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TIN CAN DRIVE SPONSORED BY GIRL RESERVES

Campaign to Date Has Been Disappointing; All Students Asked to Help

The Girl Reserves are backing a tin can drive, which has been in progress for a number of weeks, but isn't the success it should be. The campaign may bring them to a place reserved for this purpose.

A record is being kept of the number of cans each student brings. A student who brings in one can will become a cannoneer. When a hundred is recorded the student is a private. For two-hundred and fifty he is a corporal and five hundred makes him a sergeant. One thousand makes the student a second lieutenant and two thousand a first lieutenant. When the two thousand five hundred mark is reached a Captain rank is bestowed. A Major must have three thousand and a Lt. Colonel must have three thousand five hundred. The goal is the rank of Colonel who must have five thousand tin cans.

You may begin at any rank in this campaign. You will be given a red, white and blue badge that will have your rank on it.

Classes In Industrial Arts To Be Closed; Teacher In Service

Mr. Kolitsch, Industrial Arts teacher, will be inducted into the Armed Forces on January 29th.

There is an extreme shortage of Industrial Arts Teachers and it is very dubious if anyone can be found to go ahead with this department; if not, the Industrial Arts Department will have to be dropped. This will mean unprogramming 87 boys who have been taking shop work.

It is a big loss to the school to lose such an active department that has been so much help to boys who like that kind of work. We hope all the tools, will and can, be kept by the school so that sometime in the near future the department can be reopened.

The machinery repair shop for repairing farm machinery will stay open. Although Mr. Kolitsch will be leaving, Lawrence Stalnaker will take over the management. The use of the shop is free and farmers are urged to bring their machinery to the shop and repair it. The shop of Philippi is well equipped and Mr. Stalnaker will give help to all.

Mrs. George M. Kittle spent the holidays in Grosse Ile, Mich., visiting her husband, Lt. Kittle, who is stationed there with the U. S. Naval Reserves.

Miss Virginia Moore spent the Christmas holidays at her home in New Eagle, Pa.

Jim Clark spent Christmas with relatives in Elkins.

Home "Ec" Classes To Have Practice Teacher February 1

Miss Mary Jean Hendricks, a senior at Marshall College, will arrive here the first of February to do her practice teaching in our Home Economics Department. Miss Hendricks will teach the regular Home Economics classes under the direction of Mrs. Kittle, for an eight week period.

High schools in West Virginia where they will carry on a directed teaching program for Home Economics. The five schools are: Wayne County High School, Masontown High School, Magnolia High School, Martinsburg High School, and Philippi High School.

This plan of teacher training is rather new in the state as Marshall College has recently been approved as a training center for teachers of Vocational Home Economics. Miss Julia Menefee, head teacher trainer of Marshall College Home Economics staff, is directing this program at the college.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOLS OF PHILIPPI

Long before the Free School System was authorized by the legislature of West Virginia, the schools of Philippi were conducted on the subscription plan.

For example, the first high school instruction was given at the "Tygarts Valley High School." (This was what the first high school in Philippi was called.) When the second Spring term of ten weeks began April 4, 1887, tuition fees per pupil were 69 cents per week. Boarding was procured at \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week, so that the whole expense of the entire term, including board, tuition, washing, etc., did not exceed \$30.00 to \$35.00. Those who lived near the school and could go home on Fridays and return on Mondays, could reduce the whole expense to about \$20.00. Arrangements were made with the Grafton and Greenbrier Railroad by which reduced rates were obtained for pupils.

The pupils who attended this high school instruction were placed in private families and among friends and relatives and "need not be exposed, so early in life, to many of the evil temptations to which many of the young people become victims on going from home to attend school."

The names of the pupils who attended the first term were as follows:

From Philippi: C. W. Brandon, Annie M. Bosworth, Emma Carpenter, Dan C. Foy, Lizzie Grant, Ralph Glascock, Lillian Hall, Lizzie B. Ice, Maggie Ice, Ella C. Jenkins, Dulcena Kittle, W. G. Keys, J. H. Knapp, Chapman Kent, Burrell Kent, Okey J. Mann, Nellie Nestor, Jacob Nestor, John W. Poling, I. M. Poling, A. S. Poling, G. C. Poling, May Poling, P. T. Reed, Ellis B.

Tentative Date Set For Annual Home "Ec" Style Review

The date for the Annual Home Economics Department Style Show has been tentatively set for February 11th.

The Style show is presented each year by the members of the second year Home Economics classes. Each girl makes some woolen garment for themselves while in class. One

show this year will be an exhibit of remodeled clothes made from outmoded garments. Some of the girls are making tailored suits from those of their brothers in service.

