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## Red Domino Elects Five New Members

### 'Dragon' Performances Fill Club Requirements

Following the completion of their requirements in "The Dragon" five new members were voted into the Red Domino, honorary dramatics organization, at its last meeting. Those who completed the requirements are Mavis Freeman, Marjorie Utz, Frank deBlois, and Desmond Watson. Lewis Lindemuth received an honorary membership.

The club requires that a student shall have played either a leading role in a major play, or three minor roles, or have had parts in three minor plays. An equivalent number of public performances may be substituted to qualify.

#### How Candidates Qualified

Marjorie Utz has appeared in "The Birthday of the Infanta", "Behind A Watteau Picture", and the Princess in "The Dragon". Mavis Freeman filled her requirements with a part in "The First Dress Suit" and a lead in "The Dragon". Frank deBlois entered on the basis of appearances in "The First Dress Suit", "Wisdom Teeth", and "The Dragon", while Desmond Watson has trod the local boards in behalf of "Town Hall Tonight" and "The Dragon".

Lewis Lindemuth was voted an honorary member for his work as stage manager in "The Dragon" and participation in the technical end of all major Red Domino activities during the past two years. He also appeared as Major Patrick Henry Stuart in "Belle Lamar".

## Intrepid Custodian Of Halls Saves School From Fire

A fire of incendiary origin was discovered in the stair well adjoining the basement hall during the third period, Monday morning by Mr. Allen, custodian.

Witnesses who watched the blaze from above assert that Mr. Allen dashed bravely into the highly poisonous fumes and seething flames, captured the fire in a water bucket and bore it courageously out of sight to an ignominious death in the courtyard.

When a representative of **The Port Weekly** attempted to interview the modest hero of the incident, he was nowhere to be found. It was discovered, however, that the source of the conflagration which so rapidly filled the upper halls with smoke was a can full of ignited candle wax.

## Senior Class Will Hold Last Dance Of Semester On January 27

### Seniors Will Hold Class Dance January 27

The third and last dance of the first term will be held in the high school gymnasium on January 27, under the sponsorship of the Senior Class.

Jack Shanahan, class president, has appointed a committee consisting of himself as chairman, Ruth Clark, Nancy Lowry, Dorothy Talbot, Edward Carrico, Robert Corrigan, and Eric Cudd.

No orchestra has as yet been decided upon, although three are under consideration. Estimates are being received from Gene Walker and his orchestra; Bobby Jones and his "Happy Boys", which is a Negro band; and the "Yale Collegians". Of the three, Bobby Jones seems to be the most popular among the students. His orchestra has the reputation of taking very little time out between numbers. This group was heard previously in Port at the Fraternity dance in 1932.

## Dramatics Class Views 'School For Husbands'

Yesterday afternoon Miss Stebbins' fifth period dramatics class journeyed to New York to the matinee performance of "School for Husbands".

The group left here at 12:30 and the school bus took them to the Empire Theater, where the play has been running since the middle of October.

This particular piece was chosen in preference to the rest because the class intends to do one of Moliere's plays in the near future.

## Miss Florence Pettinger Is Assembly Speaker

Miss Florence Pettinger will address the high school during the seventh period assembly this afternoon. Her topic will be: "What Can You Offer An Employer?" and it concerns the openings for students in the business world.

Miss Pettinger is a representative of the Pace Institute in New York City. Her wide experience in the business and scholastic fields prompted Mr. Merrill to ask her to speak to the student body. Numerous student audiences have heard Miss Pettinger and her lecture should prove of interest to pupils who are planning commercial and business vocations.

## Teachers Publish A New Magazine

### Contributions Are Made By High School Faculty

The Port Washington Teachers' Association has this year undertaken the publication of a magazine, "The Fledgling", which may appear each semester. Miss Gormley has been in charge of the publication and several high school teachers have contributed.

"The Fledgling" is being published for the purpose of recording the research, experimentation and creative work being carried on by the Port Washington teachers. It is a magazine by the teachers primarily for teachers. This issue, opening with a prefatory poem by Miss Duffy, consists mainly of articles about the local school system, including not only the junior and senior high schools but also the various grade schools. Nearly one-half the space is devoted to articles on the Social Sciences. There are also articles of general interest, reviews and notes on outstanding educational books fill several pages. Two pages are given over to creative poems of pupils. "The Fledgling" also contains P. W. T. Association news and a report on the Port Washington Public Welfare Association.

