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23 Students To Graduate Friday, January 29th

Gymnasium Becomes Drill Floor In Close Order Drill

Our gym has become a drill floor for the boys who are taking the class in close order drill. Every Monday night expert instructors teach 40 boys the fundamentals of close order drill. The army is lacking in instructors of close order drill and the graduates of this class will aid in the speedy training of raw recruits. Close order drill may soon be compulsory for everyone and those with experience will become the officer candidates of our school.

The instructors were Mr. J. F. James, J. R. Flynn, L. A. Withers, John Lawrence and F. S. Lawrence who are father and son. Some of the boys had previous military training aided the instructors: These were:

Dave Ahearn, 2 years Castle Height M. A. R. O. T. C.; Gene Price, R. O. T. C.; Jim Ford, Harbor Patrol; Jack Ahearn, Camp Smith; Pete Fraser, Pre-induction; Hugh Montgomery, Camp Smith.

Other members were:

Richard Clark, Salvatore Sorice, George Moses, James Papsidero, Mike Possidero, Clifford Brant, Ronnie Darress, Trez Thompson, Bob Needham, Warren Halts, Bob Tench, Dick Perley, Alan Peterson, Mike Teta, Ian Macartney, Pete Oram, Alden Day, James Nicholadse, Bill Woodson, Lindy Gulbrandsen, Leon Pliskin, Carl Lord, Henry Lansons, Steve Webber, Birger Haakensen, Alan Van Alen, Victor Bingel, John Wilkenson, Dick Young, John De Jana, Charles Rice, John Brown.

G. O. Tickets to Be Collected Friday

Your G. O. tickets will be collected at the basketball game this Friday (tonight). They will be stamped and handed back to you if you have paid for them. Otherwise, they will be held until they have been paid for. Payments may be made at the gate of the game.

History Class Has Debate Projects

When the time arrived for Mrs. Johnson's history class to have a new project, they decided on a debate. The subject was, "Resolved: That Bismark was a better statesman than Hitler."

Mary Jane Smith and Billy Hewett were on the affirmative and Eugene Brew and Joe Mongiello were their opponents. Due to the excellent preparation by the contestants the discussions were worthwhile and interesting.

Affirmative Won

Although it was a difficult discussion, Mrs. Johnson finally decided that the affirmative was leading by a slight margin.

However, Mrs. Johnson stated that both sides did a wonderful job. Considering that the negative was confronted with the more difficult side of the argument, they deserve equal credit.

The rest of the class is working on various topics concerning "The French Revolution," "Napoleon," and "Hitler." They pasted their projects on December 21. If you have a spare minutes, drop in to see them.

One of the outstanding projects was an illustration of Democracy drawn by Eugene Grecco.

Port Washington School District Grows

The population of Port Washington School Districts have increased according to the census of 1942, to 219. At the present time there are 13,476 inhabitants in Port Washington. The population has gained 3,000 in ten years. There are 4,329 from the ages of one to twenty.

Port Light Meets

There will be an important meeting of the Port Light on Wednesday, January 13, in room 205.

In the Crystall Ball

Friday, Jan. 8—Basketball Game, Manhasset at Port, 7:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 12—Council Meeting, 5th Period, Room 205.

Friday, Jan. 15—Basketball Game, Glen Cove at Glen Cove.

Jan. 18-22—Regents Week.

Friday, Jan. 22—Basketball Game, Garden City, at Port, 7:30.

Jan. 25—New term starts.

Friday, Jan. 29—Basketball Game, Great Neck at Port, 7:30.

Retort Receives 1943 Charter

This week, the Retort received its new 1942 charter and membership from the Science Clubs of America.

The Retort, Mr. Picket announced, is one of the first members of the S. C. A. New membership cards will be given to the members of the Retort as soon as they are signed.

Every year the S. C. A. sends out charters to those science clubs which in the eyes of the Science Clubs of America have done outstanding achievement in the science field.

The following students participated in the science aptitude test sponsored by Westinghouse and Science Service: Marilyn Baum, Dorothy Fisher, Bob Wick, and Bob Renfrow.

To those members of the Retort and its faculty advisor, Mr. Pickett, we of the student body say good luck and many thanks on your contributions to the Science effort of the United States.

