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School Aids City In Safety Program

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday" is the theme of the 1949 Pre-Christmas Safety Campaign. A large parade was held Saturday, December 17, featuring school safety patrols and wrecked cars, and the Junior and Senior High School bands.

Spectators were provided with hand cards advising pedestrians to observe traffic regulations. Bulletins on Safety Education have been distributed through the schools.

Students from Mr. Tewell's speech classes will speak to the civic clubs on the subject of safety. PHSers are also participating in this event. Each class president has appointed three students to serve as representatives on the Junior Safety Council. These representatives are: Senior—Tommy Moffat, Bob Wildung, and Pat Lewis. Junior—Bill Heller, Verlin Krues, and Pat McClanahan. Sophomore—Charles Lehman, Eldor Offenbacher and Winona George. These students will cooperate with the Pittsburg Safety Council in the program for the city.

Kent Collier, Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the safety council in a letter to the Pittsburg High School stated: "While the safety record of Crawford County has improved over both the 1949, 1948—we still have a long way to go to claim a perfectly safe community. This Pre-Christmas activity is just one more step in the never ending job of hammering home the fact that Every Citizen must take a hand, if Crawford County is to be 100% safe.

We need your help. Can we count on you?

Legislators Return

Six members of the senior high school Hi-Y chapter participated in the model legislature in Topeka on December 2 and 3. The meetings were held at the statehouse.

Eugene Liebig served as secretary of the senate while Jay Johnston, Bud Scates, Bob Bath, and Ronald Damrill served in the house of representatives. Eldon Huffman was a senator.

The only bill Pittsburg presented was killed a committee.

The model legislature was made up of representatives from 60 Kansas high school Hi-Y chapters and conducted sessions in the order procedure of the state legislature.

In addition to the regular legislative meetings there were many banquets and luncheons planned for the entertainment of the delegates.

Elton Cline, high school sponsor and Allen Gardner, YMCA secretary, accompanied the boys to Topeka.

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Christmas Greetings

The ear of man-kind is attune at this season, to the angelic song of, "Peace on Earth", as it has resounded down through the ages from the Judean hillside where the shepherds first heard it as the herald of the birth of the King of Peace. As members of the illustrious company of forty-niners of this century, we are accepting our responsibility of inaugurating and sustaining a "Peace of Mind" that shall integrate the

ideal of peace into the lives of the peoples of the world.

The message of Christmas gives us new hope and renewed courage as we structure a plan for world peace and pick up the shreds of idealism that have been torn apart by the two world wars of this first half of the twentieth century.

It is my sincere desire that each of you may have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John L. England

There Is A Santa

A change in schedule by the board of education will give students of PHS an extra day for Christmas vacation. School was formerly set to close after classes on Wednesday, Dec 21 and resume on Monday, Jan. 2, it was decided that school will not resume until Tuesday, Jan 3, so that students could have their holiday with their parents.

Hutchinson Wins Debate Meet

The PHS Debate squad traveled to Coffeyville on the 9th and 10th of this month to a tournament composed of approximately 80 teams from 28 schools and four states. Hutchinson won this meet, and Wyandotte of Kansas City, Kansas, was the runner-up.

The top ranking Pittsburg team was composed of Wanda Tosser, Clayton Walker, and Phil Reid. They won four out of a six round debate, defeating Wichita, Olathe, Neosho, and one of the teams from Shawnee Mission; they were defeated by Wyandotte and another Shawnee Mission team.

This was the third in a series of six tournaments in which our teams will participate this season.

Intruders Damage High School Offices

The act of vandalism committed Friday evening December 2 was evidently done by amateurs and not by professionals, the police authorities believe.

The intruders pried their way into Mr. England's office, the physics room, the printing room, the woodworking room and into Mr. Small's office. Conditions indicated that entrance into the building somewhere other than the rooms they ransacked.

Mr. Small pointed out that the intruders may have thought money taken in from the senior class play Thursday night, was kept at the school, but it was taken to the bank immediately afterward. The school has a policy forbidding the keeping of money in the school.

Mr. Small's desk was damaged when the bandits pried the drawers open, papers were strewn around the office, a safe was broken open and its contents scattered, woodwork around the door of the physics room was splintered and one door into Mr. England's office was pried open and an effort made to pry open another door.

Damage done by the intruders may cost the Board of Education as much as two thousand dollars.

Teen Town Entertains

Teen Town has extended an invitation to PHS students and their out of town guests to attend after-game dances for four of the home basketball games. The dances will be held at the YMCA.

The special Friday night dance dates are: January 6 Iola, January 27 Wyandotte, February 3 Fort Scott, February 24 Independence.

This provides after-game parties for every game except the one Hoppy Holidays Are Here Again with Coffeyville.

Let the Booster be your guide for Christmas gifts.

Y-Teens Attend Columbus Meeting

Twenty Y-Teens accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Hood and Miss Sara Stephens, sponsors attended the Y-Tech District Conference in Columbus, Kansas, on December 2. The conference was under the direction of Miss Florence Stone of Wichita and Mrs. M. C. Roessle of Winfield, teen-age program directors of the Kansas District Y. W. C. A.

Four members of the McCune Y-Teen Club led the opening worship service. The highlight of the morning session was a play "Alice in Blunderland" presented by the members of the Columbus chapter under the direction of Miss Jane Hughes, Miss Frances Foster of Wichita led the first discussion period.

Noon luncheon was served in the basement of the Methodist Church. There were three afternoon discussion groups: the advisors, Y. W. C. A. members, and the Y-Teen members. "A Healthy Y-Teen" and "A Healthy Community Y. W. C. A. Program" were subjects of the roundtable groups.

The climax of the day's conference was the consecration service and the inspiring address given by Reverend Judd Jones, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Chanute.

Delegates from Altamont, Girard, McCune, Neosho, Pittsburg, Parsons, and Independence attended the meeting. Those attending from Pittsburg were: Ruth England, Barbara Phillips, Clo Ann Walker, Mary Strawn, Betty Norris, Shirley Lance, Betty Snider, Phyllis Lawson, Letty Lemon, Joann Uttley, Pat Harkins, Mary Bartley, Jane Ann Lamb, Jerry Williamson, Bobbie Ann Chancey, Bonita Stuckey, Gretchen Glick, Joan Caspari, Janice Burnidge, Wanda Tosser, and the sponsors.

