

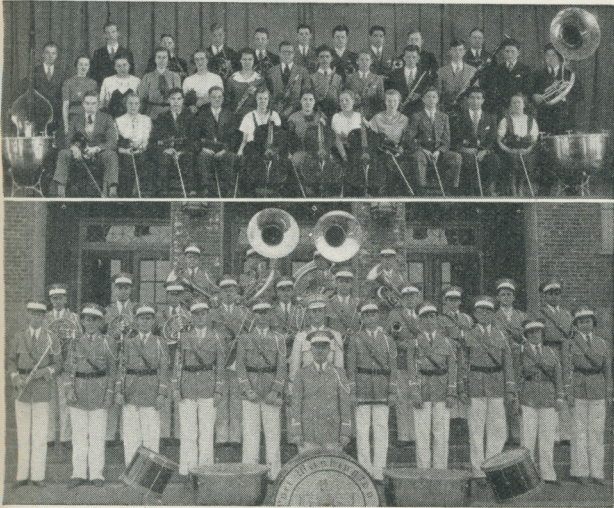
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Orchestra Is Class B Victor In State Music Contest At Syracuse; Band Gains Tie For First Position



MUSIC CONTEST WINNERS

Eight Port Soloists Rated Excellent

Howard Smith And Henry Harrison Win Highest Individual Soloists' Awards

by Jean Lowry

Port Washington's Band and Orchestra were judged this year's state champions in the New York State High School finals held at Syracuse University on May 11th and 12th. This, the first time any local organization has competed in the annual state contest meeting each year at Syracuse University, found Port Washington well represented among the winners.

The band tied for first place with Lowville, the Orchestra was the highest rated of the four finalists competing, and all the eight local soloists contesting were ranked as excellent high school musicians.

Both musical organizations were in fine trim for the contest on Saturday after a short rehearsal Friday evening at the College of Fine Arts Auditorium at Syracuse University. On Saturday morning, the final contest for the Class A and B orchestras and bands was begun, with Port Washington heading the four orchestras in Class B at 9:00 a. m.

Close competition was furnished by Springville, two years the champion, which was given less than Honor Rating 2 as compared to Port's plus Superior rating. The high school orchestras of Fredonia and Ticonderoga followed closely as third and fourth with Honor Ratings 3 plus and 3 minus respectively. Each competing orchestra played the contest number, "The Second Movement of the C Major Symphony" by Schubert, and a piece of their own choice, which in Port's case was Mozart's "Titus Overture".

Large Audience Hears Band

Following immediately was the Class B contest for bands, which afforded the closest competition of all the finals, and played to a jammed auditorium. Port Washington's Band again started the performances of the nine contesting organizations, with their warming-up march, "His Honor"—Fillmore, followed by "Huldigungsmarch"—Grieg (contest number), and as their choice selection "Finlandia" by Sibelius. Each of the remaining bands played the contest selection in addition to a warming-up march and choice number, with the contest ending at four o'clock in the afternoon.

At this time the final ratings of the bands were announced by the judge, Mr. Lee M. Lockhart, instrumental supervisor at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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William Berges Averages 98 P. C.

Eighteen Are On Honor Roll For 2nd Marking Period

The marking period closing on May 4th shows a general school average of 75.81%. This is a slight drop from the last marking period average. A total of 1705 marks were given this period.

William Berges attained an average of 98%, a record never before reached in this school. 18 students are on the honor roll. They are: William Berges, 98%; Eloise Jenkins, 95%; John Thomas, 95%; Margaret Moore, 95%; Ruth Lowry, 94%; Arthur Johnson, 93%; Carol Voute, 92.50%; John Anderson, 91.25%; Alan Ardis, 91.25%; Nancy Lowry, 91.25%; Kingsley Poynter, 91.25%; Charlotte Wescott, 91.25%; Albert Brown, 90%; Betsy Rich, 90%; Anna Romeyko, 90%; Betty Scutt, 90%; Marjorie Utz, 90%; Carol Yetter, 90%.

