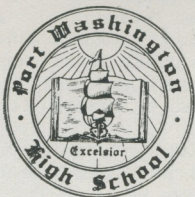


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Editorial Comment

French classes are, for the most part, interesting. The sole purpose of teaching French in public schools is not to furnish students with entertainment, nor to complete the number of units necessary for graduation. It is, rather, to provide a cultural touch to a student's education.

Nevertheless, when in the course of French training, it becomes necessary to assimilate innumerable verbs of an irregular nature, and to comprehend the various verb tenses, and the use thereof, a surprisingly large number of persons are very apt to become bored. It requires a very conscientious and industrious individual to come through this fray unscathed by that popular, but disastrous, opponent known to many of us as, "boredom".

Perhaps the underlying cause why we would-be-Frenchmen lack a great deal of enthusiasm in this language study, is that we are in the dark, concerning the interesting and colorful background which surrounds the French people and their language.

Therefore, to counteract such a state of affairs, the 10B French classes have formed clubs, whose aim it is to supply to class-members, a knowledge, which is sadly lacking in many of us, of France and her people.

Thus, it is hoped that French will become a source of enjoyment, as well as instruction, and that it will be less difficult for students who have trouble in learning it.

Humorist To Visit In School Assembly

On March 6th, at 8:45, there will be a special assembly at which Jess Pugh will interpret various selections from English literature.

He is a versatile performer and from long experience before high school audiences knows what they enjoy the most, and promises to have something for everybody in his program.

Besides humorous readings, he will include an interpretation of the "Blind Scene" from Rudyard Kipling's, "The Light That Failed". School Assembly Association which Jess Pugh is to be sent by the has furnished enjoyable programs in the past.

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Circleites Demonstrate An Extraordinary Versatility

Last Tuesday night, February 24th, the Circle initiated seven new members into the fold, and oh, what fun! The meeting was held in the teachers' lunch room, at 7:30. After a brief business meeting the entertainment was turned over to the initiation committee, consisting of Barrett Border, Lawrence Shanahan, and Fred Lawsen. Then, two by two, the poor unfortunates were put thru their paces. It was discovered that students still do blush. It is too bad that these secrets cannot be divulged, but lips are always sealed in initiations.

All that can be said is that the Misses William L'Ecluse, Duncan Taggart, Robert Greig, Richard Carriaco, and Robert Lafferty, and the Messrs. Alva Thompson and Janet Mackie proved themselves deserving enough to join the ranks of the Circle.

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Mikado In Full Swing For Coming Appearance

Things are moving in full swing for the coming production of Mikado. George Worf is to take the role of Nanki-Poo, the Mikado's son. Both directors feel that he has a voice especially suited for the part. Barrett Border is to take the part of Pish Tush, High Lord Everything Else, in the absence of Alton Paddock. Beginning this week, the boys' and girls' glee clubs have combined on the choruses. The orchestration has arrived and the orchestra is rehearsing it regularly. The dramatics class is working on the costumes, so that the typical mother says, "What is the high school coming to! Mary is asking for sheets, and John wants pajama legs". There is a bag of secrets waiting, in the most popular of all the Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Mineola Takes League Title

Conquers Blue and White

At the high school gym on Friday, February 27, the Mineola basketball five defeated the Port Washington quintet 21-15. The game decided the championship of the Western division of the North Shore Basketball League.

Mineola got off to a fast start and at the end of the first quarter the score stood 1-5 in favor of Mineola; at the half, 13-6, in favor of Mineola.

In the last half, Hoehn, Mineola's left forward, fell down in a mixup. It appears that he hit his head on the floor quite hard and was stunned for a few minutes. A substitution was made but Hoehn played later in the game.

It was in this same quarter that an unfortunate disturbance was caused by the spectators who came on the floor and attempted to take things into their own hands. It was noticeable that most of the trouble was caused by people not connected with either school. It is to be regretted that such a thing occurred at a high school game.

Payntor was the high scorer of the evening with 10 points, 6 of which were made by long shots from beyond the center of the floor.

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Celerity Merges With St. Patrick On March 14

Celerity claims the honors for the next dance of the social season, the dance being held March 14th.

The Pine Lodge Orchestra, whose reputation is unsurpassed, is coming from Whitestone to furnish the dance tunes.

The chaperons will be, Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Kidney, Mr. and Mrs. Guilford, and Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall.

Marion Mehan is in charge of the refreshments, which will be served by the newest members of the Celerity.

Very original decorations are being planned in honor of St. Patrick, himself.

This promises to be another of the enjoyable high school dances.

Teachers Shuffle Cards

The members of the women's faculty held another bridge party in the teachers' lunch room on Friday afternoon, February 27th. The Misses Gormely and Probst were the hostesses. Tea was served at three-thirty. After tea the ladies joined in playing several tables of bridge. Besides the women members of the faculty present were the following: Mrs. Schreiber, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Connor, and Mrs. Utz.

Fratry Column

For years and years and years
Through very troubled tears
We have searched, though in vain,
For a columnist with a strain
Of talent exceeding none,
And a gift for joke and pun,
Who, with thoughts, though they may
bore us

Could write our column for us.
To make the best of what you've got
Is not a lot of tommyrot,
For Border, Lanman, Fertig, Kent,
Though not by gods have they been
sent

Are doing their best to give to you
A little tonic that might eschew
All the gloom and darkness great,
And we want you to get this straight.
But when the editors glance at this
They'll shake their heads and give a
hiss

They'll say, "We can't make head nor
tail,

Consequently off to jail
To pay society the price
Of creating such a vice".
We called our lawyers hence
With elaborate expense
In an attempt to justify
Ourselves to you, and just why
We made you read this far,
And why you are just where you are!
Any jury to whom we sit
Would most certainly acquit
Us, considering such evidence as we
Can give our lawyers for our plea.
"Now listen," you non-partisans stout,
"Maybe you could help us out.
"Now, you are in the jury's seat
"And you have the case complete,
"Would 'Not Guilty' be the phrase
"You would say to win our praise"?
"What was the evidence", you ask?
"Well, the evidence in the case
Was, pure and simply, to fill this
space".

