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Debate Held 9A-2 Win Banner

On December ninth, last Friday, the high school assembly was held. The 3B and 4B English classes held a debate which proved to be very interesting. The question debated upon was: Resolved, that student government should be introduced in the Port Washington High School.

The affirmative side of the question was upheld by the team from the 4B English class. The team selected from the 3B group took the opposite side. "Fat" Newland was introduced by Myra Grant, chairman, as the first speaker of the affirmative. "Fat," because of his "stupendous statistics," had everybody guessing. Mildred Erb was the first speaker of the negative side. Following her came William Burns, "Dave" Clarkson, "Seeds" Mallon and Catherine Tyson in their respective order.

Four and one-half minutes were allowed for consultation on the part of the two teams.

During this time, "Lem" Lovejoy reminded the student body of the Fraternity Dance that was held that night. Mr. Merrill awarded the Circle Banner to the 9A2 group for the highest group average for the month.

When the time for consultation was up, Fred Hyer, timekeeper, gave the signal and the debate was resumed. The refutation for the negative was given by Milton Ryeck. John O'Neill refuted for the affirmative.

The decision was unanimous in favor of the affirmative. It was a good debate, enjoyed by all, and of interest to both faculty and students. The participants did their level best with the slogan—"May the best man win."

Christmas Plays Given in Assembly

Before the schools close this afternoon, two Christmas plays will be given in assembly.

The first of these, "A Christmas Escape," is a modern play, several of whose characters are basketball players. Parts will be played by Mr. Blane, Stephen Chambers; Warren Blane, Hugh Gilbert; Michael Gilhooley, John O'Neill; Elia Wernby, Daniel Sullivan; Hollister, Adrien Neusel; Crabby, William Bray; Sox, Jack Leyden; Webster, Raymond Petersen; Bullock, James Gerisi, and Stubby, Chester Slaska.

The "Boy on the Meadow," by Ethel Van de Veer, a German play of the time of the Middle Ages,

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Christmas Dinner Enjoyed

Yesterday a novel Christmas feature was introduced in the school by the Home Economics Department. A delectable turkey dinner with all the Christmas trimmings was prepared and served by the girls of the class under the supervision of Miss Lawson. Unfortunately, the facilities of the lunchroom permitted the serving of only sixty people. The most ardent epicure would have been delighted with the following menu:

- Turkey with Raisin Stuffing
- Olives
- Mashed Potatoes or Sweet Potato Croquettes
- Mashed Turnips or String Beans
- Cranberry Jelly
- Fruit Salad
- Coffee—Cider—Ginger Ale—Milk
- Ice Cream
- Celery
- Bread
- Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce

The partakers of this feast declare it to have been of surpassing excellence and we all earnestly hope that this will become an annual event in the school activities.

