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Gives Tentative Graduation List

Plans for the 1950 commencement season are shaping up rapidly for Pittsburg seniors. John L. England, principal, today released a tentative list of candidates for graduation.

In the class of 125 the boys with 68 members outnumber the girls who have a total of 58.

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday night, May 21; commencement ceremonies will follow on Thursday evening, May 25.

GIRLS

Candidates for graduation are Virginia Grace Adams, Shirley Rae Archer, Norma Jean Barbero, Marie Pearlene Benefield, Gwendolyn Ann Boswell, Annette Brown, Mary Luella Clark, Demarice Jeanette Coots, Marcella Rose Dauchez, Norma Lee DeRidder, Doris Rachel DuBois, Mervyl Irene Ellis, Betty Margaret Ferrell, Cordelia June Fougner, Jo Ann Garrison, Virginia Pat Harkins, Jeanne Harris, Patty Jean Hartshorn, Winnie Cindicy Johnson, Garnet Jones.

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BOYS

Jack Clifford Akerberg, William Francis Anderson, Bob W. Bath, Robert Ernest Batley, Charles Robert Bavuso, Jim A. Benelli, Paul Edward Bresnick, Robert W. Brown, James Edward Brunskill, William Lee Cameron, Charles A. Campbell, Alfred Jay Cezar, James Lee Champion, Robert Ray Clark, Donald Alvin Close, Richard I. Comstock, David William Denny.

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Robert Hugh Masterson, Louis Alfred Merciez, Jack Carl Miller, Ralph Thomas Moffatt, Robert Dale Nelson, Walter Edwin Prince, Phil Reid, Edward Kaye Ricketts, Frank Hiner Rodkey, Melvin Riley Royce, Clarence Edward Scates, Richard Edward Schmidt, Ralph Dean Sill, Raymond Edward Small, Harley Raymond Smith, Robert Lee Smith, Robert Lee Smith, Harold Hughes Spencer, Jr., John Quimby Strawn, Robert Joseph Studyvin, Richard Ott Tessmer, William James Toeller, Clayton Audely Walker, Donald Eugene Wall, Robert A. Wildung, Raymond Zehr, Jr.



A TENSE MOMENT in "The Henpecked Husband" presented by the Dramatics Class in Senior High School Auditorium.

Henpecked Husband Plays To Full House

A hilarious three-act comedy entitled "The Hen-pecked Husband", was presented last Friday, by the Dramatics Class. The play was directed by Dan J. Tewell, Dramatics and Speech instructor.

Glenn Hastings played the lead in the play as the hen-pecked husband, Sam Dixon. Phyllis Wilson portrayed Sam's dominating mother-in-law, and her son, Filbert, was played by Gene Seifert. Clayton Walker acted as the French marquis. Dr. Dixon's mentally deficient sister was played by Jean Lundquest, and Burton James acted as her reform school son.

Other members of the cast were: Mrs. Dixon, Gretchen Glick; Ellen Dixon, her daughter, Beth Philips; Jerry Barton, Ellen's suitor, Rex McDaniels; Mr. Arnold, psychology instructor, Roger Curran; Mrs. Rust, the cream of society, Letty Lemon; Mrs. James, also the cream of society, played by Norma Simons.

The receipts from this production will be used to finance various activities of next year's Dramatic class.

Visual Ed Popular

The Visual Education Program in senior high school is an important part of the school work. Students find it a stimulus to their class work and teachers generally agree that most films are worth while.

Every spring the teachers indicate the films which they desire to use the following year; from this list the final selections are made. The high school uses approximately 275 films each year at a cost of \$500.

The school is well equipped for this type of instruction. There are two motion-picture machines, three portable screens, and one slide projector. Two rooms are specially equipped for this work, while many class room may be arranged for the use of the slide projector.

Several film sources supply the school. Universities and colleges maintain film libraries for the convenience of the public schools, and some business companies have splendid films on the work of their plants.

Frank Hopkins directs the visual program in the junior and the senior high schools.

Elected to Honor Frat

Judith Veatch, '48, was elected to membership in Delta Phi Delta, national honorary society in art at the University of Kansas where she is a junior. Announcement was made at an honors convocation recently. Judith is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Veatch.