War Stamp Pledges To Be Handed Out

The War Stamp pledges will be handed out next Wednesday during a short homeroom meeting. The council members will distribute the pledges which they will receive at the council meeting next Tuesday. At the meeting they will also receive instructions on how to fill in the pledges. The War Stamp sales in all have amounted to about \$64.55.

Amidst the sombre settings of a wartime graduation, twenty-three seniors will bid adieu to Port Washington High School at a special graduation ceremony Friday afternoon, January 29.

Those who have successfully completed their high school education and will receive diplomas are as follows: Grace Bierman, Victor Bingle, Harry Carpenter, Edward Clifton, Anthony DeFeo, Joe Dellavecchia, Clifford Fletchur, Eloise Frost, Jean Gautsche, Catherine Lewis, Roger Montgomery, Tommy McGrane, Peggy Machlin and Antonette Manso.

Also graduating are Jewell O'Brien, Robert Renfrow, Louise Siconolfi, Frances Teta, Millie Trinchitella, June Tansey, George Simpson, Frances Mangano and Elizabeth Watts.

Speaker to Give Address

Although plans for the graduation ceremony have not as yet been completed in entirety, a speaker will be present to deliver a fitting commencement talk, and it is expected that Mr. David Haggerty, president of the Board of Education, will be present to give the diplomas to the graduates.

The boys and girls have been requested to wear simple school clothes in keeping with wartime procedure. The orchestra will play the Processional and Recessional marches as is the usual custom.

Mary Allen Wins 3rd at Hicksville

Eleven schools in Nassau County were represented at Hicksville High School when the American Legion had its annual oratorical contest.

Awards were given for the first three very excellent speeches. S. P. Williams won the first award, a gold medal, for the best, most outstanding oration. He was from Rockville High School. A silver medal, second prize, was won by D. F. Wiseman from Freeport High School.

Our own Mary Allen won third prize, a silver medal, for an excellent, appropriate and positively worthwhile oration about our government.

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Those Regents Are Here Again

Now is the time to study! Only a bare week remains before the New York State Regents are upon us. This year, more than ever before, our marks should be of the utmost concern to us. With the future bleak and unsettled, it is important to all of us that we take advantage of every possible moment for furthering our education. Here at the high school, we should be willing and able to give up a few hours of relaxation to prepare for the coming regents.

Boys Called for Draft May Complete High School Course

It is understood that the draft board is authorized to defer senior boys who are called up for induction into the armed forces, if they are in the second half of their senior year. It is also recognized that it is desirable for most students to complete their high school course, if possible, before they go into the army. We are informed that the procedure to follow in obtaining deferment is as follows: After the boy has received his notice to appear for his examination he may personally submit to the local draft board a written request that he be allowed to remain in school until the end of the school year in order to be able to graduate. Neither the draft board nor the school authorities can request his deferment but the pupil himself must make the request. Then the request will be considered by the draft board and they may allow the student to complete the year in school.

Special Subjects Offered as Pre-Induction Training

In September we started several special classes for pre-induction training. The class in radio techniques, the class in pre-flight mathematics and science, and the class in home nursing and child care were the new classes organized especially for the students who were interested in preparing for war service in these lines. The course in mechanical drawing was also enlarged to include blueprint preparation and reading. In various other classes special emphasis was put on parts of the course which was of special importance in war-time. Starting with the second term we expect to offer also a class in Fundamentals of Electricity. This class will be in the science department and will be open to boys and girls who have not taken the regular physics class but who would like to have special instruction in this line of work. There is also a class to be organized in Fundamentals of Shopwork. This class will be a full year course and will contain units of work in wood, electricity, and metal work. This class will be open to boys and girls who have not already had the various shop classes in these fields or are not already planning to take the usual shop classes. A new class in home nursing will be organized and it is hoped that a large number of girls will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Arrangements are being made so that a special drill unit in Fundamentals of Mathematics will be given in various classes so that all pupils, not already taking advanced mathematics, will gain an additional mastery of this kind of work.

All of these additions to the curriculum are made at the request of the War Department and the State and National Education Offices. Every pupil who can possibly arrange to do so should enroll in at least one of these classes so that he or she may be better prepared to fill an important place on the national war effort. Pupils who wish to enroll in any of these classes are urged to see their guidance advisor or Mr. Merrill at once so that the schedules may be arranged.

