

# The Port Weekly

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## Diver To Lecture Upon Sea Stunts

### R. Zimmerman Also An Aquatic Champion

The School Assembly Service will introduce another speaker to Port Washington Senior High School next Friday, December 16 at 8:45 a. m. The service is offering Robert M. Zimmerman, deep sea diver and Olympic swimmer, for a third consecutive season.

Mr. Zimmerman's lecture, "On the Bottom of the Sea", reveals the active part he has played in the marine service. More than once has he been neighbor to the shark and octopus, buried alive under hundreds of tons of sea water. Groping in the eternal darkness of Davy Jones' locker, tethered by a rope and a hose to a frail craft, "Bob" Zimmerman has crawled on his hands and knees through port-holes and into hatches of scuttled ships while teammates "upstairs" wondered and waited. He has been photographed in many water pictures, among which are "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and "The Mysterious Isle". During 1932 he has been working on "Under the Surface", a Metro Goldwyn release.

### Speaker Is Olympic Champ

Mr. Zimmerman has won no fewer than 33 national championships in swimming, diving and other aquatic endeavors. He was a member of the 1908 and 1912 Canadian Olympic swimming teams. "Bob" Zimmerman has made phenomenal long distance canoe trips and is said to be the only white man who has ever "shot" the St. Lawrence rapids.

Tales of the "bends", snagged and broken air lines, of air hose clogged with frozen particles in sub-freezing water combined with information about derricks, cranes, coffer dams, air locks, decompression chambers and the intricate machinery of the deep sea salvaging operation, to form his lecture. As an added attraction, Mr. Zimmerman will bring with him a collection of deep sea curios and models of salvaging apparatus.

## Circle Initiation Admits Seventeen Members To Honor Ranks

On Monday evening, December 5, seventeen new members were initiated into the Circle. These would be Circle-ites came dressed in the garb of Clark Gable, Rudy Vallee, flappers, newsboys, babies and Roman senators. The senators were given treatment such as has never before been accorded a Roman statesman, so far as history records.

A feature of the evening was the reading of an original essay by each new member. The two that seemed to go over well with the audience, were those on the subjects, "How to Get Good Marks", and "The Amorous Use of the Eyes". It was generally felt that the latter essay would have been appreciated by a certain well-known pedagogue, who was given credit for having written a book entitled, "Lovemaking With the Eyes".

Some members dashed out to get a copy of the book; others remained to the last, dancing and eating candy.

## Gammer Gurton Play To Be Revived Today

"Gammer Gurton's Needle", a modern adaptation of the famous old comedy, will be produced today in assembly. The play centers about the lost needle of Gammer. The cast is as follows:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Hodge .....     | Virginia Church  |
| Gammer .....    | Mary Edgar       |
| Dame Chat ..... | Hope Ford        |
| Cock .....      | Beatrice Murdy   |
| Tib .....       | Catherine Border |
| Dr. Rat .....   | Carol Yetter     |
| Diccon .....    | Irene Farrelly   |
| Baily .....     | Doris Hancock    |

## C. C. Visits Courthouse

The Commercial Club journeyed to the Nassau County Courthouse at Mineola last Wednesday afternoon to witness procedure of court trials. Mr. Dodds and Mr. Brown accompanied the students in the school bus.

## Rout Roslyn Tonight!

## Port High School Given High Rating

### 125 Colleges Grant Us Entrance Rights

Mr. Merrill recently announced that the Port Washington High School has been approved by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as an accredited high school.

This commission was established in November, 1920 by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in order to "promote the improvement of secondary education and to secure better co-ordination and understanding between secondary schools and higher institutions throughout the territory of the Association. The Commission is to function as a fact-finding and rating agency in the preparation and maintenance of a List of Accredited Secondary Schools".

Although the receiving of a diploma from a member school in no way guarantees admission to an institution of higher learning, a certificate of approval issued at the discretion of the principal will be accepted with less question as to the school's scholastic rating. It is also possible for a student to gain recognition at colleges and universities in other sections of the country through the system of allied regional associations with which the Middle States Association is affiliated.

### 125 Colleges Recognized

In connection with the school's acceptance by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, The Port Weekly is publishing the following names of the more widely known colleges and universities which appear on the list of accredited colleges recognizing the Association's certificate of approval. For those desiring further information the complete list of one hundred and twenty-five colleges is on file in the office.

Adelphi College.  
Barnard College.  
Bryn Mawr College.