The garments are varied this year and the show is expected to be a complete review of all styles.

The two freshmen classes of Home Economics have made one hundred soldier kits for the Red Cross in addition to their regular work which has been preparing of breakfasts.

Miss Ruth Hawkins, of Fairmont, visited friends here last week.

THESPIANS MAKE PLANS FOR DRAMA WEEK PROGRAMS

Plan Is to Focus Public Attention Upon Dramatics and Theater Contributions to War

National Drama Week will be observed by the Thespians of Philippi High School from February 6 to 13. The purpose as announced in a letter to Mrs. Nucci, by Ernest Ravely,

organization, is to focus the attention of the general public upon the contribution which dramatics and the theater are making toward the war effort. During that week benefits derived by individuals who participate in dramatics will also be stressed.

Several activities are being planned by the local group in observance of the event. A chapel program will be given on February 4, with Thespians as student directors. A local speech contest will be held although plans for this activity are incomplete. A Who's Who Dance is being planned at which new members will be initiated and Founder's Day will be observed. A list of special guests is being prepared and invitations will be sent to guests in the near future. This social will be held on Thursday, February 10.

Dramatic material in the high school will be assembled during this week in preparation for a program which will be presented at nearby Army camps this spring.

Plans for the above mentioned activities are being made by the Thespian Board of Directors consisting of the officers and one representative from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. These Thespians are: James Clark, Frances Baughman, Johnny Compton, Merl Daugherty, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, Charmaine Haller and Betty Harris.

Mr. J. H. Carpenter Named As Chairman Of Red Cross Chapter

J. H. Carpenter, principal of Philippi High School, was named Chairman of the Barbour County Chapter of the American Red Cross for the year of 1944, according to announcement by the chairman of 1943, W. O. Poling.

H. F. Brittingham, of Philippi, was formerly named Chairman for the New Year but was forced to resign because of ill health.

Mr. Poling, Superintendent of Barbour County Schools, had been Chairman for the past three years and asked to be relieved of his duties preparatory to entering the armed services.

Waitman Gall, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of county schools, was named as War Fund Chairman to raise War Funds during the month of March.

A meeting of the Chapter was held, for all interested persons, Tuesday night, January 11. Plans were made for the coming year.

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Blue and Gray Echo

A PUBLICATION OF PHILIPPI HIGH SCHOOL

This issue of the Blue and Gray Echo is published by the students of the Fourth Period Junior English Class. It is done under the supervision of Mrs. Simon. The Blue and Gray Echo is published every six weeks.

Education and the War

Now that America is again engaged in a war, and needs all the manpower and womanpower she can get on the fighting fronts, and on the home front, it is only natural for high school and college pupils to want to quit school and go to work, especially since wages are so high. Students in schools and colleges must be educated to the facts that ignorance is the weapon of tyranny; intelligence is the shield of democracy.

It is one's patriotic duty to do all he can to help his country in a time of crisis, but does being patriotic mean to give up all our hopes, our ambitions, and our school work to help our country? Boys who are eighteen and still going to school are being drafted into the armed forces, so naturally, in a case like this, others are wanting to quit school, and help do their share. But, the more schooling one can get before he or she goes to war, the higher he can climb in the service, and the better he can serve his country; America needs brawn, but she needs brains more. Students should stay in school part time anyhow, and full time if they can.

They should stay in school because great hopes make great men and women. Their feet can feel the future every step they take. Think of the chance you have now. What would the people of Europe, Asia, and Africa give to be in your place? Those who have been driven, beaten, and starved, would take any opportunity to go to school. Your country needs you badly, but it needs you trained and skilled. After the war is over, it is almost certain that you will be alive and well. You will need to work at something then. Do you want certainty? Do you want stability and security? Of course you do. The trained men and women have a far greater degree of certainty and security than the untrained. You too, have a rendezvous with your future. You have it every hour and every day in the classroom, for the future belongs to those who prepare for it.

You belong to the reserve army of the United States. When going to school, you are in the labor reserve. Stay in school as long as you can before joining up. Twice as many high school graduates are needed now than were needed before the war. Six times as many engineers are needed. The soldier with the more thorough training is the most effective fighting man. Education is the backbone of the armed forces. It doesn't take much skill to throw a hand grenade, but it takes a heap of skill to make one. Stay in school, because you are fighting for freedom, now and in the future, here and everywhere. You fight with your education.

The Principal's Corner

The second semester serves several well aimed purposes, viz., a chance to make proper schedule changes for the second half of the year; a chance to turn a new leaf in your work, if you haven't been satisfied with results; a chance to make new friends and acquaintances with students; a chance to make better grades; a chance to know teachers better; a chance to know more about the school and school procedures; and, above all, a chance to know yourself better.