Room 104 Leads School

The home room averages ranged from 80.04% to 71.48%. Home room 104, which led last time with 87%, again headed the list but with 80.04%. Home Room 203 was a close second with 80.00% exactly. The complete list of home rooms follows: Room 101—74.95%; Room 103—72.65%; Room 104—80.04%; Room 105—74.55%; Room 107—77.75%; Room 108—78.14%; Room 109—80.20%; Room 201—74.92%; Room 205—80%; Room 204—74.95%; Room 205—78.21%; Room 206—72.28%; Room 207—74.34%; Room 208—75.09%; Room 209—73.45%; and Room 211—71.48%.

Celerity To Initiate 18 Girls Into Membership

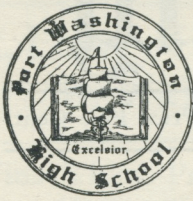
Eighteen new members were elected as members of the Celerity at a special meeting held on Monday afternoon. The initiation will be held at a beach party to be given on Monday, May 21, at the Beacon Hill Beach. Evelyn Levy and Ruth Lowry are in charge of the initiation and picnic plans.

The new recruits were elected in accordance with the membership requirements for their participation in school life. The accredited activities included work on The Port Weekly and Port Light, sports activity, and membership in the Honorary Art Club.

Those who will be initiated on May 21 are: Mavis Freeman, Doris Maloney, Margaret Bacmeister, Margaret Moore, Lucille Haynes, Amanda Duffield, Eloise Jenkins, Ruth Thornton, Helen Masi, Virginia Salerno, Grace Epaminande, Dorothy Suydam, Helen Rhode, Helen Burgess, Betty Elliot, Georgianna Gault, Jean Lowry, and Ruth MacGillivray.

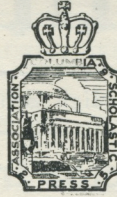
Teachers' Association Elects Miss Gormley President

Miss Alice Gormley was elected president of the Port Washington Teachers' Association as a result of the annual meeting of that organization which was held last Thursday at the High School. The other officers will be appointed by a council of eleven members who represent all the schools of the Port Washington system. This group holds a business meeting on alternate Thursdays.



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THE FOOLISH PERSIANS

It came to chance, long ago, that a young lad, favorite of a great Persian monarch, was wandering through the palace gardens soon after the dawn. And as he went he came upon a stranger whose name was Death. Affrighted, the lad ran away, calling for a horse that he might ride from the presence of the fearful wanderer. When a mount was brought, he leaped astride and spurred off along the road to Damascus, crying that he would cheat his Fate.

The king, hearing of the loss of his favorite, was angered and went forth into the garden to inquire who dared drive the youth away to the strange city. But when he came upon Death he stopped for the stranger was laughing. The ruler inquired as to the cause of mirth.

"I laugh with surprise at seeing yon lad here, for 'tis written that I have a rendezvous with him this evening in Damascus," was Death's reply, according to this old Persian fable.

Now we believe in the inevitability of some things and can see the futility of trying to avoid destiny. It is impossible, however, for us to reconcile ourselves to the attitude of those fatalists who view the Regents as something to be passed only by the favor of the gods. It seems that now is the time to remove our June fate from the uncertain hands of chance and place it under the positive aegis of study and concentrated effort.

A SPRINGTIDE NUISANCE

It is decidedly important that the lawns and shrubbery be kept in a condition complementary to the beauty and natural attractiveness of the school site and buildings.

The Board of Education and citizens of our community have never lost sight of this fact. When the high school was built, great pains were taken to choose a suitable style of architecture and landscape experts were employed to carry out this attractiveness in the appearance of the grounds. The preservation of the initial beauty has also been remembered and large sums are appropriated annually for grounds upkeep.

Normally, students see but little of the work of seeding, cultivating, and trimming the lawns. With the advent of warm weather, and open windows, occupants of rooms facing the elementary school have had the function of mowing the lawns brought sharply to their attention. At times it is impossible to hear a word spoken as the power mower clatters past.

