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Faculty Studying School Problems

Course Pursued Under Direction of Mr. Rorem

The Senior High School faculty is taking up a definite study of the problems relating to the organization and curriculum of the school. Each Monday after school they gather in room 111 for an hour to pursue their study. The work is being carried out under the supervision of Mr. Rorem of the faculty of New York University. He spends every Monday in visiting and getting acquainted with the school, the teachers, and the pupils. The purpose of this study is to attempt to devise ways and means of making the work of the school more purposeful and effective for each individual pupil. It is reported that the State Department of Education is watching this original investigation with interest and is hopeful that some worthwhile results may be achieved.

Such an investigation necessitates ideas, suggestions, and information from the pupils. Such information can be of the greatest value and it is hoped that each pupil will take advantage of the opportunities which will be offered.

Port Weekly Wages Successful Campaign

With the ever helpful aid of the Fraternity members, the Port Weekly was able to conduct a most successful campaign. Although no official count has been recorded, the number of subscribers, it is thought, will approximate three hundred.

The faculty has proven itself cooperative and has subscribed one hundred percent. With the exception of a few students who have brothers or sisters taking the paper, the classes have shown their school spirit. Several members of the alumni have also sent in their subscriptions. By Thursday the complete list will be available.

A box will be put in the Port Weekly editorial room where personals, comments, literature, news articles, and any other contributions may be placed.

MYSTERIOUS BIOGRAPHY

Christoforo Colombo was a hungry man, hunted himself half way round the world; he began poor, panhandled, ended in jail, Christoforo so hungry, Christoforo so poor, Christoforo in the chilly, steel bracelets, honorable distinguished Christoforo Colombo.

—Carl Sandburg.

Lafferty Chosen Senior President

On Thursday, October first, during the eighth period, the various class elections of officers took place. This year the seniors have formulated a new plan in regard to elections. One president was elected, who is to preside over all the home room groups combined. In a like manner a secretary and a treasurer were elected to act in the same capacity.

In the way of a presiding officer for each home room, each has elected a vice president and a treasurer.

This new system is expected to eliminate much confusion. Undergraduate classes have elected officers in the usual manner, with a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer. In some cases the vice president has been omitted, and in some cases the secretary and treasurer are separate officers.

Senior class officers are:

President—Robert Lafferty.

Secretary—James Giresi.

Treasurer—Russell Terrell.

Room 109:

Vice Pres.—Goodhue Cleveland.

Treasurer—Ward Duffield.

Room 108:

Vice President—Earnest Jenkins.

Treasurer—Ruth Kidney.

Room 107:

Vice President—Robert Birchall.

Treasurer—Robert Grieg.

Room 104:

Vice President—James Curtin.

Treasurer—Frank Kalinosky.

Season Opens With Tie Score

Hicksville Holds

Fighting Gentlemen

Saturday, October third, was the opening day for Port's Fighting Gentlemen. Considering that Port had only 7 days of practice the result was entirely satisfactory.

Port kicked off to Hicksville, who lost 10 yards on exchange of punts. Neither side could make a first down in the first quarter. When the quarter ended the ball was on Hicksville's 15 yard line. Hicksville made one fumble in the first quarter but recovered the ball quickly.

In the second quarter, Port received Hicksville's punt on the 45 yard line and with the aid of a penalty against Hicksville for unnecessary roughness advanced the ball to the 16 yard line. Hicksville held and gained the ball on downs, then punted out of danger to their 45 yard line.

Hicksville then intercepted a pass made by Port and ran for 35 yards before being downed, putting the ball on Port's 20 yard line. Port got the ball on downs on their 11 yard line and ran it out to their 22 yard line and then fumbled to Hicksville. Hicksville then fumbled to Port and the first half ended with the score 0—0.

Port kicked off to Hicksville. Hicksville was penalized to their 15 yard line for not reporting a sub-

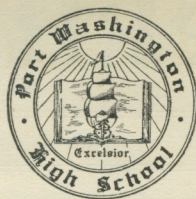
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Band Makes First Appearance of Year

Opening the pep program at last week's assembly with one of their snappy, new marches, the band, arrayed in blue and white jackets, made its first appearance.

At the opening football game it again appeared led by the ever pompous, dignified drum major Irwin. Several of the former junior high students were also included. The band has also annexed three feminine musicians.

With the acquisition of the new buses the band will accompany the team to out of town games.



