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## Future Schools May Run for 12 Months

A school building and school facilities are of value when they are in use. Do you remember going into an empty school building by yourself? If you do, you will recall the depressed feeling that the echoes of your footsteps gave you and the loneliness that every empty class room reflected.

If you have not experienced this feeling, drop into the office sometime during this summer's vacation and you will understand what I am talking about. With the advent of air conditioning and the expected increase in school enrollments, it should not be too many years before we can look forward to a three session year with students required to attend any two sessions and one of the sessions being held during what is our present summer vacation.

With the closing of school next Friday, comes the interruption of habits of school routine, a way of living and habits of thinking. To seniors go farewells with the hope that your experiences at PHS will be valuable as you commence a more serious and intense phase of life. To the juniors and sophomores go the wish that you may have an enjoyable vacation and come back to school with a renewed determination to get the most out of next year's work at PHS.

John L. England

## Booster Files Will Go On Sale May 23

Booster files from last year and this year will be on sale in the main hall beginning Monday, May 23. Files of last year's papers are 50 cents while this year's papers can be bought for a quarter.

These papers will be on sale as long as they last, so it's "First come—first served." However, those who have reserved copies in the journalism room are assured of their purchase.

## Students Receive Honors in Assembly

Presenting the annual PHS recognition assembly this morning, thirteen teachers and sponsors of organizations distributed awards and recognition to members of their classes or clubs.

Different organizations represented on the stage were as follows: tennis, basketball, football, track, golf, swimming, G.A.A.; music; speech, dramatics, and debate; journalism awards to the essay winners; Edna M. Isreal Memorial Fund for outstanding work in Government; the Junior Red Cross, and the Junior Safety Council.

Teachers and sponsors participating in the assembly were Principal John L. England, Elton Cline, Helen Messenger, Dick Miller, Jim Morey, Martin Rohde, Joe Winchester, M. O. Johnson, Dan Tewell, Meredith Cromer, Claude Huffman, Marion A. Nation, and Mrs. Lillian Hood.

## Booster Cartoons Rate Top Honors

"The best cartoons in a school paper in the state" was the award given the Booster by judges of the annual Kansas University Journalism Contest held recently. Staff cartoonists are Pat Brady and Carole Wilson.

The Booster rated a '3' in the "Service to the Schools" division of the contest. For the past seven years, the Booster has won five '1's consecutively, one '2', and one '3' in this division. Some of the services included the Valentine Messenger Service, the annual Talent Show, the College Insert, the Safety Insert, cartoon and poetry contests, and the Christmas Toy Party.

Honorable mention was given for merchandise advertising. Barbara King, Virginia Hindman, Phyllis Nelson, and Clarada Hurst have worked in the advertising field sometime during the year.

## Freshmen Receive Free Booster Today

This year's freshman, sophomores next year, will receive free copies of this week's "Booster" with compliments of the printing and journalism department. For the first time in the history of this gesture is being made to the sophomores in order that they might have an opportunity to become better acquainted with high school.

"The printing department and the 'Booster' hope that this will help these new PHS'ers in their change from junior or high to senior high school," stated Mr. White, printing instructor, and Mr. Cromer, journalism teacher.

## Students Enroll Now For Next Year Requirements For Classes Change

Spring enrollment began officially Tuesday, May 10, when the Sophomore, Junior and Senior class counselors began the work of enrolling students for the school year 49-50.

"We will try to have Senior Dramatics first semester so that the Seniors may have their class play at that time. Junior Dramatics will come the second semester so that the Juniors may have their class play at the end of the year," Mr. John England, high school principal, explained.

Consent of the instructor will be required for the election of debate, dramatics, and journalism.

Journalism will be cut to one hour; and basic science will be added to the list of science courses from which the student may choose his major or minor. The others are biology, chemistry, aeronautics, and physics.

Boys will not be able to take auto mechanics and machine shop the same year. Before they can take machine shop they must first take mechanical drawing.

Students who wish to change their schedule or who have not

been enrolled may make these adjustments Sept. 1, 1949, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

## Photo Club Elects New '49-'50 Leaders

Shutter bugs of PHS elected four juniors to lead them during the next school year at the photography club meeting a week ago Wednesday.

Roger Curran was elected as president of the club. His assistant in the office of vice-president will be Bill Toeller. Keeping the minutes and checking roll will be the job of Demarice Coots as secretary. Donald Damrill's duties as treasurer will be slightly altered because next year dues will be collected at the first of the year instead of each semester as is now done.

Mr. Cline, sponsor, stated, "I feel that the trip to Noel, Mo., went off well, I hope that we can continue to take other photography trips in the coming years."

Also in the last meeting of the year Mr. Cline outlined the activities for next year.

## Pen

## PHSers Correspond With Many Students Abroad

PHS students are really helping further the good will policy of the United States by writing to students in other lands. Charles Longo Sherry Stricker, and Gene Leibig corresponde with students outside the continental United States.

Charles Longo writes to a girl in the Phillipine Islands. Charles explained that he first started to write the girl's cousin and then wrote the girl. When asked why he liked to write to students overseas Charles replied, "I like to write to students in other lands because in this way I can learn about their lives and country."

Sherry Stricker writes to three girls in England. She met these girls through the Ginger Rogers Fan Club. Sherry wrote to the fan club and asked for a list of girls to write to. The club sent back some 350 names for her to write to. She chose three girls and has been writing to them for the past year. "Writing to these girls helps them to learn more about us and more about democracy," stated Sherry.

Gene Leibig writes to boys in Alaska, Columbia, Germany, and Chile. Miss Laney's Spanish class was the source of the South American pen pals. Gene said, "I write to them about once every two

## Baccalaureate Exercises Sunday; Hawkins Speaks at Commencement

Final activities for the seniors will start Sunday, May 22, with Baccalaureate to be held at the Municipal Auditorium at 8 p. m. Commencement, which draws to a close the year for 137 seniors, will also be held at the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, May 26, at 8 p. m.

A procession by the seniors while the orchestra, directed by Mr. M. O. Johnson, will play "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar, will start the program

planned for Baccalaureate. Also the orchestra will play two more numbers, "The Voice of Chimes" by Luigini and "Canzonetta" by Herbert.

The speaker for the evening will be Rev. Harold R. Karnes. Two number's, "There Is a Balm in Gilead" by Dawson and "You'll Never Walk Alone" arranged by Ringwald will be sung by the mixed chorus.

## Nulton Receives K. U. Scholarship

Information was received last week stating that William Nulton PHS senior, has been awarded a Summerfield Scholarship to the University of Kansas.

Two-hundred fifty boys took the preliminary tests and thirty remained to take the finals. Out of this thirty, ten were chosen to receive Scholarships.

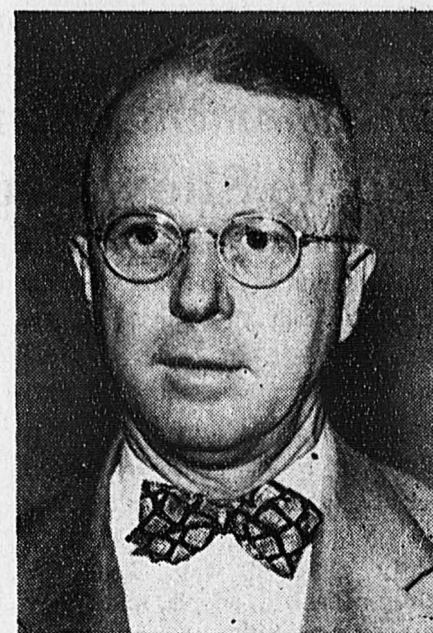
"I was suprised," was Bill's comment regarding the scholarship. Bill is the third boy in the history of PHS to receive this award. Ed Grandle was awarded this honor last year.

## Quill-Scroll Awards To Epperson-Dixon

Pat Epperson and Clarence Dixon received first place state certificates in the National Quill and Scroll Contest for feature and interview writing.

The story that won Pat first place was on gentility in the '70's. "When I first saw the envelope, I was going to burn it. After I read what was inside, I decided to frame it," smiled Pat.

Clarence won for his interview of the famous comedy team, Olsen and Johnson. Clarence was not available for comment.



Dr. Glenn B. Hawkins

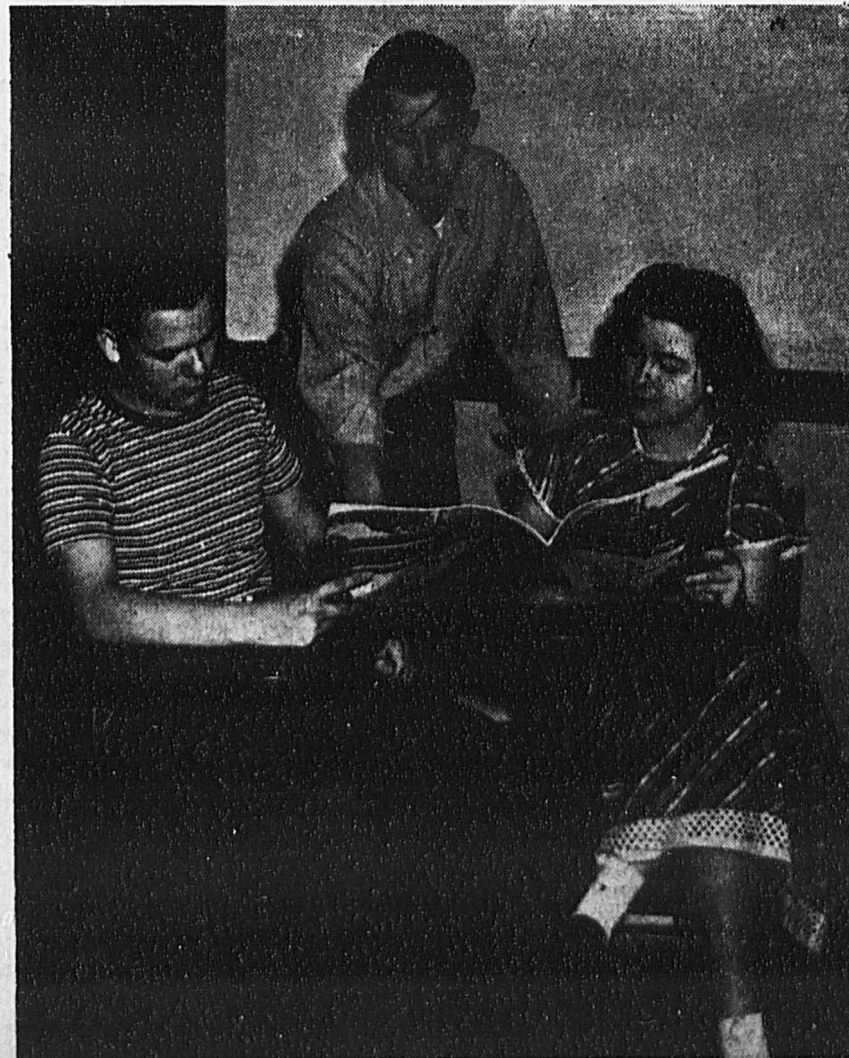
Commencement exercises will also start off with the senior procession accompanied by Meyerbeer's "Coronation March" played by the band. The girls glee club will present two numbers, "I Wonder As I Wander," an Appalachian Carol and "I Thought of You" by Klemm. "Crusaders Overture" by Wagner and a march will be presented by the band.

Dr. Glenn B. Hawkins, head of the Political Science department at Oklahoma A. and M. College will deliver the commencement address.

The exercises will end with the recessional, "Tannhauser March".

## Pals

weeks." The boy in Germany that Gene writes to has the aspiration to become a merchant.



From left to right: Gene Leibig, Charles Longo, and Sherry Stricker.

## Tewell's Room Wins Candy Bars

"A box of Hershey Candy Bars was recently presented to Mr. Tewell's home room for selling the most tickets per person to the Junior Class Play," stated Miss Mary Nelson, junior class sponsor.