It seems that a little planning would easily remove this nuisance. Why not cut the athletic field, and sections away from the classrooms, during school hours, leaving parts within earshot until a time when the building is clear? Then we will all be able to work, or sleep, in peace.

HIGH TIDE-INGS

Happy Hiltonites

Off to Syracuse! A sleepy eyed Mr. Merrill gave his godspeed to each car and then the race began. Bumps and detours were mere nothings to the speedy Corrigan but imagine his chagrin when he breezed up to the Hotel Hilton to be cordially received by the victorious Harrisons. While they were still wrangling Mr. P. Bergan and Mr. P. Van Bodegraven rattled up in the Ford station wagon. What an appalling situation! One by one the rest of the cars pulled in and gleefully told of all the other cars in the party they had left behind. Funny, though, no one could understand why the Lewthwaites didn't pass a single car! Wonder why?

And the hotel? Call the manager. He will tell you that Aldo Capra whispered sweet nothings in his sleep—that a certain demoiselle was overheard proclaiming on the morn of leaving—"Well, I'll be darned if I'm going to brush my teeth under the shower again!"—that one of our dignified chaperones from his penthouse on the fifth floor of the hotel viewed with dismay his shaving brush down in the alley below. Result?—Burma shave!

As for the contest itself who can forget the hush and then—thunder! when the band was on the stage ready top lay, and Marvin Harrison, the trusty librarian, casually asked if anyone knew where the music was. A mad dash to the hotel saved the day. But for sonny sayings Towser Trussell takes the prize, for in the midst of all the excitement Towser approached the flurried Mr. Van Bodegraven and queried, "Do you know where my mother parked her car?"

As for "tone control" which Mr. Lee Lockhart, the judge, said was one of the deciding factors in determining the winners in the Band Contest, you should have heard Port's tone in the burst that followed the announcement of the decision. The roars were deafening and far beyond "control".

The contest over, Clark Gable was gushed over by his admirers while the boys' hearts throbbed with the sensation of "Twenty Million Sweethearts". A few exclusive members preferred the "Black Cat", its sole merit being that it was furthest away from the hotel and they could enjoy their much abused privacy.

But the final closing episode of our little tale was too sweet for words. "Parting is such sweet sorrow" that a delegation of males found it fitting to present a charming little waitress with a posy. In voices filled with deep pathos they chanted "My love is a red, red rose", but when she blushing volunteered to reward their gallant action with a kiss they rejected the fair lady's offer, jumped in their cars and sped—Home.

List Of Fatalities

Corrigans, Harrisons, and De Pauws displayed great dexterity in changing tires.

The Browns distinguished themselves by running out of gas on the Bronx River Parkway. Too bad, Albert!

—by 3 Strings.

FRATRY COLUMN

Once again our faithful Fraternity correspondent has flown the coop without handing in a column. Result . . . a thirteenth hour masterpiece batted out on the catch as catch can system.

Second result:

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Inquire **WEEKLY BOX**

The story goes that Sam Eato begged off from the St. Paul track meet on the grounds that he had to dig a ditch. Chic Sales' Code of Fair Competition Commission, please note!

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It seems our merry musicians kept the chaperones pretty busy enforcing the curfew hour. "Whack" Butlar sallied forth Friday from the hotel for the avowed purpose of seeing a movie at a picture palace identified only as "about five blocks down the street". The rescue party included Mrs. Corrigan, Miss Lillis, and Mr. Merrill.

"Whack" slipped into the hotel and upstairs while Mr. Merrill was garaging the car. What a coincidence?

The next evening Herr Lindemuth and his pals Carrico, Corrigan and Ardis were the culprits. Their stories were badly confused between having no watches and not understanding Syracuse's Standard Time. Ho Hum Department, please note!!!!

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CALLING ALL CARS. CALLING ALL CARS. CALLING ALL CARS* DESPERATE CRIMINAL SEIZED BY OFFICER HAYFIELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOR PASSING TRAFFIC SIGNALNAME: ROBERT CORRIGAN *** ADDRESS: PORT WASH. DRIVING BLUE CHEV. COACH**** CASE CALLED FLUSHING COURT TUESDAY.**

Ed. Note — Send old magazines and cakes to No. 895643, City Penitentiary, Welfare Island.