Industrial Arts Open House at KSTC

Seventeen industrial arts students and their instructors joined some 1000 other high school and junior college students and teachers from this area in attendance at the industrial arts open house at the College on April 27.

Activities started at 9 o'clock in the morning with a tour of the campus. The regular operations of the industrial arts department were carried on throughout the day to give the visitors an opportunity to see the equipment in use. The various departments prepared favors for the guests.

At the afternoon assembly held in the Music Hall auditorium Dr. O. A. Hankhammer, head of the department, spoke on "Industrial Arts In Action".

Printers from PHS who attended the open house were: Bob Brown, Jimmy Brunskill, Bill Johns, Ralph Sill, Bob Studyvin, Raymond Zehr, and Mr. White.

Paul Bresnick, Charles Campbell, Jim Champion, Don Evans, Art Harshorn, Bob Neelson, Bob Wildung, Lowell Forbes, Don Close, and Bill Johnson represented the woodworking and mechanical drawing classes.

Add New Courses

PHS students in the process of enrolling for the 1950-1951 school term are pleased with the recent changes that have been made in the schedule of some courses.

Chorus, Band and Orchestra will now carry one credit, and students are allowed to carry one of them as a fifth subject.

Drivers Education is a new course offered to those seniors who do not have driver's licenses. A one semester commercial course in Business Machines is scheduled, while the one semester courses, Business Law and Consumer's Math, will again be resumed.

A first year Journalism course for juniors, and Photography for seniors puts the finishing touch to an excellent program of varied high school courses.

Seniors Receive Gifts

Members of the graduating class have received gifts from some downtown merchants.

Benelli's Jewelry has given each Senior girl a sterling silver teaspoon in any pattern she wishes. The most popular pattern seems to be "Damask Rose."

The Lane Cedar Chest Company, through the Rock Furniture Company, has presented each senior girl with a miniature Lane Cedar Chest with a lock and key.

The Panneck-Hand Clothing store has given the senior boys a \$5 discount on any suit they purchase there.

Jr. Journalists To Publish Next Paper

The final issue of the Booster will be in charge of the junior journalism students.

Experience in gathering and writing the news will condition these students for responsible positions on the newspaper next year. Seniors will be available as supervisors of the work on this final issue.

Jim McDaniels will serve as editor, Doris DuBois and Bob Master son will be the senior advisors on the business staff, Betty Snider will edit the first page, Janis Burnidge, the second page; Norma Dainty, the third page; Bob Bell, the fourth page; and Ruth Ann Prince will be responsible for the insert and the circulation.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

May 17 — Senior Banquet
May 19 — Baccalaureate Rehearsal - 11:00 A. M.
Junior — Senior Prom - 8:00 P. M.
May 21 — Baccalaureate Service.
May 25 — Commencement.

Howard Hallman to Phi Beta Kappa

Howard W. Hallman was one of 33 students at Kansas University elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society.

Hallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Hallman, was graduated from PHS with the class of 1946.

Esther Green Honored

Esther Green, former PHS student, was one of ten Kansas State co-eds selected as final contestants for the title Honorary Cadet Colonel, according to an announcement made by the Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society. The honorary colonel will reign at the annual military ball.

Esther represented the Delta Delta Delta sorority of which she is a member.

Music Groups At High Assembly

The music department directed by Gerald Blanchard presented the following program at high school assembly this morning:

"Romanian Rhapsody" — Gardner
"Skip to My Lou" — Wilson
The Chorus
"Symphony in 'D' Major" — Hayden
"Dancing in the Dark" — Schwact
Orchestra
"The Farmer's Daughter" — Williams
"Sweet Saint Bride" — Williams
Madrigal Singers

Kansas is third in the United States in the production of zinc.

Win Top Ratings

Pittsburg musicians received three I ratings and eleven II ratings at the state music festival held in Emporia last Saturday.

Harriet King, girls' low voice; Doris DuBois, girls' medium voice; and Betty Vanderpool, violin received top ratings.

Judy Timmons, Kay Newman, and Suzanne Russing, girls' high voice; Wilma Roeber, girls' medium voice; Jack Glick, boys' low voice; Frank Rodkey, clarinet; Gene Seifert, cornet; Emalou Greer, violin; girls' double trio, madrigal group, and brass sextet all received II ratings.

