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"Prunella" Played Successfully

Gala Event Comes Off Many Students Attend

Last Saturday evening a large audience gathered at the auditorium of the new high school witnessed a presentation of "Prunella" by the students of the Port Washington High School. This was the first play in the new auditorium.

The acting was very good. The whole cast deserves much credit for the success of the play. The various committees also should get their share of the praise. Ed. Miller and his assistants certainly managed the lighting equipment well. The costuming was very well worked out.

This three act play is quite well adapted for high school acting and it would be very hard to imagine it acted better. There was also a special music accompanying it.

The new auditorium is as well equipped as any professional theater. The stage equipment is all that could be hoped for. Back stage there is also much equipment. You will have to take our word for this for it is hard to get there.

Those who were ushers the night of the play deserve congratulations for the good work they did. Finally, the students deserve thanks for selling tickets.

Movies Get

Coolidge Complex

Machine "Does Not Choose

To Run" in Assembly

On Thursday, March 28, the students left the auditorium without seeing the happy ending to the motion picture version of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, which was being presented in assembly. The machine got so hot (with indignation at old Scrooge?) that it positively refused to cool down and tell the audience the end of the story. As all persuasion from the faculty was useless, the program was discontinued soon afterwards. The assembly filed out in the usual disorder.

Nevertheless, the students were much entertained by old Scrooge of the screen. Marley's ghost made the biggest hit of the program. And many students enjoyed themselves wondering

Port Enters New Building

One of Long Island Finest

Dedication Held

Last Saturday

No More Free Periods;

Full Schedules Assigned

Last Monday the first classes were held in Port's fine new high school building. Since then Port students have had the privilege of the best equipped high school buildings on Long Island.

Last Saturday afternoon at two-thirty this building was dedicated. The ceremony was held in the auditorium. Among the speakers were the Rev. D. S. McAlpine, Walter R. Schaeffer, representing the builders, G. Houston Burr, representing the architects, and Arthur T. Lowry, President of the Board of Education, Dr. George M. Wiley, Assistant Commissioner of Education of the University of the State of New York, delivered an interesting address and of course Mr. Merrill made a few announcements. After the dedication the visitors were invited to inspect the building. The numerous improvements were shown to the public. Among these is the splendid auditorium. Not only is it larger than the auditorium in the Main Street building but it is better in every other way. The lighting equipment is much more elaborate, there is plenty of room back-stage, there are no inconvenient balcony supports and there is better ventilation.

The library is larger, there are show cases in the halls for the display of various articles, such as books, trophies, etc. The halls are wider, the laboratories are larger and better equipped. And the cafeteria is all that could be wished for. This cafeteria is furnished as a modern restaurant. It is well lighted and well equipped. These are just a few of the many improvements.

Last Monday an assembly was held to notify the pupils of various items about the use of the building. After this Mr. Merrill made various announcements. Each student will be assigned to a definite seat on the auditorium for assembly, and each student must make it his duty to see that he reaches this seat promptly but with the minimum of "traffic jams". The

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Social Science Club Formed

History Students Organize

Most of the school has by this time heard rumors of the new social science club which has been formed by the History classes. From all appearances this society will be one of the best of the high school, as various honors and degrees are to be awarded when a student has completed certain courses in History. To join, one must pass certain courses.

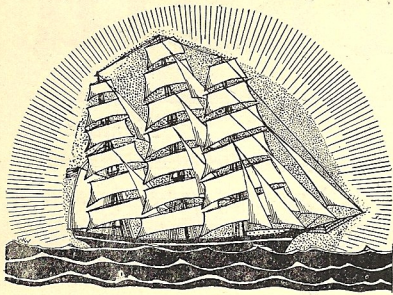
At the elections held last week Wednesday, Lois Lewthwaite was elected president. (They are not going to call the officers by the usual titles but will use them until better ones have been adopted) Bill Peyser—Vice President, Dot Williamson—Secretary, Mildred Erb—Treasurer. A constitutional committee is at work now and expect sometime in the near future to present the club with a model(?) constitution (which everyone will live up to ?)

