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DiGiacomo Leads Honor Students

12-1 Has Highest Average

Since report cards have come out for the second marking period, perhaps it will be interesting to compare the results with the marks for last period. Statistics show that there is an increase of three in the number of pupils whose averages are over 90%. There are 16 this time:

- 12-2—Carmine DiGiacomo—92.5%.
- 10B1—Malcolm Anderson—92%.
- 11A1—Charles Harper—92%.
- 10A1—Ruth Lowry—91%.
- 11A1—Martha Reed—91%.
- 11A1—Rosemary Yetter—91%.
- 10A1—Alan Ardis—90%.
- 12-1—Robert Birchall—90%.
- P. G.—Eve Cleveland—90%.
- 12-1—Jacqueline Corrigan—90%.
- 12-1—Imogene Hortsch—90%.
- 12-2—Robert Lafferty—90%.
- 12-1—June Le Quatte—90%.
- 12-1—Marion Mehan—90%.
- 11A1—Martha Messenger—90%.
- 10A1—Carol Voute—90%.

The percentage of failures and honors, and the highest mark in each home room, follow:

| Group | % Failures | % Honors | Highest Average |
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| 10A1 | 1.7% | 21.7% | R. Lowry 91% |

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Phantasmagorical Event Planned For Dec. 23

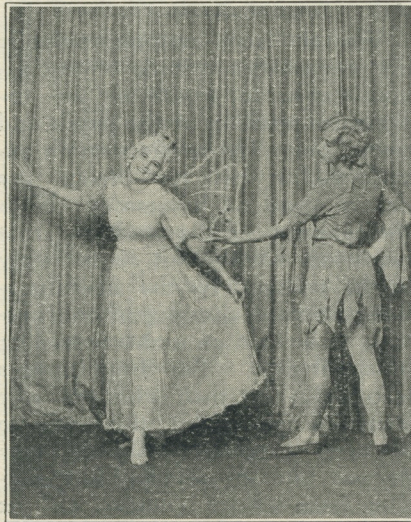
The Fraternity will step into a permanent place in the limelight on December twenty-third when that worthy organization presents its annual dance.

President Curtin and the committee in charge promise it will be the finest dance Port has witnessed.

Bill Crooker's syncopating eight piece orchestra will be present to furnish the enchanting rhythms. A unique decorating scheme has been devised which will completely humiliate anything that has ever before been attempted.

The refreshment committee also promises several innovations both in refreshments and the mode of serving aforesaid food. The Fraternity initiates will serve as waiters for the occasion.

Many of Port's alumni are expected to be present, thereby making the dance a gala event.



Valley Stream Defeats Port Girls 18-13

The girls' basketball team got off to a rather slow start in their opening game on Tuesday by bowing to Valley Stream, 18-13.

In the preliminary game between the second teams, the visitors again triumphed, 14-12. Port lagged far behind in the first half but with the beginning of the second they spurted up and tied their opponents, 12-12. With a last minute shot, the Valley Stream sextet won the game.

In the varsity game, Valley Stream led all the way. Their defense was such that the Port forwards were unable to get through for effective short basket shots. The long shots which they tried were of no avail. At the end of the half Valley Stream was leading, 16-8. Port improved greatly in the last period, but to no avail.

The Line-up

| Port | Valley Stream |
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| Ciminera | R. F.Sullivan |
| Corrigan | L. F.Gardiner |
| Reed | C.Metcalf |
| I. Da Costa | C. G.Bother |
| Housch | L. G.Simonson |
| Nelson | R. G.Shine |
| Substitutions — Port: Smith for Corrigan, Corrigan for Ciminera, Schauer for Housch. | |
| Valley Stream: Feldtmann for Shine. | |
| Referee: Conklin. | |

ROSEMARY YETTER as TITANIA and BERENICE RICH as OBERON, in the forthcoming production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer-Night's Dream."

Plans Complete For Play, Dec. 19

Dress Rehearsals Now Keep Cast Busy

According to reports from the office, the tickets for the Red Domino production, "A Midsummer-Night's Dream", are selling rapidly. Constance Caldwell, vice-president of the Red Domino, has been in charge of the sale conducted at the office, since last Monday morning.