Senior Rings Arrive

Santa Claus has come early for the seniors this year. Bennelli's Jewelry Store has announced that the class rings have arrived and students might get them any time after December 13th.

Chest Clinic Fights Tuberculosis

The sale of the Christmas seals each year helps to finance the county chest-clinic and mobile X-ray unit in promoting the control of Tuberculosis.

About 300 people in Crawford County were found to have active and suspicious Tuberculosis as a result of the x-ray clinic last fall. The chest clinic was added to the Crawford County program in 1949 and this is conducted monthly by Dr. J. R. Sitterly, a chest specialist from Topeka. Dr. Sitterly is on the staff of the Kansas Tuberculosis and Health Association. Mrs. Hyatt, the nurse assisting in the Tuberculosis drive, does work in the schools over the county outside of Pittsburg.

In order that people might know more about the disease, literature is distributed and books are placed in the school libraries. The entire program is one of prevention, endeavoring to find Tuberculosis in the early stages when it can be easily arrested. Health films are shown in order to acquaint people with the disease and the methods used in combating it. The Tuberculosis x-ray unit should be in Pittsburg in a few months.

According to Dr. Sitterly, Tuberculosis is a widespread disease and is particularly found where a low standard of living exists.

Drama and Music On Yule Assembly

The annual Christmas program, to be presented Wednesday, December 21 at 9:40 o'clock by the Speech and Music Departments, will be opened with devotions by Winston Deacon and a Christmas reading, "Choirs of God", by Barbara Landrum.

The Speech Department under the direction of Dan Tewell will then present a play "Dust of the Road" based on the Bible story of Judas and the thirty pieces of silver. The cast is: Tramp—Jim Webb; Old Man—Jack Miller; Prudence—Nona George; and Peter—Ronnie Damrill.

The chorus directed by Gerald Blanchard will give the following musical numbers: "The Twelve Days of Christmas", "We Praise Thee", "I wonder as I wander", "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming", "A Legend", "In Mirth and In Gladness", "Two Kings", and will end with "A Merry Christmas" which will be the Music department's way of wishing a Merry Christmas to the students and faculty.

The program will close with a Christmas Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", sung by the double trio.

Rooms Plan Parties

PHS has gone all out for Christmas festivities with the planning and decorating of classrooms and halls. Each homeroom has planned some special activity for the holiday observance.

Games, candy, pop-corn balls, and cookies will help to give a party atmosphere as homerooms entertain on Wednesday during the first hour.

Some groups will have gift exchanges, the gifts to be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children in Pittsburg.

The boys and girls gym classes will dance during class period on Wednesday.

School will be dismissed for the Christmas vacation at the close of classwork on Wednesday.



NATIVITY SCENE PREPARED BY ART CLASSES. This scene is placed over the west entrance to the Senior High Building. This is the first such Christmas scene made by the PHS art classes.

THINK IT OVER

'Tis the Night Before Christmas

Christmas Eve.....last minute shoppers, laden with packages, hustling along the streets, anxious to get home to the warm fires.....store windows, brightly decorated, bursting with beautiful things.....Christmas decorations swaying in the slight wind.....snow falling lightly in the cold, crisp air.....tingling bells on the Salvation Army pots.....a small girl with long dark curls, her nose pressed against the window looking at the doll she hopes Santa will bring her.....clerks after a long day of work still giving a merry greeting....."Merry Christmas" heard everywhere along the streets.

Friendly smoke curls against the background of a starry sky.....brightly lighted Christmas trees shine in every window or yard.....holly wreaths hang from the doors.....sleds are pulled up to the house for the night.....the stars and moon reflected in the newly fallen snow give a heavenly light.....the church proudly stands realizing it is the center of this holiday.

Inside the house the huge tree stands sedately glistening strands of tinsel.....on the mantel above the glowing fireplace are sprigs of evergreen with bright colored bobbles or candles nestled among them.....some homes may have the ever beautiful Nativity scene portrayed by small figures.....and of course the sprig of mistletoe is a "must" for every doorway.....stockings, the biggest possible, are hung over the fireplace.....gifts are piled three and four deep at the foot of the tree.....from the kitchen floats the smell of fruitcake and turkey ready for tomorrow's feast.

All these things bound together make the ever wonderful Christmas season. "Peace on earth, good will to men".

—Doris DuBois

Career For You

PHARMACY

High school students interested in pharmacy as a career should include in their studies such subjects as chemistry, physics, botany, zoology, and physiology. A high school diploma is necessary, along with four years attendance in pharmacy school. A pharmacist must pass a state examination and be granted a license by the state in which he is to work.

Valuable experience, which most states require of pharmacists before they are licensed, and financial aid can be obtained if students will work while they are attending school.

Most pharmacists are men, but some jobs are open to women. Hospitals, drug stores, and factories in which drugs and medicines are made offer positions for pharmacists.

Hours of work are often long and hard, and may frequently be extended to holidays and Sundays.

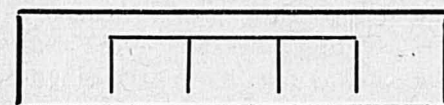
A pharmacist must be exacting at all times, for a mistake in mixing a medicine can mean serious illness, or even death, to the patient who ordered the prescription.

A pharmacist, serving the public's health needs accurately and responsibly, gains a rewarding feeling from his work. If you are interested in the study of chemistry, physiology, and sciences, pharmacy may be the career for you.

Inquiring Reporter



What is the meaning of this sign which may be displayed in a yard surrounded by a high fence?



Janis Burnidge....Keep out, we're having a picnic dinner and it's not public.

Bob Bell....An asylum.

Ruth Prince....Get off the grass.
Betty Snider....If used as a sign, how can you read it?

Bob Masterson....It's an old Kickapoo Indian sign meaning thunder and lightning, therefore it signifies that it is an electric fence.

