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Traffic Squad Holds Meeting; Reviews Duties

Most Members Confident Plan Will Succeed

The members of the newly formed traffic squad held a special meeting Monday afternoon in the Physics Laboratory to discuss the problems of organization which have arisen since its formation. Wesley Brower presided and Mr. Merrill addressed the members.

It was the general consensus of opinion on the part of the members that the experiment is accomplishing its purpose in maintaining order in the halls. Wesley Brower, organizer of the group, when questioned as to his reaction to the workings of the system, stated that the plan is prospering even better than expected, and he and Mr. Merrill are gratified with the manner in which the majority of the volunteers who are serving on the squad have co-operated. He added that since the measure is still in its early stages it is essential that the entire school should give its support and co-operation to insure the success of the traffic squad.

Explains Teachers' View

Mr. Merrill, in explaining his own preference for control by students rather than by members of the faculty, brought out the fact that the teachers are steadily occupied from the opening to the close of school, and that the few minutes of relaxation afforded between classes should not be spent to policing the corridors.

A suggestion to the effect that badges of some sort be obtained for members of the squad was discussed at length. It was finally decided to abandon this idea until a later date, since the majority of the members believed them unnecessary.

A revised plan for the representative selection of officers of the patrol was also suggested because of the objections in many of the home rooms to the method of choosing members of the squad. However, Mr. Merrill stated that a reserve list of volunteers will be called for soon, but the present squad will be maintained for the rest of the semester.

Seraphine's Orchestra To Supply Music at Tea Dance

The second afternoon tea dance will be held in the cafeteria this afternoon at the close of school. Room 101 is sponsoring the affair and Gene Seraphine and his orchestra will supply the music.

The first dance of this sort, given by Room 103 netted a return of \$2.70. The orchestra received fifty per cent of this amount.

Today's Assembly Divided Between Conservation Movie, Play Publicity

Short Sketch Will Launch 'Dragon' Ticket Sales

The first part of today's assembly program will be taken up by a preview presentation of "The Dragon." This preview will launch the advertising campaign for the presentation of "The Dragon" which occurs on the 16th of December.

The cast of the drama will act in a humorous sketch written by John Stuart. This sketch will contain part of a scene from the play itself. An explanatory discussion of the play will be given by Kingsley Poynter, President of the Red Domino. William Berge, Secretary of the organization, will explain the plans for ticket sales that have been made.

It is announced by the Red Domino that prices for the play will be 75 cents for reserved seats and 50 cents for the rest of the house. The reserved seats include the center section of the auditorium and the first three rows in the balcony.

Genevieve Jasinski is chairman of the ticket committee. Tickets may be had from members of the Red Domino during the next week. Representatives will be sent to the home rooms and office to take reservations for the play.

Circle Officers Are Elected And Schedule Planned

The new members of the Circle were initiated into that august body on Monday evening, November 27. This initiation followed the formal ceremony held in the assembly the previous Friday. Officers were elected at the same time.

Nancy Lowry, as head of the initiation committee, wielded a hearty ping pong paddle. Speeches were given by the initiates upon a wide range of subjects.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony the election of officers for the year was held under the temporary chairmanship of Lewis Lindemuth. He was elected President, and Alan Ardis is the new Vice-President. The office of Secretary will be filled by William Berge and Robert Corrigan is the new Treasurer.

The members of the club voted to meet hereafter on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on December 11. The club tentatively plans to sponsor one of the dances to be held during the year and will hold their annual picnic or banquet in the spring.

Science Of Society Club To Present Movies, Talk On Forestry

Today's assembly period will be divided between the Science of Society club and a preview of the "Dragon". The first part of the program will be occupied with a short skit which includes a scene from "The Dragon". The remainder of the time will be devoted to the presentation of motion pictures and addresses upon the subject of Forest Conservation.

The major portion of the assembly will consist of the showing of two reels of motion pictures which depict a hunting and fishing trip to the wilds of Cliff Lake in Northern Ontario, and the adventures of two inexperienced young "tenderfeet" on a rude ranch in the heart of the Focky Mountains. Both films were made by Courtney Ryley Cooper, the well-known author and illustrator.