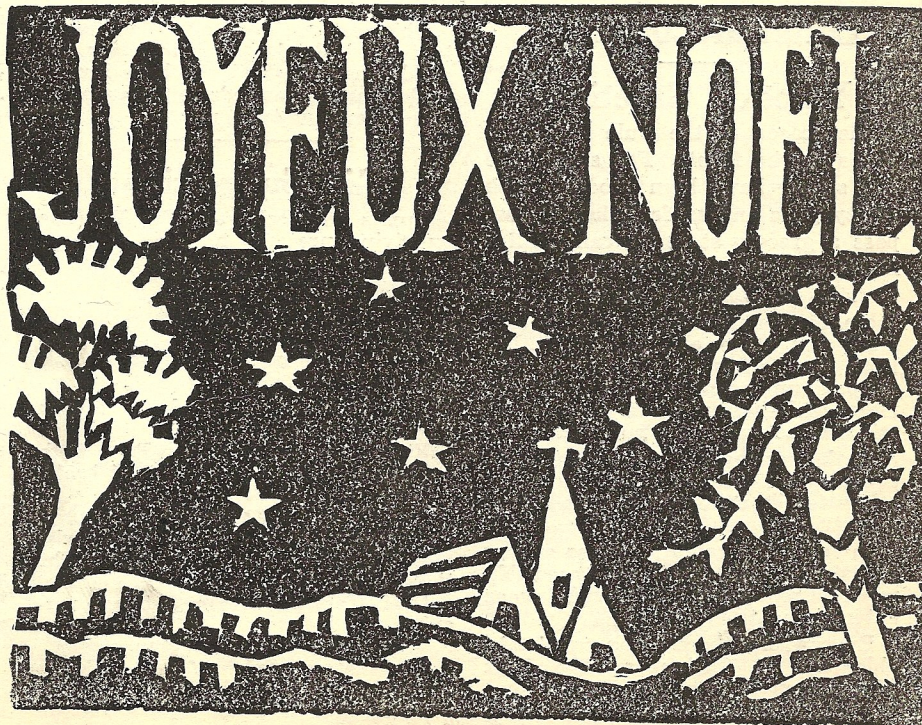
The Fraternity Dance

Last Friday evening the Fraternity gave a dance at the Flower Hill Gymnasium. It was about the best dance given yet this term on account of several things: First, because it started early; second, because of the refreshments and decorations; third, because of the orchestration, and lastly because every one present enjoyed himself to the highest degree.

The first thing served in the way of refreshments was the punch. After the punch was gone some of the members served cake and ice cream. The committee responsible for these delicious refreshments was made up of Warren Terrell, William Bray, and Raymond Smith.

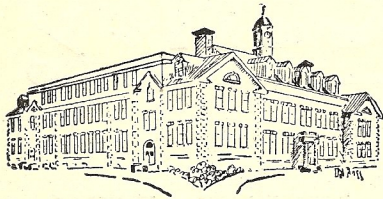
Unlike the other dances, this dance was well under way at nine o'clock. Everyone was having a good time when the time for the elimination dance came. After many numbers had been called and their owners had left the floor, it was found that the winners of the dance were Mary Willetts and George Crandall.

This dance is just one of the many things which the Fraternity had done successfully. The Fraternity, at present, is planning another project. Keep your eyes open and watch for further developments.



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Editorial Comment

Yuletide Greetings

The season of the Yule log again looms to the front. For some time the stores have been stocked with pretty gifts and cards. Whenever we pass a grocery store we can smell a familiar odor of pine trees and see wreaths of holly. In store windows there are many bright colored toys made for some child to enjoy. At home there are many packages to be wrapped up and cards to be addressed. From the kitchen comes the odor of mince-meat and plum pudding.

In the newspapers we read of funds provided for unfortunates who would otherwise be unable to have a Merry Christmas.

In school we catch glimpses of gay Christmas trees. From the assembly we hear rehearsals for the Christmas entertainments.

Everywhere there is an unmistakable air of Christmas. The Port Weekly extends to everyone wishes for A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mindful of the Unfortunate

As the spirit of Christmas pervades the school, the pupils have been mindful of the unfortunate and made a generous effort to share with them. Our quota for the Junior Red Cross was \$28.00. A total of \$33.00 was given and the difference goes to the Albanian School. Seventy dollars has been sent to The New York Times for the fund for The Hundred Neediest Cases.

Group Organization

For some time the matter of co-operation of the groups in the school community on questions which are of interest to the students, has been under consideration. The matter has finally culminated in a series of group meetings at which Miss Farlinger has explained the kind of class organization which can bring about the desired situation. This will give the groups a chance to discuss such matters as are of importance to students in the organization of the school.

An efficient group organization is first necessary. Then each group must be in direct contact with the office, through its officers too. When the group organization becomes a vital part of the school, such topics of school interest as: methods of passing to classes, privileges and responsibilities in the class room and other matters will be discussed by the pupils. A committee of group presidents and home-room teachers will report the discussions to the office, where they will receive attention in making plans for school organization.

This system should afford an opportunity which the students have desired—the opportunity to have a voice in developing methods to improve the school community.

Gift Suggestions

Pupils who celebrate the Yuletide by giving presents to their teachers and friends will find the following suggestions useful:

Mr. Studley — A model History Class.

Hutchie—A package of Beech Nut Chewing Tobacco.

Bill Burns — A bicycle to deliver PORT WEEKLIES.

Fred Hyer—A new Hup Rear End.

“Rat” Moore—A new set of brake bands.

“Tinsy”—A set of curling irons.

“Sheeney” Bray—Two White Owls.

“Lem” Lovejoy—A Saturday night ticket to Port.

Olaf Hammer—Hair cutting machine.

Miss Gaylord—A new typewriter.

For the remainder of your friends you can furnish Kiddie Kars or Scooters on which they can ride home for forgotten excuses.

