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Roosevelt Grants Interview

School To Change Regents Policy

Eligibility For Regents To Be 75 Average

With the beginning of the new semester, a new system of determining eligibility for Regents examinations will be instituted. Formerly, school credit was given to a student for completing a course with a 75% average. However, 65% is passing for Regents marks, which makes it hard for a 65% student (Regents Mark) to get school credit. Some pupils have had repeated failures due to this.

The rating scale outlined below is to be put into effect tentatively at the beginning of the second term, January 30, 1933, and if found satisfactory will be definitely adopted.

1. Honor marks will be 90 percent, 95 percent, 100 percent.
2. Passing marks which will admit pupils to the Regents examinations as well as giving credit toward a school diploma will be 70 percent, 75 percent, 80 percent, 85 percent, and the honor marks.
3. A passing mark which will grant credit toward a school diploma as a reward for industry and application but which DOES NOT ADMIT TO THE REGENTS EXAMINATIONS will be 65 percent.
4. A failing mark which shows neither subject mastery nor reasonable industry and application will be listed as 50 percent.

The average of the report card marks which are issued six times during the school year will determine the classification of the pupil for any subject and will be figured to the nearest 5 percent.

Pupils who receive either a failing average or a 65 percent average should not expect to be permitted to take up advanced work in that same line and should be allowed to repeat the subject only if they can show that circumstances warrant it.

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President-elect Discusses School Journalism Recalling Own Experiences on "The Harvard Crimson"; Advocates Work on School Publication For All

Astor Is Host For February Cruise

Roosevelt Jokes About Names Of Future Cabinet Members Which Political Experts Of Papers Selected

By John McHugh Stuart, Jr.

Immediately following the daily press conference on Tuesday afternoon, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President-elect of the United States, granted the privilege of an interview to the representative of "The Port Weekly". During the interview and conference Mr. Roosevelt discussed his plans for a short vacation in the South, stated that all of his visitors during the afternoon were paying merely friendly calls, and recalled his own journalistic career at Harvard.

Tryouts For Red Domino Play Will Be Held

In an interview with Miss Hawthorne the present plans for the coming term were discussed. She stated that the spring "Red Domino" production will be an old American melodrama entitled "Belle Lemar" and written by Dion Boucicault. This play will be presented on March 18, and tryouts will be held Monday, February 6.

Miss Hawthorne also said that the monthly one-act plays will be organized under a slightly different system. They will be given each month as in the past but they will not be entirely directed by Miss Hawthorne. The seniors in the Red Domino will assist in coaching.

Harvey Kelly To Address School Assembly

Today, Friday, January 20th, in the last assembly of the semester, the students of the high school will hear an address by Mr. Harvey Kelly. Mr. Kelly comes as a representative of the Pace Institute in New York City. The topic upon which Mr. Kelly will address the student body will be "Keeping Mentally Fit".

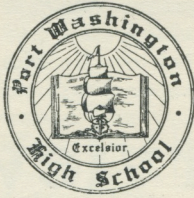
Promptly at four o'clock the waiting reporters ascended the stairs and were ushered into the panelled library of the Roosevelt house on E. 65th Street, New York. Mr. Roosevelt sat at a card table, flanked by numerous naval pictures and a large model of an old clipper ship, and genially replied to the many queries of the press. As he talked an artist and sculptor worked upon a portrait and small bust of the man who is to be the thirty-second Chief Executive.

Although he refused to elaborate upon a statement of foreign policy issued Tuesday morning Mr. Roosevelt bantered and joked about the numerous cabinets which the political experts of the papers have picked for him, and discussed his program of activities during the coming week. He commented on a scheduled dentist appointment with much the same anticipation of a schoolboy, and laughingly expressed surprise at the discovery that his notebook included but seven appointments during his two-day stopover at Washington.

In reply to a reporter from one of the large national press associations, the President-elect stated that he would probably leave for his discussed vacation on or about the fourth of February, and after short stops in Washington and

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Help Can you remember your first few days in high school? **The Soph** call the day you couldn't find the cafeteria, the day you left your books in your locker and didn't dare go back for them, the day you didn't know where to go or what to do and hated to ask? Do you remember your feelings when an inconsiderate upper-classman tittered at your mistakes?

Shortly, a group of new pupils will enter from junior high school. They will come with a feeling of strangeness and uncertainty, much as when we ourselves started. To them it will be an entirely new experience, not the hum-drum everyday place it is to us. They will hesitate to ask questions and make themselves conspicuous by their ignorance. They may get off on their high school career entirely on the wrong foot, if we don't come to the rescue. Each one of us, no doubt, harbors some little incident that caused us unhappiness in our first few days that could have been prevented if some upper-classman had gone a little out of his way to be kind. The time we've spent on our education certainly has been wasted if it hasn't taught us consideration, kindness, and tolerance.

