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## Musical Concert Tonight At 8:15

### Glee Clubs And Orchestra Combine For Program

This evening in the High School Auditorium, at 8:15 o'clock, the High School Orchestra and Glee Clubs will present their spring concert under the direction of Paul Van Bodegraven.

Signe Gulbrandsen, George Worf and June Collings are to be featured performers. Miss Gulbrandsen and Mr. Worf, former students of the high school, will sing a duet from "The Student Prince", and June will render two piano solos.

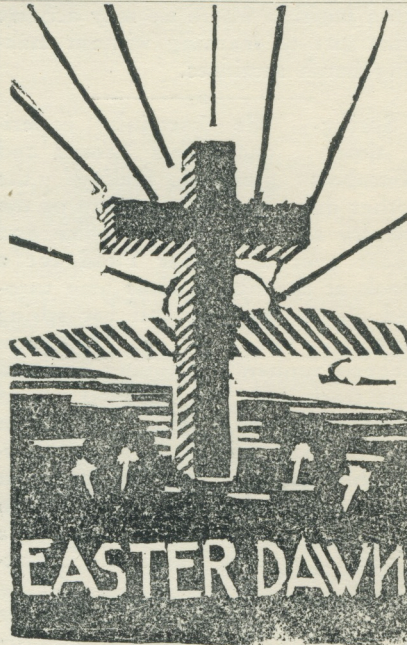
The orchestra and both the boys' and the girls' glee clubs will present three selections each.

The program is as follows:

- I. Orchestra—Capriccio  
in A ..... Haydn  
Allegretto (7th Sympho-  
ny) ..... Beethoven  
Tanerred Overture ..... Rosini
- II. Boys' Glee Club—Drums..De Leone  
Reapers Song ..... Folk Song  
Song of the Herd.....De Leone
- III. Girls' Glee Club—Nursery  
Rimes ..... Curran  
At Parting ..... Rogers  
Philosophy ..... Emmett  
The Star ..... Rogers
- IV. Piano Solos  
Witches Dance ..... Macdonald  
Waltz ..... Chopin  
June Collings
- V. Duet—Signe Gulbrandsen and  
George Worf  
Student Prince Selection..Romberg  
The Orchestra

## Reduced R. R. Rates Can Be Gotten At Office

The office has received a number of certificates which, if endorsed by Mr. Merrill, will entitle any student or teacher to a special rate of a fare and one-ninth on all railroads, including the Long Island system, during Easter vacation. These special tickets will be issued only to persons presenting the above certificate at a ticket agency on or before April 15. Tickets will have a return limit up to April 30; the usual stop-over privileges will apply.



—Cut by Gordon Lewthwaite

## "Town Hall Tonight" To Be Assembly Play Today

The Red Domino will present in assembly today, its monthly play, "Town Hall To-Night", by Howard Reed. The student directors are Barbara Greene and John Stuart.

The characters are typical of small town and show people. There is the property man, who thinks he can act, played by Desmond Watson. The orchestra leader, Sam Gutelius, who hasn't heard a thing since the Civil War, not even his orchestra. In the players group we find little Josephine, the child wonder, actually a seasoned trouper and played by Margaret Wood. Imogene, a hardboiled burlesque queen, is played by Rosemary Sheehan, and Nancy Lowry portrays Mary, a girl who studied elocution but is getting very discouraged with the shoe business. Last, but not least, we have S. Hamley Booth, actor-manager and a very fine fellow in his own opinion. John Thomas takes this part.

## Easter Vacation Starts April 12

School will be adjourned for the Easter vacation on Wednesday, April 12, at 3:19. All classes will be held as usual Wednesday and clubs will meet during the seventh period.

## Red Domino Open House To Be Held Tuesday Evening

### Two Plays And Pantomime Recital Are Features

The annual Open House Night of the Red Domino, honorary dramatics organization of the school, will be held on Tuesday, April 11, in the auditorium at 8:30.

