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Great Neck Wins In Play Contest

Richmond Hill Gains Play Troupe Prize

The Great Neck entry, "The Drums of Oude", was awarded the silver cup at the second annual One-act Play Contest held in the senior high school auditorium, on Saturday night, November 7.

The judges agreed that although the other schools, Glen Cove, Pawtucket, and Richmond Hill, did excellent work, the characterization, costuming, and other details of "The Drums of Oude" made the play superior. The costuming and lighting effects, in addition to the acting, added greatly to the appeal of the play.

The Play Troupe of Port Washington awarded its annual prize to the cast of the Richmond Hill presentation, "The Vengeance Height". This prize was awarded to the cast with the best diction and enunciation.

Within each cast, the Red Domino awarded a book of plays to two individuals for excellence in all around work. In "The Drums of Oude", the winning play, those selected for this honor were Lydia Mange and Albert Bowen. In "Where the Cross is Made" they were Harry Lucia and Wesley Cummings. Those receiving prizes in "The Vengeance Height", Glen Cove's presentation, were Katherine McCue and Walter Percy. Pawtucket's "Trifles" was represented in the prize-winning class by Gertrude Phillips and Joseph Frucht.

"Open House" Is Tonight

At 1:15 this afternoon school will be adjourned and will re-commence at 8:00 for a special evening session. All parents may attend this.

Following a brief musical program to be held in the assembly, work will ensue in the classrooms. Here the classes which are usually conducted during the sixth period will meet.

From 9:10 to 10:00 the visitors are free to confer with the various instructors.

Book Week To Be Observed Nov. 16-21

The week commencing with November 15 and ending with November 21 will be observed as Book Week throughout the United States. The high school library will celebrate this in a fitting way by adding the following list of books:

Sixth Journey—Rosman.
Six Mrs. Greens—Rea.
Genghis Khan—Lamb.
Autobiography—Carnegie.
Ethan Frome—Wharton.
Four Ducks on a Pond—Sawyer.
Suspicious Characters—Sayers.
Case of Sergeant Grischa—Zweig.
Archery Simplified—Rouseville.
Singing Gold—Cottrell.
Lion—Johnson.
Touchstone—Williams.
Charlie Chaplin—Bowman.
Pavlova—Hyden.
Midsummer Night's Dream (illustrated copy)—Shakespeare.
Stories of Yesterday and Today—Law.
Two People—Milne.
Vestal—Kit Carson.
Modeling My Life—Scudder.
J. C. Penny—Penny.

Some new reference books for history and economic geography have been ordered. Excluding the above list, sixty-three new books were placed in the library since the start of this school year.

Sophs Plan Their Debut With Modernistic Dance

The present sophomore class has made plans for the first dance of the season to be held in the Flower Hill Gym on Saturday, November 21. According to the reports of the committee, the decorations are to take on a modernistic note, or at least it is promised that they will be unique. The decoration committee consists of Dorothy Talbot, Jack Shanahan, Kingsley Poynter, and Jennie Jasinski.

Gervase Border's Orchestra has been engaged to supply the music, and if the enthusiastic comments of patrons of other dances at which they played are a criterion, there should be no doubt as to the quality of the music.

Others who have been selected for the dance committee are John Young, Isabelle DaCosta, Sam Gutelius, Eddie Carrico and Nancy Lowry.

11-A 1 Group Leads In Honor Marks

M. Messenger Highest With Average of 92%

During the first five weeks of school a total of 1489 marks were issued to 340 pupils, showing that each pupil in the senior high school averages about 4.4% subjects.

This total does not include physical education, band, orchestra, or glee club work for which marks are to be issued only at the end of each term. Of these 1489 marks 119 were below the required passing level of 65%. In other words, 7.9% of the work done during the first five weeks of school this year was not passing. On the other hand, it is seen that 226 marks were 90 per cent or higher or about 15.2 per cent of the work was graded as honor work.

