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Council Discusses Senior Privileges

3 of Faculty Elected

At the last meeting of the student council, several topics of importance were discussed. The first subject of controversy concerned the period for passing between classes. Some members held that this interval is too short for convenience and that the addition of a minute or two would be of great advantage. Other members maintained that the present arrangement is entirely satisfactory. They claimed that the tardiness of a large percentage of pupils is due to avoidable delay. As no conclusion could be reached, it was decided to bring the matter up for discussion in the home rooms before any action is taken.

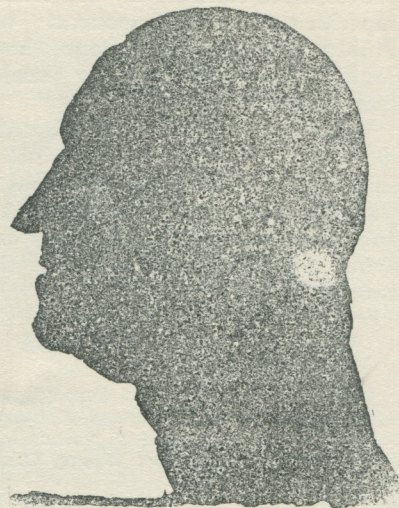
The subject of senior privileges was the next to be introduced. Opinions differed widely on this topic. It was thought by some to be foolish, unnecessary, and unfair; by others to be desirable. A committee of three was appointed to decide upon some possible privileges which the rest of the council will then vote upon.

The student council of last term voted that three members of the faculty should sit with them as equal members. As nothing more had been done about this, the present council decided to elect these members: Miss Duffy, Mr. Dimmick, and Mr. Dodds.

Mr. Merrill then made clear that the musical assemblies on Mondays are compulsory. He believes that good music is an essential part of education.

Stanley Walczyk Dies

Mr. Stanley Walczyk, teacher of General Language, Latin and History at the junior high, died last Friday. Mr. Walczyk began teaching in Port Washington last September and in that short time started a Latin newspaper which attracted the interest of many students. His absence will be keenly felt by his former pupils.



—Mary Reid.

National Contest Open To Essay Writers

The Gorgas Memorial Institute opened its fourth essay contest on February 8, with the subject "Mosquitoes: Their Danger as a Menace to Health, and the Importance of Their Control." The institute offers awards for fifteen hundred word essays written by high school juniors and seniors: seven hundred dollars — first prize; one hundred and fifty dollars — second prize; third prize — fifty dollars; fourth and fifth prizes — honorable mention; a ten dollar state prize; and a high school prize of a Gorgas Medallion. The essays, of which but one from each school is entered in the national contest, will be judged in literary value, originality, and neatness. More detailed information of the contest, which closes on March 15, may be obtained from Mr. Dimmick.

Retort Adds 8 Members

The Retort Club began this term by taking in eight new members. They are: Otto, Irwin, Lawton, Gordon, O. Margolin, D. Utz, Bronner, Bell.

The officers are: President—V. Moore; Vice President—R. Carrico; Secretary—R. Birchall; Faculty Adviser—Mr. Pickett. The next six weeks will be devoted to talks on scientific subjects not covered in the usual class room procedure.

Thirty Men Work On New Stadium

Completion Is Set

For Track Season

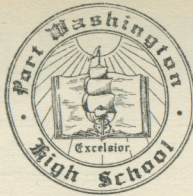
Work on the new stadium which is being constructed near the senior high athletic field is progressing rapidly. The concrete work on the west side of the stadium has been completed and approximately sixty percent finished on the east side. There are about thirty men employed in the construction. Each man works for a full week and the following week a new shift is employed. In this way a considerable number of the unemployed of Port Washington secure work. The construction work is under the direction of Mr. T. W. Vander Veer, Supervisor of Public School Constructions. The stadium will be ready for use some time about April. This will be a boon to track and baseball fans.

Mrs. Christian R. Holmes, whose generous support led to the starting of the construction of the stadium, has charge of the financing. The Port Washington Unemployment Relief Committee takes charge of the employing of men. The committee endeavors to show no partiality to employment seekers. In this manner many of the applicants secure positions. Besides working on the stadium, a number of men are also clearing away and grading the school property in the Manhasset Bay Estates region.

Pupils Sing in Assembly

Singing assemblies were inaugurated on Monday, when Mr. Bergan took charge of the first music assembly for combined groups in the auditorium. "March on Down the Field", "The High School Song", and the chorus of Herbert's "Gypsy Love Song" followed a check-up on the seating arrangement.

The boys occupied the front of the auditorium, the basses on the left and the tenors in the right section. The girls' alto voices acted as a background directly behind the boys' tenor division, while the girls' soprano voices were placed in the rear of the boys' basses.



