

The Port Weekly

Don't forget to see "Little Women" to be presented December 18. Tickets are on sale now. Buy your tickets now.

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Celerity Initiates Five New Members

N.Y.U. Scholarship Changed

Thursday night the number of Celerity members who responded to the roll call was very gratifying. The business meeting, disposed of first, was fast and furious. President Purdy, Secretary Terrell and Miss Christholm held many consultations about the Constitution. Final plans were made for those who will act as usherettes for "Little Women."

Then five trembling initiates were led in and put through the third degree. Connie Caldwell favored us with a tap dance and Mary Reed with a song. The rest must remain a deep dark secret.

The scholarship which Maryon Birkel holds for New York University has been transferred to Margaret Dunn. Maryon has been unable to attend on account of ill-health and had to give it up. The next on the list for the scholarship was Margaret Dunn. She will take up the duration of the three year course.

"La Tertulia" To Hold Dance February 22

"La Tertulia," the Spanish Club, met Tuesday afternoon in Mr. Lyons' room but due to some delay the slides which were to be shown did not arrive. However, after Herbert Sinkinson, the chairman, called the meeting to order a very interesting and important discussion came up.

It had been suggested by a member that the Club give a dance in place of the usual Freshman dance. Mr. Merrill finally decided that there should be six dances a year, the three class dances, the Celerity Dance, the Fraternity Dance, and the remaining dance by whatever Club applied for it first.

Therefore, the Spanish Club has decided, with Mr. Merrill's permission, to hold the sixth dance. Committees have been appointed and many novel plans are on foot. A rumor has been heard about a tango to be given by — sh — sh — that would tell, — but the dance promises to be better than the others and to make a name for the Spanish Club.

February 22nd, Washington's birthday, was chosen as the date, so keep it in your minds and don't let it slip. Get your tickets early!!!

Before the Paper Goes to Press

The next issue of "The Port Weekly," which will have six pages, will cost her subscribers an extra nickel per copy. A special supplement will be put out, containing pictures of the football and hockey squads. Also pictures of the cast of "Little Women" will be shown. The ads which will be solicited cannot pay for the entire cost of this issue, so "The Port Weekly" asks your kind assistance in making that issue a success.

Leo Lanman Captain Next Season

At the Fraternity Banquet Mr. Seeber announced that the election for Captain next season resulted in a tie between Leo Lanman and Cletus Polk. This meant that two Captains would be on the team. "Clete" thought this would not work out so well, so he gave up in favor of Leo. As one of the speakers of the evening said, being Captain did not count so much, but the spirit each fellow put into the game.

Beulah Guilford Recuperating in N. Y.

Beulah Guilford, who was operated on last Friday, is now doing very well. She was confined to the Park East Hospital under the care of Dr. Malinck, a French Plastic surgeon. The operation which was made was very successful. We are all anxious to see just what the nose will look like when it is healed.

Circle Plans Banquet

"The Circle" held their monthly meeting last Tuesday night, in other words a week ago last Tuesday. The annual banquet was decided to be given January 6. "The Circle" also wanted to put on a dance but they found that the Spanish Club was one step ahead of them and had applied for a date that morning. So plans for a dance were useless as there can only be six dances in a school year.

Unusual selections were read from a book and following this refreshments were served. Among the teachers present were Mr. Lyons, Miss Probst, Miss Sloane and Mr. Merrill.

Fraternity Fetes Football Squad

Fifteen Letters Awarded

Again the Fraternity came to the fore and scored a success with the banquet given in honor of the football squad. "Swiss" Neusel in charge of the affair arranged the dinner and invitations, while Hugh Gilbert acted in the capacity of toastmaster.

Among the speakers of the evening were Messrs. Connery, Utz, Costello, Seeber, Merrill, "Art" Allen, this year's Captain and Leo Lanman, next year's Captain.

Mr. Connery talked on how the fellows should feel when they go out for football or any sport and related a few anecdotes he had heard. The coach and former coaches spoke about how the season was successful in that Port was able to beat its big rivals, Manhasset and Glen Cove.

Mr. Merrill reminded the fellows of some of the surprises he had seen during the season, how "Ray" Smith was injured the same time that — was, and how Bob Lafferty had been so fortunate to score four touchdowns in the Sunday papers.

