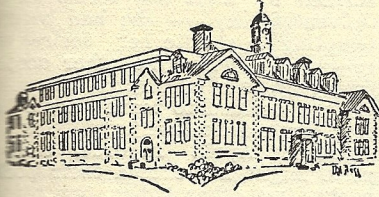


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## TO THE EDITOR:

Yes, student government is successful — in some schools. Student government is beneficial — in some schools. But would it be here? Do the students deserve it? No, don't misunderstand me, I don't mean that some great misdemeanor has recently been committed here which would warrant their not having self-government. What I mean is this — could self-government succeed in a school such as this where there is no school spirit; do the students, showing such a lack of school spirit, deserve self-government? To succeed, self-government demands cooperation and what is cooperation but a result of spirit? Show me a student in any school, who is as devoid of interest in most school activities as the majority of our students and is still cooperative in the class room.

Nor can anyone say that school spirit is not lacking here. Go to a football game, go to a basketball game, to an any athletic event and you will see as proof of my statement a mere handful of our rooters. At times on our own field the visiting teams have had more adherents than we. Even class loyalty is lacking. At a class basketball game where at least half of the school should be present about one-quarter is present and about half of those do not belong to the classes represented. For instance, at the Freshman-Sophomore game, about fifty were present. From these possibly twenty were Freshmen — probably less — and a like number of Sophs, out of two rooms full of each, about 120 in all. Lack of interest is evident in the very columns of our paper, at our class dances, in most of our ticket selling campaigns, and, still, self-government is offered to such a body of students. Having proved to you that school spirit is NOT, I would like to ask you if you do not agree with me in the fact that student self-government could not only not succeed, but is not even deserving to be tried in such a school as ours, where the essential of a successful self-governed student body is lacking!!! —H. Stuetzer, Jr.

## BASKETBALL

Following is the basketball schedule of the Port Washington High School season of 1925-26:

Dec. 11 — Sea Cliff; Boys and Girls; Home; 4 p. m.

Dec. 17 — Great Neck; Boys: Abroad; 8 p. m.

Jan. 8 — Mineola; Boys; Home: 8 p. m.

Jan. 12 — Hicksville; Boys and Girls; Abroad; 4 p. m.

Jan. 15 — Westbury; Boys; Home: 8 p. m.

Jan. 21 — Great Neck; Girls: Abroad; 4 p. m.

Jan. 22 — Oyster Bay; Boys: Abroad; 8 p. m.

Jan. 26 — Manhasset; Girls: Abroad; 4 p. m.

Jan. 29 — Manhasset; Boys; Abroad; 8 p. m.

Feb. 2 — Roslyn; Boys and Girls; Abroad; 4 p. m.

Feb. 5 — Oyster Bay; Boys; Home; 8 p. m.

Feb. 11 — Sea Cliff — Boys and Girls; Home; 4 p. m.

Feb. 16 — Manhasset; Boys and Girls; Home; 4 p. m.

Feb. 19 — Hicksville; Boys and Girls; Home; 4 p. m.

Feb. 26 — Westbury; Boys; Home: 8 p. m.

March 5 — Mineola; Boys; Abroad: 8 p. m.

March 9 — Roslyn; Boys and Girls; Home; 4 p. m.

March 16 — Great Neck; Boys and Girls; Home; 4 p. m.

Although we don't feel that this year's season will be much better than last, we have reason to believe that the team itself, under new coaching, has but to put a little more pep in its work, to win many of the games which we lost last year by but a few points. After observing a few of the practice sessions of the team, we came away with the impression that we can shake the jinx which has followed our basketball five for several years. We have the material. We frankly admit that lack of spirit, caused by indifference on the part of the student body, played a large part in the misfortunes of last year.

This year we hope for better things. If the student body will give its support, not only by attendance, but by cheering as well, the team will be unable to do anything but respond by better playing. We may not win many games but the team will be in there, fighting all the time, if you, the students, wish them to do so.

