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Musical Contest Plans Completed

Orchestra Only Class B Entrant

Nine Students Will Compete In Solo Contests

The plans for the Long Island State Sectional Contest to be held at Huntington High School, on May 5, are being completed. Port Washington's Orchestra is the only entrant in Class B, but to qualify for the State Contest at Syracuse they will play as planned. Our band, also in Class B, will compete against Northport and Greenport, and provided it secures the required rating, it too will make the trip to Syracuse.

Bands and orchestras are grouped in classes according to the enrollment of their respective schools. Organizations from schools of 750 pupils and over are entered in Class A; Class B, 250 to 750; Class C, 100 to 250; and Class D for groups organized for less than one year.

The selections required for both bands and orchestras include: a march of their own choice, the required contest number, and a concert choice. For both the state and sectional contests the same numbers will be used.

Solo Contest Also

In conjunction with the band and orchestra contests a sectional solo contest will also be held at Huntington for those students who wish to qualify as soloists in the State Contest. This will be held at 10 a. m., with the contests for bands and orchestras following it in the afternoon. The entering soloists from Port are: Bob Corrigan and Albert Brown, cornet; Bob Lamberti, violin; Jack Shanahan, drum; Alan Ardis, trombone; Howard Smith, trombone from the Junior High School; and Bill Bailey, also from Junior High, clarinet. Marvin and Henry Harrison are automatically eligible for the State Contest since no other flutist or bassoonist are entering the Sectional Contest.

Embryo Journalists Begin Elementary Publication

The "School Flash", a school paper, has been started in the Flower Hill School by the 6A boys. Some of the members of the staff are: Editor, Teddy Farley; Humor, Harold Johnson; Class News, Newell Kearton; and Philip Rice, Reporter. Mr. Langdon is acting as Faculty Adviser.

The first issue, consisting of four pages, was circulated free of charge. One cent was charged for the second issue of eight pages. There are now over 150 subscribers, and the boys hope to keep up the good work next term.

Play Returns Stolen From Office After 'Romantic Age' Scores A Hit

Five Hundred Attend Performance

Net Returns Of \$177 Prove Audience's Enthusiasm

With the exception of its unfortunate aftermath, the spring production, presented in the school auditorium last Saturday evening, was a decided success. Both the financial returns and the reception of the audience more than fulfilled pre-opening expectations for "The Romantic Age".

Estimates placed the audience that witnessed the play in excess of five hundred persons. Miss Stebbins and Desmond Watson, in charge of ticket distribution, report that the total amount realized from the play reached \$177.65.

Port Light Fund Cut

The Port Light, however, will not realize more than sixteen dollars of this amount, unless the money taken from the office is recovered. It is estimated that the royalty of fifty dollars, the cost of scenery, costumes, and other incidentals will bring production expenses to nearly \$115.

The audience, which was composed of as many, if not more, adults as students received the Milne play with spontaneous applause that testified to the fact that the players had scored another "hit" for the high school stage. All the characterizations proved unusually sympathetic to the parts.

High praise was also heard for the direction and the smoothness with which the kindred details fitted together to form a finished production. The excellent diction and delivery exhibited by the entire cast was widely remarked, as were the settings and lighting used.

Twenty-Two Candidates Out For Boys' Tennis Team

Twenty-two boys reported to Mr. Brown as candidates for the boys' tennis squad, which will consist of ten members this year.

Mr. Brown, in order to observe the playing ability of each boy, has organized a sham doubles tournament. Ten players were seeded and partners were drawn for them from the remaining twelve, and the two remaining boys were paired.

Those reporting for tennis this year are: A. Ardis, R. Bailey, R. Blanchard, F. Briggs, G. Brown, W. Butler, E. Cudd, D. Dillenbeck, W. Jacobson, R. Kavanagh, R. Mazur, E. Montell, D. Moran, J. Murray, I. Norton, H. Rynveld, H. Sinkinson, W. Thompson, D. Watson, V. Weidner, F. Wood, and A. Wysong.

Thieves Ransack School Offices

Take Over Fifty Dollars Of Port Light Play Money

Vandals entered the Principal's office some time between the final curtain of "The Romantic Age", late Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon and stole a major portion of the box office receipts. Approximately fifty dollars was taken from the money collected at the door.

