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School Spirit Topic Of Council Meeting

The second meeting of the newly elected Student Council was held on Thursday, April 21.

A heated discussion on school spirit occupied most of the time. Some members contended that school spirit is not, by any means, what it should be in this school. Others maintained that, as a whole, it is very good. All members agreed, however, that it would be a good plan to try to encourage school spirit to still greater level. In order that this might be done more easily, it was decided to ask for the cooperation of the "Circle", the "Celerity", and the "Fratry". With the aid of these organizations and the entire student body, the Student Council feels that a great deal can be accomplished.

At a meeting earlier in the year, the Council had voted that a request be made for more cheer leaders, but nothing was done. It was decided that definite steps should soon be taken in this direction.

The members were asked to remind their homeroom groups that seniors have the privilege of leaving assemblies before the rest of the school.

Back-To-Land Movement Advocated Here

A committee of prominent townsmen, under the chairmanship of Mr. Cornell, of the Port Washington National Bank, is endeavoring to lighten the burden of expenses for those families whose incomes have been stopped or seriously impaired. An attempt is being made to secure the use of some of the fertile vacant land in the town for the use of the heads of families for cultivation purposes. The Agricultural Department of Cornell University has stated that a plot of land 50x100 feet is sufficient to supply a family of five with vegetables for a large part of the year.

The method of apportionment has not yet been decided upon. However, the land will be relegated to the use of any family head making an application to the committee.



—Designed and cut by Mildred Elze

Operetta Pronounced Financial Success

When all the returns from "The Pirates of Penzance" were collected, it was found that enough money had been made to insure the success of "The Port Light" for this year, and to leave a surplus.

The receipts from the Friday matinee were \$59.55, and those Saturday night amounted to \$440.80, making a total of \$500.35. It is estimated that the expenses of the production will reach approximately \$200, thus giving a profit of about \$300. Last year "The Mikado" returned a profit of \$490.

The 1932 year book will cost in the neighborhood of \$800 to print. Subscriptions and advertisements will cover about \$550 of this, and the \$300 from the operetta will leave the annual with a profit of around \$50.

Mr. Garret H. Leverton, a member of the faculty of the School of Dramatics at Northwestern University, witnessed the performance, and later said that the whole production was very good.

Charlotte Bohn Is May Queen

Fran Cornwall Elected As Crowner

Due to the large number of girls who were nominated for May Queen, there was a varied selection of votes. After the votes were counted it was discovered that Charlotte Bohn was victorious. Constance Caldwell and Joan Hunt received about an equal number of votes but less than those given Charlotte Bohn. Frances Cornwall was elected crowner of the May Queen.

The crowning will take place during the regular Friday assembly period. There will be other features besides that of the crowning. Eileen Hasset will sing, "O That We Two Were Maying", and the pantomime dancing class will present two dances.

Peggy Augustin was the May Queen last year and she was crowned by Ruth Kidney. This is the third year that the school has had the ceremony of crowning the May Queen.

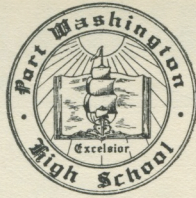
Pupils Win Scholarship

It was announced on Monday that Eileen Hasset and Kingsley Poynter have won a scholarship to the summer session of the School of Speech at Northwestern University. They will be among a group of twenty-four students chosen for their ability, interest and previous experience in high school dramatics.

The award consists of a four weeks' course in dramatics under the tutelage of Professors Garret H. Leverton, Theodore Fuchs and others equally well known for their work in dramatics and speech. Northwestern is particularly noted for its speech department.

Mrs. Holmes To Give Shrubs

Mrs. Christian R. Holmes, of Sands Point, who contributed the funds for the building of the stadia, has announced that she will give a large number of flowering shrubs to be planted around the two structures.



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We Fight Well, now that spring **The Good** seems to be actually **Fight!!** here, with its glorious warm weather, it's going to be harder than ever for us to get any real work done. Of course, there are always some who never have any trouble getting their work done — they seem to like work — but there are many of us, unfortunately, who aren't very much in love with the routine of school. It is that group of us who needs to remember that we can't expect to get anywhere without hard work.

