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Fratry Dance Coming

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Fraternity is going to hold a dance. You say that's nothing to get excited about? Well, do you remember the previous events managed by this organization? This dance is going to be as great a success, if not greater than any previous event. The Dance Committees have enthusiastically started their work and have handed in reports already. The Beacon Five has been decided on for the music. The Refreshment Committee has its plans all worked out and the fellows have all co-operated in this respect. The Publicity Committee's work may be seen in the halls. The tickets for the dance are on sale and may be gotten from any member.

If you're really looking for a good time plan to go to this dance. The Fraternity guarantees to give you the best dance of the year. This is a big assertion but the Fraternity lives up to its promises.

Fratry Meetings Lively

The Fraternity meeting held last Thursday evening was a snappy business meeting. It was decided that the refreshments for this week's meeting would be provided by Harry Erb, Winfred Hamm and Steven Chambers.

Tickets for the Fraternity Dance, December 16th, may be had from any Fraternity member.

The two new members entered this week are Howard Emmerich and Charles Evanovsky.

There was some discussion of having a Fraternity basketball team. This team would be composed of Fraternity members who are not picked for the school team and who wish to participate. MacKinney was chosen captain.

The two proposed amendments to the Constitution, which are to be voted upon at the next meeting are: That all members who left school or who are graduates are to be considered as associate members and that all members taken in the club from September 1st shall be initiated at a regular initiation.

Owing to the Thanksgiving holidays the Port Weekly did not appear and the meeting of November 23rd has not previously been reported. Here is what took place: The decoration and sale of tickets for the dance were discussed. A proposed Fraternity ice hockey team was discussed. After the meeting Al Beach told of some of his Freshman experiences at Rensselaer Polytech.

French Club Organized

The second and third year French classes have decided to organize a French Club. The meetings will probably be held once a month and it is intended that French and French only be spoken at these meetings. Each member, who desires it, is to have a French correspondent. Everything has not been decided as yet, but the addresses of the French students have been sent for and it is hoped that masterpieces of French literature will soon be speeding across the Atlantic.

This is the first club of its kind to be organized in the school and it is hoped that it will be a success.

Celerity's Important Meeting

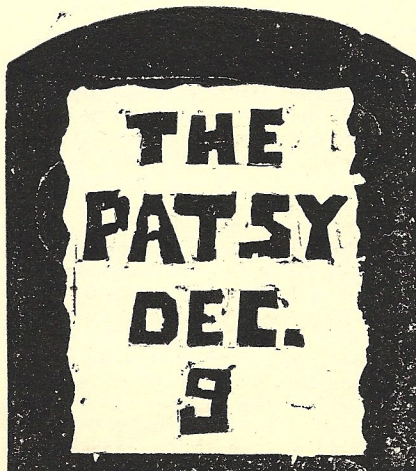
The Celerity had an important meeting in the Library last Thursday night. In the absence of the President, Marjorie Carmichael, the Vice-President, Katie Zuris took charge.

The members who were voted in at the last meeting were present and showed marked interest in the business of the meeting. There will be a special meeting next week to initiate the new members. Following a "red hot" initiation there will be a delicious spread served by the initiation committee.

The design for the Celerity Banner was decided upon. It is to be about forty-eight inches long, eighteen inches wide and is to have a "P" in one corner, a "W" in the other, and the word "Celerity" down the middle.

The meeting adjourned at about 9.30.

A Big Event — Don't Miss It



Designed and cut by Winfred Hamm

'The Patsy' Looks Good

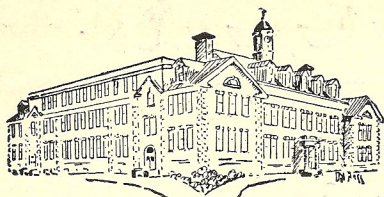
Sketches Given in Assembly

Friday afternoon the Junior and Senior High Schools held a joint assembly. We were entertained with some sketches from the Port Light play, "THE PATSY," which is to be given on the night of December 9th. Scotty MacVicar acted as chairman. He gave a few vital facts concerning the play.

The first sketch was taken from the opening act. Bill Newland and Helen Leyden gave an excellent representation of what peaceful family home-life should consist of, much to the whole-hearted amusement of the audience. The second sketch was a bit longer and although many of the students were in a fuddle because of the break in continuity, it did not detract in the least from the excellent acting of the cast. Doris Chase, Tommy Fay, Betty Cluff, and Helen Leyden were the main characters in this sketch. The acting in this part also was exceptionally good and the curtain again closed with a burst of applause from the students. The third sketch was from the final act. The curtain disclosed the main characters of the play, "Rat" Moore as Tony Anderson and Doris Hiller as the Patsy, and each played a difficult role to the great satisfaction and amusement of the audience. Daniel Horowitz proved to be an excellent Irishman in the part of Patrick O'Flaherty. Helen Leyden also appeared in this sketch, but to our surprise did not weep so copiously as in the other two sketches. If we are to base our opinions on these interesting sketches, it is readily seen that we are in for an excellent entertainment on Friday night.