"A percentage plan was worked out which resulted in the 17 members in Mr. Tewell's home room turning in an average of \$1.08 a student," Miss Nelson said. "This home room collected a total of \$18.30 for tickets."

"Second high in the percentage was Miss Messenger's home room, with 16 members, selling a total of \$14.20. The average sale for each student was 89 cents each," Miss Nelson continued.

The third highest home room was Miss Nelson's, homeroom which turned in 20.50. The twenty-eight members of this home room reported an average of 73 cents a person.

## It Will Happen

May 25—Play Day  
May 26—Commencement  
May 27—Report Cards  
May 27—School's Out  
Sept 9—School starts



## Student Planning Avoids Mistakes

Graduation time is here, and with its coming students who are seniors can sit back and relax and think about this past year. It's been a good year with a lot of fun in the making up of it, but it's had bad points too.

Since some of these mistakes could have been avoided, it might be wise to pass some of the things that seniors have learned on to those who will be seniors next year.

When one enrolls for his senior year, he should have in mind where he is going to go to college and plan his course with that thought in mind. That way, when graduation time comes about, there won't be any reason for being sorry that certain necessary subjects aren't on the transcript.

Don't be in a big hurry to get the senior year over. Live it to the fullest because it will be the last of the school days with high school friends. After graduation the class will scatter, some of them settle down here, some going to college, and some working. Probably all will never get together again. So take the year slowly and enjoy it to the fullest.

Being a senior is wonderful—it climaxes twelve years of common school education.

So to underclassmen, "Prepare to be good Seniors and even better citizens."

## Environment Determines Speech People Show Sectional Influence

Although everyone in America considers himself an American, he is really from the North, South, East, or West. In each of these four divisions, the people are different.

In the North, ancestry dates back from Sweden. People there love winter sports, and speak in a faintly accented way. They are mainly a healthy people, and fairly glow with activity.

Southerners are almost opposite from the Northerners in speech, activities, and customs. People from the South speak slowly and drawl out their words. The 'r' is softened, and a special characteristic is the 'you-all' they so often use. It is sometimes believed that their slower speech and ways are caused by the even warm temperature all year around.

Residents of the East are thought of as a cultured people, probably because they live so close to European nations and trade with them everyday. Their speech is clipped, and they talk fast. The East was the first part of America to become well populated and they can boast of the first settlers.

Westerners have gained fame from the pioneer days, and in some distant states they still think of the West as full of Indians and buffaloes. The Middle West is most-

ly prairie. Altho there are no buffalo, cattle and wheat are mainly to be found.

There is one big common factor in each of these four divisions and that is America. Each person is proud that he is an American, whether he comes from East, West, North or South.

## PHSers Would Solve Problem Efficiently

"What would you do if some strange person asked you if your parents were coming to their party that night?"

When asked this question the following students made these answers.

DOROTHY TUSTIN said "Quien sabe"? or "who knows" in Spanish. JANICE BURNIDGE would say "Yes, do you want to take me too?" KAY BOYER bluntly said, "Yes."

"None of your business" was the answer given by RICHARD BROWN. RICHARD COMSTOCK replied, "I don't speak to strange women."

DON EMERSON didn't believe his mother could go because she had to take him to the show that evening. GUSSIE RAE ROUSE was the cautious type for she would find out what party the person was talking about before she answered. To top them all JACK CLARK would say, "No speaka da English."

## Far North Offers Job Opportunities

The wilds of the North are calling you, pioneers of PHS. The land of high mountains, beautiful lakes, and senic valleys is beckoning those who have a taste for the rough and ready life of Alaska.

Alaska offers opportunities and fortune to those who can stand a temperature that averages 20 below zero for four months out of the year and who would be willing to live in a tent if necessary.

Northern adventurers will find that fresh tomatoes are at least 52 cents a pound, hamburger 90 cents a pound, milk 35 cents a quart and eggs \$1.05 a dozen. Also a four room knock-down house sells for something around \$8,000, that is if one can be found.

All of these things make up life in the far north in Alaska. Quoting from a bulletin sent out by the schoolboard at Anchorage, "This is still a pioneer country in many respects and if one is not prepared or able to 'take it' particularly in personal hardships, there is no place for him here."

## Library Contains Ancient Book

While the library has over 5100 relatively recent books there is one that might even be classified as "ancient."

This book, The Sacred Biography and History or illustrations of the Holy Scriptures, is the eldest in the Library. It was copyrighted in 1869 and published in the year 1872.

The cover of the book is heavily ornamented with gold designs while the books of today are very conservative. The pages have double lines framing them. There are thin sheets of paper protecting the illustrations.

In the back of the book it has advertisements for the latest books published in that year.

The "tragic and mournful scenes" of Abraham Lincoln's life had just been printed by the company, and the life and great achievements of Ulysses S. Grant had just been published.

There was also an item headed "Agents Wanted" and was advertising for "energetic men of good address, to act as agents" for the popular books sold by the company only by subscription.

If anyone wants to see this book, look for number 220.92, T44, in the school library.

## Future Seniors Express Ideas

Next year's senior class will consist of 76 boys and 68 girls. Thus making a total of 144 for the graduation class of 1950.

These enterprising students are looking forward eagerly to being the "upper classmen." Some students have expressed their opinion on being "big" seniors next year.

Doris DuBois is looking forward to Journalism and chorus next year. She remembers most vividly of her junior year going with Bill Thornberry. She is also looking forward to seeing what kind of athletic teams PHS will produce in '50.

"I remember best being elected president of GAA for next year," said Joan McClure, "and I am looking forward to filling that position."

Jeanne Harris want lots of boy friends and little studying for her senior year. She remembers best of her junior year the swim she didn't get to take.

Tall, lanky, Walter Prince declares that he is looking forward most to getting out of school. Naturally basketball games are what he will remember about 1949.

Johnny Strawn wants to have a better year next year than he had last year. The things he remember when he thinks about his junior year are all the troubles he has had.

## PHS Teachers Plan Summer Activities

PHS teachers are planning a variety of activities during the coming summer months. Some of the teachers are going to go to school to work on advanced degrees at the various colleges and universities in this area. Some are going to teach and others are going to go out and get a laboring job. Traveling will be calling others.

Mr. White is going to take a trip to Washington, California, and New Mexico during June and July. Then he will go to work for a local printing shop up to the time for school to begin.

Miss Oliver plans to do some teaching during her vacation month. She will teach a course in library at K.S.T.C.

Mr. Winchester will go back to his initial occupation for the three summer months. "My father was a plumber and that is the first thing that I learned to do in the way of vocational work," stated the athletic coach, "so that's what I'll be doing for this summer's occupation."

## Just Playin' Aroun'

By Minnie Brown

What is It??

"What are you making?" asked a friend of Barbara King, who was working with a blob of clay.

"Well," came the reluctant answer, "I don't rightly know. It started out to be a madonna, but began to look like a monkey. Next it resembled George Washington, then it looked like an old puritan woman. I'm not sure how it will turn out!"

Question of the Week??

Who was the lucky guy who gave Gussie Rae Rouse the Four Orchids??

What For??

Recently received in the Booster box—a picture of a quonset hut with a fence around it, and written on the back the words, "This is the front of our hut."

The Booster staff is still trying to figure out what to do with it.

## CHAIN LETTER

Chain letters have recently been mailed to Judy Veatch and Art Halliday, attending Kansas University.

These are the last letters to be written this year. The Booster staff wants to thank all the students who have cooperated in these letter writing projects to last year's graduates.

## FINGERNAIL FILE?

Pat Brady got quite a surprise the other day in Physics class. She was looking in vain for the tin snips when she discovered that Bill Miller was using them for fingernail cutting.

Need some polish, Bill??

## FELL FLAT!

Some things really send a person for a fall. Take for instance the other day in the hall. Philip Doty was walking along minding his own business when Clarada Hurst walked by.

The poor boy fell flat on his face! What Minnie wants to know is did Clarada trip him??

## Things To Do

Five ministers of Cushing, Okla. gave messages each day during chapel on the theme of "Let God Speak".

—The Broadcaster

I long to be a Senior  
And with the Seniors stand  
A ball-point pen behind my ear  
A caldron in my hand.  
I wouldn't be a garbage man,  
I wouldn't be a king  
I wouldn't be an angel,  
Cause angels have to sing  
I just want to be a SENIOR  
And never do a thing.

The Argentinian  
Kansas City, Kans.

The Student Council of Colby Community High School sponsored a "Mixer" for seven visiting high schools not long ago. Games and dancing were featured.

Colby, Kans.

Laugh and the world laughs with you;  
write a column and you laugh all alone.

Winfield Oracle  
Winfield, Kans.

Freshman: Please, Mother, let me go out tonight.  
Sophomore: May I go out tonight, the show is over at ten.  
Junior: I'm going out tonight, Dad.  
Senior: Goodnight, folks, I will bring the milk in when I come home.

Coyote Journal  
Phoenix, Ariz.

In Delano, Calif. the kids were entertained by Arnold Furst, a magician. The program was given to raise money for band uniforms.

## Kill the Umpire

## Library Features Baseball Stories

For its 1-2-3-strikes, you're out at the old ball game. The Baseball season is here and with it all the thrills from the crowd's shouting, "Kill the umpire!" to the umpire hollering, "You're out."

Abiding in the library is quite a collection of books about this grand national sport... Recently received are "The Turning Point," by Ed Fitzgerald; "Southpaw from San Francisco," by Phillip Harkins; "Skid," by Florence Hayes; "Flashing Spikes," by F. O'Rourke; and "Fielder from Nowhere" by Jackson Scholz.

Then there are those old favorites by John Tunis, "High Pockets," "Keystone Kid," and "Kid from Tonkinsville." Some books on the fundamentals of baseball are "Baseball for Everyone," by Joe DiMaggio, and "Baseball," by Daniel Jesse.

So its Strike Three and "You're Out!"



"No, no Ruby, when you steal a base you don't really steal it you just run to it. Now come on back to the ball park."

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# Senior Biographies

## Booster Presents Passing Parade of Memories for Seniors

### CAROLE WILSON

"I wonder what I forgot today," is the pessimistic saying of Carole Wilson. Carol or "Wils" as she is known plans to go to the Kansas City Art Institute. After she graduates from there, she wants to become a commercial artist.

Carole leaves all the little stray dogs and cats in Mr. Cromer's room to future members of the torture (oops! Journalism) class. She might go to Colorado this summer to see what they have.

### BETTY ZIMMERMAN

"I want to leave my old cooking table to PHS," stated Betty with a smile. This redheaded senior's ambition is to become a housewife as is the ambition of many young girls.

Betty's favorite saying is "Gosh," and when asked what her pastime is she replied "loafing." This summer Betty plans to travel.

### RITA PAYTON

"Hey, you all!" This of course identifies Rita Payton, better known as "Bunny" because she was born on Easter Sunday.

This attractive blonde came to PHS from Phoenix, Ariz. at the beginning of the second semester. Her ambition can be shared by numerous others—she wants "To be real happy."

### JOHN WARD

No one has yet found a name to fit John Ward better than John. "Jumping Gee Whiz" is this senior boy's favorite expression!

If his ambition is fulfilled, he will someday sign his name John Ward, M.D. John leaves to PHS underclassmen "the hope that they may graduate someday."

### MARILYN CHAMBERS

"Bless Me" is often heard when one happens to walk into the east wing of the library, first hour.

Marilyn, who is one of Miss Oliver's librarians, says that she does have a nickname, but every one calls her "Marilyn."

Marilyn's only ambition is to get out of school.

### JACKIE KOONTZ

"PHS can have the mouse that ate my Kleenex" stated Jackie who is better known as "Freckles" to a certain friend.

Jackie, one of the three graduating twirlers, says she'd like to be a success in anything she tries to do.

When anything goes wrong, one will here this dark headed senior say, "Oh feather dust."