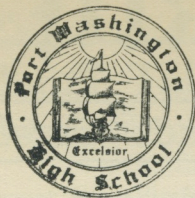
It is the purpose of this program to show the need for widespread conservation of our national forests. In accordance with this theme is the first reel of the pictures, which shows what would be likely to happen if there were unlimited destruction of the remaining woodlands. Earl Hooper, President of the Science of Society club, will explain the picture and deliver a short lecture upon the program of conservation now being carried on and the need for its extension.

Spanish Classes Visit Points Of Interest In New York

The second and third year Spanish classes under the direction of Mr. Lyons journeyed to New York on Wednesday afternoon, November 29. The groups visited various points of interest to students of Spanish. The trip was made via school bus and subway.

The Spanish Museum was the first place to be visited. There an hour was spent in the examination of various exhibits depicting the life, customs and industries of Spain and Latin America. Mr. Lyons acted as guide, explaining the many objects on show.

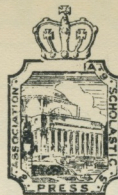
Dinner was eaten by the group at the Hotel La Estrella, where they sampled many dishes peculiar to Spanish and Latin American tables. After dinner the classes attended a Spanish motion picture entitled "The King Of The Gypsies".



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MEETING REPEAL'S CHALLENGE

Two days ago an era ended as the citizens of the country rescinded an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This plebescite was the final curtain for a decade unique within the social and political annals of a great people.

Prohibition during the interim of its existence was, in turn, classed a blessing and the curse of a nation. Many are the evils attributed to its regime. Less in number, but nevertheless present, are the benefits claimed by those who had faith.

The most unnatural of the phenomona which came into being coincidental with us as a result of this law was tthe feverish "jazz" period of a few years back. It seemed, for a time, that youth had completely lost its sense of the moral and the sober. The students of the "teen" age became in many cases uncontrollable renegades in the eyes of the thoughtful citizenry. The downfall of the race under the spell of the automobile and the bootlegger seemed imminent to many.

Within the last year there has occurred a change. Perhaps it was brought about by the sudden deflation of values. We like to believe, though, that the sound majority has at last forced its way to the surface, and that the finer element of the "younger generation" has asserted itself.

There will always be epicureans who will sneer at such ideals. But they will be few by comparison, and their influence shall be short-lived if popular respect for law and universal desire for true, sane temperance becomes a fact. We can be a dominating influence in bringing this about. If we are, it may be possible to reform an unruly mankind.

A HALL POLICEMAN'S LOT

An experiment is being conducted in our High School. A traffic squad has been organized by a group of boys to relieve the faculty of supervising the corridors between classes. This organization deserves the co-operation of each and every student.

This system is thought by some to be too childish and reminiscent of Junior High School days. They think the members of the squad will assert too much authority. However, if each student will only do his part we will find that the new project will result in a success.

Port's rules and regulations are much less rigid than in most other schools, and when a new idea is introduced we ought to give it a fair chance for success before condemning it. Nothing was ever perfected without primary experimentation.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

A Commuter's Nightmare

'Twas an hour before sunrise, and all through the town
Each drowsy commuter awoke with a frown;
My clothes, in a heap, I had left on the floor,
I drew on a stocking (a large hole) I swore.
Away to the bureau I flew like a flash,
Jerked open a drawer—it fell with a crash;
My mother was calling, "You're going to be late!
Just look at the clock, it's five minutes past eight."
I drag on my dress and I slick down my hair;
Down the stairs like a shot to my breakfast I tear.
Only time for some toast and while chewing that
There's a rush for my coat and my books and my hat;
Up the street on a run, now the train is in sight!
One last gruelling dash—Well, I'll make it alright.
I scramble on board and sink into a seat,
I'm completely exhausted —
Oh my poor aching feet!
And when asked for my ticket, I search everywhere;
I've left it at home, so I must pay my fare!
Then the train is delayed and I know what that means—
I must run all the way to the classroom, it seems.
I come breathlessly in about ten minutes late,
My teachers looked pained — It's my usual fate!
So the day drags along and the classes are done,
I go out to hockey and that's lots of fun,
But always there lurks in the back of my brain
That usual warning, "You must catch that train."
And so practice over, another rush starts;
It's a wonder there's anything left of our hearts —
At last I am home and another day's ended,
There's mountains of homework
Of course, that's just splendid.
So to bed and to sleep and at last I'm in clover
Oh yes! Well, tomorrow I'll do it all over. —Lois Butterworth.