No doubt the curiosity of many of the students is aroused as to the ending of the play. The only logical way to find out is to buy a ticket and come and see for yourself. Tell your parents about it also, and bring them to see the great dramatic sensation of the season. Regular tickets are \$.75 apiece. For \$.25 additional these may be exchanged at Mr. Merrill's office for reserved seats.

It was with great regret that The Port Weekly learned of the death of Mr. William Hyde, founder and editor of The Port Washington News. During his many years of leadership Mr. Hyde was always active in behalf of the schools of Port Washington and gave freely of his time and influence to further their interests.



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Editorial Comment

Now

Upon picking up any New York newspaper, whether it be a good one or a scandal sheet, one can read of our snail-like machine of justice.

From those papers one deduces that this is the method of meting out justice: A murder occurs. Arrests follow. Then a long trial ending in a sentence perhaps—if the defense lawyer has not gained acquittal by proving that the chief witness has stolen some time and is therefore unfit to testify, and in that manner caused acquittal. If a sentence is pronounced it is very often thwarted by means that we poor mortals can never understand.

Perhaps there are people who disagree with such statements. If there are any, let them peruse the issues of the newspapers containing accounts of such trials as Fall-Doheny, Hall-Mills, or countless others that have provided such delight to all the newspapers. The front pages of all the papers were blazoned with more or less sympathy for them. The yellow

The Fair of The Iron Horse

In February, 1827, plans were made for the first railroad in the United States. Accordingly, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was chartered and tracks were laid from Baltimore westward. At first horses were to be used for motive power, but Peter Cooper, an engine builder, persuaded the company to use steam locomotives. The "B. & O." Railroad is now one of the three great railroad systems of this country.

Last February, a century after the starting of the railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad officials held a centenary dinner and made plans for a great centennial fair to be held in autumn.

Accordingly a fair was held the last weeks of September. Huge engines were moved to the fair grounds at Halethorpe, near Baltimore. Exhibition tracks were built. Buildings were erected, and a huge oval of tracks was built so that engines, floats and cars might parade each day.

In the building were signals, models of ancient engines, telegraphs, telephones, model bridges, and all things connected with railroads. On the exhibition tracks were electric, gas-electric and steam engines, together with passenger and freight cars of all descriptions. The "Capitol Limited," one of the best trains in the world, was present, from engine to observation car. Among the locomotives was the "King George V," a modern engine sent over by England. The absence of headlights on this engine seemed quite conspicuous. The engine was built low to pass under English tunnels.

Every afternoon except on Sundays and Mondays, a pageant was held on the oval of tracks. It took three hours to view the pageant from any one point.

The pageant proceeded thus: first came a float bearing a band; next came floats showing different stages of transportation before railroads; then came to the surprise of all—a tiny steam engine, built in 1831, running under its own power! This engine was "Tom Thumb," built by Peter Cooper, the first American-built steam locomotive. Then came other engines of many old types. Among these was a "camelback" with the cab on top of the boiler. Some of these

scandal monging tabloids were not the only ones, for even those papers which boast of such mottoes as "All the Fits that's News to Print" are guilty of this thing.

These affairs will constitute the questions that WE, as future citizen-voters, will have to cope with. WE must study this situation NOW and be ready to wipe this menace from the future annals of our country and NOT let the United States become a fallen glory as was Rome.

Let's Support the Concerts

No doubt many members of the student body have been following with interest the series of concerts that are being given in the St. Stephen's Parish Hall. Two of these artists, Mr. Anton Rovinsky and Mr. Jerome Swinford, have kindly favored the school with short recitals. It is through the efforts of Alan Porter that we have been able to hear these noted musicians in our assemblies. To show our gratitude we should do a little "canvassing" for this series of concerts and help to make the recitals a success by advertising them as much as possible for they have not proved to be a financial success.

On December 8th, the star contralto, Miss Marguerite D'Alfores, is to give a concert in St. Stephen's Parish Hall. The support at the evening concerts has not been sufficient to warrant an earlier trip from the city so that she could sing at our afternoon assembly.

However, by sufficient patronage on our part we hope the school will be able to hear the other members of the series.

The next of the series will be the Hart House String Quartet, a national institution in Canada which has won great popularity both in Canada and the United States.