"I guess I'll tag along with my folks this summer and travel," concluded Jackie.

### PHYLLIS STUTSMAN

"Well, dad gum," is heard and there stands "Phil" as she is known to PHS.

The desire to get married seems to be prevail in her mind right now although one can find her at Otto's this summer.

Although her first exclamation as to what to leave the school wasn't printable, she finally decided to leave all the love birds on first floor.

### BRUCE MYERS

"Why, didn't you know I'm going to be a general in the Marines," this was the remark made by "copyboy" Myers when asked what his ambition was.

Whenever anything happens, Bruce's only remark will be "fine thing." General Myers leaves Dan J. Towell and all his debate material on World Government to future "suckers".

"I guess I'll probably end up joining the Marines this summer," concluded Bruce.



The graduating class of '49 numbering 137, stand on the PHS campus for their last picture together.

### JOYCE MENICHETTI

"Juicy" is the name usually given to this senior girl. "I'll leave all the furniture in the 2nd floor rec. room to future senior girls." smiled Joyce. Her favorite pastime is going to the show, probably because she works there and gets in free.

"Someday I hope to be an authority on international problems," she said "but while I'm waiting to grow up, I think I'll work in the Siberian Salt Mines".

### DON MENCHETTI

Don "Duck" Menchetti, handsome and versatile athlete is an inquisitive fellow. He can usually be heard inquiring "What's the deal?"

Duck majored in math. His first interest is sports. He quarter-backed the football team and played first-string on the basketball team. Duck would like to leave his old grade cards to future scholars.

### MARWILDA FORD

A lot of people call her Marrie, but if one can't say that, just call her "Willie."

Her main interest in life right now is a certain red-headed "Chick" her ambition is to beat this same "Chick" in the half-mile.

This pint-size individual leaves all the dirt in the bottom of the swimming pool to future swimmers. She wants to work at the swimming pool this summer and hopes her hair doesn't turn green again!

### TOM HOOK

Tom Alan Hook, who is called "Moses" or "Fuzzy", will be remembered in PHS as "that boy with the beard."

Tom is on the track team. He has made quite a name for himself in the high and low hurdles. After graduation, Tom plans to be a farmer.

He would like to leave his American History to his "alma mater."

### BILLIE JUNE SMITH

"Bill" plans to continue working as cashier at the Colonial theater this summer. This pretty brunette's ambition is to be happily married to a sailor. Her evenings are spent writing letters or sitting in the show. To the future Rise Stevens of PHS, she leaves half of the alto part in Mr. Johnson's double trio.

### CHARLES SHIRLEY

Commonly known as "Shirley" or "Chuck," this senior boy leaves to PHS his happy memories and his oboe.

If any of the class of '49 becomes ill in the next few years, they can hurry to Doc Shirley, since Charles aspires to study medicine.

He is likely to finish a conversation with the words, "Oh go to," He plans to do a lot of loafing this summer.

### CARL GILMORE

Carl Gilmore, called 'Hix' by those who know him, has high ambitions.

He'd like to be a psychiatrist or an architect. Hix is an ardent stamp collector in his spare time. His favorite expression is unprintable. "Well," said Carl, "I guess I'd like to leave all the beautiful girls here to next year's students."

### CLARENCE GARETT

"I guess I'll be a loafer when I grow up," stated this unconcerned senior boy. When asked what his favorite word was he said, "It can't be printed."

Clarence leaves his dirty socks that he wears in auto mechanics to PHS. The reason he leaves his socks is because he never wears his shoes unless he has to, and he wants to leave something worn out.

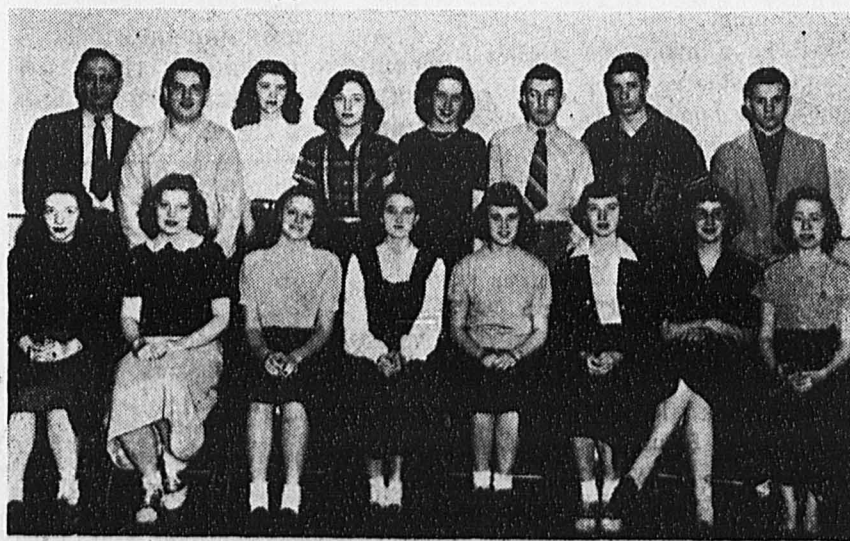
"There isn't much I liked about PHS except the two girls in the office," commented this guy who says he wants to do one of four things this summer. There was no comment as to what these were.

### JIM MITCHELL

Jim "Mitch" Mitchell is known by his "red-hot" licorice stick playing in the PHS band. Mitch is going to be the Benny Goodman of 1955.

With a slow grin and much head scratching, Jim said, "Let's see, I guess I'll leave, my first chair clarinet."

### Booster Staff



This hard working group of students as everyone well knows is the "Booster Staff."

Not only did they write and publish a paper, but they sponsored contests, dances and other various school services.

"The Booster staff would like to express its appreciation to the student body, faculty members, and administration for being so cooperative throughout the year," and give the printers  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the credit for the paper.

### LOUISE DRAY

"Just call me Lou," said Louise. This elusive senior says if the Crown drug store doesn't mind she will continue to work there after graduation. As to leaving something to the school, she chooses to leave someone, namely the teachers.

Lou says she hasn't any hobbies.

### BILL MILLER

"Pinky," the nickname many students know him by, wants to go to College and train to be an Industrial Engineer "My favorite pastime is riding around with my favorite red head," smiled "Pinky".

Bill wants to leave PHS the pipe that Miss Fintel smelled in the Southeast corner of her room.

### JOHN ROBINSON

Tall, quiet Johnny Robinson feels that the life of an airplane mechanic is the life for him. During his high school career he naturally felt that third hour was the high point of his day, this being aeronautics class.

John would like to leave just the whole school.

### MARY CAROL WHITE

"My ambition is to travel," said M.C., the name many of her friends know her by. M.C. is often heard saying, "No future in it." She likes Art best of all her classes because the time goes by so fast.

In answering the question, "What do you plan to do this summer," M.C. replied, "You know, just as little as possible."

### PATRICIA (PAT) MOUTHUY

Her sole ambition in life is to return to PHS, reclaim the wicker rocking chair in the girl's lounge, move it to room 220 where she will sit, sip coffee and listen to a dissertation on "Legal Polygamy."

As a tribute to the 137 seniors graduating from PHS in 1949, The Booster presents a four-page insert containing "thumb-nail" sketches of student personalities.

Graduation this year will be for some students, the climax of their formal education. For others, it will be a milestone on the road to a college degree. Whichever it may be, graduation is an important event and for the month of May, seniors are important people.

This paper is dedicated to the graduates in the hope that it will be a source of enjoyment in future years. It should be interesting to compare seniors now with the adults they come to be.

### JOANNE TURNER

"Listen, I wanna tell ya" or "Oh, poodle" immediately lets one know Joanne Turner is near.

When asked what her ambition is this cheerful senior replied, "I'd like to be a kindergarten teacher."

This summer will find Joanne with a job—that is if she can leave her favorite pastimes, namely her dogs, for any length of time.

### ROGER COPPENBARGER

"I don't have the slightest idea what I want to be, but I do know I want to get rich," said "Roge". This brown eyed senior's spare time is spent fixing old cars. "I leave 'squeaky', the mouse in my locker on first floor, to next year students," smiled Roger.

### RICHARD CHIAPETTA

"To make my first million sitting down," is the ambition of energetic Richard Chiapetta.

"Dick" can usually be identified by his most used expression, "Hello, Slick."

"Dick" says, "I leave to PHS my beautiful recording in the band room so that those in the future may enjoy it."

### PAT BRADY

"Brodie" otherwise known as Pat Brady plans to go to dear old KSTC next year. "I leave to my alma Mater my 'cuzzin' Bob Smith. Of course that is if I don't receive a blank diploma." Pat's "Merthorton" cartoons saved the Booster many times beside adding to the enjoyment of the student body.

### MARIAN BEAVER

"You stupid nut" shows that Marian is in the crowd. This "high spirited" brownette's main ambition is to graduate from St. Luke's School of Nursing, but she also wants to be promoted from an ush-trette at the Midland to a cashier. "To the girls who take clothing next year, I leave my drawer in in the clothing class and the remarks I received in room 220 for talking across the room," said Marian.

### BOB HULL

"What do you want me to do, stand on my head?" is likely to be heard wherever "Ugly" is found. His ambition is to see the year Miss Fintel reserves one night a week to work on Mr. Nation's famous outlines instead of "trig". This summer will find this shy senior working as a doorman at the Colonial, that is if one can call it work, and attend KSTC.

### CLARADA HURST

"Oh Cow!" is the familiar words heard from "Puss" or "The Blonde", as she is sometimes called. Her spare time is spent at the Colonial Theatre where she is attempting to fulfill her life ambition—to be a housewife. "Puss" wants to leave her troubles (?) to the future seniors.



# Seniors Give Final Views On Busy Joyful School Years

## JO ANN MAES

"I'll leave all the bubble gum to library students. I always wanted to chew some in that class, but never seemed to get to."

This senior girl says that her ambition is to work in an office as a secretary or typist. Wherever Jo Ann goes, "Ladeda," may be heard in her conversation.

## CHARLES LONGO

Charles who is often called "Buddy" by his friends wishes to excel in the field of art.

"Oh dry up" is sometimes heard when Charles gets disgusted.

Uncle Charlie who has taken art for three years leaves to future students who wish to go into the field of art, his artistic ability.

## HAROLD BROWN

"Brownie" as he is known to his friends leaves all the headaches he got in Biddle's classes to the future seniors.

"Hi Ugly" is often heard from the ambitious student who would like to go through college.

Harold says he'll loaf this summer and work at the shows

## JACK ROSS

"Big Dog" Jack Ross can often be heard using his favorite expressions, "Whadda ya say, Cowboy?" and "Get lost."

To be the biggest side of Bill Nicholson is Jack's ambition. To PHS he leaves all of his unbroken records in track, football, basketball, swimming, golf, and tiddle de winks.

## BILL BOLINGER

Bill leaves to the PHS the talent for finding an empty car at noon. This senior spends his pastime thinking up witty sayings. "I intend to attend college next winter," said Bill. Bill's favorite class is the period following sixth hour and his favorite sport is golf.

## MILDRED MILLION

"Well, I want to start out being an air hostess, but some day, I hope to get married," begins this little senior girl, "Millie," to her friends. Mildred wants to leave all the broken locks she has found in her senior year at PHS. "And I've found a lot of 'em." Millie's favorite saying, "For Corn's Sake," adds spice to her gay life.

## DONNA SCRATCHER

"Boy how" introduces this senior otherwise known as "Deanie".

The fun she had in high school is what she'll remember most, but she intends to work this summer and then become a nurse.

She generously wills her locker to next year's occupant.

## KATHERINE LIGON

"Red" doesn't care for her nickname, but it's the only one she has. "I just about flipped," is her usual comment. Katherine writes letters to a sailor as her favorite hobby, and loves to do it. Katherine is planning to spend next summer on a dude ranch in Arkansas that her folks will manage. As for ambition, Katherine doesn't have any.