Remember that the student who has a goal in mind seldom quits school and seldom fails in any subject. In other words, plan to be something when you reach maturity, and that will not be many years hence.

J. H. CARPENTER.

Latin Classes Have Recently Completed Study Of Mythology

The second year Latin classes have recently completed a study of Greek and Roman mythology. Many students are familiar with tales of the mythological world but they are not familiar with their value to the modern world.

In this course of study the classes have learned many interesting facts. The WAC symbol is the head of Minerva, goddess of wisdom; the eagle, bird of the U. S., was the bird of Jupiter, king of the gods, used to denote strength; the owl, used in trade names to denote wisdom, was the favorite bird of Minerva; the laurel wreath, used by the government in awarding the efficiency "E" emblem signifies the achievements and success of Apollo in his pursuit of Daphne, a maiden with whom he was in love.

The Argus Laboratories which manufactures lenses used in war supplies gets its name from Argus, the thousand-eyed monster of mythology; Regasus, the winged horse, is used as a trademark by

Mobilgas to denote speed and power; Cupid, his bow and arrow and the hearts are used on valentines to signify love; the winged foot of Mercury is used by Goodyear Rubber Co., to denote speed; the word "cereal" is derived from Ceres, goddess of grain. These and many other commercial terms have a background formed by Roman mythology.

Latin students have assembled advertisements, and literary materials in the form of notebooks, illustrating allusions to mythology.

P. H. S. HIT PARADE

1. Wait for Me Mary.
2. The Dreamer.
3. All or Nothing At All.
4. My Heart Tells Me.
5. If You Please.
6. Shoo Shoo Baby.
7. No Letter Today.
8. Close to You.
9. Sunday, Monday, or Always.
10. They Are Either Too Young or Too Old.

Helen Hatala, a Sophomore last year, has entered Riverside High School, Buffalo, New York.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps!

Things We Like

1. Teachers with humor.
2. Basketball games we win.
3. A's and awards.
4. Friendly students.
5. Girls that are not gossipy.
6. P. H. S. Hit Parade.
7. Mrs. Simon's red corduroy suit.
8. Blue and Gray Echo Humor Column.
9. Multi-colored shoe strings.
10. Carl Findly (Swoonatri).
11. Boy cheer leaders.
12. Boys with dark hair and dark eyes.
13. Girls with light hair and blue eyes.
14. Going to school at 8:30.
15. Comfortable school seats (footstool included).
16. Boys who dance well.
17. Floors that aren't slippery in study hall.
18. Annabelle's green eyes.
19. Girls who are modest.
20. "Furloughs"!

Things We Don't Like

1. Batons that drop.
2. Students who crack their gum.
3. Sophisticated teachers.
4. Dever and Sally apart.
5. Students who race the last bell.
6. Boys who try to play hard to get.
7. Freshmen and Sophomores taking chapel seats.
8. "Fritz."
9. To be called into Mr. Carpenter's office with a guilty conscience.
10. Teachers that walk softly.
11. Radiators that don't put out heat.
12. "Jerky" bus drivers.
13. A cold bed without a buddy.
14. Boys with big mouths and grouchy dispositions.
15. Too many girls.
16. Latin assignments.
17. Boys we don't understand and vice-versa.
18. Bookworms.
19. Lipstick that wears off.
20. A car, a radio, and a heater without the one and only.
21. Boys who play opossum.

Flertin' Flo's Letter

Dear Dora Diz,

My, this Christmas thuh stores were certinly crowded. W'y effen thuh woman in front of me didn't hev her ears pierced I wudn't hev been able tuh seen whur I wuz agoin.

Thur wuz uh big mud hole in front uv one uv thuh stores and a big, handsome Mariner put uh coat over the mud, only trouble wuz thet he fergot tuh take me out uv thuh coat.

I heerd one uv thuh Senior boys say he wished thet he hed twenty bucks. Now, whut wood he do with thet many sheep?

I wuz late fer school this morning because I stopped to give three sailors a lift. My teachers tell me thet's no excuse.

Since thuh shoe shortage, I'm hevin an arful time, so I jest painted muh feet brown an' laced uv muh toes an ever thing is alrite now.

I rekon y'all heerd thet it wuz Leap Year and effen I don't ketch a man this year hit won't be my fault.

Leapingly Yers,
Flertin Flo.

Off The Shelf

"Literature is the greatest of all sources of refined pleasure, and one of the uses of a liberal education is to enable us to enjoy that pleasure." Huxley.

