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Pamphlets Distributed

Recently the Board of Education issued a two-page pamphlet, many copies of which were distributed to the school children to carry home to their parents. These pamphlets contain briefly all the statistics which have been gathered together concerning the problem of education in an ever-growing community. It is hoped that the voters of the town will take these facts into consideration, when the matter comes up to be voted upon.

History Class Hears Talk on Banking

Last Monday afternoon the students of Miss Shafer's Senior history classes were instructed in the present banking system of the United States. Mr. E. Simon, who represented the local Bank of North Hempstead, cleared up several difficulties which had arisen in the minds of the students regarding this complicated question. After listening to Mr. Simon's interesting information, it is the general opinion that special work of this sort is of much benefit in assisting the history work.

The prime object of the speech was to show the development of the bank from its infancy, during the Revolutionary period, through the wild panics immediately following the Civil War; its general progress during the period of President Roosevelt up to the origin of the Federal Reserve banking system in 1914.

Big Game to be Played

Thursday, March 24, at 4.15, the Friary will play the Thursday Nite Men's Faculty Club. These former co-workers (in the case of the banquet) are now pitted against each other in one of the best games of the year. Come and see it! Only 15 cents for two games (Freshmen and Sophomores will also play)!! Don't forget — Thursday in the Flower Hill Gym.

Westbury Now County Champs

At Woodmere on March 11th, Westbury returned home with the County championship in their pockets. They defeated Baldwin in a very one-sided game, by an overwhelming score of 25 to 7. Westbury was ahead throughout the game, the score at the half was 13-4.

Westbury is going up in the world; we hope to see them keep it up: Good luck, Westbury!

The Philippine Question Debated in Assembly

The question as to whether the Philippine Islands should or should not have their immediate independence has been a matter of much discussion, and a trial debate concerning it took place in Thursday's assembly.

The debate was given by the third-year English classes of Miss Chisholm and Mr. Dimmick. The students who presented this debate were chosen from class debates which have taken place during the past few weeks. The best speakers of Thursday's debate will be chosen to represent Port this week in a practice debate with Hicksville.

The pupils acting as judges decided in favor of the negative side the score 120 to 52. The issues of the negative side were ably supported by Betty Cornell, Margaret Hiller and Laura Morrison. The affirmative issues were equally well supported by Betty Duffield, Thomas Newman and Harry Erb. The negative refutation was undertaken by Robert Hubbard and the affirmative refutation by Winfred Hamm.

The third year English classes are to be congratulated on its extensive research work concerning the Philippine Islands and we are all hoping for their success next week.



Hey! Hey! The Freshman Dance!

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Presentation of Maypole Morning

Friday night at the High School a very enjoyable entertainment was given in spite of the weather. (It didn't rain! How did that happen?) The High School Orchestra opened the program with the music of well-known artists. The curtains remained closed and through the static the "voice of Port" was heard announcing the Radio Play "Danger." When he was through, the stations in the balcony began to communicate on the wrong wave length, interfering with the station broadcasting the play. Their aerials were cut down and the people of the Radio Audience heard the voices from the coal mine. When the rescue had been affected the three actors (one of whom had drowned), presented themselves to the audience.

The Glee Club presented a chorus (no dancing) which they accomplished in a manner that makes us desire to hear them again in a short time. A chair and a harp (not the one that "once through Tara's Halls") were placed on the stage. Miss Holt played the harp (expertly) and sang to add to the enjoyment of the audience. Then the curtains parted revealing the work of weeks, the Village Green at Tunbridge Wells.

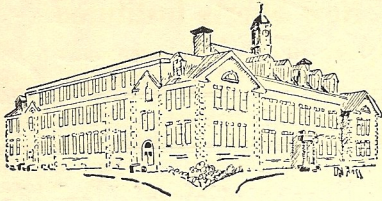
"Maypole Morning," our contest play, was enjoyed by our townspeople immensely.

The next night "Maypole Morning" was presented at New York University in the Dramatic Contest. We were first on the program. Everything was fine, scenery, presentation, and interpretation. The cast did exceedingly well.

East Orange High School presented "Lonesome-Like," a play of country life. The last play, "Bimbo the Pirate," verily captured the ship judges with the cup in the hold. Bimbo was indeed an unusual pirate. He observed Sunday and the comfort of his captives was a very important item.

