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## Teacher Is City Commissioner; John E. White States Opinions

"I really think the five new commissioners will work together at every opportunity and for the best interest of the city," stated Mr. John E. White printing instructor at the senior high, and newly elected city commissioner.

Mr. White who has taught in



John E. White the senior high school for the past fourteen years said it was his opinion that "the commission will choose a person for Manager who is well trained and from out of town." According to Mr. White, he thinks that there is no one in the city at the present time trained to hold the post of City Manager.

### Active in Public Life

In addition to teaching and his new role in the city government, the PHS printing instructor also belongs to Lions club, American Vocational Association and the Kansas Vocational association. His wife is Vice President of the American Association of Univer-

sity Women, of Kansas.

"I believe that the City Manager type of government will prove much more efficient than the old Mayor-Commission type. Runs for Office

When asked when and why he decided to run for Commissioner Mr. White replied, "When Pittsburg voted the manager type in, I decided the best way to get the kind of city government needed was to run for office and help put it over."

The Booster would like to join the entire high school in wishing Mr. White all the success in the world in his new city office.

## Nulton Gets First In Elks Club Contest

It was recently announced by the Pittsburg Elks club that Bill Nulton's essay on "Why Democracy Works," has taken first place in a field of 32 entries.

A spokesman for the club said that two other essays written by Bonnie Jean Wiley and Mary Francis Esch were of high caliber and merited a second place prize of \$100. The girls, as co-winners for second place, will split the prize and receive \$50 apiece.

Said Bill Nulton in an interview, "I really haven't made any definite plan as to what I will do with the \$100 that I won in the Elks Essay Contest; I suppose that I will keep it to use next year at college."

Mary Francis Esch is a senior at St. Mary's high school and was not available for comment.

Bonnie Wiley, who has written essays for other contests declares "this is the first one I have ever actually entered."

She plans to buy her graduation gown with the prize money.

## PHS Musicians Win 17 Top Honors; Fourteen Take Highly Superior

Approximately 350 Pittsburg Junior and Senior high school students attended the district music festival at the local college this past Friday and Saturday.

Of the Senior high's 28 entries, 17 received "highly superior" ratings, 10 "superior" and one "excellent."

The Mixed Chorus and the Orchestra were the two large high school groups to receive highly superior.

### Ensembles Rate Well

Ensembles receiving highly superior were the girl's double trio composed of Jo Partin, Jeanine Nixon, Jakline Clanton, Doris DuBois, Charlotte Fredricks, and Billie June Smith; the violin trio composed of Patsy Epperson, Richard Comstock and Ema Lou Greer.

The clarinet trio with Roger Curran, Paul Bresnick, Charles Peterman, and Don Marquart; brass ensemble, Gene Seifert, Sprune, Carl Drumagle, Eldon Nichleson, Gussie Rae Rouse, and Jack Glick; brass ensemble composed of Jack LeGrand, Virgil Manley, Don Emerson, Jack Clark, Bill England, and Bill Ward.

### Individuals Do Well

Ten individual entrants received highly superior. These were Betty Allen, twiler; Patsy Epperson, violin; Gussie Rae Rouse, baritone; Harriet King, low voice; Ramona Kecek, piano; Mitzi Harmon, medium voice; Doris DuBois, high voice; Jim Mitchell, clarinet and Jack Glick, tuba.

Ten senior high students received

superior ratings, while the band received an excellent rating.

Of the Junior high entries twelve out of eighteen received highly superior while six received superior ratings.

## Speakers To K. U. For State Meet



Left to right: Katherine Ligon, Gussie Rae Rouse, Betty Dauchez, Jo Partin, Bruce Myers, Virginia Adams, Dick Chiapetta, Bonita Stuckey, Betty Ferrell, and Jane Lamb.

According to Speech and Dramatics coach Dan Twell, "Only three out of Pittsburg's seven one's earned at the district Drama Festival will participate in the State Speech and Drama Festival being held today and tomorrow at the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

Since radio announcing and prose reading are not state events, the winners in these events will not appear at Lawrence. The play will not

## School Activities Fill Spring Program

As the end of the school year approaches, many activities await the seniors, the juniors, and the sophomores.