Fratry News

The last regular meeting of the Fratry was held Thursday evening, December 15th. The meeting was called to order by our honorable president, “Swiss Neusel.” After the minutes had been read and various other business had been transacted, the initiation committee, with X. Hamm as chairman, made its report. It has been decided by this committee that the new members undergo their slaughter at the next meeting, December 22nd. Pray for the new members! Howard Emmerich, Olaf Hammer, and Charlie Golder were chosen by President Neusel to bring forth the refreshments for the next meeting.

Next, “Rat” Moore, chairman of the so-called “movie” committee, reported. After his favorable report, it was decided that, after a suitable picture had been chosen, the Fratry would hold a benefit movie at the Beacon Theatre some time in January.

The next report came from William MacKinney who had received several letters of challenge from other basketball teams who desire to play the Fratry team. So far, two games have been scheduled: one in January, with the Manhasset Midgets, here; the other, January 21 with the same team, there. Other games are to be scheduled soon and the Fratry hopes to have a victorious season.

Following this report, there was a short discussion of the dance, after which the meeting was adjourned until December 22nd, when the new recruits will be initiated.

Proceeds from “The Patsy”

The proceeds from the production of “The Patsy” last Friday night show it to have been a financial success.

The sale of tickets through rooms amounted to \$237.50. This sale was in charge of Julia Hopkins. Other sales for tickets brought the total receipts to \$441.31.

Expenditures for copies of the play, make up, royalty, and other incidentals amounted to \$123.78.

The final profit stands at the gratifying figure of \$317.53.

The proceeds will be applied as usual to “The Port Light” fund.

Up to this year the item of expense for the lighting of the play has been a considerable one. This year, with the new lighting equipment, all the work was done by students, and the expenses are so much the less.

It might be added that the lighting of a play by the students is one of the most valuable and enjoyable phases of the work of production.

Juniors Over Seniors

The Junior girls won the opening game of the Interclass season on Thursday, when they humbled the Seniors by a score of 21—2.

The good work of the guards kept the ball at the Junior end of the floor most of the time. Great credit is due them.

The Freshmen and Sophs are to have a game on Tuesday. It is hoped that a large crowd of "rooters" will be present to help cheer the teams on.

Following the Team

Coach Utz Whips 'Em

Practice sessions conducted every other day at the Flower Hill Gym bristled with speed and brilliancy as the Varsity undergoes its final stages of training and instruction. The boys appear to be well fortified both on the offense and defense, where there are any flaws Coach Utz's tutorial eye immediately discerns them. The first game on the schedule is chalked up for this afternoon with the Alumni furnishing the other end of the fire-works.

Tommy Leyden Looks Good

They're a steady shooting bunch, these fellows. Two of them, however, are deserving of special praise for their meritorious shooting. Tommy Leyden, old crony of Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, and Tom Williamsen of "Wild Duck" fame, playing tentative forward and center positions, are sinking some beautiful shots during practice shindigs, and the thing about it is that they're doing it with consistency. Leyden made something like 18 counters the day the writer had him under observation. Williamsen was caging 'em too that day and provoked the tribute which Coach Utz paid him as being "a fine basketball prospect."

Seventeen on Squad

Seventeen fellows were retained by Coach Utz after his final "cut" last week. Those whose play merited retention are: Mallon, MacKinney, Chambers, Stone, Jenkins, Rogo, T. Leyden, J. Leyden, Giresi, O'Neill, Erb, Evanosky, Sullivan, Gross, Gilbert, Williamsen, and Polk. It is expected that Coach Utz will retain these fellows throughout the season's grind.

Indoor Track Meet

Last Saturday evening a novice track team representing Port entered competition in the first indoor track meet Port has ever competed in. This team, made up of inexperienced track men, made a very creditable showing.

Running on a flat, 220-yard wooden

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Port's Varsity Meets Alumni

Game at 4 Bells this P.M.

After a month of boiling down and scrimmaging to sharpen the ol' eye, the standard bearers of the Blue and White basketball colors will encounter the strong Alumni five this afternoon at the Flower Hill Gym. Port's starters are still an uncertainty as interviews with Coach Utz have been non-productive of information. Mr. Utz intimated that in all probability, he himself would not know the starting aggregation until game time or, probably, two days before the game.

The Alumni quintette will probably be as of old. They'll surely trot forth their old alignment of stars such as Porter, Picone, Raff, Jenkins, and MacKelvey. Lively proceedings are promised and we want a good opening day crowd on hand to pass first judgment on the latest edition of basketball "Vanities."

Last year the Varsity clashed with the Alumni in the opening encounter of the season and it was necessary to summon the Fire Department to put out Port's five and extricate the buried Alumni from the wreckage of field goals.