Over 35 members have joined now (no initiation as yet) and a great many are expected as soon as its existence has been published. Anyone interested in joining should see Mr. Studley, by whose efforts the club was organized, or one of the above officers, for the requirements.

The club has planned numerous activities for the future. As soon as the new school is open, of course, lots more can be accomplished. It is hoped that Historical Fiction Library will be formed. The main object is to get the students of History in closer contact therein a somewhat social medium. Some of the members also plan to investigate various types of business to enable the other members to choose what college can help them the most and for what profession they are best suited. They will probably even give a dance.

how it would be if the story were in vitaphone or movietone.

After the untimely interruption, Mr. Merrill advised those who wished to know the rest of the story to look it up in the Library.



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Would It Succeed?

If a pupil of the Great Neck High School has a 90 average in all subjects for a period of six weeks he is privileged to cut as many classes as he wishes during the following month. In addition he is exempt from all monthly tests. It is thought that a student with ninety average will want to keep his average up consequently he will not be absent from too many classes. This system is an incentive for the students. It will make everyone try to get good marks and not be satisfied with mere 80's. Pupils with 90 averages are exempt by all teachers but a few from examinations at the end of the term in Port Washington. There are no drastic results. Besides there are less papers to correct.

This plan is a success in the Great Neck High School. It might be found worth while if tried in our new school

SPRING FEVER

It is about this time of the year when everything is so fresh and springlike that the students find it more impossible than ever to concentrate upon their lessons. It certainly seems a shame to waste the precious hours that could be spent out-of-doors, in school studying. Spring fever begins to fall upon the high school with a vengeance. The school week drags out over countless centuries while Saturday and Sunday fly on wings. This is a very sad state of affairs but it has happened yearly and will continue to happen as long as school is school and pupils are pupils. There is one encouraging thing however, summer vacation will be here in three months.

WATCH YOUR STEP

Everyone seems to be delighted with the school. There is plenty of room and plenty of sunlight and everything is fresh and clean. We all realize that it is part of our duty to keep it this way. We now have one of the most modern and up-to-date schools in the state and of course we are proud of it. Let us show our cooperation and appreciation by doing our best to keep our school looking as well as it does now. That surely is not too much to ask.

Should Regents

Be Abolished?

Although this subject has been discussed and argued to a great extent by the students and even some teachers, the results have not always been what the students wished. Regents are to me, at least, the most horrible of nightmares. And to those people who have to correct the papers, regents should be worse than a nightmare at least if they are human beings. Why regents examinations always fall on the hottest days of June and the nastiest, wettest, days of January, it is difficult to discover. However, as regents were invented I think, for the student's discomfiture, the climate should agree with the regents and make it all the more exasperating.

Regents as everything else have their good points. But they are so few that one has to use a magnifying glass to find them—(Note: Freshmen do not take that statement literally!). Some people say, "Well, it's either college boards or regents!" All I can say is that maybe some day all college board examinations will be abolished.

Many states in the Union have abolished the regents so let's hope that New York State will become educated enough to abolish them also!

—Winifred Croucher

Editor's Note:— Students are invited to voice their opinions on this subject

Our Mail Bag

As for the article in the March 20 issue of the Port Weekly on the abolition of the Port Light, I wish to express my opinion.

The present cry in our high school to abolish Port Light seems to me to be a crime, as the expression goes. To me there seems to be several outstanding reasons that would outweigh any which might be brought before me. If the coming issue of the annual compares with the ones of the past, the following reasons will prove that the Popular Yearly Edition should be continued.

First the year book brings together all the events and outstanding features of the school year in a compact, neat and well bound volume which every loyal student past or present keeps and respects as a mile stone in the events of his or her life.

The Port Light at present does not pay itself but an additional sum added to the present cost would easily pay for its publication. Because it does not pay for itself does not say that it is a waste of money for even our weekly does not pay for itself.

