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## Night School Classes Begin

### To Continue Thru Winter

The Port Washington Public Evening School held its first session on Monday night, October 26. The Board of Education has provided Evening School courses for adults who wish to devote some of their leisure time to study.

Classes will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from seven-thirty to nine-thirty during the winter months beginning October 26 and ending February 29. They will meet in the Senior High School building.

There are no tuition fees. Residents, sixteen years of age or older, of the school district may attend evening school. No student attending day elementary or high school will be admitted except upon written approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

There will be three English classes for foreign born residents—a beginners class, an intermediate class, and an advanced class. The school will offer commercial subjects, including two courses in type-writing, two in shorthand, instruction in business English, and a class in the fundamental principles of bookkeeping.

## Tests For Diphtheria To Be Administered

This year the medical supervisor will hold a clinic for giving the Schick Test to high school pupils.

By the time the majority of students reach high school they have acquired protection against diphtheria without any sort of injection. However, there are a few who may become immune only by the administration of toxin-antitoxin. The only way to determine who needs the serum, or who is naturally immune, is by the Schick Test. Any case can absolutely be prevented if the test is administered and the susceptible immunized. This test does not make the arm red or sore and is practically painless.

Help the unemployed.

## THOMAS ALVA EDISON

Why weep for him?  
His life was  
Generously lived  
That to his fellowmen  
He might bring help.  
He rests now  
In the Eternal Light,  
But to us behind,  
The heritage of light  
Is left.  
His code of courage  
And his noble spirit  
Will lift us from  
The humdrum to the  
Heights.

Falls the night—  
The call of taps—  
Oh, Mourning Nation,  
Will you not forever  
Carry his ideals  
Close to your heart?  
—Eve Cleveland.

## Unique Assembly Program in View

On Tuesday, November 6, a special assembly will be called in order that the high school may see and hear "Singing Pictures," a program enacted by Lavonne Field. Miss Field, who is a soprano, stands before a large canvas and as she sings paints the picture of her song with lightning strokes.

In the winter of 1930 and 1931 this versatile girl was engaged by the Associated Civic Opera Clubs of Chicago to present a series of thirty programs to the various clubs.

Some of the more unusual selections which she illustrates are "In Old Madrid", "Comin' Thru the Rye", and "Romeo and Juliet".

This is another presentation sponsored by the School Assembly Association.

## Miss Sloan Called Home

On Monday, October 26, Miss Sloan left for her home at Hoosic Falls, N. Y. She received word that her mother was seriously ill.

Your support is needed.

## Schools To Aid The Unemployed

### Westbury-Port Game Proceeds To Be Given

At the recent meeting of the Citizens Unemployment Committee the members broached the subject of having the Port Washington schools make some plan whereby they could donate funds for the unemployment relief.

The whole-hearted cooperation of the School Board was pledged in this respect. As a result the entire proceeds to be collected from the Port Washington-Westbury football game will be turned over to the relief fund. The game will be held at Seeber Field on Election Day, November third. School will be in session on that day but will be closed in time to allow every student to attend the game, which begins promptly at 2:30.

At the same meeting of the Unemployment Committee it was revealed that the Port Washington Board of Education seriously considered the construction of an athletic stadium on Seeber Field at the Port Washington Senior High School. It has been proposed to build immediately a concrete grandstand for the basefield field with the view of giving employment to the jobless of this community.

## Parts Assigned For Dramatics Production

The cast for Midsummer Night's Dream, chosen from the tryouts which were held Tuesday, Oct. 20, is as follows:

Theseus — Alvin Hayim.  
Egeus — John Stuart.  
Lysander — Kingsley Poynter.  
Demetrius — Malcolm Anderson.  
Philostrate — Bob Lafferty.  
Hippolyta — Barbara Greene.  
Hermia — Eileen Hassett.  
Helena — Charlotte Bohn.  
Quince — George Margolin.  
Snug — Albert Brown.  
Snout — Bertram Wood.  
Flute — William Berges.  
Bottom — Herbert Irwin.  
Oberon — Berenice Rich.  
Titania — Rosemary Yetter.  
Puck — Martha Reed.  
First Fairy — Marjorie Crandall.





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### CLASS ORGANIZATION

On Thursday, October 15, the sophomore class united their home room groups under one president. Whether other classes considered this idea and then discarded it or not, we can't say, but that the present sophomore class has united is at least an indication of a desire for progress. A class which starts early in its career to develop initiative and responsibility should have fairly good class organization in its senior year. The class of 1934 has at least started on the right road. It has the courage to do something new; something which has not been tried here since the classes were divided into home room sections.