The members of the cast, and also those of the Girls' Glee Club, orchestra, dramatics and arts classes, and production staff are busy collaborating in order to have a finished product for the night of December 19.

A complete list of characters, in order of appearance, is as follows: Theseus, Duke of Athens....Alvin Hayim Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons

- Eve Cleveland Philostrate, Master of the Revels
- Bob Lafferty Egeus, Father of Hermia..John Stewart Hermia, in love with Lysander
- Eileen Hassett Lysander, in love with Hermia
- Kingsley Poynter Demetrius, his rival..Malcolm Anderson Helena, in love with Demetrius
- Charlotte Bohn Quince, the carpenter
- George Margolin Starveling, the tailor
- Donald Dillenbeck Snug, the Joiner.....Albert Brown Snout, the TinkerBertram Wood Flute, the Bellows-mender
- William Berges Nick Bottom, the Weaver
- Herbert Irwin Puck or Robin Goodfellow
- Martha Reed First Fairy
- Edith Tjarks Oberon, King of the Fairies
- Berenice Rich

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147 Receive Schick Test

During the past two weeks, Dr. Daltroff administered the Schick test for diphtheria to 147 high school students. From the number 66 were found to give a positive test. These students would undoubtedly take diphtheria if exposed to it. Notices have been issued to the parents of susceptible students urging them to have toxin-antitoxin serum administered.



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Anonymous Opinions

The Editor was recently called to account, by an irate and anonymous lady professing southern sympathies, for writing an editorial "running down the southern colleges."

For two reasons the Editor ignored this calling to account. The first was because the lady was unjustified in her complaint in the light of the actual phrasing of the editorial, and secondly, and most important, because the lady was anonymous.

The fact that she preferred to be anonymous forces us to the conclusion that she could not be really sincere in her patriotism to her cause, else why not declare her name with her contentions? If one's opinion is worth having, and if it is an honest opinion, its author should have the courage of his convictions enough to declare himself. If an opinion is not worth signing it is not worth expressing.

In regard to the injustice of the lady's complaint, the editorial was not intended to point out any inferiorities of any specific college in any specific section of the country.

Its purpose was to warn those who expect to go to college to choose their colleges carefully, and was based on actual experience, not idle conjecture.

Faulty Arrangements

We have lately been impressed by the inconsistent attitude of the administration in regard to the co-operative working of the pupils and the school. The administration advises that at least two hours per day be spent on homework. With the majority of the students, that two hours comes most conveniently in the evening, yet the administration persists in allowing school functions to be held on nights preceding a school day. For those parents who insist that their children stay home on such nights, this is apt to be very annoying, as usually they do not like to exclude their children from school activities, and yet they are forbidden to go out on a school night. Cannot some other arrangement be made, that will avoid situations like this?

WISE AND OTHERWISE

[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.]

To The Port Weekly:

This article is in reference to the editorial, "A Vital Issue", which appeared in The Port Weekly of November 19.

A number of students felt that the editorial had gone too far in calling the student body ignorant and poorly trained.

The controversy concerning students' behavior started over the Armistice Day assembly program, when the students were criticized for poor attention to one part of the program, which need not be mentioned. The editorial stated that the laughter and other disturbances were uncalled for, but it is the opinion of a great many in school that such an attempt at a speech was ridiculous and humorous, to say the least.

Something must be vitally wrong with a program when several teachers use valuable class time to discuss it with the students.

Surely, these students cannot be called babies for laughing at that particular part of the program. I do not believe that the student body which gave very good atten-

HIGH TIDE-INGS

Columnist: "Some guy named Burdick just handed in a poem."

Dumb Dame: "I know a fellow named Burdick, but he doesn't look as if he could write poetry."

Columnist: "Must be the same one."

It's funny, but the only French idiom R. E. could remember, the other day was, "I long to see him."

Somebody asked, upon seeing the Jenkins brothers, "Which is Frank and which is Ernest?"

To which some wit replied, "Neither, they both go with women."

Said Jill while listening to the Boswell Sisters, the other day, "Say, Fran, we can sing Boswell as they do."