The main feature of the program will be the presentation of "Bedroom Suite", by Christopher Morley. This play, which will be presented for the first time in public, is the one chosen as the Port Washington entry in the Ithaca contest. The members of the cast are Kingsley Poynter, Eileen Hassett and John Stuart. Rosemary Yetter, Dorothea Rose, Samuel Gutelius and Genevieve Jasinski will appear in a second play, "Red Nasturtiums".

The pantomime class will introduce its work representing the school of modern dance. The numbers are as follows:

- A. "L'Eau Au Clair de la Lune (Williams)—The entire Class.
- B. "Dance Caprice" (Grieg)—Rosemary Yetter, Berta Haynes, Charlotte Wescott.
- C. Valse (Chopin)—Piano Solo by June Collings.
- D. Liebesfreud (Kreisler) — Charlotte Wescott, Eileen Hassett.
- E. Revolt (Beethoven) — Rosemary Yetter, Jean Curtis, Charlott Wescott, Carol Yetter, Irene Farrelly, Eileen Hassett, Hattie Griese, Marjorie Utz, Beatrice Murdy.

## Pupils Pass 80 Word Test For Shorthand Honors

Each month the Gregg Publishing Company sends out a booklet which contains tests for shorthand students. They range in speed from 60 to 200 words per minute and must be completed in 45 minutes with 95% accuracy.

The students who have succeeded in passing the 80 word test are: Isabel Da Costa, Muriel Gross, Marie Eaton, Emily Haeckel, Marion Gardiner, Margaret McLoughlin, and Cleo Thompson.

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**"Opportunitas Neglecta"** It is interesting to observe the attendance reports of the various schools and universities offering special continuation courses for the benefit of those who through various financial reverses, have been unable to continue their studies in high school or attend college. One of the large colleges in New York City had seven hundred persons, ranging in ages from seventeen to seventy-five, register for a special evening class in music. Locally, the continuation college established in Mineola has shown a huge number of students returning to its halls of learning, impromptu as they are.

We wonder where this cry for more extraordinary educational facilities originates? Perhaps the graduates of those opulent days, four years ago, are finding out that it is the person with the advanced education who survives the longest on the payroll. Undoubtedly the earning power in the present business world of a man with a higher education is greater than his less literate brethren. A prominent insurance company has published a leaflet containing astounding figures in support of this statement. People, if these figures be true, are every day realizing to their chagrin the intrinsic value of knowledge. It is pathetically ironic to watch them come flocking back

to the pedagogues with their beseeching wails to "teach us what we missed before".

It is unnecessary to comment upon this sad situation other than to exhibit it as an admonition to us who are fortunate enough to still be in a position where we may acquire this gift of learning without making harsh sacrifices.

**Spring-time Gambols** We certainly experienced that "grand and glorious feeling" the other day when we crept out of the wintry seclusion of our office and went over to Seeber Field for a look at the hardy souls who turned out at the first call for spring sports. The sight of the bare-legged runners galloping around the track and the baseball squad gamboling under what was almost a Floridian sun made us so thoroughly ashamed of our overcoat and muffler that inside of fifteen minutes we were actually running a "couple of laps" with the sprinters.

It indeed was a record number of students that reported at the first spring turnout. There were well over fifty candidates for the track squad, while Mr. Seeber reports an equally encouraging number of would-be "Babe" Ruths". The girls, too, were out en masse with their tennis racquets and baseball gloves.

If this particular brand of "spring fever" only lasts among the present candidates and attacks a few of the other huskies about school, we will surely see some record teams next month. The rest of you parlor athletes had better dig up a sweatshirt and join a team while the joining is good.

## Gossip In Our Skule

### Dear Stewdes,

Spring is hear, and a young man's fancy turns ar due tew—wel, you no thee anser.

Then we hav B. Wilson who goes inn for farming. Billie sez hiz cow has thee hiccups and churns hur own butter naow.