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A WHISTLELESS WORLD

It seems about time to make a drastic and radical change in our mode of living, our business, and our long-established standards of education. This conclusion is drawn, after due deliberation, from the fact that a large percentage of us seem to be in that class known as morons—hence our mode of living, business, and education are quite futile. This moronic idea is taken from Professor Charles Gray Shaw, of the psychology department of New York University, who says that whistling is "the unmistakable sign of the moron"—and a large percentage of us whistle at some time or other! According to Prof. Shaw's way of looking at it, every exuberant schoolboy who indulges in the gentle pastime of whistling is a moron.

Apparently Whittier's "Bare-foot Boy" was not quite such a sensible little chap as he is made out to be, for it appears that he was eating strawberries on the hill,

"With thy turned-up pantaloons,
And thy merry whistled tunes;"

Mr. Shaw no doubt would have him enjoy life by wearing shoes while walking sedately down the road, with brow wrinkled in thought. Certainly the greater part of

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The student entering high school today finds that he has many advantages which were not available to students in years gone by. The modern student has not only the advantages of an academic education, but also he has the invaluable, though underrated, advantages of extra-curricular activities, though their desirability has been more or less neglected.

Many students think of extra-curricular activities in terms of athletics only, which constitute the greater part of these activities. Athletics are beneficial for those who enjoy them, but many people either do not enjoy them or are unable to participate, either from lack of time or for some other reason. For these people there are the other activities—dramatics, the various clubs, or journalism. All have their advantages and their disadvantages. Dramatics are suitable for the culture of the art of self-expression; the clubs tend to rouse interest in the subject with which they deal; journalism is valuable in putting English courses to a practical use.

Every student should endeavor to participate in at least one extra-curricular activity—and participate enthusiastically and wholeheartedly.

COLUMBUS

Who does not know the meaning of the name Christopher Columbus? Few persons do not know that this name stands for bravery, steadfastness, and the quality of being able to back up one's own convictions. Would it have been possible for this man to accomplish what he did if he had not had these qualities and many others just as important? The answer is "no!" Try applying some of the strong points of the man who discovered this continent.

America's school-boys cannot be rightly called moronic, or they would never have reached that stage where they could be called America's school-boys—yet most of them whistle occasionally. Such funny ideas so-called learned men sometimes get!

Mr. Dimmick—"Otto, were you whistling?"

Bill—"Due to the influence of an article purported to be the opinion of a noted psychologist, I no longer express my exuberant spirits by the moronic pastime known as whistling."

HIGH TIDE-INGS

The other day Mr. Schreiber was overheard trying to explain, after much insistence on his small daughter's part, what and how and why, a kiss is. Sad to relate, the whole explanation was not heard.

Most of us women-folks are cherishing fond memories of moonlit summer nights. Here's a little consolation from One Who Knows. It's called "Triolet for a Perplexed Young Lady"—

"If you wait, he may return,
Though, of course, they seldom do.
Some girls really like to yearn.
If you wait, he may return,
But I'm sure I can't discern
What the gods have planned for you.
If you wait, he may return,
Though, of course, they seldom do."

Things to notice around school—

The gentle art of rolling the eyes, as practised by Mr. Mason.

Mary Reed blush and run when she gets notes via Dot Smith.

B. K.'s copy of "Ballyhoo", or anyone's else for that matter.

Bill E. trying to explain love-at-first-sight, in French class.

Billy Otto trying to be superior by saying he hadn't noticed any of these new "dames" everyone is talking about.

The nominees at the class elections, trying to look nonchalant as they strolled back into the room.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

With this Thursday, October 8, comes the meeting of the Latin Club.

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Assembly will be held, as usual, on Friday.

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Football fans will have to be patient another week, for there is to be no game this Saturday, Oct. 10.

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Most of the pupils will agree that having a holiday on October 12 (Columbus Day) is a perfect way to start the week.

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The Retort will hold its meeting on Tuesday, the eighth period.

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According to the hockey schedule the girls will meet Great Neck on Wednesday, 14. La Tertulia will meet again on Wednesday.

Chess Club Again Active

A Long Island Chess League has recently been formed comprising teams from Great Neck, Freeport, Huntington, Hempstead, and Port Washington.

To make such a club a success here, the president says, more members are needed. Those interested may join a class conducted by one of the home club members.

Last year the team entered two tournaments with Great Neck, being victorious in both.

A team consists of five men, arranged in order of their playing ability. These are matched against players of equal merit. Two games are played by a player, each game won counting one point.

Meetings are conducted twice a month, every other Tuesday. Bob White, dubbed "shark", is really in earnest about the game and has been known to read very deep material on the subject. The height of his ambition is to partake in a professional tournament.

