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Members of the Dramatics Class See Mikado

Last Saturday the Dramatics class had the privilege of seeing the Mikado, at the Royal Theatre in New York. The Mikado was first produced on March 14, 1885, in the Savoy Theatre. It was such a success there that it ran for 672 performances. People who had seen the Mikado were known as "Savoyans."

This opera has been revived about every two years. Mr. Winthrop Ames has secured a truly remarkable cast, which has been playing the Gilbert and Sullivan operas for the last few years.

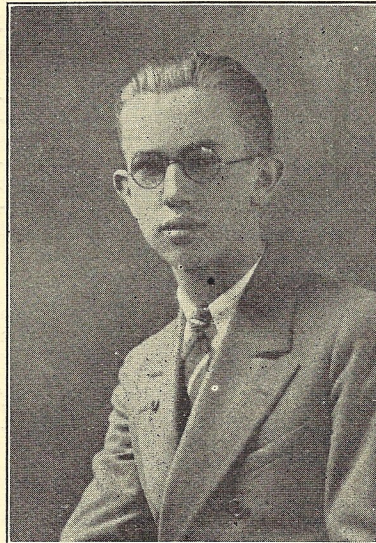
The plot of the Mikado is exceptionally good, being absurd and delightful in equal degree, and the music is excellent. The part of Nanki-Poo is taken by Mr. Williams. He is the son of the Mikado, but is in the disguise of a wandering minstrel. His sweetheart is Yum-Yum, or all that the name indicates. This character is charmingly played by Lois Bennett. The Mikado himself, a very humorous part, is played in true style by John Barclay, and the part of Lord High Everything-Else is portrayed with remarkable success by William Gordon. Katisha is marvelously well played by Vera Ross. The New York critics have at last found something which they could not pick to pieces in typical manner. Every minute of the play is truly enjoyable.

After the opera had been completed, the class was privileged to go back-stage to see the settings and lighting equipment. If you wish any opinions concerning this opera, you will find any member of the Dramatics class enthusiastic in its praise.

School First to Prepare Street to be Widened

Probably most of you have noticed that the week before last the fence along Main Street was taken down and rolled up. Last week the maple trees along the outside of the fence were dug around and the roots were tied up in bags to keep the dirt on them. They will be re-planted in the future. These things were done because our main thoroughfare is to be widened in the near future, as there is too much congestion of traffic for the present width of the street. The fence is to be moved back about fifteen feet, making the parking space for our "better cars" that much narrower. The war memorial near South Washington Street may also have to be moved back.

WINS \$2,030!



Herman Stuetzer

Three Cheers for Herme!

Do you know that Stuetzer carried off more honors than any one student from the Port Washington High School has ever done? Do you know that he won \$2,000 in scholarships?

It seems too good to be true, but nevertheless, Herman won the first Bogart Scholarship of \$600, awards of \$10 each for excellence in mathematics, in History, and in Science, and a State award of \$400. As if this were not enough he took the competitive examination at Mineola for the State Scholarship in Cornell University and had the honor to be the one to win the scholarship from this assembly district.

How's that for keeping up the good record of the High School? Now, just wait to see Herman bring back honors from Cornell.

Fratry Meets

We had our first meeting Thursday night and although the place was not jammed, we had a good time. The old subject of membership was brought up by some humorous soul. The business was slight for our first meeting, but we'll have doings next Thursday under the direction of our new leader. Mr. Seeber and "Swin" Neusel. We are to have an entertainment by a new committee. So, boys, don't forget to come next week. And, by the way, everybody, don't forget to buy your season football ticket from one of us who volunteered to sell them.

Lighting Equipment Inspected

Last Friday evening Mr. Schreiber, Miss Gaylord and a group of students spent several hours in experimenting with the new lighting equipment which has been installed on the stage.

The new equipment consists of footlights and two border strips, each on three circuits, and each controlled by dimmers. The dimmers are resistance coils about a foot in diameter. At intervals of about a half-inch there are small bolt heads with wires connected in such a manner that when the lever is moved upward or downward, sliding a copper strip over the bolt heads, the lights are dimmed or brightened at will. The bulbs in the footlights are colored, while the colors of the border lights are arranged by gelatines inserted in slides over each bulb.

The stage itself has been extended and the footlights moved forward and placed in disappearing troughs.

New floor plugs have been installed at each corner, and connected with a dimmer, so that spots and floods may be added to make a more flexible equipment.

It was with keen enjoyment that those present Friday evening studied the different effects that it is possible to secure by use of the dimmers, and a new chapter in student activity was inaugurated.