And yet, it's hard to even write this warning about work, while looking out of the window, and feeling the balmy spring air. As we sit here, we can actually see the new life in all the growing things. It seems that everything but man gets this urge to grow in the spring — and man gets lazy with the coming of the soft breezes. He yawns luxuriously, and feels as though he'd like to do nothing but sleep "bawsking in the sun". Ah, here, veritably, is a challenge to us in Port Washington High School! Can we overcome this urge? Can we defeat its insidious purpose? Can we

raise our marks five points in spite of an almost overpowering urge to sleep? It is an opportunity (this must be the thousandth time it's knocked) to show the world the stuff of which we in Port are made!

An Expression Of Gratitude Words are rather powerless when we attempt to express our gratitude to Miss Hawthorne and Mr. Bergan for their splendid cooperation and hard work in producing "The Pirates of Penzance". Their efforts have assured the financial success of the "Port Light". We know that most of the audience came on the strength of the reputation of the "Mikado", but now we know that next year it will come on the reputation of "The Pirates".

Appeal To Local Press

We watched with great interest the work of widening and improving the turnpike in front of our school until one day, for some unaccountable reason, the contractors packed up their tools and disappeared, leaving behind them a half-finished road flanked by dangerous ditches and unsightly piles of building material. Since then not a shovel has been turned in the vicinity of Middle Neck Road.

Prompted by a natural curiosity and some annoyance at having to pilot our car around the open ditches and scattered rubble we tried to find some cause for this sudden cessation of labor. There was none visible. The money seemed to have been duly appropriated and we could find no evidence of the contractor's failure.

We feel that the editors of our local papers would be the ones most likely to have definite information on the matter and therefore appeal to them to inform the future local citizens of the reason for this discharge of workers at a time when every man without a job makes the burden of the community just so much heavier.

Besides being an economic liability, Middle Neck Road in its present condition is a stigma to an otherwise impressive and beautiful community.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

As all may not have the opportunity of reading Christine Eato's poem after publication, it is being reprinted here.

TO DIE

It might not be so hard to die,
If it were not for memories
of springs gone by;
And thoughts of springs to come.

God, if I might take
One soft white butterfly,
Or one whiff of dormant marshes
Come to life;

Then
It would not be so hard to die.

"Gee, it sure is hard to drive a bargain," muttered Chappie as he crawled out and under to see what the matter was.

Rita Fay, lucky winner of two free tickets, went to see "Hot Cha". She refused to say who used the other ticket. I wonder why.

Miss Allison: Well, Muriel, I have a new niece born three days ago.

Muriel England: My, that's fine, is it a boy or a girl?

Sweetheart, Gone But Not Forgotten

Sweetheart, she was mine.
I loved her, she loved me.
She was all that was fine,
Slender, beautiful, dear, and sweet.
Then, it all happened so quick.
She left me with a broken heart;
I still don't think it was a fair trick.
She was everything to me, My Sweetheart.

—By A. Hutchinson.

Did someone dare suggest that Bill Emmerich looks Anna-Mayted.

Can You Imagine

Jackie and Puck having split up?
Mr. Dimmick in a fearful temper?

Mr. Mason without a snappy answer?
whole week?

Billy Turner not being late for a Margaret Smith without her swagger?

Mary Reed with a funny joke?
Rosemary Seraphine going a whole week without a new dress?

Jessie Kosloski not saying anything for a whole period?

Mr. Merrill making a few brief announcements?

Everybody walking leisurely to the lunchroom?

MISS GORMLEY ADMITS THAT SHE IS "CLUBBY"

Shades of Scipio! But only shades, since the Carthage we are concerned with is a small town in the Adirondacks, where Miss Gormley was born and where in her earliest days she jumped as much as the Bobbsey twins. She went to St. Lawrence University, where she majored in mathematics, physics, and psychology, and taught a few physics classes. She belonged to the Phi Omega Phi sorority, the Science Club and the Mathematics Club. She was interested in basketball, dancing, bridge, sleighing and skiing, in which she was skilled.

She remembers going to a Sophomore rush as a Freshman. The Sophs took the Freshmen out into the country and left them there. At 12:00 P. M. they had to walk back to college—a mere four miles. Miss Gormley was graduated from college in 1925.

After graduation, Miss Gormley taught at Weedsport, near Syracuse. She has been in Port Washington for four years. Her first impression was a bewildering mass of rooms among which she could scarcely find her way.

Miss Gormley enjoys the theatre very much. She likes Herbert Marshall and she did like Helen Hayes until she saw "The Good Fairy". Her favorite plays were "Reunion in Vienna" and "Animal Kingdom". She hopes some day to go to the Emerald Isle where her Irish blue eyes will insure her a hearty welcome. She greatly enjoys checkers, contract bridge, and camp-life, provided there is a great deal of swimming. She used to revel in a gay gallop until she fell from a horse. After that she never tried again. Ever since she was a small girl, she has liked to organize clubs. In fact, as she says, she has always been rather "clubby". Strange to relate, unlike most people, Miss Gormley does not care for circuses or pop-corn.