And Miss Dot MacVicar wuz sean reading a helth officer's report yesturday. Dot thought thatt "total" must bee a nawful disease—as many died uf it az all thee rest putt tewgethur.

Sum uf our skule lochinvars gave pore leetle Ross S. a start the othur day. Ross wuz walking along the street when a bigg car pulled up tew thee curb. Thee driver leaned owt and sed:

"Going north, Ross?"

"Why yess I am."

"Wel, giv my regards tew thee eskimos." And thee car continued onn up thee street.

Thatt iz all for naow, soe — home James!

Yore servunt,

S. O. L.

## HIGH TIDE-INGS

### Epitaphs of the Famous and Infamous

There's a book of epitaphs called "The Last Word", by Homer Croy. He has been reading tombstones in his spare time. Then he called on a lot of friends to write their own in advance of Gabriel's trumpet. Here are some of the results:

Will Rogers wrote, "Here lies Will Rogers. Politicians turned honest and he starved to death."

Lionel Barrymore: "I've played everything, but a harp."

Clark Gable: "Back to the Silents."

Earl Derr Biggers wrote: "The last installment."

That's enough for that. Here are some of our own infamous people. I didn't ask them to write their own; I did it for them. I hope they like it.

Fran Gould: "Do not disturb."

Kingsley Poynter: "Don't look now, but isn't that the body of Kingsley Poynter?"

Marjorie Crandall: "Excuse my dust."

George Podeyn: "Here lies the body of George Podeyn, if not please notify A. F. Knowles undertakers, at once."

Johnny MacGillivray: "Gone to join the drys."

Jane Wile: "On the whole I'd rather be in Sewanhaka."

Don Smith (again): "This is on me."

Dot MacVicar: "Darn it, I forgot to bring my haunting license."

Lewis Lindemuth: "This is too deep for me."

We can all get a laugh (or I hope you can) out of what living men and women say for their own epitaphs, but the ancient tombstones were funny, too. Visit any old cemetery and you'll discover the serious, the gay, and the remarkable. For instance, Sam Gutelius found this: "Here lies the body of Mary Devoe, wife of Henry Devoe, tears cannot bring her back; therefore I weep."

Now we're on the subject of "How about your grandmother?"

Mr. Lyons greeted Jill sarcastically: "I noticed there were about 50,000 people at your grandmother's funeral yesterday."

To this Jill replied, "Oh, I wouldn't say that, sir; but her funerals have always been very popular." So what?

—I'll be Sheehan you!

## Ambitious Latinist Awarded Great Quantities Of Varied Medals

On looking into fourth year Latin class upon those superior creatures having so abnormal a taste, we wondered just how much their likes and dislikes, their mode of living and thinking, differed from ours. So let us look into the case history of Norma Uttal as a typical specimen.

Norma was born in New York City but at the age of nine years was so disgusted with the big city that she came to Flushing. Even in grammar school she showed much sagacity for a child of her years. At 10 Norma won a gold medal as first prize in an essay contest on "The Essentials of Good Citizenship". This contest was open to all of Queens Borough. However, this award merely spurred her on to greater things, for soon she delved deep into the scientific subject of "Fire Prevention" participated in by students in the entire city. Again her ambition was rewarded by a medal. At graduation next June she received the highest scholastic award, a gold A.

### Norma Is Active Camper

And so Norma left for camp and the great out-of-doors that summer with an easy conscience but an undiminished ambition. She had earned her Junior Life Saving Badge at the tender age of 12 and was, therefore, qualified to "paddle her own canoe". The only trouble was, after paddling out into the lake, having had no experience, Norma didn't know how to turn the canoe around! As she herself pathetically explained, she nearly had to get out and push. At camp, though, she progressed swimmingly, attending the Vermont state swimming meet as one of the four entrants from her camp. Since then camp has always attracted her during the summer; last year she played the part of Captain in "H. M. S. Pinafore", a dramatic production of that camp.

