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Price Five Cents

Home Rooms Elect Officers Tuesday

Senior Dues Discontinued; Other Classes Discuss Payment Of Dues

During the homeroom meetings held last Tuesday officers were elected for each home room. The office of vice president was filled in some of the rooms, but not in others. Class dues and the buying of the Port Light were also discussed. Representatives from each home room were chosen to attend a meeting of all the representatives of each class to discuss further the problem of class dues.

The Senior class has no further dues to pay. The balance left from former years, plus a profit of over twenty dollars on the annual Senior dance, more than covers the cost of all activities of the class until graduation.

The officers elected in the various rooms are:

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President—Theodore Minich.
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President—Donald Dillenback.
Secretary—Mildred Dell.
Treasurer—Mary Augustin.

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President—Victor Weidner.
Secretary-Treasurer—Carol Yetter.
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Hill-Billy Band Entertains Assembly Today

This afternoon the music of Eric Cudd's Hill-Billy Band will constitute the assembly program. The group played at the North Hempstead Yacht Club several times last summer and entertained at a Lions Club dinner some time ago. Three years ago Fred Lausen, '32, organized the Hill Billies and when he was graduated Eric Cudd became leader.

The members of the band are: Thomas Brooks, Arnold Eato, Adrian Iselin, Wallace Ketcham, Jerry Mason, James Murray, Nick Scobbo, and Frank Witmer.

The program will consist of the following numbers:

"Take Me Back to Colorado", "In the Valley of the Moon", "Cowboy's Dream", "Wreck of the Old '97", "Throw Another Log on the Fire", "The Man on the Flying Trapeze", "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain".

Nine Student Thespians Selected To Appear In 'Romantic Age' Roles

Affirmative Wins Regents Debate; Carries 227 Majority Vote

The affirmative carried a majority of 227 student votes on the debate, "Resolved: That Regents Examinations Shall Be Abolished", which was presented in last Friday's assembly. They were also considered the best speakers, having set forth the best arguments.

James Wilkie and Margaret Bacmeister constituted the affirmative side. The losers, in defense of Regents, were Mavis Freeman and John Thomas.

Five minutes was given the speakers to prepare their rebuttals. During this intermission the ballots were passed out to the students. Margaret Bacmeister gave the rebuttal for the affirmative and John Thomas spoke for the negative.

Staff Finds Sound Yearbook Financial Prospects

With the staff chosen and assignments made, work on the 1934 **Port Light** is well under way. The business staff also reports a satisfactory start in its activities.

Under the direction of Donald Dillenbeck, Business Manager, the soliciting of advertisements will soon start. The preliminaries for a circulation campaign were made on Tuesday when Mr. Merrill requested that pupils return to their home rooms for a check up on those who are paying for the book in monthly installments or who wish to order copies on partial payment. Initial estimates show that approximately 400 books will be sold.

Although a recent dividend by the closed Bank of North Hempstead and the residue of last year's fund provides a small capital, John Stuart, Editor, has expressed his intention of making the book self-supporting, and will not touch this reserve. To do this it will be necessary for every senior and a majority of the rest of the classes to purchase a book.

Advertisements and the Spring Production will make up the remainder of the cost. It is hoped that full student support will realize \$150 from the play.

Mr. Merrill and John Stuart also expressed their belief that it will be possible to print the book for considerably less than the \$756.57 paid last year. However, the contract has not yet been awarded to any of the bidding concerns.

Senior Red Domino Members Play Important Parts

Based on the tryouts held last week, the cast for "The Romantic Age" was announced on Tuesday by Miss Stebbins. Kingsley Poynter, Mavis Freeman, Albert Trussell, Eileen Hassett, and William Berges will fill the principal roles. Several other senior members of Red Domino will also have parts.

The leading man, "Gervace Mallorey", will be personified by Kingsley Poynter, President of Red Domino, with Mavis Freeman playing opposite him as the romantic "Melisande". Her father and mother, "Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knowle", will be enacted by Albert Trussell and Eileen Hassett. "Bobby", Jane's suitor, and "Jane", her cousin, will be played respectively by Desmond Watson and Ruth Shontz.