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A PUBLIC DISGRACE

There are certain unwritten laws in athletics, as there are in every walk of life, which it should be everyone's duty to obey without questioning. Adherence to these laws should be entirely instinctive, and should not have to be prompted. One of these unwritten but nevertheless imperative laws of good sportsmanship is the law that adverse conditions be accepted with good grace — that defeat, or the mere prospect of defeat, should not be the cause of any unsportsman-like conduct, or even an unsportsman-like attitude.

The basket-ball game with Mineola on February 5 showed that we are evidently unable to face defeat in the same way that we accept victory — with rejoicing in our hearts that the fellows on our team have "Done their stuff", whether to gain victory or to go down in defeat. At that game we stood just as good a chance of coming through as the victors, as we had of being defeated. It was a good fight all the way through, — yet, because we were dissatisfied with some of the decisions of the

referee, we indulged in unsportsmanlike demonstrations to let him know it.

In the event that some of the decisions were unjust — which we have no right to say — it is certainly even more to our credit that we came through as the victors. It proves more conclusively our team's superiority over its opponent. We should feel glad that our boys could accomplish a victory under such conditions.

It was decidedly to our discredit to have our bad sportsmanship shown up in public the way that it was. It should make us feel cheap, and make us hope that we can avoid a similar occurrence in the future.

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 Editor:

I would like to recommend, gently but firmly, that the term of the home-room representatives be changed from six weeks to ten weeks as the minimum. Why does our student body vote for a thing without any reason at all? I'll bet if you should ask any of the student body why they voted for a six weeks' term they wouldn't be able to tell you. How could a student council get organized at all if a new group of people was elected every six weeks? It takes time and patience to get any organization working, and how can the student body expect anything from their council if they vote without thought or debate? No council can get ahead without the help and backing of the students.

Please have the question of a longer term for representatives put before the school again, suggesting that the students think before they vote.

—R. Critchett.

P. S. We have "pep" meetings to encourage the student body in backing the athletic teams; why not have a few to encourage the student body in backing the student council?

PORT'S NOTABLES

Connie Caldwell entered high school from P. S. 127 in East Elmhurst at the commencement of the 'twenty-eight term. Since then every school activity has claimed a definite part of her attention. She has managed all of Port's athletic teams for the past two years and was president of the Red Domino

HIGH TIDE-INGS

Lincoln — the most lied about man. Some of the stories told about Lincoln which are untrue:

1. That he was a great rail splitter.
2. That he wore only badly fitting black frock coats, and a musty high hat.
3. That he had no religion.
4. That he knew but one poem.
5. That he told obscene stories.
6. That he never lost his temper.
7. That he was unhappily married.

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"How Do You Do?"

When an Egyptian meets an acquaintance he says "How do you perspire?" A Chinaman's first concern is for his friend's stomach, and he asks if he has eaten rice. In ancient Rome where every man was a warrior, "How is your strength?" is the customary form of salutation. In England, up to the 17th century, the kiss was the common form of greeting for friends and strangers alike. Shaking the hand was a mark of very close intimacy or higher favor. The Moors kiss each other's shoulders. South Sea Islanders and Eskimos rub noses. And we, educated Americans that we are, say "Hi 'ya pal?"

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"The Port Weekly" wants to know:

How Messrs. Brown and Dodds happened to short change themselves.

Where the Port-Hi-Mariners plan to keep their yacht.

Why Larry Dean didn't choose a cooler day to appear with his black eye.

Club last year and vice president this year.

During her sophomore year she took part in "Prunella" and was elected secretary of the Celerity.

Connie's scholastic record has been just as good as her activities are varied. She became a member of the Circle this fall. This successful career should serve as a beacon for many of the enthusiastic students who are just beginning their high school careers.

School Enrollment Increases

Latest reports from Mr. Merrill's office disclose the fact that, while there were only 329 pupils at the end of last term, the school now numbers 388.

Music Convention To Be Held in H. S. Auditorium

It was announced recently that the New York Federation of Music Clubs convention will take place in Port's auditorium this June 10-11 by consent of the Board of Education. Port was well represented last June at the Federation's convention in Jamaica. The large attendance from Port was due largely to the efforts of Mr. Paul E. Bergan, of whom Gustave Langenus, symphony rating musician, remarks has done a great deal for the public schools in music the last two years.

Tryouts are going on at the present for the Gilbert and Sullivan "Pirates of Penzance", as it will be managed and directed by Miss Hawthorne and Mr. Bergan. With glee clubs practicing steadily, the wheels will soon start rolling in the casting of an even more hilarious and beautiful opera than last year's "Mikado".