The great interest in the Port Light is shown by the many who are continually asking about the progress of it when it is away at press. The enthusiasm which prevails when the book is off press in a large way justifies the continued publication.

The statement that the pictures and sayings were dry and boring seems to me to be the expression of someone who has not seen the great welcome that we give the annual. If this is wrong, the individual is one with radical ideas or possibly one who doesn't subscribe.

The pictures are different each year and the sayings are fore the most quite fitting to the character which they represent. The sayings connected with the weakness of Seniors are new, for very seldom do we find the main weakness of two students the same.

The plan of the Weekly replacing the annual is entirely unsatisfactory. The class issue system has been tried out in this school; but, may I ask, who would trade one handsome, well bound and compact volume of the Port Light for any group of issues of the Weekly? Who finds it boring or uninteresting to be in the scramble for autographs when the annual arrives? No one, of course! Well then why should we discontinue our Year Book? Why should break the traditions of those who have gone before us when the Port Light provides enjoyment and serves as a mile stone in our lives by summing up the last or beginning days in our high school.

With these facts in mind let everybody get behind the wheel and drive LIGHT.

Charles Williams '29.

North Shore and Long Island Track Meets To Be At Port

Dual Meets May Be Held

Track Practice Monday

Port's outdoor track meet will have plenty of competition this spring. The Long Island meet will be conducted by Port Washington at the Flower Hill Field this June. In addition there is the North Shore meet, which will take the place of the annual Invitation Track Meet this spring. Last year dual meets were arranged with Great Neck and Garden City. The first of these opened the new 440 track at Flower Hill and was the only meet held there last year. Coach Utz hopes to again arrange dual meets with these two high schools as well as with one or two others.

The County meet, which is held at Mineola each year, will again be held after a year's lapse. Mr. Utz has been considering sending a team down to the Penn relays. If this plan should take shape it would be the first meet of the season.

Port should have a good chance of winning the County and Long Island meets this year if enough of the boys come out for practice. If there are enough on the squad to pick up the third and fourth places, Port should have no difficulty in winning its meets.

Port has two fellows still in school who took places in the Long Island meet last year. They are Tom Williamson and Cletus Polk. Tom took second in the half-mile last year and Clete grabbed a third place in the pole-vault. There are also several fellows who showed up well in the indoor season and who are now practising outside.

The first outdoor practice of the season was held Monday afternoon. If there are any boys who have not signed up for the squad and who wish to do so, it is not yet too late.

The last meet of the indoor season was the St. John's meet a couple of weeks ago. Port was entered but the numbers did not come soon enough.

Mr. Utz expects strong competition from Hempstead in the Long Island meet. Last year, the first that Hempstead had had a track team, the school took third place. Southampton took first place and Port second. We certainly would like to see some Port boy take a first place and take Lovejoy's place in the State meet.

NEWS A LA "POR TWEELY"

Who has seen the MUGGLEWUMPS? Who has seen the MUGGLEWUMPS? What, who, where are they? It is very important that their identity be learned. Two weeks ago queer noises were heard behind the locked door of Mr. Merrill's office. A few of the people who heard the mysterious squeak crowded eagerly about the door working up enough courage to break through it. Only another second passed before they burst in, being sure at last that they had solved the cause of so much trouble. But once more they were mistaken for they looked only upon an empty office. Many such instances have occurred which have finally resulted in the neglect of homework. Naturally when any question which arises in school has reached the point where it disturbs school-work something has to be done immediately. Everybody must enter in and discover these things called MUGGLEWUMPS if they want to keep the good standards of the school. Any attempt on the solution will be gladly excepted.

ISN'T THIS RIGHT?

The green Freshmen on the campus and the muddy ground has at last brought the first signs of Spring, and with it, Spring Fever. Dave Clarkson has stopped studying, as have his other colleagues. The teachers have tripped the homework, much to the joy of the students. Sometimes they really get mad and make you sit with hands clasped and holding the book in two hands. No fooling, but the periods are long, too long to get the full enjoyment of one and a half sticks of gum.