Library Has Long List Of New Books

There have been several new books added to the library since June. The fiction list is as follows:

- Flood Fighter—Williamson.
- The Omnibus (collected works)—Verne.
- Tales of African Bush—Fletcher.
- Homeplace—Chapman.
- Luck of Lowry—Bacon.
- Buckaroo—Hess.
- Ambrose Holt and Family—Glaspell.
- A White Bird Flying—Aldrich.
- Rare Hands—Danie!
- The Sea Devil's Fo'c'sle—Thomas.
- Non-fiction:
- Homeric Greece—Gunnell.
- Education of a Princess—Marie, Grand Duchess of Russia.
- The Adams Family—Adams.
- Oregon Trail—Parkman.
- The American Colonies—Jerne-gon.
- Larry—Foster.
- Caliph of Bagdad—Davis and Maurice.
- New Russia's Primer—Ilin.
- The Stars in Their Courses—Jeans.
- The Barrets of Wimpole Street—Besier.

Trees

By EMMA HUTCHINGS

Joyce Kilmer's beautiful poem, "Trees," has become very famous, due to the simple and sincere manner in which it is written. Truly this is a work which was composed through genuine inspiration.

Trees are inspiring. They are expressive, too. Consider those trees that line the walk in front of the high school building. They serve a double purpose. Not only do they add to the scenic beauty of the grounds but they act as the forerunners of the seasons.

For instance, notice the trees in the spring. Suppose that some day in early April, as you saunter leisurely to school, (wondering what consequences you will suffer because of your incompleted English composition) you glance at the row of trees along the walk. You know that it is spring because the calendar tells you it is April. The trees confirm the matter, for by this time tiny leaf buds have begun to unfurl, and the most delicate of green coloring starts to show on the branches. You need hesitate no longer in proclaiming the arrival of spring.

Then suppose that some day about a week before school is scheduled to close, you see that the trees that seemed comparatively bare in early spring are now thickly covered with lovely foliage. By these signs shall you know that summer is about to make her annual call, although the calendar may say that summer will not have arrived officially for five more days.

Then comes fall, comparative to late afternoon or evening. Frost, (like Cinderella's fairy god-mother) lends a hand, and soon the trees have put aside their rather plain green coverings, in order to array themselves in the exquisite scarlet and gold fineries which Frost's magic wand has produced. So beautiful are they that artists desirous of reproducing them on canvas are compelled to give up the idea, in despair.

The approach of winter is like the approach of midnight in the case of Cinderella. Finery must be replaced by drab and thread-bare clothing. So the trees remove their gorgeous garments, and go to sleep, only to awake again in spring to go through the same program.

Inspiring things are trees. So

Watch the Tennis Finals.

Port Alumni Well Scattered

Port Washington High School alumni, judging from information available, are wont to scatter far in the search for further education or a means of livelihood. Two of these graduates hold positions with the Department of Education. Mary Lillis, one of Port's high honor students, is working in Dr. Daltroff's office part time, and is attending school at Columbia three nights a week. May Evans is working at the Main street elementary school office.

Of those who are continuing their education, a partial list follows, with the institution attended:

- William L'Ecluse—Williams College.
- George Hunt—Columbia.
- Ruth Miller—Penn Hall.
- Alan Wilson—Art Students League.
- Winifred Croucher—Wheaton College.
- Mildred Pearce—Syracuse.
- Arthur Hill—Cornell.
- Walter Morris—Cornell.
- Elmer Hults—Oglethorpe, S. C.
- Oliver Messenger—Oglethorpe, S. C.
- Evelyn Klein—N. Y. School of Fine and Applied Arts.
- Robert Senseman—N. Y. University.

Pantomime Class Resumes Activities

This term the Pantomime class will resume its activities with more of its usual advantages. Two classes are to be organized—interpretive dancing from 3:30 to 4:30 and dancing from 4:30 to 5:30. The classes will function beginning Friday, Oct. 9.

Several of the more modern musical selections will be used. These will be played by Mrs. J. Patof, whom the school has secured as the class accompanist.

Besides receiving these lessons free of charge, all members of the club will be eligible to take part in the coming opera.

impressive and inspiring as to have caused Mr. Kilmer to write,

"Poems are made by fools like me
But only God can make a tree."

Fratry Column

When an unknown in the senior class meeting announced in no small voice that Jimmy Giresi was a dumbbell, Jimmy promptly rose and denied the accusation in no mean terms. We agree with his statement. "Them's Fightin' Words, Stranger!"

—P—

Speaking of senior elections—

Says Bob Lafferty, the new president, "Will the candidates please SCRAM while we take a vote."

Harry Bell does it, by picking up a chair, handing it to a guy, and saying, "Take the chair, please."