Physical Examination Given Grade Pupils

The children who recently entered kindergarten underwent a physical examination in the presence of their parents. This gave the parents an opportunity to learn of any defects or weaknesses affecting the health of their children.

The health department states that it is needless to worry about scarlet fever in this community as there are only five known cases in the whole school system.

Dr. Daltroff advises the high school students to watch for any signs of colds, sore throats, or fever, especially in young children. These symptoms are danger signs and sometimes lead to scarlet fever.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

A Washington's Birthday Program will be presented during the Friday Assembly, February 19.

Friday night, the boys' and girls' teams of Port Washington and Manhasset will play basketball, in the Port Washington gym.

School will be closed on Monday, February 22, in order to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

Monday night, a Community Washington Bicentennial program will be presented in the High School Auditorium, at 8:00 P. M. The program will be largely furnished by High School students.

Tuesday afternoon, February 23, the Great Neck girls' basketball team will play Port Washington, here.

The Exciting Life of a Private Secretary

By Emma Hutchings

In order to secure and maintain organization and alacrity in his business, an executive discovers that the first logical and convenient thing to do is to employ a secretary. The secretary, serving in the capacity of a confidential attendant, assumes some of the executive's responsibilities, thereby affording the executive the opportunity of centering his attention on matters of vital importance. Amiable Miss Mitchell, Mr. Schreiber's secretary, is a splendid example of what a responsible and efficient secretary should be.

So, after this, if you get to wondering how Mr. Schreiber ever manages to settle all the business that comes before him, you will know that he cannot possibly do it all, personally, and that Miss Mitchell "pinch-hits" for him whenever the opportunity offers itself.

Miss Mitchell's is anything but a "hum-drum" existence. As a matter of fact, she leads a very

busy and interesting life. Her work enters into every phase of the school system. She makes daily contact with the public, the Board of Education, the Faculty, and the pupils. Her work varies from day to day, and Miss Mitchell declares that "Today's work is never the same as yesterday's."

She is the type of person who derives pleasure from her occupation. She says that being a secretary "is a happy, busy, and most interesting position. I enjoy it immensely. In fact, I would not change places with anyone."

Now it is explained why she can manage to "keep smiling" in the midst of innumerable phone calls, attending to this and that, and constantly answering summonses from one floor or another.

After having given thirteen years of efficient service, all the while getting the greatest enjoyment from her chosen field, Miss Mitchell has proved to the world that life isn't just one big grumble after another.

PERSONALS

Betty Nelson entertained Rut Terrell, Barbara Greene, Jack Leyden, Ruth Engelmann and Herbie Sinkinson at her home last Friday night.

Mr. Schreiber has been confined to his home for the last few days with the grippe.

Miss Probst, former mathematics teacher and adviser for "The Port Weekly", was present at a faculty bridge party the other day.

Eve Cleveland is sailing for a three months' sojourn in Europe on February 25.

Billy Otto was seen at a dance in Great Neck recently.

Evelyn Pease spent the week-end visiting friends in New Jersey.

Jill Atwood was a participant in a Manhasset "cat" concert last Friday evening.

Circle Dance March 19

The Circle held a meeting on Monday night, February 15, at which time several new members

Circle Adds 7 Members

It was announced in assembly on Monday that several new members were admitted to the Circle. Mr. Merrill said that the list was not complete. The list as announced included Malcolm Anderson, Daniel Chekatakus, Margaret Cox, Ruth Englemann, Melvin Golder, Herbert Irwin, and June LeQuatte.

COOKING CLUB

HAS 32 MEMBERS

The cooking club had an interesting program outlined for this week. The six boys who belong to this club are going to try to show the girls how to cook. The club has 32 members, who will be divided into groups of five or six. Refreshments will be served provided that each member brings ten cents to pay for them. The boys had planned to cook bacon and pancakes to be served with syrup.

were admitted. The Circle decided to hold their annual dance on Saturday, March 19. The Circle advises that you make your dates early, in order to be sure to have one.

Port Conquers Glen Cove, 46-17

Red Curtin High Scorer

The Port Washington quintet swamped the Glen Cove five by a score of 46 to 17. Red Curtin succeeded in finding the goal 11 times and became high scorer of the evening with 22 points. This was the sixth victory in nine starts for the Blue and White.