## PHILLIP DOTY

Phil wants to leave the juniors and sophs a full year with Mr. Nation, and he hopes they do as well as he did(?).

Phil's ambition is to be a multi-millionaire bachelor and spend all his time building gas model airplanes; as for his favorite expression, Phil says, "Holy Cow! I don't have one!"

## MARY CATHERINE NOVERO

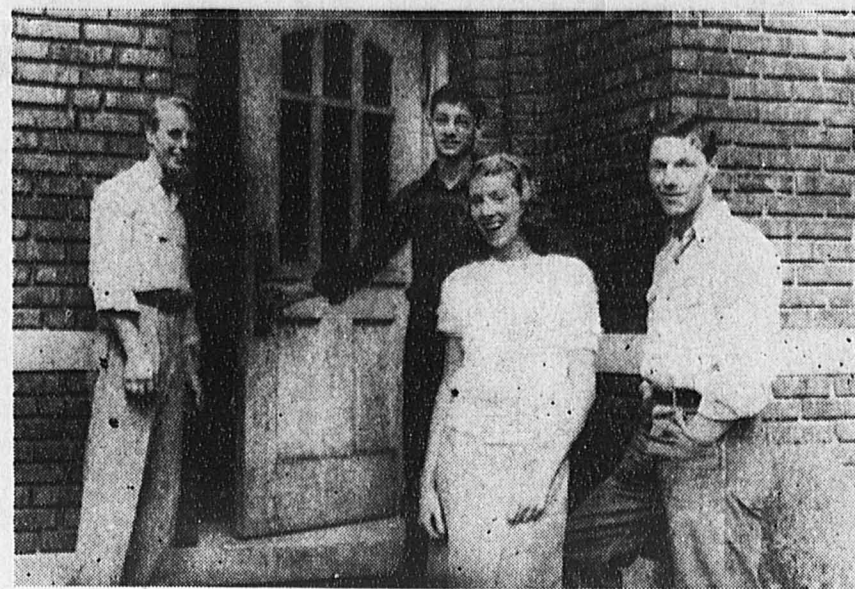
"Mary / Kay" used to have the great ambition of becoming a singer but a certain fellow from Drexel, Mo., helped to change her mind. She now wants to get married.

This ambition is to come true on July twenty-fourth of this summer, so we know how she'll spend her vacation.

Mary enjoyed school in general but library was the favorite time of day.

She leaves her knack of learning speeches to next year's sophs.

## Senior Officers



Evert Wirt, Don Menchetti, Cheri Montgomery, Jim Dunaway

## RALPH KEIHL

To become a music director is the object of this sturdy senior, Ralph Keihl. Ralph doesn't seem to have any nickname, but he does have something to leave to posterity and that being all of the trick questions on a certain American government teacher's tests.

In the expression, "great balls of sheet iron" Ralph feels that he can express himself properly.

## THEODORE LITTLE

"T", as he is known to everyone, says his sole ambition in life is to stay a bachelor.

This senior boy leaves his chair in Mr. Nation's room with the shiny bottom to all future classmates. "What do ya say" seems to keep "T" up on the news, as he makes himself known with this remark.

## HAZIL GILES

Although Hazil Giles has a lot of expressions that are connected with her, her favorite one is "That's tough."

Hazil also has two ambitions. If she goes to college, she will probably attend KSTC. She leaves to future generations of struggling PHS students her table in the library.

## CLARENCE DIXON

The incomparable Pood Dixon versatile Booster editor, brought lots of laughs with him from Nevada, Mo. Wherever Pood is one can hear a loud "Moo, Moo!"

His inspired acting enlivened this year's senior play. Pood would like to leave to some poor straight jacket candidate his post as Cromer's right hand man.

## JAMES STANLEY

James Stanley has high ambitions. Yes, he wants to be a pilot when he graduates from PHS. James is better known to the members of this place of better learning as "Jim".

Jim liked everything about school. He leaves to the seniors of 1950 all of Mr. Nation's tests. He plans on attending KSTC next year.

## ELEANOR KYSER

"If you really want to know, just ask me," smiled "El." She wants to leave to future hardworking students the 2nd typewriter on the third row in typing class.

"El" works at the Cozy Theater, but she wants to get married someday. She also hopes that some bunch of girls will have as much fun having slumber parties as her group has.

## CHERI MONTGOMERY

This peppy senior's ambition is to go to college and become a nurse. When asked what her favorite pastime is, she replied with a smile, "I guess its reading, eating, and sleeping, and dancing."

Cheri doesn't seem to have a nickname, but she does have a cute little brother Ted, and she wants to leave him to PHS.

## Commencement Has Interesting Origin

Commencement is one of the most important milestones in a person's life. Commencement, or graduation as it is sometimes called, comes from England's usage of commemoration. This was a ceremonial closing of an academic year at a university. Originally, commencement was an event that happened only in the lives of a university graduate, but since America took over the word, it applies to the close of any phase of school.

In the pioneer days of America, schools were scarce and children were taught by their parents whenever they had time from their work. As the years passed, alert Americans realized that more formal education was imperative. Schools sprang up over the nation, and even women were given the opportunity to become educated. Commencement in those days was held in the afternoon. Each graduating student wore his best Sunday dress.

More and more commencement has changed until today it includes not only graduation night, but also other activities such as a banquet and baccalaureate. Some schools have formal graduation, and others wear caps and gowns. Announcements are sent out and students exchange name cards.

Now commencement has become a ceremony that can always be remembered by the graduate.

## BETTY DAUCHEZ

Betty Dauchez wants to be a 'number please' girl when she graduates from PHS. When Betty is around one usually hears her favorite word, "Schmoo." She leaves all the wads of gum in Mr. Nation's wastepaper basket to next year's seniors.

## WILLIS SUTTER

"To make good" is the object of Willis Sutter's life. Since much of his extra time is spent in room 109, Willis feels that orchestra could be classed as a favorite subject.

"I don't know," seems to be his most used expression.

## WILMA JUNE RINEHART

"Wilby" wouldn't mind being head of the Democratic Party and travel to New York where she and Martha Boulware will live. She wants Barbara to serve two cups of coffee, one cup of Sanka to room 220.

"Wilby" expects to buy West Point and reorganize the schedule so she can attend school there.

## RAY TRIPP

Ray or "Tripp" as most of his friends call him, plans to visit in the "far North" or otherwise known as the state of Washington. "Tripp's" ambition is to be a coach of either track or football. "I don't know where I will work, but I want to work someplace," said Ray. This athletically minded senior leaves to the sophomore and junior boys all the pretty sophomore and junior girls.

## JOAN KUBLER

"I don't know" is Joan's favorite expression. "Kub" is the nickname her friends have given to her. "To get even with a dentist is my one ambition," said "Kub". Joan leaves to the underclassmen her standing spot on first floor. She doesn't know where she will work this summer, but she plans to work some place.

## BOB WILSON

"My ambition is to succeed," said "Chick" Wilson, as he is known to fellow PHSers. "Chick's" hobby sports of any kind. He leaves to other trackmen his track suit. This red headed bashful senior plans to work at Cripes Bakery this summer. Later he and Marwilda want to join the foreign legion.

## MARTHA BOULWARE

Marty or Martha Boulware has the distinction of being the only one to know what she says "dohopper." She leaves the front hall with all its teachers to the future students of PHS.

The only thing Marty didn't like were the dull assemblies. She plans on going to KSTC next year. Her ambitions: To have a successful business career and to be head of the Republican party and live in New York with Wilma June Rinehart.

## WILLIAM ENGLAND

William (Bill) England, red-haired demon photographer, is recognized by a pair of powerful lungs. He alternately condemns and upholds Federal World Government or extolls the virtues of Newton High from which he transferred last year.

Almost any day Bill can be heard saying, "Well, you can be my wife after that!" Bill wants to leave to PHS his father.

## HAROLD PUMMILL

Wherever Harold is you can see his blond, curly hair! Just to be different, Harold wants to take all his fond memories of PHS with him instead of leaving them to future boys and girls.

"I don't have a nickname," smiled Harold, "so I guess you'll have to leave that part out".

## WILLIAM THOMPSON

Bill or "Red" is one of the "Sunflower Boys".

Bill can usually be found around Mr. Tewell's room before first hour. His favorite expression is "Where's Betty?"

"I leave to PHS the memory of my beautiful voice" ended Bill with a smile.

## DELLA BOLTE

This blond-haired senior, says to call her Della because she hasn't any nicknames. She will remember Secretarial Practice the longest, and likes Government the most. She may work in an office, and she leaves the "hole the mouse chewed in my coat" to next year's seniors.

## BARBARA HAAGE

Naturally "Babs" is one of her nicknames: flower gardening is her favorite hobby. She hopes to be a nurse sometime in the future; she leaves the many happy hours she had in sociology to next year's seniors if they will take good care of them.

## CHARLES SCHOLES

"Tex" Charles Scholes gives his ambition as wanting to go to the Marines for the rest of his natural life.

Charles has spent some three years in PHS helping put out the Booster and states that printing is his favorite subject. But even though he had a good time in school, he wants to leave the whole business to prosperity.

## PATRICIA GLENNON

Pat, as she is better known, is well liked in PHS. She was chosen annual queen this year. Her favorite expression is "Oh, Lord" and the only thing she wants to do is just "succeed."

She insists that she's just "Leaving" and that you can find her at the swimming pool this summer.

## JAKALENE CLANTON

"I want to leave to P.H.S. all the wonderful good times I've had," Jake.

Jake has a slight aversion to the Navy, but she likes a certain sailor. She loves to write letters and receive them, to.

"Isn't my ring pretty?" can be called her favorite line.

Jake wants to go into the world to make lots of friends and live a successful life.

## GARY CAMPBELL

Gary Campbell is one of the rare people around PHS who doesn't have a nickname.

After he 'gets out' of high school, he plans to travel to Alaska or California. He has decided to leave all the old Boosters in Mr. Cromer's room to the Seniors of 1950.

## KATHLEEN MORGAN

Kathy has a worthy ambition. She wants to visit in Long Island N.Y.

Her spare time is spent going to the show and working at the Orange Bowl.

"To all future PHS students, I leave the back table in the clothing class," said Kathy.



## JOAN GREEF

This cute "Red Head" whose nickname is "Jody", claims that she doesn't have a favorite expression. She doesn't say anything!

"Jody" wants to travel all around the world. She'd like to end her trip by getting married.

She refuses to leave the school anything and insists on taking it all with her.

Duck seems to be her favorite bird.

## DONALD BAERT

No special ambition, just to be what he is, is the ambition of this senior boy. He is better known to his classmates as Don. Don plans to join the Navy this summer and make that his job for a few years.

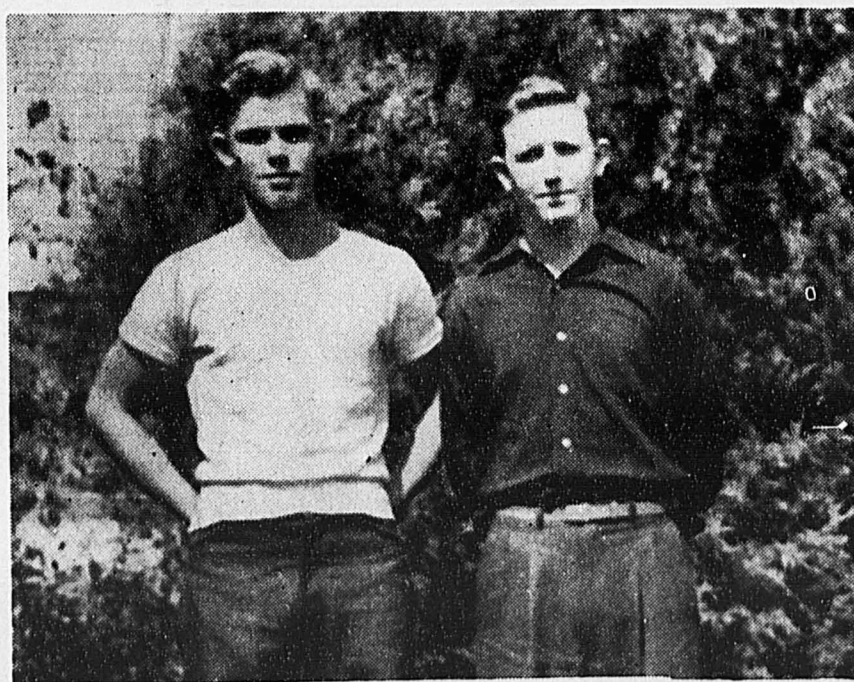
Don claims that Government and Gym are his favorite subjects. He feels that he will need everything he has so he doesn't leave anything to the school.