April 26- Purple- White Coronation Ball

May 2-Spring Enrollment  
6-Junior Play  
11-Sophomore-Freshmen Frolic  
12-Evening of One Act Plays  
16-Senior Banquet  
20-Junior-Senior Prom  
22-Baccalaureate  
25-Junior-Senior Fun Fest  
26-Commencement

## Junior Play May Show Two Nights

"If the play cast shows enough enthusiasm and puts in the necessary time to have an especially good play, Mr. England will arrange, if possible, to have the Junior play, "Spring Fever", two nights," stated Mr. Twell, play director.

Junior play sponsors, Miss Nelson and Mr. Sutton are working on the selection of committees to help in that production of the play. These committees will be announced over the Booster broadcast next Tuesday.

"Juniors who do not feel that they can help after school, should make some effort to do something," said Mr. Twell. "Just selling a few tickets.

## Masterson Is Winner In Poetry Contest

After due deliberation, Bob Masterson has been declared the winner in the Booster Poetry Contest. His entry entitled "Duck Hunting" is well written and keyed to the interest of high school students.

Second place was copped by John Deems. John's poem, "Springtime, has interesting rhythm and shows aptness of thought.

Bob will receive his plaque sometime in the future.

The winning poem will appear on page two of next week's Booster.

## Career Day To Be Held April 19; Speaker To Hold Personality Clinic

Outlines of the scheduled program for Career Day which is to be held April 19, in the high school are now in the hands of Vocational printing classes.

## Staff Participates In Kansas U. Contest

Trying to regain the number one rating in the Service to Schools, the Booster staff is busily preparing contest material to be sent to the University of Kansas Journalism Contest on or before April 16.

Each of the eleven divisions of the contest will rate papers as first, second, third, best in the state.

The divisions making up this contest are as follows: News Story, Editorial, Feature Story, Human Interest Story, Interview, Sports Story, News and Feature Pictures, Retail Advertising, Service to School, and Business Management. Another division of the contest is entitled Miscellaneous and is composed of such things as cartoons, art work, and columns.

In the past six years, the Booster has received one ratings in the Service to the School Division for five straight years, and a second place rating last year. Throughout the years the Booster has entered the KU contest, first, second, third places have been received in several of the other ten divisions.

## Mrs. Herron To Tell About Australia

Mrs. Robert Herron will tell students of Mr. Meredith Cromer's International Problems class about life in Australia, next Monday morning in class.

Mr. Herron, the wife of Robert Herron, is a native of Australia and came to this country after the war with her husband who was with the American army in that country.

Mr. Herron will finish his training soon to be a plumber. He has been on job training since the war, under the GI Bill Of Rights.

## Eleven Attend KSTC Conference; Magidoff To Speak At Session

Ten students have been chosen by a faculty committee to attend the one day conference on "Communism and the U.S.S.R." which

This is the first Career Day program held in a number of years, and it will emphasize personality. Students of PHS will be privileged to have as their main speaker Dr. Raymond A. Schwegler Ph. D. consulting psychologist and lecturer who will conduct a personality clinic.

Dr. Schwegler will speak in the general assembly at 10 o'clock and later to the Seniors in a group. He will be available for individual conferences from 3 till 5 p.m.

The clinic works on the principle that intelligence is relatively fixed, but personality can be changed.

It is the aim of the clinic to "arouse adolescent youth to the importance of personality development, to show them the possibilities of self-improvement, to arouse desire for readjustment, and to provide information and impetus for the use of new and better ways of facing life."

## Myers -Nulton Take Scholarship Tests

Bruce Myers and Bill Nulton, seniors, will travel to Lawrence April 19, to take the final test at Kansas University for the Summerfield Scholarship award.

These two boys made high enough grades at the preliminary test at Parsons to entitle them to go to the Lawrence finals. If the boys rate high enough, they will be given scholarships to Kansas University. The financial assistance depends upon a student's needs.