In most of the colleges each year, the upper-classmen who are known for their tact and kindness, are each assigned a few freshmen. Their

duty is to see them established, answer their questions, and, in general, make them at home.

Can't everyone of us resolve to make the new students feel welcome and at home, that they are a real part of the school, and save them from those unhappy incidents most of us experienced at one time or another? It won't cause us much trouble and it may mean a great deal to them.

Exams Many students describe Regents examinations as an inequitable method of testing one's ability to master a subject. Numerous teachers readily agree with them. Still, not to be slangy, "it's a system" placed before us—an additional problem to conquer.

We should look upon a Regents paper as an interesting "Ask Me Another"! Just in fun! You know the spirit. After all, we have studied the subject and we ourselves are the best judges of the amount learned. Regard Regents as a challenge upon our knowledge and as a stimulant for acquiring additional information.

If we could delve into a subject without the burdening state examination darkening the horizon, we could surely extract enjoyment and worthwhile information from it. Regents are upon us, we remind you. We also remind you to accept them nonchalantly.

Happy landings, everybody!!!!

Gossip In Our Skule

Dear Stewdes,

Az wun brilliyunt stewed remarked thee othur day, thee peepul whoe noe about it kant wryte about it, and thee peepul whoe kan wryte about it dont noe about it. Soe yew wil just hav tew suffur either way.

Amung thee prize konversashuns going thee rownde this weak is thee following fem:

Miss A. M. D. (sea Bille) wuz talking tew a buzoom frend. Sez A. M. D., "Dick F. tuk me hom thee uther day." "Did yew ask hym tew?" asks her frend.

"Noe, I sed 'Whatt a nise car' and hee took thee hint. Hees wun smart boi."

Soe hears uh bowkay four yew, Dick. Last weak's song vote resultid in menny intrusting supprises. Everyrthing frum "Minny-thee-Moucher" tew "Rock Uf Ages" wuz on thee list.

A bricbat four Herbert (Gable-Gable) Gordon, whoe remarked, "Say, Oliver, dwe yew know Teresa Green?" "Noe" sez Oliver.

"Wel," sez Herb, "they ar." Insidently, whyle yore messin' around skule, yew mite tri boning four a Regents exam or tew. It alwaz helps!

Yore servunt,

S. O. L.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

A New York poet has made his list of "the ten most beautiful words" in the English language. They are: dawn, hush, lullaby, murmuring, tranquil, mist, luminous, chimes, golden, and melody. Has he ever spent the 55 minutes from 11:18 a. m. to 12:09 p. m. in a French class, and then, at 12:08 p. m. heard somebody whisper, "The bell's going to ring?"; or has he ever asked Miss Griswold if she thought he would pass the Regents and heard the one word "Yes"?

They say, and who am I to doubt it, that Don Smith thinks that "One more beer, Gus, and this one's on the house," are ten swell words.

Here are some others that I've discovered: Margaret Mantel, murmuring "man, maiden, magic, masquerade, mistletoe, marvelous, melodies, moon, madness, memories" mymymy! Joe Greene and Emily Wescott, favoring "Who was that lady I seen you with last night?" They should learn to leave well enough alone. Of course, it's everyone to his own taste. "Flo" Colby agrees with Dorothy Parker that "check" and "enclosed" are two of the best; while "Bob" Stewart says, "The dimmer the porch light, the greater the scandal power" are the ten truest words he knows Oh, Bob!!!!

There will be no getting together on the ten best, but I'm sure everybody will agree with me that the ten worst words are:

- Come
- In
- At
- Three
- Nineteen
- And
- Make
- That
- Time
- Up

The original purpose of this column was to tell you the favorite English words of various people. However, with Miss Duffy's Latin classes saying:

"Ave Caesar! Morituri te selutant" and Miss Duffy answering "De mortuis nil nisi bonum", the sum total of it all is ten words.

I mustn't forget Pooh the Punny. He says, "Believe it or not, folks, I'm not Gracie Allen's brother."

And as for me, I says to you in telegraphic form, "I think I'll get chickenpox. Stop. Why don't you. Stop."

I'll be Sheehan you!

SUPERINTENDENT BEGAN CAREER AS REPORTER

Mr. Schreiber was born in Bangor, Pennsylvania, a small town in the Pocono Mountains. He attended the public schools in Allentown, Pa., and graduated from the high school there. The Superintendent says that the only outstanding incident he can remember from his childhood was his falling in a mill stream from which for "some unknown reason" he was rescued.

While in high school, Mr. Schreiber had an experience which proves the value of faculty supervision of activities. He happened to be student manager of the school annual, which had no faculty supervision. That year, the students were slow in subscribing and the result was that at the end of the year the publication was "in the red". The printer who contracted the work was also Mr. Schreiber's employer, and to make up the loss, our superintendent labored the entire summer.