# Booster Presents Yearly 'Picture Parade'



Mr. John L. England began the school year, 1948-1949, as the new principal of PHS and Roosevelt Junior High School. Before coming to PHS, Mr. England had served as principal of Lakeside Junior High.



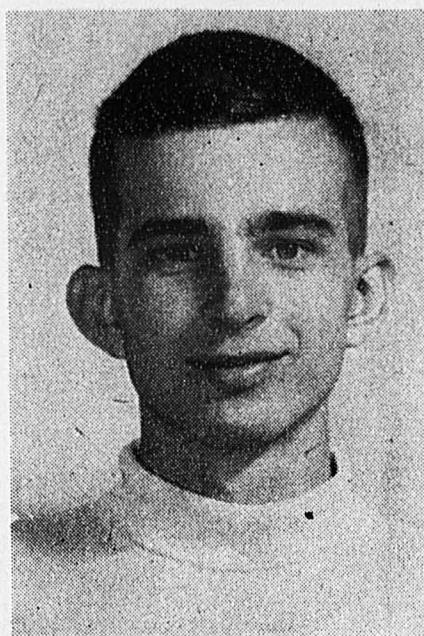
Mary Jean Pepper, Mildred Million, top, and Jack Williamson, Bill Bolinger, below, were found to be the four PHS students who earned the most money during the summer months, according to the first Booster survey of the year.



Second place winners of the SEK Regional Tournament were the PHS Purple Dragons, pictured above. Following the regional games, the team went to the State Tournament.



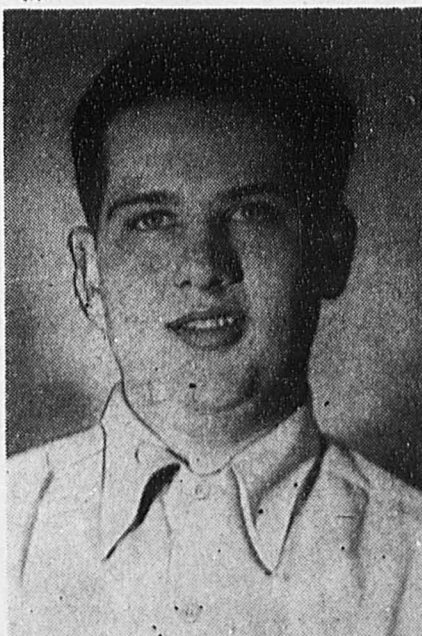
One of the first activities at the school year was the crowning of the Football Queen, Pat Brady, at the Homecoming Football game.



The All-School Election found Bill Nulton elected as President of the Student Council. As the year progressed, Bill was elected the Hi-Y Governor of the State of Kansas.



Folk dances and social dancing were offered at Activity Periods on Mondays for students who liked to dance. The classes were conducted for six-week periods under Miss Messenger's supervision.



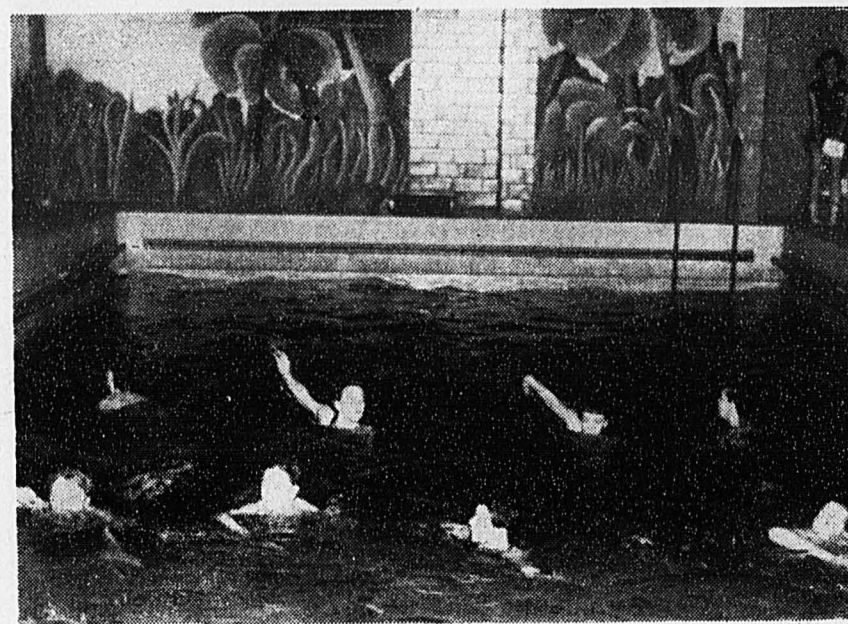
Taking second place in the Humorous Reading selections at the State Dramatics Festival was Clarence Dixon, senior. "Poood" received the highest rating that was given to any Pittsburg entrant.

As the school year 1948-1949 draws to a close, the Booster staff presents to the graduating class and to PHS students a PICTURE PARADE of the past year.

It is hoped that through these pictures seniors may have a reminder of their last year in high school, and other students will remember an active and successful school year.



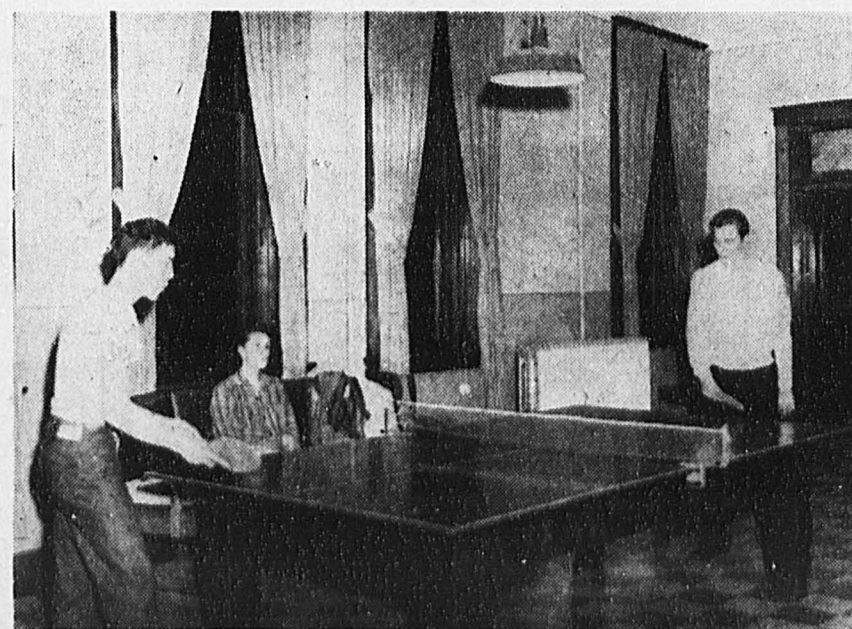
The football season for the purple Dragons ended with two wins and six losses. Pittsburg, above, carries the ball in a hard-fought game with Coffeyville.



For the Teacher's Meeting which was held in Pittsburg, a swimming ballet was presented for the guests under the direction of Miss Helen Messenger. Thirty girls took part in the water scenes.



Winning the first courtesies contest of the Booster, Richard Comstock later made a name for himself by being elected the state president of the Junior Academy of Science in May, at a state meet in Manhattan.



Jim Mitchell, right, takes the Booster Ping Pong Tournament by winning over Jerry Linthicum, left, in the last round. Several high school boys participated in the tournament which was held at the Y. M. C. A.



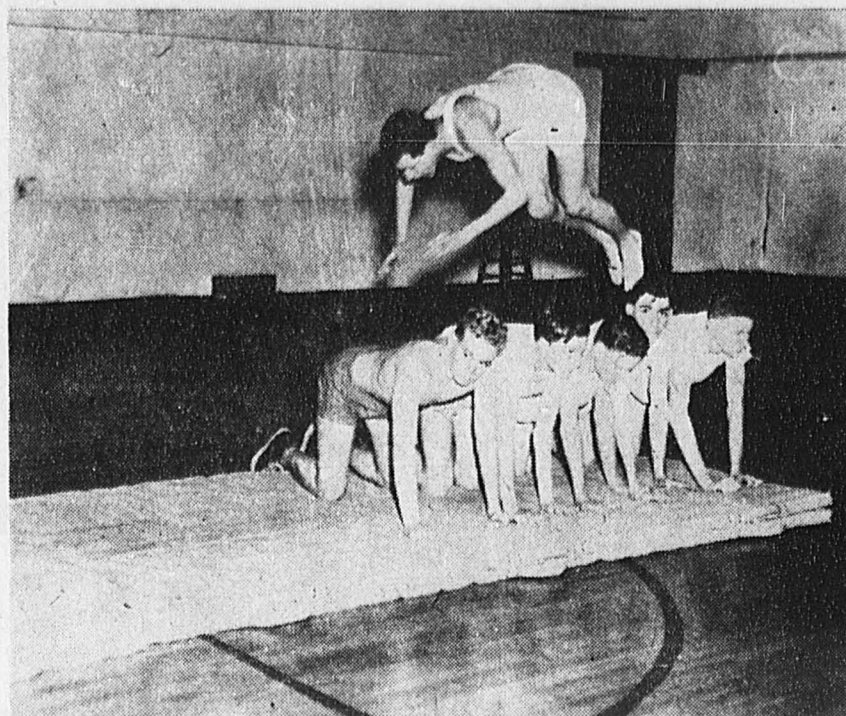
# PHS Carries Out Busy Activity Schedule



Coach Dick Miller and a few of his 'Dragon Golfers,' get set for the season. From left to right J. Miller; M. Stumfoll; coach Miller; R. Karnes; and J. Dunaway.



The music department under the direction of M. Orville Johnson has entertained the public and student body at various times during the year.



"The flying young tumbler," Don Beart, gives an exhibition of one of the activities of the boy's gym classes during the past year.



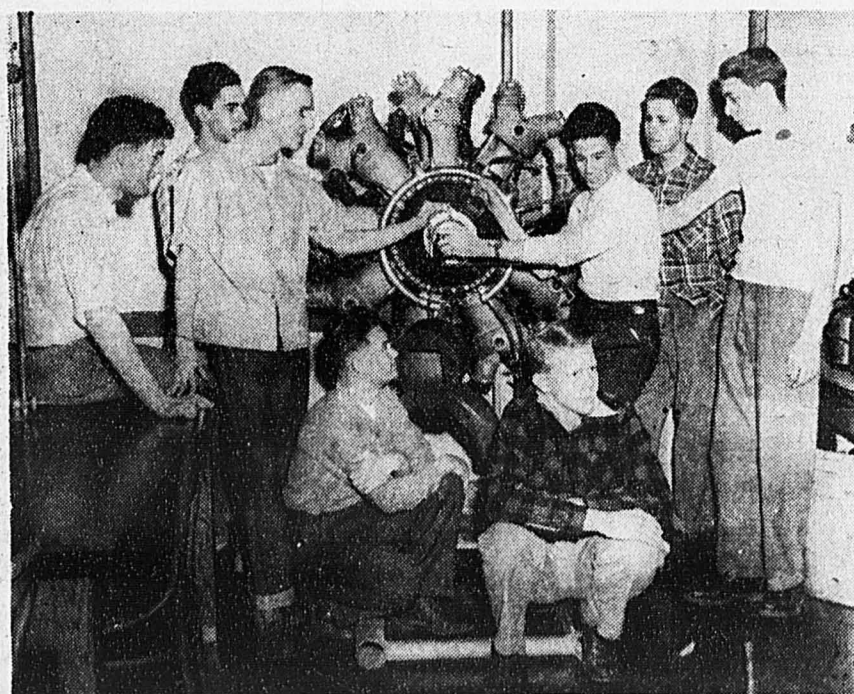
One of the featured events sponsored by the Booster during the year was the Valentine Day "Cupid Messenger Service." Written telegrams and singing telegrams were delivered to students and teachers from fellow students. There was a small charge for the various types of telegrams.