William Berges will be seen as "Susan", an erudite wandering peddler. The comic role of "Ern", a country lad, will be filled by John Stuart, while Peggy Casey will play her first part as a maid.

Build Own Settings

The play is divided into three acts. The first is laid in the hall of Mr. Knowle's country house in England. Act two takes place in a wooded glade not far away, and the last act again shows the Knowle house. Students on the stage crew and in the dramatics classes under the direction of Miss Stebbins will construct the major part of the scenery from material now on hand. However, Miss Stebbins said that should
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Teachers Plan To Present Comedy, 'Enter Madame'

The teachers of Port Washington are planning to present a romantic comedy in three acts entitled "Enter Madame" by Gilda Varesi and Dolly Byrne, the proceeds of which are to be used for charity.

The characters include Madame Lisa Della Robbia, an opera singer; her husband, Gerald Fitzgerald; their cold and unemotional son, John; Aline, John's fiancée; a Japanese servant, Tokio; Miss Smith, Madame's sarcastical secretary; Madame's Italian maid, Bice; Madame's doctor; Archimede, Madame's chef; and Mrs. Flora Preston, a catty socialite.

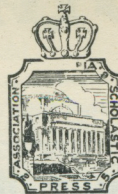
The date of production will be before the Easter vacation. Tryouts were held yesterday afternoon in Miss Stebbin's room.



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MEN OF MANY WORDS

In the assembly not long ago Mr. Merrill referred to "a vociferous majority" and believe it or not many of the audience apparently did not know what he was talking about. Incidents similar to this are not uncommon, although we must admit the unknown words are usually somewhat difficult.

A good vocabulary is not an easy thing to acquire. Nevertheless it is one of the most important of the requisites for success. This has been proven a fact by a test, which revealed that major executives and the outstanding successes in the professional classes have, in general, larger vocabularies than men from other groups of workers.

When we say that you should possess a better than average vocabulary, we do not mean, necessarily, that it should be used in ordinary conversation. In fact, this can quite easily make the offender unpopular. What we do mean, however, is that words which you see or hear should be recognized. Also, one should not experience much trouble with synonyms.

A little time spent regularly in behalf of the knowledge of words will never be lost. A concrete result of improving one's vocabulary thus will be a higher mark in English.

WHY NOT A DEBATING TEAM?

A week ago a debate was held in the assembly. It was the first program of its kind to be presented before the general student assembly in almost two years.

In comparison with many assemblies which we have witnessed this one was a success. We wonder, though, if it were not as a novelty that the presentation held interest. To anyone familiar with the procedure of a formal debate it must have been apparent that there was indeed something missing. The arguments and the reception of the audience lacked the smoothness and formality usually characterizing school forensics.

We mention this not as a deprecatory gesture towards those four students and the teacher who worked so diligently in the preparation of this program. They deserve the highest credit for their effort and enthusiasm evoked in the preparation of the briefs. Departures from standard form and occasional illogical syllogisms resulted not from inability but from the lack of extensive practice in this form of public speaking.

An active and competently advised debate club would admirably fill this need and the pleasure and training derived from team reasoning and argument would, we feel, soon attract a wealth of interested material. Is it not possible to place Port in the ranks of those schools where debating is a popular major activity? We shall look to those students who have already shown interest to take the steps necessary to founding an A1 group of "wranglers".

FRATRY COLUMN

Weather Or Whether?

I thought it was pretty cold down here, but evidently it's not cold enough for some people. Helen V. went way up to New Hampshire to see the winter carnival not so long ago. I understand she had a marvelous time. Was it the colder weather, the carnival, or the person she was with?

—P—

Who is this Ida Mae person from Bayside that Albert Trussell is always raving about? Even the commuters don't know her.

—P—

Ques. "Why don't you like to sing when the rest do in assembly?"

Ans. "I want to keep the friends I have."

—P—

The other day "Wack" Butlar went into full detail concerning his answer to a history question. Sad to say, "Wack" was wrong. Another student answered the question correctly.

"That's just what I said," claimed "Wack", "only she used an eleven letter word."

And By The Way—

If "Wack" Butlar could grow a mustache as luxuriant as his eyebrows it would be all right. Better give it up as a bad job, Mr. Butlar!