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A member of the tympani section when interviewed about his malefactions on the trip, replied: "All things considered, I believe the accusation against us is unfair, unjust and unsubstantiated. I further wish to go on record that we found the chaperones offered far more trouble in disciplinary matters than did the contestants." A large number of the musicians have concurred in the statement.

When faced with the indictment, Mr. Merrill, Chaperone of Chaperones, replied for his colleagues that they would demand a Bill of Particulars listing specifically all breaches of decorum.

The Port Weekly is endeavoring to have the matter settled by public debate in the next assembly.

Lois Becomes Lucid About School Committee Past And Present Plans Awards Honors When Interviewed

Lois Butterworth, whose motto for everlasting life and happiness is "liver and loin", was born "just in time for breakfast" in Philadelphia. Her earliest remembrances are of dear old grandfather playing determinedly upon the xylophone, while she was being put to bed with her little doll, Lucille. Another time she ran away on the trolley car tracks to seek her fortune, and almost reached Detroit before her parents recovered her.

Little Lois at the innocent age of seven moved to Douglaston. There she attended the local grammar school and learned her A B C's and P's and Q's in company with many of the other commuters who make the daily trek from Douglaston. It is related that her early years were spent in fierce competition with Charlotte Dean for the local hop-sotch laurels.

Attended Great Neck High

Graduating from P. S. 98 she attended Great Neck High School, where for a year she was one of the leading lights of the Freshman class. A year in the neighboring institution was enough, apparently, for lo and behold our Lois appeared on the Port Sophomore Class List in the fall of 1931.

Lois is an active contributor to both **The Port Weekly** and **The Port Light**. The Circle, Celerity, Honorary Art Club, and the Hockey squad have shared her attention. She told us she is also a former luminary of the deceased Pottery and Stagecraft clubs, and that she is a firm believer in the sayings of O'Shaughnessy.

Work Of Sr. High Faculty Featured In 'Journal'

The second edition of the Port Washington Teachers' Association publication, now known as the "Port Washington School Journal", formerly the "Fledgling", saw the light of day last Thursday and has since been causing a lot of discussion among the teachers and pupils.

The first thing that attracted the High School's attention was "A Spring Triad", a group of three rather short but poignant poems by Carleton Mason. Another of his in a different part of the book was unusually charming.

Among the other high school teachers who contributed to the book are Miss Farlinger, Miss Allison, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Dimmick and Miss McClellan. You can judge from their respective interests that the subjects deal with art, planning for the future, reading, clubs, etc. Miss Gormley wrote the Foreword and the credit for the cover design goes to Miss Allison.

Dr. Daltroff discussed the aims of the school medical department, and Mr. Schreiber has submitted an article on the school finances. Mr. Lyons published an article on the "awful, awful truth" about the unsuccessful experiment of clubs in High School, but he offers as condolence some of the reasons why the seventh period meetings didn't succeed.

Selects Special Winners In New Pulitzer Contest

As Commencement draws near it is a natural procedure for us to look back over the year and pick out its high-lights. Since we've been reading recently so much about the Pulitzer Prize awards, it occurred to us that we, too, might give credit where credit is due and make a few awards of our own. We'll call ours the "Who'll-getter" prize, and the awards will be nothing more substantial than a few words of praise.

The Pulitzer Prize committee picked "Men In White" as the best play of the year, but they hadn't seen "The Romantic Age"! As chairman of the Who'll-getter committee, I choose "The Romantic Age" because it was a cleverly done, amusing and well casted play with exceptional settings. It met, with decided approval from the students, faculty, parents, and may be considered one of the finest plays yet produced at the High School. Miss Stebbins and the cast are to be congratulated on their triumphant success.

The award for the best feature story of the year goes to Marjorie Utz for her excellent story of the "Blizzard of '34"! Despite the frightful storm she managed to struggle through the drifts and wrote an entertaining and interesting account of it.