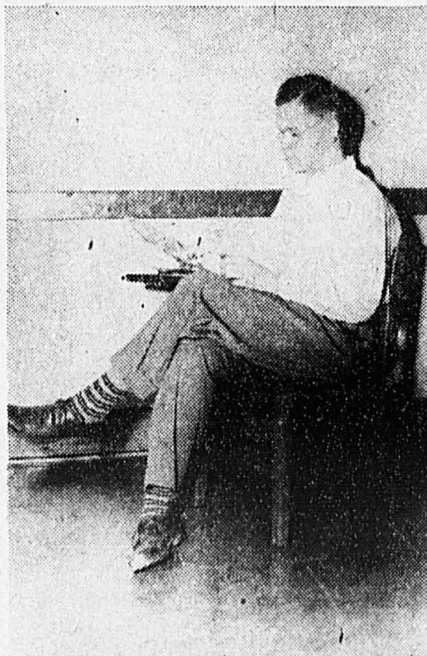
John E. White printing instructor, was elected as one of the city commissioners in the past April 5, election.



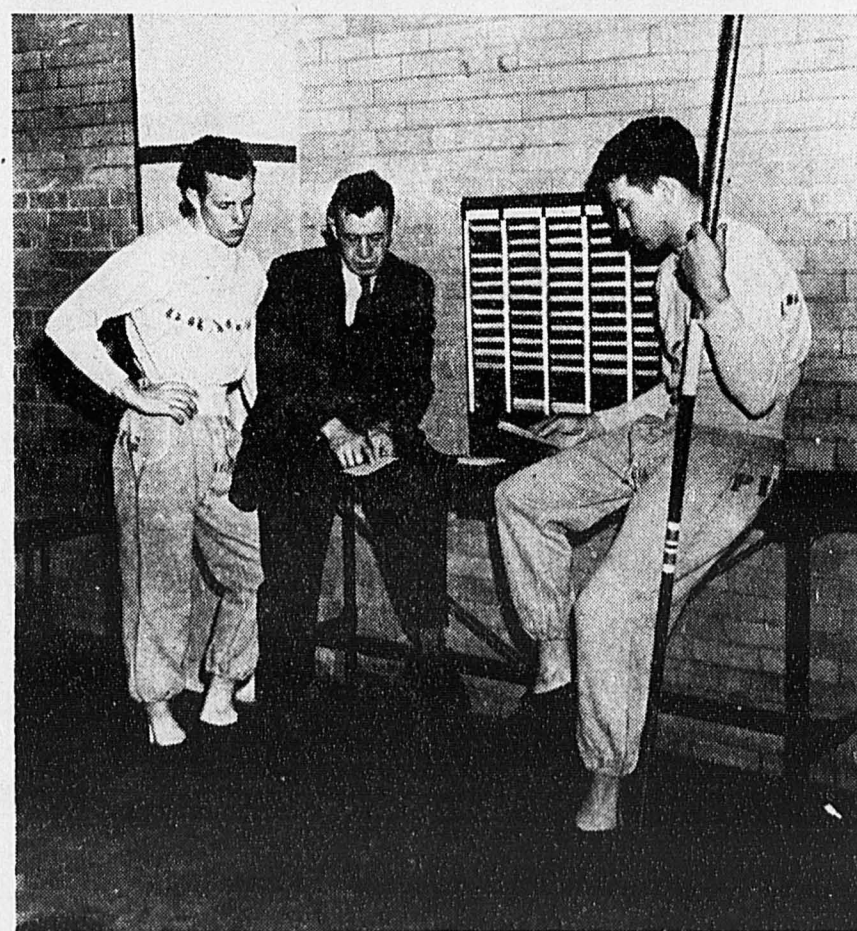
King and Queen April Fool, Jack Vercoglio and Louise Dray, reigned over PHS on April Fools day of this past year.



C.A.P. boys study airplane motors. Left to right are Philip Doty, Jame Stanley, John Robinson, Art Coropolongo, Ronald Damrill, Rolph Sill, Jack Clark and Paul Doty.



Eugene Liebig, junior, has collected facts souvenirs from all of the forty-eight states of the union. "Gene" also has talent to draw any of the continents of the world, free hand.



Bob Wilson, left; Ray Tripp, right, senior track stars, confer with track coach Joe Winchester about their daily workout schedule.



These seven snappy twirlers have had a busy season entertaining at football and basketball games and parades. Left to right are "Wimpy" Roeber, junior; Jackie Koontz, senior; Betty Allen, senior; Jane Ann Lamb, junior; Janice Burnidge, sophomore; Virginia Hindman, senior; and Joan Neger sophomore.



Making their first debut at the Coronation Ball the dance band made up of PHS students have added much to school parties and dances. These boys and one girl have worked hard. It is hoped the band will continue next year.



# Commencement Climaxes School Year for 1949 Graduates

## PHYLLIS NELSON

This snappy journalism and speech student has as her life ambition to come back to PHS after finishing college and oust the speech and dramatic teacher, namely Mr. Tewell. "Phyl" Nelson says that her favorite quip is to say, "I believe you."

## KATHLEEN BRADICK

"Kathi" as many of her friends know her by, says her ambition is to be a scrub woman for the First National Bank.

"I leave my sincere felicitations to the future students of PHS," stated Kathi with a smile. This seniors favorite pastime is drawing pictures of Mr. Nation. She may frequently be heard saying "Oh fiddle!"

## GERALD MILLER

"I don't know" is the one expression that lets everyone know Gerald Miller is around. Gerald is probably better known around PHS as Jerry.

This blond senior has an unusual ambition: He wants to go to Siberia this summer. He leaves to next year's senior his government book and his place on the golf team. Jerry liked everything around PHS.

## GEORGE SPRUK

If he can just get out of high school, George Spruk's ambition will be fulfilled. "G", as he has been known here and there, says his favorite expression is "Piddle."

George has been very generous to PHS. He leaves "everything I can't carry away."

## BILLY JO EDWARDS

Billy swears that he can't remember the name of the profession he wants to enter, but he knows it involves making false teeth, he says.

Things he will remember the most, according to him, are art class and some of the art pieces he turned out.

## ORA LEE FOSTER

The ambition of this industrious senior girl is to be a secretary.

Ora Lee, who somehow acquired the nickname of "hydrophobia," would like to will to someone in next year's government class her well-worn chair.

## RUTH LANCE

Behind the favorite expressions of "Holy Cow" and "Good Gravy," one'll find Ruth Lance.

Ruthie has no special nickname but expresses the ambition of becoming a good housewife.

She wills her chair in Government to some "lucky" senior of next year's class.

## GEORGE CLARK

"Catch me later" is the sentence that George says the most. "Tiny" is the nickname tacked onto this dark curly haired senior.

"I don't want to leave a thing to the other kids. I will let them get it the hard way, like I did," said "Tiny". George has two ambitions. One is to be an engineer, and the other is to dig gold in Alaska with John Baker.

## BILL BELEW

A prominent senior, who aspires to be an actor, is really sorry to leave old Alma Mater.

Bill is known around the school as a member of the "4 Tones Quartet". This group has become quite famous around Pittsburg.

## DAISY WHETZEL

If Daisy has a nickname she doesn't talk about it. She wants to be the girl on the other end of the line, who says, "Number Please" when someone picks up his phone. She would like to have more time, she says to consider what she would like to leave to the school, or the students in PHS.

## LEWIS LEE MOORE

"I want to work in the business field, and I think as an accountant," says this tall typing "whiz", "Louie" Moore. Louis says he likes getting out of school least of all about PHS, but he does want to leave to the cafeteria his gang's table.

## Seniors Review School Days

In a few weeks PHS seniors will receive their diplomas, stating that they are ready to go out into the world. Some will go to work, others will go to college, but all will look back on certain occasions that

## Senior Poll Reveals Most Wanted Gifts

Watches were the most wanted items on the recent Booster survey of what seniors want for Graduation. Under those wanting a new watch for this important occasion were Dorothy Tustin, Mary Carol White, Carole Wilson, Clarada Hurst, Jim Dunaway, Bill Belew, Bill Nicholson, Pat Glennon, and Phyllis Stutsman.

Billie Smith, Joyce Menchetti, Jo Ann Maes, and Mariana Millsom want the second popular item, which was luggage.

Third popular item was cars. Jim Mitchell says he wants "just any old car"; George Clark, a hot rod; Bill Thompson would like a brand new car, and T. Little thinks he wants just a plain Model T Ford.

Everything from 'Pots and Pans' to the 'Journalism class not to be so nosey' were some of the silly answers received. Virginia Hindman wants the first item, and John Copolongo wants "the Journalism Class to not be so nosey."

Of course, there are some people like John Williams who said, "I don't need anything," and Jack Williamson who will take "anything and everything over fifty cents." "A scholarship to Vassar" will answer the graduation wants of Bill Bolinger.

## VIRGINIA HINDMAN

A certain senior girl has been quite generous. Virginia Hindman leaves to all the girls in PHS "Dick Tessmer".

Virginia's most-used expression is "Shp! Vern!" This peppy young lady's ambition is to attend the Kansas City Art Institute. This summer will probably see her "puttin' around town in a little red truck."

## DON EMERSON

"Drop dead!" with this morbid thought, Don Emerson, alias "Waldo" of ten comes on the scene. Don wants to be a chemical engineer.

To the sophomores and juniors, Don leaves Miss Fintel and her math classes.

## ROSS KARNES

"Am I late?" of course identifies Ross Karnes. No one has ever been able to think of a suitable nickname for this unusual senior boy.

To win the golf championship of the world is the ambition which Ross wants fulfilled. He leaves to PHS an autographed copy of his latest book "Torture in the Wigwam" or "The Pain was Intense."

## CAROL LU BARKER

Since her name is short, Carol says she hasn't a nickname, but you can hear her exclaim, "That's my sore ankle!"

Carol wants to be a horse breeder and has already gotten a start on her ambition. She now owns one horse!

She thought about leaving Colin to the school, but decided to take him with her.

Anyone can find her riding her horse this summer-when she's not swimming or working.

## RUTH E. SUTTERFIELD

Since Ruth Elizabeth is quiet a mouthful, most people know her as simply Ruth. An agonized "Oh Golly" is her favorite expression. After seriously considering, Ruth finally came to the conclusion that her only ambition was to become a house wife.

She's going to be very busy this summer taking driving lessons.

happened in the school years behind them.

The Freshman - Sophomore party three years ago gave today's seniors the feeling that they really belonged at last in the high school category and made them feel grown-up and helped them look forward to the time when they would be juniors. The all important Columbus-Pitt football game, Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations, the Dragons winning the SEK basketball crown, and the thrill of being in the State Basketball tournament.

And then the coming of spring, and the counting of days until school is out. Sadie Hawkins Day, the Junior-Senior Prom, the disappointment of not having a Play Day and the worry when the year books didn't arrive, all make vivid memories.

Finally, the last day of school and one looks forward almost happily, toward the beginning of school, and to being a "high and mighty" senior.