Have you noticed that solemn and serious expression on Ross Seraphine's face as she tries to learn some History? Maybe it's because she misses Ruth.

—P—

Here are our local classifications of the high school stars according to the current Broadway attractions.

As Thousands Cheer—Joe Augustino makes another basket.

Days Without End—School Days.

False Dreams, Farewell—Bob Corrigan.

Her Master's Voice—Victor Weidner|
Mahogany Hall—Study Hall. (My—Agony hall!)

Men in White—The boys in the locker room.

Mary of Scotland—Mary Augustin.

No More Ladies—Archie Hutchinson.

Sailor Beware—Barney Iselin.

The Joyous Season—Vacation, of course.

The Pursuit of Happiness—Senior Class.

Tobacco Road—Jack Young.

Whatever Possessed Her—How should we know?

HIGH TIDE-INGS

Debates and Wastebaskets

We haven't any idea how to write a column — that's why we're writing this one. Believe it or not, the source of this column is a wastebasket. (The source of the material, not the authors, thank you.) We found that a wastebasket can cough up a lot of curious things.

To begin, or rather to continue, we were investigating the contents of a wastebasket, Miss Stebbins', by the way, (no, by the desk) on or about the hour of 3:47 p. m., Friday, February 9. Well, that thar wastebasket was full of a lot of those little papers upon which our student body had put its opinions concerning the recent debate — the one where the debaters were supposed to debate about Regents but spent more time finding fault with their worthy opponents than with the Regents.

Our student body appears to have been in a slightly humorous mood, for on many of those little papers were some expressions which didn't hold much relation to debating. One young blood declared, "I liked the blonde's speech best — how about a date?"

At this point the negative bursts upon the scene and extends its thanks to those upstanding and righteous citizens (says the negative), Roger P. Kavanagh and Dana A. Moran, they being two of the few people who declared themselves mentally allied with said negative and who made no bones about doing so.

The audience included a wide range of celebrities. First and foremost was Genie Oglethorpe, the Black Hand. Also Messrs. Tom Mix (but no Tony), Al Smith (of Brown Derby and Boloney Dollar fame)—ah there, Father Coughlin, Cousin Hugo (he's toasted), H. W. Longfellow (seems to us we've heard of him somewhere), Mr. Carleton Mason (not his handwriting, however, unless he's changed his style), Elmer Zilch (Oh, Mr. Zilch), and Joe Doe (remember him on those model bank checks?).

One student had the misconstrued idea that Regents were to be immediately abolished, and expressed his feeling with a large and vociferous, "O Boy, no more Regents!" Another seemingly somnolent person seemed to think that the subject being debated was the NRA. His contribution was, "Should the NRA be abolished?"

Semi-Annual Teachers' Magazine Makes Local Debut With Success

Paper's Business Executive To Enter Bowdoin After Active Port Career

This week the Port Profile presents to its readers the silhouette of our cheer leader and favorite blonde, Donald Dillenbeck.

Don, who has resided in three of the most prominent of Nassau County's towns, hails initially from Great Neck. He attended school there during his tender years and spent his freshman year in Great Neck High School. Even in that first year his spirit evinced itself for both the track team, and the Yacht Club of the latter school claimed his interest.

Several years ago he moved to Plandome and his name was enrolled upon the records of Port High. His nautical bent still existed for, while a sophomore, he was one of the charter members of the Port-Hi Yacht Club, in addition to rapidly rising to prominence as a candidate for the cheer-leading squad.

His activities soon diverged and before long we find record of his membership in the Fraternity and on the business staffs of **The Port Weekly** and **The Port Light**. Athletics also claim part of his attention and he hopes that his experience on the track team and a swimmer will perhaps obtain a place for him in the next Olympic games. Water polo is number one on his sport list.

The activities to be listed under the name of Dillenbeck in the yearbook will be sure to mention the fact that this year he is Business Manager for both the school paper and the annual. Membership on several dance committees have also enabled him to share in the responsibility for the success of many of the school's social bright spots.

Nine years of practice has made him a proficient student of the piano and ultimate rivalry with Eddie Duchin as an orchestra leader is one of Don's many ambitions. Personal friendship with Ed Wynn and many other personal contacts with the radio world have made that industry another of his interests.