Doris DuBois....Mad dog.

Norma Dainty....Proceed at your own risk. Vicious child.

Shirley Campbell....Goldilocks, beware of wolf.

Pat Billiard....Stay out or else.

Polly Bell....It could be a vicious four-legged animal, but it probably means no bills.

Johnnie Smith....Big boots but a little man.

You are all wrong. It means that there is a dog in the yard.

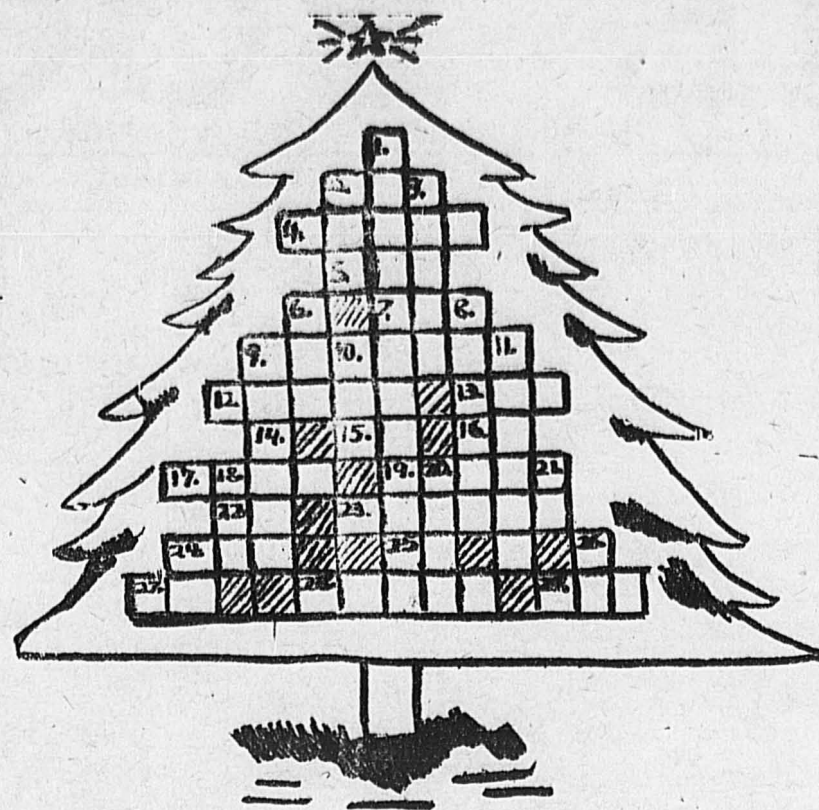
Mistress: "You must be very very fond of animals, Mary, I often see you petting our cat and dog."

Mary: "Yes, ma'am. I never forget a friend. They often help me with the dishes."

Rich Businessman: "Yes I can remember when I came to this city. I had only one dollar in my pocket."

Reporter: "And what did you do with that?"

Businessman: "Wired home for more money."



ACROSS

4. Reddish color
2. Adjective
5. Farm animal
7. Inland body of water
9. Christmas tree
12. Part of milk
13. Past tense of run
14. Ninth letter in alphabet
15. Short for Mother
16. Verb
17. To conceal
19. A country lover
22. Louisiana (abb.)
23. In a real manner
24. Crafty
25. Versus (abb.)
27. Hello

DOWN

28. Stair
29. House pet
1. Night before Christmas
2. Opposite of bottom
3. Anxious
6. To rest
8. Pretaining to the air
9. Sixth day of the week
10. A male sheep
11. In an easy manner
18. Sick
20. An insect
21. State (abb.)
24. Yes (Spanish)
26. Short for Father

—Puzzle by Betty Snider
Drawing by Bob Fountain

Dance Customs Vary

What are the dance customs in PHS? Teen-age ideas on dancing vary widely throughout the United States—with one outstanding exception: from coast to coast, Friday night is dancetime. In a LADIES' HOME JOURNAL survey, in the December issue, teen-agers agree "no school tomorrow means big dance tonight."

In San Francisco, couples drive to a parking area overlooking the Golden Gate bridge, range their cars in a huge circle, tune car radios to the same station and dance in the beam of the headlights. In Philadelphia, the Carlestone of the 20's has returned to popularity along with short hair and middy blouses, but is somewhat handicapped by lack of suitable recorded music. The polka still rates attention, especially in Maine where high schoolers meet at Grange halls, but in the Southwest, popularity of the Mexican Shuffle, a square dance variation, is spreading fast.

North Carolina teens check their shoes at the door to hold "barefoot dances" on floors specially finished to eliminate splinter casualties. These "sock hops" originally came into vogue when dancers went shoeless to preserve the finish on gym floors but are popular at all times. In the Midwest, schools or clubs rent old movie shorts of dance bands, screen them in the gym and dance to the music in the dim light given off by the movie screen.

Dance etiquette varies as much as dance steps, but most girls disapprove of fellows who cut in on the same girls twice in a row and boys frown on girls dancing together, will seldom break in on such a twosome. In Minnesota, a boy doesn't ask a girl to dance, he simply nudges her foot with his and nods toward the dance floor. And in Virginia, the conversation goes like this: "Boy—You dancing?" Girl—"You asking?" Boy—"I'm asking" Girl—"I'm dancing."

An anxious father failing to hear from his son in college for a month, wrote the president, "I trust my son is not sick, but if he has been, I hope to hear he's improving."

Back came this answer: "Your son is not sick, neither is he improving."

Topic of the Day

by Letty Lemon
American History Student

It's the same old story all over again—America versus Russia, Democracy versus Communism, this time on the problem of Japan's in-

First of all, a treaty must be negotiated by all the thirteen allies who fought in the war against Japan. Even without Russia, this wouldn't be easy, with her it's nearly impossible.

Australia is one country that opposes a treaty, because Japan might be again in a position to wage war. The Philippines also fear a powerful Japan. And Russia wants to leave out these smaller nations, and with the United States, Great Britain, and China, evolve the treaty. Russia does not want a democratic form of government in Japan. It is their hope that the 81 million Japanese people will go communistic.