Members of the double trio are Kay Newman, Suzanne Russing, Doris DuBois, Patt Lewis, Annette Brown, and Harriet King. The brass sextet players are Gene Seifert, Charles Bavuso, Ruth England, Keith Clugston, Eldon Nicholson, and Jack Glick.

The madrigal singers are Kay Newman, Doris DuBois, Kathleen Rush, Emalou Greer, Harriet King, Ralph Sill, Bob Schmidt, Richard Brown, and Richard Comstock.

Gerald Blanchard, music director, John L. England, high school principal, and Charles Warren, junior high school instrumental music teacher, accompanied the group to Emporia.

Attend Open House

Home Economics students from senior high joined representatives from ten other schools in the district for the open house sponsored by the Home Economics Club and the staff at the College last Tuesday.

Various demonstrations were given during the morning. The delegates also had an opportunity to examine some exhibits of work done by the college classes.

At noon the guests were served a picnic lunch at College lake. The afternoon program in the Music hall auditorium consisted of a style show in which two girls from each school modeled clothing which they had made. Some College students also displayed their work.

U. S. Navy Band Plays At College

Many music lovers from the senior high school attended the afternoon concert by the U. S. Navy Band Tuesday afternoon at the college.

The band under the direction of L. Cdr. Charles Brendler presented the matinee program especially prepared for young people. Popular music, novelties, and various pieces just for fun delighted the audience of school children.

Acclaimed as the world's finest, the band is on its annual tour which has been approved by the President.

When not on tour the band appears in concert every Friday evening in Washington D. C. during the winter months. In the summer they give concerts on the steps of the capitol. They also make transcriptions which the Navy Department releases to radio stations for broadcast.

Exchange

Nevada High School had good results with their Curtis Magazine sales. There was a gross sale of \$1340.40 worth of magazines with a net profit of \$514.92.

A course in drivers' education will be added to the curriculum of Ottawa high school next fall. This driver's course will also be given at Pittsburg High next year.

Meet The Seniors

JOHN STRAWN

Basketball, football, and track have been the outstanding activities of this good looking senior athlete who is 5'10, weighs 145 lbs. and has light brown hair and brown eyes. Johnny played quarter-back on the varsity football squad, and was elected captain of the basketball team. Even though Johnny is outstanding in the above mentioned sports his favorite is baseball. He spends part of his summer by playing ball with the American Legion team.

Johnny, who is very quiet, likes slow music, quiet girls and smooth running cars.

Around PHS Johnny likes Miss Fintel and Mr. Cline. Trig is his favorite subject. His biggest PHS honors were helping to set the SEK Medley relay record last year, and being selected an attendant to the Purple and White King. The thing he will remember most about PHS is rushing to get his trig at noon.

Johnny will attend KSTC next year, but his exact major is undecided. His ambition?? To be the first person on the moon.

NORMA BARBERO

To be a high school English teacher and send the children of her present classmates home with F's is Norma Barbero's ambition.

Norma has many accomplishments. She was a member of the debate team, was active in the Junior Academy of Science all three years. Served as chairman of the Worship Committee in Y-Teens and Captured honors in the intramural ping-pong tournament.

But there is another side to this brown haired, green eyed senior for she confesses a liking for pretty shoes, football games, and Bonyacalda, an Italian dish.

She does not include liver, "glad-hander," or letter-writing in her likes.

When Norma isn't busy working on the Booster she likes to write poems and collect salt and pepper shakers. She has more than fifty different pairs and thinks it a very interesting hobby.

Norma considers receiving the A. A. S. honor award at the Junior Academy of Science state meeting last year her biggest honor.

Next year Norma hopes to go to KSTC and major in English and commerce.