Under a single central government, class business can be carried out much more easily than under the old system of a president for each home room. Meetings can be called much more readily if it takes the consent of only one president. Also, the plan puts the responsibility of the class on one pair of shoulders, chosen by all the members of the class as the

most capable shoulders to bear the burden.

Under this plan, the financial department of the class is simplified. One treasurer has the responsibility of the whole class. Home room treasurers attend to the collection of dues, which are turned over to the class president.

### HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en is at best just an excuse. Long ago, it was called All Hallow's Eve, and, as the name indicates, was something of a religious affair. People were very reverent on Hallowe'en. Later the idea of weirdness and witchcraft crept in. Today all the idea of reverence has gone while that of witchcraft remains, thus giving an excuse for childish pranks. Nowadays wooden doorsteps are removed, doorbells rung, and windows and doors soaped. Tacks are found in uncomfortable places, and the braces are removed from wicker chairs, making them "wicker", if possible. It has even been said that people's automobiles have mysteriously disappeared on this eve of pranks. Numerous other phenomena, such as weird noises and calls, are heard.

However, Hallowe'en is about the only day in the year that is left to those of a playful nature to enjoy. It should be remembered, though, that there is a limit to everything, and one should limit his marauding pranks accordingly.

### Such "Punny" Teachers!

This "Bergan't" what it used to be!

History class "Bortz" me!

Dodds the man for me!

Come on, now, we have to

"Buckley" down to work!

"Merrill"-y, "Merrill"-y, life is but a dream!

Hasten, "Mason", get the basin!

I "Herge" you gyped school yesterday!

"Chisholm"—the cops!

She's "Hawthorne" in my bonnet!

"Yorio"—'ll rogue!

"Sloan" down when you come into the drive!

This is French "Stierle"-ing silver!

You're "Langdon" on the job if you don't get your reference books in!

Hold that "Lyon"; hold that "Lyon"!

### Hige Tide-ings

'Round school—

Mr. Pickett trying to be nonchalant about the copy of "Ballyhoo" Katie Beck brought him.

George M. being chased by one of the persons gossiped about in his column.

One of those sophisticated juniors pasting sentimental souvenirs in a Memory Book.

Don and Clara in chemistry class, comparing muscle, developed by football and hockey.

Here's a poem by Margaret E. Sangster — (junior or senior can be substituted for soph, as the case may be.)

#### To a Certain Soph

How I wish I had your eyes,  
And your curly hair;  
How I wish I had your knees,  
And your wide-eyed stare.

How I wish I had your hands,  
And your saucy nose;  
How I wish I had your skin,  
And your lovely clothes.

How I wish I had your neck,  
It would overjoy me!—  
In these two strong hands of mine,  
Gosh, how you annoy me!

Wonder what would happen if any of the seniors used one of those big, long words they've been learning in English class.

This epidemic of jingly bracelets is sure hard on us Good Humor fans.

We really couldn't let a week go by without some mention of Mr. Mason; it seems that he has been making use of "them there eyes". We wonder if Miss Chisholm will blush when she reads this.

### Coming Attractions

On Friday, October 30, school will be closed for meetings of the New York State Teachers Association in New York City.

No football game is scheduled for Saturday, October 31.

On Monday, November 2, the Chess Club will hold a meeting. There will also be a hockey game with Friends Academy at Port.

Port plays Westbury in football on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Both the Celerity and the Fraternity are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 4.



## MY LIFE OF MAGIC— HOWARD THURSTON

Reviewed by William Richter.

In reading Howard Thurston's MY LIFE OF MAGIC one is impressed by the fact that Howard Thurston is one of the best known magicians of the present day. When a boy, he saw a performance in a theatre that consisted of tricks of magic and sleight of hand. He became impressed with the dexterity and finesse with which the magician performed, and that was the first time Howard Thurston decided to become a magician. He took coins and small objects in his hand, tried the sleight of hand tricks he witnessed in the theatre, and soon became adept at them. Finally he showed some of his tricks to his mother and father, who were interested, and when he asked his father to lend him money to practice magic, he was generously given a quarter.

The longing for magic, which was instilled in Thurston at the time, made him wish for adventure and travel where he might display his prowess. Taking his little outfit, he left home, was nearly thrown in jail on a hold-up charge, and so he started his career of magic.

Finding the life of a travelling magician full of thrills, the young man joined circuses, sideshows and even became manager of a troupe of performers. Times were hard and Thurston was hard pressed, but, finally, he wrote to a friend of his in New York and had his first opportunity to appear in a real theatre. His tricks were few but they pleased the audience.