Bowdoin College, however, is his immediate destination after graduation in June and indications are that Don will follow his father's footsteps and make the advertising business his eventual forte.

(We dunno — ask Mr. Johnson — or Mr. Mason — or Miss Bortz — well, why DON'T you come up some time?) Still another cynical individual put down the philosophical proposition, "To be or not to be." For a grand finale, we give you a quotation from one absolute autocrat, simply, "I abolish Regents".

Senior High Teachers, Pupils Write For 'Fledgling'

Just the opposite from that bold, weathered ship of last week, launched so ostentatiously with splashing champagne and lusty shouts, is the new form of literary life starting out so unobtrusively in our midst, not on a long voyage, but on a long flight. Its little untried wings are fighting to carry it to untold heights. Who is this little bird? Why, it's "The Fledgling". What is "The Fledgling"? It is the semi-annual magazine to be published by the Port Washington Teachers' Association.

It contains articles written by teachers from all Port Washington schools, and starts off appropriately with a sonnet, not to a lady's eyebrow, but to "The Fledgling", by Miss Duffy. Following that in bold type is "Are We That Way?"—by One of Them (the authorship of which, we strongly suspect, belongs to Mr. Mason). This, keen and lengthy, but comprehensible dissertation, answers the propaganda declaring teachers inadequate to assume their share of social and civic responsibilities.

Mr. Dimmick Campaigns

"Make Your Voice Heard" by T. Dimmick, contrary to what the title may suggest, is a plea to teachers to join the National Education Association for the purpose of having a part in the government of Education.

In "What The High School Should Do For Its Pupils", Mr. Merrill brings to light many factors heretofore latent in one's mind. He contends that every pupil needs to have an elementary knowledge of our everyday life from the economic, social, and ethical points of view. It is, he believes, the school's task to further this end.

The aims of "Ancient and Medieval History In The Senior High" and "American History In The Senior High School" are explained theoretically in two interesting articles by Miss Bortz and Mr. Mason.

Pupils' Class Work Shown

Aside from the articles by members of the faculty there are a few contributions done for class by various students, including Jean Roberts and Archales Mascofian, both of whom are senior high school pupils.

The general consensus of opinion throughout the school is that it would be more satisfactory to wait until the next edition to choose a permanent title for this magazine; therefore, while it is in its infancy, it will be dubbed "The Fledgling". Some of the other suggestions are "Pedagogical Pep", "Follow Thru", "Doors Ajar", and "Within Our Walls".

The periodical also contains notes upon educational books by Miss McClellan. The attractive cover was designed by Miss Allison, and Mr. Schreiber edits a column of news notes.

Manhasset Beat On 2nd Time By Girls

Port Remains Unbeaten With 2 Scheduled Games Left

Still undefeated, the Port girls beat Manhasset last Thursday with a score of 16-7. This is the first time in several years that Port Washington has won both Manhasset games during the basketball season.

The game was especially outstanding for the skillful passwork, although the passes seldom resulted in points. An almost unbelievable number of shots were attempted by both teams that miraculously rolled out of the hoop. This accounts for the small number of points scored.

The lead gained by Port during the first half was an early indication of the final outcome. During the entire half, Manhasset was allowed to but one point. This feat was also accomplished in the preceding Glen Cove game when Port held their opponents to only two foul shots during the first half.

The second half was not characterized by the same brilliancy of pass work. Port doubled her score while Manhasset totaled six points.

With this victorious record the prospects for the Hicksville game next week look very promising. Port defeated Hicksville 36-13 in the game earlier in the season. The last scheduled game is with Glen Cove, which also was beaten by Port this season.

Port	F.	F.	P.
Masi, r.f.	4	1	9
Dell, l.f.	1	1	9
Tomlet, c.	2	0	4
DaCosta, c.g.	0	0	0
Curtin, r.g.	0	0	0
Alexander, l.g.	0	0	0
Total			16

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Secretary—Dorothy Kearton.
Treasurer—Lewis Lindemuth.

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President—Edward Poole.
Treasurer—Betty Scutt.

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President—Harry Watson.
Secretary—Loretta Walsh.
Treasurer—Ruth Mathieson.