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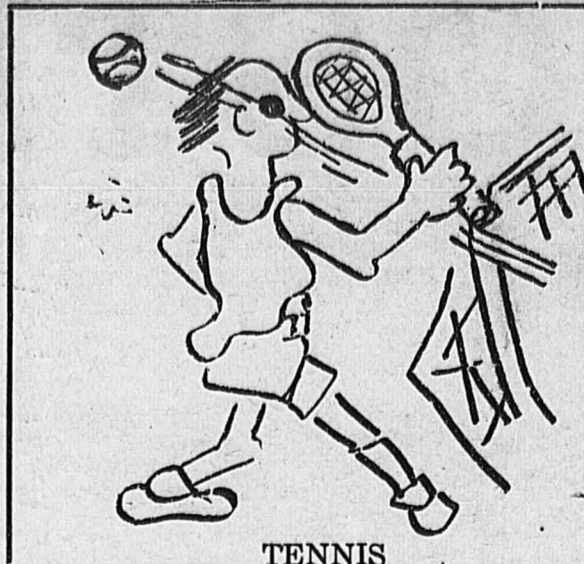
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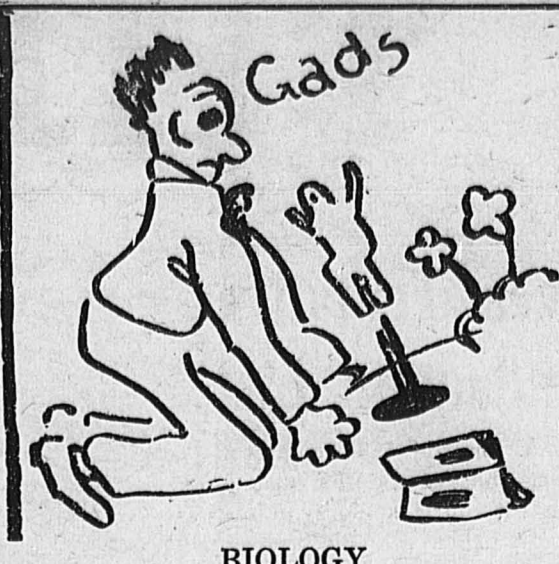
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BIOLOGY

ANNETTE BROWN

This cute little senior who sings alto in the girl's double trio is 5'2" tall, has flaxen hair and she resides at 114 West Washington but can usually be seen riding around in a Mercury convertible with a fella named "Chick".

Annette's school activities include that of cheerleader in her sophomore year, the feminine lead in the Junior play, membership on Purple and White Staff and Y-Teens in the senior year.

Annette likes to spend her spare time riding around listening to popular music especially songs by Frank Sinatra.

Mr. Tewell is her favorite teacher and Speech her favorite subject. Annette has many other like including walking in the rain, attending games, and meeting new people. Her favorite food is fried chicken. She thoroughly dislikes stubborn and sarcastic people.

Next year will find Annette majoring in Merchandising at Stephens college. She hopes someday to own a dress shop or perhaps even better, marry a man who owns one.

BILL TOELLER

"This is Bill Toeller calling South America". "Come in Mr. Toeller." These words are often heard around the Toeller home, for Bill has his own amateur radio set on which he can pick up stations as far away as South America and Asia.

This of course is the hobby and favorite pastime. His biggest thrill was getting his license to operate his radio station. The FCC in Kansas City granted the license after Bill successfully passed an examination.

Bill is a member of the Hi-Y, Jun Bill is a member of the Hi-Y, Junior Academy of Science. He was elected vice-president of the Photography Club but resigned.

Weekends he thinks are wonderful. He likes going to bed on Friday night but dislikes getting up on Monday morning.

Miss Fintel is Bill's favorite teacher, so consequently he likes Trig.

Someday Bill hopes to go even further into the radio field.

GLEN HASTINGS

Throwing waste paper at the waste basket in Physics is the chief exercise for this senior dramatist.

Glenn Hastings has displayed his dramatic ability by taking part in the Senior play (The policeman at the end), and in the Dramatics Class play, The Henpecked Husband, and gave "Buttons," a dramatic reading in the Drama contest. He was also on the Debate team and in Hi-Y.

Glen who is 5'10, and has reddish brown hair and brown eyes spends his spare time brewing up something new in Chemistry, his favorite subject. Besides science he likes models (airplanes, that is), photography, Miss Fintel, and Mr. Cline.

Glen's pet peeve is too much homework. His ambition is to see Mr. Nation actually buy someone that bottle of pop.

Glen is looking forward to going to KSTC next year and majoring in science or math. Some day perhaps he will be famous nuclear physicist (if he doesn't join the French foreign legion).

Ten Years Ago

The Booster
1940

The first Purple and White Ball in PHS history was held in the Roosevelt Gym on April 5, 1940. A.M. Brim and Barbara Williams reigned as king and queen and Gene Coppedge was the master of ceremonies.