After this play all the people sat waiting the voices of the judges. Prophecies were offered as to the winner. Bob Hubbard led the locomotive for Port. Then the other schools gave their yells. Mr. Somerville introduced the Foreman of the Jury who was to decide the winners. Mountclair won the cup and Pawtucket and East Orange received Honorable Mention.

The ticket sale for Friday night's program here and for Saturday night's contest in the city was excellent, the total amounting to about \$340.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Wisecrackers

There are always a certain group of pupils who never give a "hang" for anything but their own important selves. They have absolutely no consideration for others. They never participate in anything which benefits the High School; they are too lazy and indifferent for that. They offer adverse criticisms but they never try to pitch in and lend a helping hand themselves. Such people ruin school spirit.

Last Friday night the "balcony bunch" certainly did succeed in ruining both school spirit and the entire program. These would-be-humorists sat up in the balcony and proceeded in a sneaky way to spoil the entire evening for every one. Several teachers asked them in a very polite manner to stop their annoying actions but they had no sense of decency to obey. Finally our principal, Mr. Merrill, had to go up among these wise-crackers and ask them to stop because they were ruining the productions. Things must be pretty bad when some one has to stand over a bunch of rowdies to stop their disgusting actions.

Now I ask you fellow-students, are you going to stand for a bunch of rowdies to ruin a school play in front of the entire audience which included the townspeople? In these few brief statements the cast wishes the bunch who ruined the play to know just how we feel about it. Wise crackers, you certainly ruined all our hard efforts to give the people an enjoyable evening. Your actions were not clever, they were plain disgusting. We know who you are, and we hope you will be repaid your just desserts for your cowardly actions.

Notes From the Press Convention

The following articles are based upon lectures or events which took place at the Columbia Scholastic Press convention:

Typography

The first consideration of every newspaper and publication is for the eyes of its readers. Therefore, all good papers use a superlative quality of paper and an easily legible type. A publication should be a mirror of the school or organization it represents. By that is meant, that it should reflect the personality of the student body in its pages.

The front page should be entirely devoted to news, the second page to more news and editorials, the third page to sport news and humor, with possibly a few advertisements, and the fourth page to miscellany and advertisements. All the humor should be original and the editorials should be written in a natural tone, reflecting the personality of the writer, the advertisements should be made attractive, and there should never under any circumstance be an advertisement that reads "Compliments of — so and so."

Improving Exchanges

One of the lectures which I attended and thought would be helpful to our paper was "Improving Exchanges." Mr. Fairchild, head of the English Department at Columbia, emphasized the fact that most schools strive to criticize all exchanges with perhaps the expression "We like your sport write-ups. Why don't you have some cartoons?"

Then he asked the question, "What does this criticism say? Does it really criticize?" No! He states that you must always acknowledge the exchange, but if your paper is small and space given over to exchanges limited, it is better policy to criticize a few, in case there are many, with a good lengthy paragraph of real criticism, than to give the usual sayings, "We-like-your-sport-write-ups." This is a compliment, not a criticism.

Another point brought out was the necessity of having exchanges in a place accessible to all students. We're glad to report that our exchanges are always accessible from the shelf at the right of the library door.

We hope soon to have copies of issues of all the prize-winning publica-
tions.

Scouting and Journalism

Mr. James West, Chief Scout Executive, spoke about the Journalism Merit Badge, an award in scouting. When this badge was first proposed, it was thought it would be impossible for a boy to pass the test. He said that he, as a boy, had been editor of a small school paper which was, at that time, the hardest job of all, because the editor usually did all the writing, composing, setting up and printing of the paper. He said he was surprised at the advancement of the boys and girls have made today.

Another point he brought out was the fact that "Boys' Life" could be improved. Mr. West stated that most of the improvements which have been made in the past were through the efforts of boys who suggested ways of making the paper more interesting. He told the boys to write to the headquarters at any time if they wanted to aid the "Boys' Life" in any way. The final point brought out was that if the journalist of the future expected to be a success he had to start now in learning the "tricks of the trade."

Columbia Varsity Show

At 2.30 Saturday afternoon the delegates of Port met in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria to see the Varsity show, "Betty Behave," a musical comedy of three acts. The cast was made up entirely of the male students of Columbia.

The chorus of the show deserves a great deal of credit for its work. Their kicks and steps rivalled the best of the opposite sex. Another thing that held the attention of the audience was the fact that the cast really could sing and crack good jokes. In all, the show was perfect from start to finish.

The Sea

As I gaze out of my window
Out on the scene below,
I see the ships, the gulls, the waves,
And I watch the billows blow.