The results, arranged according to home room groups, are as follows:

Group	% Fail-ures	% Hon-ors	Pupil with Highest Av.
10A1	4.6%	20.7%	C. Voute, 88%— A. Ardis, 88%
10A2	11.2%	2.6%	E. Johnson 81.25%
10A3	17.4%	1.9%	F. Siconolfi 80%
10B1	8.7%	16.5%	M. Anderson 91%
10B2	15.3%	5.4%	P. Turberg 82.5%
11A1	0.9%	40.0%	M. Messenger 92%
11A2	9.1%	11.0%	M. McLoughlin 86.25%
11A3	24.4%	4.4%	W. Younger 82.5%
11B1	4.2%	12.5%	H. Irwin 90%
11B2	10.8%	10.8%	F. Zurliss 85%
12-1	4.8%	38.8%	R. Birchall 90%, T. Luey 90%, M. Mehan 90%
12-2	3.6%	20.0%	R. Lafferty 91.25%
12-3	6.4%	9.2%	C. Mackey 86.25%

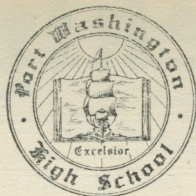
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Teachers Carry On At Depression Party

On Thursday evening, November 5, the Port high faculty, appearing in costumes taken from long forgotten trunks, gathered in the cafeteria for an evening of merriment.

The dinner "guaranteed to make no one thinner" was first on the "programmie". It included such delicacies as "End de la Grunt", "Skups Skoffy", "Mice's bait" and "Punkerpye with lather". After

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AIM OF BOOK WEEK

The week of November 15 to November 21 has been set aside as National Book Week. It is the aim of Book Week to increase the love of reading in America, and to teach something of the value of reading.

Good reading truly broadens one's outlook on life and gives some idea of the way in which other people think and act. Current reading keeps one in contact with current happenings, while reading the older works helps to appreciate the fine art of writing.

Time is so precious and scarce these days that one often is rather hard pressed to find any time for serious reading. Hence it would be advisable to make all reading serious. There is such a vast amount of literature, or what passes for literature, abroad today, that it is almost impossible to decide what one should read. However, as our lives end much too quickly for us to be able to read more than the smallest fraction of the world's

literature, it behooves us to read only the best, and ignore the mediocre and worthless. In fact, one has no time to read **good** books; he has only time to read the **best** books.

Book Week is an attempt to educate us to choose the right books for our reading. The choice of these books is a matter which deserves most careful consideration. The kind of books one chooses to read now will be the sort he will form a habit of reading. So that if one reads only the best books now, he will want to read only the best always.

FACULTY CHEERS?

That the faculty for the most part is continually supporting the interests of the school is shown by the fact that so many attend the games and other activities, outside of the class rooms.

If a pupil goes to a member of the faculty in the interests of any activity he can expect and obtain personal attention. However, it has been brought to our attention that in one respect the faculty is sadly lacking — the vocal declaration of their affection and zeal for Port Washington High School.

Think what a delightful and encouraging spectacle it would be to see the faculty giving the "Class A" or the "Long Yell", and then singing their loudest to keep the spirit of the school teams.

What do you say, faculty. Can your enthusiastic vocal support be counted on in the future?

YOUR THINKING CAP

[The contributions for this column must be signed by the writer, although initials may be used for publication, and must be in the Port Weekly Office by 9 o'clock Friday.]

The solution to the problem in the Port Weekly of November 5, is as follows:

Let X represent the number of cows bought; Y, the number of sheep, and Z, the number of pigs. Then 5X will be the cost of the cows, 3Y the cost of the sheep, and .50Z the cost of the pigs.

Then 5X plus 3Y plus .50Z equals 100.

X plus Y plus Z equals 100

Solving the equations we get 10X plus 6Y plus Z equals 200

X plus Y plus Z equals 100

Then 9X plus 5Y equals 100.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

This is regular sailor philosophy—

God made man
Frail as a bubble,
God made love,
Love made trouble.
God made vine.
Was it a sin
That man made wine
To drown trouble in?