A Ferry Boat

Hammer: My great-grandfather came over on the "Mayflower."

Lovejoy: Is that boat still running?

A Correction

Due to the mixing of the material, last week's editorial appeared in incorrect order. Anyone who is interested in re-reading it will find it more logical to read the last paragraph first, the first paragraph second and the second paragraph last.

engines pulled trains loaded with people in old-time costumes, while others traveled alone or pulled ancient freight cars.

After the "old-timers" came a parade of huge modern leviathans of the rails. Among these was the English engine mentioned above.

On one day 74,000 people witnessed the fair, or rather 73,950 did, for 50 were overcome by heat.

It is interesting to know that the "B. & O." Railroad still operates under the 1827 charter and that it is still organized under the same plan.

When we look over a century of Baltimore and Ohio progress and realize the value of such a railroad to humanity, we sincerely wish many more such centuries of progress.

Further information may be obtained from the November "St. Nicholas" or the catalogue of the exposition, both of which are in the library.

Basketball Practice Begins

The spectacular bang of the end run and the glamor and zip of the forward pass are past history—gone for another year at least, and basketball, the thrilling court game, has come home to roost after an enforced absence of eight months.

Monday afternoon, November 21st, in Room 35, the winter pastime received its due recognition when forty-five candidates, a majority of them ex-football men, congregated to lend ears to a spirited meeting. According to Mr. Utz, our coach who presided, the basket-ball squad to be carried over will consist of a first team of eight men and a second team of the same number. Practice sessions will be conducted on Mondays and Wednesdays from four to six.

When Mr. Utz took hold of the football team he instituted a new system of play. Basketball will see its change too, for our mentor intends to establish the Meanwell system of basketball which has been so effective in all places where it has been taught. Mr. Meanwell is the coach out in the wide open spaces of the "Big Ten" where he has produced ten conference champions.

Spanish Flag on Exhibit

Perhaps you have noticed the large red and yellow flag hanging on the front wall of the Spanish room. This Spanish flag was given to Mr. Lyons by Clemente Pereda of Porto Rico. The coat of arms of Spain which hangs just below the flag was painted by a former pupil of Mr. Lyons, Francisco Robles of Juncos, Porto Rico. Those who have seen it have probably noticed the beauty of the painting. Mr. Lyons says that the highest ambition of his former pupil was to be an artist. I suggest that you go to Room 20 and examine this painting. Then judge for yourselves whether or not Francisco's dream has been realized.

If anyone in the High School has a flag of a South American country or something Spanish, Mr. Lyons would be very much pleased if he would lend it to him.

Faculty Men Have Dinner

The men of the faculty and their guests met at the Flower Hill school Tuesday evening, November 29th, for one of their frequent dinners. The thirteen, who sat down at the tables promptly at six o'clock, found that the number present had had no unlucky effect on the quality of the meal that awaited them. A rib roast of pork was the *piece de resistance*; this was well supported by an abundance of apple sauce, potatoes with plenty of brown gravy; Parker House rolls, jam, coffee, and ice cream and cake. The fact that the committee had miscalculated slightly in not furnishing enough ice cream for all did not mar the evening in the least.

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 6.	Hicksville	.....	Here
Jan. 13.	Manhasset	.....	There
Jan. 27.	Great Neck	.....	Here
Feb. 3.	Roslyn	.....	There
Feb. 10.	Hicksville	.....	There
Feb. 17.	Manhasset	.....	Here
Mar. 2.	Great Neck	.....	There
Mar. 9.	Roslyn	.....	Here

All Games at 8.30 p.m.

Talks in Biology Classes

Wednesday, November the twenty-third, the classes in biology were treated to an unusual feature of study. Mrs. Mary Sage, a representative of the National Association of Audubon Societies, spent the entire morning talking to the various classes in biology about the birds commonly found wintering in New York State.

Mrs. Sage used the stereopticon machine to illustrate the birds about which she was speaking. A rather unique plan for obtaining slides was explained by Mrs. Sage, namely, that one dollar will be given to anyone succeeding in taking a usable picture of any bird in New York. Two dollars is offered for a picture of a cardinal, as Mrs. Sage has not been able to satisfactorily ascertain the presence of that bird.

Mrs. Sage explained the habits of our feathered friends, showing the good they accomplish and the reasons for their protection. Some laws were explained, particularly the law forbidding the use of a gun by anyone under the age of sixteen, and Mrs. Sage advised anyone under that age to go out hunting with a camera.

