

## Crown Homecoming Queen Tonight



FOOTBALL QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS will receive crowns in impressive ceremonies at half-time period in the Springfield-Pittsburg game tonight on Hutchinson Field. The queen and her attendants were selected by student body balloting on six candidates named by the football squad.

Pictured above, left to right, Phyllis Wilson, attendant; Gertrude Naccarato, queen; Phyllis Lawson, attendant.

## Many Artists To Appear On KU Assemblies

Many interesting and informative Kansas University programs have been scheduled for PHS assemblies this year. The first of many lecturers, performers and groups will be Max Gilstrap, who will speak October 23rd.

Mr. Gilstrap, eminent political historian, will offer first hand comments on the United Nations, the Russian threat, the power of the Atomic Bomb, European Recovery, Japan under American occupation, rehabilitation of the Philippines, and the United States. He is former editor of Stars and Strips, army newspaper of World War II.

Following Mr. Gilstrap will be Elliot James who will give demonstrations of liquid air. Mr. James will present his program November 17th.

Lucie LaChapelle, giving a talk on the importance of the voice in everyday living, will be the next K. U. speaker. Miss LaChapelle, who will be at PHS December 15th, is billed as "A stimulating and humorous speaker who will show you how to talk and talk well."

January 23rd assembly period will be highlighted by a one-man presentation of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" presented by Jack Rank. All students who were fortunate enough to see Mr. Rank's presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew" are looking forward to his return, and those who have not seen a performance of his before, will be amazed at Mr. Rank's versatile character interpretations and lighting costume changes.

Five girls, known as the Music Maids, will present the last K. U. Assembly on April 10th. The girls will sing individually and as a group and will entertain with new songs and old favorites.

## Bowyer Offers Course for Drivers

"We not only want our students to become good drivers, but to acquire sense of social responsibility and proper driving attitudes," explained Mr. Bowyer, who teaches the new course installed at PHS this year, Drivers Education.

There are some twenty students who are taking this class room course which will alternate with behind-the-wheel instruction in a dual

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## Pipkin, Simone Join Majorettes

Carol Ann Pipkin, sophomore, Roosevelt graduate, and Nancy Simone, sophomore Lakeside graduate, have been chosen from a group of eleven twirlers to be the two new high school Majorettes. Each has had three years of twirling experience.

"Twirling is really fun and the more we perform, the more we like it!" the girls stated.

Still on the twirling staff are Carolyn Buckey with three year twirling experience, Pat Thomas with three years, Carol Hawley with four years, Jody Neher with four years and Janis Burnidge with six years.

The twirlers and the PHS band made their first public appearance in a demonstration at the half-time period of the Miami-Pittsburg football game.

control automobile that will arrive some time in October.

The students are now studying the following: the automobile and its driver, the best way to learn to drive, physical fitness and safety, sound driving practices, the psychology of the driver, how the automobile runs, your automobile and your pocketbook, managing modern traffic—all explained in their new book, "Sportsmanlike Driving."

In the actual road instruction and training, the students will be taught the correct procedure in starting an engine, how to put the car in motion, steer, and stop in low, second and high gear, make turns properly, skill in backing, turning the car around parking parallel to the curb, starting, stopping and parking on an upgrade or open highway.

The Purple and White staff will meet during the activity period on Monday afternoon. Members should report promptly to the journalism room.

## McDaniel Heads Year Book Staff

Jim McDaniel has been chosen editor of the 1951 Purple and White. A senior, Jim has had experience in school publications having been a member of the junior journalism class last year. He has some ideas and plans ready to submit to his staff in order that work on the book may get under way at once.

Judy Timmons and Betty Snider will be the make up editors. It will be their duty to assist the editor in planning and arranging the pages of copy.

Copy editors Marilyn Kazmierski and Polly Lou Bell will prepare all written copy for the publication.

Francis Macheers will be the chief photographer with the members photography class as his assistants.

