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## Men of Faculty Organize Team

### Mr. Markle High Scorer

The men of the faculty of Port Washington High School have formed a bowling team for the purpose of recreation and exercise. They have entered a league consisting originally of 14 teams, though at present several teams have left. This league is divided into two sections — North Shore and South Shore. So far Port has won all its games except those played with the Sewanhaka High School team. However, championship is based on the total number of points at the end of the season, rather than on the number of games won, so it is theoretically possible for a team to win every game it plays and still lose the championship, if other teams make consistently higher scores when playing with opponents other than Port Washington.

The schedule, exclusive of games already played, is as follows:

Jan. 4—Westbury—away.

Jan. 11—Westbury—home.

Feb. 8—Mineola—home.

Feb. 15—Mineola—away.

Feb. 22—Great Neck—away.

Feb. 29—Great Neck—home.

The team is composed of Messrs. Schreiber, Merrill, Daly, Langdon, Brown, Markle, Haron, Seeber, and Costello. Of the four games played to date, Mr. Markle has the highest individual score.

## Faculty Cuts Capers During Vacation Time

The "fit-to-print" news concerning the faculty members' vacations is scarce. An abundance of the other type is being withheld from reporters. However, the little bit squeezed out is hereby submitted.

Mr. Schreiber remained in town. Mr. Merrill was in Geneva, New York. He also attended the Annual Conference of the Associated Academic Principals of New York at Syracuse on December 28, 29, and 30. Mr. Seeber also went to Syracuse to attend a meeting of the Central Athletic Committee of

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## Charles E. Lofgren To Speak In Assembly

On Friday, January 15, the School Assembly Association will present its first attraction of the new year, in the person of Charles E. Lofgren. Mr. Lofgren was Rear-Admiral Byrd's secretary from the beginning of the organization of his expedition to the South Pole to its end. He was also Byrd's aide on his American tour in 1930. He had sixteen years of naval experience, and then retired. The School Assembly Association chose him as best fitted by education, previous experience, and actual participation in the expedition on the recommendation of Byrd himself.

Mr. Lofgren will tell of the expedition to Little America, describing the every-day life of the forty-two men who spent twenty months in that desolate land of snow and ice, and will describe in detail the scientific achievements which the expedition accomplished.

Reports from the office indicate that Mr. Lofgren will prove a very interesting speaker, who is able in a forceful manner to chronicle the great expedition which drew so much attention on its trip.

## Work To Be Provided For 20 Unemployed

The Citizens Unemployment Relief Committee is planning to provide work for about twenty men. This work will consist of clearing away trees and brush, and filling in holes, on the school property located on Pine Street in Manhasset Bay Estates. The work will be preparatory to the erection of a grade school on the site, but the Board of Education wishes to make clear the fact that no definite time has been set for the building program. It is to be at some time in the future, when necessity for a new school arises, and the present work will be only for the purpose of providing immediate relief through employment to a limited number of men. It may be several years before a building is erected.

## C.S.P.A. Convention To Meet in March

### The Port Weekly Staff

### Plans To Enter Contest

The Port Weekly has recently received notice of the annual contest of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This contest is held at Columbia University, in New York, beginning January 15, and ending at the Annual Convention in March.

The Port Weekly has entered this contest for several years past. In the 1929 contest the Port Weekly placed second, in 1930 third, and in 1931 fourth. High school publications are classified according to the enrollment of the school which they represent into classes A, B, C, and D.

The 1932 contest offers a prize which is new to the contest, known as the "Medalist". It is a prize awarded to the winners of the other classes. Regular prizes are denoted by blue, red, and white ribbons for first, second, and third places, respectively.

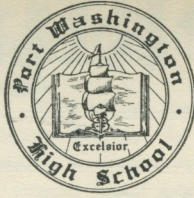
The entries are judged by a group of people of wide experience in the field of scholastic journalism, who are familiar with the peculiar problems of school publications.

A three day convention will be held in New York on March 10, 11, and 12, which delegates from the various publications belonging to the Association are invited to attend. This convention offers many opportunities to the delegates, for there will be about 100 meetings, with lectures on every phase of high school journalism, given by eminent authorities, on their respective specialties. In all probability the Port Weekly will be represented by at least two delegates.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association was founded in 1925, to work in the best interests of student publications.

## Dancing Classes To Resume

Dancing classes will resume work on Friday, January 8, when practice for a recital will commence. New members are welcome.