March Gambols Win

There was a diversity of opinions as to which dance of the year might be considered the most successful. Generally people thought that the Circle March Gambols was "the" dance. Their plan of having games for those who were not inclined to dance was unusual and pleasant.

One of the best ideas of the year was the forming of the Honorary Art Club. It was through a suggestion made by Hattie Griese and Ruth Clark, and there is no doubt that it has been a very popular venture. The innovation of a traffic squad, which Mr. Merrill had already spoken of, was promoted by Wesley Brower, and it, too, has proved its worth.

The assembly program presented by the Glee Clubs just before Christmas was the most effective and delightful one of the year. The general effect obtained through the clever grouping, subtle lighting, and familiar Christmas music created a lasting impression.

Teams Honored

Another award that should be mentioned is the splendid record made by the girls' basketball team, for which they were suitably presented with gold basketballs. The boys' baseball team has also had a very good season.

It would be impossible to write an article like this and not give credit to Mr. Van Bodegraven and the Band and Orchestra for the fine standard they have kept up throughout the year. They have been lauded by everyone and even rival schools join in saying that their work is superior.

There are other things, of course, which might be included in this song of praise, but space won't permit it.

Port Girls Defeat Freeport In Tennis

Baseball Squad Also Wins; Archery Team Loses

The first girls' athletic meet proved a success for Port last Thursday. The girls won every tennis match played against Freeport, and took the baseball game 12-10. Rockville Center won an archery match, 1,010-400, in the same afternoon.

Anita Este, playing first singles in the closest match of the afternoon, battled twenty-two games to win the first set, 12-10. The exhausted players then played the second set, which Anita took at 6-3.

Nancy Lowry won the second singles from Josephine Muratori, 6-0, 6-2, while Rosemary Seraphine and Mildred Dell won the first doubles, 6-2, 6-2.

Ruth Lowry, in the only three set match, conquered Anna Baker, 6-1, 6-8, 6-0. Rain forced the cancelling of another doubles after Ruth Shontz and Ruth Thornton had gained a 3-2 lead.

Marion Schneider was the high scorer for Rockville Center in the archery match with 336 points to her credit. Archales Mascofian led for Port with 100. Madeline Kidney, Archales Mascofian, Margaret Mantell, Genevieve Curtin, Jean Patten, Mildred Elze and Betty Elliot shot for Port Washington.

Orchestra Wins In State Contest; Band Tied For First Place

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Loud cheering followed his announcement of the tie for first place by Lowville and Port Washington with the honor rating of two. Second and third places were awarded to Penn Yan and Canandaigua, respectively.

During the morning and afternoon of May 12, soloists' contests were held in the practise rooms of the Fine Arts Building. Most victorious of all from Port was Henry Harrison, given the highest rating possible and praised greatly by the judge of the bassoon finals. Howard Smith, of Junior High, won the trombone contest over seven older soloists than he by the honor rating of two.

The other soloists from Port Washington and their scores were as follows:

Bob Lamberti—violin—honor rating 2.

Nancy Lowry—cello—honor rating 2.

Albert Brown—cornet—honor rating 3.

Jack Shanahan—snare drum—honor rating 3.

Marvin Harrison—piccolo — honor rating 3.

William Bailey—clarinet — honor rating 3.

As a fitting climax to the victorious day, Port's Orchestra gave a half hour broadcast over station WSYR of Syracuse, from six o'clock to six-thirty on Saturday afternoon. This opportunity was obtained largely through the efforts of Mr. Hilton, manager of Hotel Hilton, where Port made its headquarters.

Erb Gains Only Port Place In Invitation Meet At St. Paul's

George Erb provided the only Port place in the Saint Paul's Invitation Track Meet last Saturday afternoon. Erb tied with four other jumpers for fourth place in the pole vault.