After graduating from high school, he worked as an apprentice to a printer for two years. The profession interested him and when he had collected sufficient funds he matriculated at Bucknell University to follow a course preparing him for newspaper work. As a college student, he was very active, joining numerous organizations, among them the Sigma Chi fraternity. He employed his knowledge of newspaper work as assistant editor of the college weekly. He graduated from Bucknell with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

He spent a brief period following graduation from college as a reporter on the staff of one of the morning papers in Allentown. At this time, Mr. Schreiber says, he realized that his journalistic abilities were "not very much in demand" and he took the position of principal of the very small high school of Milford, New York. It was so small, in fact, that it was part of the new principal's work to teach a different subject each of the seven periods of the day and coach athletics after school hours.

In 1917, he became principal of the Port Washington High School. The following May, he was drafted for a short period of service in the U. S. Army.

In 1920 Mr. Schreiber was made Superintendent of Schools.

Regents Regenerates Our Regretful Revelers

By Emma Hutchings

Whenever Mr. Average Pupil assumes that "I'm-Sure-of-Everything-But-You" look, and starts taking home more than his usual two books and a fountain pen, you can just bet that Regents exams are but a very few days off.

Do you know, there is a certain table of statistics that I would like very much to see compiled but I'm sure that only Dr. Einstein could undertake such a work. I am anxious to learn the amount of energy that is expended by those extraordinary individuals who can nonchalantly let a whole semester slip by quite unaccounted for, and then, at the last moment, cover an entire term's work in one short week. I know for a fact that much heat is given off during this process of assimilation because many pupils have to sit near an open window in the examination rooms, just to let their brains cool. (All right, you go ahead and make your own observations next week and then you'll be sorry you questioned my veracity.)

I would also like to know the exact number of important questions that have been asked within the past week. The number of wrong answers received would also interest me. What startling statistics these might turn out to be!

There is just one more fact I would like to know. Of course, we all know that few people react to an identical situation in exactly the same way. Take little Tillie, for example. She will tell you that she honestly gets a great "kick" out of Regents. There are many others who think as Tillie does. But you take Willie, now. Willie is a rough little cuss who goes about with furrowed brows and always bears a cynical outlook on life in general. During Regents week he feels like a jelly-fish, too.

I would like to know exactly how many of us are like Tillie, who thinks that the words "Regents" and "thrills" are synonymous, and how many of us are like Willie, who thinks "Regents" is a short word meaning "Life's a pain in the neck!"

Senior Sentiment

The invading army of Regents is almost upon us. The sentiments of prominent seniors on this momentous subject have been recorded by the Roving Reporter.

Ruth Engelmann, editor of The Port Weekly: "This is the time when I wish I were in the Regents of the North or South Poles. Regents is an unnecessary method of extracting a pupil's knowledge."

Ernest Jenkins, president of the Fraternity, and captain of the boys' basketball team: "Re(we)gents think they are unfair. Everything hinges on one test, and good grades throughout the year are not taken into consideration."

Eileen Hassett, president of the Red Domino: "I am opposed to Regents, but am not afraid of them—not even of chemistry! In fact, I am not afraid of anything but crossing streets."

William Emmerich, president of the Retort: "With a cut in the budget for the Board of Regents of New York State, Regents examinations should also be cut as a good way of saving money and worry."

Martha Reed, retiring president of the Celerity: "Ah reckon Regents is an unfair way by which to judge a pupil's mentality, and should be abolished. The majority of the western states do not have Regents and do not need or miss them."

Don Caldwell, president of the Circle: "Regents week is a wonderful time to get good marks—if you study. Regents haven't enough elasticity, and they should be made more general."

Port's Profiles

One of Port's star athletes, "Bill" Richter, hails from that good old city, New York. Unlike so many of his sex, the bright lights of Broadway hold no attraction for him, and he is desirous of the peace and quiet of the country.

Mr. Richter is strictly a man's man. He goes out for football, basketball, and baseball, and if we may add, excels in most of them and is well known in all fields of sport. Swimming is also a favorite sport and in his spare time as he so naively puts it, "I mess around down at the corner".

"Bill's" favorite pastime is found to be moonlight driving, while his taste runs strictly to brunettes. As a matter of fact, "Bill" defies the good old saying that "gentlemen prefer blondes". He listens rapturously to Guy Lombardo's music but is particularly averse to dancing. Here's score one for "Bill". He claims that he has no vices, and really that is unusual. When questioned about his ideal girl, "Bill" said:

"She must be home loving, quiet, and a good cook. She must not expect to be the boss, and lastly, she must not fool around too much."

Fratry Column

The Fratry again extends its congratulations to "Charlie" Karazia. "Charlie" was elected captain of this year's basketball five. We wish the team luck and know it will accomplish things with such an able captain.