The business staff will be under the direction of Jeanne Freeto. C. A. Smith and Gretchen Glick will assist her.

Distribution of the finished book will be planned and conducted by Jane Letton.

All copy will be carefully prepared for the publisher by Jo Ann Bill and Mildred Redd, staff typists.

Juniors and Seniors submitted written applications for the various positions on the staff. These were presented to a faculty committee for final selection.

## Make Semester Assembly Plans

Pep meetings, student prepared and conducted programs, and professional entertainment shape up into an interesting assembly schedule for Senior High School.

A faculty planning committee composed of Miss Waltz, Mr. Blanchard, and Mr. Tewell announced the following schedule for the first semester.

October 20—Speech Class—Mr. Tewell

23—Max Gilstrap-KU Program

November 10—Education Week—Mr. Small

17—Elliot James-KU Program

22—Thanksgiving-Hi-Y Clubs

December 1—Community Sing—Mr. Blanchard

8—Basketball

15—Lucie La Chapelle-KU Program

22—Christmas-Music and Dramatics Departments

## Crown Queen Tonight Dance Follows Game

Tonight PHS will celebrate its twenty-fourth annual homecoming with a three-fold plan for entertainment.

Activities will begin officially at 7:45 when the band strikes up the national anthem for the flag-raising ceremony. Pittsburg Dragons and Springfield Bulldogs will then take the field for the homecoming game which promises to be a close one full of thrills and excitement from the first whistle to the ending gun.

## Jr. R.C. Conference At Sr. H.S. Today

Today Pittsburg High is host to a Junior Red Cross training conference attended by county-wide delegations of grade school, junior high and high school students and teachers.

The convention, which will end at four o'clock, began this morning at nine with a general assembly. Then the local chapter, represented by Gene Seifert and Betty Jo McClanahan, treated all delegates to a luncheon in the Cafeteria. This afternoon the delegates have been divided into age groups to learn about their particular phase of Jr. Red Cross.

## Library Display Monday, Tuesday

Those students who paid library fines last year perhaps, have wondered how that money was spent. A visit to the library next Monday or Tuesday will show just how the pennies were used.

Sixty-five books which had become worn and soiled have been rebound and now have attractive picture covers. Six volumes of magazines frequently used for reference work were also bound.

The library now subscribes to sixty magazines. The Scientific American, Chemistry, Safety Education, and School Musician are new this year.

Three daily newspapers—The Pittsburg Sun, The Kansas City Star, The Kansas City Times—and the Sunday edition of the New York Times are available for teachers and students in the library.

## Illness And Months in Sanitarium Fail To Defeat P.H.S. Senior Girl Who Has A Will Of Her Own

By Marilyn Kazmierski

This is a story of bravery and determination. It is the story of a negro girl who, when all the chips seemed down, did not accept the inevitable but had the courage to attempt the impossible.

Constance Williams began her senior year in the fall of 1949 with the highest of hopes. She entered all school activities with enthusiasm and thought nothing of taking the annual tuberculosis test along with the rest of her senior classmates. For Connie this was to be remembered as a red-letter day for the rest of her life, for from this test she was to learn that she, Connie Williams, had active tuberculosis and must spend the rest of her senior year, the year she had so looked forward to, in a sanitarium.

So, as a result, just two weeks from the end of the first semester, Connie left P.H.S. to go to the state's tuberculosis sanitarium at Norton, Kansas. Once at the Norton sanitarium she was faced with the question of how she could possibly finish her high school education. To graduate was, perhaps, Connie's greatest ambition and one which she could not give up lightly.

She answered this challenge by writing to Mr. England, and receiving permission to complete her first semester's work by corres-

pondence. Upon completion of this, she enrolled in a correspondence course with the University of Kansas and the College of Manhattan to finish up her senior requirements.

She worked hard on her lessons and tried just as hard to build her body up. She was so successful in this endeavor, that the doctors permitted her to attend the graduation exercises last May and walk across the platform with her classmates. Although Connie did not receive her diploma in that ceremony, she did have the pleasure of "graduating" with her friends, and being with them on the happiest day of their young lives.