Mr. Pickett (a few years from now): "Yes, the kid tried to argue me out of spanking her, but she got it in the end."

Things we hate to have our best boy friends do:

1. Ask us what we think of our pal, and then start going with her.
2. Borrow our comb and clean thoroughly before using.
3. Drive with left hand only. (The right one in his pocket.)
4. Ask us what we got in our algebra test.

Here's some good advice for a change:

"I am quite a mathematician," said CARELESSNESS.

"I can add to your troubles,
"I can subtract from your earnings,

"I can multiply your aches and pains,

"I can divide your attention,

"I can take interest from your work and discount your chances for safety."
—Anonymous.

tion to the more serious and interesting part of the program can justly be ridiculed for laughing at the part which could not help but be humorous. The real attention and attitude of the student body has been demonstrated in their fine attention at the last few assembly programs.
—J. C.

SHAKESPEARE'S NEW PLAY

By Carol Voute

Imagine that instead of going to see the production of "A Midsummer-Night's Dream" in the Port Washington Senior High School auditorium on December 19, 1931, we are living in the early sixteenth century and are going to see Will Shakespeare's new play—"A Midsummer-Night's Dream".

As we approach the theater we see a queer shaped building with a flag flying, to announce the play. Perhaps we have seats in one of the galleries. If so, we are just a little above the stage, looking down into the pit, where is assembled quite a mob, standing or sitting on makeshift seats brought from home. It costs only twopence in the pit, so anyone may come. Above us is another gallery filled also with gentlefolk, and on the stage sit a few gallants showing off their clothes, and talking and joking with the actors. As we look around us we notice that almost the entire audience is men, except for one or two ladies who have come heavily masked.

Then the play begins. The actors are dressed in the costume of the time, and the fair heroine speaks in a somewhat masculine voice. We discover that she is a young boy. As the play proceeds, the theater is far from quiet, and the settings are extremely crude. The audience, however, leaves the theater well pleased.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Red Domino meets today, Thursday. A meeting of the Port Weekly Staff is scheduled for one o'clock.

"A Midsummer-Night's Dream" will be presented at 8:15 P. M., Saturday, December 19.

On Monday, December 21, the Chess Club will meet. The Circle will also meet at 7:45.

A Christmas Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, at 3:03.

School closes for holidays on Wednesday, December 23, at 12:00. Morning classes will meet on revised schedule so that the fourth period will end at 12:00. In the evening the Fraternity Dance will be held from 8:00—12:00.

Friday, December 25 — M E R R Y CHRISTMAS.

Friday, January 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The next issue of The Port Weekly will be on Thursday, January 7, 1932.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, and Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, have been announced as the joint winners of the Nobel Peace Prize of \$40,000. The announcement was made by Consul General from Norway, W. de Munthe Morgenstjerne.

The prize was founded by Alfred Nobel, who invented dynamite and gun cotton, thus making a large fortune.

Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Charles G. Dawes, and Frank B. Kellogg are other Americans who have previously received the prize.

Jane Addams has, within the last year, been the recipient of the \$5,000 award of the Pictorial Review. She has consistently worked for World Peace.

A device known as the Brass Brain was exhibited for the first time at the annual meeting of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution. It was invented by Dr. Charles G. Abbot, Smithsonian secretary, and calculates changes in the amount of heat radiated by the sun.

This device will bring nearer the goal of weather prophets, namely, the prediction of long-distance weather changes.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

In Mr. Herge's room may be found a number of collegiate banners, vieing with each other for honor positions, according to the standing of the football team of the college which they represent. Although Notre Dame's banner now holds the coveted position of honor, there is some apprehension that it might be displaced by the banner of N. Y. U., Vermont, or Hobart.

On Mr. Mason's bulletin-board are a number of cartoons depicting events in history. The Monroe Doctrine is graphically illustrated by S. B. Aylward, and also by Joan Hunt.

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The 10B English classes have finished studying George Elliott's "Silas Marner," and have covered their bulletin-board with pictures, plays, and newspapers based on this story.