Naturally, the United States does not want that to happen. She wants an early peace treaty and the democratic progress now in Japan to continue.

And the Japanese? They want to modernize their industry, engage in extensive world trade, and be independent. It's a hard question to decide, but many think these wishes should be granted. Do You?

News Of Neighbors

The students of Coffeyville, presented the first High School Revue Dec. 1, 2, and 3. The Revue dramatized the history of the school from the beginning to the present time.

More than 200 students participated in the cavalcade.

Two performances were given of the Senior Class Play "Pride and Prejudice" in the Leavenworth Kansas, High School Auditorium.

Donna Henry of Wichita East has a strange but interesting hobby. She collects dirt... soil that is. Donna has soil from 24 states, and some from England.

DRAGON TALES

BY F.E. MALES

ALL FOR ONE THIN DIME?

Apparently one sophomore hasn't studied her geometry lessons well this year or she would know "A straight line is the shortest distance between two points." You see, Jane Letton took the Cross Town bus from town to school the other day and was just about late because of the long trip. "Well, any way I got a ten-cent tour of the city," says Jane.

TIGHT FIT!

Well, what's wrong with this skirt?" were the words of Joan McClure as she was getting dressed after gym class one day last week.

"That's my skirt you have on!" was Cordelia "Corky" Fougner's answer, and to Joan's embarrassment, Corky was right.

BIG ORDER

Ray Zehr says he wants Sally Robins in his Christmas stocking but this Booster reporter is wondering if Ray's stocking is big enough to hold her.

A MEMORY, PLEASE, FOR CHRISTMAS

Gretchen Glick and Gwendolyn Boswell, returning to their locker at noon, were very upset when they found it had been wired shut. Mr. White, pliers in hand came to the rescue. When the locker was opened, both girls were horrified to find it empty. It seems they were slightly mixed up, and that their locker was the one to the right.

WELL PREPARED!

When Mr. Cline called on Glen Hastings for devotions the other day, Glen walked to the front of the room with no Bible, no book or anything. Did he, by any chance, have the devotions memorized?

IN PLACE OF TURKEY?

Phoebe Baker, sophomore, said that they were going to have the President for Christmas dinner?

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Happy Holidays Are Here Again

With the ringing of that final 3:15 bell on Dec. 21, 457 students will rush out of PHS ne'er to return! (Until Jan. 3, 1950, that is!)

Some will be tearing madly down Broadway to do that last minute shopping while a few of the other ambitious ones will be out trying to play the role of family provider. Others will be attending social functions such as formal dances, caroling parties, and various church activities.

Behind closed doors last minute gift wrappers will be wildly wrapping a bright multi-colored tie for Pa to match the plaid muffler that was given to him last year, or a 59c special box of candy for Mom from which she'll probably get at least two or three pieces! Just as Junior's cowboy suit is brought out to be wrapped, he comes tearing around the corner yelling for "purty green and red ribbon, an ya better give it to me or I won't wrap her present!"

While the family gathers in the living room near the Christmas tree to begin singing carols as is the usual custom, it is noted that all the candy canes have disappeared from the lower regions of the tree. Junior stands by Ma with an angelic expression on his face!

And suddenly, amid the uproar and excitement of Christmas holidays, January 3 pops up before you know it! Oh well, anyway, Merry Christmas!

—Betty Snider, Janice Burnidge

At Christmas time every girl wants her past forgotten and her presents remembered. Betty S.: "What did you get in your stocking for Christmas?" Katey: "Nothing but a runner." Betty: "Well, what did you expect a pole vaulter?"

John Strawn: "What does it mean of Yuletide Greetings?" Sonny Campbell: "Lend me five dollars - you'll tide me over for a few day."

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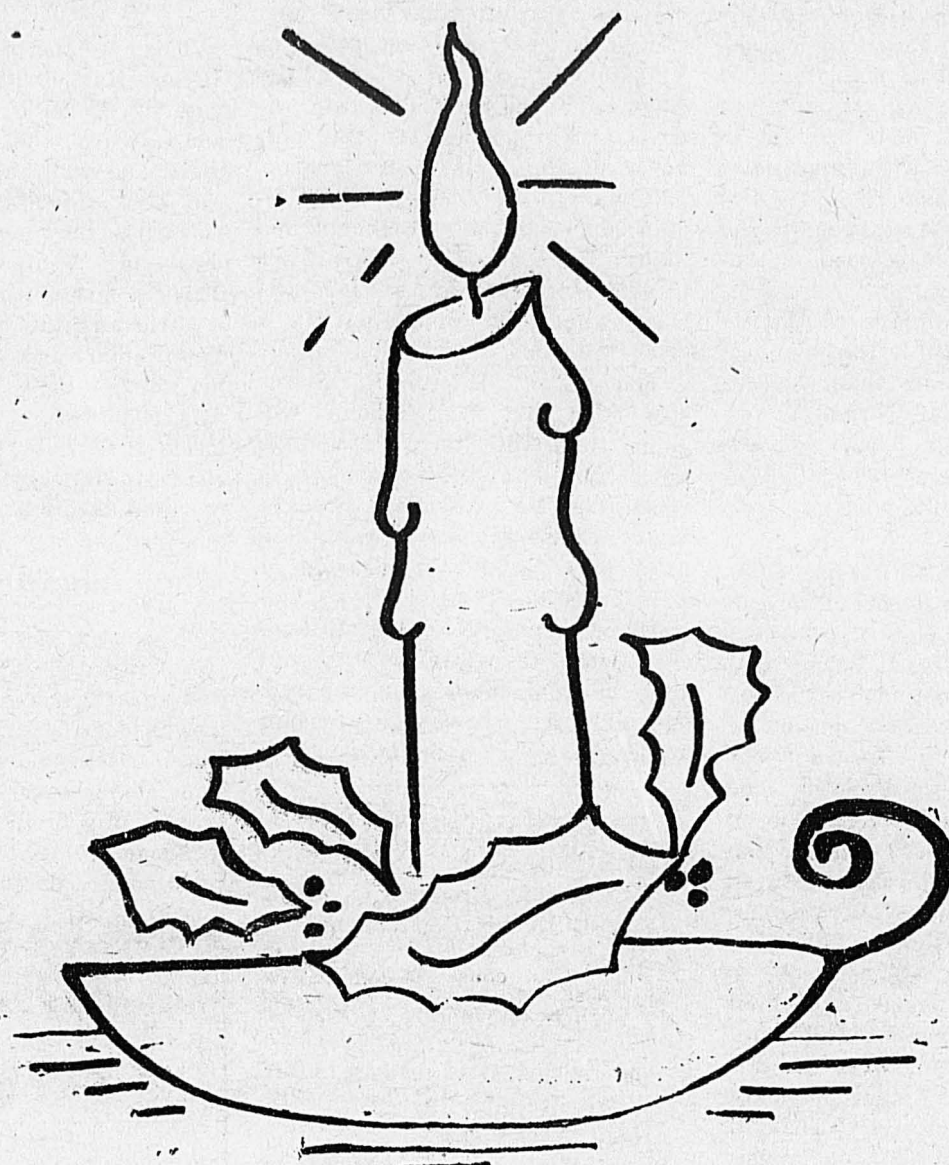
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# For