There are many brown-coated birds among our friends, the females often being brown in contrast with the bright colors of the males, and Mrs. Sage endeavored to point out the differences between the various birds. A great many of the beneficial birds are now mistaken for the English Sparrow, which drives away some of our more helpful friends. The Song Sparrow, gray and brown in color and about six inches in length, is one of the birds which is frequently mistaken for the English Sparrow. This little friend does much good by destroying weed seeds and many insects. This bird can be easily recognized because of its wedge-shaped streaks of black and brown with a large blotch in the center of its breast.

Various means of attracting these birds were explained by Mrs. Sage. Suet stick, bird's baths, nesting boxes and feed boxes may be used. Mrs. Sage had a suet stick and also a ruby-throated hummingbird's nest which was so small that it was looked upon with great wonder and interest by the students. Mrs. Sage said that the eggs of the hummingbird are about the size of green peas.

The talk was very interesting and each of the classes went out much wiser than when they entered. We all hope that Mrs. Sage will be able to be with us again in the future.

Indoor Track Meeting

Tuesday, November 22nd, in Room 34, the season's first indoor track meeting was held and a large number of future Nurmi's turned out. With "Lem" Lovejoy, track captain and New York State's high jumping champion, posing for photographers, Mr. Seeber presided and gave the boys some absorbing facts.

Indoor track is not only a sport in itself but also it is an excellent conditioner for all outdoor sports. It keeps one in healthy condition throughout the winter so that when spring rolls around one is fully in trim for any event.

Practice sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays so that they will not conflict with basketball practice. Due to the narrowness of the indoor track at the Flower Hill gym, open competition cannot be attempted. The cracks who have the fastest time will be paired for further elimination contests. Those who qualify at practice will attend a big meet in the city where the speedsters of the state will perform. Port's cross-country team will attend such a meet on December 17th, at the 71st Regiment Armory.

Original Manuscript Given to School

Last week Mr. Vivian Burnett added several interesting articles to the collection in the trophy case in the library. These articles are of interest to us because they had some connection with the life of his famous mother, the late Frances Hodgson Burnett, who lived in Plandome for several years.

Mrs. Burnett was a famous authoress and wrote many books and articles for magazines. Among her best known books are, "Robin," "The Secret Garden" and "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Mr. Burnett has loaned us the first chapter of the original manuscript of this book, in Mrs. Burnett's own writing.

Mr. Burnett has also loaned to the school one of the original illustrations used in "Little Lord Fauntleroy." One of the books which Mrs. Burnett owned as a child is also on exhibit in the library. This book was a reward for good deportment and the book is inscribed to that effect.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Burnett for the manuscript of one of Mrs. Burnett's essays which he has given to the school for its permanent collection.

Mr. Russell Carter, supervisor of music, in State Department of Education, visited Port Washington High School on Tuesday, November 15th. As a result of his visit our school is again approved for credit for orchestra and glee club work. The new system of credit allows one-half unit, formerly 2½ counts, for two years' work.

A Christmas Adventure

A young man and a young woman approached 184 Main Street and stepped gaily into the MARMON SHOP as if set on adventure. The young man sternly demanded, "A Marmon Roadster, sir!" The agent jumped up and gladly sold the roadster for the boy and girl to go for a spree in. The pair hopped into the car, and rode up our wonderful Main Street a bit until they came to THE COMMUNITY GIFT SHOP and there they dashed in and the girl selected her birthday gift. They again set out but were beset by pangs of hunger and as they were in front of GINER'S BAKERY they went in and nearly bought the store out. They turned around and started down Main Street again, but terrible as it seems the roadster met with grief as it ran into the "Road Closed" sign at the corner of Carlton Avenue. However, just the front lights and a few minor things were hurt. The young man ran up to W. H. SHIELDS and bought the new parts necessary. While repairs were in progress the girl decided to have her Christmas pictures taken that she had wanted so long. She went up to STANLEY MASON'S and sat prettily while her friend was struggling with the car. He finally finished the task and went up to meet her. Each was to trim the Xmas tree for smaller brothers and sisters, so they went up to SMILES, our wonderful 3c, 9c and 19c-up department store. There they bought their Xmas tree ornaments and went on. The girl had read of THE NEW YORK STORE in the Port Weekly, their school paper, and never having been there before, she decided she would see what they had.

They then remembered that they had to get a PRESCRIPTION filled so they went to HUNOLD'S. Just as they were getting into the Marmon again, the girl discovered a run in her stocking. Having just noticed that SWEDE'S was advertised in the Port Weekly, she insisted on being taken down to their store to get a new pair of stockings.

Then they drove down to the high school to exchange tickets for themselves and six other friends so that they would be sure of good seats for THE PATSY which the high school pupils are giving on Friday, December 9th.

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