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Secretary—Frank deBlois.
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Treasurer—Herman Rynveld.

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Treasurer—Arthur Lang.

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President—Walter Schifter.
Secretary—Eleanor Kennedy.
Treasurer—Katherine Patten.

Library Obtains Current Best-Selling Books

The library has just ordered eight new books, four of which are history reference books. Among the new books are "Men Against the Sea" by Nordoff and Hall, co-authors of "Falcons of France" and "Mutiny on the Bounty." "Falcons of France" has proved to be one of our library's most popular books. "Brazilian Adventure," by Petro Fleming and Maxwell Anderson's "Mary of Scotland," both best-sellers during the last week are also included in the new books ordered. These will be in circulation next week. "Crowded Hours," and "100,000,000 Guinea Pigs," both best sellers, are already possessed by the school library. A copy of the 1934 World Almanac has been ordered.

Miss Stebbins Announces Cast After Spring Play Tryouts

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she find there was insufficient time and material with which to reconstruct an interior setting the dramatics department will be forced to either rent one or have it built professionally.

The story of the play itself is the tale of a young English girl who dreams of her lover coming in the garb of a knight of old to win her in mortal combat and to bear her romantically off as his bride. The piece was first presented in England in 1920. It achieved its greatest success in New York two years later, however, with Leslie Howard playing "Gervase".

Pick Understudies, Prop. Mgr.

Mary Edgar and Edith Leahy will understudy the parts of "Mrs. Knowle" and "Melisande". Margaret Bacmeister, property manager for "The Dragon", will again work in this capacity.

The proceeds of the play will help to meet the expenses of the 1934 Port Light. Although the cost of tickets has not been determined, admission to the greater part of the house will not be more than fifty cents. The advisability of presenting the play on two nights is still under consideration.

The date of the Annual Spring Production will be Saturday evening, April 21. Rehearsals will start within a week and will be held four afternoons a week under the direction of Miss Stebbins.

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President—Arthur Cornell.
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Secretary—Natalie Frost.
Treasurer—Ruth Guilford.

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President—Benjamin Murdock.
Secretary—Ethel James.
Treasurer—George Morris.

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President—Mary Casey.
Secretary—Mary Colbath.
Treasurer—Reginald Bedell.

Great Neck Beats Port Boys, 28-16

Improved Great Neck Team Avenges Earlier Loss

Port Washington received its first real and somewhat surprised trouncing last Friday night, at the hands of a much improved Great Neck basketball team. The final score was Great Neck 28, Port 16; almost the identical score by which Port defeated Great Neck here.

This was the first game in which Port was defeated by more than four points. All previous games lost were by two, three, and four point margins.

Mike DeMeo opened the scoring of the evening and during the first quarter, both teams played an open defensive game, scoring ten points each. Shots were taken from all angles. After this quarter Port never again came near enough to threaten Great Neck's lead.

Port Team Weak On Shooting

In the second period, the teams settled down to a tight, defensive game as Great Neck only scored four points while Port went scoreless.

The play was fast and furious from start to finish and many times there was piling up under the basket as half a dozen players strived to gain possession of the ball.

Port's main weakness was its shooting. It is safe to say that over half of the shots taken at the basket failed to go through the hoop. Probably the different size court bothered the Port players. They are used to playing in tight quarters, whereas the Great Neck gymnasium is much wider thus giving them more room, to which they were not accustomed.

Port Second Team Also Loses

The Port second team lost to the Great Neck seconds by almost the same score as the first team, 26-15.

After the game, the Great Neck boys played host to the Port squad in the school cafeteria, where a light supper was served.

First Annual Ping Pong Doubles Matches Begin

The first annual ping-pong doubles tournament is getting under way. It is expected that the tournament will be novel since few of the contestants have had experience in the teamwork necessary for finesse in doubles. It is evident that there will be strongly contested matches in all quarters.

A few of the teams seeded as favorites are D. Watson, the singles winner, playing with Sinkinson; Murray, the singles runner-up, partnered with Wilbur Thompson, and H. Rynveld, a semi-finalist, playing with Francis Wood, last year's runner-up.

The first round matches are being played this week during gym periods and after school.