Immediately after the exercises, Connie returned to the Norton sanitarium and began her lessons at once more determined than ever to complete her high school course. She spent many hour on her studies but—mindful of the lesson so painfully taught she never neglected her health.

Early this fall Mr. England received word that Constance Williams had met the requirements for graduation and that a special graduation ceremony was held at the Norton sanitarium. He forwarded her diploma and, along with it, a congratulatory telegram from the entire school.

## Sr. Scouts Organize

The first meeting of Senior Girl Scout Troop 11 was held Monday night, September 25, at 7:30 at the McClanahan home. Officers were elected and they are as follows: President—Pat McClanahan, Vice president—Jean Lundquest, Secretary—Gretchen Glick, and Treasurer—Dottie Rossel.

Plans for the entire year were outlined. The first "overnight" was held at the scout cabin Saturday night, September 30.



## The Gift and The Giver

Your dimes and dollars are on their way to Europe—not as dimes and dollars any longer but as a Freedom Bell which will be hung in Rathus Tower, Berlin Germany, and dedicated on United Nations Day, October 24th. The rest of the money you gave will be used to build new Radio Free Europe broadcasting stations.

And whether you know it or not, by dropping that coin in the jar and signing your name to that scroll you've helped accomplish a miracle. You've helped to bring hope to people who need it most; you've helped bring enlightenment to those whose lives have been deprived of what is to us, a taken-for-granted experience—communicating with our neighbors; and you've helped bring assurance that the United States in the midst of plenty has not forgotten and will not forget nations less fortunate than herself.

And you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that that bell, with your signature tucked away in its foundation, will be ringing for freedom, for democracy, and for you.

### Personality Plus

#### GERTRUDE NACCARATO

"Hi there, kiddo!!!!" Yes, it's Gertrude Naccarato, that pert, brown eyed, dark haired senior girl who just recently received the honor of being P.H.S.'s football queen.

During her three years in senior high, Gert has been prominate in many school activities—Debate, GAA, Y-Teens, and she has also represented the school as cheerleader for three years.

Gert's favorite pastimes are "eating, sleeping, and being with Herk."

When asked how it feels to be queen for a week, Gert exclaimed....

"Golly, how good can you feel?"

As to her future she says she would love to go away to school next year—(the farther, the better.) But in a few years she hopes to settle down with a tall handsome husband, and raise lots of little cheerleaders and football queens.

#### HAROLD TIMS

"Where's Vonnie?" These two words are the favorites of Bud Tims, a tall, handsome, blackhaired, green-eyed senior. Bud, especially likes dancing, football, basketball, swimming, and you guessed it—Vonnies!!!!

An auto mechanics major, Bud can usually be found tinkering around "Sir Henry", his little yellow Ford convertible.

Tops on his "Favorite Teacher" list is Mr. Sutton. He will always think of the good old shop with fond memories.

This boy has high ambitions, for he wants to enter K.S.T.C. next year and study to be a diesel electrician.

Here's lots of luck to one really swell guy.

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### Roving Reporter

When the "inquiring reporter" asked, "What would you do if you realized you were about to have an attack of 'puslanimity'?" The students gave these replies:

Bud Tims: I'd tell Mr. Nation about it.

Gertrude Naccarato: I think I'd die.

Dorothy Case: I'd run after some boy.

Kay Bowyer: I'd go to the doctor.

Aubrey Crews: I'd go to the hospital and find a pretty nurse.

Jan Gutteridge: First I'd find out what it is.

Pat McClanahan: I'd go to the corner, jump up and down, and stack BBs with boxing gloves on.

Winston Deacon: I'd sue the government.

Betty Snider: I'd make out my will for fear of dying of old age.

Marjorie Friel: I'd fall over dead.

Carol Pipkin: I'd go to bed. James McDaniels: I'd put myself out my misery.