Thunderhead, Mary O'Hara. This is the continuation of "My Friend Flicka". It tells of an ugly white descendant of Flicka. In Ken's dream of making the colt a race horse you follow the development of the boy and his horse.

The Robe, Lloyd C. Douglas. Some one asked the author what became of Christ's robe after the Crucifixion. This book is the outgrowth of this question, and it gives a fascinating story of the garment as well as a picture of another terrible era in history.

On Being a Real Person, Harry E. Fosdick. No book can give a short easy road to personal well-being, but this one will help an intelligent person get a better hold on himself.

The Valley of Decision, Marcia Davenport. Here we have the story of Mary Rafferty who, not quite sixteen, started work as a "tween maid" in the household of the stern and bearded Pennsylvania iron master.

Van Loon's Lives, Hendrick W. Van Loon. Just imagine chatty stories about the lives, backgrounds and achievements of such men and women as Confucius, Voltaire and Thomas Jefferson! Well, here they are.

Nurses In Action, Mrs. Julia O. Flikka. Just the book to tell interested young women the history, development and actual work of the Army Nurse Corps.

One World, Wendell Willkie. A very personal account of the author's meeting with Stalin, Chiang and other United Nation leaders.

Popular Mathematics, Denning Miller. The author has blended the history of mathematics with the development of mathematical technique. It is truly a readable book.

Reprisal, Ethel Vance. A German officer is killed in a village in occupied France. The daughter of a former French cabinet minister, a young American painter and other very human characters make this a nerve-tingling story.

Mrs. Parkington, Louis Bromfield. The daughter of a Nevada hotel keeper marries a robber baron and becomes rich and famous. Even at eighty-four she has more energy than most of her descendants.

All Night Long, Erskine Caldwell. A story of war behind the German lines—Russian guerrillas fighting against the Nazi invaders.

Your Job and American Victory, Theodore Barrett. This volume contains lists and descriptions of several thousand jobs for both men and women, with details of preparation, location, etc.

We are very proud of the new bulletin boards in the library. Don't fail to read them and to bring in any contributions which might be of benefit or interest to others.

Have you read these best sellers? A Tree Grows In Brooklyn, Smith.

The Robe, Douglas.

So Little Time, Marquand.

The Apostle, Asch.

The Valley of Decision, Davenport.

Under Cover, Carlson.

Bulldog Gossip

The following is the remaining Bulldog schedule:

Jan. 19—Wallace	-----	Away
Jan. 21—Unidis	-----	Away
Jan. 25—Jane Lew	-----	Away
Jan. 28—Buckhannon	-----	Home
Feb. 1—Belington	-----	Away
Feb. 3—St. Mary's	-----	Away
Feb. 8—Elkins	-----	Away
Feb. 11—Unidis	-----	Home
Feb. 15—Kasson	-----	Away
Feb. 18—Belington	-----	Home
Feb. 22—Jane Lew	-----	Home
Feb. 25—Lost Creek	-----	Home

Three boys from the Philippi High football team were selected for places on the All-State football teams and honorable mention list

on the third team.

On the honorable mention list Bernard McBee was selected for the center position.

Sammie Marra, halfback, was placed on the honorable mention list.

Charles Burton Boyles, Austin Upton, "Ike" Baughman, Robin Harvey, and Jimmy Carpenter, all alumni, played good ball for the alumni basketball team although they lost by the score of 44 to 34.

Mr. Byrer, substitute for the alumni, showed the crowd how basketball should be played.

The Bulldogs' second victory was won from Kasson, 62 to 20.

Campbell, a very excellent forward, with passing and shooting ability, has made 117 points up to the present time.

Belington High, one of Philippi's chief rivals, defeated Lost Creek, 77 to 28, recently.

Stone, substitute forward, has been playing quite a lot on the first team and is improving very rapidly.

Philippi High School won their first conference game by beating Lost Creek, 70-31, in the Lost Creek gym.

The Philippi Reserves have been playing games and are gradually improving. They have won all their games up to the present date. Murphy and Ware, both reserves, probably will play on the varsity the latter part of the season.

Marks, 6 ft. 2 in. center, also is improving and is showing his ability to play basketball even though this is his first year.

