renewed if students maintain a high record at Rollins College.

University Women To Get Scholarships

Graduate assistantships for women at the Syracuse University in New York are now open to 20 to 30 women interested in pursuing a curriculum designed to prepare for personnel work in high schools, normal schools, colleges, and universities.

This course will prepare women for such positions as Advisors of Girls, Dean of Women, Heads of Residents, or Social Directors.

Each assistantship is equivalent to a grant of \$800 to \$1,000 a year, awarded in terms of room, board, and tuition.

The major courses are in the techniques of students personnel administration and in the supervision of student residences.

For further detailed information address Dr. M. Eunice Hilton, Dean of Women, Syracuse University, Syracuse 10, N.Y.

Sophomores To Complete Occupations Notebooks

Mrs. Ruth Lewis has announced that occupation notebooks are due Jan. 10, and term papers Jan. 17.

Notebooks contain among other things, information concerning various occupations, class reports, pictures and want ads depicting many occupations.

Term papers are written on the occupation each student is the most interested in and must contain facts and figures concerning the necessary training, the educational requirements, and other facts pertinent to the occupation.



Merthworton, competition is tough

Enter the Booster cartoon contest today! The winner will be presented with a beautiful plaque and the second and third place winners will receive ribbons.

Follow these simple rules:

- 1 All entries must be brought to the journalism room on or before Monday, Jan. 17th.
- 2 The cartoon ideas must be original.

3 Two people may collaborate.

4 The cartoons must be drawn in ink on white paper which is not more than twenty five square inches or less than nine square inches in size.

5 Cartoons should be keyed to high school students level, and if possible picture some phase of student life.

6 No Booster staff members are eligible to compete.

Popular Records

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My Darling, My Darling—Buddy Clark
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Dragons Get Set For Iola Tonight

Attempting to gain their third victory of the season, the Pittsburg Purple Dragons will invade the home corral of the Iola Mustangs tonight at 8 o'clock.

With Trout and Kipp sparking their attack, Iola should be able to give the Millermen a real tussel. Thus far in the season the Mustangs have beaten the two SEK league teams that they have met. As a result of this the Mustangs are slated to be one of the Dragons toughest rivals for the SEK League championship.

While fans were at home enjoying their Christmas vacation, the team was holding hard workouts. The only days that they didn't practice were Sundays, Christmas day, and New Years day.

Seeing action for the Dragons tonight will be Prince, Williams, Menchetti, Strawn, and Patterson at the starting spots while Wilson, Bath, Wall, Nicholson, Williamson, Campbell and Peterman fill in where they are needed.

Next Tuesday night will again see the Dragons traveling to Parsons to encounter the Viking hoopsters. Kay Conrad will provide the Vikings with much of their driving power.

Coach Miller Gets Top Sport Award

Coach Dick Miller along with the coaches from Manhattan and Lawrence was rated as having an excellent sportsmanship attitude for the '47-48' season. These three coaches were the only "AA" coaches in the state to receive this top rating.

Dragon basketball players, coaches, fans, school officials, and equipment were rated by the officials that work each school's games. Last year's results appeared in the December issue of the State Activities Journal, these results were given on a 1 excellent, 2 good, and 3 fair basis.

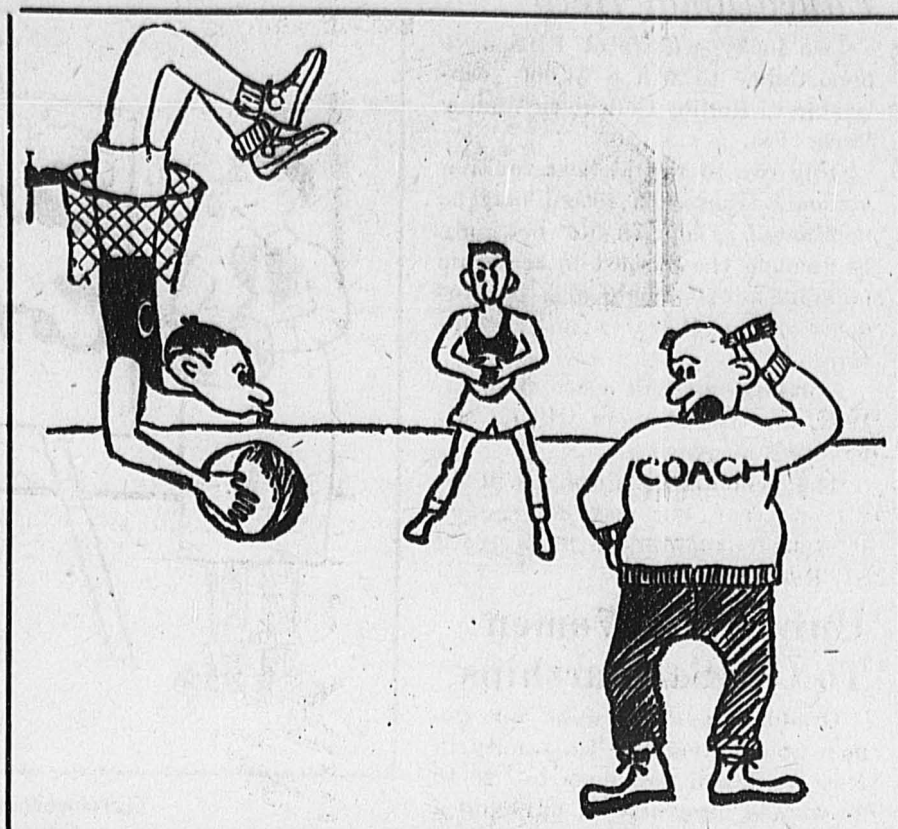
Pittsburg received the best rating among the SEK schools.

