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Charles Harper To Be Valedictorian For Graduating Class Of 1933; Highest Average Is 91.8 Per Cent

"Belle Lamar" --- Tomorrow



Original cut by Bill Mills

"Port Weekly" Awarded Third Place In Annual Contest; Roosevelt Interview Given Honorable Mention

A third place was awarded **The Port Weekly** at the ninth annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Columbia University. An honorable mention was also given **The Port Weekly**, for an interview with Franklin D. Roosevelt, written by a member of the staff, in a special Newswriting Contest participated in by nearly seven hundred and sixty high school papers.

The association, which was formed in 1924, holds an annual convention at which the papers of the member high schools are judged by journalistic experts according to their content, newspaper style and typographical appearance. Another main feature of the convention is the series of lec-

tures and round table discussions held by such prominent newspaper men as William E. Haskell, Assistant to the president of the New York Herald Tribune; Dean Ackerman, of the Columbia School of Journalism; John E. Allen, editor of the Linotype News, and Olin Downes, music critic of the New York Times, on the various phases of their work.

The program was brought to a gala close with a dinner at the Hotel Commodore and a performance of the Columbia Varsity show, "Home James", at the Waldorf-Astoria, on Saturday afternoon. **The Port Weekly** staff was represented this year by H. Curtis Herge, adviser; Ruth Engelmann, editor-in-chief; Frances Gould and John Stuart, associate editors, and Charles Harper, business manager

Salutatorian Honors Are Earned
By Jean Cummings With 91.7
For Average Rating

Martha Reed and Martha
Messenger Receive Hon-
orable Mention

It is customary to announce the valedictorian and salutatorian of the graduating class in the senior high school at about this time each year. The calculations have been made by Mr. Merrill and it is now possible to announce these two honor students and also to publish a list of others who rank high in the class.

These honor students are chosen according to their scholastic rank. The averages on which the rating is based are secured from the class averages of the subjects studied in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth years of schools, including January of this year. Regents examination marks are not considered in obtaining these averages.

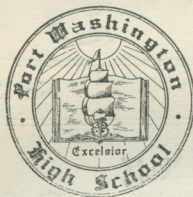
The honor of having the highest average in the class of 1933 goes to Charles Harper with 91.8 per cent. He is therefore named as the valedictorian of the class. The pupil with the second highest average who is named salutatorian is Jean Cummings with an average of 91.7 per cent. Honorable mention is given to Martha Reed with an average of 91.4 per cent and to Martha Messenger with an average of 91.2 per cent.

In addition to these four honor students there are 32 other members of the class with averages above 80 per cent and it has been customary to publish the names of these. Listed in order of their averages they are:

Norma Uttal, Rosemary Yetter, Rita Jones, Cleo Thompson, Eleanor Schaeffer, June Collings, Mary Dobson, Ruth Engelmann, Herbert Irwin, Eileen Hassett, Melvin Golder, Robert Forbes, Emma Hutch-

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Benefits Of Depression This depression has been of much greater benefit to us than many realize. When we refer to it as a blessing in disguise we are not losing sight of the spectre of unemployment. It is still a major problem and one which everyone must face. We are stating the belief that America has become a richer nation in a spiritual and cultural sense.

The lack of ready money has endowed us with a problem as to how we may best fill an amount of leisure time that never existed when we spent our time and cash at the "movie" or in journeying afield. We know a certain person who, having to forego his usual vacation in Maine, took up vegetable gardening last summer to his measureless enjoyment and considerable profit. During the winter months he has been studying the most approved scientific methods of agriculture with the help of his neighboring public library.

Now is the time to cease worrying about how we are going to finance our next outing. Let us devote a little more time to the quieter pursuits of home, and of learning. Give our treasuries a chance to replenish themselves while we enrich our less mundane natures. Follow the example of so many of our friends and seek the abundant rewards of simple living.

Belle Lamar The developments in the banking situation during the past week have produced a general shortage of currency, but, in spite of this fact, the production of "Belle Lamar" is being bravely pushed forward. Admission prices have been lowered in order that everyone may have the opportunity of seeing this real old-fashioned melodrama.