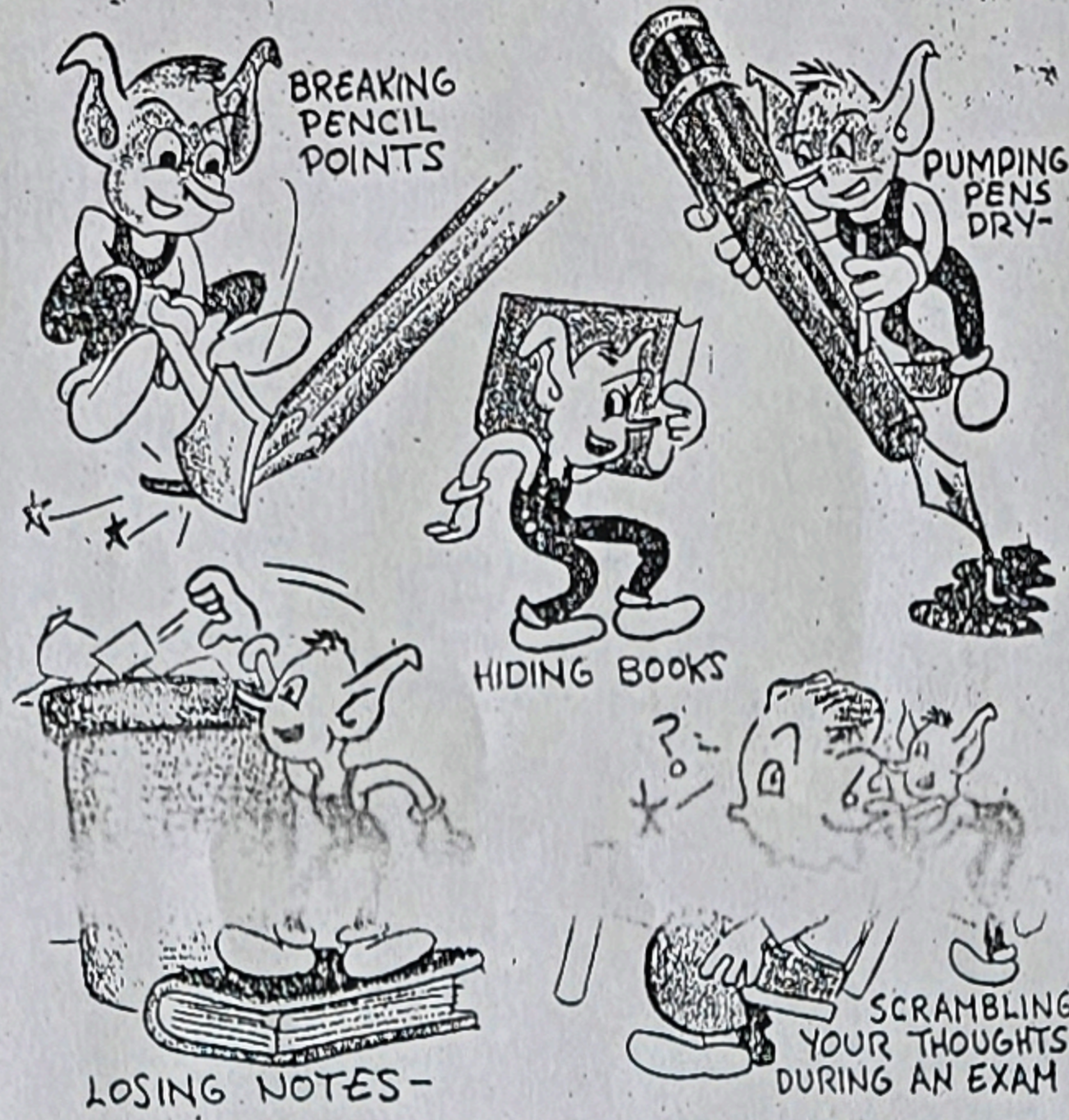
Charles B. Boyles, Jimmy Carpenter, Buell Zirkle, Freddie Mitchell, and Dewayne Nestor, all Philippi athletes, have entered the different armed forces this year.

Fridley and Shaluta are showing marked improvement in their forward positions this year with 72 and 82 points respectively.

"Blondie" Junior Hollen, Bulldog manager, is doing a good job in managing our boys to victory. Keep up the good work "Junie."

Ware and Marra have been improving quite a lot this year in pass-

Those Gremlins



Elkins High Cagers Defeat Bulldog Five After Tough Fight

The Elkins High School Tigers downed the P. H. S. Bulldogs 44-37 in a fast game, which was played in the high school gym.

Philippi battled on even terms through the first three quarters, but lacked reserve power to keep a lead.

The Bulldogs held a 10-8 advantage at the end of the first period but were behind at the half, 20-28. Elkins did not get the lead in the second half without a struggle. The score was tied four times during the period, and it was not until the final minutes of the quarter that the Tigers ran up the eight-point lead.

The Philippi quintet outscored Elkins 18-2 in the third period and tied at 36.

With only three minutes left to play and Elkins ahead 37-35, Philippi lost Shaluta on personal fouls, which proved a handicap, as Elkins immediately made seven points while Philippi made two.