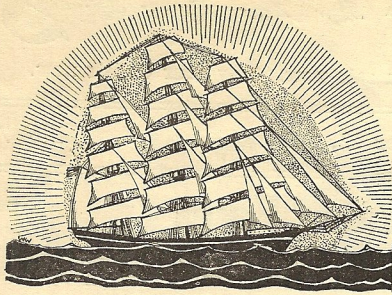
The evening ended with the awarding of fifteen letters. "Art" Allen was the first to receive his, then followed "Tubby" Golder, "Eddie" Gould, Frank Kalinosky, Frank Jenkins, Stanley Kurewjo, Fritz Lausen, Leo Lanman, "Swiss" Neusel, "Clete" Polk, Raymond Smith, "Strap" Smith, "Joe" Teta and Stuart Choate.

Of these fifteen lettermen five will remain with the squad next fall, Lanman, Kalinosky, Polk, Lafferty, and Lausen. Good luck to you next season!

Faculty Discusses Marks

At a recent faculty meeting the teachers discussed the question of marks and how they should be determined. One result of the discussion was a decision that the marks should be issued only at intervals of 5 per cent. It was felt that variations of less than 5 per cent in marks created distinctions so fine that false impressions were made. Hereafter we may expect our marks to be listed as 65 per cent, 70 per cent, 75 per cent, etc. This is believed to be a step in the right direction because it is impossible for one person to rate the work of another as worth 72 per cent and of a second as worth 73 per cent with any certainty that the figures represent the facts with mathematical accuracy.

ARE YOU GOING TO SEE "LITTLE WOMEN"? DON'T FORGET THE DATE, DEC. 18.



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An Editorial On Criticism

In a recent issue of "The Port Weekly," many students were surprised by the nature of an article concerning a recent production of a prominent club in school. While this criticism smack-ed of the truth in a very disagreeable light and will never occur again in such a "raw" manner, the student body should realize that "The Port Weekly" is not an organ in the school with the purpose of praising everything to the stars.

That which "The Port Weekly" prints is what the school as a whole thinks. If an article gives criticism not in conformity with the opinions of the school and those "in the know" about the subject, then a signature would be placed at the end of such article.

That is the difference between the two kinds of newspaper criticism. Mistakes should be brought to the attention of "The Port Weekly" and they will be willingly rectified if space warrants.

OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The cast of "Rehearsal" feels that a reply to the criticism in the Port Weekly a couple of weeks ago is necessary.

The criticism was rather harsh and not altogether unbiased. In view of the fact that all the members of the cast were later congratulated by their friends they feel such a severe verdict to be unqualified. They wish to inform the criticiser that criticism is not only the bad but also the good of the thing criticised. And, although they realize that the play was a hard one to "put across," they feel their work deserving of some credit. They hope that the student body, whose support they fully appreciated, will not desert them in any future attempt they may undertake.

With no hard feelings and most heartily renewed vows to show you that they can do something really worth while, they remain,

Truly yours,

The Cast of "Rehearsal."

KEEP UP YOUR HEALTH

It was with some surprise that the students of the Senior High School discovered a special assembly was to be held on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Merrill announced that the school physician, Doctor Daltroff would address the students on the subject of ring-worm. It seems, Doctor Daltroff stated, she noticed a few girls were troubled by them. Of course, a condition like this is not dangerous except in that it is hard for the skin. Certainly our male persons do not catch this kind of disease so quickly as the opposite sex, for one may be sure that boys do not use common lipsticks and such, and this is how the trouble starts. Still, there is a possibility for the spreading of this germ, and we want to do our best to hinder it. Therefore, we appeal to everyone to aid all they can by not letting other persons use one's personal possessions.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

And now, fellow students, let us once again impress upon you your duties as students of the Port Washington High School, to support those various activities in which your fellow workers are engaged.

Very soon the basketball season will start. If you expect victory for both the boys' and girls' teams, get out to the games and show them that you are interested. Then, too, Red Domino is to present its annual play of the year, "Little Women," December 18th. Come out to see it and bring your family and friends along, — that's another way to show your interest.

In short, get behind the various clubs, and push. Then, and only then, can you expect them to give you their best.

The Port Weekly's Choice of Books

"The Field of Honor," by Don Byrne, is a refreshing change, inasmuch as the setting of the story is laid in the Napoleonic era. The book contains much information about the period which ought to be helpful. It is about a young Irishman, torn between his duty to the English government, personified by the Secretary of War, and ideal villain, and his bride of Irish rebel stock, who inclines toward the French cause. It is rather long, but the style of the author is, as usual, very beautiful and musical. Girls would probably enjoy the book.