The money collected at the door by the Ticket Committee, amounting to over fifty dollars, was counted immediately after the performance, placed in the office, and the door locked. In the interim between then and Sunday afternoon, when Mr. Merrill visited the school, the fifty dollars, all in bills, was taken. A smaller amount of silver was not touched.

Doors Were Locked

As all entrances to the building, as well as the inside doors, were locked it seems that the intruder was supplied with keys. Evidence showed that several other offices and rooms had been entered and ransacked.

The aid of the local police has been enlisted and they are at present investigating the theft in conjunction with school authorities.

Fifty Port Students Attend Recent Hispanic Rally At Garden City

On Tuesday, April 15, on an invitation from Adelphi College, some fifty students of Port Washington High School attended the Hispanic Rally in Garden City. There were two buses to accommodate the pupils, each bus having one of the Spanish teachers in charge.

The rally was given in the recreation building of Adelphi College. The assembly was decorated with Spanish flags and accommodated about 500 people. Schools from all of Long Island were represented and as there were more people than seats, many were obliged to stand.

Professor Haymaker Speaks

At 4 o'clock the program began with a speech by Professor Catherine Lois Haymaker, who is the program director and the Spanish teacher of Adelphi College. In her speech Professor Haymaker stated the reason for the festival, and also told why America should also join Spanish countries in celebrating this day. She concluded her speech in Spanish.

The next speaker was Frank D.
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WHAT CAN LITERATURE DO FOR ME

How many students in this high school read classic prose outside of class? There seems to be a definite prejudice against this style of reading, and it is, usually, only because we have had to study some in the English course. Certain books and authors are constantly being referred to, and no one is well educated without knowledge of them.

Those who appreciate good literature receive much more pleasure from reading Dickens, Mark Twain, Scott and others than from any ordinary novel. The ability to illustrate human nature and to describe the small points of life has made their work famous. Although it is primarily for amusement, many important fictional writings have a historical and geographical significance that is valuable to the reader. A century hence, when most of the current books have disappeared, these works will still be widely read.

One of the purposes of our English course is to encourage good reading. After examples of the work of the best authors are read, we would find it to our advantage to continue with others. Some think that the settings are too remote from our lives, but in Mark Twain's writing we find true American life as he knew it on the frontier and in the civilized East.

Fiction is largely used to improve the reader's mastery of his language, and this can only be done with well chosen books.

DO YOUR PART, MR. STUDENT

Mr. Merrill brought a valuable thought to our attention in assembly last week when he spoke about keeping off the grass. It is time we all took this seriously and really tried to improve the general appearance of our school.

The heavy snows last winter helped make the grass greener and thicker and we should do our bit to beautify the school by giving the grass a chance to come up.

This is also a good time to mention the speed at which cars are to go up and down the driveway. They should not exceed fifteen miles an hour and the drivers should have some regard for those walking. The cars are one of the reasons why the grass is sparse along the driveway, since the students walk there for safety.

While on the topic of a more attractive building and grounds it might be well to again make mention of the waste paper evil. With warm weather drawing students out of doors during the noon hour, the temptation to throw candy wrappers, dixie cups and other trash is doubled. The sight of these odds and ends poking their heads from behind shrubbery and bespeckling the lawn is not very flattering. Waste containers are provided for a purpose. Use them.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

Diamond Prospects

The baseball season is on! From now until the end of the year, we will be thrilled with the staccato flashes of the Carmichael delivery and the swishing power of the Masucci swing.

Mr. Seeber is his usual optimistic self this year and says that the team could defeat Great Neck, Glen Cove, and Manhasset all in one afternoon, even if they had roller skates. Here is how Port lines up, as fine a collection of full-blooded American youths as these old orbs have witnessed in many a moon:

At first base, Michael Ronald Masucci holds down the turf. Michael Ronald is an expert harpist, but only a mediocre xylophone player. Many an unfortunate base-runner has died on first due to Michael Ronald's deadly defensive play at that position.

Jack Shanahan, the senior president, is the school's best second baseman. Jack is known for his fielding ability and his fondness for strawberries. He is also an accomplished musician, scientist, and flagpole sitter. Gleeps.

At shortstop, John Decker is stationed. They say John can do everything with a baseball but palm it. He can field, throw, and hit.

