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Price Five Cents

School Continues Despite Blizzard

Local Average Is Lowered Thirty-five Percent

The recent storms in this vicinity have had a definite effect on the attendance in the high school. In contrast with the average ninety-six per cent attendance, that of Friday was only eighty-six, while Monday morning the attendance average fell to sixty-nine per cent, and the afternoon of the same day only sixty-one per cent of the total enrollment was present.

On Monday afternoon forty-four students who had reported for school in the morning remained away during the afternoon. There were also a great number of people who were tardy and whose excuses were bad walking.

Home Room 103 Leads

For the entire day, Home Room 103 had the greatest number of absentees, with a total of eighteen. Rooms 206 and 209 were close seconds, with seventeen each, while the Home Room with the least number of pupils absent was 104, which had only four. The sum total of absentees reported in the high school on Monday, February 28, was one hundred and eighty-nine.

Start Band Concert Ticket Campaign On Monday

Tickets for the Band and Orchestra Concert to be held on March 23 will be placed on sale next week. In order to insure a large attendance special admission prices have been announced for all pupils in the local schools.

Admission will be priced at 50c for adults and 25c for students. This price has been selected to make possible the attendance of every student and to raise the necessary \$400 for the Syracuse Contest.

The main feature of the evening will consist of the conducting of the band in several pieces by Edwin Franko Goldman, renowned band-director. This and novel numbers by both organizations are expected to fill the house and raise all money needed to meet expenses incidental to attending the State Contest at Syracuse in May.

As an added stimulus to sales one student ticket will be presented to anyone not a member of the music groups who sells five adult tickets. Tickets of either type may be obtained from members of both organizations beginning next week.

Traffic Squad Holds First Meeting Of New Term; Reserves Present

The traffic squad launched its activities for the new term with the election of a special reserve list and the holding of a meeting in the Physics Laboratory for the purpose of discussing the activities to date and making new assignments. Wesley Brower presided over the veterans and the new members who were present.

An election of reserve members of the squad was held in the home rooms on February 13, with the result that ten students were selected from the list of volunteer candidates compiled by Mr. Merrill. Arthur Lang heads the list with 230 votes. The other members and their respective number of votes are: Patsy Cherry, Theodore Allen and Robert Dargan, 194 votes each; Elliot Cole, 193; Philip Tomlet, 181; Julian Tonsmeire, 178; Philip

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Work Is Started On Essays By Senior Students

Work has already started on the Senior Essays. All the students in the 12B English classes have selected their topics.

Among the various topics selected are: horses, fashions, books, and automobiles. During the next month, all necessary material will be gathered and a rough outline made. All essays must be completed by June first, at which time they will be submitted to Mr. Dimmick. The essays will be displayed in the library when completed.

Each pupil in order to graduate must write one of these essays, which are of an informative style. At least 2000 words upon the selected subject is required.

Assembly Program Is Skit By Elocution Classes

"The Debate", a comic skit by Booth Tarkington will be presented in assembly today by the members of the Public Speaking classes, under the direction of Miss Stebbins.

The play depicts the troubles of an amateur debater, "Ramsey", played by Albert Trussell, when he competes with his worthy opponent, Margaret Wood, in the role of "Doris".

The subject is "Resolved: That Germany was justified in its invasion of Belgium".

The remaining cast includes Adrian Iselin, as the fiery defender of the Germans; Gustav Johansen, as Ramsey's friend; and Calvin Raff in the role of the chairman.

'Port Light' Lets Printing Contract

Large Percent Of Students Order Copies Of Books

After extended deliberation, the contract for the printing of the 1934 **Port Light** was awarded to the Colyer Printing Company of Newark last Friday. This organization, with a bid of \$655, was the lowest of the five major companies who submitted estimates on the work. Four hundred copies are initially called for, with the option of ordering more at a per book rate.

The page size is to be the same as last year, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The style and arrangement of type, pictures, and cuts is to be modernistic. A new system, by which pictures are placed in the outside upper corners, with no margin, will be employed. The copy for each picture will be placed below each picture and in toward the inside edge of the page.