—P—

Life seems to be chock full of surprises and embarrassing moments for the following:

June Colling's little secret, corresponding with an anonymous person, is at last exposed. We managed to find out his initials, however, just figure who R. W. is.

Bobbie Leyden has been turned away by "Ray" Patten. Don't let the name "Bostwick" fool you!

"Gus" Angus and "Joe" Mallon were seen coming out of a phone booth on Sunday after trying unsuccessfully to secure dates. Here's hoping Gus has better luck when he joins the Navy.

Herbert Gordon, Alvin Hayim, Mike Masucci, Arthur Jones, Dick Vrabcak and Archibald Hutchinson are all sporting those cute turtle neck sweaters. Clark Gable had better look out for his position on the screen.

—P—

Did you ever notice the list of nick-names in our school? Some are named anywhere's from animals to a drink stronger than water.

Thomas Hutchinson—"Tramp".
 Harry DeMeco—"Fish".
 Mildred Dell—"Pinky".
 Rosemary Seraphine—"Ross".
 Raymond Patten—"Bosty".
 George Lewis—"Matzoth".
 Alvin Hayim—"Spumoni".
 Loretta Walsh—"Grandma".
 Pete Yakimovitch—"Bootlegger Pete".
 Joe Mallon—"Gin-rickey".
 Arthur Jones—"Sadie".
 Emily Ausbury—"Battler".
 Alfild Gulbrandsen—"Galli Curci".

Eligibility For Regents To Be 75 Average

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A 65 percent or higher average in the first year of a language will grant one unit of local credit even if no more work in that language is taken but it should be kept in mind that the State Department of Education does not accept a single unit of a language toward the units required for a Regents diploma.

Mineola Team Defeated By Port Boys 24-15

Last Friday night, the Port Washington high school basketball team defeated Mineola, 24-15. The second team lost, 19-6.

In the preliminary game, Mineola's second team proved their superiority by leading the Port five throughout the contest. Mineola's good passwork was the main cause of her victory.

The scoring in the main game was started by the newly elected Captain Karazia, who sank a shot from mid-court. At the end of the half the score stood 8-8.

During the second half Port gained a lead and constantly increased it by fast pass work. Port's defense was excellent and Mineola with difficulty broke through it.

Ernie Jenkins led the scoring for Port Washington with 13 points, while Jagels with four points was Mineola's high scorer.

Mr. Roosevelt Recalls Own Experiences

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Warm Springs, Georgia, will join the yacht, Nourmahal, owned by Vincent Astor, at Jacksonville for a week's voyage off the coast of Florida as the latter's guest. Mr. Roosevelt, who is a confirmed mariner, recalled last summer's sailing trip off New England to his friends among the group, and warned them to allow him a few days peace lest "we change polite requests to real sea-going language".

As the reporters filed out the President-elect smilingly remarked that he had to be careful to say nothing important about politics.

Although exceedingly busy Mr. Roosevelt talked about his experiences as editor of "The Harvard Crimson" during his own student days. When he learned of the mission of "The Port Weekly's" correspondent, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I remember how I was forced to do everything from writing copy to inking proofs in order to get the paper out. When the copy was finally sent to press I would usually be so dirty that I would have to go and take a bath."

When asked if he had any message to the students in high school Mr. Roosevelt replied that:

"Everyone who can do so should work on a school publication as it is great fun and provides many opportunities."

News Notes

Mr. Merrill has received a letter from the University of New Hampshire speaking of the excellent rating made by Richard Carrico and Constance Caldwell, members of last year's senior class, who are in the freshman class there.

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"Jackie" Corrigan, also a member of last June's graduating class, has made the varsity basketball team of the New York University.

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At the last meeting of the Celerity, Rosemary Sheehan was elected president to succeed Martha Reed, who is graduating this June.

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The homerooms will be classed as follows for next semester:

The classes graduating in January, 1936, will be in rooms 204, 206, 208.

Members of the 1935 class will be distributed in rooms 203, 207, and 209.

The 1934 pupils will be in rooms 201, 101, 103, and 105.

Those graduating in 1933 will be in rooms 104, 107, 108, and 109.

Because of the increase of students in English and History, the section of 10A English may be taken by Miss Hawthorne and one section of History A may be taught by Miss Sammis.

Girls' Basketball Team Loses To Mineola

The Port sextet, which journeyed to Mineola last Thursday, lost the contest after having won the first two games of the season. The final score was: Mineola 20, Port Washington 13.

The first half was featured by fast playing, while the score was close at all times. Near the end of the half the Blue and White was handicapped when the center, Barbara Leyden, was removed from the game on fouls. When the whistle blew at the end of the second quarter, the score was: Mineola 10, Port 5.

During the second half, Mineola continued to increase its lead, although at one time near the beginning of the half, Mineola was but one point ahead of Port.

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