Du Bose Heyward (co-author of Porgy), in "Mamba's Daughters," writes a moving tale of Southern negro life, set in Charleston. It seems to be a very truthful picture. Mamba is an elderly negress, sensible, industrious and persevering, whose entire concern is the welfare of her daughter and her granddaughter. Her daughter is a great, strong but unintelligent young woman who does men's work at the fertilizer plant. Lissa, the granddaughter, is a slip of a girl with a glorious voice, whose desire is to make her mark in New York. The story of these three is intertwined with the lives of the family of lovable white folks. You are certain to like this.

"This Strange Adventure," by Mary Roberts Rinehart, is a depressing yet absorbing story of the life of the unfortunate Missie. There is abundant interesting description of the gay nineties. The characters, in fact, the whole story, is very unusual. For instance, there is Sarah Colfax, an aged member of a broken aristocracy, a stern woman who is continually washing her slim white hands, and her daughter, a stout woman fifty years old, who doesn't dare to cross the street alone, and slips down stairs at night to raid the pantry. It is so gloomy and morbid that we cannot guarantee you will like it unless you are frond of the author's style.

"Good Gestes," by P. C. Wren.

To begin with, the title is a common ordinary pun, and, in my opinion, rather a clever one. To those people who enjoyed Percival Wren's "Soldiers of Misfortune" (his most recent), I'm sure you will enjoy this.

The book is somewhat like a collection of short stories yet it "follows through." The first story was a particularly amusing one called "What's in a Name?" A name caused a most embarrassing incident for the three Geste brokers, although they are unaware of it until the last.

And that proves it's best to be innocent. Another story that interested me was "Mad Murphy's Miracle," a sad story of a lunatic. "The Devil and Digby Geste" proves entertaining, to say the least; that is, if you know Digby Geste. The last story, "Dreams Come True," makes a pleasant "finis" to this most delightful book of Percival Wren's.

Indoor Track Team Starts Favorably

Majority of Material Green

For the past two years the middle of November has rolled around with the opening of the indoor track season. This division of track and field events in New York City is a widely active popular sport. Port's indoor runners have competed in several New York and Brooklyn meets in the past.

In our first year of competition, Lem Lovejoy brought the honors home to Port. Jumping six feet three inches at the Stuyvesant High School meet held in New York City, he broke the scholastic indoor high jump record. So far, Lem has been the only winner from Port in an indoor city meet, but others have shown their mettle. Indoor running proves very beneficial training for outdoor tracks.

This year with Mr. Seeber again coaching, the team has its opportunities to gain fame in the coming big city meets. The squad turned out in a number that crowded our seventy-five yard track to capacity limit but has already dwindled down to a sensible number of candidates.

Since several outdoor runners have made the basket-ball squad, the majority of Mr. Seeber's material is green, while a few veterans are not out for the team at all due to various reasons. Joe Ciminera, who is now suffering from a weak side, is depriving himself of indoor running so as to be in trim in the Spring. Eddie Gould is busy managing the basket-ball team and will not be running until the season is well under way.

The annual Stuyvesant indoor track classis was held Saturday at the 202nd Armory but no Port runners were entered. The schedule for coming meets will appear in a later issue.

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Fratry Starts Basketball Season With a Heavy Schedule

The Fratry has recently started preparations for this year's basket-ball campaign. Eddie Capra, new sports manager, is already busy booking games with other quintets. Although the complete schedule has not been arranged, such formidable foes as the Collegians and Grey Legs are expected to furnish the Fratry with keen opposition. Many former high school stars, among whom are "Dap" Sullivan, John O'Neil, Jack Leyden and "Grunt" Williamson will undoubtedly take part in the games.

Watch for future announcements as to the date, time and place that these contests will be held. The Blue and Gold have always had excellent court teams and promise to be especially good this year.

Three Letter Girls Play Basketball

When the girls' hockey season ended about a month ago, Miss Burnett immediately called out girls' basket-ball. Edna Wackwitz, a forward, was elected Captain, while Beulah Guilford was re-elected Manager.

The schedule opens on December 19, when the girls face Mineola for the first top off of the season.

Three letter girls have returned from last year. Edna Wackwitz, Captain, will be playing her third year on the Varsity, but her first as a regular. Veronica Smith was on the squad last year, has been flashing and has been appointed with Captain Wackwitz to the forward position left vacant by Marjorie Rice and Katie Zurlis. Connie Alexander, the second three letter girl, is ably filling the center position. Janet Mackey, who has won her letter twice before in basket-ball as a reserve in '27-'28 and '28-'29 seasons, has become a regular at the center guard.