# Christmas

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## Journalism and Printing Classes

## Dear Santa

We students here at PHS have been very good this year, especially our football team! We just about brought the Coal Bucket home and came pretty close to taking the SEK Championship. And, Santa, that's only the beginning! By the looks of things, we're going to have a winning basketball team, so please bring a big sackful just for them.

We have a lot of good little boys and girls this year and we know you'll want to reward them. After inquiring around school about what these angelic students would like to have for Christmas, we find some unusual wishes. ANNA LEE GADDY would like to have "a rubber doll." On first thought, JEANNIE HARRIS wanted a ring, but she changed her mind and stated she'd just like to have Jay. Do you suppose you could do anything about that? Incidentally, JANE LETTON wants the same thing as Jeannie. Can you figure out what she meant? Since ROGER CURRAN says he's well equipped with the necessities of life, he'll settle for a Buick roadster.

PAT AIKENS and JANET OPIE seem to differ quite a bit on their Christmas wishes. Pat wants "just a lot of things", while Janet says "I don't want anything." Santa, would you please bring MISS MESSENGER some weight? (?) BOB COUGHENOUR seems satisfied with his one front tooth, but JANICE GLICK would like to have "two back teeth." Please bring the right size.

TED MONTGOMERY isn't particular...you can just bring him anything. GEORGIA ARTHUR has her heart set on one particular thing...clothes!

Now, here's something that seems to be quite common among the boys, a few in particular, BUD CUNNINGHAM, ERNIE AMONENO, BOB HAWLEY, NED WILSON, LEWIS ALLEN, and PESTY McDANIELS would like to have blond or brunette girls about 5'4" and it seems important to them that they have a good build. Would you please look in your sack to see if you have anything of that description? Running a little close to these lines, is the desire of NEIL SINGLETON TO have a "big kiss from MARY SMITH." Evidently Neil's been neglected, but nevertheless, please remember him on Christmas Eve.

And last, Santa, but not least, as you're flying over PHS Christmas Eve, as a special favor to the Booster Staff, would you please drop a few new typewriters down the chimney to the Journalism room.

That's all for this time. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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## Clubs

### Photography Club

Al Widner of Graves Studios was guest speaker at the general meeting of the photography club November 29.

Mr. Widner gave an interesting talk on methods of taking better pictures. Errors in taking, developing and printing were discussed, and Mr. Widner gave helpful advice to those who had questions. Helpful suggestions were also given for choosing the subject background, and lighting in order to obtain the best effects.

### Student Council

The Student Council in its regular meeting Tuesday, planned for the redecorating of the trophy cases to improve appearance of the halls. Students volunteered to work at the games Wednesday and Friday and assignments were made for each one. The council discussed ways to create interest in school affairs.

### Academy of Science

The Junior Academy of Science held a regular meeting Monday morning, December 5, at eight o'clock.

Gwendolyn Boswell gave a report of the development of her project entitled Condiments and Food Flavoring, and Sally Robins showed a new poster on dogs. Jim McCabe was appointed to report on his project next week.

Mr. Huffman reported that Miss Parker of KSTC is president of the Kansas Junior Academy of Science Club and will have charge of the state meeting at Wichita this spring.

### Y-Teen

The Y-Teens are really getting down to work, trying to make money. They are selling holly, basketball pencils, and are in charge of the candy sales at the basketball games.

Besides making money the Y-Teens are collecting Swan soap wrappers and sending them to CARE. For every two wrappers CARE will send one cake of soap overseas. The Y-Teen club would appreciate all the help they can get on this worth while project.

### Hi-Y

The December 8th meetings were the final part of the Hi-Y Youth and Government Plan. Each chapter's meeting consisted of a report from the legislators of the club who attended the conference in Topeka on Dec. 2 and 3.

The last meeting was the annual carol sing to which the Y-Teens were hosts. This was the final meeting of 1950.

It always pays to read Booster ads.