Who was the wit who piped, after the members of the class were asked to raise their right hands to signify whom they wished to vote for, "Wot if you're left-handed?"

F'r instance, there was the feller with an orange necktie who moved that the meeting be adjourned, as soon as the subject of dues was brought up.

—P—

"Yes," chimes in Don Dillenberg, "I like red bananas best because they're easier for the pedestrians to slip on."

—P—

We would like to know how an open window could bother a husky football player like "Tex" as it did the other day after football practice.

—P—

And so said Herb Irwin, "The band is of the school, by the school, for the school, in the school, with the school, at the school—"

(And so far, far into the night.)

—P—

It seems that Johnnie MacGillivray spends most of his spare time at Jo's, but not "Joe the Iceman."

And it seems that Ruth Engelman and Margaret Cox are having a contest to see who can eat, digest, and describe the largest and gooiest-looking Frappes.

It also seems that Dot Hirsch did not use the train as a means of homecoming the other day. We have our suspicions. Where were you from four to five-thirty last Monday, Chip?

—P—

Dick Smith is the owner of a Lizzy named Mrs. Port Washington. Chappie Miller boasts of having her husband, Mr. Port Washington. We regret to say that due to many knocks and jolts this happy couple seems to be coming apart.

Hockey Team Chooses Captain

Coach Burnett called a meeting last Friday, October 2, for the purpose of choosing a hockey captain. This year the honor fell to Mary Reed. Miss Reed, now in her senior year, has played on the hockey varsity for three years as well as being prominent in basketball and tennis throughout her high school career.

The first game of the season has been played. Due to a change in schedule the Port Washington girls were able to get in a game with the Westbury eleven, on Tuesday, thus opening their season, a week earlier than had been previously arranged. Just as in football the hockey team has been hard pressed for time due to the delay in opening school, but they have been at work getting into shape for the coming season and practice has been held every day including Saturday.

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stitution.

Port got the ball well into Hicksville's territory on punts, then ran the ball from the 38 to the 28 yard line; 28 to the 18; 18 to 15. Then Port completed a pass — Terrell to Curtin, and put the ball on the 3 yard line. After two unsuccessful bucks the quarter ended.

At the beginning of the third quarter with two feet to go, Port pushed the ball over on their last down. Terrell made the touchdown on a fake buck. Try for extra point was unsuccessful.

Port kicked off to Hicksville and Hicksville started passwork. They were doing fairly well when Bronner interrupted a pass and the ball was Port's with 3 minutes to play. Port attempted to kick on their 4th down but Hicksville came through fast and blocked the punt. McCabe, Hicksville's left-end, picked up the ball and with a clear field made a touchdown. Try for extra point was unsuccessful, and the game ended 6—6.

The Line-Up

Port Washington	Hicksville
Curtin	Q. B.
Terrell	L. H.
Karazia	R. H.
Lafferty	F. B.
Angus	L. E.
Kalinosky	L. T.
Lausen	L. G.
Bronner	C.
Miller	R. G.
Duffield	R. T.
Di Giacomo	R. E.
	McCabe

Score by Periods

Port Washington	0	0	0	6—6
Hicksville	0	0	0	6—6

Fall Sports Include Tennis

Tournament Under Way

Fall tennis is a new feature in the Port Washington high school. It is being tried this year in the form of a tournament, open to all students, under the direction of Coach Herge.

The competitive matches opened at the close of school on Tuesday, September twenty-ninth, some being played on the school courts and others on local club courts. However, the semi-finals and finals will be played on the Senior High School courts the latter part of this week, three sets out of five determining the winners.

While it is difficult in a tournament of this kind to match the players evenly, an effort has been made to place the contestants so that each individual player may eventually meet his closest runner-up.

The results of the tournament, as well as the interest displayed by the pupils, will determine whether or not tennis will become a part of the fall sport programs.

Ruth Frankfort Makes Professional Debut

During the latter part of the summer Ruth Frankfort, who has enacted numerous parts in the high school plays, joined the Hughes Players Stock Company. She was coached by manager Joseph H. Hughes, and on August 14 made her debut in "A Woman's Way," one of the latter's own plays. Her roles are two-fold — character and straight.

Miss Frankfort, who is a member of the "Red Domino", will be seen in Lee, Mass., on October 12 and probably December will find her in her home town, Port Washington.

Ruth will return to the high school in January, where as a senior she will complete her studies in June.

Health Department Examines Girls

During the past week the health department has been giving the girls who are out for hockey complete examinations. They have all been pronounced in splendid condition and any defects reported last year have been corrected.