Make this engagement take precedence over others.

Coach Utz Calls Meeting

As the Christmas holidays warn us of the approach of league basketball, Port is just beginning to get "het up" over her prospects. In fact, so much basketball gossip has rent the air of late that Coach Utz just couldn't stand the absence of his basketball boys until Tuesday so he fooled them by calling a meeting for the day before.

Room 34 was the rendezvous of the boys for 45 minutes during which time Coach Utz laid down the ten do's and dont's of basketball, all of which must be part of the star's repertoire before he can be initiated into the order of the tried and fit. New plays were assigned to be learned and blackboard explanations concerning them followed. Scrapbooks and notes were in use by all as the sixteen fellows who will sport the Blue and White colors on the courts took the gist of their tutor's words.

Exchanges

The Oracle, Abington High School, Pa.

Betty Smith met Colonel Lindbergh at the Mayor's party in Philadelphia. "Lindy" is a frequent visitor in Port Washington, and we quite agree with him that he is a regular fellow.

The Red and Black, Patchogue, N.Y. The play "Dulce" by George Kaufman and Marc Connelly is being given by the Dramatic Club this evening. We wish the cast of this play great success.

Seniors Over Juniors

In a fiercely fought, gruelling encounter, characterized by many fouls, the Seniors drew first blood in the race for inter-class honors by eking out a close decision over the Juniors by the score of 20—19.

It was Senior brawn against Junior speed and in the closing minutes it was Senior ruggedness and stamina that pulled them through. At one stage of the game the Seniors faced a seven point deficit but rallied nobly in the last quarter to sink three successive field goals.

Hyer of the Seniors took scoring honors with ten points, while Sinclair and Geddes were the Junior satellites, with five points. Geddes' four-point play featured the contest.

Basketball Season Tickets

The arrival of another sport on the schedule of athletics necessitates the purchase of another season ticket—for basketball. The little colored discs will be on sale to everybody, the home folk, the town folk, and everyone and will be procurable from any member of the Fraternity for the pittance of \$1 in United States money. Tickets will entitle the bearer to five home games—or rather—ten home games—as both the boys' and girls' teams will clash on the same night. Individual admission to the games will be 35 cents for each or \$1.75 for the entire series of games. Unless you're a blockhead you can see that the purchase of a season ticket saves you 75 cents.

Tickets will be placed on sale on the morning that we return from Christmas vacation, so that it behooves us to be a little conservative on the Christmas gifts. Bring a dollar with you when you return to school.

Welcome, Helen

The high school basketball squad was glad to welcome Helen Leyden, the never-to-be-forgotten guard of last year, on Wednesday. Her part in "The Patsy" has prevented her from being at the other practices. Helen expects to be with us for one game only as she is going to leave school in February.

Due to the fact that all of last year's team is here, our prospects look fairly bright for this year. The practices seem to confirm this statement.

No "cuts" have been made up to date. It is not expected that any will be made before the choosing of team of "28."

Christmas Plays Given

In Assembly

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has the following characters: Grandmother, Mildred Erb; Frau Marta Krans, Jean Anderson; Roschen an orphan, Evelyn Hotopp; Mina and Dort Krans, Lucy Keshishian and Charles Golder.

In spite of the fact that but little practice time has been available, a great deal of interest has been taken in the preparation of these plays and we trust that they may convey a good bit of the Christmas spirit.

Indoor Track Meet

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track was a novel experience for the boys, and the real value of the meet to the boys cannot be estimated by any one not witnessing the several hundred boys in competition.

It is hoped that this meet was just a forerunner of several more to follow, and as the indoor season advances and some of the experienced men compete, together with these new men gaining experience, that Port will also come home with some of the prizes.

But after all, it is not the winning of prizes that really counts. The competition, the rubbing of shoulders with the other fellows, and the feeling that a fellow is one of the "gang," and that you are doing your bit for the school and your best for yourself, are the things which will be remembered after the school days are over.

French Club Organizes

Under the direction of Miss Rasmussen, the French Club, consisting of the second and third year pupils, held its first meeting last Friday. Myra Grant acted as Chairman and Stephen Trautschauld as Secretary. All nominations and business were carried on in French.

The following officers were elected:
 President Marion Birkel
 Vice-President Milton Ryeck
 Secretary Julia Hopkins
 Treasurer Evelyn Avery
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 Beulah Guilford

William Peyser

Laura Morrison

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