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### ROOM FOR ORCHESTRA

After the Red Domino's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", we heard many and varied remarks concerning the work of the orchestra, in its rendition of the difficult incidental music. In most every case, these remarks were of a decidedly complimentary nature, their authors commenting on the vast improvement in the orchestra over what they have formerly known it to be.

Favorable criticism of this sort considerably heartens the orchestra and Mr. Bergan in their efforts to as nearly approach perfection as possible. Since his coming here a year and a half ago, Mr. Bergan has striven constantly to make the music department of the school assume a more important part in school activities. In this endeavor he has admirably succeeded, as is evidenced by the greatly increased amount of time accorded to this work, and to the tremendous increase in the size of the orchestra.

The orchestra has won for itself, on merit alone, a definite place in the life of the school. Now, however, their opportunities for prog-

ress are impaired by a unique con- of the increased interest in this work-lack of space.

Formerly the orchestra pit in the auditorium was of ample size to accommodate the orchestra. Now the orchestra has outgrown its allotted space, and is crying for more room. Some of its members are forced to sit outside the pit. The orchestra and Mr. Bergan feel that it is time to have the pit enlarged, not only to accommodate the present orchestra, but also to allow for future growth. Certainly with the progress made this year, the orchestra has become firmly established in the school, so that the enlargement of the pit would be a sound investment, providing for the future as well as the present. Surely it is a worthy cause. We look for early recognition of this need, and a least consideration of the plea for more space.

### C. S. P. A. CONVENTION

The Port Weekly has for three years been a member of The Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is an organization devoted to the interests of school publications, striving to guide new publications in the right direction, and to improve the already established publications. It aims not to standardize student publications but rather to unify them — to encourage them in the best practices and best usages of journalism.

This work is done chiefly through the annual contest and convention which the association sponsors. This contest and convention is held annually in New York. The convention is the largest gathering of its kind in the world. In 1931 the editors and staff members who attended the convention numbered 1615.

At these conventions the leading men and women of journalism, the men and women who represent the largest and most influential publications, lecture on their specialties.

There is ample opportunity for the delegates to get together among themselves and exchange views on any phase of journalism which might interest them.

Thus The Port Weekly feels that the benefits derived from such a contact are well worth while and it will undoubtedly continue as a member of the organization.

### HIGH TIDE-INGS

Professor Pickett entered his "lab" and seeing Kelland engaged in what appeared to be pouring water on himself, asked: "What seems to be the trouble, Horace, my boy?"

"Well, you see, sir, I spilled wet salt over my new pants, and Marshall says salt is soluble in sulphuric acid—GOSH, where are my pants?"

Mr. Mason (in History class)— "How is it you both have the same answer?"

One Student — "Well, you see, history repeats itself."

She — "For seventeen years I've led a life of shame."

He — "Then I suppose you reformed?"

She — "No, I got over being ashamed." —Longhorn.

Lafferty — "Would you care to go to the Senior Dance?"

Dumb Dame — "I'd be delighted."

Laffeffrty — "Then will you buy your ticket from me?"

### PORT'S NOTABLES

About three years ago James Curtin came to our school from state. He immediately stepped into the sports limelight and has remained there ever since.

He has played football, basketball, and baseball for three years, earning his letter in all three sports. As quarterback of the football team this season he was a brilliant success, keeping his head a all times.

It was quite fitting that such an outstanding athlete should have been elected president of The Fraternity in his senior year—the position which he is now filling most successfully.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Friday, Jan. 8, there will be a boys' game with Mineola at Mineola.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, the Retort will hold its regular meeting. In the afternoon the girls' basketball team will go to Glen Cove.

## Numerous Social Events Crowd Holiday Season

A group of Port's younger set traveled into the city on Sunday evening, December 27, to witness the Ranger vs. Chicago hockey game. Among those attending were Barbara Housh, Bob Geddes, Betty Nelson, Rut Terrell, Ruth Engelmann and Herbie Sinkinson.

A birthday bridge was given in honor of Miss Mildred Pease, guest of Adelaide Schlaefer, on Sunday, December 27.

A formal party was given by Mrs. M. M. Porter in honor of her niece, Adelaide Schlaefer, on Tuesday evening, December 29.

During Christmas vacation Fritz Lausen was entertained by a group of his friends who celebrated Fritz's birthday with a surprise party.

Ruth Schauer, Robert Stewart, Stanley Kurejwo and Tom Williamson were guests at a party at Manhasset during Christmas vacation.