Norma came to Port Washington from Great Neck High, making a record of seven schools attended in all. At Great Neck she was a member of the Honor Squad and the Dramatic Club, also holding a staff position on the "Guide Post" for the two years that she was there. This talent has been used to good advantage for the "Port Weekly". Norma intends to go

## Furious French Fems Fine Feminine Flushingite

By Norma Uttal

"Aimee Louise Wiggers versus l'Academie Francaise. The defendant is charged with murdering the Academy's French. Guilty or not guilty?" Thus matters stood as a breathless audience watched the thrilling French mock trial held in the French Conversation Club, Wednesday, March 29.

The stentorian tones of the giggling clerk, Eugenie La Chance, called the court to order. The august tribunal was presided over by Norma Uttal, masquerading as a dignified judge. The part of the prosecuting attorney was ably portrayed by Jean Cummings, who terrified all six feet of the trembling defendant into a full confession of her villainy. (Heh! Heh! Foiled!) The attentive gentlemen of the jury, Betty Nelson, Eileen Hassett, and Martha Messenger, snored their sonorous approval of proceedings.

The case proceeded in a desultory fashion, occasioned by partial amnesia on the part of the would-be actresses, who were so enraptured by their own performances and efforts in slap-stick comedy, that they occasionally glanced about them to see how their thespian endeavors were being received by the still breathless audience (i. e., the windows were closed).

The defendant besought the judge for mercy, but that eminent

individual was adamant and spurned her tearful entreaties.

After spectacular verbal sword-play between the prosecuting attorney and the defendant, the latter was ignominiously defeated and returned to her seat in profound disgrace.

The witness for the prosecution, Martha Reed, was sworn at in a most professional manner by the clerk, and then took the stand. She summed up the entire situation in a lurid tale, together with a graphic account of what intoxicating beverages are doing to the younger generation.

The attorney for the state pronounced the evidence complete, and the court relaxed, while the jury was awakened through the efforts of the efficient clerk in a truly "Yoo hoo, Mrs. Bloom" manner.

The jury, when asked, expressed its desire not to withdraw for deliberation, due to the comfortable seats. It rendered its decision which, by no means unanimous, was nevertheless thankfully received by the exhausted judge. He, in turn, pronounced his own sentence. The defendant was convicted on the strength of the testimony of the witness, and was sentenced to thoroughly assimilate her French lesson once a week. (May God have mercy on her soul!)

## Retort Visits New York Museum Of Science

On Wednesday, April 5, the Retort Club journeyed to New York City to visit the Museum of Science and Industry located in the News Building.

The club had long planned this trip and the members were prepared to receive all the possible benefits from it. The club obtained a guide to conduct them through the building, pointing out the more important and interesting exhibits. A school bus was placed at the disposal of the club for the excursion and in it they went to the museum.

to college, but has no wish to ever become president. Edna St. Vincent Millay and dancing are passions with her. But she considers her greatest achievement to be her nearly completed four years of Latin.

## More New Volumes Arrive For School Library

Among the many new novels which are now in the library are: Wilder's "Let the Hurricane Roar", and Leacock's "Mark Twain".

On the non-fiction shelves there is a book about piloting, seamanship, and small boat handling which is sure to please the school skippers.

Now that spring is here, Browning's "Sonnets" from the Portuguese ought to appeal to everyone, especially to those romantically affected.

Other books which grace the shelves of the library are Conrad's "Victory", and "Pompilia and Her Poet".

Other books which are on the way and may be obtained in the near future are: "Jim David", "Judy", "Grasper Girls Go to College", and the "Bent Twig" by Canfield.

## Fratry Column

Berta Haynes seemed determined to go through the wall in the parking space. Cut it out, Berta, cement walls are expensive. Even if you didn't manage to go through, the principle of the thing is wrong. Imagine wanton destruction of school property.