The Girl Reserves (Y-Teens) entertained their parents at a banquet served in the school cafeteria. Tickets were 25 cents...just imagine the good old days when 25cents would buy a whole meal.

Mr. Tewell's speech students were taking honors in those days too. Pittsburg won four out of six awards offered in the SEK contest held in Chanute. Al Mc Clure, Charles Davis, Margaret Agnes Naylor, and Jane Pratt carried off the top honors for Pitt.

It is interesting to note that Margaret Nail (Mrs. J.B. Stacey) now a Pittsburg public school teacher, was an authority on apple polishing...at least she gave some good suggestions on the art in the April 5, 1940 Booster.

Mr. Nation was so proud of his homeroom that he had, Don Slagle to take a picture of the group. The picture was displayed on the bulletin board in the class room. Is there anything wrong with the 1950 Homeroom?

Joyce Henney and "Pinky" Brannum were society editors on the Booster.

Topic of the Day

by Letty Lemon
American History Student

TELEVISION

By the end of this year there will be nearly eight million television sets in operation, and that's only a start.

Before television can really expand, the Federal Communications Commission's ban placed in 1948 on the establishment of T.V. stations must be lifted, and it cannot be until two important problems have been settled: First, how to keep stations from interfering with each other; and second, what to do about color television.

The latter is really the main hindrance confronting T.V. expansion today. Many different methods of color television have been proposed, and until one is decided upon, expansion is at a virtual standstill. Meanwhile, nearly all stations which received permits before 1948 are in operation.

The new medium has greatly affected American life. The members of the average American family now spend more time together at home enjoying their television set. They attend movies and sport events 1/4 to 1/2 less than before, and teachers report that students are watching video at the expense of their studies and sleep.

Whether television is good or bad, one thing is sure—anything that has such a profound effect on our way of living is no longer a novelty or a toy. The "Great American Public" has agreed that T.V. is here to stay.

Inquiring Reporter



Did you ever ask a boy what he carries in his pocket? If not, try it. You might be amazed with all the junk that is brought out.

This reporter approached several "dignified" Seniors who were quite deflated and embarrassed upon shoveling out the debris from their pockets.

Upon cornering Bob Fountain, your reporter persuaded him to shell out the stuff in his pockets. Here are a few of them; 2 1/2 sticks of gum, I don't know why the half unless someone didn't want to make a hog of himself, two bus tokens a key chain, an ink pen with a smashed point, a pencil, and some eye glass tissue which looked like it had been used to clean a Western Kansas storewindow after a dust storm.

Gene Leibig's pockets yielded several foreign coins which he has been trying to shove off on some poor innocent clerk in place of American money, a comb with every other tooth missing, a handkerchief, and this time, an ink pen with a good point but no ink.

And from our good friend with a tormenting sense of humor at the other fellow's expense, Bob Coughenour, we found a picture of one of his six favorite girl friends, (for the benefit of all six, his one and only heart-throb), a wadded up gum wrapper, a government test paper with, believe it or not, an "A" on it. A note from someone (we wonder who), and an Eversharp.

Of course there were the usual good-luck charms, but we will not embarrass the wearers here—just look around for the luckiest people and there you have the answer.

Barbara Ross: I suppose all geniuses are conceited.
Becky Lewis: Some of them are—but I'm not.

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Clubs Y-Teen

The Publicity Committee presented the Y-Teen program Thursday at the general meeting of the group. Sally Robins, chairman, presided.

Janis Burnidge read the scripture and Florence Zehr read the Y-Teen purpose. "To build a Christian fellowship of women and girls around the world."

Shirley Nelson, Shirley Campbell and Betty Snider gave short talks on the Y-Teen motto, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

The aims of a Y-Teen—to help those in need, to be a friend to all, to be a good Christian girl, and to accept responsibility when called upon—were brought out by Winona George in a short talk before the group.

The Girls trio sang two numbers taken from the Y-Teen song book. Harriet King sang "Follow the Glean", the organization's national anthem, as a benediction.

Mother-Daughter Tea

The Y-Teens have issued invitations for the annual Mother-Daughter Tea which will be given in the Little Theater on Wednesday April 10 at 2:30.

The worship and program committees are in charge of arrangements.