Shades of Euclid! Anyone can safely plunge into lines, squares, circles and triangles, with Miss Gormley as lifeguard.

Tennis Captain Elected

At a recent meeting of the girls' tennis squad, "Jackie" Corrigan was elected captain for the coming season. A squad of about thirty-five members began practice on Monday, April 18, and have been working hard to prepare for the first match on May 3.

Cursed Clock Curtails Creative Craniums

By Emma Hutchings

The big things in life are always noticed and the small things continually escape the public's consideration.

There is the classroom clock, just an ordinary timepiece, absolutely plain and unattractive, never extolled by the students for its faithful service, and yet that clock receives more admiring glances than the prettiest girl in the school. It receives grouchy glances, too.

For example, suppose that you get to school ten minutes after the time the clock indicated you should have been there. You glare angrily at the clock, and gr-r-r, if the old time-recorder wasn't accustomed to such treatment she'd wilt down to nothing. On the other hand, suppose you hadn't prepared your French lesson, and when you were called upon to recite, the clock indicated that the period was at an end. Oh boy, what a grand and glorious feeling! That's when you think the clock deserves a couple of shiny medals.

Time-pieces are such funny contraptions. They actually have a nice sense of humor, and delight in teasing pupils. The study hall clock

is especially humorous, and is forced to keep its hands before its face in order to refrain from laughing outright at you, as you hustle yourself into a lather, trying to do homework in a couple of subjects (work that should have been done the night before), and at the same time, trying to out-race time, only to be beaten by that horrible clock!

Then there's that question of being in the corridors when you shouldn't be there. Of course, if that office clock would be on your side, only, how simple things would be!

You would never be there ten minutes before you should be, but you would be there at just the right time to escape punishment. However, that troublesome clock tells responsible persons that you are a culprit, and Shade of Caesar! You never hear the end of it!

You recall that I said small things (such as clocks) are seldom considered. They remind one as being somewhat of the same character as bees' implements for stinging — so inconspicuous, but oh my, so effective!

We Don't Want It Known, But—

Donad Utz wonders why people go south for the winter when they know they won't find it there.

We certainly do appreciate Ed Burdick's worth after nearly losing him last Wednesday. What with electric currents, fire-crackers and hot steel, we surely are glad to know that he's still safe and among us.

Listen:

There was a young lad named Larry,
Who thought it his business to tarry;
But one day, O sad Fate,
He found he was late,
And vowed the next time he would hurry.

Now, there was a sweet thing called Connie,
Who thought she was ever so funny;
But then she soon found

When with people she clowned,
They always walked off in a hurry.

Now the pupils of high-school don't study,
And they think that all subjects are "nutty";

But when regents come round
And their brains can't be found,
They'll wish that they'd harkened
and studied.

There is a young girl on the staff
Who tries to make everyone laugh;
When the editor discovers
That the things she uncovers
Are true, why, that girl will go off
of the staff.

"Red" Sheehan had a party after "The Pirates of Penzance". Among the members of the cast present were Jill Atwood, Tom Luey, Bill Emmerich, Doris Gould, Adelaide Schlaefel, John MacGillivray, Bob Lafferty and Herbert Irwin. Others included Dorothea Rose, Don Utz, Fran Cornwall, Jo Greene, Ed Gould, Bob and Ken Fertig, Ruth Engelmann, Jack Young, Betty Nelson, Rut Terrell, Barbara Housh, Scotty Morgan, Barbara Greene, Jack Leyden, John Laurence, and "Libby" Cavanaugh.

Fratry Column

"I hear one of our football players got choked to death."

"You don't say! How did it happen?"

"Well, he was eating a piece of horse meat and somebody hollered 'Whoa!'"

—P—

Liza — "Sam, ah jes seen an alligator eatin' our youngest chile!"

Sam — "Umm-uh! Sho' nuff? You knows, Ah thought sump'n been gittin' our chillun."

—P—

"I dislike to keep you after school," said the teacher. "Aren't you sorry you were naughty and have to stay?"

"No'm," replied "Scotty", "Pie-face" Miller is waitin' out there to lick me."

—P—

Pompous Lady — "Yes, Bridget, my daughter comes out tomorrow night."