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**Will We Down The Radio?** Last year there was quite a clamor for an opportunity to dance during our lunch hour. After considerable opposition, the Circle proceeded to obtain a radio. When the privileged had been instituted two months, **The Port Weekly**, in editorial capacity, said, "There was quite a lot of enthusiasm displayed at first, and the floor was usually pretty well filled. Everyone was contented: here was a chance to dance to one's heart content. But gradually the enthusiasm died out, and every day saw fewer and fewer couples on the floor, until now it's a rare thing to find anyone dancing. The music, however, goes on—"

Still the music goes on but **no one dances**. People are bored with the discordant, confused, drumming issuing from the now unpopular radio. It almost seems as if we students make unnecessary endeavors to drown it out. Popular music is heard; no one dances. Classical music is turned on; not a soul listens. The usual deafening humdrum continues until we are saved by the bell.

If we are no longer interested in it, and are dissatisfied with the radio, why not get together and say so. Let us not condemn it harshly before our intermediate friends!

## Circle Entry Basis

After the names of the Circle initiates were announced we heard students asking why they hadn't been admitted. Also, some of the new members wanted to know just how they had acquired the necessary 100 points. For the benefit of the student body, we list the basis of Circle entrance requirements:

5 points for each Regents unit from 75 per cent to 89 per cent inclusive.

10 points for each Regents unit from 90 per cent to 100 per cent inclusive.

3 points maximum for participation in each branch of athletics per year.

3 points maximum for support of school activities per year (for girls).

5 points maximum per year for participation in dramatics.

4 points per year for participation in local speaking contest.

2 points for participation in inter-scholastic speaking contest.

4 points per year for work on "The Port Light".

4 points per year for work on "The Port Weekly".

1 point for each school or class office.

21 points maximum for boys and 24 for girls, divided equally among the three personal qualities: conduct, industry, and initiative.

## Coming Attractions

Friday, Dec. 9 — A basketball game will be played here with Roslyn.

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Monday, Dec. 12—The regular home room meetings will be held at 2:47 P.M.

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Tuesday, Dec. 13—There will be a musical assembly in the seventh period.

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Wednesday, Dec. 14—The clubs will hold their regular meetings.

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Thursday, Dec. 15—There will be a Celerity meeting.

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Friday, Dec. 16—There will be a general assembly during the seventh period.

## Gossip In Our Skule

Dear Stewdes,

Hear wee ar aggen and thee top o' thee marnin tew yee, wun and awl.

It seems that their hav been sum new merjurs lateli. Sum uf them ar: Hasset-Jones, Poynter-Richardson, and Clark-Mason. Watch four further developments along these lynes.

Alass! Ower ladee-killers ar lewsing there gripp at thee feedball bankwett. Patten and Mills were without drags. (Maybe they are hard tew pleeze!!)

With thee advent uf Xmas and such, wee hav bin cheking up on ower stewdes krissmus wishez.

Donny D. yurns four marruge.

Soe chear up bois and gurls, Santa Klaws wil soon bee hear with thee wel nown hey nonny nonny.

Yore servunt, S. O. L.

## HIGH TIDE-INGS

Here are some suggestions to our argumentative Sophomores who find such interesting (?) material to debate upon.

With New Year's resolutions staring us in the face, why argue about prohibition which is now as dead as a doornail since the election. Why a chicken crosses the road was never debating material, and we've all forgotten "The Forgotten Man".

Take "To Be Or Not To Be"! To be what? Ah, that's the question you're supposed to answer, and "Believe It Or Not". Just think of all the tall tales the opposing sides could spring on each other. Bob Corrigan could tell of his eighty yard dash for a touchdown, George "What-a-man" Podeyn of that fifty pound fish he caught, or Dick "What-a-smile" Forbell of that brunette he's been seen with lately. Yes, there are lots of other simple tales like these that could be exaggerated enough to become history.

And here is another type topic, such as "How High Is Up?" If Walter Miller asked Amy Wiggers that, they could debate for hours.

I'd like to see Arthur Jones and some other creature argue on "Which Is Worse?" And I'll bet anyone on the outcome.

Or practically any boy in the school will have a heated argument with you if you should ask him "Who Was That Lady I Saw You With Last Night?" Perhaps the answers to that should go under "Believe It Or Not"! I think so.

There aren't many rules for debating, and what they are I don't know. But, from my own experience, I'd advise the widest use of the biggest words in the dictionary. President Wilson was supposed to be the master of the short word. Don't try to take any of his laurels from him. No short, pithy stuff at all. Just try "My worthy opponent is hoist on his own petard" in rebuttal. You'll win, because time will be up while they are looking up "petard".