Many of the Port runners and field men were not present. Ray Patten pleaded himself out of condition and remained on the sidelines. John Stuart, running out of his class, as there was no junior century, placed fifth in the second heat. No Port man was fast enough to get into the final of any event that was run in heats. However, Herb Carpenter showed good form against more experienced runners and placed second in his heat in the hurdles.

Arnold Eato and Wesley Brower failed to appear for their events. Both would probably have made a fair showing. Egbert Lewis placed sixth in the 440, while Pete O'Brien was quite a distance behind the winner in the mile run. Mallon and Klein also failed in their respective high jump and discus events, but the competition of the prep schools and academies was too strong for the public schools.

Law Students Visit Court; Hear Insurance Expert

Mr. Dodds, accompanied by the classes of commercial law students, visited the court house in Mineola on Wednesday, May 9th. The bus which transported the pupils left at one in the afternoon. The students spent most of their time in the Supreme Court, listening to a negligence action growing out of a gasoline explosion, but were unable to stay and hear the verdict.

They also made a tour of inspection through the police headquarters. There they were shown how prisoners are finger printed and photographed. A demonstration by the bomb squad also proved most interesting.

F. R. Amthor Speaks To Class

Mr. Franklin R. Amthor spoke to the commercial law class Tuesday, May 8th. Mr. Amthor is field director for a large insurance company. In his talk he gave three points of the highest interest in insurance. The first was the principle of all insurance; second, what insurance is, and third, what protection insurance affords you. Mr. Amthor's talk was of great interest to the pupils of the class as they were studying insurance at the time.

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin" Proves Financial Success

The gross profits from "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", presented by the Pantomime Class last Thursday, amounted to nearly twenty-three dollars. Aside from being a financial success, the play met with the warm approval of the audience, and the proceeds from the affair will be used to finance another performance by the club next year.

Mineola Vanquishes Baseball Team 4-2

Poor Fielding Brings Defeat In League Contest

Don Carmichael lost his second game for Port last Monday when the Mineola team, led by Joe Carbone on the mound, turned up a 4-2 victory.

The pitchers of both teams were about even but numerous infield errors took credit away from Carmichael. In four out of the seven innings, the Port batsmen went out in one-two-three order due to strikeouts and good infielding.

An error by Shanahan and Markland allowed two men to get on the initial bag, and two more errors by Augustino brought home the same number of runs.

Port took the lead in the third frame, but in the next inning Mineola caught up and went ahead.

Two runs in the first half of the seventh inning clinched the game, although Port fought hard in the last half and for a time it looked as if they might pull through. Masucci singled to left field, followed by Klein on a walk. With none down, Don Carmichael singled to right field and Masucci scored on the play. Klein became a little anxious and tried to come home also but was put out at home plate. This seemed to dishearten the remainder of the batters and they went out in order.

Joe Lerhnan won his third consecutive game for Port High on Friday when he pitched a five-hit game for a 5 to 3 victory over the P. W. A. Juniors. A number of errors marred the Blue and White's play, but three runs in the third inning, with Tonsmeire again the batting star, assured "Lefty's" teammates a victory.

Choral Groups To Present Joint Concert May 24

The choral division of the Music Festival for public school organizations will take place Thursday, May 24th, in the High School Auditorium at 8:15.

The program will consist of vocal selections by all the school's glee clubs. Part one will be turned over to selections by choruses from Flower Hill, Sands Point, and Main Street Grade Schools. Musical numbers by the Junior High Glee Clubs comprises the second part of the program.

The Boys' and Girls' High School Glee Clubs will combine to give a one-act comico pera, "The Last Rehearsal", for part three.

Kingsley Poynter as the Rector heads the list of players. Alfhild Gulbrandsen will sing the role of heroine. Maid-of-all-work will be portrayed by Connie Chalkly, and Irving Peterson as the Villain. The other characters in order of their appearance are: Hero—Wilbur Thompson; Stage Manager—Mary Ciminera; Father—Thomas Brooks; Mother—Svea Olsen; Village Idiot—Victor Weidner; Soloist—Natalie Rose; Mama—Audrey Carpenter, and the Child—Berta Haynes.