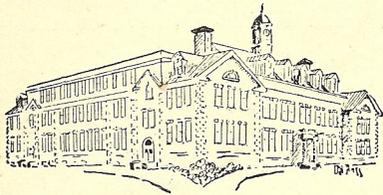


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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

To the Port Weekly:

May I take this opportunity to thank the writer of the editorial entitled "The Wise Crackers"? I am glad to learn that the poor school spirit shown by the "balcony bunch" is not typical of the entire High School student body. To know that there are some boys in our High School who are trying to improve the school spirit and to build up a feeling of consideration for others among a group of boys who think only of themselves, is quite comforting. As I tried to listen to the plays that had been so carefully prepared and were being so well given I could not but wonder at the spirit of the few who were making the noise that was distracting the attention of both listeners and actors. It takes a long time to develop school spirit when there is no desire for fair play or courtesy within a group. Now I feel confident that by the time the next school play is given, a resident may sit any where in the auditorium, in either a reserved seat or in the balcony and be at ease because the entire student body will realize that they are hosts, and as such must do all they can to show to the community true courtesy and to their schoolmates co-operation and appreciation of their efforts to present creditable programs to their audiences.

One of the annoyed listeners,  
M. E. B.,  
Middle Neck Road.

### Soph Girls are Champs

The Sophomore girls won the inter-class basketball championship for 1927. Dot Williamson, captain, had a fast group of girls who showed good teamwork. The Freshman girls came second. We wish them better luck next year, when they will be Sophs.

### English Classes to Give Play

The rehearsals for the play "The Lady of Pain" are now under way. This play will be given by the combined forces of the 2A and 2B English classes sometime after the Easter holidays.

### Frosh Dance a Success

"Congratulations Freshmen! Your dance was great. You actually lived up to your promise to give us good 'eats' and an orchestra which didn't take naps between numbers, and an altogether big time."

This is indeed a gratifying reaction to the first evening dance the Freshies have ever attempted. They have started a promising precedent that should urge future Freshies to uphold the standard these Freshies have set.

The dance was held in the Flower Hill gym on the evening of April first. The attendance was large; besides the members of the student body and the Faculty, a considerable number of the alumni were present. Music was furnished by Arnold Dickenson and his orchestra.

From all reports the dance was voted a success both socially and financially. Fifty-three dollars is quite a surplus! This is due to the able management and supervision of the members of the committee who combined their efforts in putting the dance over big.

With Jacqueline Atwood as chairman, Mary Lou Halsey as treasurer, Robert Guilford, William Denniston, Virginia Metzger, Irma Terrill, Mickey DeMeo and Betty Bullock as assistants, the dance was sure of success.



"April Showers"

Designed by Dick Axten, 7A-1.

### Senior Wins Times Contest

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we welcome Daniel Horowitz as the up-and-coming "sinver-tongued" orator of Port. He is evidently tracing the footsteps of his brother, who won fame in last year's circus as an "attorney of the law." Port is proud of the fine work of Horowitz, who captured the first place in the local Times Oratorical Contest in Assembly last Wednesday. His topic was, "What the Constitution Means To Us."

Merrit McBrien spoke on "Hamilton and the Constitution," Mildred Raff on "Financial Expansion Under the Constitution," and William Leiber on "Political Development Under the Constitution."

All the orators were of great merit, their material and organization were the evidence of much hard labor and conscientious thought.

The English and History teachers acted as judges. A new feature of the judging was the low-point system contest. The speakers rated as the best of the four contestants, scored the lowest total, and the poorest the highest.

Daniel Horowitz, the winner of our local contest, represented Port at Roslyn on Saturday night.

### District Contest Held at Roslyn

Last Saturday night Port Washington's representative, Daniel Horowitz, (the winner of our local contest), journeyed to Roslyn to compete in the District Oratorical Contest. Although Dan did not take any place, he carried his speech off creditably.

There were five schools represented: Roslyn, Hempstead, Port Washington, Hicksville, and Sea Cliff. Of these five speakers, four were to be selected to go to Hempstead to the county contest, which is to be conducted next Friday night.

Each speaker's topic had to be on the Constitution, or deal with some phase of its development. The speech had to be limited to ten minutes, and had to be original.

The contest started promptly at 8.15. There was an intermission between the second and third speakers, during which a group of musical numbers were played by the High School orchestra. This was followed by the remaining speakers.

The result of the contest was as follows:

Roslyn was chosen as the winner, and together with Hempstead, Sea Cliff, and Hicksville will make its appearance next Friday night at Hempstead.

## Baseball Team Trains

For the past three weeks the baseball team has been engaged in strenuous out-door practice under the expert supervision of Mr. Seeber. Every day the players were out on the diamond practicing, whether the sun poured forth its glaring rays or whether the rain came down in driving sheets. Every afternoon they played with remarkable, relentless persistence. Many pupils, although they had no ambition of being great baseball players, nor any desire of "making" the team, nevertheless, made their appearance at the first sign of baseball practice.