The game was hard fought and both sides had several men with three personals on them when the whistle blew.

Second Semester For Philippi High Opens January 17

The first semester of Philippi High School ends Jan. 14 and the new semester starts Jan. 17, ending sometime in May.

The enrollment in September at the beginning of the first semester was 517. The enrollment has now decreased to 498.

The new subjects to be taught second semester are: General Math, Economics, Commercial Geography, and Occupations. Industrial Arts is not being taught because of the induction into the Armed forces of Mr. Kolitsch. There is no available teacher to be found who can teach this subject. Another subject that is being dropped is aeronautics. There were not enough pupils signed up to continue this class.

So far, there aren't any new students enrolled. However, one girl, Dorothy Hunt, a freshman, quit and returned.

Buckhannon High Will Seek Revenge In Game Here Soon

Buckhannon High will come to Philippi on Friday, January 28, to get revenge for their previous defeat.

In the first game between the two schools, the Bulldogs came through with a 44 to 34 victory. Philippi played good ball the whole game, using only their first five.

Buckhannon was close behind several times, but gradually the Bulldogs got a heavy lead.

This is the second time Philippi has ever beaten Buckhannon on their own home floor.

Campbell, Fridley and Ware played very good ball the whole game.

Betty Harris—Oh! you mean thing, you've broken the promise you made me.

Jennings Ritter—Never mind dear, I'll make you another one.

Girls Physical Ed. Tournament

The girls' athletic tournaments which started Tuesday, November 16, are still in session. Volley ball and ring tennis have been completed and kick pen is yet to be played. Possibly a basketball tournament will be held later on.

The outcome of the volley ball tournament is as follows:
Teams—A, B, C, D, E, F.

Team Score	Team Score	Team Score	Team Score	Team Score
A-----8	A-----19	A-----21	A-----7	A-----7
B-----21	C-----21	E-----9	D-----21	F-----21
C-----21	D-----21	C-----11	C-----21	B-----14
D-----12	F-----11	B-----21	F-----16	F-----21
E-----5	B-----21	E-----4	B-----16	C-----20
F-----21	F-----11	D-----21	D-----21	E-----21

Amount of wins for each team:
A—1, B—3, C—3, D—4, E—1, F—3.

The winner of the "round robin" volley ball tournament was team D, winning four out of five games.

Players of the winning team: Captain—Mary Frances Baughman, Margaret Weaver, Vida Casto, Josephine Jenkins, Dottie Boyles, Pauline Jones, Lois Bowmar, Marietta Snow, Leonia Heater, Rebecca Fitzwater, Flossie Lantz, Betty Poling.

Ring Tennis Tournament

Teams—A, B, C, D.			
Team	Score	Team	Score
A-----	15	A-----	8
B-----	6	C-----	15
C-----	10	B-----	14
D-----	15	D-----	15

Amount of wins for each team: A—1, B—0, C—2, D—3.
"D" team won the ring tennis tournament.

Winners of the ring tennis tournament: Captain—Mary Pingley, Lindy Criss, Annabel Stemple, Jessalie Humphreys, Shirley Vuchetch, Eloise Lantz, Mary R. Kesling, Melrose Boylen, Louise Calhoun, Betty Lou Furr, and Maxine Golden.

ing and shooting ability.

Philippi High defeated Wallace, a Little Ten conference opponent, by the score of 48 to 16. The second and third teams were used most of the time. Fridley got 16 points. Campbell and Shaluta got 14 and 10 points respectively. Ware also played good ball in getting plenty of rebounds.

The Philippi Bulldogs came through with a 44 to 34 victory over Buckhannon. Philippi played top ball the whole game, using only their first five. Buckhannon was close behind several times but gradually the Bulldogs got a heavy lead.

Campbell, Fridley and Ware played very good ball the whole game. their own home floor.

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"Melodrama" To Be Presented By Band In Chapel Feb. 14

The Band will present a melodrama, "Nell The Farmer's Daughter", for the chapel program on February 14. This program promises to be exciting, as the title suggests.

If a Basketball Tournament materializes and if transportation facilities are available, Miss Sobel plans for the band to attend.

May 5th is the tentative date for the annual Spring Concert jointly with the Glee Club. The chorus plans to give a number of popular songs with band accompaniment.

Band Letters will be awarded to those having one year of service and an A average. Also, there will be a special award to a graduating Senior for superior musical achievements and service in high school.

History Of

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After this, land was donated in 1853, by W. F. Wilson for a school building. The building containing eight rooms, more properly equipped and lighted, was built in 1906. This school had a well selected library of more than a thousand volumes, with others added as needed. The school made marked progress with Mr. O. J. Woodford, now teacher of math in our present high school, as the superintendent.