The proceeds of the spring play are devoted to the publication of the senior annual, the "Port Light". Naturally the more money made by the play, the better and more pretentious the year book will be. The seniors, particularly, are anxious for a good edition of the "Port Light" which they will want to keep for years to come as a souvenir of their career in high school.

In view of these facts, and also taking into consideration the advertising which has appeared, it seems that the natural and sensible thing for us to do is to come to "Belle Lamar" when it makes its bow on the evening of March 18th.

Coming Attractions

Monday, March 20 — The regular home room meetings will be held.

Tuesday, March 21—The musical assembly will be held. The senior and sophomore basketball teams will play in an interclass contest.

Wednesday, March 22—Club meetings will be held in the seventh period.

Thursday, March 23 — The Fraternity, Celerity, and Student Council will meet.

Friday, March 24—The regular Friday assembly will be held. At 8:15 p. m. the band will give a concert in the auditorium.

Gossip In Our Skule

Deer Stewdes,

Wunce more Snoop thee pur harreed aother tottors down thee weakly gang planke uv gossup.

Pore littul Aimee haz losted hur dog. We cawt site uv hur lookin soe sodd, and thee bereeved Miss Wiggers sed saddy—"Oh yes, my pore Daschund mett hiz end going arouwn a poste."

By thee way—wellcum tew thatt new boi. Alreddy hee has kontribewted to ower kollum. Thee uther day sumwun asked him—"Harry, dew yew file your nails?"

"Why no," sed Harry, "I just kutt them and then throw them away."

Dickie Axten: "Soviet our breakfast and went Russian off tew squle yesterday, Anarchist my mamma too." Thiss Russian motif iz purty bomb, but vodka yew dew about it? Oh, well, we Moscow now ennyhow.

Yors Servunt,

S. O. L.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

The Manuscripts of the Columnists; H. I. Phillips says:

"Well, the decks are scripped for action. And the voice of Uncle Sam at the plate is shouting: 'Roosevelt now pitching for the Yanks!' And he's using a fast ball with a lot of hop on it. If President Roosevelt gets mixed up in the moratorium card game; Scrip poker, I hope in his new deal he gives the banks jacks or better so they can open."

The Fraternity says:

"As usual the Fraternity will carry on. Give Papa that bank, baby!"

Louis Sobel says:

"Here it is Monday and I still have a dollar." While comedians are luring chuckles from us with their songs about "No more money in the bank", our old friend Lew Gensler comes up to me and suggests that now is the time to change the line to 'Hock, Hock the lark'."

S. O. L. says:

"I'm knot worreeing aboute wear thee monie's cuming frum. Let H. I. & R. A. doo that!"

Emma Hutchings says:

"Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, have I had fun!!! I've been reading the book of the week, 'Hard Cash'."

Bill Corum says:

"What do we care about money, boy? It's just a scrip of paper, anyhow. I hear that Mr. Woodin is writing a companion piece to 'Brother Can You Spare a Dime?' It will be called 'No'."

And I says to you:

"Well, money isn't everything. I guess we'll manage to scrip along somehow. That's old stuff now, and have you heard the latest?"

The school is all atwitter about that lad from Manhasset. Last week when he arrived in the lunchroom the gals were practically bathing in the drinking water in order to rush up and look him over.

Have you noticed how the new sophomore girls are casting admiring glances at Russell Gair, Dick Forbell, and Don Smith? Take your bow, boys.

I hear the faculty is taking up ping-pong in a big way. (No, my friends, this is NOT Mrs. Winchell's little boy Walter sPEEK-ing!)

"Belle Lamar", that chaste, tender drayma, is coming to town. So get out your lace mitts and polish up your opery hats and

I'll be Sheehan you!

Soldiers, Excitement, Love, In "Belle Lamar"

It is night on the banks of the Black Adder. The beau-ti-ful maiden is thought to be a spy. She and her lover must make the supreme sacrifice on the altar of freedom! The cause is lost.

Suddenly, a live rider is seen galloping from the west (applause from the balcony), then troops more troops nearer they come they cross the bridge distant music bugles sound drums beat cheers ring out "Nations have been saved and lost in 30 minutes!"