The other two posts have excited stiff competition — but Miss Burnett has tentatively placed Ruth Emmerrich and Mildred Ciminera, the field hockey Captain, at the guard posts. These two, although they are not letter girls, both saw action last year.

The team is shaping up very favorably and although none of last year's regulars have returned to help the cause, the girls, by dint of hard practice, have built up a rather smooth working machine.

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ICE HOCKEY TEAM ORGANIZED WITH DOYLE AS COACH

Last year a petition was circulated through the school and then taken to Mr. Seeber, who in turn took it to Mr. Schreiber. The effect of the circular was that some of the fellows in the school wanted to renew the ice game. Lou Marvin ex-Crescent A. C. star devoted some of his spare time to the team, which was allowed the privilege of the use of the school's name, but, aside from that, the boys received no support. The lineup which consisted of Ed. Hults, in the nets, "Bob" Patten and "Norm" Frost on defence, Herb Sinkinson as center with "Bob" Geddes "Senior" and George Crandall, wings, won three games and lost one.

This year the pucksters are off sooner and on better footing. Jerry Doyle, formerly of the All-Canadians rink team has consented to coach the team. A meeting was held at which there was a turnout of over twenty. With the school behind the team, several games will be arranged, some of which will be played on the rink of the new Sands Point Skating Club on Orchard Beach. Let's give the team the backing it needs by all turning out for the games.

Thirteen Game Schedule Arranged

First Game Friday Night

A thirteen game schedule has been arranged for this year's boy's basket-ball team. The season will open this Friday night when the team will play the Liberty A. C. on the home court. The Liberty A. C. quintet is unknown here but they certainly would not journey all the way down from Newark, New Jersey, to be beaten without giving a good account of themselves. Since there will not be any game scheduled for the girls, the second team will do battle with the Fratry which will be represented by some of last year's varsity stars.

This year the Blue and White will have a hard task living up to the record set by last year's champs. As is most always the case, graduation has taken away all of last year's letter men excepting Captain Jenkins. We will be represented by a small, inexperienced but determined team. Last year's secondaries, namely Cletus Polk, John Demeo, Joe Teta and Stanley Kurejwo are fighting hard for Varsity positions. Opposition is keen, however, and a first team has not yet been selected. Although the squad will have practiced only two weeks prior to its first tilt a worthy combination will undoubtedly be developed by Coach Costello.

The first league battle will be contested the following Friday, December nineteenth with Mineola at Port. Mineola suffered two defeats at our hands last year and will be very anxious for revenge. Port, on the other hand, will attempt to duplicate last year's work. Let's all support the team this year. Season tickets are now on sale. Get yours before they are all sold.

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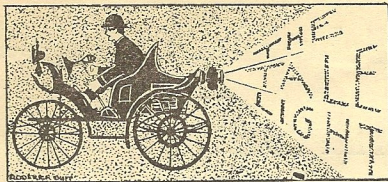
Boys and Girls Contend Hard In Interclass Games

Rah, rah, team! Both the boys and girls are already fighting for interclass supremacy on the court. Last Wednesday afternoon the Junior boys inaugurated the season by barely defeating the Sophomores in a hotly contested battle. The final score was 17-15. The Sophs led up to the last few seconds when Alton Paddock, who had played exceptionally well throughout the earlier periods, tossed in a short shot which proved fatal to the Sophs.

The Junior girls followed suit and defeated the Sophs 10-0.

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Last Monday several proud owner's of Fords, Buicks, etc., were surprised to find their wheels chained. One of the dashing young cavaleering car drivers took off the vinctuled wheel and put on a spare, leaving at the same time a note saying, "Better luck next time. Sincerely yours, Jack Dalton."



"Do You Know That—"

W. S. receives a salary advertising "Flit"?

The Brooklyn Bridge is not for sale?

A spoonful of arsenic in a cup of coffee doesn't improve the flavor and is therefore a waste of arsenic?

If all the money in the country were thrown in the sea, the country would be pretty poor?

A dime, though smaller, is worth more than a nickel?

You have wasted ten seconds of your life reading this? Ho-Ho!!!

Mr. Pickett — "But surely you didn't look for escaping gas with a match?"

W. S. — "But this was a safety match."

Bob Guilford in N. Y. — "I think a street car just passed."

You know who — "Why?"

Bob — "I can see its tracks."

Who has to go to the movies to see the "Mickey Mouse" Sound Cartoons when our obliging Woodman is always puffing up and down the halls?

Wt thought we heard all the jokes on the Scotch but the other day we heard the one about the Scotchman who stopped a policeman in N. Y. and said, "Pardon me, but could you direct me to a reasonable post office."