Well, I've given you lots of material, but I nearly forgot one of the most important, "Blondes Versus Brunettes". Wouldn't every boy in the class have real convictions on this subject, unless, of course, he was interested in a red-head?

I'll Be Sheehan You.

## MISS E. HANSEN JUST MISSES PRINCIPAL WITH AUTO

Dogs and politics! What a combination of interests for one who is teaching art. But Miss Edith Hansen claims these are her main interests. Her enthusiasm for dogs almost caused the loss of one of our faculty members. One day while driving through a small town in the Berkshires, her attention was so centered on a hapless puppy that was crossing the road that it was only through agility on Mr. Merrill's part that he escaped being run over. Of course, Miss Hansen claims that she missed him by a wide margin.

Whether her handsome bird dogs led to an interest in hunting, or a desire to hunt caused her to be interested in raising bird dogs, is a question which we cannot settle. However, she seems to be successful; one of her dogs has been a prize winner.

Although Miss Hansen was born in New Jersey, she was bred in Brooklyn. Her hobby was art; so, upon finishing high school, she registered at Pratt. Here she had the honor of working with Mr. Watson in some of his block prints. Mr. Watson is a leader in this field. The honor as well as the work of being class officer and chairman of the decoration committee for the dances fell to her lot each year.

As a graduation present, her father presented her with a seven passenger Packard. When Miss Hansen finally felt that she was ready to take her road test, and had started timidly out with the fierce tempered inspector at her side, he coyly suggested that she should have brought a Mack truck—"it would have been easier to handle".

Miss Hansen's first teaching position was in Great Barrington, Mass., a beautiful town situated in the heart of the Berkshires. It is not for its beauty alone that Miss Hansen returns so often to this town. In this town the plan of teaching eight weeks and having a vacation of one week was followed. During one of these vacations Miss Hansen visited Port Washington on business. Within a few weeks, Miss Allison visited Great Barrington with the result that Miss Hansen became a faculty member here and has been with us for three and a half years.

## Martyrdom Mortifies Modern Maiden

By Jean Cummings

The curtain slowly parted, displaying to the eager onlookers, a picture of Joan of Arc about to be burned at the stake, while a group of French peasant crowded around to mock her.

On seeing her, however, the audience could hardly be expected to fathom the uneasy thoughts which passed through the brain of the martyred heroine during the brief time that she stood there, so motionless. Therefore, with the aid of my mind-reading ability, I feel it my duty to enlighten the public.

To begin with, she dared not take a breath for fear that the buttons on the back of her costume might fly unceremoniously open; her peace of mind was not increased by the unsubstantial nature of the place where she was standing; and, although it had been guaranteed that the fire would not really burn, still, she was a trifle worried by it. Furthermore, she was beginning to feel the approach of a sneeze, and if there is anything more difficult to do than to

suppress a sneeze and, at the same time, maintain a beautiful appearance, I do not know what it may be. Fortunately, for the composure of all concerned, the duration of the tableau was brief.

As the curtain closed, Joan of Arc, drawing a huge sigh of relief, descended with more haste than grace from her rather perilous position.

"My!" she exclaimed as she removed from her face every vestige of a sanctimonious expression, together with much makeup, "I certainly am glad that I don't have to screw my face up like that very often. It gets all out of shape and makes me feel like a regular hypocrite!"

While she was uttering this lament, the peasants suddenly got up from their various poses, all more or less twisted and cramped. Before long, their scornful looks were supplanted by the beaming smiles which are characteristic of their countenances.

## Library News

Mrs. Langdon has just received a large number of fine books.

Among a group of well known plays, some of which are now playing on Broadway, are: "Of Thee I Sing", "Bird in Hand", "Admirable Crichton", "There's Always Juliet", and "Plays for Strolling Mummies".

The travel books include: "10,000 Leagues Over the Sea" by Robinson, "Magic Portholes" by Follett, "Drawn in Russia" by Frank, and "Indians, Crocodiles and Monkeys" by Denil.

Other books include "Character, Conduct and Study" by Cunningham, "Radio Amateur's Call Book", "David Harum" by Westcott, and "Flowering Wilderness", the latest novel by John Galsworthy, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature this year.

The following people have contributed books and magazines: Nina Goodwin, Vivien Walker, John Stuart, Evelyn Pease, and Herbert Gordon.

The school extends its sympathy to Miss Mildred Griswold upon the loss of her mother.