Plan Stiff Cover Again

The above price is based on a stiff paper cover in blue and white, with a suitable title and seal embossed upon it. The privilege of substituting a cloth cover is reserved and if it appears that sufficient funds will be available this will be done. The eventual cover will probably be of Fabrikona imitation linen stamped in the school colors.

Recently, all home rooms were asked to report the number of books
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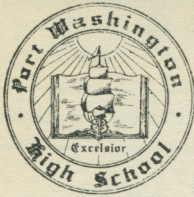
County Music Festival Plans Near Early Completion

Music for the All County Orchestra Concert to be held at the Rivoli Theatre in Hempstead, was passed out this week to the members of the Port Orchestra, who are to play with the new group. The date for the Nassau County Soloist Concert has finally been set for 7:30 on the evening of March 1, at the same theatre.

Rehearsals of the County Orchestra have been postponed indefinitely because of weather conditions. Meanwhile the members are preparing for future practices and trying for positions in the various sections.

The Soloist Concert will consist of numbers on all instruments by budding musicians from schools in every part of the county. It is being held to find the highest ranking soloist, who will play as such in the concert of the All County Symphony Orchestra.

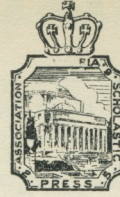
Port Washington will be represented by Robert Lamberti playing de Berlioz's violin selection, "Scene de Ballet".



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THESE OLD FASHIONED WINTERS

Last week we were inconvenienced by what is probably the most severe snow storm in the scope of our experience. The entire winter has been one of records, with unprecedented cold spells and record snowfalls.

The winters have been particularly mild for the past few years, with the result that we have been so used to dry feet that the word blizzard was nothing but an adjective used by our elders to describe the snow storms in the days when they were young. The "this isn't what it used to be" type of winter came to be the annual classification for the months between November and March. This year, however, the septuagenarians and reminiscing newspaper writers were fooled by Jack Frost.

Columns are given over to discussions every fall on what the coming winter months will bring. Every September the controversy wages with scientists and sages contending that the Gulf Stream has wandered from its course, that the Polar Cap has shifted, or that it is the sun spots which are responsible for the vagaries of the climate.

This winter the prophets were fooled royally. We will now be able to feel that we have weathered the great storm and can recount the tale of the winter of '34 as we sit by posterity's fireside. As for the weather, it will come and go, oblivious to human demands.

PEEK-A-BOO IN THE HALLS

Did you ever see a dream walking around the halls between classes? Did you ever hear a dream talking in the corridors between classes? No? Well, neither have we, but what we have seen and heard in the halls between classes are a number of students who have recently formed the habit of prancing past the classrooms and staring, with sundry grins and grimaces, at the hard-working pupils within. This has proved most disconcerting, we hear on the best of authority, to those who are endeavoring to teach or to learn.

Is there any reason why this annoyance to teachers and students should be tolerated during class periods? It shows a decided lack of consistency somewhere when people are allowed to wander about the halls unaccounted for during their study periods. It is understandable that there are exceptional instances when it may be necessary for people to leave the study hall or library on legitimate business. However, this should hardly be a daily occurrence limited to a group which will take advantage of such leniency.

If this distraction does not eliminate itself it will be possible to bring it to a summary end through the tightening of the system of study-period check-ups and the use of a hall guard during class periods to report all pupils abroad without written passes. That, however, should be entirely unnecessary.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

I've got to write a column
Not too solemn,
It must be long enough, yet not too long,

And no names spelled wrong.
It can't be about the weather,
Or the high price of leather,
But it must suit the season,
For some dumb reason,
I can't tell you what I know;
The name of Joan's latest beau,
Or who Jack took to the movies last night,

Or what caused Ray's latest fight,
Or why so and so isn't in school,
Or who last broke a Golden Rule,
Or any of the things that people tell me,

'Cause gossip belongs to the Fraternity!
I don't dare editorialize
Because of the look in the Editor's eyes.

I've written enough about the teachers,

And the football games and use of the bleachers.