I see far off in the distance
Way out on the water green,
The shape of a mighty merchant ship
With sails of silvery sheen.

As I sit and gaze upon the sea
I think of that ship which knows
Of other ships, of seas, of gold,
Or of beautiful lands where the sun
sinks low.

Sail on, oh ship to other lands,
To learn more wonderful tales,
And then, come back and tell me,
Of yourself, your spars, your sails.

Interclass Games

On March 10, the girls' interclass basketball games began. The players of each team were very anxious to be the champion team of the season. The Tuesday games, however, will decide the final results.

The Sophs Win, 10-4

The Sophs, from the beginning, held the lead over the Freshies. Although the final score was 10 to 4 in favor of the fast Sophs, the game was exciting. They had to work hard in order to win.

The Juniors Win, 10-2

In a rather slow game the Juniors won with comparative ease. The Seniors could not make a basket because the Junior guards were always on the ball.

Sophs Win Again, 11-2

The Juniors met defeat when they met the Sophs. The Juniors could not raise the score although they often had the ball at their end.

Freshies Win, 18-9

The plucky Freshies did not allow one defeat to dishearten them. In a fast game they easily defeated the Seniors, who succeeded in making nine points.

Once More the Sophs Win, 17-7

The undefeated Sophs had no trouble in overcoming their opponents, the Seniors, who so far have not won a game.

Freshies Win, 10-6

This game, between the Freshies and the Juniors, proved to be one of the most exciting of the series. The game was very close at times, the score being 4-4 for quite a while.

Junior Class Rings Arrive

The Junior classes have just received their rings and class pins. The rings arrived on last Monday, to the surprise and joy of all who had long anticipated receiving these marks of distinction. Everyone was very much pleased with the rings, which are decorated with a gold shield, bearing the letters, "P. W. H. S.," set on black onyx. The rings were purchased from the firm, Dieges & Clust, which the members of the graduating classes of P. W. H. S. have been patronizing for many years past. The Junior classes are to be commended on their speedy collection of the amount due the firm from which the rings and pins were purchased.

Does Color Matter?

E. Wallingford: "What red scourge is overtaking the world?"
Miss Winter: "Lipstick."

Is Golf Supplanting Baseball?

I heard an argument the other day as to whether or not golf would ever supplant baseball. One party declared "The world is in the grip of golf! It is obvious that it has become our national game; it is played by more individuals than any other game!" While the other party said, "No! How can you call golf our favorite game? Show me the golf match that will attract forty to fifty thousand persons in one afternoon? No, sir, I don't believe any game which requires so much time and money on the part of those interested ever will become the national sport!"

Going into the subject a little deeper, however, I find many interesting facts. In the first place, baseball seems to have reached its heights, and while I never think nor suggest that "the great American sport" will suffer from a condition of diminishing popularity, yet it does not seem probable that anything new and sufficiently dramatic would occur to recruit any noticeable increment in keeping pace with the natural growth of population.

In other words, baseball probably has reached its "saturation point," while golf apparently is still far beyond the horizon.

Assuming this to be a fact, just how close is golf pressing baseball for supremacy at the moment?

The vastly different character of the two games makes comparison difficult. But, you might compare the capital investment in playing grounds, the amount of money spent annually in connection with each sport, and the number of persons directly interested in the games. In the latter case, when applied to golf, it would include only the persons who actually play the game, while in baseball it would have to include not only contestants—professional and amateur—but those who attend at least a few games each year.

From the standpoint of capital investment in baseball, I know that there are 16 big league baseball clubs where games are played nearly every day for six months each year. There are other leagues where baseball is played nearly every day during the summer, since the semi-professional clubs which play to smaller gatherings on Saturdays and Sundays, and college baseball, for which very substantial sums are spent annually.

In the case of golf there is something like 4,000 courses in the United States. Every golf course is laid out on ground which can not be used for any other purpose, and its carrying charges, therefore, must be applied to golf.

In the metropolitan district of New York there are about 300 golf clubs, if only a third of these had eighteen-hole layouts, the land would be valued at \$100,000,000.

As a matter of fact, recent estimates by recognized authorities place the property value of golf clubs at figures ranging from \$200,000,000 to

New Sports Instituted

Before many more seasons have passed in the athletic world the Port High enthusiasts will have a chance to follow the work of another sport which will give the girls in the school a much needed sport to fill in the long fall and spring seasons before and after basketball.