Architect's Plans Completed

The architect's plans for the new school have been approved by the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education at Albany. The new edifice is to be situated next to the present Flower Hill School, and will be of the same general type. It promises to be the most modernly equipped building of its class on Long Island. The bids will be opened on October 20 and its erection is expected to begin on or about November 1.

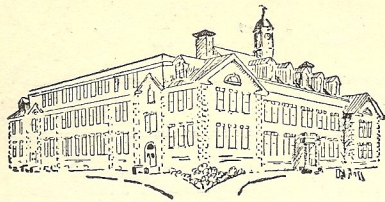
Subscription Records Completed

The collection of the all-important subscriptions has been completed. Not many are interested in dry statistics but these are so unusual and startling that they must be put down in writing.

There was a grand and overwhelming total of 266 subscriptions pledged and paid. In this generous return from the student body there were 119 year subscriptions and 147 term subscriptions. The most important of all, that is the money, reached the high-water mark of \$262.50.

Thus have the students of the High School set a record which will be hard to beat.

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Editorial Comment

Change in Schedule

A year ago the freshman and sophomore classes in the High School were placed on a half day "part time" schedule. The working out of this scheme required certain classes to be in session until rather late in the afternoon. This and certain other features of the plan proved to be rather undesirable and it was decided to try to find a different method of taking care of the surplus pupils this year. After much effort a schedule was devised which, while it is not a real full time schedule, retains most of the desirable features of a full time schedule and avoids some of the unfortunate results of a half time schedule. The plan that has been adopted and which is now in operation is as follows:

The school day is from 9 to 3.30. The lunch hour comes either from 11.15 to 12.30 or from 12 to 1.15, according to the schedule of class work for the individual pupil. In addition to class recitation periods there are for most pupils two or three periods during the day when no class work is scheduled. When these periods come in succession or when they come at the beginning or end of either the morning or afternoon session.

Betty Cornell Made Editor-in-Chief of Springfield Paper

Betty Cornell, who moved to Springfield, Mass., in September, has been chosen Editor-in-Chief of the school paper of the high school which she is now attending. Congratulations, Betty.

Everyone who had anything to do with the Port Weekly last year knows what hard work Betty did for our paper and what good articles she wrote. She had already been appointed assistant editor of the Port Weekly. We regret the loss of such an efficient worker but we are very glad that she has been made Editor-in-Chief at Springfield, for we know that she is capable and deserves the editorship.

Have Your Weeklies Bound

Save every copy of the Weekly so you can have them bound. These can be gotten through Mrs. Langdon for about one dollar. The bound copies will make an interesting account of your High School days that you can keep because it is really a book.

pupils whose work is maintained at a satisfactory level are expected to go home. In the case of pupils who have a single free period between classes they have the privilege of leaving the school grounds or of reporting to the room reserved for study or using the school library for reference work. No pupil whose free periods are so arranged that it is impossible for him to go home is forced to leave the building. There is sufficient room in the study room to take care of all such pupils at all time. By expecting those whose periods are so arranged that it is convenient to go home, to leave the school, it is possible to have room for all others.

During the first month comparatively few pupils have been assigned to study groups during their free periods and for the most part these have been pupils whose work last year was not satisfactory. After the monthly report cards are issued each time, pupils whose work for the preceding month was unsatisfactory will be required to devote one or more periods each day to study during a free period under the supervision of a teacher. By this method it is hoped to allow pupils whose work is good considerable freedom of choice as to when they shall study and to provide a definite study schedule in school for those who find it difficult to do good work without such a schedule.

This system is experimental but the operation of the first few weeks would seem to indicate that it may prove quite satisfactory.

A tabulation of the enrollment in the freshman class shows that 114 children completed successfully the 8th grade last year and of that number 101 are now enrolled in the High School.

Special Dramatic Class at Noon Hour

From 12.30 to 1.15 for the first four days of this week and of the next, a special class in Dramatics will meet with Miss Gaylord in the auditorium. The class is conducted for those who can not join the regular class at 1.15 and who are interested in more training in expression and in preparing for the try-outs for the "big" play, which will be presented early in December.

"Celerity" Will Meet

The first meeting of "Celerity" will be held in the High School Library on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.30. All the members who were taken in last spring are urged to attend this meeting.

Attend Bridge October 15

The Campfire groups, Waterwin and Otyokwa, are giving a bridge on Saturday, October 15th, at 2.30 p.m., at St. Stephen's Parish hall. The price of the tickets is one dollar; this includes the prizes and refreshments.