### Bud's Jewelry & Loan

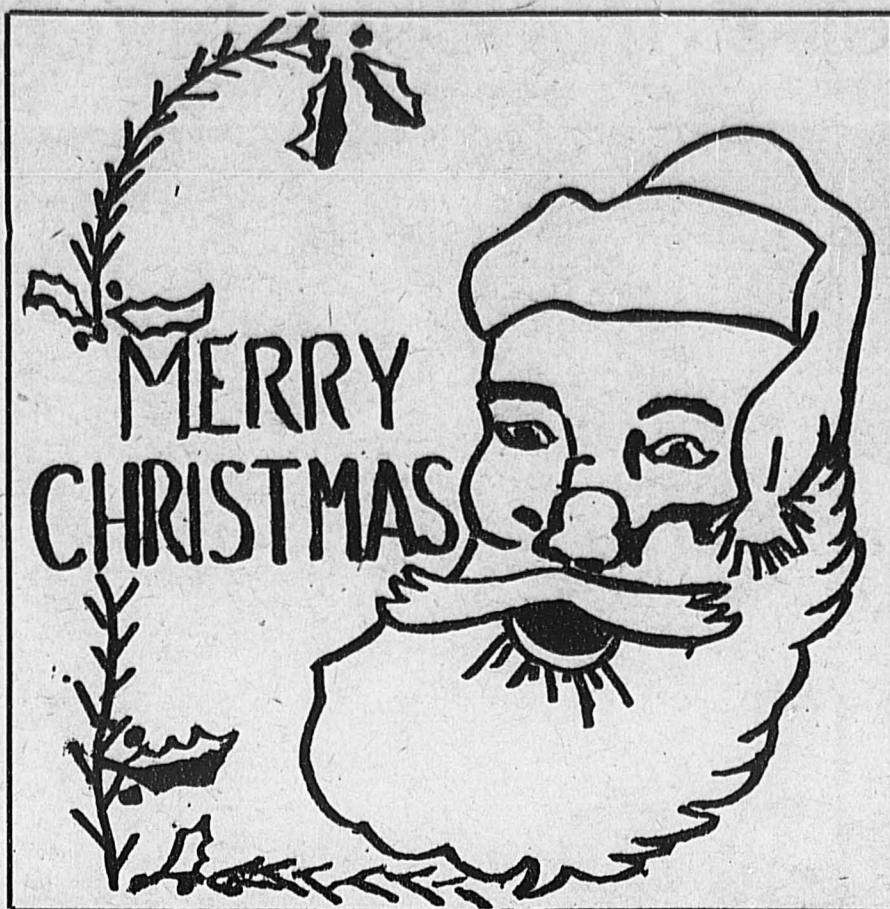
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### Candies And Cookies Say "Merry Christmas"

Who can fail to catch the Christmas spirit when appetite-tempting smells of candies and cookies fill the house? For those who enjoy invading Mother's kitchen in a little holiday preparation, teachers and students suggest these favorites:

#### French Cookies

Miss Messenger

1 pound butter 2½ cups sugar  
1½ pound sifted flour 6 eggs  
Vanilla

Separate eggs, mix yellow with other ingredients, then add whites. Bake on hot French waffle iron.

#### Old - Fashioned Date and Nut Bread

Jeanne Harris

2½ cups sifted flour 1½ cup shortening  
1 tp. salt 2 T vinegar and  
boiling water to make 1½ cup  
1 tp baking soda

1 cup nut meats 1 cup pitted dates  
1 egg beaten  
1½ cups brown sugar

Sift flour, salt, and soda together and mix in nut meats. Add shortening to combine vinegar and boiling water. Pour over dates and let stand 10 minutes. Combine egg and brown sugar. Add dry ingredients to egg mixture alternately with date and liquid mixture. Turn in greased loafpan. Bake at 350 degrees about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

#### Mahogany Cake

Miss Bailey

1½ cups sugar ½ cup milk  
1½ cup shortening 2 cups  
cake flour  
3 egg yolks 1 tsp. Vanilla  
½ cup cocoa 1 tsp. soda  
3 egg whites

Bring cocoa and milk to a boil,

stirring constantly. Set aside to cool. Cream, sugar and shortening until light and creamy. Add beaten egg yolks. Add milk and flour plus soda, mixing thoroughly. Bake in moderate oven (385 degrees) for 30 minutes.

Add chocolate filling made with melted chocolate and ¼ cup of butter. Add 1 beaten egg and 2 cups powdered sugar 1 tsp. vanilla and chopped black walnuts. Top with 7 minute icing and cover with coconut.

#### Buttermilk Candy

Miss Oliver

2 cups sugar ½ cup nuts  
1 cup buttermilk 1 T Butter  
Combine sugar and buttermilk and boil to soft ball. Remove from fire and add the butter. Let stand until cool. Beat with nuts until candy is stiff. Pour in buttered dish and mark in squares.

#### Peanut Brittle

Miss Marsh

2 cups white sugar  
1 cup Karo  
½ cup water  
Cook until brittle. Add 2½ cups

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Long ago, on a starry night, in a country in the East,  
A blessed Babe was born, King of man and beast;  
They wrapped him in swaddling clothes and there the infant lay,  
In the stable in a manger, filled with sweet-smelling hay,

The shepherds on the hillside were tending their sheep,  
A few sat talking, while the others were asleep;  
Though the night was cold, the stars were bright,  
Suddenly in the Heavens they saw a glowing light.

An angel stood before them; the shepherds knelt and prayed,  
But the angel spoke softly: "Do not be afraid."  
They watched her intently, and again she said:  
"Follow the Star to a Babe in a tiny manger bed."

The Wise Men were watching the stars that night,  
There above them appeared a beautiful light;  
A message foretold a wondrous thing,  
In Bethlehem lay the new born King.

They arrived at the inn after traveling far,  
Guided only by the light of the beautiful star;  
But of all the riches to Him they did give,  
He gave His life so all of us might live.

—By Sherry Strecker

### The Christmas Tree

There's a stir among the trees,  
There's a whisper in the breeze,  
Little needles nod and wink,  
Sturdy fir-trees sway and sigh—  
"Here am I! Here am I!"

"All the summer long I stood  
In the silence of the woods.  
Tall and tapering I grew;  
What might happen well I knew;  
For one day a little bird  
Sang, and in the song I heard  
Many things quite strange to me  
Of Christmas and the Christmas tree.

"When the sun was hid from sight  
In the darkness of the night,  
When the wind with sudden fret  
Pulled at my green coronet,  
Stanch I stood, and hid my fears,  
Weeping silent fragrant tears,  
Praying still that I might be  
Fitted for a Christmas tree.

"Now here we stand  
On every hand!  
In us a hoard of summer stored  
Birds have flown over us,  
Blue sky has covered us,  
Blossoms have flung to us  
Measureless sweetness,  
Now in completeness  
We wait."

By Mary F. Butts  
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JANET OPIE: "No, what is it?"  
raw peanuts and cook until brown. Add 1 T butter and 2 tsp. soda. Stir up and pour on a buttered slab. When cool turn candy over Crack into pieces.

