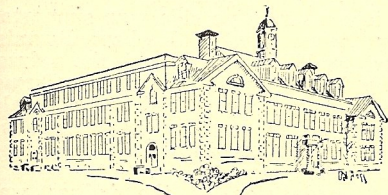


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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Pep In the Junior High

Of course, all of you have heard of many impossible things. Trying to concentrate upon Solid Geometry while the Junior High School is practising their cheering in assembly hall is one of those impossible things. Many high school students have remarked about the excellence of rythmn and volume of cheering of that group of students.

Some time ago the football team was trying to practice while seemingly hundreds of boys and girls were playing around the field. The question was asked, "What are they doing here?" The answer was that they were waiting for the basketball game between Flower Hill Junior High and Main Street Junior High to begin. I decided then to go and see one of these "kid games" and criticise their playing.

Later I was able to get a few minutes to see one of these games. It was a wonderful surprise. The first difficulty was to find a place to stand. I never knew there were so many pupils in Port Washington. The cheering was superb. Their leaders knew when to cheer and the students knew how. It was a very noticeable fact that when the leaders called for a cheer every boy and girl in the building cheered. There is a great difference between the smooth and concentrated cheering of the Junior High Schools and some of the ragged yelling that I have heard at other games.

The "kid games," as I called them, which I came to criticise, I left to admire for their clean sportsmanship and fine playing. Only hearty congratulations are due them from the High School.

### Congratulations

The Port Weekly extends the congratulations of the faculty and the student body to Superintendent and Mrs. Schreiber upon the birth of a daughter December 9th.

## Port Sends Delegates To Debating League Conferences

On December 2nd, at Hicksville, groups of delegates from Mineola, Baldwin, Manhasset, Long Beach, and Port met to discuss the Rutgers Debating League. The representatives from Port were Dave Stone and Bob Hubbard. The meeting was addressed in behalf of The Rutgers Debating League by Mr. R. C. Reager, head coach of debating at Rutgers.

He explained advances in debate practice which the League is advocating. One change would come in the speech of the first negative speaker. Instead of attempting only to prove the negative side of the proposition, he would also refute the argument of the preceding speaker on the affirmative. He would be expected not only to tear down his opponent's arguments, but also to build up arguments for his own side. In turn the second speaker on the affirmative would spend part of his time in refuting the argument of the first speaker on the negative. Thus the speeches would be extemporaneous and would require a knowledge of the whole subject. There would result greater benefit in organization and delivery of material.

Mr. Reager urged that propositions be of immediate interest, as on some subject concerning the town or the school, or the state.

On December 4th the twelfth annual convention of The Rutgers Interscholastic Debating League was held at the University at New Brunswick, New Jersey. Two delegates from this school, Marie Lien and Margaret Hiller, attended.

Caucus sessions of the schools in county groups were held. An address was given by Dr. John M. Thomas, President of Rutgers, and a strong advocate of debating.

Business matters of the League were taken up. It was decided that a plaque be given to the champion teams of each group.

"The Modern Trend of School Debating" was the subject of W. H. Woodside of Summit High School. He is strongly in favor of extemporaneous debating, the opposite of the so-called "canned speech" argumentation.

An extemporaneous debate was held between Summit High and St. Peter's. The proposition was: "Resolved, that final examinations should be compulsory in all high schools." The question aroused much interest among the listeners. Although both sides were to be highly commended, the affirmative won by a small margin.

After a delicious luncheon and an

## Football Letters Awarded Erb Next Year's Captain

One of the most important meetings of the year was held in Mr. Conery's room last Wednesday afternoon when the football squad was called together for the awarding of the much prized letters. The sixteen letters awarded were given out by Mr. Seeber to the following men: Captain Bob Enscoe, Charlie Evansosky, Harry Erb, Bob Thoman, Jack Leyden, Dave Stone, Steve Chambers, Warren Terrell, Harold Tins, John Mange, Mickey DeMeo, Bob Neusel, Pete Bruce, Doug Miller, Bill Newland and Scotty McVicar.

After the letters had been distributed, the letter men elected Harry Erb as next year's captain.

Following the popular precedent of the last few years, a general pep meeting of the squad was scheduled for December 20th. At this time there will be impromptu entertainment by members of the squad, a showing of the moving pictures of the team that were taken by John Mange, and the formation of a cheering squad for the basketball season. The refreshment committee will be appointed later.

## Report of Football Season—1926

Receipts	
Season tickets .....	\$162.75
Gate receipts .....	475.79
Freeport guarantee .....	20.00
Equipment bought by pupils ..	23.35
Total .....	\$681.89
Guarantees (still due) .....	60.00
	\$741.89
Expenditures	
Guarantees .....	\$ 85.00
Officials .....	117.50
Equipment .....	82.44
Transportation .....	120.00
Memorial funds (Camp and Mathewson) .....	50.00
Total .....	\$454.94
Bills unpaid .....	40.00
	\$494.94
Balance for season .....	\$246.95

entertainment, Professor Morris, head coach of debate at N. Y. U., analyzed the debate of the morning very thoroughly, bringing out the good and the bad points of the work of each team. This was very helpful to all.

The delegates from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York are very enthusiastic about the League, whose sponsors gave them such an enjoyable day.

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## Result of Literary Quiz

The answers to the recent questionnaire have been tabulated. Unfortunately not every pupil could answer every question so that we do not have as large results in some classes as in others. Some of the choices of authors, poets, and books show originality while some a wide range of reading. The answers were surprising and somewhat amusing.