Grethchen Glick: I would immediately as certain the antidote perscribed by a reputable physician and secure sufficient quantities to be effective upon the occurrence of the attack.

Charles Bell: I'd run home and tell my mother.

Marilyn Kazmierski: I'd go to the dentist.

Folks are sure "loony" now-a-days. "Puslanimity" happens to mean laziness.

### Current Comment

By Jane Letton

#### A HOUSE DIVIDED

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," these famous words of Abraham Lincoln have proved themselves through the years. Yet today in China the government is divided against itself. The two governing bodies being the Nationalists led by General Chiang Kai-Shek and the Communist Party ruled by Mao Tse-tung.

Chiang Kai-Shek became leader of the Nationalist Party after the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who led the revolution in 1911. In 1927 Chiang set up the Nationalist government in Nanking. This time he drove the communists from his administration, and this led to a long series of civil wars. The struggle for survival of the Nationalist Party became more difficult when China was invaded by Japan in 1931 and again in 1937.

In the year 1911 Mao Tse-Tung, the communist leader made an attempt to organize China as a republic. For a short period of time, Mao sympathized with the Nationalist government. He then began to contrive to gain control of the regime and was driven out by Chiang. This resulted in the long civil struggle which ended in a Communist victory more than two years ago.

This internal struggle of China presents one of the major problems facing the world today. Which of these governments shall the nations of today recognize as the ruling power of China? We must make a decision. This house divided cannot and must not stand.



By D. R. Fitzpatrick. Reprinted through the courtesy of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

## Ease Grueling Study Session With a Catchy Popular Tune

Now that school days are here again, those grueling study sessions are in order, your reporter can think of nothing better to lighten those sessions than a soothing record-spinning in the background.

If you're a record fan, and these days who isn't, here are a few you'll want to add to the old collection and some tips on a few artists you may not be acquainted with.

Popular music is always just that, and around PHS one tune seems to be outstripping all others in popularity. It's a very appealing little ditty called, "Our Very Own," and here is one song that should go places.

For this reporter's 82 cents, Dick Hayes' Mercury Recording of "Our Very Own" is really ahead of competition from Capital's Jo Stafford and London's Charlie Spivak. Hayes, an up-and-coming young crooner has a style that convinces you the particular piece he's doing was written just for him. The flip of this record, "Say When," is another very promising piece.

And for the most relaxing discs that ever spun on a turntable, look up a boy named George Shearing. Shearing, a blind, modern musician, plays a terrific piano on "Someone to Watch Over Me," "I Didn't Know What Time It Was," and "I'll Remember April" to name a few.

Other good records for study background: Toni Arden, a brand-new vocalist, has waxed a brand-new song, "It's Love" that is definitely worth your attention, and Mel Torme on "There Isn't Any Special Reason" is perfect listening. Mindy Carson, the "My Foolish Heart" gal, has another winner.

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### Campus Chatter

By Norma Simons

#### HERE AND THERE

Chief art exhibit of the school year — Pesty McDaniels plaster cast . . . and have you seen Jim Webb carrying his football arm in a sling (friends say that he's usually able to use the arm when he is with Nona.)

. . . Leo Carney, Bob Bell, and Jim McDaniel (local Bill Sterns) handled the vocal part of the game nicely the other night. They got a little excited, but didn't weall? ? ? Sophomore girls recently nominated Carl Klobassa as the Senior they'd like most to be shipwrecked with.

#### MY PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep  
I pray my hair the curl will keep  
If the pins fall out before I wake,  
Please let me look like Verinoca Lake.  
—Off the Cob

#### IMPRESSIONS OF FALL

The gray smoke of autumn bonfires . . . Marshmallows and wieners on a stick . . . Crisp autumn leaves under your feet . . . Students bubbling over with new enthusiasm as they twist through the street in a football game snake dance . . . Those purple and white streamers, waving from the goal posts, tossed by a brisk fall breeze . . . That old heart throb you get when the kids finish the last verse of the "Dragons Fight Song," and the football is toed down the field to start the game . . . Happy youngsters swinging their legs from a hayrack, on their way to a picnic . . . Juicy red apples . . . Big yellow moons.