Pittsburg, Iola, Independence, Parsons, Coffeyville, and Ft. Scott is the order SEK schools rated in sportsmanship during 1948-49.

The sportsmanship ratings and the final SEK ratings are practically parallel. In other words there seems to be a high degree of correlation between sportsmanship and the number of games a given team wins.

Merthworton

By Brady



Merthworton, your follow through is too good

Ping Pong Meet At YMCA Monday

Eighteen eager ping-pong enthusiasts have signed up for the Booster's annual ping-pong tournament to be held during the evening, next week at the YMCA.

The first round will be held next Monday night at 7 o'clock. Each boy must win two games out of three in order to advance to the second round.

Since ping-pong balls are quite fragile and also quite expensive, a nominal entrance fee of 10 cents will be charged each entrant.

The winner of the tournament will be awarded a plaque.

Millermen Win Two

Thirteen games await the Purple Dragons for the '48-49 season. Thus far the Millermen have won two and lost two.

Pittsburg 17, Joplin 24.
Pittsburg 25, Chanute 21.
Pittsburg 23, Lawrence 41.
Pittsburg 52, Fort Scott 41.

Swimmers See Action

Determined to make a better showing against the seasoned Typhoons of Coffeyville will be in the mind of every PHS swimmer this Wednesday, when the Dragons swimming squad encounters the Coffeyville watermen in the Pittsburg High pool next Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Coach Jim Morey's team has been working out at the YMCA since the high school pool is being re-painted.

The team as a whole is in much better form than when they last encountered the Javatowners.

The following boys will represent the purple team: Hyatt and R. Brown will be in the 220 yard free style event; Stahl and Baker will be in the dashes and will probably do the diving. The sprint men are Vercoglio, B. Johnson, J. Johnson, and B. Coughneour; The

Don Emerson Gives Pro Bowlers Trouble

"Another strike for Emerson." No, this isn't the ninth inning of a hot baseball game. It is just another line of bowling being played by Don Emerson, senior.

During the holiday season, Don has been giving the old "pro" bowlers a run for their money. First of all Don snagged the Bowler's New Year Tournament. Then last week Don won second place in the Pittsburg City meet. This is harder than it seems, because many of the men bowling in these tournaments have been bowling for years.

Don bowls for three teams in the city league; a different one Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

When asked what he thought of bowling as a sport, Don stated, "Bowling is easy and is a sport anyone can enjoy."

John White, Printing instructor, also has made a place for himself in Pittsburg bowling circles. His team won third in the YMCA bowling doubles tournament.

Hays, Kans. Academy Gets "AAA" Rating

St. Joseph's Military Academy of Hays Kans., came out to be the only undefeated "AA" high school football team in the state during the past season.

According to the State High School Activities Journal there were ten teams in the entire state that came through on the winning side in every tilt.

Though Wichita North was defeated once by Topeka, the sports Writers of Kansas still rated them as the state's number one gridders.

Independence, SEK champs were undefeated, but they were held to a tie by the Iola Mustangs.

GAA Starts Six Weeks of Basketball

G.A.A. members had their weekly meeting last Wednesday evening after school in the girls gymnasium.

Since they have joined the State Association, the girls have to have six weeks of each sport. They started their six weeks of basketball last Wednesday.

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