Jac and Jill Atwood entertained fifty of their friends at a tea on Saturday, December 26.

About 25 friends were entertained at a New Year's Eve party by Connie and Don Caldwell.

Connie Richardson entertained about 30 of her chums on Wednesday evening, December 30.

Betty Nelson and Barby Housh were hostesses at a party last Friday evening. It was given at Betty's home on Murray avenue.

After a large progressive dinner on New Year's Eve, Ruth Engelmann gave a party at her home on Beacon Hill. More than fifty-four guests attended.

About 75 of the local students attended the Y. P. F. dance on December 28.

The Fraternity opened the Christmas social season with their dance on December 23. The decorations were in keeping with the season. The dance, as is usual with The Fraternity activities, was a great success.

During the Tuesday morning home room session on December 22, Miss Chisholm's home room held a Christmas party.

Katherine Kraft was among the guests at the Plandome Golf Club on New Year's Eve.

Miss Katharine Whittemore, former student and Port Weekly staff member, gave a party last Saturday in honor of two of her schoolmates from Abbott Academy.

## Puppets Cavort Merrily In French Classes

By Jean Cummings

Puppets, puppets, puppets—Who would expect to see the sedate juniors playing with teddy bears and dolls — not real dolls, you understand, just the miniature figures which they are making. Or even less would one expect to see a sedate teacher of French sitting at her desk, taking dainty stitches—or what she thinks are dainty stitches—in the anatomy of "Winnie the Pooh" while listening with the other eye and ear to the principal parts of irregular French verbs.

The idea of puppet shows seems to have pervaded all the French classes. Three boys of Miss Stierle's class wrote and produced an original play. If the puppets were a bit

unruly now and then it only added to the general amusement of the audience. A slight difficulty in keeping up with the vocabulary, on the part of some few people, did not detract from the enjoyment of the play.

Meanwhile, Miss Buckley's French class was busy with their marionette show, "Winnie the Pooh". A great deal of labor and paint-spilling went into the making of an elaborate stage for this performance. The antics of Pooh and Piglet produced enough admiration to satisfy even those who had taken such great pains—and stitches—to make them.

## Mr. Hoekstra's Songs Again Please Pupils

Visiting Port High for a second season, Julien Hoekstra, concert singer, delighted his high school audience and a few parents in a program of well chosen songs.

Among Mr. Hoekstra's selections were many of last year's favorites, including "Esau", "The Old Gray Mare", and "Water Boy", as well as many which were new to Port High students.

Mr. Craft, his accompanist, again pleased the students by playing several piano selections.

## Various Reports Mark Discussion Periods

The home room discussions during the period set aside for that purpose on Tuesday mornings have met with various degrees of success, according to reports from a number of students. According to the reports certain rooms show a discouraging lack of interest in making something worthwhile of the period. They refuse to cooperate in bringing up for discussion, topics of general interest to the school.

Others report a favorable reaction to the movement for freer expression which, it is said, is the purpose of the periods. The chairmen of these rooms find little difficulty in arousing interest in a discussion.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD

Mahatma Gandhi was arrested on the morning of Jan. 4 and Nationalist India once more girded itself for "non-violent" war on Great Britain.

Gandhi and Vallabhai Patel, president of the All India Congress, were both arrested under a Bombay regulation of 1827 and the warrant stated that the imprisonment was for "good and sufficient reasons".

Gandhi predicts a reign of terror in India.

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While en route to undertake his duties as American consul at Harbin, Culver Bryant Chamberlain was assaulted by Japanese troops. As he was driving to the station in the car of the American Consul General at Mukden he was stopped and was requested to show his passport. Being unable to speak Japanese, Mr. Chamberlain responded to the troops' questions in Chinese. The soldiers immediately beat and bruised him and his chauffeur. He was not seriously injured and proceeded on his trip.

## New Club Being Formed

Rumor has it that a new club is to be added to the already crowded list. It is to be a stamp club. Through the efforts of several live wires, an advisor and many prospective members have been secured.

## Fratry Column

Mr. Talbot — From the second floor at midnight — "Young man, the lights usually are extinguished in this house at twelve o'clock."

Red Curtin — "Say, that's a good idea. It sounds swell to me."

—P—

Bob Lafferty, as he settled down into a chair in Physics class, — "Well, vacation is over and we're back in school again. Now I can catch up on my lost sleep."