FRATRY COLUMN

Keep The Date In Mind

There's nothing like knowing your plans ahead of time so here's a bit of news that will help you one and all. It's about that Fraternity Dance to which you've been waiting to take your best girl for so long. It will be on December 22, so you will all have plenty of time to shine your shoes and make ready to look handsomer than ever.

—P—

Things Noticed

No doubt you have noted the tremendous air of dignity which the new hallway gendrames assume on leaving their classes.

Although it was very noticeable, there still may be some who did not have the pleasure of seeing a group of the girls snake dancing around George Bangs during lunch hour.

And have you noticed all the disappointments and delights over **The** **rot** **light** pictures?

Unkie de Noise is being asked to come up some time by all the eight-year-old belles.

I asked Jack Shanahan if he had any news as we were setting out to do our weekly stint the other day. Jack just looked at me and smiled. Look out for him, he must know plenty.

—P—

Things Heard

They tell that Lester Munson has switched his girl interests again.

H. R. Teacher: "Irving have you moved to Highland Avenue?"

Markland: "No, sir . . ."

H. R. Teacher: "I thought you had, I see you there so often."

(Ed. Note — Significant!)

—And—

Mr. Pickett: "Of the twelve nerves that leave the brain, four go to the eyes."

Miss Sarah F.: "Why do they go to the eyes?"

Mr. Pickett: "For the same reason that the Atlantic Ocean is near the shore."

—P—

Our Own Vocabulary

Decade — One who scrubs the deck of a boat.

A pun—I like sugar puns for breakfast.

—P—

Rainy Day Absentees

Dearest — I could swim the mighty ocean for one glance from your eyes. I would walk through a wall of flame for one touch of your little finger. I would leap the widest stream in the world for a word from your lovely lips.
(Signed) "Puddin'head Jones."

P. S.: I'll be over Saturday night if it doesn't rain.

Merry Students Cavort Joyfully At Work In After School Art Session

Ecuadorian Senorita Tells Of Rise To Fame As P. W. Athlete

Isabelle (Buzzer) DaCosta, is Port's amusing senorita from the distant land of Ecuador. At the age of two her family came to this country and settled in Port where she started her education.

Her earliest recollections extend no farther than this country. She must have been a model child for she claims that she cannot remember committing any greivous or precocious pranks in her early youth.

She may safely be called the Senior Class athlete. She has participated regularly in hockey, basketball and tennis. Like many members of the Celebrity she hopes to marry money and settle down in a little vine covered cottage.

The new traffic squad and carrots lead a long column of her dislikes but Clark Gable and bananas — words cannot express what they mean to her.

She was rather reluctant to name any specific leanings but the large number of friends which she has made throughout the school testify to the fact that she is of a sociable nature. Her claim is that the handsome young Lotharios hold no interest for her, yet this is belied by the evidence of those who attend the school dances.

The Port Weekly' To Issue Special Xmas Edition

Work has been begun on the literary supplement for the Christmas issue of **The Port Weekly**. It is to be composed of original prose and poetry selections written by students under the supervision of the English department.

Last year's supplement was well received by readers. It contained several full length stories and essays and many contributions in verse. It is planned to make the issue even more elaborate and complete this year.

Contributions are welcomed from any member of the student body. Material should be handed to Mr. Herge or placed in **The Port Weekly** mail box with the name and room number. The deadline for all copy will be on Monday noon, December 11.

Girls' Glee Club May Become Carollers At Yuletide

The possibility of the combined girls' glee clubs participating in the Christmas exercises this year was revealed last week by Mr. Van Bodegraven.

It is possible that the singers will revive the ancient Yuletide custom and go carolling through the halls. Although the groups have been rehearsing appropriate Christmas songs, this plan has not been definitely adopted.