—The Log, U. S. N. A.

Now what could the Assistant Editor have been doing with that book on "Cultivating Personality"?

"Oh Heavens," sighed Peggy M. in assembly, "someone is going to sing and I didn't bring any books to read."

And was a certain cheer leader embarrassed, at the Westbury game, when the two little blonde twins with Signe kept calling him so familiarly until he lifted them over the fence.

Mr. Dimmick was having a hard time in English class, trying to explain why he couldn't be a witch.

Wonder why everyone clapped when the lights went out in assembly?

This bit of advice was found in an etiquette book published in 1877.

"When crossing a muddy street a lady should gracefully raise her dress a little above her ankle, with her right hand towards the right side. To raise the dress on both sides, and with both hands, is vulgar. This ungraceful practice can be tolerated only for a moment when the mud is very deep."

Mr. Lyons — People who put their initials on things have an inferiority complex and do it simply to gain attention.

Dan C. — How about lovers when they put their initials on trees?

Since there cannot be a fractional part of an animal, X must be either 5 or 10.

When X is 5, Y is 11, and Z is 84. When X is 10, Y is 2, and Z is 88.

John Crandall.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

To celebrate his first anniversary Haile Selassie, last year crowned king of Ethiopia, held a banquet with 20 tons of raw meat as the piece de resistance. Foreign dignitaries in European dress rubbed elbows with his braves clothed in lions' skins. Immediately following a ceremony the banquet began. The braves charged down on their favorite dish — raw meat. The diplomats followed in their wake—but not so enthusiastically.

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About a month ago the Hungarian Government declared war on gun-toting criminals by making the offense punishable by death.

Last week, Alexander Ondi, who was born in the hamlet of Chicago, Texas, and lived there for the first seven years of his life, tested this law. He held up a Budapest bank, and escaped with \$10,000. Many shots were fired into the air, but hit nobody.

That was Friday morning. At 3:30 p. m. Monday, Ondi was put on trial. At 6:25 the same afternoon he was hanged.

Literary Works On View

The 10-B English classes under the guidance of Mr. Herge have been showing great artistic and literary talent of late. Among their accomplishments are several newspapers with glaring headlines now on display on the bulletin board in room 207.

These journals are miniature replicas of the newspapers read by the characters of such books as "Silas Marner", and "A Tale of Two Cities". Murders, kidnappings, and executions are all a part of the news. Accompanying the newspapers are some interesting sketches from the two books.

Coming Attractions

Thursday, November 12, will be devoted to an Education Week program. The schedule for classes has been announced.

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There will be a football game with Manhasset on Saturday, November 14.

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The Chess Club will meet in Room 109 on Monday, November 16.

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The Commercial Club is scheduled to meet in Room 108 on Tuesday, November 17.

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Both the Celerity and the Fraternity will meet on Wednesday, November 18.

PESSIMISM

—Thomas E. Nightingale

According to the dictionary, a pessimist is an individual who views things in their worst light. Why is it, I wonder, that pessimism is viewed by many as a defect when, if cultivated, it is a virtuous art? Practiced and understood in the correct way it becomes a mental consolation.

To begin with, pessimism really is a state of mind which leads one to believe things will not turn out as satisfactorily as one desires. Now there are three forms of pessimism. One, I must admit, is anything but a virtue. For example, you no doubt have encountered that form of humanity, who by force of a desire to be unpleasant, has become an habitual forecaster of doom and destruction. Not only does he believe his views on the subject, but also forces them on others who wish to enjoy life and all it has to offer.

Next, there is the person who is what we shall call a semi-pessimist. He airs his views on certain subjects in such terms that he is at once branded by society as a pessimist. Yet in that remote corner of his mind which is his own private file, he does not have the nerve to believe all that he preaches. Pessimism is for the use of individuals as a comfort and not as a bother to others.