Now one cure for this Spring Seasickness has been mentioned on Page 3, Column 5 (see next year's copy). Another is to get thrown out of class for a couple of months. Then cram, take the Regents, flunk it, and when you take the subject again, you will know the study, so there would be no necessity for working hard that term.

Then, don't go to school at all. Just go to a Utopia and Loaf like the staff. With these arguments, we, the students of the Port Washington High School, do hereby adopt and establish a system whereby homework is eliminated (without the permission of the Board).

BASEBALL GAME WITH ROSLYN

TO BE HELD FRIDAY

ON MAIN ST. FIELD

There will be a practise game with the Roslyn nine on the Main Street Field next Friday afternoon at 4.00. Mr. Seeber has arranged this game in order to have a practise game before the regular season opens. The team has now been practising for nearly two weeks and has been making fast progress.

There are seven of last year's letter men on this year's team. All of the positions except those in the outfield can be filled with letter men of last year. Port has an exceptionally strong battery this year. Charley Evanosky will do the bulk of the pitching. Charley has been taking things rather easy so far, favoring his arm, but he will soon be steaming over the plate as fast as ever. Charley was the star pitcher of the Greys, the team that won the championship of the Twilight League last year. If he can get into the form he was in last summer, it will go a long way towards having another championship team.

Raymond Smith and Hugh Gilbert will be the back-stops of the team, the one playing in an outfield berth while the other is catching. Phil Seraphine has first call on the first base position. "Aggie" Terrell holds down second base. "Kosky" Kurejwo plays short and Tom Leyden, who looks so much like Joe Dugan on the field, guards the hot corner.

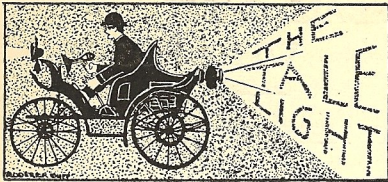
That infield combination ought to make the pitcher feel a lot more confident and cut down the number of infield errors. Clete Polk will help Charley out with the pitching.

Game at Main St. Field

Since the work on the new diamond at Flower Hill is far behind schedule The left field fence on the Main Street field is rather short and several players have already found the range in practice. The center fielder and the right fielder have to run down the hill for long flies but the infield is fairly smooth.

The new diamond may be ready before the season is over; probably it will be ready for one of the last games of the season in much of the same way as the track was ready for the last track meet last year. This is the second year in succession that Port has played on the Main Street Field. A year ago the field at Flower Hill was torn up in the construction of the track. The new field will be a fine one and it will take a real bona fide cloyt for a home run. The nearest fence is far beyond the reach of any batter in these parts.

The North Shore League this year includes Manhasset, Great Neck, Mineola and Port.



Not What We Expected

Strange isn't it? We thought Charley Newman was going to hand that bouquet to _____ Saturday night.

Too Bad

There's no clock on the tower of this building. That means that when you're late you can't say the school clock was wrong.

We Knew It All Along

Did you notice that Mr. Lyons' room is still next to Miss Christholm's?

Disappointed

"No improvement here," said the Port student as he turned on a drinking fountain that "did not choose to run".

And So He Fainted

A swift blow. Silence. Another and still yet another. What was it???? Silence. "The next . . ." Again? The voice of the eyrie. Singing rent the air. It was coming nearer. He could feel the quick breathing. Something cold ran up his spine. Ah! All was now clear. He could plainly hear the voice of the announcer saying: "This is Litman's, located on Broadway and 21st Street. We have on sale just extremely preponderous bargains in lingerie. If the article does not fit or suit you, merely bring it back to Litman's and your money will be cheerfully returned. The next number will be . . ."