—P—

Barney Iselin was seen in a peach of a fight from which he emerged we don't know how. The only thing we are sure of is that he had a goose-egg on his head where one of the playful devils on the opposition hit him with a stick. Rex Cleveland withdrew before sustaining any great damage. Wise boy, Rex. By the way, did you know that Barney had an engine fall on him? He did, and the engine won. Watch him walk.

—P—

Rumor has it that Ed Burdick is out for the position of pitcher this season. There's a lot of competition, Ed, but stick to it. Great Neck is doing well by you, isn't it, Ed? The Greeks had a name for it, but I forget what it was.

—P—

Tex seems to have taken to jay walking in a dream, or maybe it's love. Look out, Tex, the middle of the street is a bad place to start dreaming. Cars are dangerous affairs especially with "Dilly" at the wheel.

—P—

Bob Lawton — "She's got a lot of culture, hasn't she?"

Frank Mills — "Yes, but it's all physical."

—P—

We have had most things at Port but we can now boast of a scientific genius. Bob Stitt informed the chem class and Mr. Pickett that Fish plus water yields fish oxide plus hydrogen. Down right marvelous I calls it.

—P—

The decorations at the Circle-Celerity dance were original to say the least.

—P—

These afternoon dances seem to be like playing strip poker with Mahatma Gandhi — not much of a turnover. Why not turn out and support them, they're really a lot of fun.

—P—

Last, but by no means least, don't forget the concert given by the orchestra and the glee clubs. Make a date for it, it's free.

## Office Practice Class Is Large Squads Turn Out To School Asset; Its Girls' Spring Sports Work Explained

The course in Office Training which has been functioning since the beginning of the second semester has proved its worth to the school curriculum not only as a preparatory course for students who expect to enter the world of business, but also as an asset to the other departments of the school.

During the month of February, members of the class duplicated 3,217 copies of material to be used in the several departments of the school system. In addition to this, members of the class were called upon to file reports, use the adding machines, type letters, check study hall lists, compute averages, and many other duties common to office routine. Considerable time was spent in the setting up and duplicating of a notebook which will be bound and a copy presented to each member of the class as an aid for future reference.

During the past month the class has continued to show its value to the school by duplicating between five and six thousand copies of material to be used in the school, in addition to the other work mentioned above. Ten members of the school faculty have taken advantage of the opportunity to have material duplicated, and although in some cases it was necessary to make corrections in assignments, these teachers have expressed satisfaction in the work accomplished.

Much enthusiasm for the work is evidenced by the willingness on the part of the members of the class to cooperate in every way.

During the months of April and May much of the class period will be devoted to lectures and class discussion on operation of machines and general business procedure.

Spring sports got under way last week when meetings were called to organize girls' baseball, tennis, and archery. Large squads reported for each sport, tennis leading in popularity with about fifty candidates. Baseball was a close second with a squad of thirty-eight, while twenty-two reported for archery.

As far as possible, the spring schedule will be arranged so that contests in all three sports may be held on the same afternoons with the same schools.

Inter-class contests will be held so that all members of the squads may take active participation in the spring sports even though they failed to make a varsity team.

## Fifty Report For Baseball; Schedule Is Listed

The baseball season started with over fifty candidates reporting for the first practice.

With some of the regulars left from last year and some new recruits, the outcome of this season looks exceptionally good. The scheduled games follows:

April 10—Port at Roslyn.  
April 25—Roslyn at Port.  
May 2—Port at Mineola.  
May 5—Port at Glen Cove.  
May 9—Port at Manhasset.  
May 12—Great Neck at Port.  
May 19—Mineola at Port.  
May 23—Glen Cove at Port.  
May 26—Manhasset at Port.  
June 2—Port at Great Neck.

## Literature Group Resumes Activity

The American Literature group, under the direction of Miss Chisholm, which was formed last year, will be continued again this term. The group is open to all those interested in this line and will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 12:30 to 1 o'clock.

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