The senior year seems almost to fly. Soon, it's time for the beautiful Christmas assembly. Almost before one realizes it's May and the "home stretch" comes into view, the time that will decide the winners, or those who just ran along.

One begins to wonder what the near future holds for him. There is yet to be carried out the Junior-Senior Prom, Baccalaureate, the Fun Fest, the Senior Banquet, and finally, Graduation night.

As Seniors receive their diplomas the whole four years will probably flash before their eyes. Usually the good things will be remembered, but seldom the bad ones. So good luck, seniors, for it's almost over — "the best years of your life."

## OLLIE GADY

Ollie wishes to teach kindergarten when she gets out of school.

Her beaten up Literature book is what she wills to future posterity of PHS.

## BETTY JO DELAPPE

If one sees Betty Jo wandering around the halls she'll no doubt be with John and she'll express herself by saying "Fiddlesticks."

Her ambition at the moment is to study to become a dietitian.

Betty wants to spend her summer vacation in Colorado again, and attend college at Gulf Port, Louisiana.

She leaves the Foods class to next year's students.

## Merthworton



Two to one, Merthworton won't get that diploma.

## Poet Goes Crazy; Here Are Results

Time is a thief hiding his face Behind each creeping black hand Moving, moving forward relentlessly

With the shifting of each grain of sand.

In the evermoving hourglass of life Through which all persons must pass

Marching forward with steps sure and strong.

Will go this graduation class.

Eager to see what the future may hold

Whether it be good or bad

Reaching out to clutch the world's gold,

But willing to take what can be had.

Doctors and lawyers, rich men and poor,

No matter what they may be

The past they lived in PHS

Will always live in memory.

Pat Brady

## PHS Graduates Total 267 In '39 Class Of '45 Graduates Only 125

Although most of the students wouldn't remember, some of the teachers can remember when the graduation classes numbered 200 students or more.

In 1938, two hundred and fifty seniors received diplomas, and in '39 the largest class in PHS's history was graduated. That year 267 students were presented with diplomas.

### Students decrease in war years

Starting with the year of 1940 the number of students graduating started decreasing. In '40, two hundred and forty-five seniors graduated and in '41 only 210 completed their high school work.

There were 28 fewer students in '42 when 182 received diplomas. Nine were added, however, in 1943 to make a total senior class of 191. During the war years the enrollment was smaller than the classes of other years.

In the war years of 44 and '45 only one hundred and thirty seven and one hundred twenty five were

### BONNIE JEAN WILEY

Her nicknames are negligible according to this essay writing senior. She is hoping to land the job she applied for by mail just recently; if she does, she will make secretarial work her vocation. Of course marriage lurks in the background as a charming possibility, as well.

By Brady

## Grads Plans Not All Complete

Working or undecided seems to summarize the plans of this year's graduating seniors.

A number have made comments as to what they are planning to do. KATHERINE LIGON is going to work this summer on an Arkansas dude ranch which her parents are managing.

BILL STAND plans to work on the railroad in De Queen, Ark.

JAMES STALEY says this summer he's going to work in Kansas City.

SHIRLEY DOCKSTADER is going back to Houston to attend Tex. as A & M and study criminology.

KATHLEEN MORGAN really has no idea what she's going to do, but she wants to visit Rose Kiger Johnson in Chillicothe, Ill.

DON BARET will work in a planing mill in Oregon the first part of the summer. The second part of the summer he plans to join the navy.

ROE THOMAS doesn't have plans for the summer.

graduated. The latter was the smallest graduating class for years.

### Students Increase

The numbers of graduates began increasing in 1946 when 129 were presented with the all important diploma. In 1947, one hundred and sixty-five students made the long trip across the stage.

Last year, only 145 seniors received diplomas.

This year the class of '49 will graduate 137 seniors. These seniors have worked for 12 years to complete their high school education. So, good luck to the class of 1949

### JOHN BAKER

John Baker, husky senior lad, says that his ambition is to go to Alaska and pan gold. John's nickname is "Ship" which is part of his second name.

Next year's seniors may have anything that he can't take with him. His favorite interest about PHS 12:00 and 3:46. The only part of high school he didn't like was 1:00 and 8:30. John plans on going to KSTC or Fort Scott Junior College next year.

### PAUL WAGGONER

Paul Waggoner, better known to his friends as "Weanie" is one of the few people who liked everything about high school. He doesn't know what he wants to do after he gets out of school, but he wants to travel. He leaves this year's football team and locker no. 413 to the future generations of PHS.

### BILL THORNBERRY

"The class I skip is my favorite class," said Bill. His hobby is sports or fishing.

This quiet senior's ambition is to be the football coach of a winning team. Bill's favorite expression is, "Wait until Doris gets here, she knows what to say." I think it might be nice to leave future students some place to go to school so I will leave the building.

### MITZI HARMON

This lovely senior girl with the beautiful voice is likely to greet you with "Oh my gosh!"

She wants to be a success in music and hopes to live happily ever after as the stories go.

Because she loves to sing, chorus is her favorite subject. Mitzi plans to work this summer.

### BILL NICHOLSON

To go into competition with MAC'S is Bill Nicholson's highest ambition. This unique senior cheerleader often says "Save your money." This fits in with his nickname, "Abie." Bill wants to leave "all the bad times I've given them" to the underclassmen.



# Senior Class Play 'Dear Ruth' Leads Active School Year

## JIM DUNAWAY

Jim declares he has an ambition. "I leave to all the suckers," said Jim as he smiled, "everything that doesn't belong to me."

Jim's favorite class is auto mechanics. "I guess I haven't a favorite expression," said Jim.

His hobby is playing tip boards and loosing all his money flipping to see who will buy the cokes for the evening.

## MARY JEAN PEPPER

"Stupid" is a by word of this little girl who says her ambition is to get married. "To Harvey, of course," she added.

"All I want to leave to PHS is the window by the typing room, for some future girl and her boy friend," Mary Jean said.

## JOE ED BEAUCHAMP

This tall lanky senior wants to become an accountant for the rest of his life. Joe Ed Beauchamp wants to leave to PHS seniors his chair in a certain social science class.

When asked what his pet peeve was, Joe thought that the girls who wore slacks with high heels irked him as much as anything. Since his occupational choice is to be an accountant, it is natural that book-keeping should be his favorite class.

## JOSEPH ADAMS

"Well," said Joe as he grinned at his interrogator, "I guess watching George Clark eat is about my favorite pastime."

This attractive senior boy with the oh-so-attractive dimples would like to leave the juniors to PHS. Joe played football this year and did all right; also he is a track man.

His only word of advice is "Save your money."

## GEORGE MONROE THOMAS

George Thomas would not be recognized by any other name than "Roe." Roe specializes in Math subjects and is usually heading his class.

This intelligent blonde boy spends most of his spare time bowling and it is rumored that he is quite proficient in this line too. Roe would like to leave Miss Fintel to next year's mathematicians?

## BETTY ALLEN

Often called "Betts" by her friends, Betty is often heard to ask, "Are you kiddin'?"

Her main ambition is to get through high school and go to college.

Work is in order for Betty this summer and she leaves her ability to twirl to future twirlers.

## COLIN BRINKMAN

This very "blonde" boy is most likely to greet you with "Huh"? Answering to the name of "Corky" whenever Carol calls; he claims two ambitions. The first is to fly a jet-airplane and the second is to be a farmer.

His favorite subject is aeronautics and he plans to fly and farm this summer.

## GUSSIE RAE ROUSE

"Gussie" or "Gus" as this piano playing senior is known to her friends says her ambition is to teach music.

"Caramba," usually hears from Gussie when something goes wrong or something exciting happens. This music major student leaves to future students all the 'beat-up' pianos in PHS.

When asked what her plans were for the summer Gussie's only reply was, "work and loaf."

## DORIS JEAN WHITE

"Golly" is often heard from this tall blond headed senior girl whose greatest thrill in school is to argue with Mr. Nation.

Doris doesn't have a nickname; everyone just calls her "Doris".

"I leave to PHS my old faithful typewriter, number 1, on the second row," stated Doris who wants to be a school teacher.

"I guess I'll vacation this summer and that means definitely no work."

## 'Dear Ruth'



This is a scene from the Senior play, one of the outstanding events of the year.

## MARIANA MILLSOM

This new senior girl, who moved to Pittsburg from Clinton, Mo., wants to leave the locker that jams on first floor, and the bugs in the band room.

"Stupie Lou" and "Be Good" take first in her sayings.

"Oh yes, I'd like to be a secretary in some famous executive's office. Course, he could be handsome," says this smiling girl.

## SHIRLEY DOCKSTADER

Shirley is appropriately nicknamed "Tex." This blonde senior's ambition is to be a secretary and sit on the boss's knee. Coming in the middle of the year, "Tex" has made many friends. Her best liked subject is government and she is a commercial student.

## AGNES WILEY

"My ambition is to be a linotype operator," said this senior, who is sometimes known by her nickname, "Peggy".

"Peggy" leaves the printshop and the swimming pool to the students of PHS. Her favorite class is printing. When asked what she would like to do this summer, Agnes replied, "I'd like to go to North Carolina to see my brother."

## ARTHUR CORPOLONGO

Art leaves to PHS underclassmen heard saying, "Good Night". Could it be he is sleepy? If he realizes his ambition to be a dentist, someday the class of '49 may have their molars worked on by this young man.

"Art" leaves to PHS underclassmen "The hope that they get through PHS without difficulty."

## JOHN CORPOLONGO

"Oh, for petes sake" will often be heard when John Corpolongo is around. John says his nickname is "Stupid", but honestly he doesn't live up to it.

To ride in Mr. Nation's Packard 160 is John's pet ambition. He leaves to PHS "the knowledge I didn't get".

## DON STAHL

"My ambition is to own a pool hall or to be a farmer and raise two hundred cows," said Don.

He leaves to all the boys the privilege of going to the Dragon Inn. Don's hobby is collecting pom pom boxes. "I use too many phrases that I say all the time to have one definite," stated "Stahl" as Don is sometimes called.

## FRANCIS ELLIS

Francis Ellis whose nickname seems to be "France" gives as his life ambition to be a sailor. Being mechanical minded Francis likes auto mechanics over all other classes.

For the PHS seniors of tomorrow Francis leaves his beloved seat in Mr. Nation's class room.

When asked his favorite expression Francis seemed to think that the greeting, "Howdy Bub" is his.

## JIM PATTERSON

When asked how he got his nickname "Pete" he remarked, "Oh, just picked it up in my travels." His favorite pastime is playing basketball as anyone has plainly seen if they've attended PHS basketball games.

"Pete's" ambition is to be a bum and he leaves to PHS "Mr. Nation's Digressing." This summer he plans to go to California.

## JEANNINE NIXON

"Nick" is the nickname Jeannine's friends have given her. Jeannine's ambition is to be a dancer. Her direction of the dance routines for the musical show "Say It With Music" shows that her ambition is almost fulfilled. She plans to attend Lindenwood next year.

"Nick" leaves to the future dramatic students all the make up.

## DONALD BRIGGS

While wandering around the halls, if anyone hears a disgusted "Shucks", they'll know that "Don" is around. "Don" is going to join the Navy this summer.

"I want to do 20 years in the Navy," he replied, when asked about his ambition. As for his pastime, "Don" said it was playing pool.

## DIANE WALKER

"My ambition is to raid the ice box without putting on any lbs.," smiled "Dede", the name by which she is so well known. "Dede's" favorite pastime is eating as is shown by her ambition.

When asked what she wants to leave to PHS, "Dede" replied, "The Purple and White Annual." This summer she plans to go to summer school or work.

## JOHN WILLIAMS

"To get rich is my ambition," said John. "Long" John, as his friends call him, leaves to Clayton Walker the chair in his favorite class room, 220.

John doesn't have a favorite expression. "Long" John plans to attend college next year.

"Out of all the things in high school, I liked basketball the best," John said.