Now we come to the true pessimist. He is quite rare and only through constant study and experience does he reach perfection. This individual is never disappointed, and often receives many pleasant surprises. If upon being invited to a party, he accepted and then some accident prevented him from being present, he, being practised in pessimism, would have known beforehand it was too good to be true. Imagine his feeling of joy and anticipation, however, if, finding it impossible to attend, he was unexpectedly given the opportunity to be there with all his friends, enjoying himself royally.

Of course the amount of pessimism to be devoted to a forthcoming event must be determined by the individual. As I said before, it takes experience and practice to become adept in this art.

So I close with the pessimistic illustration that the editor will no doubt cut this article to ribbons. Then imagine my joy if he should not cut it.

[Editor's note: The article has not been cut.]

Annual History Contest Open to Seniors Only

The Sons of the Revolution of New York State are offering three prizes to students of the senior year, who are candidates for graduation in institutions of high school grade registered in the University of the State of New York. The first prize is fifty dollars and a medal, the second, thirty dollars and a medal, the third, fifteen dollars and a medal. The prizes are to be awarded in order of merit for original essays on the subject: **Washington in Retirement (1783-1789)**.

No more than two essays will be received from the same institution and the principal of each institution will select and determine the two best essays written by his students. These essays must not contain more than 1,700 words and must be mailed to the secretary of the society before February 1.

The contest is being held as an incentive to the study of American History.

Economics Group Hears Lecture On Landscaping

Henry Hicks, of Hicks Nurseries at Westbury, L. I., gave a talk to the Economics V group in room 111 on Thursday, November 5. He stressed particularly the possibilities of the students gathering live plants from the woods, and utilizing them in the decoration of the home grounds. By means of lantern slides he showed his audience examples of effective planting taken from various estates on Long Island. He also showed charts illustrating soil conditions on Long Island.

Artist Pleases Assembly

On Friday, November 6, Miss Lavonne Field was presented as the second of the School Assembly Association programs. Miss Field is known as the "Singing Artist", due to her ability to draw and sing at the same time. Miss Field first presented a group of Irish songs, accompanied by a picture of Irish countryside. She next interpreted in color and by her voice a group of Franz Schubert's melodies. Following this her pianist, Miss Pearson, played a solo.

Miss Field closed her program by depicting the "Vanishing American" and a group of Mexican songs, as well as a group of Southern songs.

Fratry Column

Didja heer th' teashers ad a party th osher nite?

Wel hearse the dirsh—

Lions was the hed of the klash an condushed a spellin' bea—Mish Propst was a dunce allong wit Master Bergan she had pigtails wit a red bow, he had a yellor sweater hend swallow-tails whit ha red rhos—Misther Merçil nd 'its nickers hind ministers collar spelt the woid b-a-l-l-o-n-e-y. Buck Lee showed up old Latin wit a beret connected wit a red fether—Dodds de man hed a hairs parted in teh middle culled—May son danced in red swether red coot red beret hung to wite pents — Lang Done (garlic) kept his onw self warm with red flannels — Lang Done (wecker) had combs in de hair and a hend ker chief—Cheese Umm went back to 28 and daze of prosperity wit a short noir eve. gown—Dall Trough showed wite ferther nd hows dress — Glom lee tried to vamp as a forein little gipsy — DeFee was hu hartist but shold be a cartoonist wit gethering — Bores, guess ats y she was unemloyed waitress — Kas Tello (mrs) hed bloomers wich wer scene—Bur Net was as wus—See Burr chased teacher under tables nd kept hendsprings wit Kas Tello of de mustash ne Herd Ju of de pipe und false teeth—Fallen Gerr hulso hed a little hat wit her fethers — Mitch Nickel potraed 82's yellor dress nd heap big bustle — Haw Thorn hed digression hit er in legs — heruslt know stok-in's nd pointed shoes — Vives are still mad at the petite blonde who took away all the men without alf trying?

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12-4 6.2% 12.4% G. Cleveland 81.25%

From the above table it is seen that, while the 12-1 group had a very slightly lower percentage of failures than the 11A1 group, the 11A1 group exceeded the 12-1 group by nearly 3% in the percentage of honor marks.