Mulligan Stew

With a hearty "Happy New Year" Port High gave a rousing welcome to 1943. Among those who "threw" some little shindigs that were really sump'n were:

Ned Bullis—The kids who journeyed forth to Beacon Hill were Jackie Fenton and Sammy Finley, Kenny Hobbie and Carol Neumann, Patsy Lewis with Beansie Dean, Connie Campbell and Dick Clark, and Carol Bullis and Chezzy Rice. It was reported that wolves Peper, Lunde and Jones crashed this gala affair.

Damon Lyons had some jitterbugs on New Year's Eve too. Those that joined in on the fun were: John Freeman, Katie Ehnat, Inger Molman, with a blind date, Lois Mueller, Dick Sherman, Katherine Nicholson, Pat Dickinson, Don Baker, Barbara Waters and Dick Commons. Quite a crowd, wasn't there?

Ray Drake also helped in the celebration. He entertained: Peggy Seaman, Paul Williams, Peggy Toensfeldt, Jake Jourgenson, Carol Rogers, Roy Larson, Frannie Kiernan, Frannie Shaver and Francis Lauda.

Peter Fraser had a "super" Christmas party. Joannie Evans complained that ice cream was spilled and shoes disregarded.

Among the gifts dear old Santa distributed was one from John Lunde to Patsy Lewis. Guess what, gris—Chanel No. 5.

What If?

Zoe Branch were twig
 Carl Coff were sneeze
 Alden Day were night
 Bruce Frost melted
 Alyce Hall were corridor
 Jolene Head were foot
 Sherburne Hill were mountain
 Damon Lyons were tigers
 Jackie Moody were gay
 Bill Peper were salt
 "Lizzie" Richie were poor
 Joan Swift were slow
 Janet Wright were wrong
 Jack Hostage were freed
 John Freeman was slave
 George Younger was older
 and Graeme Zimmer were human.
 Food for thought, eh?

La Tertulia Has Christmas Party

The La Tertulia celebrated Christmas by staging a party for its members on December 21. They sang songs and played games in Spanish.

The Long Island Railroad did a booming business Christmas week.

Among those who had to stand most of the way were.

Barbara Lowe and Jack Ahern enroute to a house party, Kelvin Kable and Lois Lauda, Don Rush and Rae Mary Chase, and Susy Trondle with Marlborough Walker.

One of the many splits of our "steadies" was that of Ann Woodall and Don Rush.

June Tansey played hostess Saturday night. Among the men of the evening were George and Bob Day and Red Murray, Jimmy Doyle and Bernie Hopkins. The femmes present included Jane Giresi, Florence Del Solo, Antoinette Sorice, Nettie Manso, Rose Monziona, Rose Imperial and Tessie De Meo.

Among those who ushered in the Christmas holidays were the following couples who attended the Methodist Church dance: Alan Peterson and Lamby Wysong, Steve Bomer and Connie Campbell, Lorene Seiber, George Wilkinson, Dick Clark and Lois Mueller, Ned Bullis and Carol Neumann, Bob Aitken and Katie Ehnat, Barbara Somerville and Beansie Dean, Jack Eaton and Joanie Evans, Bill Helfrich and Helen Robb, Phil Nelson and Carol Bullis, Inger Molman and Dave Crowell, Pete Fraser and Janet Wright, and Patsy Lewis with John Lunde.

Seamanship Class Learns Knots

The boys seamanship class which meets every Wednesday night has learned to recognize various types of boats and how to tie difficult knots. Chief Boatswain Mate Farnum of the U. S. Coast Guard is preparing the boys for future service on the sea.

During the summer the boys will be taken for cruises by the Coast Guard Auxiliary to gain experience. The boys will eventually learn the fundamentals of seamanship which will aid them to speedy advancement upon entering the sea services of the United States.

Cheering Squad Adds 3

The original cheering squad has increased its number by three: Trez Thompson, Jimmy Thompson, and Barbara Somerville. In addition to this, a second squad was formed. This squad, as yet, does not have uniforms but they will be used as substitutes.

8th Annual Choir Concert a Success

On Tuesday night, Dec. 22, the choir held a very effective candle-light service in the High School Auditorium. The audience especially enjoyed the choir's splendid interpretation of "Carol of the Bells," "Willie, Take Your Drum," and many others.

The decorating committee, headed by Connie Campbell, did an excellent job of decorating the stage. The theme was a scene of the "Nativity" with Carolyn Rogers, Peggy Rankin and Patsy St. Claire as angels. There was also a manger and Christmas decorations.