—P—

All possible credit is due to Mr. Bergan for the fine work that he has accomplished with the musical organizations in the school. However, we have one remark to make, and that is, that since the advent of the band, the cheering of the individual students has fallen far behind what it should be. The result is very evident when cheers are called for when the band is not playing. The unpracticed larynx of our student body is barely able to fill the gym. It might be a good idea if we would depend on the band less and shout a little bit louder when a cheer is called for.

—P—

Robert Read says that the reason he didn't get an honor mark in his Trig test was because he didn't want Miss Griswold to think it was possible to teach him anything. Several other "Tricksters" flunked for the same reason !!!

Welcome Back, Mr. Pickett

The science classes and the other pupils of the school are glad to have Mr. Pickett back after his absence while recuperating from his recent operation.

Notes On The Game

Captain Johnny DeMeo, Roger Enscoe, Frank Jenkins, and Cletus Polk brought their high school basketball careers to a close last Friday, as they all graduate in June.

The crowd in the gym was the largest ever accomodated there. There were between six and seven hundred present.

The near fight in the third quarter can be used easily to show why some basketball games are played in the afternoon. The trouble was started by people not connected with either school. If there are many more such exhibitions, all games will be scheduled for the afternoon instead of the evening.

What about the gentleman who enthusiastically applauded Referee Bruce's request for good sportsmanship and who, in three minutes, was shouting, "Shoot the ref.?"

The peppy cheering from the band was due, in part, to the influence of "Perky" Birchall's efficient leadership.

Judging from Werner Johnson's expert leading of the band in school selections, he is running a close second to the famous Paul Whiteman.

Juniors Win Two Tilts In Interclass Basketball

On the afternoon of Friday, February 20th, two inter-class basketball games were played in the senior high school gym. The junior boys played the senior boys, and the sophomore girls played the junior girls. Both games were very exciting. The junior boys succeeded in upsetting the seniors and altho there has been some argument as to by how much the juniors beat them it is now generally agreed that the score was 15-14. The sophomore girls put up a good battle but were defeated by the juniors to the tune of 4-6.

Report Cards Aagain Darken Bright Horizon

The time for the reports of the last six weeks has rolled 'round again, with the marks closing March 6, and report cards being issued the following Wednesday, March 11. This year, it has been decided that if a general average of seventy-five per cent is maintained, credit will be given for a school diploma whether or not the Regents examination is passed. Passing the Regents examination means credit for a Regents diploma, which, of course, is very desirable. However, a Port Washington High School Diploma is also desirable, so it is to everyone's advantage to keep his average up to seventy-five per cent.

Schedule For The Week

Following is the schedule for the week of March 9-14, 1931.

Monday, March 9—Aviation Club.
Tuesday, March 10—Retort Club.
Wednesday, March 11—La Tertulia.
Thursday, March 12—No meetings scheduled.
Friday, March 13—Assembly at 2:35 P. M.
Saturday, March 14 — Celerity Dance at 8:00 P. M.

Port Sextette Trims Mineola

Easily Triumphs 26-7

On Thursday, February 26, Port Washington defeated the girls from Mineola for the second time this season. The final score showed 26-7. The first encounter with Mineola also resulted in a victory for Port by 25-19.

Last Thursday's game began with very good passwork but bad shooting on the part of the Blue and White. Finally "Pepper" Pearce broke the spell by sinking a basket. From then on, the game went decidedly in Port's favor. During the entire first half the playing concentrated on the home team's half of the court. The Port forwards very successfully evaded Mineola's guards continued to tally up the points until, at the end of the second period of playing, the score stood 15-4 in their favor.

The second half differed little from the first, with the exception that Mineola's passwork improved. However, in spite of Mineola's efforts, Port continued to forge ahead until it was evident that the Mineola six was trounced in good style.

The line-up

Port Washington	g.	f.	p.
Pearce, r. f.	4	0	8
Corrigan	0	0	0
Smith, l. f.	3	0	6
C. Ciminera	2	3	7
Reed, c.	2	1	5
Schauer	0	0	0
Alexander, c. g.	0	0	0
Krage, r. g.	0	0	0
M. Ciminera, l. g.	0	0	0
Total.....	11	4	28
Mineola	g.	f.	p.
Frech, r. f.	0	0	0
McDonald	0	0	0
Croun, l. f.	2	2	6
Martin, c.	0	1	1
Destler	0	0	0
K. Zaisir, c. g.	0	0	0
Krywacka, r. g.	0	0	0
E. Zaisir, l. g.	0	0	0
Total.....	2	3	7

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Port seemed to have unusually bad luck when it came to shooting their foul shots. However, there is no use crying over spilt milk. Mineola defeated us this year.

The Line Up

Mineola	g.	f.	p.
Hoehn, l. f.	2	2	6
Payntor, r. f.	4	2	10
Zinser, c.	0	2	2
Lee, l. g.	0	0	0
Tichner, r. g.	1	1	3
Total.....	7	7	21
Port Washington	g.	f.	p.
Curtin, l. f.	2	0	4
F. Jenkins, r. f.	2	2	6
Enscoe, c.	0	1	1
DeMeo, l. g.	0	1	1
Polk, r. g.	1	1	3
Total	5	5	15

Umpire—Bruce; Referee—Carling.
Time of quarters—8 minutes.