Irving (Duckfeet) Markland plays about third base with the poise and grace of a commuter bolting his coffee and rolls. Fly balls hit anywhere in his vicinity are almost certain to pound him upon the head. At the plate he is a sucker for a curve and a moocher for a fast one. The only way he ever gets to base is on a hitch hike. Irving clinched his position at the hot corner by his ability to tell funny quibs.

Tonsmeire, Minich and Mallon leave nothing to be desired in the way of outfielders. Joe Augustino, behind the bat, is the best catcher this side of Sam's beanery; and Howard "Chuck" Klein, his assistant, can do everything but sell peanuts and sprinkle the ase paths.

In Don Carmichael and Joe Lernihan, Port has two pitchers that should make the customers forget about Hubbell and Schumacher. Don throws his fast one so hard it flattens out, and all rival batters are advised to step to the wish-waving canoe paddles. Joe, while he lacks Don's speed, makes up for it with a baffling out-drop and a good change of pace.

—Frank deBlois,

FRATRY COLUMN

All About Our Party

Concerning the recent Fraternity stag, it can be said that Mr. Seeber and John Decker ran away with the honors in a pinochle game with Don Carmichael and "T. N. T." Masucci. "T. N. T." claims he undoubtedly would have won if he hadn't made a misdeal. Then at another table Coach Costello could be seen raking in chips by the handful in a fast and furious game of poker. This game drew the largest crowd of spectators. It was nothing unusual to see straight and royal flushes.

Following this, there was a great rush for the eats, and to be exact, I think Mr. Seeber got there first. Mr. Costello was handicapped by the weight of so many chips. Then all were silent as the food went down. It was not long, however, before three large layer cakes, cup cakes, Russian crullers, and doughnuts, and fourteen quarts of punch were consumed. Furthermore, I believe there was also some ice cream attached to the list of the devoured. As a result, Pete had to take time out on the way home to let some extra food digest. Credit must be handed to the entertainment committee for their expert work of washing dishes.

—P—

I'd like to apologize to both Mr. Mallon and Mr. Carmichael. It was my mistake for they won that race to Douglaston and were gone by the time Young and Patten arrived.

—P—

"I've Got Your Number"

Using the names of recent screen hits as descriptions of local characters:

"Tarzan and His Mate" — George "Booms" and Jane Clark.

"This Man is Mine"—Rita Hennessy.

"I Believed in You"—but!

"Wild Cargo" — Baseball team en route (ask Mr. Gobel).

"I Like It That Way" — Postponed examinations.

"Stand Up and Cheer"—Mallon gets to first base.

"Wharf Angel"—Ruth Clark.

"I'll Tell the World"—Frank deBlois.

"20 Million Sweethearts"—Fred Macnutt's opinion of the show girls.

"Looking for Trouble"—Young and Patten.

On Nothingness

Frightened Coed Philosophizes On The Instinctive Fear Of Blank Emptiness; Offers No Antidote

by M. Baemeister

A short time ago, I had occasion to stay in the empty school building long after hours. As it happened I was back-stage where the lights, the scenery, and the amount of work to be done kept me too busy to notice anything else. When I had finished, turned off the lights, and nearly everyone had gone, I walked down the auditorium into the hall. The sheer emptiness of the place struck me like a blow in the face.

It was lonely, deserted, just empty—terribly empty. It was like opening a door expecting to find a familiar room and instead finding—nothing, just a void.

Ah, Wilderness!

Even the lighted room at the end of the corridor didn't help; it was only light, not "the light in the wilderness", not a symbol of human companionship, but merely a cold, clear fact calculated to cut the darkness; the light in itself made the emptiness more terrible. Somehow light is ever so much more empty than the dark. Darkness seems to have a substance—"the friendly dark closed in around"; light does not.

"Between the dark and the daylight

When the night is beginning to lower,

There is a pause in the day's occupations—"

Longfellow might well have written those lines about a big school. For it is then, after the last teacher and the last stray student has left, before the night cleaning force has arrived, that the school is really deserted.

Stop To Consider

What a feeling a total blank causes! We go through life pondering over small matters and large . . . bothering

ourselves with thousands of meaningless details, but never do we stop to consider "nothingness".

The man who, with equanimity, face these voids is far braver than the man who faces the unexpected without flinching. Mankind seems to have an instinctive fear of blanks, voids. A man on a high building looks off and says, "Suppose I should fall." That is, I believe, the thing he really fears, not the inevitable crash on the pavement below. Falling through space is ever so much more terrifying than landing suddenly on the ground.