If these two should pass, it will be the first time in the school's history that two boys have won in the same year. PHS has only won twice in past years. Ed Grandie "48" was the most recent scholarship winner.

is to be held at KSTC on April 12.

Students chosen are Jim Fowler, Barbara King, Patricia Mouthy, Wilma Rinehart, Virginia Adams, Doris DuBois, Wanda Tossier, Bill England, Eugene Leibig, and Clarence Scates. These students will participate in round-table discussion on "Politics and Geographic Factors as Related to Russia."

Mr. Meredith Cromer, International Problems teacher, will accompany the student group to the conference.

All those who attend the conference will have the privilege of hearing Robert Magidoff, who was NBC radio correspondent in Russia from 1936 to 1948, and was expelled in 1948. He will give an up-to-the-minute "Report on Russia Today."

Dr. Alvin Proctor of the Social Science department at KSTC has expressed his hope that this conference will be of great benefit to all who attend.

The conference will start at 10 o'clock in the morning with round-table discussions and will end in the evening with a informal dinner and speech by Mr. Magidoff.

"We are glad that you are accepting our invitation to the conference," said Dr. Proctor "We are looking forward to seeing your students at this event, the first such sponsored by the college department."



Left to right: Bill England, Mr. Dan Twell, Pat Lewis, Clarence Dixon, and Bill Belew.

be given because of the amount of property necessary for its production. The three events entered will be Bill Belew in standard oration, Clarence Dixon in humorous reading, and Bill England, in oration.

"Due to the fact that only three of the students will get an opportunity to participate in the festival, it is only fair that the remainder of the number one rating students should have a chance to go to

Kansas University to see the festival," stated Mr. Twell.

The complete schedule was not known when the Booster went to press but most likely the standard oration and the humorous reading will be on Friday while the original oration will be given on Saturday.

Saturday afternoon all the students attending will have an opportunity to see the KU players give "Hamlet."



## Student Cows Mar Campus Beauty

Ah spring, spring. The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, and over the PHS campus, one notices little brown paths through the grass. It seems as though the nice weather has also brought the PHS 'cows' out too.

A few years ago, the Journalism class decided to organize a cow club. To become a member of this club was simple, all one had to do was to cross the campus instead of using the path. There wasn't even any initiation.

Many other schools decided this was a good idea and adopted it. From reading the various papers it seems to have worked for them.

If any student would stop to look at the effects of this thoughtless act, he would understand more clearly why he was asked not to run up and down the terrace.

Another favorite sport of a few of the members is jumping over the hedge. It must be admitted that this is probably lots of fun, but if any student feels like jumping, why doesn't he go out for the track team. Mr. Winchester could probably use them.

If students would stop and think, they would realize that it is no longer to go by the walk than to cut across the lawn.

Students of PHS should be and could be proud of their campus if they would take care of it. Only a few simple rules will keep it nice looking. Don't walk across the campus to save a few steps, and don't throw papers on the campus.

If students will cooperate, the lawn will look as nice as any other school in Kansas. Let's not have any cows paths on the PHS campus.

## Friends Often Give Sound Advice

"I just don't know what to do," was the girls lament, "Could you possibly help me?" she said to her friend. The girl friend smiled at her worried friend and proceeded to try to help her.

Friendship is a wonderful thing. People are by nature friendly and they love to be asked for advice. It flatters them to think that their opinion means something. Usually the advice they give is the straight dope too.

Many people would be surprised to know how much folks can help them with their problems and troubles if they will just let them. That's what friends are for, to ask their advice when the going gets tough.

If people would only realize that their troubles would be a lot easier to bear, if they would only share them with a friend. Friends are there to help each other. Friendship is wonderful; it's what keeps the world going around.

## Schools Do Things

The annual senior play will be presented by seniors in St. Mary's in the near future. The name of the play is "Plane Crazy."

The Marianette  
St. Mary's High School  
Pittsburg, Kans.

The Y-Teens of Peru High are planning to sponsor an Easter egg hunt for the underprivileged children of Peru.

The Peruvian  
Peru, Indiana  
I eat my peas with honey,  
I've done it all my life,  
It makes the peas taste funny,  
But it keeps them on my knife.  
Gallatin High News  
Bozeman, Mont.