You and your friends will love the unparalleled opportunity of seeing this exciting climax to the famous Civil War melodrama on Saturday evening, March 18th. You will be reminded by that famous General Stonewall Jackson that "A woman's country is her husband's home; her cause is his happiness, and death alone should part them." You will hear the close harmony double quartette touchingly render "Oh, Father, Dear Father, Come Home", "Call Me Pet Names, Dearest", and be asked to join in on the chorus of "Whoa, Emma" and "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines".

While all this probably will be received as humorous by a modern audience, there has been no conscious effort to make it so; there is no attempt at ridicule. It was anything but funny then; the gallery hissed the terrible villain and applauded the beautiful heroine; it had Hoot Gibson beat for thrills.

So tell your friends, come yourself and forget the depression and the bank moratorium, have an uproarious good time, and help make the 1933 Port Light possible, all for the modest sum of 50 cents.

Earl Hooper Presents Talk On Wood Supply

An interesting program was given by Earl Hooper at the meeting of the Science of Society Club last week. Earl gave a talk on how much wood is left in the world and what steps are being taken to preserve the wood supply.

The high points of the talk concerned the value of wood to the world. While Canada uses only a fraction of the timber which she

Dancers Depend On Daily Dieting

By Emma Hutchings

Well, can you beat that! We were always taught that "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," and now someone boldly states that "Only apples for lunch for a couple of weeks may get you invited to that dance that is being planned for March 22, by the members of homeroom 101."

We wondered what could have caused all the apple-dieting that has been going on here, for some time — or didn't you know that someone had started a fruit-eating fad? O my yes!

Wouldst like to learn the connection between the dance and the apple-eating? Then here 'tis.

You see, the intelligentsia of room 101 put their heads together and did they plan a novel dance! You'll just have to decide that for

yourself. The novelty of the whole affair lies in the fact that the price of one's admission to the dance will depend upon one's weight. (Ah! it's a weighty matter.) For example, if a fellow attends, unaccompanied, he must pay one cent for every ten pounds of his weight, but if he brings a girl along, he gets in free — although he does have to pay for the girl, according to the rate previously mentioned. Tsk! Tsk! It's always the man who pays.

Consequently, the boys are out hunting for lightweight girls and the girls are counting on ye little old apple to get them by. They realize what a whale of a difference just a few pounds would make, in a situation like this.

Other features are being considered for the dance, too.

Aspiring Musicians Form New Student Group

For the benefit of Port's low-brows, we take our pen in hand to disclose the activities of the newly formed "Composers' Club".

Mr. Van Bodegraven is responsible for this uprising among the embryonic Chopins, Beethovens, Gershwins, and what have you. Every Wednesday afternoon during the club period, frenzied maestros may be seen dashing to the music room where they are instructed in the rudiments of their noble calling. At present, they are struggling in the mazes of harmony. Later, more latitude will be given when valiant endeavors to compose something worthy of their illustrious organization will be made.

Seriously, though, the "Composers' Club" is a grand idea, and Mr. Van Bodegraven deserves (I was going to say "A medal from Congress" but what good would that be nowadays?) three rousing cheers for his splendid idea, in which so much interest has been shown.

produces the United States consumes more than her annual output. If steps are not taken to preserve the forests in this country the wood supply will be exhausted in five years.

Patronize Our Advertisers.

Local Co-ed Has Visions Of Business Career

Even though Betty Nelson has spent most of her life in Chicago she cannot remember being held up or kidnapped. In fact, she finds Port Washington much more exciting than Chicago. Betty moved to Port Washington when she was eleven years old. Two years later she visited Brazil for a few months in the fall. There she found Rio de Janerio to be most fascinating and exotic.

Although Betty declares the beer was of excellent quality she found the food obnoxious. It was all fried in a great deal of grease and was most unappetizing on a hot day. While there she visited the largest coffee fazenda in Brazil, finding the grading and preparation of huge piles of coffee beans very interesting.