The concert was such a success that certain selections were asked to be repeated in the assembly for the entire school body. After this everyone joined in and sang some well-known Christmas carols.

Mr. Brodie Speaks To Art Club

Mrs. Brodie spoke to members of the Art Club on "Balance" in ness and other phases of life. She expressed balance as the attainment of a "medium" in all things in which you strive to accomplish. Her talk was enjoyed by all.

At the next meeting of the Art club there will be a speaker from the School of Design. It is expected to be very enjoyable.

All members please be present.

Fratry Has Use of Gym

The Fraty has obtained the gym for Saturday mornings to play basketball. Each week about ten Fraty members will play.

The officers of the Fraty are: Sug Allington president, Arthur Poole secretary, and Bob Bade treasurer.

This letter was sent to Mr. Merrill, and we thought that the students, whether they know Harry De Meo or not, would like to read it.

UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS

December 17, 1942

Dear Mr. Merrill:

If there should be any discouraged students in school that you know of, give them this message: when you leave school—no matter for what—your success depends upon whom and what you know. If you know what you want and have anything at all to back you up, you usually get it. When I was in school I had a hunch that war was in store for me. I thought that as long as I was going to be used as bait for war lords that there wasn't any sense in studying—well, now I know that if one wishes to come out on top—even in a war—that intelligence is a great asset; surely it can never hurt you. Tell those who are thinking in the same line I was that no matter how black the future looks, there will always be a speck of sunlight that will seep through and show you an opening.

Maybe my English and writing aren't up to par, but I'm sure my meaning is clear. It surely is sincere. Although a soldier while training is having a grand time, he always knows that in the end his future is either glorious or peaceful in one way or the other. Surely my future isn't painted with brilliant colors, but I've neither fear nor regret—I've faith in our country, God and myself to pull me through to happiness and everlasting peace of mind.

I guess you've heard enough of my ideas, so I'll sign off. It still is all a dream: me, a graduate of 1940 from Port Washington Senior High, here in Texas, in 1942, going to school again to become a crew chief on Flying Fortresses B-17's. I never dreamed of traveling away out here and can't imagine what the future has in store—the Army has taught me to live the moments and not dreams, as dreads of the future.

Give my best wishes to Mr. Junker, Costello, Seiber, Miss Samis and, good gosh, no room to list them all. Just give my regards to all faculty and best wishes and happiness for the coming year to all the students. Tell them: by learning they will be burning the Axis.

A Sentimental Old Student
HARRY DE MEO.
Pvt. A. J. De Meo.

Celerity to Have Junior High Tea

There is going to be a Celerity tea for the girls of Junior High who are coming into the Celerity. On the refreshment committee are Bunty Hegarty, Patsy Sheehan, Ruth Jorgensen and Carol Neumann. The decoration committee includes Mary Aspinwall and Marilyn Bau. On the name tag and invitation committee are Margaret Ross, Jean Johnson, Lois Baker, Joan Borer and Dorothy Fisher. At the tea reports will be given by all school organizations. Marilyn Baum will be chairman.

The hospital bags which two girls were making for the Celerity have been finished and returned to the hospital.

All girls who are knitting mittens, scarves, helmets, etc., must finish them and turn them in to Miss Sammis by the end of this term, and that means by Friday, Jan. 22.

Traffic Adds Post

A new member has been placed on the traffic squad and was posted in front of the library. Due to the war, the squad will not receive new badges.

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Senior High School Examination Schedule — January 18-22, 1943

Local school examinations are to be conducted during the week prior to Regents week so far as possible.

Monday A. M., Jan. 18, 9:15

History B—Room 202, Bortz, Schmitz
Amer. History—Room 202, Sammis
Amer. History—Room 102, Johnson, Ehre
Typewriting—Room 104, Brown, Procelli

Monday P. M., Jan. 18, 1:15

Latin 2 years—Room 202, Duffy
Economics—Room 202, Kezar
French 2 years—Room 208, Buckley, Hendrickson
German 2 years—Room 201, Schoenborn, Morrissey
Spanish 2 years—Room 105, Jenkins, Ryeck

Tuesday A. M., Jan. 19, 9:15

English 4 years—Room 202, Dimmick
English 4 years—Room 102, Corson
Plane geometry—Room 202, Griffith
Bus. Arithmetic—Room 102, Procelli, Costello