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## Perennial

### Jokers Say, 'It's April Fool!'

April 1 is a day of glory for all practical jokers. At least they have an excuse for 'pulling off a good one.'

"Cotto" Menichetti, manager of the Colonial Theater, went down to his office bright and early on April 1, opened the door, and was showered with a bucket of water placed over the door by employees. "Cotto" now declares that he isn't finished with his playmates yet.

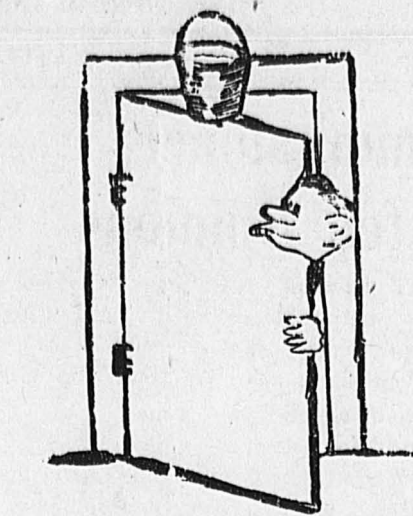
"Just wait until payday," he threatened, "blank checks."

Jake Clanton, veteran practical joker, preys on unsuspecting friends with phone calls. On April Fool's morning, Billie June Smith's phone rang. When she answered it, Jake's plaintive wail sounded over the wires, "How can the double trio sing today? I've got the mumps!" Billie, falling for it hook, line, and sinker, said, "Oh darn, what'll we do?" By this time Jake was so convulsed with laughter that she had to admit her pretense.

### Fantastic 'Goo' Composes Lipstick

There's no getting around it, no matter where we go, the front steps, the halls, the swimming pool, and the movies or church, cosmetics of some kind are being used by the feminine sex to improve nature.

And what is this "stuff" we spread over our faces? Take cold cream, for instance. Formulas for cold cream fall into two classes. The first contains lanolin, almond oil, spermaceti, and beeswax in



"Just wait until next April Fool's Day," was Billie's only comment.

Marian Beaver, cashier at the local theatres, came to work the day after April Fool's Day and found her \$74 change loose in a bag instead of wrapped as usual. It seems that she had mentioned to another cashier about how funny a joke like that would be, and it backfired!

various combinations with other ingredients. The second class consists chiefly of mineral oil, paraffin of a derivative, with perfume and maybe coloring added. That's what the book said!

#### Cold Cream Lubricates

Plain cold cream is believed to be a fairly safe product, so there's not much cause to worry about that cosmetic. Cold cream lubricates the skin and is especially used by women having rough skin.

Twenty years ago women would not think of painting their nails. Today, there is a shade of nail polish on the market to match each costume for different times of day or different occasions. Some of the lassies even paint their toenails nowadays, so all in all things look pretty rosy for the nail varnish companies.

Well, back to our faces again. The best cleaning product for the skin is soap and water.

Just in case you're interested, most nail laquer is composed of nitro-cellulose containing coloring matter. Polish remover consists of either ethyl acetate or acetone which both dissolve enamel. Imagine having all those big words on one fingernail!

#### Soap Is Best

However, try to avoid highly scented or colored soap as much as possible unless you know their purity is unquestionable, as they may be used to cover up impurities. Maybe beauty is only skin deep, but there's no doubt it shows, so never skimp on soap and water.

Plans are underway to analyze lipstick to determine which base is most frequently used: axle grease and mercurchrome, or iodine and Crisco. Look for results in next week's Booster. Some of you gals and GUYS may be surprised!

Rita Payton

## Just Playin' Aroun'

By Minnie Brown

### Chosen

Word has been received by the Booster that PHS has been chosen as one of thirty-six schools in the United States to participate in a Health and Nutrition survey sponsored by Scholastic Magazine.

The results of this survey are to be tabulated and published. Looks like PHS is going to be known nationally. Quite an honor!

### Pleased

Irene D. Pierson, author of Campus Cues, which the Booster recently reviewed, has written the staff a letter telling them how much she enjoyed the review.