Quips, Jests, Mark Antics Of Playful Artists

Everybody expects the members of the dramatics department and **The Port Weekly** staff to have hilarious times but it seems that the art department has been getting away with the same merrymaking without being at all suspected. Perhaps it's because the art room is secluded on the second floor of the front wing that it is comparatively unnoticed. However, if any curious person will intrude his inquisitive head within the door of 213, between the hours of 3:19 and 6:00 p.m., he is likely to hear some of the choicest bits of this season's humor as well as that of twenty seasons ago.

At the sound of the 3:19 bell many of our earnest art students dash into the "Studio," collect their paints and brushes, and proceed with feverish energy and the inspiration of genius to complete their work. Nevertheless, they do not lack a sense of humor, and when little Lewis Dean or harassing Hattie Griese launch a wisecrack on the sly, there is invariably a loyal snicker or two. Encouraged by the result several more evoke their pet gems and finally all of the hard-working illustrators are so busy laughing that they forget their posters and projects are due in a dangerously short time. In fact they haven't the slightest idea what they are laughing about since most of the jokes are so very old that even an antique dealer wouldn't be able to classify them.

Caricatures A Specialty

At this point, however, the nonsense expires, for Hattie is employed with such classical work as blackboard caricature of Mae West and Rudy Vallee. When she finishes these revealing portraits she expectantly awaits the approval of the critical artists.

"Don't you think its a bit risque?" chirps Lewis Dean, determined to wear out his favorite witticism, and finding the sketch of Mae West's figure an excellent opportunity. He loses no time in drawing his own conception of these favorites. It was a shame that such stupendous masterpieces could not be preserved but it was feared that Miss Allison would not appreciate the originality of the work. They were quickly reduced to chalk dust.

"Oh well, 'Earth to earth, and dust to dust,'" sighs Hattie with a philosophical quirk in her voice.

"Look! It's dark outside."

Yes, it was dark and the clock was turning toward six so paint pans were washed, posters laid aside until some quieter time during class, and upon clicking off the lights and slamming the door the wearied students grope their way down the dark hallways and steps. Ah, well—"Art for art's sake" and even, "What price glory?"

Girls To Begin Basketball Season Dec. 14 With Sea Cliff Game

The girls' basketball season has gotten off to an early start, having had field practice for the past three weeks. There has been an average attendance of forty girls for each practice which proves an unusual interest in the sport this year.

There are four letter men on the squad, with two new guards necessary to fill the vacancies. Helen Masi, Mildred Dell and Rita Tomlet all played forwards last year, while Isabelle Da Costa was one of the guards. However, there is promise of good material from the newcomers.

This year a new method of playing is to be instituted. This is the use of the center throw instead of the center toss to start the game. The referee throws the ball to the center line, and passes must be completed before a basket is made by that team. The throw is alternated between the teams as each basket is made. The advantages of the throw over the toss are many. It causes a faster and more skillful game with more emphasis on passwork and signals. It also eliminates frequent fouls on the jump that are difficult to perceive by the referee. Altogether it calls for a fairer game, stressing the finer points of basketball technique.

Boys Will Start Basketball Season December 15

Another season of basketball rolls around and an entirely new team is to be chosen from a squad of about fifty boys. There will be some new players on the team this year, some of whom have just graduated from the Junior High School and several others who didn't stand a chance last year. The prospects for this year are "Joe" Augustino, Don Carmichael and "Mike" Massucci. Carmichael will probably play center while Massucci will play forward, and Irving Markland will also.

The first game in which the High School quintet will play will be on Dec. 15, against Hicksville. The game will be played at Hicksville. A schedule of the other games appears elsewhere on this page.

Girls' Basketball

Dec. 14—Sea Cliff; Thurs.; Here.
Dec. 19—Tues.; Away.
Jan. 11—Manhasset, Thur.; Away
Jan. 25—Thur.; Here
Feb. 1—Glen Cove; Thur.; Away
Feb. 8—Manhasset; Thur.; Here
Feb. 15—Hicksville; Thur.; Away
Feb. 20—Alumnae; Away
Feb. 27—Glen Cove; Tues.; Here

Coming Events

Monday, Dec. 11—Home room meetings will be held during the seventh period. There will be band practice at 2:47 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 — The Girls' Glee Club and the Student Council will meet during the seventh period. All other pupils will study in their home rooms.