The course of study was a term of eight years in the grade and a term of three years in the high school.

The salaries of the teachers were advanced with the progress of the schools in 1911. They were as follows: Superintendent \$100.00 per month; Principal \$85.00; Eighth grade \$75.00; Seventh grade \$60.00; the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers received \$50.00 per month and the primary teacher received \$65.

As time passed, the progressive spirit of the pupils, teachers and citizens of Philippi, along with their general interest and close harmony found it necessary to erect still another building with modern conveniences.

This resulted in the school building which stands here today. It was built in the years of 1921-22 and was rated as a second class conditional school by the State Department of Education.

At this time Mr. Woodford was still superintendent of the school. Following him in the same office were Mr. John McKinzy, and Mr. H. D. Lowry.

The state legislature passed the county unit system in 1934, which made it possible for all boys and girls in the county to go to high school. Under this system, there were no city school superintendent, so Mr. J. H. Carpenter who had been the principal of the high school since 1922, has been principal since then.

The high school was rated as a second class school until the fall of 1922. In 1922-23, the school was made a conditional first class school. In 1923-24 the condition was removed, and between the years of 1924-25 the high school became a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In 1925 an application was made for membership with the North Central Association. This application was rejected, but in 1926-27, it was accepted and has been a continuous member of the association.

The building which originally was built for 350 high school pupils now has an enrollment of 517.

Chorus Participates In Chapel Programs

The Girls Chorus has participated in several chapel programs, and in other programs during the year. During the second semester, the Girls Chorus is planning a "Spring Concert", with the band. Songs to be sung will be popular, spiritual, patriotic, and numerous other arrangements.

They would like to welcome any girl who can sing, and is interested in music, to join the Girls Chorus. Anyone who belongs will receive 3 3/4 hours credit each semester, and 7 1/2 hours each year.

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ON THE BEAM

Suspense With Suspect

Hi gals! (or boys for that matter). No doubt most of you have someone in the service from whom you receive letters. . . haven't you? Well. . . have you ever received one that left you in such suspense that you were built up for a big let down in the end? Well. . . I know one girl who did, and she has given me permission to write her letter here to put you on the beam.

This is how it read:

"Dear (I have promised to omit her name).

You will probably be shocked at my forwardness, but I have, tried time and time again to lead up to what has been bothering me for several weeks. I have now decided to come right to the point.

Ever since I first knew you, you were very friendly, but as the weeks passed the feeling grew into something more sincere. I never thought such a problem would enter my mind, yet here it is. I don't know whether it is fair to ask you this question. You are the only person I would dare to ask, and in reply please be positive, sincere, and truthful. Above all, do away with all thoughts of hurting your feelings. Be honest. Tell me, do you think the Lone Ranger should sell his horse if he is drafted?

Yours truly,

George _____"

Snoopin' Sophies Synopasts

While snoopin' around in the paper last six weeks, I found a mistake in the column similar to this one. It seems that Pete Shaluta isn't really the one that Mr. Dickenson would like to "string up" after all.

Speaking of the first period American History class, it is evident that Martha Lee and Connie have a way of getting Mr. Dickenson so "flabbergasted" he can't even speak to call them down. . . Oh well—what would be the use of trying, when he'd never be able to get a word in edgewise anyway?

Have you any idea whether or not Pistol Packin' Mama will ever lay that pistol down? . . . If you really want to know the answer to this problem, ask Ruth or Rose; they can really give you a reliable explanation; however, any opinions would be considered quite helpful.

Helen Maxwell and Bobby Carmen seem to be conversing about every subject on earth except themselves. . . C'mon kids, get in the "groove"

Gee! I wonder if Jessalie Humphreys is still down there in the gym trying desperately to make a basket? Seems as though she's had some trouble in completing this task lately. . . How about it Jessalie?

Oh, you're too tired to talk?

Oh, well.

Wonder what Sis thinks that "Sunny California" has, that "Chattanooga" hasn't?

This year offers a new slant on the twirlers, as well as our new majorettes. They still drop their batons once in awhile (darn it), but now they do it expertly!

It's quite a problem to figure out how our tiny Latin teacher can do so much and still retain her pep and vim. . . Do you suppose it could be the new factory made vitamins? No? Gee—don't some people have

the best luck?

I wonder who's been writing to the popular male members of the armed forces telling them the news, which consists mostly of their girl friends' association with others of the opposite sex? WARNING: Be careful "FRITZ"; you're playing with fire!

News has been going around that Mary Pingley has received a diamond ring from Robert Reed. Another mark will have to go upon the wall for her with the other girls wearing same.