Betty has been quite active athletically, especially in basketball. For the last two years she has been on the varsity team and was chosen captain this year. She is also very fond of swimming and sailing and although quite an expert at ping-pong her favorite indoor sport is bridge and more bridge.

After graduation in June Betty intends to work up to the position of buyer for one of the larger manufacturing concerns.

Fratry Column

We hope that you will all turn out to "Belle Lamar" tomorrow night. Remember it's thrilling, dramatic, chaste and pure.

—P—

In spite of all Mr. Merrill has said concerning the protection and careful handling of school property there are still some people who think it is "funny" to remove the handles from doors and to damage school property in other ways. The other day we saw a slogan that might apply in some of these cases:

STOP TO THINK BUT DON'T STOP THINKING.

—P—

Speaking of slogans the following were found recently and they are submitted to you for what they are worth:

"Let the spark plugs do the sparking"—Oh yeah?

"What appeals to us is 'Bully'. What doesn't is 'Bull'."—'s fact.

Just a Lovely Thought

He did not heed the traffic cop
But rushed ahead pell-mell,
The doctor told the sexton,
The sexton tolled the bell.

"To avoid that 'run-down' feeling, cross crossings cautiously."

"Six feet have awaited many who wouldn't give an inch."

"If you're a self-starter the boss won't have to be a crank."—This wouldn't apply to you.

"People who knock—like motors—need adjusting."—One for the book.

—P—

Bob Gibney, who graduated in January, has just returned from Venezuela with a swell coat of tan.

—P—

Frank Mills — Did you know that Eddie Cantor broke his leg?

Ernie — Naw, is that right?

Frank — Yeah, Chase'n Sanborn.
—Luckily Frank was agile.

—P—

It is rumored that Bart Darness spent several hours rowing around in circles one day last summer until he discovered that he had the right oar in the left hand.

—P—

Mr. Pickett sure was bent on having Johnnie MacGillivray go to the office. He even got Suydam to ring a bell out in the hall that sounded like the telephone. But "when our Johnnie came marching home" he almost roped Mr. Pickett into going himself.

—P—

It is understood that the juniors who are giving book reports can do an awful lot of talking on only the first and last chapters of a book.

Prize Offered For Mother's Day Contest Tribute

Looking forward to this year's observance of Mothers Day, the Golden Rule Foundation, Lincoln building, New York City, announces a prize of \$50 to the high school boy or girl who submits the best tribute to Mother. This prize is offered by Mrs. Frank Presbrey, a member of the Foundation's National Women's Committee. Certificates of merit will also be awarded to the best entry from each state and county.

Any high school may participate in the contest. All entries must be in the hands of the committee by April 1. The prize and certificates will be awarded not later than April 15, 1933 and the prize winning tributes will be released for publication in magazines, the daily press and over the radio in connection with Mothers Day exercises, Sunday, May 14, 1933.

Entry blanks and further information may be obtained at "The Port Weekly" office.

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ings, Dorothea Rose, William Emerich, Eugenie LaChance, Evelyn Sands, Frances Gould, Oliver Margolin, Emily Haeckel, Wendell Suydam, Jill Atwood, Muriel Gross, Edward Volpe, Ruth Critchett, Helen Hansen, Dorothy MacVicar, Richard Axten, Mary Bohn, Marion Gardner, Marian Tracy, William Richter.

—P—

A concert by the orchestra and the boys' and girls' glee club is being planned for a later date.

CHARLES E. HYDE

Insurance

277 Main St. Port Washington

Emergency College Offers Sixteen Week Course

An emergency college is being organized by the College of the City of New York. The classes will be held at Garden City in the Curtis Airport.

Admittance is open to three groups. Those who have completed college preparation requirements, those who have completed practically all the requirements and can make up the missing later, and those who merely wish to take special courses are eligible.

The course lasts sixteen weeks and is equivalent to one semester in any college.

Chinese Reference Material Now Available

As a result of the interest aroused by the recent lecture on the Sino-Japanese situation The Port Weekly has obtained material from the China Society and the China Institute in America through Colonel M. P. Swen. The literature containing reports of the League of Nations' investigation and several books and pamphlets has been placed in the library for reference use.

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