—P—

About three years ago when "Rut" Terrell was a little kid, his father took him to visit some friends. On one occasion he received a big shiny apple.

"Now, Russell," said his father, "what do you say?"

Rut handed the apple back and commanded, "Peel it."

—P—

T. Smith — "Mr. Dodds, I don't know when to use k-n-o-w and when to use n-o when transcribing my notes."

Mr. Dodds — "You can easily tell by the meaning of the sentence."

Tuttie — "So you can. But when do you use that 'know' spelled n-o-w?"

—P—

Quite a few embarrassing confessions were forced from the initiates at the last Circle meeting.

Ruth Schauer gave a rather lengthy and revealing oration on the "Evils of driving with George Knowles".

Bill Otto presented an interesting speech on "Conceit and Its Benefits to a High School Student."

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The Senior Spanish Class enjoyed some of Anna Finch's home made fudge on the day before vacation. Anna picked up the empty box after class and took it to Mr. Mason and offered him a piece. After opening the box and poking around for some candy which was not there, she retreated, rather embarrassed.

Mr. Mason, calling after her — "Thanks, Anna, that's the best I've tasted in a long time."

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Mills — "Everybody is telling me I was the life of the party last night."

Jenkins — "Yeh, I thought it was dead, too."

## Examination Schedule

Regents examinations will be held during the week of January 25-29. The schedule of examinations follows.

### Morning at 9:15 Monday

Elementary Algebra  
History B  
American History

### Tuesday

English 3 Years  
English 4 Years  
Business English

### Wednesday

French 3 Years  
Spanish 3 Years  
Plane Geometry

### Thursday

Intermediate Algebra  
Advanced Algebra  
Bookkeeping 2  
Trigonometry

### Friday

### Solid Geometry Afternoon at 1:15

### Monday

French 2 Years  
Spanish 2 Years

### Economics Typewriting 1

### Tuesday

Latin 2 Years  
Latin 3 Years  
Latin 4

### Spanish 4 Years French 4 Years

### Wednesday

Chemistry  
History A  
Commercial Law

### Thursday

Physics

## Many Alumni in Town

The Christmas holidays this year brought forth a number of Port's alumni, who were seen in force at affairs around town, a particularly large number turning out for the Fratry dance on December 23. During the last few days before school closed for the holidays, the teachers were visited by many of their old class members. Among those seen were Sam Fleet, Wilfred and Robert Senseman, Cletus Polk, Walter Morris, Arthur Hill, Nat-lie Birchall, Mildred Pearce, Oliver Messenger, Alton Paddock, Ed Gould, John Lawrence, Robert Read, Winifred Croucher, Ruth Miller, Stuart Choate, Roger Enscoe, Walter Mullon, and Robert Guilford.

## SIDELINE SNAPSHOTS

The boys' basketball squad has started practise again after the Christmas holidays. They are to meet Mineola on the enemy's courts tomorrow night. Mineola was Port's only conqueror last year, causing Port to drop two games in the championship. Port has developed a good team this year and ought to topple Mineola. The game promises to be interesting and exciting and a good crowd out to lend support.

The girls' basketball season stepped into full swing yesterday with the first league game of the season. The team from Mineola met the Port team on the local court. After the Christmas holidays, the squad got back in time for only one practice before the game.

On December 22, the girls bowed to a new set of rivals. The South Side team from Rockville Center defeated the Blue and White by a score of 36-28.

## Glee Club Broadcasts

During the Christmas vacation, the Glee Club of the Flower Hill School presented two radio programs, over station WOR. One was on Saturday, December 19, and the other was on Thursday, December 24.

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the State Athletic Association. It is a strange coincidence that both Mr. Mason and Miss Buckley returned from up north with bad colds. Staatsburg welcomed Mr. Dimmick. Miss Allison says, "I did nothing but accompany at broadcasts, cut up at a New Year's party, and paper two rooms." Mr. and Mrs. Langdon spent half the vacation in Buffalo and the rest at home entertaining friends. Dr. Daltroff was in Memphis, Tennessee, her home town. Roses were blooming in her garden on Christmas day. Was it a result of sunshine or "moonshine"? Miss Stierle was a guest in a suburb of Philadelphia and in Atlantic City. "Nothing interesting" occupied the time of Miss Duffy — and she with an Irish name! The Hawthorne-Bergan merger seems to have continued through vacation, which both spent in Port. Miss Mitchell does not know whether or not she went to Syracuse.