Students who would like to see this interesting book should inquire at the Journalism room.

### Thankful

If one happens to hear strange noises issuing from the Journalism room, please don't pay any attention to it.

Two Underwood typewriters were given to these aspiring writers, and this is the cause for all the celebrating.

As one journalism student remarked, "Now we can type our stories."

Seriously though, staff members are proud of the typewriters.

### Good Reason

"Why are you chasing him," asked a girl friend as Patt Lewis chased Ed Kelly madly down the hall.

"Because he's got my purse" came the hurried answer as Patt followed his trail, trying to get her purse.

Just as she went down one set of steps, Ed came back to second floor by another stairwell down to first floor.

Did you ever get your purse back, Patt??

### Information!

A small advertisement in the "Foolster" seems to have attracted the attention of two PHS boys. The add ran, "Lonely—Send \$15 for complete information."

An answer was received the other day in the Booster box. It asked that information be sent to Jim Benelli and Dick Tessmer. Enclosed was a check for \$15 and was signed "John D. Rockefeller Jr."

The staff hasn't tried to cash the check yet!

### Smells Good!

Nonchalantly walking into Lindbergs the other night on her way to Teen Town, Shirley Bolinger strolled up to the perfume counter, picked up a sample bottle of perfume, proceeded to put some of it on herself, turned and strolled out the door and on to Teen Town.

We have heard of free lunches, but free perfume is a new one. How about someone giving Shirley a bottle of perfume.

## Memories

### Kid Escapade Reaps Spanking

Boy, did I get spanked! You know, running away is fun if you don't have to go back and face the consequences.

I remember the exact time of day as though it were yesterday. I was feeling very grown-up on this particular day. Yes, all of my 8 years! Things hadn't been going so well at school—I missed nine out of ten spelling words, and I added all my subtraction problems. Life was going against me!

#### Decides To Run Away.

School was out at 4:00, so instead of going home, I decided to run away. I didn't care where, just so I got back home before dark.

I wandered through the dime stores and squandered my 2 cents for candy. It was fun not having my mother around to tell me to quit playing with the toys. After a salesgirl made me quit playing my own version of Jacks with the store merchandise, I mustered up some dignity and made my exit.

Wandering down Broadway, I began thinking about supper—I wonder if mother baked a cake? Oh well, who cares? The older generation just doesn't understand us, I reasoned. I wasn't even going

home when it's dark!

#### Evades Huge Monster.

About this time a huge monster, commonly known as a dog, picked up my scent and followed me. I was deathly afraid of strange dogs, so I decided to run. Somehow, the dog managed to keep up with me. Due to my evasive instincts, inherited from my mother, I managed to lose him.

By this time I was famished, and it was growing dark. I decided that, well maybe mother wasn't so unjust after all. Just as I was about to wet my finger to find the direction to get home, who should tap me on the shoulders but a very stern looking policeman.

Since all my young ideas about police were associated with the movies, I fancied myself a gun-moll or the "brains" behind a dope ring, and went docilely along with the "copper."

When I finally come to the conclusion that all I was going to get was a free ride home, I began wondering what had possessed my mother to call the police.

I found out upon my return—and 'boy, did I get spanked!' Billie June Smith

## Big Dogs

## Middle Size Dogs

## Little Dogs

### Canine Species Show Enormous Variation in Size and Types

By far the most popular pets in this country are dogs. According to the American Kennel Club there are 104 registered breeds in the United States.

Within this group of dogs there are incredible variations in size and type. The largest dog considering both height and weight is the Mastiff, that averages about 32 inches in height and sometimes weighs more than 200 pounds.

The smallest dog is the Chihuahua, one of our most popular breeds. It weighs less than a pound and sometimes even less than that. Xavier Cugat, rumba orchestra leader, has a chihuahua among the regular personnel of his band.

#### Irish Pooch Lanky

The tallest dog is an Irishman. Irish Wolfhounds sometimes grow

to be a yard high. One extremely short dog, although not the shortest is the Dachshund, that usually is between seven and nine inches tall. This dog resembles an elongated frankfurter with ears on one end and a string on the other. A close relative of the Dachsund is the Basset Hound that has a weiner-like body and a head like a Bloodhound.