This year we have an excellent staff of pitchers and catchers. The infield is also exceptionally strong, while the outfield is able to hold its place with the best of them. The second team, however, cannot be overlooked, because upon it the ability of the first team depends. Douglas Miller has, this year, been elected manager of the baseball team, while Thomas Fay has been elected assistant manager. ("Tommy" will be manager next year.)

I believe that the students of Port Washington High School would be glad to support a fine team, that works every day, without fail, in order to give the school a team of which it can be rightly proud. If the student body stands by its team, the latter will always respond with better playing, because it feels that every effort it makes will be appreciated by the school. In every game, whether a home game or an out-of-town game, the best cheering possible should be shown, both when the team is winning and when the team is losing. Just as some boys and certain members of the Alumni gave the team practice, so should the students urge them on to a victorious end, by their cheering.

## Track Begins

Last Monday there was a meeting of the boys of the High School in Room 34. There were fewer boys than was expected but Mr. Connery told the boys that in order to compete in inter-class meet every boy has to train or he will be barred from competition. Then he spoke about track. He said that he hoped to have dual meets in which a larger number of fellows can run than in a regular meet.

There are about 40 fellows on the squad. This year's prospects look promising under the captaincy of Lem Lovejoy.

Tommy — Say, if you had an idea in your head a long time, what would you call it?

Milton — I don't know.

Tommy — Aged in wood.

## Go to Sea Cliff

The team plays Sea Cliff next Friday, April 8th. We want as many pupils as possible to be present and to give their strongest support. If a large number of students are present, and if they do their best cheering, we are sure to return home victors. So we want every one to be there to render their most loyal support.

## Noted About School

Last week students who have been away to college or private schools started their vacation right by visiting their friends at Port. Among those who paid us a visit were Erna L'Ecluse, John Linkfield, Bill Greet, Eleanora Bessel, Walter Perrson, Wendell Hamm, Dick Butler, Howard Munson, Wilbur Porter and William Mackie.

Eloise Kraemer has departed for Cleveland on a three-week's holiday.

Helen Hotopp, our dramatic star, is in New Hampshire for awhile.

Edith VanSchaick, a member of the Senior class, is reported ill with the chicken pox.

## The Fraternity

Last Thursday evening the Fraternity held its meeting, as usual, in Mr. Connery's room. There were about thirty members, including several new members, Mr. Navin, Mr. Connery, and two college students. Wendell Hamm of Bucknell, and Abie Raff of St. John's, related some of their interesting experiences as freshmen in college. The former told about the hazing and paddling that the Freshmen receive when they arrive there. Raff then gave a few accounts of his experiences with the pros.

After much deliberation, the club decided on the type of hat suitable for the members to wear. It will be a blue, soft-felt hat, having two gold bands around the insignia of the Fraternity on the front. A baseball game between the Fraternity and the Faculty is also being contemplated. After a few other matters were discussed, delicious refreshments were served, after which the meeting was adjourned by the president, John Mange.

## A New Vegetable

Mr. Connery: Mr. Laurence, have you any vegetables on your menu for today?

Mr. Laurence: Why — er — aum — I have shredded wheat.

## Best Biology Specimen Brought

Ever since the Biology classes started, the pupils of the classes have brought specimens to aid the study of Biology. Insects, cocoons, plants, and other life forms have been collected.

The best of these specimens, according to Mr. Connery, was brought in about one or two weeks ago in the form of a bee hive.

It seems that last summer a lot of bees swarmed into a bird house. They made this into a hive. It was blown down by a storm, and later placed in a box larger than the bird house, fitted with a sliding door that could be closed in bad weather. Although the bees did their best to weather-strip their hive by stuffing the cracks with wax, the cold overcame and killed them.

The view of the inside of the hive, or former bird house, was an unusual spectacle even to Mr. Connery. There were six honey combs in a vertical position, stretching from floor to roof and side to side, leaving hardly enough room for the bees to move in. The bird house has about one by two feet of floor area with a proportional volume, the peak of the roof being about fifteen inches above the floor. From two to three hundred dead bees were found among the combs and in the larger box.

The hive was brought to school in the box, from which it was extracted for the purpose of demonstration. The roof of the bird house had been ripped off. After school one of the honeycombs was extracted, and people who tasted the honey accidentally or otherwise, pronounced it excellent.

After being shown to both the A and B classes the hive was carried back home again by the owner, Robert Read.

## Suspicion

Mr. Dimmick (as two students came walking into his 4B English class two minutes after the bell had rung): "Well John, where have you been?"

John: "With Scotty."

Mr. Dimmick (turning to the latter): "And where have you been?"

Scotty: "With John."

Mr. Dimmick: "Well, where have you both been then?"

The two: "Why, we've been together."

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