I've written of concerts, plays and all,

And who took who to the Senior ball.

I've told you all about elections,
And even printed a few corrections.
I've tried to find a subject each week

That would entice you to take a peek,

And now in the February of '34
I'm hunting high and low for more,
But all I can see seems to be snow,
All I can hear are the cool winds blow,

All people talk about is the blizzard.

Really, one has to be a wizard
To try and avoid any mention of snow,

And think of spring and the things that grow,

But I'll do my best in the space left here

To talk of another time of the year,
When everything's young and green and fresh,

And they put out signs, "Keep off the grass"!

And people parade in their Easter hats,

And men discard their winter spats.
There is no talk of snow storms then

Oh, goodness, there I go again!

I'll be Sheehan you!

FRATRY COLUMN

In Mr. Pickett's Class

Mr. Pickett—What is the atmosphere made up of?

Masucci—Oxygen, 21%; nitrogen, 73%; oxygen, .93%; carbon dioxide, .03%.

Mr. Pickett—Pronounce what "A" stands for.

Masucci—Oregon.

Mr. Pickett—Isn't that a city in Mississippi?

Ed. Note: Argon is the name of the gas wanted.)

—P—

1st Student—I saw in the paper that 1 ton of wheat takes 47 tons of nitrogen from the soil.

Teacher—What paper was that?

1st Student—The World-Telegram.

2nd Student—I saw that 47 tons of wheat took 1 ton of nitrogen from the soil.

Teacher—What paper was that?

2nd Student—I guess it must have been the Telegram-World.

—P—

Introducing the

College Drama

Cast:

John Hopkins—hero.

Sarah Cuse—heroine.

Prince Tom—villain.

William and Mary—parents.

Scene 1.

(Sarah Cuse is in her sitting room reclining in her Pomona when John Hopkins enters.)

Sarah—Ohio U?

John—I feel sick.

Sarah—N Y U here?

John—I came to get a Stanford my letter.

Sarah—It's Tulane now; I haven't got any. Ma wanted a stamp, so I Centre my last one. (Exit John. Knox on the door.)

Sarah—Duke come in. (Enter Prince Tom, a villain from the Bronx.)

Tom—How about going for a ride in my Hackley?

Sarah—O. K., big boy. (They exit. Re-enter John Hopkins.)

John—Sarah! Sarah! where is she? Holy Cross! she's gone. (William and Mary enter.) She's gone! She's gone!

William—Where?

John—Idaho.

William—That's Tufts.

Mary—Oh, this is too much. Give me some Vassar.

John—(Wisconsin-trating.) I Cornell for her, but no, I'll go Hunter Lehigh and Low. (Exeunt.)

(Continued next week.)

Recent Storm Recalls Whittier's 'Snowbound' To Frozen Students

by Jeanne Roberts

All day the hoary meteor fell; And, when the second morning shone, shone,

We looked upon a world unknown, On nothing we could call our own. Around the glistening wonder bent The blue walls of the firmament, No cloud above, no earth below,— A universe of sky and snow!

The lines of Whittier's famous poem, "Snowbound", were brought to life again by the blizzard of last week. Astonished expressions broadened into smiles as bewildered pupils gazed out on the cold, white drifts which stood as impassable barriers between them and school. Those that were courageous but unfortunate enough to plow their way to school found a cold, deserted building which turned them away.

In spite of the heavy drifts which made traffic impossible, considerable activity was taking place in the snow-filled thoroughfares of Port Washington a few hours later. All sorts of winter sports and togs were

represented. Ski enthusiasts attempted to manipulate the long wooden runners successfully through the deep snow, and sleds were made ready for action on every hill in the town. The tinkle of sleigh bells heralded the approach of quaint, old cutters which once more partially regained the glory that was their's in Whittier's time, before the advent of the automobile. Others who long for the fun of "sugar-ing-off" celebrated by making maple wax, a treat seldom indulged in here. Infact, who says the "good old winters" are over?