Shortly after, he went to small mining camps, thinking he could make more money. One day while rehearsing his disappearing card trick, where a card rises out of a jar, the jar was shot out of his hand. Depending on his incentive mind was the success of his performance. He decided to see if he could make the cards rise from one hand to another. Thus the rising card trick was invented by Thurston, who later invented several different illusions and other tricks known today as the best magic tricks in the world.

Thurston takes great pleasure in performing his magic for crippled children. He says that the intent looks on their faces and their appreciative smiles are worth more than money to him.

After his European tour he be-

## NEWS OF THE WORLD

Just 439 years after the great Italian, Christopher Columbus, came to these shores in three small ships, the Italians set out, twenty-four strong, to circle the globe with great white ships of the air.

The story of Thomas A. Edison's life will be taught to school children of Argentina in accordance with a special order from the National Council of Education.

So closely incorporated with Mr. Edison's inventions is Argentina that the electric light company there rejected as technically impractical the plan to suspend service for a moment as a memorial to him. Instead, a lamp post recently erected in the Plaza Congreso in his honor has been draped in mourning.

Premier Laval arrived in Washington, Friday evening, Oct. 23, as a guest of President Hoover. The purpose of his visit is to discuss personally with Mr. Hoover the causes and remedies of the present depression, and to determine what the two most financially secure nations can do toward the remedy.

According to two German engineers, the future cars will be without the gear shifts now so familiar to high school pupils who drive to school. In fact, the engine is not even to be connected with the gears.

came a partner and then the successor of Harry Kellar, the "Master Magician".

Thurston was elated over his great luck and tried new illusions and a greater variety of new tricks. During the war he applied for patents to some inventions but one was not granted. He said he could hide guns, munitions, camps, ships, and trenches. Later he heard of the word camouflage, which started in Paris and had the same principles.

Owning a magic show had its drawbacks, but finally Thurston became the proud possessor of a paying show. At first bills increased and performances were few. After the war Thurston's show drew large audiences and his receipts were profitable. In 1924 he went to the White House to give a performance before President and Mrs. Coolidge. After nearly breaking the President's fine watch his visit terminated happily for all concerned.

## Teachers List Chief Activities

As part of the course under the direction of Mr. Rorem of the New York University faculty, the Port Washington senior high school teachers reported the following outstanding high school activities:

The self reliant group.

The understanding between teachers and pupils.

The grouping of pupils according to differences.

The extra-curricular organization.

The music department and band.

The medical inspection service.

Supervised study plan.

Plans for student activity.

Vocational assistance.

The sports program.

The long class period.

Library facilities.

The teachers also offered the following suggestions for extending pupil activity in the school:

Adapting work to the need of individuals.

Cultivation of individual responsibility.

A student participation organization modeled to fit local conditions.

More responsibility of students in student affairs.

Opportunity for social life to increase school spirit.

Greater pupil participation.

A debating club.

A monthly school magazine.

Singing by the student body.

Limiting activities taken by each student.

Teaching of social conduct and courtesies.

## Mr. Morgan Portrays "The Man Ahead"

On Friday, October 23, the School Assembly Association presented the first in its series of assembly speakers, Mr. Geoffrey Morgan. Mr. Morgan chose as his subject, "The Man Ahead," by which he meant each one of his audience twenty years hence. The purpose of his lecture was to impress upon each of the students the necessity for providing for his old age. He started his talk in a very effective way by showing how easy it was to see how one looked in the past, merely by referring to the family photograph album, and then demonstrated that it was also possible to see into the future. He said that it was in the student's own hands how he could shape his destiny. Mr. Morgan mentioned four things that he would like everyone to have in his old age: health, character, education, and a bank account. He said that the way to attain these four things was to begin now.



### Fratry Column

An' Connie R. says that tho' Nellis B. may think it's a date, he's gonna get fooled and plenty.

All of which comes from the fact that Connie indulged in some girls' football the other day in gym and finding that she was really a wonderful center, threatened Nellis with keen competition and a challenge from the girls team to the boys team.

"Well," says Miss Buckley in desperation, "with everybody telling me that which I don't think, I'm beginning to doubt it myself."

Then Tessie popped out with the right answer.

"Ahhhh," purrs Miss Buckley, "Tessie, you're the joy of my life." (Well, it looks as if G. B.'s worrying days are over. She sure has plenty of joy in her life.)

Hmmm, what's this about Red Curtin chasing D. Chase? And also acting perturbed about the Weaver family.

Which reminds us that Chappie Miller says he could fall in a big way.