And then there was the little moron who wore a bathing suit down the stairs because he heard there was a creak on one step.

#### What if . . .

Winston were a preacher instead of a Deacon.  
Dorothy were a box instead of a Case.  
Clara were a bluejay instead of a Renn.  
Letty were an orange instead of a Lemon.  
Regina were east instead of West.  
Wilma were a manicurist instead of a Barber.  
Leonard were a pond instead of a Lake.  
Rosella were a stork instead of a Herron.  
Jo Ann were a waitress instead of a Cook.  
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## Dragons Against Bulldogs Tonight

When the Dragon gridsters take the field tonight against the Springfield Bulldogs they will be clashing with one of Missouri's strongest teams.

After winning their first two games of the season the Purple Dragons will be fighting very hard to add another win in the scoring column. Coach Rohde's crew of fast and hustling gridsters will be working on the regular T-formation with Carl Klobassa probably doing the signal calling. Due to the injuries to three of the players some new faces will be seen in tonight's line-up.

The game should prove to be a thrilling one before the homecoming crowd.

Crowning of the queen by Capt. Herk Slutter will take place at half time.

## Varsity Gridsters Hit By Injuries

Four of the mainstays of the Purple Dragons football team suffered injuries in the first two games of the season.

Two members of the squad suffered injuries in the game against Miami they were Rex Mc Daniels, hustling guard and linebacker, and Jim Webb, defensive fullback. Mc Daniels suffered a broken hand and Webb some pulled shoulder muscles.

The game played last Friday was also a bad blow for the squad with Charles Bell, starting quarter back, and Harold Ray, center suffering broken ankles.

Webb will be able to play this Friday against Springfield but the other boys have it somewhat tougher. Mc Daniels should be able to suit up for the game against Iola with Ray playing in the last two games. Charlie Bell with his broken ankle will not be able to play the rest of the season.

These boys will be truly missed in the games to come as they contributed much to the Dragon squad.

### Cheer Up

Students, don't feel so bad about coming back to school. Just look at what the teachers have to put up with.