However, one phase of a heavy snow-fall never varies from one winter to another, and that is the unpleasant task of shoveling a few tons of snow-flakes away from the door and out to the street. You begin to feel there isn't any justice after you've desperately tried to remove a half foot of snow, and a gust of wind comes along and places two more feet in your way. At this dark moment a person thinks he would give all the skis, sleds, and skates in the world just to be jumping the surf in Miami. Nevertheless, thoughts of Florida do a rapid fade-out when the "gang" gets together for a good old-fashioned sleighing party or fireside gathering on a crisp winter's night.

Smiling Youth Halts Inter-Class Dash To Answer Reporter's Queries About His Many Activities

He is the effervescent lad who has achieved fame by his last minute dashes from band practice to Miss Sloan's home room, where he holds the record for retrieving a stack of books and making an exit. His smiling countenance has likewise been a familiar landmark about the athletic field and music room.

The owner of this beaming countenance is none other than the imitable Aldo Capra. We intercepted the young gentleman in one of his famed dashes from orchestra to basketball practice and wrung from him the record of his seventeen odd years of existence.

Born In The Bronx

It was in the far off land of the Bronx that Aldo celebrated his initial natal day. He lived in that borough, however, scarcely long enough to learn the rudiments of the native language, for in three years' time we find that he had established residence in Port Washington. His first introduction to the three R's was in the local school system. Progress through the grades and the junior high school is marked by many scholastic honors and extra curricular pranks on the part of this already active youngster.

The Capra gifts did not reach full flower, however, until he reached the halls of Port High. Once here he soon was in the very thick of student

activity, a place where he has remained ever since. Music has claimed a major part of his interest and by virtue of an amazing versatility on the violin, bass drum, cymbals and other tympani, he has obtained insignia in both the band and orchestra. At times he has even mounted the conductor's stand and sight of him leading either organization is by no means unfamiliar to student assemblies.

Wears Major Letters

Major letters are also his for participation in the managerial end of both the football and basketball. While never a very active participant in the actual sport he has achieved prominence behind the scenes of Seeber field or the gym.

He hopes after sufficient drilling to be able to open the way to a distinguished professional career by means of "Pull", for Mr. Capra intends to affix a D. D. S. to his name. According to present plans Tufts College will be the scene of Aldo's preliminary and graduate studies in dentistry.

An Active Club Member

Membership in the Fraternity, Port-Hi Yacht Club, and the Composers' Club have been part of his activities. His favorites include chemistry, and a Bayside brunette. He boasts that by virtue of residence next door to the school he has never been late.

Members Of Boys' Glee Club Turn Pirates For Next Musical Sketch

The Boys' Glee Club is to present a one-act musical sketch, "Walk the Plank", in assembly within a few weeks, it was announced this Monday. All parts will be taken by the members of the Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Van Bodegraven.

The general theme deals with, as the name implies, a pirate ship in search of lost treasure. Up to its discovery the crew occupies themselves by sending captives and school culprits down to Davy Jones' Locker for an indefinite stay. This unlucky group will include some of our prominent fellow mis-doers, and the whole action will be interwoven with local touches.

Theodore Griffin will impersonate the bold and dashing "Captain" and as his right hand man and trustworthy "First Mate" will be none other than Franklin Briggs. The members of the club will appear as the cut-throat pirates.

Advertising Club Handles Publicity For Play

The Advertising Club, formed several weeks ago by Roger Kavanagh, and under the faculty direction of Miss Stebbins and Mr. Mason, announces that it will handle the advertising for the spring play, "The Romantic Age".

The club is composed of Roger Kavanagh, Desmond Watson, Dana Moran, Francis Wood, Thomas Keates, Fred Turkington, and Frank de Blois. They are divided into three committees. One will take charge of announcements and publicity stunts. The others will obtain and distribute posters, and take charge of the price and sale of tickets. Red Domino members will help the latter committee.

The club was formed to take charge of the advertising for the spring play only, but may help with future school productions and other school ventures requiring promotion.

Former Port Student Elected To National Fraternity

Word has been received from New York University that Milton Ryeck, a member of the 1929 graduating class, has been elected to membership in Pi Mu Epsilon, national honorary mathematics fraternity at the Washington Square College of the University.