Mr. Pickett — "What can you say about nitrates, Scotty?"

Scotty — "Nitrates are less than day rates."

He who lives in a glass house is crazy.

Bob Geddes — "How was the exam?"

Jinks — "Oh, passable."

Mr. Dimmick — "What is a parasite?"

Woodman — "A parasite is a man who walks through a revolving door without doing his share of pushing."

Roger — "Somebody told me I was quite a wit."

Alton — "Well, they were half right."

A Freshman doesn't know that he doesn't know.

A Sophomore knows that he doesn't know.

A Junior doesn't know that he knows.

A Senior knows that he knows.

Mr. Pickett — "What is the great law Newton is credited with discovering?"

Scotty — "The bigger they come the harder they fall."

Fratry Decides Against Movies

The demonstration of the movie projector proved to be a great success the other night, except for one thing. Of course, you all know what a projector is, (it's the doodab that shows the pictures)—well, you can't take pictures with it, consequently when someone timidly asked if the machine actually took pictures, we all found to our utter amazement (or amusement, whichever you prefer) that it didn't; and furthermore, that the camera which we needed to complete the outfit would cost five or six times the price of the projector. Heh-heh! Sounds like an algebra problem. Anyway, we knew there was a catch in it somewhere!

In the demonstration one reel was shown which appealed strongly to the members of the Club. The name of the picture was, "At The Zoo" or something to that effect. Anyway, when the different animals made their appearance on the screen, lusty cries of appraisal went up from all sides. The comedy relief was a monkey who, on making his appearance, was greeted with loud applause and shouts of "En-scoe, En-scoe." All in good clean fun, though—heh-heh!

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Well, everybody, believe it or not, but you've only got a couple of more weeks till Christmas! So be inspired by the words of wisdom from this very unworthy one and go shopping early!! Went into town the other day and purchased the fair damsel a gift. Ah! Alas, poor wallet! I knew it well! Just get a load of this (said the coal heaver) if you want a swell place to shop at reasonable prices — just go to Macy's basement or to Woolworth's We have had many requests for more ditties and ballads — no end. But — give us time. Songs of any great note were never written over nite. It takes time! Which reminds us of the one overheard at the rodeo. A cowpuncher was exhibiting his skill in acrobatic riding. In his exhibition he rode, it appeared, on every place except in the horse's ear! Anyway, someone remarked, "Gosh, that guy sure can ride!" To which somebody said, "Why, that's nothing, I did that the first time I ever rode a horse!" And if that doesn't satisfy we will send on request, without any obligation to you, a sample bottle of Rover's Mange Cure. Well, children, your Uncle Dudley must sign off — and may the dear little ringworms never get you!

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Young wife: "How do you like the pie, dear."

Husband: "Best pie you ever made darling. Cottage pie isn't it?"

Young wife: "Why, how did you ever guess it?"

Husband: "I just got a piece of the thatch."

Doings Done In And Around School

School in Busy Season

The unexpected snow storm last week afforded the students great pleasure. We saw not a few "faw down—"

Allison Read had the good luck of meeting "Rudy" Vallee last week after witnessing a performance of "The Vagabond Lover," Vallee's first starring picture.

Larry Dean returned to our midst last week after a long sojourn in New Jersey.

The Spanish Club has decided to join the ranks of hosts and will give a dance on Washington's birthday. As it will be a great success we hope none of us will have to stay home because we can't speak Spanish.

Jack Leyden returned to Port last week after a long stay in the South. We welcome him back and hope he'll stay a while.

The second period French class entertained the members of the sixth period class last night. A short play given in French was one of the main features. The decorations and refreshments were characteristically French as far as possible. French was spoken throughout the evening and it is hoped that much good will be derived from the use of so much practical French.

Mrs. Costello, our new coach's wife, taught Spanish last week in place of Mr. Lyons.

Next week will bring many of the alumni back to school and we certainly will be glad to hear about "the trouble with college."

Saw Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians at the Palace last week. There's a good suggestion for anyone looking for an orchestra!

Mary and Constance Richardson saw "Bitter Sweet" over the week-end, while some students saw "It Never Rains."

Bob Geddes has decided to remain in New York for school this winter. He says he'll be out to see us often!

There are a number of important things happening this month. Needless to say — Basketball tickets are on sale, "Little Women" production. Players Club on December 12, and the Fratry Dance. Don't miss one of them! Of course, everyone knows about the Christmas holidays but in case someone doesn't, or has forgotten (shocking thought), we'll mention it here.

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Now in Its 27th Year