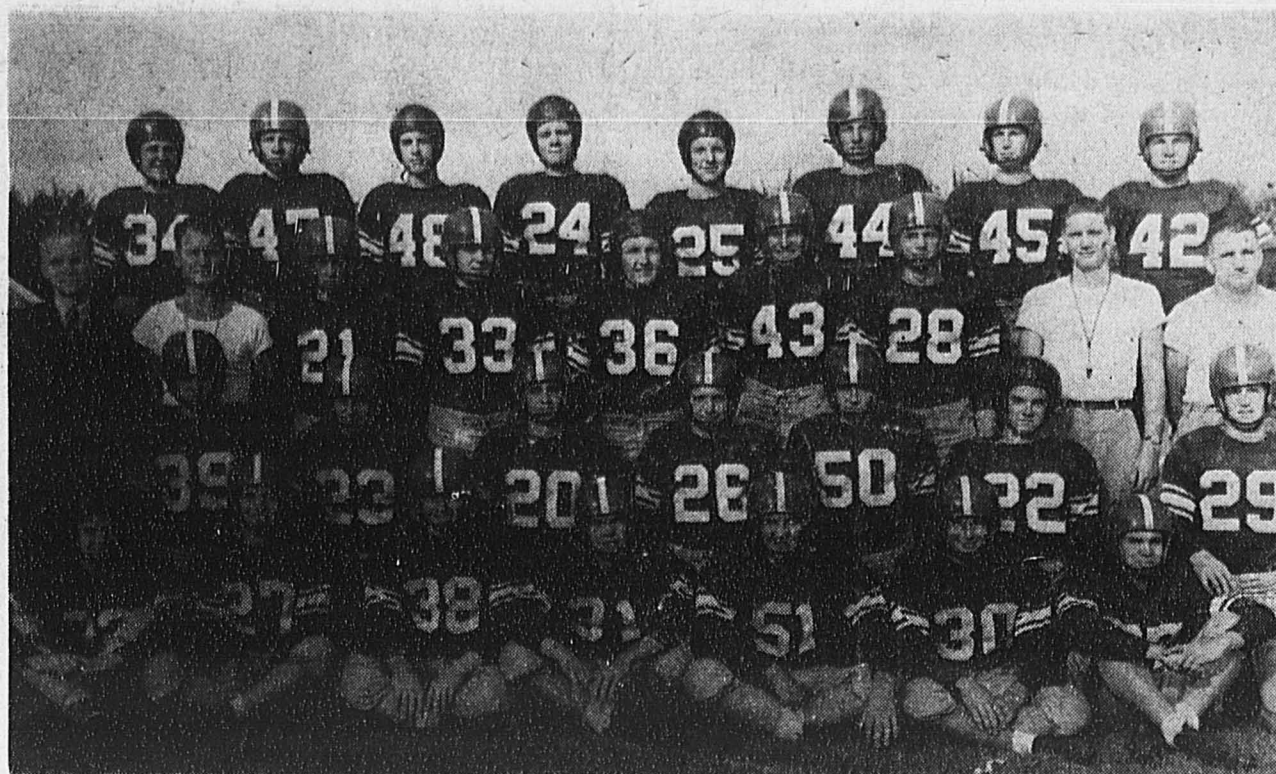
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## Pittsburg's Driving Dragons



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Third row: Mr. England, Mr. Morey, Bob Remington, Bob Hawley, Don Cox, Ned Wilson, Charles Peterman, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Rohde, head coach.

Second row: Jerry Hamm, John Deems, Carl Klobassa, Charles Bell, Rex McDaniel, Bill Coughenour, and Jim Webb

Front row: Bill Bolte, Ted Montgomery, Herk, Slutter, Ted Pethel, Harold Ray, Jim Troxel, and Francis Macheers.

## World Series Begins

The Baseball season may be over but the national pastime classic is just beginning. This year the Fighting Phillies from Philadelphia will be out for their first chance at a world series in thirty-five years, against the ever powerful Bronx Bombers from New York.

The series should prove to be an exciting one, however, as the phillies will feature such stars as Jim Konstanty, Robin Roberts, and many more. The Yanks will have their old realiables in the form of Joe Dimaggio, Yogi Berra, and Vic Raschi.

## Booster Staff To KU Meeting

"Groan! Moan! Five o'clock. Do we have to start out that early? Why that's the middle of the night." These are the sounds that came from the journalism students who went to K.U. to the annual Journalism Conference. Those attending were Margaret Feagans, Marilyn Kazmierski, Letty Lemon, Janet Opie and Betty Snider.

The staff members and Miss Marsh arrived in Lawrence weary but awake enough to sign registration cards.

Dwight Payton, editor of the

Overbrook Citizen, gave an address on the service of a school newspaper can give a community.

## Tromp Chanute

Playing a rough and tough brand of football the Dragon gridsters over-ran the Chanute Comets last Friday by the score of 13-0 for their first conference victory.

Scoring in the second and third periods the Dragon team held the Comets to coming no closer to a T.D. than the 30yd. line. The Purple Dragons first scored with Montgomery going over from the three yd. line. Amoneno's try for the conversion was good and the score stood 7-0 at the half. The Dragons came back on a much unsuspected play in the third period for their second tally. Nettels threw a long pass to Wilson that was complete and he was over in the end zone for a touchdown. Amoneno's try for the extra point failed this time and the score ended the same way.

Student roundtables were formed to discuss the different functions of school newspapers. One student from each of these meetings was appointed to report at the general assembly which was held in the afternoon.

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