Milton is one of 48 members in the University chapter. This number includes all faculty, alumni and students who have been accorded this high honor. He is a graduate of Washington Square College.

SPORTING

With
Eric Cudd

Spring is on its way. Already the big league baseball clubs have started Spring training and soon the smack of the ball in the glove will be heard around Port High. This year's team will be managed by Pete Yakimovitch. . . . From authoritative sources we learned that Victor Weidner, last year's relief pitcher, will not be present when Coach Seeber calls for baseball candidates soon after Easter. Since being the runner-up in the fall tennis tournament, Weidner states that he will give his services to that field this year.

From Hobart College comes news that Ernie Jenkins was the shining star in a basketball game between Hobart freshmen and the frosh of the University of Rochester. Hobart won, 40-30. . . . We quote a Geneva, New York, paper:

"Jenkins, by far the smallest and lightest man on the floor, ran rings around the Rochester freshmen with his tricky dribble and habit of sneaking under the basket like a small streak of lightning and stealing the ball for a score. Jenkins was also the star of the pass and put game."

It's too bad that we haven't a few players like Ernie left to pull us out of our present slump.

An orchid to the girls' basketball team who have finished their season (except for the postponed Glen Cove game), and have won every game played. . . . Keep up the good record and take over Glen Cove, girls.

Reserve Members Assigned Posts At First Traffic Squad Meeting Of Term

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Brown, 173; William Butler, 156; and Egbert Montell, 146.

Widespread discussion of the work of the squad was held by the members at the meeting last Monday, and suggestions for the improvement of the routine were heard and considered by the members. The question as to whether a suitable insignia should be obtained for the officers was also revived. The members felt that this is unnecessary, however, and the plan was abandoned.

Several of the newly elected members were assigned posts to fill vacancies in the fifth period left by members in the band. It is also planned to hereafter provide supervision of the halls during the noon hour in order to eliminate loitering. Mr. Merrill requested the squad to assume responsibility for the boys' lavatories, and requested their aid in putting an end to smoking there. An effort to eliminate noise while classes are passing will be made, in addition to requesting all students to move at a reasonably rapid pace. Running in the passage connecting the main building with the gym was also censured, and an effort will be made to control it.

Inclement Weather Prevents Mineola And Glen Cove Games

Stormy weather has caused the postponement of two of the last three basketball games of the current season. The Manhasset game will be played, weather permitting, tonight.

The Mineola game, which was first postponed from the twenty-first of February to the twenty-sixth, has again been postponed to the fifth of March.

The Glen Cove contest, originally scheduled for February twenty-third, has been postponed to March seventh.

Glen Cove's girls were dated for a match here on February twenty-seven, but that contest has been put off indefinitely.

Watson And Sinkinson Win First Doubles Match

In the second first round match of the slowly progressing ping-pong tournament, the favourites, Desmond Watson and Henry Sinkinson, defeated John Thomas and Victor Weidner in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3. The match started off well, the losers winning the first game, but they were out-rallied and defeated after a short struggle.

Teachers' Association Will Hear Robert Speer

Through the efforts of Mr. Langdon, the Port Washington Teachers' Association has succeeded in obtaining Dr. Robert K. Speer, professor at New York University, to address them on the subject of the part played by education and educators in the new social order. This discussion is to be held on Monday, March 5, at eight o'clock, in the Flower Hill School assembly room.

The members of the Port Washington faculty and their wives and husbands are invited to attend. It is sincerely hoped that they will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to hear Dr. Speer.

Colyer Publishing Company Wins 'Port Light' Publishing Contract Friday

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prospectively desired by the students. The business staff reports that 354 copies have been ordered, according to these indications. 129 of these books are being paid for on a monthly installment plan, and 125 are being bought in two cash installments of fifty cents at the time of ordering and delivery.

As the above figure does not include the members of the faculty who will purchase books, the 37 students absent on the day the check-up was made, or the alumni and townspeople who customarily order copies, it is expected that the final number will be well in excess of last year's. Approximately 415 books were sold in 1933.