<b>Best book of poetry:</b>	<b>"Votes"</b>
Yesterday and today .....	31
Spell of the Yukon .....	16
Poems of Service .....	9
Modern American and British Poetry .....	6
Some unexpected selections were:	
Heap o' living .....	1
Rubaiyat .....	1
Marmion .....	1
Lays of Ancient Rome .....	1
Hiawatha .....	2
<b>Best book of biography:</b>	
Lincoln .....	22
Franklin .....	15
Roosevelt .....	10
Keller .....	9
Edison .....	7
Lad, a dog .....	1
Smoky .....	1
Scott .....	1
Mary Antin .....	1
Sarah Bernhardt .....	1
<b>Best book of drama:</b>	
Merchant of Venice .....	23
Julius Caesar .....	14
Macbeth .....	13
Moon of the Caribbees .....	2
Barrie's plays .....	2
<b>Best book of essays:</b>	
Morley's .....	7
Lincoln's .....	8
Days off .....	4
Emerson's .....	4
Cobb .....	1
Twain, Macaulay, Stevenson, each .....	2
<b>Best book of history:</b>	
Ben Hur .....	6
Joan of Arc .....	6
Spartan .....	5
Life in Ancient Athens .....	4
Uncle Tom's cabin .....	1
Conqueror .....	1
<b>Best Liked Novel:</b>	
Spy .....	6
Beau Geste .....	6
Silas Marner .....	3
So big, Capt. Blood, Penrod, Thunder on the left, Scarlet Cockerel, each .....	2
<b>Best liked Poet:</b>	
Longfellow .....	35
Service .....	20
Poe .....	12
Tennyson .....	11
Kipling .....	14
Lindsey .....	5
Dunbar .....	2
Masefield .....	1
Teasdale .....	1

## The Circle

Last Wednesday evening the Circle held its regular monthly meeting in the High School library. A large percentage of the members turned out for this meeting, which proved to be a most enjoyable one.

Various ideas upon objects for future Circle meetings were submitted and discussed. Although no immediate action was taken upon these suggestions, it was decided that a coasting party, a theatre trip, or some other equally pleasant excursion, would be arranged sometime in the near future.

Mr. Merrill outlined the requirements for admission into the Circle, and suggested that there might be some slight alterations that some of the members might wish to make. Helen Duer president, appointed Gloria Luey and Al Beach as a committee to work with Mr. Merrill upon the computation of the averages of any possible new candidates for admission, of which there surely ought to be some very soon.

Then Al Beach, as head of the refreshment committee, proceeded to do "his stuff." He provided a gallon of sweet cider and innumerable quantities of cookies, upon which the members proceeded to feast. There was not any dishwashing this time, so no new talent along this line has as yet been discovered.

## Mary Reed Wins Prize

Last week's Junior High assembly was featured by the presentation to Mary Reed of 7A of the ten-dollar gold piece offered by the local American Legion for the Junior High essay on "What the Unknown Soldier Means to Me." The purpose of the contest, motivated from the recent picture "The Unknown Soldier" was to make boys and girls think of the sublime idealism of this man who has become a universal symbol for all unknown soldier heroes and a universal consolation to all soldier mothers.

<b>Favorite Novelist:</b>	
Kelland .....	11
Joseph Lincoln .....	7
Sabatini .....	8
Zane Grey .....	8
Conrad .....	6
Porter .....	5
Wren .....	5
Arlen .....	2
Loos .....	1
Ibanez .....	1
Dumas .....	1
<b>Favorite Essayist:</b>	
Morley .....	10
Macauley .....	6
Emerson .....	6
Will Rogers .....	3
Cobb .....	3
Patrick Henry .....	1
<b>Favorite Dramatist:</b>	
Shakespeare .....	84
Barrie .....	7
Ibsen, Hughes, Davis .....	1

## Sphinx Club Debate

The Sphinx Club, composed of Miss Chisholm's English 3B class, made its first public appearance on Friday, when it presented in assembly a debate on the proposition, Resolved: that the Philippines should be given their immediate independence.

The affirmative side was supported by Helen Leyden, Herbert Burmister and William Newland, the refutation being given by William Burns. The negative team had as its speakers William Bray, Marie Lien and Gerard Mallon, David Stone giving the refutation.

The decision of the judges was given to the negative side although in previous debates in class each negative team had lost.

## Financial Report

An approximate financial report from the school play, "The Youngest," follows:

Receipts .....	about \$440.00
Expenses .....	about 140.00

Approximate proceeds ..... \$300.00

Last year the receipts were over \$625.00 and the profits were over \$450.00.

The play itself was a real success but it cannot be said that the pupils did their part in selling tickets as well as the actors did theirs. The quality of the Port Light that is published each year depends to a considerable extent on the amount of money that is produced by the school play.

Robert Jacobi was in charge of the distribution of tickets through the home rooms. That part of the work was handled in an efficient manner. We can see no reason, however, why any pupil who took two or three tickets to sell should have any reason to return them unsold. The cash turned in was:

Seniors .....	\$57.25
11B .....	12.75
11A .....	45.00
10B .....	18.00
10A-1 .....	34.50
10A-2 .....	18.75
9B .....	18.75
9A-1 .....	14.25
9A-2 .....	15.75

## Beat Westbury

Next Friday, the 17th, our basketball season opens at Westbury. The squad has been working hard for the last few weeks under Mr. Pickett and this will be their first appearance. Let's start the season right by starting with the first game to cheer our team to victory.

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