At present the high school girls are being taught the rudiments of field hockey, by Miss Burnett, in the gymnasium, and by next fall it is hoped that the work will be far enough advanced so that Port will be able to place a team on the field to compete with some of our neighboring schools which are also entering the field hockey world.

Not to be outdone by the girls, the boys will also appear in a sport, new to Port High, this spring. The school has always had several excellent tennis players, but until this year it has been impossible to have a team representing the school. This year Mr. Seeber has called for tennis candidates, and until better weather for tennis arrives, the candidates will work out in the High School gymnasium, and limber up preparatory to the more strenuous outdoor game, so that when the time for competition arrives it is hoped that Port will be represented in the tennis world by a well balanced and aggressive tennis team.

Students Inspect Bank

On Wednesday last Miss Sloan's Business English classes visited the Bank of North Hempstead. The first thing Mr. Thompson showed them was how a bank account is opened. After this demonstration Miss Sloan and the students were conducted upstairs to view the various labor-saving machines. Some of these are: an electric bookkeeping machine, an automatic sealing machine, an automatic addressograph, and a mimeograph. Mr. Thompson then showed the class the safe deposit vault. The door of this vault weighs 25,000 pounds and cost \$9,000. The wall, floor, and ceiling are composed of steel, one foot thick and are dynamite-proof. Once the timelock on the door is set the door cannot be opened until the time set has elapsed, even though the combination is known. This visit to the bank was arranged in co-operation with the study of banks in Business English classes.

\$250,000,000. The accessories of the players nor the dues are included in this huge sum, but merely the physical equipment.

Hark! you athletes! What have you to say on the matter? Is golf supplanting baseball?

A Freshman Reports

Mr. Connery made a special request that all the students of his biology class make as many observations of nature as possible during their walks to and from school. Accordingly a bright little Freshman chose a Senior for his companion that night as he walked home.

They had not progressed very far when they came upon an ant hill near the sidewalk.

"Oh," cried the enraptured Freshman, as he pointed to the ground, "what are those?"

The Senior looked at his own polished shoes and remarked, "Those are oxfords, my son; do you like them?"

A little further on they came upon a large green caterpillar with beautiful spots on its back. The Freshman caught his breath. "Oh," he cried again, "and what is that?"

The flattered Senior gazed proudly at his trousers. "They're twenty-inchers," he explained patiently.

Earth worms next attracted the Freshman's notice and again he asked what they were.

The Senior was puzzled. "What?" he asked rather sharply.

"Those long, thin, brown things," returned the Freshman.

"Why, shoe-laces, of course," laughed the Senior as he looked at his own large silk ones.

The Freshman was exceedingly pleased with himself the following morning, as he handed in his list of observations, which were as follows:

Yesterday I saw: Oxfords, twenty-inchers, and shoelaces. Their description follows:

1. "Oxfords—These are dull black, they run quickly in 6 or 7 feet at a time.

2. "Twenty-inchers — in spite of their name I only saw one of these. They are a beautiful color but have many spots. Can they be taught to get along without spots?"

3. "Shoe-laces — These are long, squirmy black affairs that always seem to get tied in knots."

Spring Fever

Betty: "Oh, but this room is hot! I wish I was the manager of an ice house in Africa."

Bill: "Say, I'm sick of doing this shorthand; just this minute I'd like to be a barber in Moscow."

Bud: "Wouldn't I just love to be driving a street sprinkler in Venice right now."

Bess: "I'm so full I feel as though I could digest the hole of a doughnut."

Bunny: "I'd rather be the captain of the Swiss navy than take a shower after this exercise."

Bert: "I'm so interested in this study of electricity that I firmly believe that I will be an assistant lineman for a wireless company."

Barny: "After that party last night I wouldn't mind being a night watchman on a sundial."

Now I'll Tell One

Around a table in the library were seated half a dozen or so young smarties. One was telling about the exciting time he had when he fractured three ribs; another was narrating his experience of being saved by a thread; while one little chap in the corner said nothing, but looked with awe at the yarn tellers.

His friend said: "Well, Georgie, didn't you never have no accident?"

"Nope."

"Didn't ever nothin' happen' to yuh?"

"Nope; last summer a bull tossed me over a fence."

"Don't you call that an accident?"

"I do not; he did it on purpose."

Hockey Plus Football

In gym class Tuesday after Miss Burnett had explained the positions of the players she asked a Freshman what position (pointing to left half back) that was.

The girl answered, "quarterback."

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