#### High School Students Do Typing

The typing was done by high school students under the supervision of Miss Sloane, and Mr. Dimmick reviewed all the articles appearing in this issue. Other members of the high school faculty who contributed to the issue are Miss Allison, Mr. Mason, Mr. Merrill, Miss Bortz, Miss Sammis and Miss McClellan.

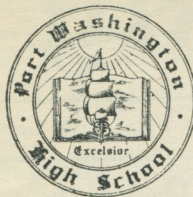
Those pupils who wish to know why subjects are being taught the way they are might like to read some of the articles in "The Fledgling".

The publication of "The Fledgling" is a real event in the Port Washington Schools' history for it places it in line with several other progressive school systems and may bring recognition to the local school's findings and valuable methods.

## Play Troupe To Give Shows In Auditorium Tomorrow

Tomorrow night the Port Washington Play Troupe will stage its first production for this winter. The program will consist of three one-act plays: "Weatherwise", by Noel Coward; "The Valiant", by Robert Middlemass; and "The Good and Obedient Young Man", a modern piece in a Japanese setting.

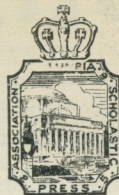




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### ON LEARNING TO LEARN

The facts and figures contained in a recent report upon the study habits of students in New York University contain many items of interest to us at this time when we are feverishly endeavoring to bring the semester to a successful end by a burst of concentrated application to our studies.

Professors Weiland and Hoopingarner who conducted the observations, offer a ray of encouragement to the "average" student in their finding that those who excel in academic work are not, contrary to popular belief, "the grinds" who devote all their time to scholastic duties. Rather, they have found that it is the student with the rounded development and manifold interests who leads the marking roster. Also, most of the good students are "social" and enjoy dancing, cards, and similar diversissements. Seldom are they "shut-ins," nor do they lack hobbies of some sort.

Great importance is attached by the survey to the establishment of regularity in the living and study habits of a scholar. It was found by actual observation that those who refrain from working when tired and take several minutes rest from each sixty are more able to grasp and find interest in a dull assignment. Short rests more than repay themselves and the alternating of tasks helpfully refreshing, according to the professors. Regular eating habits, with the heaviest meal in the evening, were also found to predominate among those questioned.

The report is concluded with the observation that efficiency is lowest among those college freshmen who formed no regular system of concentrated study in high school. This adds further proof to the theory that learning to learn is more than half of learning.

### IF LAID END TO END

If laid end to end how far would the waste paper which we find stuffed in various nooks and crannies reach? It is almost impossible to open a desk or closet without finding the scrap paper of some person too lazy to walk to the waste basket.

Even the halls have not escaped from this deluge. At times the floors look as if a blizzard had passed by. Students seem to have made a habit of stuffing discarded notes in the first corner they spy or merely letting them fall to the floor. Ingenuity has been shown by some of the places chosen for these little caches. Behind radiators, in lockers, on book racks in the library, even on top of the fire extinguishers, we have found discarded algebra problems and social notes.

This untidiness is unnecessary. There is ample provision made for disposal. Why will pupils not co-operate with the greatly reduced janitorial staff and make the task of keeping our school less complicated?

An untidy house is seldom a pleasant one.

## HIGH TIDE-INGS

### What The Well Dressed Mind Will Think In 1934

A reference table, my little ones, that will admit you to the best houses — and get you out of them — very quickly. If the person sitting next to you is the sort you want to impress, just fold this up nonchalantly — but I'd advise a quick comeback—there are some things here that every young stewd should know.

1. That it's smart to go ice-skating but it's smarter to stay on your feet. (Paging Miss Buckley!)

2. "Cum Up Sumtime" is taboo and the newest catch phrase is "Don't ever dooo that!"

3. That New Year's Eve was like a Paul Jones, everybody changing partners!

4. That there's a proper place to do everything — even eat crackers in school.

5. Eyebrows are best left alone.

6. That it's smart to be a host or hostess as Amanda Duffield, Nancy Lowry, Edith Leahy, Betsy Kearton, Herman Ryenveld and Roger Kavenagh found out during vacation.

7. That "The Last Round-up" ought to be "The Lost Chord".

8. That Albert Pfeiffer meets the commuters' train each morning and that Betty Scutt is the reason.

9. That the food in the cafeteria is the best. (Adv.)

10. The Fraternity column has been showing signs of improvement.

11. That one little Wescott minus the other little Wescott leaves one little Wescott.

12. That everybody goes to the movies to see Katharine Hepburn run the gamut of emotions from—A to B.

13. That Jean Smith is the newest object of Genie Seraphine's affections. (Note: Somebody told me—I dunno!)

14. That it's fun to be in the Celerity, but it's funnier to get in. (For information see Jo Greene, Charlotte Dean, Betty Grimmer, or Hattie Griese—Celerity initiates.)