Pupils whose average for the five weeks was 90% or above were:

Martha Messenger	92	%
Robert Lafferty	91.25	%
Malcolm Anderson	91	%
Robert Birchall	90	%
Jean Cummings	90	%
Charles Harper	90	%
Herbert Irwin	90	%
Nancy Lowry	90	%
Thomas Luey	90	%
Marion Mehan	90	%
Martha Reed	90	%
Paul Woodward	90	%
Rosemary Yetter	90	%

Mr. Van Proves His Archery Skill

Mr. Vander Veer, the superintendent of the local school grounds, recently won first place in an annual invitation archery tournament for men. The meet was held under the supervision of the Centre Archers of Rockville Center and took place at Hempstead Park on November 3.

Although he competed with many nationally known archers he came out far in the lead with a score of 571 points for the morning's shoot alone.

Mr. Van has aided many of the student archers.

"Fighting Gentlemen" In Form For Manhasset

The sports interest now centers on the coming football game. Port's "Fighting Gentlemen" will battle Manhasset's team on the latter's field. The Blue and White enters the contest a slight favorite. Port has been undefeated this year while Manhasset has dropped two of its contests. Both teams, however, have fought the games with Great Neck, which seems to rate the two teams rather evenly. The "Fighting Gentlemen" should down Manhasset on Nov. 14. Let's have a big crowd out to cheer the team on to another victory and the league championship.

Indoor Track To Start

With the football season rapidly coming to a close, indoor track partially takes our attention. Basketball takes the foremost place in winter sports but interest must not be lost in the indoor track team.

A meeting of the indoor track squad has been called and preparations are under way for the season's meets.

The only remaining ones of last year's squad are Ryan, Angus and Blumberg. Aylward will be one of the most promising of the new members.

The first meet will be held on December 12, at Stuyvesant High School in New York City.

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emptying the "feedbag" the beloved pedagogues indulged in such vigorous pastimes as "Leap-frog", "Farmer-in-the-Dell", "Virginia Reel", "Spelling-bee", and "Playing School".

Girls Subdue Aspiring Rivals

Trim Hicksville 2—0

Heretofore Undefeated

Last Thursday the hockey team journeyed to Hicksville for a victory over the undefeated Orange team. Port and Hicksville have become great rivals on the hockey field due to the fact that last year's season ended in a 1—1 tie; again in their first encounter this year they came out even to the tune of 2—2. Last week, however, the Port girls determined to win and did. The final score stood 2—0.

In the first half the teams fought fairly evenly. Many times Port's goal was threatened but the splendid backfield defense saved the day. Likewise Port's attackers took the ball down within shooting distance of Hicksville's goal but failed to score.

With the backfield again playing excellent hockey, in the second period Port had things pretty much her own way. Shortly after the half began Port's forward line shoved the ball down for a goal. The Blue and White managed to keep the play in her opponent's territory most of the time, scoring again before the final whistle terminated the contest.

The Lineup

Salerno	R. W.	Koilitzen
Corrigan	R. I.	Wesnosike
I. DaCosta	C. F.	McIntosh
Ciminera	L. I.	Loeffler
Warden	L. W.	Mayer
Smith	C. H.	Stuhlor
Dell	R. H.	Klingelhoffer
Reed	R. B.	Humphries
Younger	L. B.	Kuecht
Green	G.	Hucken

Goals—Port: Corrigan, 2.

Substitution: Port — Kimmerly for Salerno; Fay for Warden; Kidney for Dell.

Eight Initiates Join Commercial Club

Friday night, November 6, the Commercial Club held its initiation, in the Chemistry room. The eight new members who were taken in are: Rose Ciminera, Joe Dell, Loretta Elliott, Marion Gardner, James Geresi, Emily Haeckel, Juliette Kimmerly and Frances Zur-lis. Mr. Dodds and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, as well as several graduate members were among those present. After the initiation refreshments were served.