Washerwoman — "So does my old man. He's been in for six months."

—P—

"And, now, that I've told you I'm going to marry 'Jackie', there's one more thing I'd like to get off my chest."

Father: "What's that?"

"A tattooed heart with Charlotte's name on it."

—P—

Margaret Smith was approached by a welfare worker. "Will you subscribe for the Homeless Men Fund?" asked the solicitor. "No," warbled "Smitty". "But I might consider taking some of the men."

—P—

Professor — "What type of water power is known to every man?"

Frosh — "Women's tears, sir."

—P—

Here rest the remains of Robert Rice,

For, when the heat was like fire,
He offered no help but a lot of advice

To a motorist changing a tire.

—P—

Storekeeper — "This ten cent piece doesn't ring good."

Wise Willie — "What do you want for a dime, a set of chimes?"

—P—

The fire that destroyed a Pennsylvania barn some weeks ago is said to have been started by a ball of fire from heaven. Venus better flick her stubs the other way.

—P—

Cocksurenness is the dumb-bell's camouflage.

Girls Decide To Wear Pastel Shades; Boys To Wear Flannels

A meeting of the senior girls was called at 3:19 on Tuesday afternoon in Room 102. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the clothing to be worn at commencement exercises. Mr. Merrill addressed the group at the opening, then Miss Chisholm acted as chairman.

The girls decided to allow pastel shades in dresses in addition to the usual white; formal gowns are barred, and jewelry is also banned. A general discussion by all the girls followed.

The boys' meeting, called for the same time in Room 102, was presided over by the class president, Bob Lafferty. The first suggestion was that everyone wear what best pleased them, but it was finally decided that everyone would wear white flannels and a blue coat. However, a movement to dictate the use of dark colored neckties was defeated, the individuality of the class members asserting itself.

Spring Playday Planned

On May 17, the Port girls will play host to about 7 or 8 out-of-town schools at a Playday. Great Neck, Manhasset, Huntington, Glen Cove, Baldwin, Freeport and Mineola have been asked to participate with about 25 girls each.

Several such Playdays were held last year at various schools. They proved to be so successful that it seems very advisable to continue the activities this year. Games such as baseball, kick-pin-baseball, volleyball, tennis, archery and track events will be included in the program.

Afterwards supper will be served in the cafeteria. Any girls from Port who would be interested in participating may do so by communicating their desires to Miss Burnett.

Celerity Dance Will Be May 7

The Celerity girls have announced that they will give their dance in the gym on May 7. The committee, consisting of Fran Cornwall, Barbara Greene, Betty Nelson and Barbara Housh says that Chinese decorations will be used.

Instead of the usual refreshments, only punch will be served. The orchestra has not yet been decided upon.

Mr. Morris Demonstrates Wonders Of Electricity

The weekly assembly was held on Wednesday of last week due to the performance of the operetta. Mr. Glenn Morris, the last of the speakers sent to us this year by the Assembly Association, gave glimpses into the field of electricity. Demonstrations which accompanied the information on magnetic fields, radio control, changing current, light rays, and additional things were somewhat puzzling.

Tom Luey assisted Mr. Morris when he called for a volunteer helper.

Burdick, Hutchinson, and Aylward volunteered their services for demonstrations of the characteristics of electricity; the boys learned that a loose contact can cause discomfort to those through whom it flows.

Mr. Morris merely touched upon the various angles of electricity — mentioning that years of study and experiment could be spent on each line. All of the apparatus for the demonstrations had been constructed by Mr. Morris, himself.

Assembly Features

Songs From "Pirates"

Excerpts from "The Pirates of Penzance" formed the main features on Monday's musical assembly. The student body sang the choruses, while Fritz Lausen rendered his interpretation of the pirate king.

The program committee found in a recent inquiry that the majority of the student body is interested in musical assemblies, outside speakers, radio programs, and plays. The following schedule has been arranged:

April 29—May Day Program.

May 13—Yacht Club Program.

May 20—Outside Speaker.

May 2—Musical Program.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Today, Thursday, April 28th, the Fraternity, the Celerity, and the Council will meet.

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On Friday, the 29th, the Queen of May will be crowned in assembly. The baseball team will play Glen Cove here at Port.

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On Monday, May 2nd, the regular musical assembly will be held.

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The girls' tennis team will play Sevanhaka at Floral Park on Tuesday afternoon.

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There will be a dual track meet with Manhasset High at Port on May 4th.