15. That in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love — but we know a Young man whose fancy changes at all seasons of the year. (For verification see Miss Hegeman.)

16. That he who reads "Anthony Adverse" must have been in quarantine to find the time.

17. That Economics is a subject for Seniors and Post-Graduates — ask the Junior who took the course.

18. That it's fashionable to have blind dates and claim that "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes".

19. That it's possible to have "Fun In Bed" (a book!).

I'll be Sheehan you!



## FRATRY COLUMN

No doubt you will never forget the last Xmas vacation so perhaps this little secret is not out of place. But before I go any further just let me ask you what you think of a fellow who returned to school on Tuesday morning, one day early? I have heard all kinds of answers to that one but the truth is that I was so anxious to get back . . . . Oh, well, you know the rest . . . .

—P—  
What Would You Do?

What would you do with the extra hour if there were twenty-five hours in a day?

Barney Iselin — "Wipe twenty-four hours' dust off the motorcycle."

Mr. Merrill — "Finish the work left from the last twenty-four."

Mildred Elze — "I dunno."

Florence Tresilian — "Practice sleeping."

Mr. Mason — "This seems familiar, but what do you think?"

Wack Butlar — "It might be a chance to study."

Flo Colby — "I never commit myself."

A. M. D. — "Read." (Faces or minds?)

Joe Mallon, Mr. Brown — "When does the hour come, night or day?"

Walter Miller — "Eat."

Mr. Van B. — "Waste it."

Mr. Seeber — "Why, I put in twenty-six hours as it is."

The remaining ninety per cent — "Sleep."

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To continue in the interrogative vein we asked several students what they would do if Mae West were a faculty member. The replies follow:

Don C. — "Concentrate."

Fred McNutt — "Request a course in physiology."

Harry Watson — "Forget to change classes."

Lewis L. — "Take one subject."

Ed Poole — "Die in the rush."

Yours Truly — "Remember to stay after school sometime."

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## Overheard In The Hall

I. Markland telling a riddle thus: "What barks, has a long tail, is black and as round as the moon?"

"I don't know," answered Hattie.

"Ha, ha, a frying pan."

"But what's the bark for?"

"Oh, that just makes it harder."

—P—

One of our departed brothers, Chappy Miller, '33, recently expressed a desire to see his name in this column once again. We herewith oblige:

CLARENCE ELMER MILLER

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Jack Young — an even high gear cackle.

Ruth Clark—a high pitched giggle with increasing tempo ending with a chorus from surrounding spectators.

P. S.

I promised I would explain the bandage on my head. It is a secret so don't tell a single soul. It marks the spot where a thought struck me on how to fill a whole column.

## Certain Teachers Have Own Epigrams;

William Berges' Unobtrusive  
Life Includes Dramatics  
And Peregrinations

"Ah yes", said the gentleman to the encircling reporters, as the flashlights clicked, "It is indeed the truth that I owe my great success to the fact that I eat 'Wheaties' regularly."

"My early youth was spent touring different hospitals, after having various mishaps such as collisions with trucks. Unfortunately, my school career has been unobtrusive to date, until the exception of participating in dramatics and overturning chairs. I have been the main attraction in 'A Mid-Summer's Night Dream', 'Belle Lamar', 'Icebound', and 'The Gold-maker'."

At this crucial moment another avid reporter stepped forward, "Have you any statement to make, Mr. B.?" Mr. Berges gurgled shyly and replied: "My peregrinations on the American Continent have produced an insatiable thirst for traveling."

Some of the things Bill likes are Mae West, classical music, and reading. He spends most of his time sleeping, eating, and tying knots in pretzels. He is a confirmed misogynist (Look that up, studes), and thinks that Marlene Dietrich fad is all right, so long as men don't take to wearing dresses. The last panting news-hound stepped forward. "Billy, have you a motto?" "Yes, indeed," replied Mr. Berges, "my motto is 'when in hot water, be nonchalant—take a bath.'"

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Journalism Club Hears Talk  
By Mr. Schreiber

The journalism club had the unexpected pleasure of an impromptu address by Superintendent of Schools Paul D. Schreiber at the first meeting after the holidays.