G A A

Members of G.A.A. met in the girls dressing room for a short business meeting Wednesday April 26, to plan for the annual hamburger fry. After the meeting, the girls played softball and a few girls went swimming.

May 2, the members had the hamburger fry at the home of Miss Messenger. Election of officers for next year was held. The meeting lasted till 5:30.



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Hi-Y Members Attempt To Answer Dating Problems

What are the dating problems in PHS? Mr. Cline's Hi-Y group "talked it out" the other day and they pass along some of the questions and answers.

I. How about high school boys and girls going "steady"? All agreed that a boy has a better chance of having a date for different school dances if he goes "steady." He doesn't have to worry about whom he will take, or if someone has already asked her, or if a certain girl will go with him. Going steady, in a moderate sense means at least two dates a week with the same girl, and the boy will probably be trailing along by

the side of the girl carrying her books on the way home every evening afterschool.

II. How about double dating?

The opinion on this subject is rather varied. Some say they have more fun when double dating with their friends, however, differences sometimes arise to make it hard to get together on places to go.

III. How about eating before taking the girl home?

The obvious answer to this is to eat if you're hungry. Unfortunately this is not so simple. Sometimes the girl, just to be polite, says, "No, thank you, I'm not hungry," when you are

practically starving. But if the boy says, "Let's stop at Curley's for a coke or a hamburger," both are satisfied and there is no embarrassment.

IV. Where should you take the girl on your first date?

What your school and community have to offer in the form of entertainment decides where you will go on the first date. The boys agreed that dances offer the best opportunity for a boy to ask a girl for a first date. Special programs that are brought to the city, plays, operas, and picture shows are all good places of entertainment.

Indians Started Ceramic Industry In Early Kansas

Indian ruin show that in Kansas clay has been in use for pottery as well as building purposes since the beginning of the history of the state. Indians who came from the southwest built an entire village of adobe and shaped utensils of clay.

White settlers later used the native clay for building bricks and many communities had brick plants set up to supply the local demand. For many years the brick plant in Pittsburg was one of the leading industries in Crawford County. The manufacture of brick is yet important in the state, though the local plant has been closed for several years. In the peak year 315 million bricks were manufactured in Kansas. Last year approximately 78 million bricks were made.

The state now has more than thirty manufacturers of clay products. These range from high tile plants to small novelty shops which make art objects from special high-quality Kansas clay. Pittsburg has two of these plants, the Dickey Tile Company manufacturing drainage and building tile, and the Pittsburg Pottery makers of lawn vases, figurines, crocks, bowls, and jars of all sizes.

Last year the clay production in Kansas was estimated at \$4,500,000.

Biddle Teacher Club President

John Biddle, senior high industrial arts instructor, was elected president of the Roosevelt-Senior High School Teachers Club at a business meeting of the group last Friday morning.

Other officers selected were: Mrs. Leah Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Lewis, secretary; T. E. Davis, treasurer; Margaret Oliver and Barbara Theis, building representatives to the city association.

Win At Badminton

The girls gym classes finished the badminton intramural tournaments with Joan McClure and Pauline Spencer the winners. The finals and semifinals were played in the Roosevelt gym during sixth hour, April 20 and 26.

In the semi-finals Marilyn Kazmerski and Joan Bill were defeated by Becky Lewis and Jeanie Harris; while Joan McClure and Pauline Spencer defeated Pat Harkins and Betty Norris. Also Joan and Pauline defeated Annette Brown and Virginia Adams in a semi-finals game.

Going ahead to defeat Jeannie and Becky Lewis in the finals, Joan and Pauline took the championship.

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Photography

A special meeting of the Photography Club was held last Thursday April 27, to the annual picture taking trip. Last year the members chose the Ozarks for this club event, and everyone brought his own lunch. This year Grand Lake has been chosen, as it has plenty of subject material for photographs.

The group has decided on May 7 as the day of the trip. Fourteen members were counted as going, and they will meet a meet at 6 AM in front of the High School, before leaving. Food will be brought individually and prepared in picnic fashion. Those photographs taken, will be judged as to their quality at a later date.

Library Adds Books

Are you having difficulty answering questions on quiz programs? Did you miss the jackpot because you didn't know the right answer? Then you should read "Famous First Facts" is indexed received by the school library.