## ARTHUR WEST

"Art" Arthur West says his ambition in life is to teach school. This lanky graduate of '49 has found mechanical drawing his favorite subject. Arthur explained, "Even though mechanical drawing is my favorite subject, I have enjoyed my entire high school life."

## FRED BOHAM

Freddie has great ambitions for the future. He wants to get married and be president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. To the future seniors, he leaves Miss Fintel and dear old "trig."

Fred spends his spare time fooling around on his motor scooter and going to the show.

## BILL NULTON

"Clem", short for Clement, Nulton says that his life ambition is to beat the famous Cramer in a set of tennis.

His goal in life is really to become a famous lawyer or business man. While in high school this lanky senior has felt that the time he has spent in Mr. Nation's classes has been very profitable.

## RICHARD STOVER

To be a diesel mechanic is the ambition of Richard Stover alias "Smokey".

Richard can often be heard using his favorite expression, "If you had a brain you'd be dangerous." To the future seniors of PHS "Smokey" leaves his greasy coveralls in the auto mechanics shop.

To be a diesel mechanic is the life ambition of Richard Stover. In the way of favorite sayings "Smokey" thinks that his is "If you had a brain you would be dangerous." Greasy overalls is what he leaves to the posterity of PHS.

## DARLENE TIMBERLAKE

"Jimmie", who plans to work this summer in the telephone office, wants to attend K.S.T.C. and become a high school English teacher.

She wills her locker to future students of P.H.S. and hopes they enjoy the assemblies as much as she did.

## PATRICIA EPPERSON

"Pat" and her magic violin have become very popular around PHS.

Her favorite school days are Saturday and Sunday. This summer she plans to take it easy and travel a little.

To some future, lucky, fortunate journalism student, Pat leaves her moth-eaten, flea-bitten, mangy old pencil to write stories with.

After loafing all summer, Pat intends to get down to work at K.S.T.C. and become a teacher.

## JACK LE GRAND

A familiar noise coming from the band room is none other than Jack Le Grand and his trumpet.

"Le Grand's" only thought is to play in Guy Lombardo's band, so if anyone sees Mr. Lombardo, please tell him about this talented young man.

"What do you say" is sometimes heard coming from Jack.

Jack thinks parting is such sweet sorrow so Jack decided just to leave Mr. Nation.

## BOB MOSIER

"I guess I want to be a farmer," said Bob with a grin. Bob is sometimes known as "Buddy", by his many friends at PHS.

He likes government best of all his classes. This summer "Buddy" is going to work on the farm. "I'll leave everything to PHS," he said, "but I don't want to take anything with me."

## JOHN CLARK

"Jack" Clark is a thrifty soul. His favorite word of advice is "Save your money." Jack says he has absolutely no ambition.

This year Jack was a member of the brass ensemble which received a "one" at the KSTC music Festival. He played trombone.

To future students of PHS, Jack said, "I'll gladly leave my band uniform."

## DOROTHY TUSTIN

If one hears a worried, "Oh Dear" they know Dorothy Tustin is near Dorothy, sometimes called "Dot," claims that her ambition is just to get through college!

All she intends to do this summer is play although she says she might do a little work.

In conclusion she stated, "I think I am lucky to be going without leaving the school anything."

## JO ANN ALEXANDER

Jo Ann, who says she doesn't have much to say wishes to excel in the field of Commercial Art.

A three year art major, Jo Ann leaves to the future art students Miss White's art classes.

## NORMA WILSON

Stub replied with a grin, "Well I can't rightly say," to almost every question asked. This cute petite brunette likes gym class and would like to will the tennis shoes Messenger gave her to some other athlete. Next year will find Norma majoring in elementary education out at the college, but this summer she'll be a clerk at the toy counter in Kresses.

## ROBERT LONGSTAFF

This red-haired, freckled faced senior boy, who is more easily known as Bob or Red, is leaving all future band and chorus trips to coming students. "I hope they can have as good times as I used to."

Bob says, his ambition is to be a successful business man, and to make a million dollars fast. "I need it, most of the time," laughed "Red."

## MARTHA JONES

"Jean's" wish to get married and be a good housewife will come true this summer when she becomes the wife of Gail Burrows.

This senior gal, who's favorite saying is "Oh gosh", wishes to leave her seat in Government to some unsuspecting soul of next year's class.

In high school she especially liked 3:48 o'clock in the afternoon.

## JACK WILLIAMSON

"Will," "Willy," "Boonie," "Burrhead" — any of these nicknames will turn this blonde senior's head.

His most famous words are apparently "Where's White?" because that's who he's usually looking for. When asked what he wishes to leave to PHS, "Well" replied with a laugh, "If requested, I'll leave my picture in the front hall for all the Sophomore gals."

## MARY JOAN PARTIN

"Everyone will think I am crazy, but I want to be a fashion model," said this perky red haired senior. "Jo" is the nickname her friends have given to her. "I leave to the school the fame Mr. Tewell brought to me," said Jo. "Good deal or what's the 'Deal' are her favorite words

## BILL STAND

The ambition of this tall senior is to own the college pond. Hm-m! Bill says his favorite pastime is dancing.

"I would like to leave to PHS Mr. Morey's dull library class," stated Bill as he leaned on one of the library book shelves.

"My aching clavicle" is his most familiar saying. "This summer I'll loaf," concluded Bill.

## LOIS RUTH GRIFFITH

"Lois," as she is known to almost everyone, says her ambition is to be either a math teacher, or a CAP. "Then I'll be the 201st woman CAP in the United States," smiled this senior girl.

"I'll leave the last place in the cafeteria line to all future students. Here's hoping some day they can move up. Something I never did," said Lois, as she ran to get her last place.

## JACK VERCOGLIO

Jack Vercoglio who was 'King April Fool' this past year leaves his seat in Trigonometry to whoever would take it.

Jack would like to go into the field of engineering (that covers a lot of territory and he'll be sure to make good in one.)

"I don't know" was the first reply when asked what he was going to do this summer, then after much thought Jack replied, "Go to school".

## VEOMA BANKS

She admits readily that one nickname is "Bobby", but refuses to verify the report that friends call her "Shorty". She plans to make either teaching or nursing her future work and leaves to the remaining students in PHS "anything they can find".



## Essay

**Girl Suggests Marriage Course Winner**

Of all the important subjects taught in this high school, I believe we are lacking one that is just as important, if not more so. That is a course in Marriage Education.

Many high school students are engaged through high school and many more get married without going on to college. But just what do they know about marriage? Only the things they have heard from the good or bad examples set by their parents.

This course is offered in many colleges, but what about those who don't go on to college? They would be the ones who would really benefit from such a course.

In high school girls are offered homemaking and boys are offered courses in different trades; yet these are not the only ways of building marriages.

I believe the course should be taught in separate classes of boys and girls; each student be required to take it. It should teach such things as proper discipline for children, marriage relations, budgeting for the family, marital and family problems as they are affected biologically, psychologically, and socially, proper choice of mate, personality adjustment in marriage, and the problem of divorce. It would in general give the students a better understanding of how to build successful marriages.

I believe in teaching such a course to all high school students they would realize more seriously the importance of the big decision in their life, and I believe it would be a big step in solving the divorce problem of today.

Doris DuBois

## Reflecting Tape

**High School Boys Aid Safety Council**

Scotchlite reflecting tape has been placed on the children's bicycle of Pittsburgh under supervision of the Pittsburgh Safety Council. This tape was purchased at the expense of 14 cents a bicycle by the Council.

Fourteen high school boys have been working since May 5, at various schools, placing this safety device on bicycles.

Terry Fears, Arthur Hartshorn, Ed Kelley, Ted Stotts, Clayton Walker, Colin Brinkman, Bill Bolinger, Bill Fields, Don Stahl, Bob Wildung, Jack Williamson, Bob Hawley, and Jim Brunskill have been working under the supervision of John Pryor from the Police department.

Don Menchetti, Charles Pet-

erman and Jim Dunaway had charge of the demonstration assemblies at the grade schools and the Junior high schools through the city. At St. Marys, John Deruy took charge and at Horace Mann, Ray Makec took charge.

The scotchlite tape was cut in three inch and six inch strips that were placed on the handlebars and forks. Three inch strips were placed on the back fenders. The tape was soaked in water and dipped in gasoline for maximum adhesion.

"Thanks are in order to Mr. Sut-

ton and Mr. White for the time used by boys from their classes and thanks also to the boys for doing this fine piece of safety work," stated Miss Helen Messenger, chairman of School Safety Pittsburgh Safety Council.

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## Thinclads Fourth In Regional Meet

Entering five boys in the Regional Track and Field Meet held at Fredonia last Friday, Coach Winchester's Track "Team" tied for fourth place with Eldorado in the "AA" class.

The Dragon squad composed of Thornberry, Tripp, B. Wilson, Montgomery, and Strawn scored a total of 15 points, placing in every event entered.

Wichita East took first with Coffeyville and Independence following in that order.

Bill Thornberry won Pittsburg's only first place, heaving the javelin 164 feet. Ray Tripp placed fourth in this same event.

Other boys earning points in the meet were Bob Wilson, fifth in the 880 yd. run; Tripp also took fifth in the discus; Montgomery scored fifth in the 440 yd. dash; and the medley relay composed of Thornberry, Tripp, Montgomery, and Strawn, scored fifth.

From this meet which qualified boys for the state event to be held today, only Bob Wilson and Bill Thornberry placed high enough to qualify. Bob qualified in the 880 yd. run and Bill will throw the javelin.

## Five PHS Golfers Win Major Awards

Five PHS golfers have won major letters in that sport this year. They are Marvin Stumfol, Ross Karnes, Jerry Miller, Jim Dunaway, and Bob Bongstaff. These boys competed with the team during the entire season.

Coach Miller expressed the idea that if more boys would take up the game during the summer, the team would be better off next season. During the season this year the locals have played all league schools except Columbus which did not have a golf team. PHS defeated Fort Scott twice.

## Consistent Point Winners

From Left to Right Wilson, Tripp, McDaniel, Thornberry, Hook.



## Netmen Participate In SEK Meet

In the recent SEK tennis meet held at Independence, May 6, Chanute won the singles and Parsons the doubles.

Bill Nulton and Jim Patterson, Pittsburg's doubles team, won the first set 6-1, 6-1, over a Coffeyville team, but lost the second set to Beaughes and Franklin of Parsons who won the doubles championship.

In the singles Hugh Spences got a bye only to drop the next set

6-2, 7-5.

Clarence Garret lost to Yandle of Chanute to the tune of 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Yandle went on to win the singles in the finals for Chanute.

Recently the "B" squad of tennis met with College High School.

Garrett, Ross, and Marquardt won the single for PHS, while Curt Nettles lost to a College High player.

## Spring Sport Slants

By John Baker

Track Coach Joe Winchester, recently released the names of his lettermen, plus his two student managers, Jack LeGrand, and Bill Cameron, who will also receive letters in track.

Lettermen are as follows: Thornberry, Tripp, Mosier, B. Wilson, T. Hook, Akerberg, Macheers, Armstrong, C. Bell, Linthicum, Montgomery, Peterman, Singleton, J. Smith, Webb, E. Wilson, Allen, McDaniels, Wall, Strawn, Royse, McCabe, Little, Huffman, Campbell, and Bath.

Amid hamburgers, pork and beans, and the smell of onions in the great outdoors in Miss Messenger's back yard, Joan McClure was elected president of next year's G. A. A.

Jerry Williamson was elected vice-president, secretary Winnie Johnson and Pat Harkins was elected treasure.

Ray Tripp, a senior on the purple thinclads, was high point man in the recent SEK meet held on the KSTC oval, Saturday, May 11.

Ray had a total of 12½ points, placing first in the javelin, second in the discus, third in the high hurdles and he picked up a ½ point in a relay.

Tripp was closely followed by Coffeyville's Frantz with 12½ points and Shook of Independence with 12 points.

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