Mr. Schreiber spoke of his own experiences in newspaper work and commented on the place of the school paper in the student community. During the discussion he related several experiences in war camps and told of his own work on high school and college publications. He stated that the experience derived from journalism was invaluable to the student in later life.

In conclusion, Mr. Schreiber thanked Mr. Herge for his work as adviser to **The Port Weekly** and praised the members of the staff for the high standard of their material, which he said "compares favorably with many college publications".

Some Use Same Expressions;  
Others Prefer Variety

It is surprising to find how trite one's particular saying becomes, and doubtlessly many a reader will be astonished to come face to face with his own pet phrase or byword. Let's see if the epigram "one can recognize a person by his saying" holds true here.

Where have we heard "I have just a few announcements to make" or "I don't want to take up much of your time but—"? When Latin class goes off on a tangent it is invariably brought back with a start by "to get back to the subject—". Little French beginners enter class anxiously awaiting the never-failing "Eh bien, fermez les livres, prenez du papier".

Kenneth "Wildfire" Brown, a taciturn person, has no especially trite saying but his proximity puts one on his guard awaiting the habitual poke in the ribs. "I have told you sixteen times if I have told you once, etc., etc." drones Miss Farlinger, but it never sinks in. "John, go to the board—", "For tomorrow take—" can always be counted on from precise, methodical Miss Griswold.

## Mr. Mason Employs More Subtle Humor

Now on the other hand, Carleton Mason believes in a little variety. One day it is "Little Miss Loretta, might I trouble you—" or "Sir Roger, let's have your opinion on the subject". The next day it is "Mademoiselle So and So" or "Mr. Arthur Everett, will you come out of your coma long enough to—". An exact contrast, mild Mr. Dimmick gently allowing, "Why yes, I'll grant that's right but—".

"Your homeroom teachers should supply you with white paper" while not overworked is heard often enough to belong to Miss Chisholm alone and the same with "Come people, get back to work" uttered when struggling artists become too absorbed in the work of fellow artists.

"Predicate nominative" and "an' then" are bywords of Miss Stebbins and Mr. Lyons.

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Mr. Chidester Writes That  
Health Is Improved

A letter has been received from Otis Chidester, former printing instructor in the Senior High School and adviser to **The Port Weekly**, to the effect that he is enjoying his vacation in Florida, and due to the favorable climate his health is much improved.

Mr. Chidester writes that he has particularly enjoyed the trip through the southern agricultural districts. He and his wife have also visited various points of interest in Florida, and they expect to go to St. Augustine and Daytona Beach. After an extended stay in Eustis, Fla., Mr. Chidester will motor to Tuscon, Arizona.



## Editor Speaks To Journalism Group; Invite Students To Newspaper Plant

This week a special gathering of the members of the journalism class and **The Port Weekly** staff was held on Thursday afternoon to enable them to hear an address. The guest speaker was Forrest Corson, Nassau Editor of **The North Shore Daily Journal**.

In the course of his talk Mr. Corson recounted many experiences incidental to his career as a newspaper man. The trials of publishing a country newspaper were also mentioned. Mr. Corson has worked extensively in this field and was also at one time connected with the theatrical profession. He was obtained by H. Curtis Herge, staff adviser.

### Was School Journalist

While a student in high school and college the speaker was connected with various scholastic publications and in his talk he stressed the value of experience on a school paper to the student who contemplates entering journalism. Mr. Corson is a member of the Inner Circle, an organization of New York City newspaper men.

Forty-two members of the club and paper staff will visit the plant of **The North Shore Daily Journal** in Flushing on January 17 as the guests of Mr. Corson. While there they will witness the preparation of the paper. The Journal's new office, opened last year, is modeled after the large metropolitan paper plants with the exception of being on a smaller scale.

## Boys' Indoor Track Squad Holds First Practice

The indoor track squad reported for its first workout last Friday. Most of the last year's squad turned out, including Ray Patten, Jack Stuart and Jack Shanahan for the sprint; Lewis Lindemuth for the 880; Ed Dissosway for the mile; and Joe Mallon for the high jump. Some of the newcomers are Bill Bohn, Don Dillenbeck, Ray Mazur, Fred Macnutt, Jimmie Murray and Desmond Watson.

Mr. Seeber will enter teams in two meets, the Stuyvesant Meet on January 19 and the Manual Meet on March 3.