There's a first time, place, and person for almost everything. Whenever the "first" is important, interesting or amusing, you will find it in this book. For instance, did you know that the first mint in the United States was at Philadelphia? Or that the first mimeograph was invented by Thomas Edison, who received the patent for it on August 8, 1876?

"Famous First Facts," is indexed by names, geographical location, years and days, for the convenience of the reader.

Almost every day some student

goes to the school library in search of the brief biography of some noted American. Of course, he goes to "Who's Who in America." But if the student has no knowledge at all about the time the celebrity lived, then he will find it very difficult going through all the "Who's Who in America" volumes.

The library has solved that problem by purchasing two volumes of "Who's Who in America." Volume I contains brief biographies of more than 24,000 noted Americans from 1897 to 1942. Volume II consists of over 77,500 biographies-in-brief of Americans from 1943-1950.

Library Conducts Baseball Contest

The school library has helped sports fans launch into the baseball season by sponsoring a contest for the most popular baseball authors and stories.

John Robert Tunis was named the most popular author and his "Highpockets" was selected as the most widely read book. "The Turning Point" by Fitzgerald was in second place, while "The Kid Comes Back" and "Keystone Kids" by Tunis, and "Gashouse Gang" by Stockton followed closely.

The library has received several new baseball stories which were made available to students last week. They are: "The Fighting Southpaw", "The Team", "Starting Pitchure", and "Young Razzle." For those who want a few pointers on how to play baseball, the library has received "Secrets of Pitching" by Ewell Blackwell and "Covering the Outfield" by Terry Moore.

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Dragons Host to SEK Meet Saturday

All the track teams of the S.E.K. League will be on hand this Saturday for the S.E.K. meet which will be held on the Pitt. State track. This will be one of the most exciting of the year and will include most of the outstanding athletes of the S.E.K. sports.

Three men from each school will be allowed to enter in each of the events so there will be over 100 participants in all. The meet will begin officially at 1:30 p. m. but many of the preliminaries will start at 10:00 that morning.

The Coffeyville Tornados, defending champs, are expected to take the title again, but the Dragons are favored for second place honors and may surprise some other schools with their improvement in the past few weeks.

This will be the final meet for most of the Dragon thin-clads but those who take first or second place in this meet will be entered in the Regional meet at Fredonia, and those who are successful there will participate in the much respected "state meet".

Take Third Place In Coffeyville Relays

Finishing third in the Coffeyville Relays, the Dragons bowed to the larger manpower of Coffeyville and Springfield, Missouri, but defeated Ark City and Independence.

The Coffeyville Tornados won the meet with the new record high of 81 points, followed by Springfield with 76, Pittsburg 47½, Independence 28, and Arkansas City 21½.

The Dragons took three first places, the high hurdles, the broad jump, and the javelin.

Three new records for this meet were set in the high jump, the 220 yard dash, and the 440 yard dash.

The Pittsburg High places are as follows:

120 yd. H.H.—16.03-, McDaniel, first.

100 yd. dash—10.3-, no Pittsburg places.

Mile run—4:46.8-, no Pittsburg places.

880 yd. relay—Pittsburg, third.


440 yd. dash—53., Montgomery third.

180 yd. L.H.—23.2. McDaniel, third, Anderson, fourth.

880 yd. run—2.10, Strawn, Anderson, fourth.

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Medley relay—1:46, Pittsburg, fourth.

220 yd. dash—23.3, no Pittsburg places.

Mile relay—3:41.4, Pittsburg, second.

440 yd. relay—46.5, Pittsburg Shot Put—distance—44'8½" Peterman, third.

High Jump—height—5'10½", Singleton, tie for fourth.

Pole vault—height—11' 3¾", no Pittsburg places.

Javelin—distance—161' 2¼" Huffman, first, Little, third.

Broad jump—distance—19' 5", Klien first, Montgomery, second.

Local Racqueteers Win One, Tie Two

The P. H. S. Racqueteers have been displaying some keen footwork in their tennis matches as of late.

They defeated the Independence tennis team 5 to 2, and they locked horns with the Chanute team to come out even seven, winning three singles and losing three doubles. Spencer, Marquardt, and Nettles took the singles. P. H. S. also won three and lost three matches with Ft. Scott. Nettles and Marquardt won the singles, and Spencer and Marquardt, a double match.