Our Mail (?) Bag

Dear Editor:

I am a young and timid girl of 16 and there are lots of things I would like you to help me with. This is a very embarrassing question and I hate to ask you but I know you will understand. I often get cold feet but I have no one else to ask and if I make a mistake now it may affect my future. I could go to the School Doctor or Nurse but I am afraid. Maybe you will tell me, dear Miss Fairfax, is it time to change from winter to summer underwear?

Your Shrinking VIOLET.

Read the Home Paper

**THE PORT
WASHINGTON NEWS**

Now in its 26th Year

Students Publish

Surprise Issue

At last the long awaited surprise has come. Last Monday during the noon hour a copy of what the Port Weekly should(?) be was sold to the student body. Many cracks were made about various people in the school, but were very unintentional.

The nickel was charged to defray the expense of printing. So many people do not subscribe to the Weekly anyhow, that it was better that it was done.

The staff is greatly indebted to the fellows that helped to sell the issue, not only in this school but also in the Main Street Junior High. In the latter place Albert Palminteri was in charge of the circulation. His assistants were William Emmerich, Herbert Irwin and Thomas Hutchinson.

The newsboys in this school were Donald Caldwell, Stephen Trautschold, Vincent Moore and Douglas Shiley. With their efficient managing they sold over three hundred copies. The amount in the other school has not been estimated but approximately one hundred and fifty were sold.

The staff of this special issue hope that everyone enjoyed the jokes.

Port Enters New Building

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continuance of this system will depend on the way the students make use of it.

Mr. Merrill also asked the students to be careful with the school property. After several more announcements were made, Mr. Sheldon lead the students in Auld Lang Syne. Then the assembly was dismissed. The students filed out with infinitely less confusion than when entering, which isn't saying much.

Let it also be known that the office wishes to know where every student is from nine o'clock to twelve o'clock and from one fifteen to three thirty, so if you want to work on "The Port Weekly" advise the teacher in charge of the study-hall of your intentions. A regular schedule of typists will be arranged soon for the convenience of everyone concerned.

ALPHA BETA SIGMAS

HOLD DANCE

Altho' the Alpha Beta Sigma society is not an official part of school life it might be well just the same to mention the dance they held during Easter vacation. The dance lasted until one-thirty when the orchestra found it necessary to stop until a time payment was paid. This done they kept on playing until two when everyone went home. This dance reminded the college students of college and the high school students of what was yet to come.

Everywhere

Exchanges

In the 'Red and Black' of Patchogue High there is an article of interest about an aeroplane club. A thing of this sort is very likely to bring about great results.

The pupils of the State College of Washington as stated in the "Washington Evergreen", are having heated discussion on the questions of changing from a concert band to a pep band with jazz type music.

Question—Translate: Haec in Gallia est importanus.

Answer — Hike into Gaul: it's important.

In Hornell High School the pupils had a very interesting assembly, Mr. Bradly, now blind, a former member of the Hornell baseball team, and prominent athlete, spoke to the student body in the assembly.

"That man playing forward will soon be our best man."

"Oh, this is so sudden." — The Monitor.

The March issue of "The Monitor" was put out by the Sophomore class and they are greatly to be congratulated. The twelve page issue was "just chock full of news and jokes." It was the first time ever edited by the Sophomore class and being a twelve page issue, usually it consists of eight pages. Keep up the good work—Sophs !!!

There must of been a great deal of excitement in Loraine, Wyoming; last week as the annual Tournament took place. Fifty three schools and forty teams were represented. Many good games held a great deal of interest, but as usual, so did Academics. "The Branding Iron" has this article written up very well and all the details can be found there.

A farmer's love letter:

My "sweet potato,"

Do you "carrot" all for me? My heart "beets" for you. You are the "apple" of my eye. If we "cantaloupe", "letuce" marry. We will be a happy "pear."

—The Nautilus.

"May I print a kiss on your lips?" I asked

She nodded her sweet permission.

Well, we went to press

And I rather guess—

We printed a large edition!

—The Monitor.

Sign on a Lunch Wagon:
Come in or we will both starve.