## Rehearse O'Neil Play For Monthly Presentation

"Ile", story of the sea, a one act play by Eugene O'Neil, will be presented in assembly January 19. Mary Edgar and Margaret Wood are the student directors.

The following cast was selected: "Keeney", Albert Trussell; "Mrs. Keeney", Lucille Haynes; "Steward", Dana Moran; "Slocum", George Brown; "Joe", Gustav Johansen; and "Ben", Victor Weidner.

## Coming Attractions

Friday, Jan. 12 — A basketball game will be played between Port and Great Neck in the gymnasium at 8 o'clock.

Monday, Jan. 15 — Homeroom meetings will be held and members of the band will meet during seventh period.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — There will be an assembly at 2:49.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 — The weekly clubs and band will meet in the seventh period for the last time this semester.

Thursday, Jan. 18 — Meetings of the Red Domino and Girls' Glee Club will take place at 2:49. Other students are to return to their home rooms for study. A girls' basketball game will be played here between Port and Hicksville at 4 o'clock.

Friday, Jan. 19 — The Nassau County C. W. A. Orchestra will present a musical program in assembly at 2:20.

## Traffic Squad Reorganizes With New Semester

Since the Christmas vacation there has been one resignation from the traffic squad and two new members have been added. The new members are Frank deBlois and Herman Rynveld. Theodore Minich has resigned.

It is announced by Mr. Merrill and Wesley Brower that commencing with the new term a drastic shakeup will be made in the ranks of the organization. It is planned to add at least six new boys as replacements and additions at that time.

A reserve list of at least eight student volunteers will also be drawn up to enable replacements due to absence or removals, to be made immediately.

## Table-Tennis Tournament Ends Quarter Finals

The boys' singles ping-pong tournament is well under way, the top half of the draw having completed the quarter final round. The semifinals will bring together Desmond Watson, the defending champion, and Herman Rynveld. In the lower bracket only two rounds have been played, leaving the three favorites, Roger Kavanagh, John Thomas and Jimmie Murray, still in the running.

The summaries:

2nd round. Montell defeated Blanchard, 20-22, 21-14, 21-17. Watson defeated Sinkinson, 8-6, 4-6, 6-2; Murray defeated Jost, 19-21, 21-14, 21-17; Thomas defeated Keates, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

3rd round. Rynveld defeated Montell, 21-12, 2-17; Watson defeated Wood, 8-6, 4-6, 6-2.

## Varsity Defeats Alumni By 26-21

The high school won its first basketball game of the season last week when it defeated the Alumni by a safe margin of 26-21.

Leading at the half by 10-7, the high school went on a scoring spree and made 16 more points in the last half. Although the Alumni became more organized in the latter period, scoring 14 points themselves, they could not display enough skill to overcome the high school's lead.

The Alumni used two complete teams, playing one in the first and third quarters and the other in the remaining two periods.

### Grads Use Two Whole Teams

The team that started the game for the Alumni was composed of graduates of over two years ago. The second team to come into action with the exception of one player was last year's varsity.

Edd'e Poole was high scorer with the extraordinary record of six field goals. These were divided equally in the halves.

In the preliminary contest the Alumni Club defeated the Port Washington Seconds, 32-22. Here Willie DeMeo stood out as high scorer with five field goals and two foul conversions to his credit.

The members of the Alumni were: Leyden, Curtin, Palminteri, Jenkins, Smith, Karazia, Erb, Kalinosky, Sullivan and Terrill.

## Fourteen Boys Get Letters; New Insignia Adopted

By way of explanation of the new sweaters and athletic stripes being worn by Port athletes it has been found that at the end of the present football season the majority of the boys awarded letters for this sport agreed to buy sweaters with woven letters in lieu of awarding the customary felt insignia by the athletic department.

Fourteen members of the squad purchased these letters through Mr. Seeber. Stripes are placed on the left sleeve for each sport in which a major letter has been won. Joe Mallon, Ray Patten, Don Carmichael and Julian Tonsmeire are all two-letter men.

## Celerity Initiates Four New Members From Art Club

Four members of the Honorary Art Club were initiated into the Celerity at a meeting held last Thursday evening in the cafeteria. They were Hattie Griesse, Betty Grimmer, Josephine Greene, and Charlotte Dean.

The initiation committee consisted of Virginia Church, Jeanne Roberts and Natalie Rose. Vice President Ruth Lowry officiated in the absence of the president, Rosemary Sheehan, and Miss Chisholm was present as faculty adviser in place of Miss Buckley.