'Nothing' Terrifies All

Man's fear of death also comes under this fear of "nothingness". Although a few people may fear punishment in after life, most people's fear of death is based on the fear that there will be no hereafter, that there will be NOTHING. In fact, emptiness is more terrifying than anything else in the world to some people.

By emptiness I do not mean loneliness. Loneliness is different; it is merely the absence of friends or familiar things. A man in the heart of New York may be lonely.

I stood there in the hall wondering whether emptiness could be colored bright yellow or not. I wondered if anyone had ever been there before, and if anyone would be there again. As it stood the building was ageless, neither new nor old, it had never been created nor would it crumble. Students had never hurried through the shining, deathless halls; emptiness reigned supreme here.

Then a door slammed.

"Ready? It's quarter after seven. Boy! Will my mother kill me when I get home!"

The emptiness was filled.

'Speed' Haynes Rockets For Chilly Saint Lawrence

It was only by sheer grit that I was able to write the following facts from the mysterious, taciturn Miss Berta Haynes in order to publish them. A smattering of knowledge of the subject's past facilitated in embellishing the interview.

"I love to travel, and evidently have the 'wanderlust', for I have lived in no less than six different places. If I could go anywhere I wished, I should go out to see the bronchos buck, then make a beeline for 'Merrie Englands', for which I have a tender spot in my heart, it being the 'patria maiorum'. I should go to 'Gay Paree' and see the town. In fact, I'd go almost anywhere anyone would take me. (Hmm, wonder who 'anyone' is?)

"Let's not discuss what I have done in High School."

"Hmm, didn't you take a stab at hockey and basketball back in the Dark Ages? And weren't you in the

'Pirates of Penzance' and the 'Wisdom Tooth', and aren't you going to be mamma's darling child in 'The Last Rehearsal', and didn't you fit around a bit in Pantomime Class?

"I love swimming and boating of any kind, and I just love to trundle lil' ol' Reo Rita up the ramp at thirty miles per. I'd love to trundle it up to St. Lawrence but not at thirty miles per. After college? A Lady of Leisure, if you please, when not off on a jaunt. I think the theatre is grand, but I would not give two pence for a big league game. Brown eyes are nice (dubiously), but don't you think blue are much nicer? What gets on my nerves most? Having people say 'Hurry up, you'll be late!' (Which, from the tone, I gather is not infrequent.)

"One of the adventures of my life was running away from home. Don't I look like that sort of a girl? Oh, you don't know me. Yes, and I was escorted home in the brand new police patrol wagon with my nigger doll, Dina, under my arm."

Girls Hold First Athletic Practice

Archery, Baseball, Tennis Captains Elected

The first practices for girls' spring athletics were held last week. From the interest shown and number of girls reporting, there promises to be a very worthwhile season in the three spring sports. Captains and managers were elected.

A special archery meeting was held on Monday to instruct the beginners. The target was set up in the gymnasium because of the weather conditions. There is a great deal of interest in archery this year, all new material. Out of thirty-four that have reported only four of these are lettermen. On Tuesday, the archery members elected Genevieve Curtin, Captain, and Margaret Mantell, the manager.

E. Salerno, Baseball Captain

The baseball team was also obliged to practice indoors because of the weather. Elsie Salerno, last year's pitcher, was elected the captain while Mary Ciminera is the manager.

The girls' tennis team were able to hold but one outdoor practice last year. When the new clay courts are ready, it is expected that practices maybe held every day. These courts were built last year by the school board on the old Flower Hill property and are to be used this year for the first time by the school. Nancy Lowry, last year's second singles player, was elected captain. Florence Kurejwo is the manager.

A special tennis meeting was held on Monday where different strokes were discussed and demonstrated.

The new book, "Top Flite Tennis", by Mary K. Browne, was read.

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Blodgett, president of Adelphi College. Mr. Blodgett's speech was more or less a welcome of the college and an invitation to visit it if one so desired.

Spanish Program Presented

The program itself was given by Spanish performers and consisted of Spanish songs and dances. Among the most popular performers was 9-year-old Veronica Minoso, who astounded her audience by playing pieces by Chopin on the piano. Another popular performer was Helen Caballero, who did some Spanish dances in the true Spanish way. Most of the performers were students of Adelphi and all of them of Spanish descent. There were some sixteen numbers, consisting of many piano solos and songs.