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# Pitt-Dragons Invade Fort Scott-Tigers Tonight

## A AND B TEAMS PROMISE THRILLERS

The Dragons will invade Tigerland tonight to engage in what is expected to be a thrilling battle all the way, as both basketball teams have been doing well or themselves in past weeks.

The B-Team will play a preliminary game that will probably be a thriller like all previous B games have been this season. This game will start at 6:30, while the main feature of the evening will start at 8:30 immediately following the preliminary game.

This will be the second league game for the Dragons this season, and the last game before Christmas.

The Dragons have already digested their first league victory by defeating Chanute last Friday night by a comfortable margin.

The Tiger-men of Ft. Scott handed Columbus a defeat last Friday, thereby giving good proof that the game at Ft. Scott should be one you won't want to miss.

## PHS RECEIVES GOOD RATING

PHS should feel pleasingly proud of themselves for the fine basketball rating they received for last year in the Kansas Activities Journal, as they rated excellent all down the line.

This was probably brought about, to some extent, by the presence of the rating plaque hanging in the gymnasium. Out of 21 ratings received by different officials who served at our games Pitt rated close to the top in almost every rating recorded.

PHS should strive to maintain this rating in years to come as it is something to be proud of.

This is the scale used to judge schools.

- Excellent ..... 1
- Good ..... 2
- Fair ..... 3
- Unsatisfactory ..... 4

## Pitt received the following:

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Number ratings recorded.....      | 21   |
| Court and playing facilities..... | 1    |
| Attitude of crowd.....            | 1.35 |
| Attitude of players.....          | 1.23 |
| Attitude of coach.....            | 1.04 |
| Attitude of school officials..... | 1    |
| Dressing rooms and showers.....   | 1    |

## Dragons Enjoy Feast

Did anyone notice the full look after the Kiwanis banquet? That was those good ole' po'k chops and mashed potatoes served by the Kiwanis organization in honor of the PHS and St. Mary High footballers.

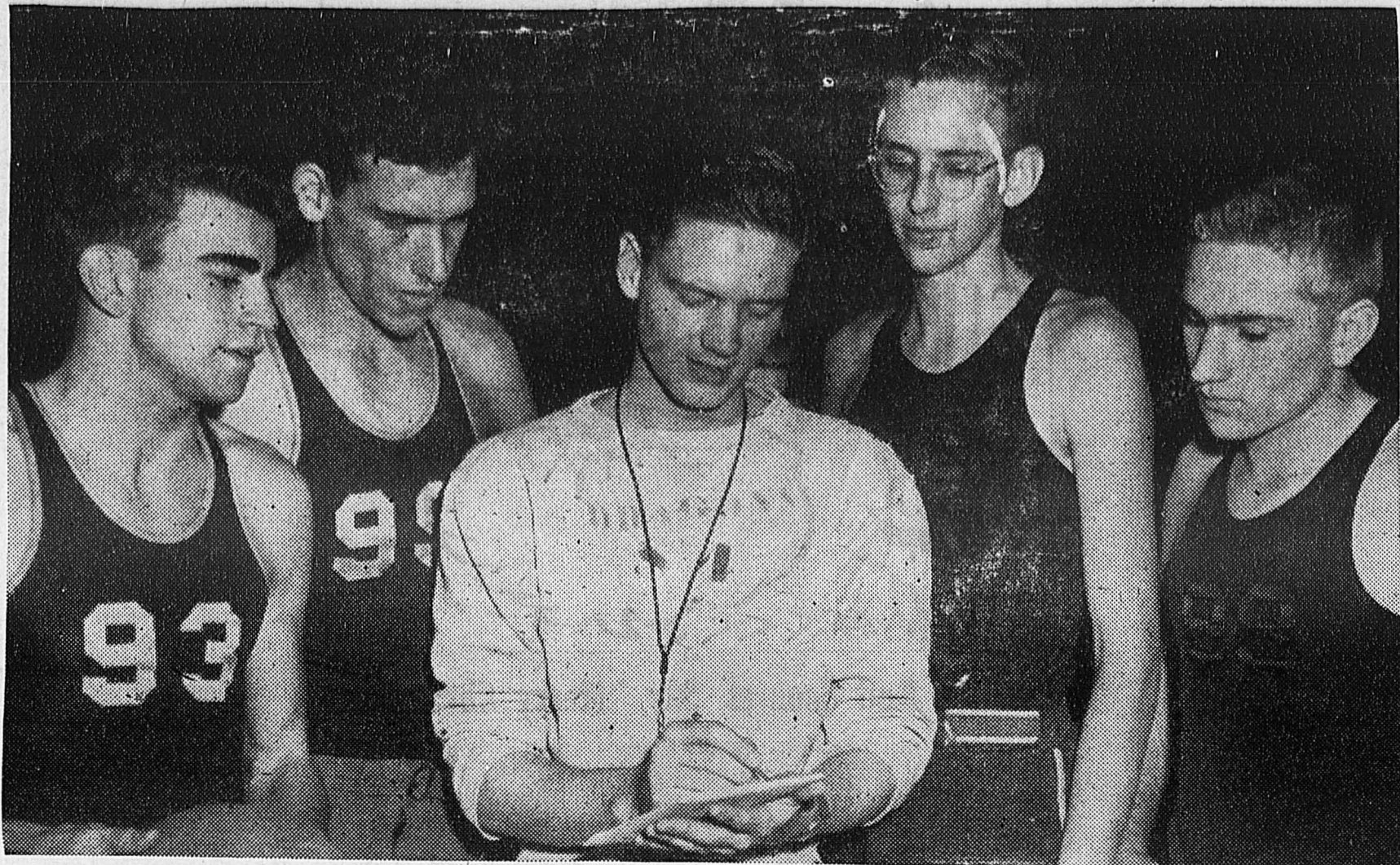
It was a fine evening enjoyed by Kiwanians and footballers alike, sparked with an entertaining program of eating, singing, joking, sport talk, football movie shorts, and a cartooned movie. Carnie Smith gave a fine talk discussing the platoon system, the extra point after touchdown, and other problems facing the football world of today. The teams were introduced by their respective coaches and Mr. England, PHS principal, led the group in singing. The sports shorts and comedy were enjoyed by all.