Mrs. Brown (in shorthand class) — That doesn't look like BEAR, that looks like BEER.

Wise Cracker — That's not my conception of beer.

Edith Tjarks — All essays are written by the authors themselves. (And in senior English at that.)

It also appears that Steve Aylward and Paul Woodward are running after the same girl. Steve we know is a pretty good runner but Paul is as yet a Dark Horse, (please don't take us literally, even though he is sunburnt) and it is commonly known that a horse is capable of beating a man. Well, anyhow, may the best horse win.

Speaking of Steve reminds us . . . Mr. Dimmick—"Aylward, what's the difference between a cynic and a stoic?"

Steve — "A sinik iss vare you vash your hants hend a stoik iss vat brinks de bebe."

And we feel we ought to warn Betty W. that Dan "Chicken" is in school for the purpose of study and really should not be bothered during class.

### Hockey Squad Has Busy Week

#### Team Ties Hicksville

The hockey team was certainly busy last week, playing two varsity and one interclass games.

The first match was with Hicksville last Tuesday. The two teams remained in the deadlock with which they ended last year's season. In other words, they again tied with a score of 1—1.

In the first period of play the Hicksville eleven pushed the ball past Port's defence and with a clean field ahead of her Wesnofske took the ball in for the first score of the game. Port determined not to let such a play be repeated and fought hard to get the ball into enemy territory. Finally, after several unsuccessful attempts, Jackie Corrigan put the ball through the goal for the local team. Neither team scored again throughout the contest. Many times both goals were threatened but without success. In the last five minutes of play the ball was literally right up at Hicksville's goal, but somehow Port could not get it in and so the game ended.

#### Seniors Defeat Sophs

The following day the Seniors met the Sophs for the third interclass game of the season. The Seniors won a decisive victory of 3—0.

#### Varsity Meets Friends Academy

Last Thursday Port journeyed to Locust Valley to play Friends Academy. Again the Blue and White proved too strong for her opponents and won the match by 3—0. Both teams played hard and more than once it seemed a sure goal for the Friends but the splendid work of Port's backfield kept them back.

In the first half Port took the ball down and scored a goal. The ball then seesawed back and forth undecidedly until the half ended. During the second half Port again proved her superiority, scoring twice more. Jackie Corrigan made all three goals.

#### Kalinosky Chosen Captain

Just previous to the Southampton game the thirteen men who participated in the Hicksville game gathered in the locker room to elect a captain for the 1931 season. The honor was given to Grank Kalinosky, veteran tackle of the Blue and White. Frank capably held down a varsity position for three years and has twice been

### Port Boys Tie Great Neck

#### Hold Former Conquerors Despite Aerial Attack

After being defeated two years in succession by Great Neck, Port fought to a 7—7 tie with them last Saturday. In the first quarter Charlie Karazia hurt a shoulder that already had taken about all it could stand at the Hicksville game. Tex substituted for him and on his first play had to recover a bad pass from center, which gave Great Neck the ball on downs and 15 yards. Great Neck pulled a successful pass to Ketcham, who was in the open and scored the first touchdown of the game. Great Neck made the extra point by a placement kick.

Port scored in the second quarter. With the ball on Great Neck's 35 yard line, Tex caught a pass and then threw a lateral to Curtin, who made the touchdown. The ball was about 2 inches from the outside and about 2 inches over the goal line. This was a case where inches counted. The extra point was made by a pass from Curtin to Angus.

Port then kicked to Great Neck. Great Neck advanced the ball deep into Port's territory by a series of short passes, but the half ended before any score was made.

In the last half both teams fought very evenly. Great Neck advanced the ball far into Port's territory several times but Tex would always kick out of danger. At the end of the last quarter with about a minute to play, Great Neck attempted some long passes with the result that Lafferty intercepted one and then the game ended.

#### The Line-up

Port Washington (7)	Great Neck (7)
L. E.—Di Giacomo	Brown
L. T.—Duffield	Penfold
L. G.—Miller	Wymperle
C. — Bronner	Krauch
R. G.—Lausen	Dugan
R. T.—Kalinosky	Morrow
R. E.—Angus	Gragis
Q. B.—Curtin	Ketcham
F. B.—Terrell	Proffit
L. H.—Lafferty	Lipsky
R. H.—Karazia	Gregory

#### Score by Periods

Port Washington	.....0	7	0	0
Great Neck	.....7	0	0	0

named for the All Long Island eleven. He proved himself an able field general in the Southampton game and he will as capably lead his team in the remaining grid battles of the season.

See the game on Election Day.