Some dog have hair and some do not. In the category that do not are Greyhounds, Bullterriers, Chihuahuas, and Whippets. Some of the dogs having hair are the Old English sheep Dog, the Lhasa Terrier, Yorkshire and Maltese Terriers.

#### Hair In His Eyes

The Lhasa looks like a frustrated mop which couldn't make up

its mind about which end was the front. The Sheep Dog has a bang haircut, it's primarily used for rounding up sheep. The Maltese and Yorkshire Terriers are small



dogs that seldom exceeds even pounds in weight. Their hair is floor length. Underneath the hair are four legs just like on any other. As a rule, they have delusions of grandeur and imagine they are worthwhile like Great Danes or Collies.

Recently the all around winner of the National Dog Show was a Bedlington Terrier. If a mama sheep said "Baa" to him, she would not be far from wrong. He looks like a little lamb.

The prevalently popular pet dog in this sector is the Cocker Spaniel. They are pet dogs because they are little good as anything else. For, one thing they have extreme psychosists. Occasionally they imitate fire engines. Sometimes they flop their ears and think they're planes.



## Typists Receive Underwoods New Improved Models

"Five new Underwood typewriters have been added to the commercial department of PHS," stated Miss Mary Nelson, instructor. "These new typewriters, which are gray colored and very modern, were added to the classroom last week."

At the present time, according to Miss Nelson, all the typewriters in the room are in good condition, and only a few of them are three years old. The majority, however, are at least one to two years old.

"We have several other machines available for the commerce students," Miss Nelson continued. "The Secretarial Practice class has been using the Underwood Sunstrand Ten-Key Adding-Listing Machine, the Monroe Calculators, and the Full-Bank Monroe Adding Machines in the office and in the cafeteria."

Recently, two new Ediphone machines were added to the equipment of this third floor classroom.

"When the new Ediphone machines came in," Miss Nelson added, "We also received 18 records for transcription. So the Secretarial Practice Class really has a lot of work ahead of them on all these new machines."

## Book Includes: Fables, Satires, Nonsense, Poems

Heading a list of humorous story collections in the library is "A Subtreasury of American Humor" edited by E. B. and Katherine S. White. This book contains the best works of the foremost humorists of this country. Presented here in short form are the better known stories of Mark Twain and Booth Tarkington, the little known works of obscure young authors, and the quips of newspaper wits, Dorothy Parker, Ogden Nash, Alexander Woolcott, and many others.

Sections included are burlesques and parodies, satire, nonsense, fables, all sorts of dilemmas, folklore, poems and limericks, and reporters and critics at work.

One of the most interesting and thoroughly delightful stories in the book is "Inflexible Logic," a satire dealing with scientific theories. The hero of this selection is a country gentleman who endeavors

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## Fashions Follow Female Fancies

Fashions have taken a swing to the better in the opinion of the girls who will wear them this spring. According to the Bibles of the fashion world, Charm, Glamour, Mademoiselle, and Seventeen, the effectiveness of a girl's costume lies not in what she wears but how she wears it.

Special emphasis is placed on suiting the clothes to the girl and not the girl to the clothes. Instead of a blanket statement "skirts will be wide or narrow, short or long," more attention will be given to matching the style to the individual. However, Christian Dior, who originated the "new look" has advocated the lifting of hems this season. In his recent spring showing one dress was featured with a skirt sixteen inches from the floor.

One style which predominates in the new fashions is dresses with back interest. Girls have accepted the fact that men view them from the back just as often as from the front, and are planning their spring wardrobes accordingly. Peplums, bows, bustles, and drapes may be noted in increasing numbers.

Heavy, though not gaudy jewelry has come into prominence. A bit of style sense can turn a plain dress into a real head-turner.

The ladies have also expressed

approval of the new fashions in men's clothing. The new ice cream colors in shirts are a great improvement on the usual drab raincoats of the masculine sex. The man-of-the-hour may turn up in a pink shirt with a constricting necktie of gray with pink polka-dots, or even chartreuse with navy tie.