## Port's Profiles

Aimee Wiggers, an altitudinous senior, modestly revealed to us her personal secrets. As a resident of Flushing, she attended the local high school, going from there to Great Neck, and then to Port.

Being athletically inclined, she has participated in many sports. Basketball was her hobby in Flushing, and hockey and baseball here and in Great Neck. In preference to all these she favors archery, fencing and sailing. Aimee won first place in the national junior rifle shoot at Ticonderoga, New York.

Aimee has traveled extensively and has visited Africa, Europe, Mexico and Canada. Her chief ambition, laughingly revealed, is to be the skipper of a three masted schooner and to sail to the South Seas. She intends to travel a year after graduation and then will attend the University of Michigan. While there she will study law to acquire an L. L. D. degree.

Being the daughter of a prominent eye specialist, she is greatly interested in medicine. She will take up a course in medicine as a pastime.

## Fratry Column

The dance of the year is on its way. The spotlight is focused on the coming Fratry dance. December 23 is the date for this gala event. The gymnasium will be decorated only as the Fratry can. Comfortable chairs and lounges will take the place of the usual benches. Music will be furnished by none other than "Bobby Jones and his Happy Boys". Real dance music will be the crowning feature of this dance. The Fratry has always been host to the alumni home from college for the Christmas holidays. Don't forget the date, December 23, the last day of school before our Christmas vacation.

—P—

Back to the subject of cheering. The cheer leaders are looking forward to a large following for the first home basketball game tonight. They deserve commendation for the manner in which they offered their services during the football season. Let's give them something to lead by turning out 100 percent strong.

—P—

Perfection in woman seemed to play an important part as far as "Bill" Emmerich and "Dan" Chekatauskas were concerned. "Bill" says that A. M. D. is the perfect girl, while "Danny" takes to writing inspiring essays on his "Helen" in Little Neck.

—P—

If "Chappie" Miller doesn't stop going around mumbling a few words and then surprising people by putting a question on the end of it all, someone is liable to get hurt. Little does he realize how embarrassing it is to answer when not hearing the body of the statement.

—P—

Here's something quite unusual. Aldo Capra rushed up to a Fratry member last week and finally spluttered forth, "I did it, boy, and was it easy?" The perplexed member looks around and asks, "What did you do?"

Aldo said, "I stood on my head, peeled an orange in one hand, a banana in the other, and ate them both at the same time."

—P—

Albie Palminteri, flashy forward of this year's basketball team, denies calling up a fair damsel twice in one evening. The boys are slowly finding out who she is, so beware, Albie.

## Girls' Basketball Schedule

Dec. 22—Valley Stream at Port.  
Jan. 5—Hicksville at Port.  
Jan. 12—Mineola at Mineola.  
Jan. 19—Glen Cove at Glen Cove.  
Jan. 24—Manhasset at Manhasset.  
Feb. 2—Glen Cove at Port.  
Feb. 7—Freeport at Freeport.  
Feb. 16—Mineola at Port.  
Feb. 20—Manhasset at Port.

## Girls' Basketball Sees Important Changes

With another basketball season just around the corner, the girls' squad is practicing diligently two afternoons a week, in preparation for the first game of the season.

Several important changes have been made in the rules, the center forward will remain on her own half of the floor, facing the guards on her team, when the center jump is taken instead of, as previously, facing her forwards and crossing the line after the center jump.

Over-guarding, previously a foul, will not be considered as such according to the new rules. When a foul is made against a player in the act of shooting a basket, and the basket is made, one free throw will be awarded. If the basket is not made, two free throws will be awarded.

All field goals will count two points. Formerly certain shots counted only one point.

## Icebound Tickets To Be Sold For 75c

Reservations for tickets to "Icebound" will be taken during the home room meetings on Monday. Blanks will be issued on which the students will be requested to indicate the number of seats desired. The tickets will be delivered on Wednesday upon receipt of payment.

In order to meet present conditions the price of tickets will be reduced to seventy-five cents top price and fifty cents for the seats underneath and to the rear of the balcony.

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## THE SHIP'S LANTERN

"Lighting the Way to Good Food"

School Lunches A Specialty

## News Notes

Alfhild Gulbrandsen, Nancy Ruth, and Jean Lowry, Natalie Rose, Robert Lamberti, and Aldo Capra represented the school music department at a recital of the Russian violinist, Toscha Seidel.

Mr. Lyon's Spanish classes visited the Spanish Museum, Hotel La Estrella, and the Teatro San Jose in New York, yesterday.

Gordon Curry, yachtsman and author, will speak to the Port Hi-Yacht Club on Wednesday, December 14.

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