The Campfire girls would greatly appreciate the support of the student body and faculty, and hope that you will all turn out.

Alumni Show Interest

The alumni have responded in a most generous manner to our subscription list. In their letters asking for the paper they showed a great deal of interest in the doings of their former school. As a result of these letters, our circulation manager, Bill Burns, has been inspired to write a personal letter to each member of the alumni who has subscribed.

Junior High to Have Paper

The Main Street Junior High School plans to edit a newspaper called the Junior. The growth of the interest in newspaper work is very interesting. Last year the Sands Point School started a paper of their own. The Port Weekly wishes both papers the best of luck.

The Model Sophs!

The Sophs like shadows follow
Their elder Senior mates.
With all their strength and power,
They study hard and late.

At one-fifteen they're ready;
They're in their seats at nine.
When the professors give them homework

They always do it *fine*.

I should not give,—my Sophs,
This credit all to you;
For there are some few Seniors
Who do as *good* as you.

W. Hamm.

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First Team Triumphs

In weather more suitable for baseball than football, Port's varsity team, in her first intense scrimmage of the year annihilated the second team by the one-sided score of 31-0. Although the teams were called 1 and 2 for the sake of distinguishment, it mattered little, for first and second team men were frequently shifted about.

The battle started when Allen, of the second team, booted to MacVicar, first team linesman, who lumbered back to mid-field. Neither team accomplished anything during the first quarter, the play centering around mid-field where intercepted passes, fumbled kicks and what not transpired.

In the second quarter, Leyden, on a trick play, hurled bodily through the line for the "initial" score. A neat pass, Erb to Williamson, added the extra point, fixing the score at 7-0. Leyden kicked off to Moore who returned the pigskin 15 yards, but here the second team attack was decisively stopped. Moore was forced to kick but was so harassed by charging linesman that a very short kick went to Williamson, who made a pretty broken field run of 40 yards and a touchdown. Try for the extra point failed, leaving the score 13-0 for the first half.

When the play was resumed, Leyden booted to Sullivan, who dodged 25 yards. However, Tins continually "broke through" to smear the second team plays before they could get started. The first team took the ball to the 2-yard line, Williamson and Erb leading the attack. Ryeck went over the line on a repetition of the play, which produced the first score. Try for extra point failed, leaving score at 19-0. The second team elected to receive and Moore, attempting a wide circuit of the end was viciously cut down as the third period ended.

In the concluding period, Williamson again took another of Moore's punts; he crossed the last chalk mark to increase the score to 25-0. Again the try for point failed. Three minutes before the first whistle, Captain Erb snared an intended pass, Moore to Sullivan, and successfully circled left end for a score and Sullivan pursued him and made the tackle. Extra point failed. Erb punted out of bounds as the whistle blew. Final score—31-0.

Both teams are on razor edge—finally drilled, alert and speedy, awaiting but the referee's whistle to send them into combat. Coaches Seiber and Utz have labored with assiduity to present Port with a team befitting of her high standing. All the boys are in fine shape—none of them having been seriously injured in the recent scrimmages which they have undergone of late.

Huntington vs. Port

Clash Here Saturday

Saturday is the big day! With anxiety, Port's coterie of followers have awaited its arrival, for Port will inaugurate her grid season in a clash with Huntington.

It will be remembered by those faithful who journeyed to Huntington last year that "Port" opened her season auspiciously by romping off on the long end of a 22-7 score. Port smashed Huntington's line at will, rolling up a 13-0 score before intermission. Then the unexpected occurred. Huntington completed a long forward pass over the heads of Port's secondary defense and the receiver, by dint of fast stepping, carried the pigskin over the last chalk mark. Evidently it was a break of the game.

Considerable interest and speculation had been manifested in Port's new edition of warriors. Saturday this true metal will be tested in actual combat with a foe.

Attend the game! Display your season ticket, meet old friends, create new ones, enjoy yourself.

Cheers Practiced

The first assembly of the year, which was held last Friday, was almost entirely given up to cheering. All the various cheers were practiced and were led by ten members of the different high school classes. Then that little boy "Lem" Lovejoy got up and performed. In spite of the fact that he had lost his paper we learned that the "little green tickets" are football season tickets and may be purchased for "only one dollar."

Night School Begins Oct. 3

Starting Monday, October 3, the night sessions will be held on Monday and Wednesday of each week in the High School building and in the Hempstead Harbor school. Mrs. Brazeau and Mr. Daly will be the two teachers in charge of the Main Street school, while Mr. Keeley will be in charge of the Hempstead Harbor school.