This spring the fashion scene promises to present a more colorful and more varied aspect.

## Booster Essays Are Due Friday, April 22

Hurry! Hurry! Get that Booster Essay in now! Remember, boys and girls participating in this contest will be first choice for next year's Booster Staff. Student winning first second, and third prizes will be invited to the Booster Banquet, April 26.

Don't forget the topic, "What New Subject Would You Like to Have Taught in Pittsburg Senior High School and Why?"

This essay should be type-written or written in pen and ink.

Four hundred words is the maximum number and the deadline is April 22.

Come on juniors, get those heads to working and bring the winning essay to the Journalism room soon.

to prove a mathematical maximum manner of popular children's concerning six chimpanzees seated stories.

Another hilarious selection is a fairy tale (in the manner of Hans Christian Andersen) called "Milgrig and the Three Wilfs." It spoofs the

These stories are excellent reading if one doesn't wish to read a whole book. Any one may be read and enjoyed separately.

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## City Reporter

### Baer '43, Leads Exciting Life

Some students may remember Bud Baer, a former graduate of PHS, who is visiting in Pittsburg for a while. He is working in Dayton, Ohio at the present time. Bud was the Editor of the Booster in 1943 and from here he attended the University of Oklahoma where he got his degree in 1947.

"The summer of '47, I took a journey to South America and the next fall I went to Columbia University and received the Master degree in Journalism," stated Bud with a smile.

After this experience Bud went to Dayton, Ohio, where he was Aviation Editor for the Dayton Journal. Now he is a police reporter on The Dayton Daily News. This paper has 130,000 circulation. "Being a police reporter is pretty exciting work."

"You'd be surprised at what reporters have to do for personal experience stories," laughed Bud. "Not long ago I had to get drunk to test a Drunkometer. This is a police device to find out if someone is drunk," he said. Bud thought a second and exclaimed, "Oh yes,

another pretty exciting experience was flying in a Jet Plane at 500 miles an hour, and also flying to Washington in an Air Force Test plane. I am a licensed pilot now," he smiled.

Some of Bud's stories have been sold to different magazines. Two of these are "Skyways" and "Airbrought his story on Major Rich-trails." The article sold to "Skyways" was on a B-36, the world's largest bomber. The "Airbrought" and L. Johnson's braking the world's speed record in Aviation.

### School Group Gives Radio Book Review

"Death Be Not Proud," by John Grunther, will be the book report over KSEK April 21, at 3:30. The report on this date will be given by Miss Margaret Oliver, PHS librarian, Barbara King, Bruce Myers, and Kathleen Braderick.

"Each week someone is chosen to give a book report," said Miss Oliver. "I consider it an honor for students from PHS to be asked to give this report."

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## Thinclads Attend Ft. Scott Relays

Having left at 8:30 this morning for the Ft. Scott relays, Coach Winchester and his 29 man track team are probably busily engaged in trying to win points as The Booster goes to press.

Competing against some of the best track teams in Southeastern Kansas should prove just how strong the Dragon "Spikemen" are.

The class A schools competing in this meet will be in the same bracket as the "AA" schools.

Probably the majority of the schools in the SEK league will be represented along with a number of class "A" and "B" schools of the district.

The preliminaries started at 9:30 this morning for the shot put, discus, javelin, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and the hurdles. The finals for these events and the rest of the track meet started about 2:00 this afternoon.

All the purple clad cindersmen will be trying especially hard, since placing first or second in this meet will qualify them in the big Missouri - Kansas - Oklahoma meet which will be held next Wednesday at KSTC.

## Baton Passing Can Win Relays

Some persons may not realize it but many relays are won or lost by the runner's ability or lack of ability to pass the baton.

Just as recent as the last Olympics, baton passing was a factor in winning a race when the third American runner, Erwell, prepared to pass the baton to the fourth runner, Patton. After the pass had been made, the British called a foul. They claimed that Erwell and Patton had passed the baton outside of the twenty yard baton passing zone.