The line-up:

Port Washington (46)	G.	F.	P.
Jenkins, L. F.	3	1	7
Curtin, R. F.	11	0	22
M. DeMeo	2	1	5
Palminteri	2	1	3
Kalinosky, C.	3	2	0
DiGiacomo, L. G.	0	0	0
Luey	0	0	0
Terrell	1	0	0
Gerisi, R. G.	1	0	2
Total	21	4	46
Glen Cove (16)	G.	F.	P.
Lankowitz, L. F.	0	0	0
Catobianco	2	2	6
Phillips, R. F.	1	2	4
Whitely, C.	0	0	0
Zenbleo	0	0	0
Cararich, L. G.	0	1	1
Dubiche	1	0	2
Niellards, R. G.	0	0	0
Pondo	1	2	4
Total	5	7	17

Catobianco was the high scorer for Glen Cove, making 2 long shots from the center of the floor. If he keeps that up he will have to be watched closely in future games with Glen Cove.

In a preliminary game the Port seconds defeated the Glen Cove seconds by a score of 22-13.

One of the main features of the evening was the German band which played for the crowd between the games. They were enjoyed by all and many hope to hear and see them again.

Faculty Bowling Squad Meets Fellowship Team

On Saturday night, February 20, some of the boys will have a chance to get even with their "slave-drivers" when the bowling team of the Young People's Fellowship of St. Stephen's Church will meet the faculty bowling team at the church parish hall. It is not definitely known at the present which six men will bowl for the faculty. The Young People's Fellowship team will probably consist of Bill Emmerich, Bob Birchall, Sam Fleet, Arthur Cocks, George Fitts and Charles Harper.

This will be the first outside match in which a Fellowship team

Fratry Column

"Dap" Sullivan was heard to remark: "I shaved myself with some bum razor blades. I cut myself so much I had to take a drink of water to see if my throat leaked."

—P—

Mr. Lyons — My disposition is such that if I am chased and hounded I will not do what I'm supposed to do.

Mr. Merrill — How did you ever get married?

—P—

Flanagan — What do you think of Mary Augustin now, Ernie?

Jenkins — I don't think of her any more. Tennyson had the right idea — "What care I how fair she be, if she be not fair to me."

—P—

F. Kalinosky — Ouch, I bit my tongue.

M. Elze — That wasn't your tongue, that was mine.

—P—

We would like to know why the young men in the cooking club don't demonstrate their skill; and more important — is the depression the cause of their interest?

—P—

We notice that we have a new student in school. His name is "Paulie" Smith. We wonder if he'll join the cooking club too.

—P—

One of the notes that was found about school:

Diz: No kidding, Ruth, who was that fellow you were out with the other night?

Ruth E.: I'm not going to tell you. Besides you don't like him and you may get into a scrap. I don't think you even care for me as much as you used to.

Diz: Please give me a chance and let me have a few dates some afternoon.

—P—

On returning from college a bright young man said to his mother, "May I tell you a narrative?"

Mother—"What is that?"

Son—"That is a tale."

That evening the son said, "May I extinguish the light?"

Mother — "What does that mean?"

Son—"To put it out."

Next day they had company, and the dog came in.

Mother—"Son, take that dog by the narrative and extinguish him."

has participated, although the boys have been bowling among themselves for several years.

Mineola Subdued By Girls' Team

Score 27-20

Port's girls moved on in their unbroken line of league victories last week to add another victory to the already long list. Mineola bowed to the Blue and White aggressors to the tune of 27-20.

The game was Port's from the start when Captain Mary Reid drew first blood by sinking a field goal in the first minute's play. Ruth Schauer and Clara Ciminera each contributed a couple of points. The end of the first quarter found Port with 10 points to Mineola's 2.

Port's aggression continued throughout the half where the score stood at 15-10.

Mineola came forth with renewed efforts during the second half, capturing the first points. Port kept up her lead and although Mineola monopolized the ball in the last quarter and piled up a good many points the Blue and White conquered with little difficulty.

The slipperiness of the floor that had unfortunately been freshly waxed for the coming dance made faulty playing by both teams unpreventable. However, as it was, Port gained a much easier victory than had been anticipated over one of her most formidable rivals.

Port Subdues Glen Cove

Last Tuesday Port took their old rivals, Glen Cove, over by a score of 25-13. The game was Port's from the start. Completing the first signal the Port forwards snapped the ball down the court for a goal by "Tut" Smith. Scoreless scrimmaging for a short interval was followed by a stream of baskets for Port. Captain Reed made a beautiful shot from the center line, followed by 3 fouls and a couple of field goals. At the quarter whistle Port led by 7-0. Port continued to lead the second quarter with plenty of fighting from both teams. Glen Cove's first goal was contributed by Olkoski. At the end of the half Port had a definite lead of 17-2.

Clara Ciminera opened the scoring for the third period with a field goal. Glen Cove sank two foul shots but failed to increase the score further. In the last quarter Glen Cove did break through for 2 field goals by Coughlan, while Port annexed but one point from a Glen Cove foul.