New Equipment Bought

New equipment for the manual training department of the Main Street school, consists of a sixteen-inch band saw and a lathe. These things were bought so that the boys taking shop could have a wider field to work at.

The girls could not be slighted so an electric dish washer having the capacity of 1,500 dishes per hour, was installed for their use.

Don't forget to plan for that holiday which comes on October 12.

In 1950

(If the Honor Roll increases too much)

Buttercup Launcelot (rushing up to a group of fellow students): Comrades Comrades, something dreadful has transpired.

Student: Inform us of it.

Buttercup Launcelot: Gather closer, and I shall divulge news that will make the very walls shake. (In a whisper.): There is a boy here who is not on the honor roll.

Horace: Dreadful! (Faints.)

Clarence: Calamity! (Swoons.)

B. L.: Calm, Comrades, calm. That is not the worst. He wants to start a football team.

Chauncey: Football? What is football?

B. L.: A brutal barbaric game. He said his father used to play at Port.

Horace (reviving): What is his name?

B. L.: Leyden. He showed me a good picture of his father in a football suit. Horrible! Such thick legs. And his hair not combed.

Horace: Gracious! (Faints.)

Clarence (reviving): How have we time for football? Did you not inform him of our duties, such as the Drop Stick Club, the Club for the study of Latin verbs, our annual spelling match with Great Neck?

B. L.: I informed him, O solo mio, but he insisted that was bunk (such language) and wanted me to play football. He has gone to prepare for the afternoon rehearsal. And what do you think he calls his uniform?

All (hysterical): What?

B. L.: A sweat shirt. (Faints.)

Chauncey: A perspiration garment! (Swoons.)

Read New Books

September additions to the school library are as follows:

Heydrick—Types of the essay.

Young—New American government and its work.

Cassell—Latin dictionary.

Carleton—History and problems of organized labor.

Lawrence—Revolt in the desert.

VanLoon—Story of mankind.

Jenks & Lauck—Immigration problems.

Sweet—History of Latin America.

Epstein—Statesman's year book.

Sedgwick & Tyler—Short history of science.

Flick—Modern world history.

Webster—History of the Far East.

A bound copy of all issues of last year's Port Weekly has been secured for the Library.

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The Caverns of Luray

By Evelyn Hotopp

Situated at Luray, Page County, Virginia, in the famous Shenandoah Valley, in a region renowned for the picturesqueness of its scenery, and celebrated for its historical associations, are the Caverns of Luray. The caves were discovered in 1878, and were soon opened to the public. Within the past few years the number of visitors has been enormous. Persons from all quarters of the globe,—scientists, explorers and tourists,—have wandered through the wonderful chambers. The management of the Caverns has provided every facility for visiting all the chambers and seeing all the wonders. Cement walks have been laid, stairways, bridges, and iron railings have been erected, and the entire subterranean place is illuminated by both arc and incandescent lights. The interior is free from dampness or dripping water and the temperature remains, winter and summer, at about fifty-four degrees.

Upon entering the grand vestibule, the visitor experiences a feeling of mute wonder. The mind fails to grasp the grandeur revealed, until it gradually accustoms itself to the monstrous shapes, the almost perceptible silence and the weird influence of this subterranean realm. Glittering stalactites blaze in front, fluted columns, draperies, cascades of snow-white stone, illuminated by the electric light, fill the mind with curious sensations of wonder and admiration.

The various apartments and objects have been named in honor of some distinguished personage or after some thing to which they bear a striking resemblance. The Elfin Ramble is an open plateau of about five hundred feet long by about one hundred in breadth. Pluto's Chasm contains a spectre clothed in draperies. Horey's Hall is adorned with statuary and stalactite draperies, beautiful in color and symmetrical folding. Giants' Hall is a vast space, embracing several chambers. On every side loom sentinel forms, guarding Titania's Veil, and watching over the crystal waters of Diana's Bath. The Saracen's Tent, the Cathedral, the Bridal Chamber, Hades and the Ball Room, all bear striking resemblance to the objects for which they are named.

A number of beautiful lakes are formed in various parts of the caves. Crystal Lake is a body of pellucid water in a setting of sparkling stalactites, and the Imperial Spring is a silver pool richly enclosed in a forest of columns. Above are myriads of stalactites which reflect in the calm flood.

No other caverns are known in which there is such an infinite variety of quaint, curious, and wonderful formations. One should not pass through the Shenandoah Valley without visiting this "house not made with hands."

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