The PHS Dragons would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kiwanians for a fine evening of entertainment. The graduating seniors who won't be there next year will really miss it. Thank you very much!

## GAA Enjoys Bowling

"It's a strike," shouted GAA members at their meeting Dec. 7. at the Bowlmor, participating in one of the many outside activities, club members formed four teams. The winning team was treated with cokes.

This week's meeting of the GAA was held in the Little Gym. The girls finished up their volleyball with a few games. A few of the girls participated in several ping-pong games. Joan McClure and Winnie Johnson had charge of the meeting.



THESE BOYS WILL LEAD THE DRAGONS attack at Fort Scott, tonight, Don Wall, Walt Prince, Eldon Nicholson, and Ned Wilson.

## Announce S.E.K.-Pitt. Rates Three

Three of our outstanding players on the PHS team rated first on the SEK All-Star team by The Coffeyville Journal and Station KGGF. They are Bob Little, Bob Coughenour, and Hughes Spencer.

Selections were made from a ballot of 48 boys nominated by their respective coaches. Pittsburg was high on the nominating list with 12 Dragonmen.

PHS boys lacking but one vote of unanimity include our own Bob Little and Bob Coughenour, and from other schools, Albert Mulliken of nearby Columbus, Dick Andrews of Coffeyville, Clark Bumgarner, Bob Kepley and Jack Yandle, all of Chanute.

Andrews, Kepley, and Yandle were all chosen on the All Star Team last year.

Norm Gates and Albert Mulliken were on last year's honorable mention list.

Naturally everybody cannot be on the All Star Team but some fellows that barely missed the final tabulation were, Johnny Strawn, and Charley Campbell of our own team, and Fred Allen of Parsons and Melvin Beatty of Columbus.

Below is the final All-SEK league Squad:

|                |                               | Wt  | Ht.    | Class  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| <b>ENDS</b>    |                               |     |        |        |
| 7              | Bob Little, Pittsburg         | 155 | 6' 1"  | Senior |
| 6              | Paul Crandall, Coffeyville    | 150 | 5' 11" | Junior |
| 6              | Ray Allen, Columbus           | 160 | 6' 1"  | Senior |
| 5              | Bill Shaw, Independence       | 170 | 5' 11" | Senior |
| <b>TACKLES</b> |                               |     |        |        |
| 7              | Clarke Bumgarner, Coffeyville | 226 | 6' 1"  | Senior |
| 6              | Joe Schroeder, Fort Scott     | 201 | 6' 1"  | Senior |
| 5              | Bob Nieman, Coffeyville       | 214 | 5' 11" | Senior |
| 5              | Chester Gross, Independence   | 229 | 6' 1"  | Junior |
| <b>GUARDS</b>  |                               |     |        |        |
| 7              | Bob Kepley, Chanute           | 165 | 5' 10" | Senior |
| 7              | Bob Coughenour, Pittsburg     | 185 | 5' 10" | Senior |
| 6              | Charles Langdon, Coffeyville  | 164 | 5' 9"  | Senior |
| 6              | Jack Hefley, Columbus         | 160 | 5' 11" | Senior |
| <b>CENTERS</b> |                               |     |        |        |
| 6              | Norman Gates, Chanute         | 185 | 5' 11" | Senior |
| 6              | Hughes Spencer, Pittsburg     | 180 | 5' 9"  | Senior |
| <b>BACKS</b>   |                               |     |        |        |
| 7              | Jack Yandle, Chanute          | 170 | 5' 11" | Senior |
| 7              | Dick Andrews, Coffeyville     | 150 | 5' 10" | Senior |
| 7              | Albert Mulliken, Columbus     | 150 | 6' 0"  | Junior |
| 6              | Wilbur Wheaton, Chanute       | 170 | 5' 11" | Senior |
| 6              | Benny Crigger, Independence   | 142 | 5' 8"  | Senior |
| 4              | Don Lee, Coffeyville          | 160 | 5' 9"  | Junior |
| 4              | Gene Knox, Fort Scott         | 155 | 5' 11" | Senior |
| 4              | Bill Kourkos, Independence    | 136 | 5' 8"  | Junior |

## Girls End Tourney

The girls gym classes have finished their six weeks of volleyball with the intramural volleyball tournaments.

The first playoffs first hour won from hour and fourth in the semi-finals and then went ahead to win the tournament over the first

hour.

The winning team was led by Betty Ferrell and Marilyn Kazmeirski co-captains. The members of the team were Winona George, Sue LeGrand, Nadine Allmon, Ozella Pierce, Shirley Robinson, Mary Smith, Winnie Johnson, Carol Tanner and Jean Lundquest.

## BOB'S BASKETBALL BABBLE

Bob Coughenour

Seem's like old times! Two years ago it was three Pittsburg boys on the SEKteam. They were Marv White, center; Gibson, end, and Thornberry, back. This year it's Hughes Spencer, center; Bob Coughenour, guard; and Bob Little, end. Something for the boys next year to shoot at, so let's see eleven or more PHS boys on it next year. Good Luck!

Seems to this Editor that one of our backs got a raw deal in the choice of the SEK team. Not mentioning any names, but we call him Sonny. Kind 'a bad luck, I'd say.

Officials for the Joplin, Pitt game did a bang up job in keeping a rough and tumble game going smoothly. Hope they do as well in the future.

This boy certainly wants to compliment the team on the sportsmanship so far this season. Win or lose they play the game fair and square. Any how it looks that way from the stands.

Walt Prince and Nicholson are certainly going to give the boys in the SEK and other leagues a run for their money this year. Look's like the state or SEK will have at least two PHS players on their list this year.

Walt Prince did a bang up job in the Joplin Game and hit the basket for 18 of the 44 Dragon points. Keep the bucket full, Walt!

Boy, talk about your bad luck! The Dragon basketball bees certainly had it during the their game with Joplin. It sure hurt seeing that Joplin boy drop that free throw in the last, the very last, second of the game. Luck improved with Chanute and they won by a fair margin. Quite an improvement, I'd say!

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