The girls' prospects this year are fairly bright, for, although the team has suffered through graduation,

there are several budding stars on the squad.

As you know, from the schedule, our season opens Friday afternoon for both boys and girls, with Sea Cliff here. As yet, your editor does not know whether these games will be played here at the High School or in the splendid new Flower Hill Gym. Announcement will be made later.

Of course we want every one to attend. Season tickets will be on sale this week and at the usual saving. Every student should buy one and support his team financially even if not otherwise.

## BASKETBALL NEWS

At four o'clock Friday afternoon, Dec. 11, the Port Basketball Team will play its first game of the season. Sea Cliff is to be the opponent. Let's have a large crowd of rooters to encourage our team. The team cannot be expected to have a successful season unless it has some real school spirit behind it. One way to show your spirit is to be out to cheer for the team. Another way is for every loyal follower to supply himself with a season ticket, which will soon be on sale.

## BACK AGAIN, BILLIE

The representatives of the 4A group who presented Back Again, Billie at assembly last Friday are deserving of the highest commendation. Members of this group had volunteered to be responsible for one assembly while others are busy in the preparation of The Adventure of Lady Ursula. They chose the one-act comedy, Back Again, Billie. This is a delightfully amusing comedy based upon the efforts of a childless couple to adopt a baby girl and upon the big heartedness of Billie, an appealing rascally boy who is sent by mistake of the Rubber Heels at the head of the "home".

Thelma Tipson acted as coach and was assisted by Dolores Mallon as prompter.

Every member of the cast deserves full credit and to Jimmy Jenkins, for his splendid interpretation of Billie, is due even more than that.

The school wishes to express to Mr. and Mrs. Mann Page their deep appreciation for the permission given by them to use Back Again, Billie.

## THE ADVENTURE OF LADY URSULA

The posters, which will be completed Friday of this week, promise to be most attractive, both in design and coloring.

As a matter of advertising there

is ready for exhibit a doll which looks more or less like Lady Ursula herself. This doll has been made and dressed by Norma Wallace and will be placed in one of the show windows in town. It has been suggested that it be sold at auction after the play.

The rehearsals for *The Adventure of Lady Ursula* are being held constantly. Due to the various uses to which the auditorium must be put, Miss Gaylord and the groups of the members of the cast have been practicing in any corner of the building which could be found available for any period.

Mr. Fish has completed the building of the scenery and Miss Elliott has completed the painting of it.

Wednesday afternoon Lady Ursula and Miss Gaylord went to town to choose costumes for Lady Ursula and other members of the cast.

Tickets went on sale Monday. There had been many advance requests for reserved seats.

Admission tickets are being sold by the pupils at 75 cents each. These tickets may be exchanged upon payment of 25 cents for reserved seats. Exchange may be made through the pupils who sell the tickets or by calling at Mr. Merrill's office.

The property manager, John Persson, will be glad to receive offers of assistance. There is need of swords, duelling pistols, decanters and glasses, and furniture that is either antique or copied after the antique. Especially are we in need of chairs.

We are glad, indeed, to hear that Mr. Schreiber hopes to be able to attend the play.

#### LUNCH ROOM NOTES

Day by day there has been a gradual increase in the number of people who eat in the lunch room but the stormy weather has brought still more business. Tuesday part of the people had to wait until some of those already in the lunchroom got out. When that group who had been waiting did get in they bought almost twice as much as they usually do. This surely is a sign of more business. This condition was relieved on Friday, however, by the teachers' dining in a room other than the lunchroom.

#### FAMOUS SAYINGS

Miss Farlinger — Keep that line straight.

Mr. Merrill — I have a few announcements to make.

Miss Winter — The lesson for tomorrow will extend as far as—

Mr. Hill — Keep to the right.

Mr. Seeber — Where are those rubber shoes?

Miss Burnett — When did you whiten those sneakers last?

We are glad to be able to report this week that Mr. Schreiber, although still confined to bed, is improving.