Tuesday P. M., Jan. 19, 1:15

Physics—Room 102, Christy
Chemistry—Room 102, Pickett
Biology—Room 202, Hallock, Ehre

Wednesday A. M., Jan. 20, 9:15

Int. algebra—Room 202, Hendrickson, Campbell
Int. algebra—Room 102, Costello, Otis
Adv. algebra—Room 202

Wednesday P. M., Jan. 20, 1:15

Latin 3 years—Room 206, Duffy
French 3 years—Room 207, Stierle, Schmitz
German 3 years—Room 201, Schoenborn
Spanish 3 years—Room 208, Ryeck, Buckley

Thursday A. M., Jan. 21, 9:15

Solid Geometry—Room 202,
Trigonometry—Room 202,
Griffith, Ryeck

Thursday P. M., Jan. 21, 1:15

English 11B—Room 102, Morrissey
Room 202, Otis
Room 107, Schoenborn
Room 109, Dimmick

Friday A. M., Jan. 22, 9:15

English 10B—Room 102, Ehre
Room 202 Campbell
Room 109, Schoenborn

Friday P. M., Jan. 22, 1:15

Special make-up work or examinations as scheduled by teachers

Sidelines - Bylines

By "SOOT" SORICE

The High School five concluded its pre-season schedule last week by dropping a thriller to a strong Oyster Bay quintette.

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The record was two wins and two defeats for the varsity. Bob Aitken, this year's captain, led the blue and white scorers with a total of 37 points. Pat Indence, Zeke Zwerlein and Bob Mesch were close followers. The two-team system used by Coach Costello was very effective.

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The strong Junior Varsity squad performed excellently during its three practice games and is still undefeated to date. Led by Captain Walter Zebrowski, the J. V. moved over Roslyn, Sea Cliff and Oyster Bay by considerable scores. Frank Carey and Bill Brunola lead the high-scoring seconds.

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Tonight Port is scheduled to play Manhasset in its first league encounter of the year. Ernie Hansen is the king pin of this year's strong and veteran squad. Sharpshooting Tommy Contino is also returning. Since the Manhasset team has not had any practice games, Port's team should have a slight advantage.

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We would like to extend to all the former athletes, who are leaving for the army next Tuesday, sincere wishes for luck and success in their national enterprise. Among the boys leaving are Pete Miglietta, basketball captain for 1941-42; Jerry D'Augustino, three-letter man of 1941-42; Andy Jessen, six-foot athlete; Bonzie Bicardi, and Mike Contino. Good luck, boys.

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Girls' Sports

By CAROL NEUMANN

Yes, we played our annual volleyball game with Mineola. Please don't ask the score because I am afraid we didn't do so well. Most of the first team couldn't attend due to previous engagements etc. (other excuses), so we were forced to rely on the dependable second team and substitutes.

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Maybe we were filled with Christmas spirit but I can say that the accustomed light of victory did not glow with its usual brilliance.

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The party held after the game was most exciting. By the light of some candles we girls managed to eat the ice cream and cake provided for us by Mineola.

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We all exchanged small presents and the many surprised ohs and ahas could be heard. We arrived home pleasantly tired but determined that next year—well—we will show 'em. Just you wait and see.

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The indoor competitive sports are expected to start at the beginning of February so be sure to sign up. You can have a choice of basketball, badminton, and ping pong, so everybody come out and try your hand at one sport at least.

Air Raid Drill Rules Set

The war council has authorized the schools to carry on drills for evacuation of pupils from schools to home shelters.

1. Two buzzers indicate a school practice drill—not for the entire community.

2. One long signal on buzzers indicates that we stay in the building but report to shelter areas on ground floor.

3. The signal for an air-raid drill that will send pupils to home shelters will be 3 buzzers, repeated several times (3-3-3-). On such a signal pupils will report promptly and quietly to their home rooms, get their hats and coats and (on signal from the teacher) will go to their assigned shelters. Those who are listed to report to certain homes, will go there as directly and promptly as possible (but without running) and will remain there until the ALL-CLEAR signal sounds (or, in the case of a school practice with no public signal, they will remain a certain length of time, to be announced, before returning to school).

4. Pupils assigned to service groups will report in room 102 in all cases and wait there for further instructions. This does not apply to those who are assigned to Flower Hill School.

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