The two French 1A groups are planning a puppet show, presenting

THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS

By Catherine Mackey

Christmas and New Year's day are drawing near. The spirit of good cheer is catching, radiating, infectious, contagious, and transmissible. Bad temper, selfishness, and self-made unhappiness are also infectious. Yet they find it as hard to live in most of us during this holiday of playtime as germs of disease find it to live in sunlight or in healthful bodies.

Holiday making at this season is an old custom. For more than 1000 years Christians have celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 25th. Long before this became a Christian festival it was a season of feasting and cheer because in this week the days begin to lengthen and light begins to drive the darkness back. More light means more cheer, more hope, more confidence and more ambition, whether that light is from our sun or from our religion and our loyalty to truth.

In every European country except Turkey, in all of America and Australia, in South Africa and among Christians living in China, Japan, and Egypt, next week will be a period of festivity.

**Commercial Students
Work For Certificates**

Each year the Gregg Publishing Company issues awards to the pupils of the advanced shorthand classes. These awards are obtained by passing monthly transcription tests submitted at 60, 80, and 100 words per minute, with a certain maximum number of errors for each test. The paper is marked on accuracy, spelling, arrangement, and general neatness.

The purpose of these awards is to aid the graduate when applying for a position. The new employer will, no doubt, want to know the person's ability in writing shorthand. Here is where the timely awards come in handy. Instead of having to go under the strain of taking a test, the cards issued by Gregg may be shown.

Up to this time, ten people of the Shorthand II class have received the award for the 60 word test. Audrey Cornwall, Jessie Kosloski, and Ruth Schauer have received the 84 word award.

Winnie the Poo," and "Les Souliers de Noel."

"Buy Christmas Seals"

Fratry Column

"Penny" Moore on reading the article "Brass Brains" in the New York Herald Tribune, says, "Perhaps this would be a good chance to change our minds. Ivory gets so dull." Well, "Penny" ought to know.

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"Heh, G-r-r-r-r," shouted Ernie in a whisper, "I wonder if Caldwell can get the same women to go with him twice?"

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The Fratry members are waiting anxiously for Bob Lafferty to appear on crutches. "Like Betty, like Bob."

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Your correspondent overheard Jimmie Giresi telling George Worf that he was just like the guy who got a job as elevator operator in the Y. W. C. A. so he could give the girls the up and down.

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On being told how Red won the Sewanhaka basketball game single-handed, Dot Talbot exclaimed, "Oh, swell. I think he's grand."

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The elderly gentleman who owns the house where Miss Griswold resides goes out of his way to accommodate her. It didn't work out so well the other day when, after Miss Griswold had carried the laundry down to the porch, he promptly carried it up again, thereby necessitating her many extra steps.

Track Team Enters First Indoor Meet

Last Saturday, December 12, the indoor track team participated in its first meet of the year, held at the 102nd Armory in New York. The meet, sponsored by Stuyvesant High School, is by far the biggest of the season. There were 57 high schools and prep schools entered and the competition was of a nature that the boys had never before experienced. They did their best, but the only ones to get anywhere were Steve Aylward and Larry Ryan. Both came out sixth in the high jump, out of 52 entrants. The relay team placed fourth in the preliminary heat.

The Port Weekly wishes to correct a mistake in the article "Fratry Host To Squad" in the issue of Dec. 10. James Curtin's name should have been included in the list of letter men.

Port Trims Sewanhaka For First Victory

Last Friday, December 11, Port's basketball squad journeyed to Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park to their second court battle of the current season. The Blue and White came out on top in both the first and second games.

The first string men overcame their opponents by a 16-7 score. This game was played very quickly and provided the onlookers with plenty of thrills. At the beginning the two teams seemed very evenly matched for at the end of the initial quarter the score stood 0-0. Sewanhaka drew first blood with a field goal by Carman, the center, who then sank a foul shot to put Sewanhaka in the lead, 3-0. Port retaliated quickly, however, with two field goals by Curtin, which gave Port a lead which they retained throughout the rest of the game. The half ended with Port ahead, 5-3.

In the second half Port advanced their score considerably to win 16-7. Red Curtin was high scorer of the contest, having personally rolled up 8 points for Port.