Due to this fact the British team was awarded the metals and given the point. It was noted in the films taken of the race, that the American team hadn't really committed the foul. The medals had to be taken from the British team and given to the Americans.

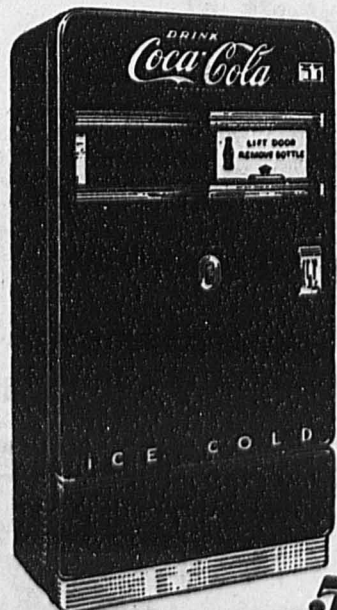
According to PHS track coach Joe Winchester, "Pittsburg will win more of its relays because of the ability of the individual runners.

We do have some fast boys, but our boys can really handle the baton." He further explained, "But good baton passing comes only after plenty of hard practice.

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## Miller Gives Golf Pointers To squad



From left to right: Gerald Miller, Marvin Stumfoll, Ross Karnes, and James Dunaway. Coach Miller is using the club.

## G. A. A. Take Posture Tests

Posture and heart check-ups have been given to G.A.A. girls the past weeks. Any G.A.A. girl who is to receive any state award must have

## Tennis Team Plays Chanute-Ft. Scott

To compete in a triangular meet with Ft. Scott and Chanute the Dragon "Racquetters" left for Ft. Scott this morning at 8 a.m.

In an elimination tournament held last Monday and Tuesday, Jim Patterson, Clarence Garrett, Hughes Spencer, and Bill Nulton won for themselves a place on the traveling squad.

Each player will be in a singles match, with Jim Patterson playing number one man, Bill Nulton, the number two man; Hughes Spencer, number three; and Clarence Garrett, the number four man. After the singles matches are finished, the double matches take place with Nulton and Patterson composing one team while Garrett and Spencer make up the other.

The tennis schedule for the spring of 1949 follows:  
April 7-Chanute; April 13, Ft. Scott; April 20, Independence; April 26, Joplin; May 6, SEK Meet in Independence and the State Regional Meet, May 13.

these two check-ups.

The Bancroft Posture test was given March 30, in the girls dressing room at the regular G.A.A. meeting. There was also a 10 minute lecture on posture.

The heart check-ups were given last Wednesday at the regular G.A.A. meeting, Miss Margret Woods, school nurse, arranged for the girls to go down town to Dr. Marchbanks and Dr. Elliotts offices.

Teachers in the various classrooms have been grading G.A.A. girls on their posture.

"Good postures are extremely important and are very much noticed by everyone, teachers and students alike, in classrooms, halls, cafeteria, and going to and from school," stated Miss Messenger.

"I expect the best posture grades were received from typing classes because of the good sitting posture necessary in long hours of working, and looking straight ahead," continued Miss Messenger.

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## Spring Sport Slants

By John Baker

Reviving the once practiced Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma High School invitation track meet, Prentice Gudgen, head of the athletic department of KSTC, will direct this project to be held at KSTC next Wednesday.

Schools of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri within a radius of 50 miles have been invited.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be given for first, second, and third places, respectively.

This M. K. O. meet should bring many fine athletes together and offer some fine competition.

Martin Rohde, physical education instructor in Pittsburg High, reports that plans have been drawn up to formulate intermural swimming, touch football, softball, and a track meet.

With the track season well under way it might be well to turn back the pages of time and see how PHS tracksters have fared in the SEK league in recent years.

In 1948 the Purple and White thinclads placed third in the league and the preceeding year they took fourth.

During the war no SEK meets were held consequently no records are available.

Judging by the practice sessions and the meets so far, the Dragons should be near the top this year.

"Big Bob" Hawley seems to like everything from gum to butterflies, anyway that is the conclusion the fifth hour gym class came to last Tuesday when Bob was noticed separating a butterfly from his gum.



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