Wednesday, Dec. 13—The regular seventh period clubs will meet.

Thursday, Dec. 14 — Fraternity members will meet in Room 102 and the Celerity will convene in 208. There will be a study period for other pupils.

Friday, Dec. 15—An assembly program will be given at 2:20.

Saturday, Dec. 16—"The Dragon", the annual Red Domino play, will be presented at 8:30 p. m.

Hockey Players Conclude Successful Season

The girls have brought their hockey season to a close with only one defeat. However, the season was one of unusually close competition for out of seven games, five resulted in a tie score.

A game with Rockville Centre appeared first on the schedule. South Side tied the score 2-2 during the last few minutes of play. The first home game was against Friends' Academy and proved to be another tie, 1-1.

The Hicksville contest resulted in another of the hated ties. The Great Neck, the only complete defeat, was lost by a two point lead.

Friends' Academy played a return game but the deadlock persisted. However, Hicksville met their defeat at the return game, 2-0.

Hockey letters and numerals will probably be awarded to the following players: E. Salerno, V. Salerno, I. DaCosta, L. Muro, N. Lowry, R. Lowry, R. Tomlet, H. Masi, E. Ausbury, R. Thornton, V. Walker, and R. Shontz.

Season's Football Receipts Show Total Of \$415

The final report of the financial returns for the 1933 football season has finally been compiled.

This year the admission price was reduced several times in order to obtain the necessary funds to pay all expenses. Under the old system of admission the first two games resulted in a total receipt of \$120.84. When the price was lowered to one-half of the original quota, more money was taken in. The Great Neck and Manhasset games brought in \$100.10 and \$187.86 respectively. In the Alumni game there were no expenses, and as the weather was inclement, attendance at the game was poor. Only \$10.05 was taken in at this game.

Grid Team Ends 7-Game Season

Football Team Scores 71 Points; Equal Rivals

I. Markland

Port has just finished a very unusual football season. The final analysis shows two victories, four losses, and one tie. The season was peculiar inasmuch as the team won from most of the strongest teams but lost to the ones they considered relatively weak.

The first game was with Hicksville at Port. Darmorhay of Hicksville made a touchdown in the third period and added an extra point. Port, who had scored two points on a safety, scored again when Mallon passed to Patten for a touchdown, making the final score 8-7. Eato played a brilliant defensive game.

Roslyn was Port's next victim and the Blue and White ran roughshod over the visitors. Mike Massucci was the highlight of the game. Captain Joe Mallon scored five touchdowns in this fray. The final score stood 39-0.

Port met its first defeat at the hands of Southampton at Southampton. The opponents had the heavier team but Port fought hard and well. Port scored when Mallon passed to Patten in the end zone.

Great Neck Fights To Tie

A highly touted, heavy favored Great Neck team was our next opponent. When the game was over and the dust had settled, the two teams were in a 6-6 deadlock. The outstanding feature was a 47 yard run through a broken field by Mallon to tie the score.

Manhasset, who had won but one game before this, took an over-confident Port team into camp on Election Day to the tune of 13-0.

The Alumni squeezed out a 13-12 victory over the High School on a rain soaked field. Patten ran 45 yards to a touchdown after taking a pass from Minich, and Mallon scored on a short plunge.

The final game was the biggest disaster of the season when Glen Cove put a coat of whitewash on the team. The final score was 19-0.

It is an interesting fact that both Port and the opponents scored 71 points during the season.

Boys' Basketball

Dec. 15—Hicksville at Hicksville.
Dec. 24—Alumni at Port.
Jan. 12—Great Neck at Port.
Jan. 20—Hicksville at Port.
Jan. 26—Mineola at Mineola.
Feb. 2—Glen Cove at Glen Cove.
Feb. 6—Manhasset at Manhasset.
Feb. 9—Great Neck at Great Neck
Feb. 16—Open.
Feb. 21—Mineola at Port.
Feb. 23—Glen Cove at Port.
March 2—Manhasset at Port.