#### HELP WANTED — ADV.

What congestion! Don't all rush at once — show your manners. It seems that a doorkeeper is absolutely necessary for the High School. Before Mr. Merrill has fully opened the door, a "mob" (for what else can it be called?) of students, mostly feminine, is forcibly entering the building. Mr. Merrill vainly tries to get out to fasten the door, but the "mob" rushes "pell-mell" against him. Such is the eagerness displayed by these energetic students, that we think it almost necessary to arrange for a robust doorkeeper. It would be the duty of this doorkeeper to open the door promptly and not keep the dear girls waiting in the cold. Of course it is to be understood by anyone applying for this position that he must allow himself to be trampled on by these school enthusiasts.

#### JOKES

There are supposed to be only seven wonders of the world, but one morning we discovered two more, the first of which was the fact that Dan Whittemore was running and the second the fact that he was running to school.

#### THE TRIPOD

Through the kindness of Frederick Read, Jr., a member of last year's graduating class, who is now attending Trinity College at Hartford, Conn., we have been able to secure his college paper, *The Tripod*. A copy of this paper can be found in the library. Since this paper is a very interesting weekly, we urge everyone who has a chance to read it.

#### JUNIOR HIGH CAMPAIGN

A strenuous campaign for larger subscription lists has been started in the Junior High. It has been roughly estimated that less than one-third of the students in this department have already subscribed. Captains have been appointed in each room so that those who wish to give their names in may do so. It is hoped that before the next week is over we will have 100 per cent support from the Junior High School.

#### LETTER

Port Washington, N. Y.,  
November 1, 1925.

Dear Helen:

Just lately I borrowed a book that probably you, with your love for the unusual, would like to hear about. It is "*The Enchanted April*" by the author of "*Elizabeth and Her German Garden*."

On the outskirts of London there lived a married woman who was obsessed by a longing, a desire really to live, for she did not call her

humdrum existence life. In London, a similar woman was influenced by desires of the same type, though she was unable to account for her unrest.

A meeting between these two must necessarily have resulted in a deep friendship. Meet they did, and not only friendship, but a delightful plot, ensued. The London lady was thrilled by what she terms its unconventionality, — she had been attempting to satiate her desires with religion, — while the other one, the conceiver, was equally delighted.

They decided to leave home and rent an old Italian castle for the month of April. In order that the price might not exceed their pocket-books, two other ladies, one old and crabbed, the other young and beautiful, were procured who would share the castle with them and pay one-fourth of the rent each.

When April came, off they went, leaving behind no clues as to where they were going. There in Italy under the spell of the calm bright skies, all their troubles smoothed out, a new understanding entered the heart of each woman, and husbands, bad and indifferent, were reformed.

It is, I think, a very pretty story, written in a straightforward, yet not indelicate, way. In this respect it resembles "*The Little French Girl*." Also, they both deal primarily with women, though those of "*The Enchanted April*" are not striking in the magnificent way peculiar to those of "*The Little French Girl*." Again, the former, contrary to the deep pathos in the latter, verges almost on the burlesque.

Besides entertainment, there is this value one derives from the book: one feels that things may not be so hopeless as they appear.

If you ever have the opportunity to read this book, I hope you will do so and send me your opinion of it.

Affectionately yours,

Gloria Luey.

#### HEARD IN HISTORY CLASS

Miss Shafer: Now, Thomas, can you tell me where the harbors of Italy are located?

Thomas Moore: On the coast.

#### A NEW TRACK TEAM

Jane Fay: "Subscriptions have run out of the *Literary Digest*."

#### LIBRARY NEWS

A list of the new books at the library are:

*Essentials of Design*—Winslow.

*When We Were Very Young*—Milne.

*The Loring Mystery*—Farnol.

*Christmas*—Schauffer.

*Theras and His Town*—Shedeter.

*Plays:*

*Robin Hood*—Owen Davis.

*Pomander Walk*—Louis N. Parker.

*The Toymaker of Nuremberg*—Austin Strong.