Lately it seems as though the moron is getting the works around P. H. S. . . Didja hear about the one who:

Swallowed fire crackers so his hair would grow out in bangs?

Or the one who swallowed some pennies so that they'd be some change in him?

Or the one who kept his shoes filled with bird seed to feed his pigeon toes?

Or the one in Mr. St. Clair's shorthand class who cut off his fingers so he could write shorthand?

Loose Ends

Mr. St. Clair—"A debtor is a man who owes some money, so a creditor must be—"

Julia Ann—"That's right—he's the one who thinks he's going to get it."

Bobby Carmen—"We're going to have a swell evening. I've got three seats to the movies."

Helen Maxwell—"What do we want with three seats?"

Bobby—"They're not for us. One for your dad, one for your mother, and one for your kid brother."

The War Goes On

The war is having an effect on the students of Philippi High School. In the study hall, a shot rings out, as a "punkin" ball hits. Then the rumble of a tank, as a marble rolls along the floor. The mortar fire and artillery fire is fierce as one turns his back. Spit wads hit someone on the head and there is the yell of a wounded man. Yelling is carried on as the students advance and comandos take their place. There is a silent lull in the battle as the leader in the form of a teacher takes charge.

Miss Nucci in Latin Class—Where did Caesar defeat the biggest number?

Merle Daugherty—On examination day.

Barber—How did you get your mustache in this condition?

Sammy Marra—I tried to kiss a girl that was chewing gum.

Mr. VanGilder—What can you tell me about nitrates?

Ned Stemple—Well, they are cheaper than day-rates.

Mother—Get up Joy. Remember it's the early bird that catches the worm.

Joy Bolyard—(sleepily) Let him have 'em mother, I'm not hungry.

Coach—Take your hands out of your pockets.

Pete Shulata—Can't er—my belt is broken.



Those that have been inducted into the Armed forces since the last issue of the Blue and Gray Echo, are as follows:

Army: Arnett "Peanut" Baughman, Paul McGec, George White, Jr., and Monzell Anglin, Jr.

Navy: Jimmy Stemple, Berlin Snyder, Jr., Frank Hawkins, Matt Harrison, MWood Haller, Hayward Stevens, Buell Zirkle, and Kenneth Simon.

Marines: Charles Burton Boyles and Lee Corley.

Merchant Marines: Columbus Stemple, Jr.

Sgt. Burton "Bingo", Levicki, somewhere in the Alcutians, has been awarded, "The Good Conduct Medal."

Jimmy Califf was wounded in action in Italy on December 1.

James Carpenter is taking his basic training with the Army Air Force at Miami, Fla.

Mary Teresa Bones, a graduate at the local high school who entered the Army Air Force at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., on Nov. 27, 1943, has been promoted to second lieutenant.

The following men of the Armed Forces who have been home recently are as follows:

Pvt. Dayton Stemple, Jr., Boston College; Pvt. Leal Dadisman, Fort Dix, N. J.; Staff Sgt. John Ridenour, Mitchell Field, Long Island, N. Y.; Delaine Miller, Yeoman, 2-c U. S. N. R., stationed the last fifteen months at Bermuda; Okey Woodford, Jr., third class Machinist, U. S. Navy, stationed at Atlantic City, N. J.; Edmund Leaseburg, pharmacist mate 2-c, of Norfolk, Va.; Joe Leaseburg, stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.; Pfc. Karl Myers, Jr., of West Virginia University; Olaf Smith, Navy, Southwest Pacific; Pvt. Denzil Sinsel, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.; Pvt. Henry Cavallo, stationed in Virginia.

Billy Mathews, U. S. Navy, stationed at Jacksonville, Fla.; Pvt. "Spick" Mackey, of the U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Haan, California; Curley Miller, V-12, Atlanta, Ga.; Wilbur Simon, Richmond, Va.; Freddy Thorpe, Pennsylvania; Ruddy Raddick, U. S. Naval Academy; Lee Zinn, Atlanta, Ga.; Clarence Lynbert, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.; James Ross, pharmacist 3-c, stationed at U. S. Navy Hospital at Bethesda, Md.; Junior Chapman, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Girl Reserves To Give Programs At Churches

The Girl Reserves of Philippi High School will present a sixty-minute program in the different churches at various times during the second semester.

The first program will be held in the Baptist Church in two weeks.

The girls will be dressed uniformly. They will sing songs, one being, "The Fairest Lord Jesus," and will give devotional readings and other features.

Dr. Eugene O. Wright, of Gallogway, a member of the County Board of Education, has been a patient in a local hospital suffering from "flu."