Port's reserves conquered the Sewanhaka seconds by the tight score of 12-11.

The boys play their next game with Roslyn tomorrow night, December 18, in the Flower Hill gym.

The Line-up

| | | |
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| Port | | Sewanhaka |
| Jenkins | R. F. | Johnson |
| Curtin | L. F. | Castoldi |
| Karazia | C. | Carman |
| DiGiacomo | R. G. | LaCour |
| Kosofsky | L. G. | Klein |
| Substitutions: Port — Giresi for DiGiacomo. | | |
| Sewanhaka—Falkner for Klein, Wink for La Cour. Referee—Wellington. | | |

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| 10A2 | 16.7% | 6.7% | |
| | | | Lois Butterworth 88% |
| 10A3 | 15.1% | 4% | |
| | | | Russell Gair 82% |
| 10B1 | 4.8% | 20.4% | |
| | | | Malcolm Anderson 92% |
| 10B2 | 17.2% | 3.6% | |
| | | | Adrian Iselin 81.25% |
| 11A1 | 3.6% | 34.5% | |
| | | | Charles Harper 92% |
| 11A2 | 10.2% | 11.2% | |
| | | | Margaret McLoughlin 82.5% |
| 11A3 | 25.6% | 2.4% | |
| | | | Howard Klein 80% |
| 11B1 | 2% | 15.3% | |
| | | | Herbert Irwin 86.25% |
| 11B2 | 11% | 2.7% | |
| | | | Loretta Elliott 81.25% |
| 12-1 | 0% | 38.9% | |
| | | | Robert Birchall 90% |
| | | | Jacqueline Corrigan 90% |
| | | | Imogene Hortsch 90% |
| | | | June Le Quatte 90% |
| | | | Marion Mehan 90% |
| 12-2 | 2.7% | 26.7% | |
| | | | Carmine DiGiacomo 92.5% |
| 12-3 | 6.6% | 5.7% | |

Hockey Girls End Season With Novel Banquet

Last Thursday afternoon saw the cafeteria buzzing with excitement. The hockey girls topped off a successful season with their annual banquet. Games were played from four to six, and then came the important part of the gathering, the dinner.

A novel idea was employed at this affair. All the girls were divided into families, each family consisting of a mother, a father, and ten children. A family bearing a Jewish name invited one having an Irish name to dine at their table. There were five tables and consequently ten families. Every member of the various families was assigned a certain task in seeing that the meal ran smoothly.

At the close of the banquet, Captain Mary Reed presented letters to nineteen members of the team. She also presented book-ends to Miss Burnett on behalf of the members of the squad.

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| Titania, Queen of the Fairies | |
| | Rosemary Yetter |
| Pease Blossom | Jean Curtis |
| Cobweb | Ruth Clark |
| Moth | Dorothy Talbot |
| Mustardseed | Irene Farrelly |
| Fairies in Attendance — Marjorie Crandall, Joan Hunt, Hattie Griese | |

This play of Shakespeare's, which consists of three acts, has its setting in four different scenes. The synopsis of scenes is as follows:

Act I
 Scene 1. A Hall in Theseus' Palace.
 Scene 2. A Room in Quince's House.
 Scene 3. A Moonlit Wood.

Act II
 Scene 1. A Moonlit Wood.
 Scene 2. A Wood at Dawn.

Act III
 A Hall in Theseus' Palace.

The band under the direction of Paul E. Bergan, will play incidental music, especially composed by Felix Mendelssohn. Each of the three acts contain some of the music. Mrs. Rich has been accompanying the players at all rehearsals. The selections will be:

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| Act I | |
| Overture—The Orchestra. | |
| Scherzo — The Orchestra. | |
| "You Spotted Snakes" — Girls' Glee Club. | |
| Act II | |
| Notturmo — The Orchestra. | |
| Act III | |
| The Wedding March — The Orchestra. | |
| "Through the House Give Glimmering Light"—Girls' Glee Club. | |
| | Catherine Mackey 86.25% |
| 12-4 | 4.9% 3.7% |
| | Goodhue Cleveland 81.25% |
| P. G. | 6.4% 29% |
| | Eve Cleveland 90% |