The performers were dressed in the respective Spanish costumes of many bright colors, which added to the gaiety of the program. The costumes themselves were quite valuable as most of them were heirlooms which had been handed down from another generation.

The program was concluded with community singing of some Spanish songs which had been distributed during the program.

SPORTS

by Eric Cudd

The first time trials for the track squad, held last Thursday, showed rather poor results. The only event worth mentioning was the 440 yard dash, which was taken by Egbert Lewis. This runner, who proved his worth this winter in indoor track, rounded the oval in 57 seconds. After a few more sessions of practice, Egbert ought to be able to place in any meet.

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Who will take Patten's place in the century and 220? That's rather hard to answer. Joe Mallon entered the ranks as a possible successor, but the best he could do was to tie with Arnold Eato at 10.8. Several false starts added about 2-10 to Eato's time but a lot of practice will be needed to compare with Patten's record time of 10.2. Arnold Eato and John Stuart are the only logical contenders for the 220 vacancy.

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The tournament the tennis squad is holding has very little to do with the picking of the team; in fact, the players were as good as chosen before the tournament started. One guess (which won't be far wrong) as to the ten players Coach Brown intends to keep are as follows, probably seeded in this order: Wood, Weidner, Watson, Moran, Norton, Sinkinson, Ardis, Murray, Briggs, and Mazur.

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I don't believe any other High School hurler on Long Island could have pitched a better game than Don Carmichael did last Friday, especially as it lasted for two extra innings. One criticism offered by Bill Richter an old varsity grad, and also noticed by yours truly, was the lack of infield pep. In practically every inning nothing more than one or two scattered shouts of encouragement could be heard. It sounded more like a funeral than a baseball game.

Commercial Students Earn Proficiency Honors

The following is a list of students who have earned Certificates of Proficiency in Typewriting I for the month of April: "B"—J. Hewett, "C"—R. Mathieson; "C"—D. Hamm; "E"—E. Lewis, "C"—A. Stein, "C"—C. DeVoe, and "C"—H. Ford.

A "B" Certificate is awarded students who type correctly 40 to 50 words per minute, and the "C" is given for 30 to 40 words per minute. Mr. Brown issues these certificates monthly.

Port Noses Out Adelphi In Ninth

Carmichael Pitches Local Team To 2-1 Victory

The Port Washington High baseball team opened up its 1934 season successfully by defeating Adelphi Prep School 2-1 in a nine-inning game last Friday.

Don Carmichael pitched the entire nine innings with such perfect control that sixteen men fanned before his onslaught of curves, drops, and fast balls.

Although Carmichael pitched good ball he almost cost the school the game. In the third inning a wild pitch, the only one in the game, hit Shaffer, the Adelphi batter, in the leg. He was advanced to third base by two hits from his successors, and reached home on a passed ball.

Port strived vainly for five innings to put across a score, but finally in the seventh, Augustino slammed out a double. He advanced to third on the next pitch, where a single to center from Massucci brought n.m home.

The eighth inning went scoreless but in the last frame Joann Decker reached first on an error. He advanced to third base on Markland's sacrifice bunt. With one down, Augustino singled, sending Decker home with the winning run.

Commencement To Be Held Evening Of June 25

The class of 1934 will be graduated at the Commencement exercises recently announced for the evening of June 25. Diplomas will be issued to approximately 106 seniors.

Following the elimination from the school budget of the appropriation for a graduation speaker, plans have been made to present a program demonstrating various student activities. It is probable that in addition to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian several additional speakers will be chosen from the graduating class to discuss topics relative to student activities and classwork performed during the school year.

When questioned as to the possibility of obtaining a speaker from some other source, Mr. Merrill said: "I believe that the commencement exercises should be, to an even greater extent than formerly, a demonstration of the achievements of the graduates themselves." This policy will form the basis for the 1934 graduation plans.

Circle Members And Guests Attend Social Gathering Tonight

The Circle meeting to be held at 8:00 tonight in the cafeteria will be a social meeting consisting of dancing, games, and refreshments. Each member is allowed to bring a guest.

The committee in charge of the preparations consists of Eileen Hasset, Lewis Lindemuth, Charlotte Dean and Bill Berges, and it promises a gala time for all.