An S. E. K. Tennis Match will be held at Independence Saturday, and a tussel with Parsons will take place next week. A regional meet will be held Saturday, May 13 in order to determine which boys will be eligible to play in the state tournament at Wichita in the single match division. A team of doubles also will qualify.

Golfers To Chanute

The P. H. S. golf team will journey forth tomorrow for the league golf meet at Chanute to compete with the teams in the SEK league. All teams in the league will participate except Columbus and Ft. Scott. This will make it a meet of five teams including Coffeyville, Parsons, Independence, Chanute and Iola.

Pittsburg has participated in 5 meets with 7 different teams: Coffeyville, Parsons, Turner, Carthage, Mr. Vernon, Independence, and Chanute.

In the first meet with Coffeyville and Parsons the scores were Pittsburg 0, Coffeyville 8, and Pittsburg 8, Parsons 12.

Turner won the second meet 20 to 0, and in the third meet which Carthage won 12½ to 2½, Pittsburg beat Mr. Vernon 12 to 0.

In Coffeyville tournament the P. H. S. golfers ranked 5th with a total of 407 strokes to the winning teams 360 strokes. Parsons beat Pittsburg out of 4th place with a 406 stroke game or just one stroke difference.

Pittsburg was again beaten in the meet with Chanute and Independence by scores of 29½ to 2½, and 24 to 8 respectively.

After the league meet there will be one more meet with Carthage.

There was a young fellow named Hall

Who fell in the spring in the fall;

'Twould have ben a sad thing

If he'd died in the spring,

But he didn't—he died in the fall.

Around The Track

Eldon Huffman

At the Coffeyville Relays last Thursday, things were tough in the High Hurdles, besides having to buck a stiff, cold, wind, one of the other contestants used some football tactics on Ned Wilson who was at the time sure of placing.

PHS's ten entrants at the K. U Relays failed to place, however, only two men from this league did place, and Gene Knox of Ft. Scott was the only winner of a first. He won the high hurdles with the time of 15.2.

There are in the remainder of this track season three more meets if the proper conditions are met by those who plan to be in them. Contestants who win events in the SEK meet will be taken to the regionals at Fredonia. If they are in the upper three places there, they are entitled to be in the state meet.

This year the state meet will be held in Manhattan, Kansas. This will be the final meet of the year and will be attended by all the best athletes of the state, because they must place in their regional meets to attend this state meet. We couldn't hope for a better record at the sate meet than we had last year, 2 entries, 2 first places.

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By Bob Smith

Take a look at these crappie. They really are dandies, each is about 12 inches long. They are the proud possession of Francis Macheers who landed them on minnows. Yes sir, all you have to do is keep trying and you're bound to hit it lucky sometime.

Say, I hear we have some adventuresome boys who like to go camping and fishing all night long. That's right, John Strawn, Don Wall, Bill Johnson, and Bill Hamilton headed for a strip pit last Saturday afternoon in Don Wall's Ford, and believe it or not, they got there too. After setting up camp, they proceeded to do some bass fishing. As you can guess, they didn't catch anything. For supper, John Strawn and Bill Hamilton started frying the three chickens which Strawn and Hamilton so thoughtfully brought. I need not tell you that no matter how the fried chickens were cooked, they tasted mighty good. Those boys were so hungry they probably wouldn't have noticed whether the chickens were cooked or not.

After supper they began to bed down for the night. After each boy told his mother goose story (as only boys can tell them). They said their prayers like good little boys, and fell fast asleep in their cozy little tent. But not for long,

for old mother nature had to tell her story for the night by breaking out with a thunderous roar and streaks of lightning that brought forth a cloudburst upon our sleeping beauties.

This tent, like all other tents that happen to be caught in a rain, had holes here and there. Poor Bill Hamilton... he was soaked to the skin. I'm sure you can imagine the misery he went through that night, especially as cold as it was, because if you will remember, Saturday night was very very cold. But that's a fishing trip for you. If something in the way of trouble doesn't happen, it just isn't a fishing trip.

These boys, however, were determined to stick it out. Early Sunday morning the foursome finished the fried chicken along with some bacon, eggs, hot dogs, and potatoes.

With droopy eyes and full stomachs the fishermen started down the homeward trail, happy and satisfied with everything even though all they caught was a cold.

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