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## Sophs Elect Bill Effertz

**E. Monfort Is Vice-President  
Thomas Treasurer**

The Sophomore class elected officers for the ensuing year at a meeting held in the auditorium on Thursday of last week. William Effertz was chosen to act in the capacity of president of the class, and Eileen Monfort and Owen Thomas were elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

Effertz has had past experience as chief executive, having occupied that office during his ninth year in Junior High. While in High School he has distinguished himself by his outstanding ability in Track and his activity in Football. During the summer he acted as life guard at Orchard Beach.

The vice-president, Eileen Monfort, has also been very active in the past in sports while in High School. Her participation in this field includes hockey, baseball, and ping-pong.

Owen Thomas is well known partly through his brother, John Thomas, and partly through his own activities.

These officers will assume the responsibility of the annual Sophomore Dance, which is usually given sometime in the early Spring.

## Celerity Holds First Meeting

**Decides To Admit New Members  
Some Time In October**

The Celerity resumed its activities at the first meeting of the school year last Wednesday, September 16. Miss Pelton, acting in her capacity as faculty advisor, suggested that the organization give a tea. This was enthusiastically voted upon, and the date was set as October 7. A committee was appointed to take charge of refreshments and arrange for some sort of entertainment. Dorothy Bohn was appointed chairman of this committee.

Many other matters were discussed at this time. A committee, headed by Florence Kurejwo, was appointed to obtain the names of those girls who have participated in extra curricular activities for a designated period of time and are, therefore, eligible for membership in the club. It was decided that the club would admit new members sometime in October.

### Celerity Is Girls' Club

The Celerity is the girls' club in the school which corresponds to the boys' Fraternity. The girls in the club go on outings, sponsor benefits and act as collectors for the Village Welfare in the collection of food for the needy at Thanksgiving.

The Celerity, last year, in collaboration with the Retort, sponsored a dance which was a great success both financially and socially. According to Natalie Frost, president of the club, in all probability another dance will be held this year in cooperation with the same club. Miss Frost stated: "The Celerity expects a very successful year assisted by Miss Pelton, who is acting as advisor in place of Miss Sammis, who is doing graduate work at Columbia."

## Distance Swim At Bayville Captured By Mavis Freeman

**Port Washington Graduate  
Takes 400 Yard Race  
For Junior A. A. U.**

Miss Mavis Freeman, of Port Washington last Sunday, won the 400 yard long-distance swimming race for the senior championship of the A. A. U. in the very fast time of 1:04:24. The swimming meet was held at Bayville, Long Island, and was sponsored by the Bayville A. C.

A member of the 1936 Olympic Swimming Team, she swam a steady race, leading from the start and finishing 300 yards ahead of her closest competitor. Miss Freeman, last year a runner-up, took the lead in the final fifty yards and was never headed.

Miss Freeman was graduated from the Port Washington Senior High School with the class of '36. Although she has been a member of the Women's Swimming Association for several years, and spent considerable time in the organization, she found time for extra-curricular activities. She was considerably interested in dramatics, taking roles in "The Dragon" and "The Romantic Age" and she was an active member of the Red Domino, the dramatics club of the school. She also belonged to the Circle and to the Celerity and worked on both the "Port Weekly" and the "Port Light" staffs.

Last summer she traveled to the Olympiad at Berlin, as one of the American 400-meter Relay Team which served adequately enough but which failed to finish at the top of its division due to excessive competition.

## Band Gives Concert At Mineola Fair

**Large Crowd Receives Selections  
With Much Enthusiasm**

**By Malcolm Lowry**

Last Monday, for the third consecutive year, the Port Washington High School Band received a blue ribbon for its fine playing at the Mineola Fair. The band gave two, one hour concerts in the band stand on the Fair grounds and was then presented with the blue ribbon as an award of merit.

The musicians left immediately after lunch hour in two school buses. Shortly after their arrival in Mineola, they started playing. Soon a large crowd gathered which was very enthusiastic in its applause. After playing for an hour they were dismissed until four o'clock.

### Second Concert Well Given

When the band members returned from their period of relaxation they were a different looking lot. Many were piled with prizes they had won. All were suffering with various stages of indigestion. Despite all this however, their concert from 4:00 to 5:00 P. M. was as well given and as well received as the previous one.

Since the buses did not leave until five-thirty, there was again sometime off which to all appearances was spent even more hilariously than during the first respite. Thus it was a tired but happy lot that pulled in at the high school about six o'clock.



Mavis Freeman

## Coming Events

Friday, September 25—Assembly at 2:32. Jean Smith in charge.

Girls' Hockey, Huntington vs. Port at Huntington, Pantomime Class in Room 110 at 3 o'clock.

Tuesday, September 29—Girls' Hockey, Oyster Bay vs. Port Washington at Port.

Thursday, October 1—Port Weekly meeting at 12:45 in Room 111.

Friday, October 2—Assembly at 2:32. James Rinehart in charge.

Saturday, October 3—Football, Port Varsity vs. Alumni at Port.

Friday, October 16—Interclass Play Contest at the Port Washington High School auditorium at 8:30.

## Exhibit Of Photos Will Begin Monday

**Photographs of German Planes  
Will Be Shown In Library**

A photographic exhibit, to be held in the school library this week beginning Monday, was announced by Miss Jeanne Pelton, Librarian, last Tuesday.

The exhibit will be composed chiefly of photographs submitted by Mr. Hilfiker and William Zwerlein. The photographs in the exhibit are mostly pictures taken by these people and enlarged for display. The subject under discussion and displayed is of the German seaplane "Zephir" and the sister plane "Aeolus", which arrived at Port Washington last week and awaited the arrival of the mother boat the "Schwabenland".

An added feature of the display is the showing of odd cameras and plates and camera accessories.

## Honorary Art Club Elects Officers For Coming Year

On Monday afternoon the Honorary Art Club had its first meeting of the year. Elections were held for officers and new members nominated for the coming year.

Willy Knudsen was elected President, and Susan Whyte was made Secretary-treasurer.

The new president then took over the meeting and the candidates for membership in the club were discussed. The following art students were nominated for membership; James Fulleylove, Louis Fasano, Eddie Gunther, Peggy Mordt, and Martha Munnhall. As yet the date has not been set for initiations.

## One Act Play Contest Oct. 16

**Sophomores, Juniors And  
Seniors To Direct**

**TROPHY TO BE AWARDED**

**Junior Class Will Give "Braid  
And Brass Buttons"**

At a meeting of the Red Domino last Friday, three different plays were chosen by Miss Hawthorne, dramatics director, to be presented at the Interclass Play Contest, October 16.

The play contest is an annual affair now entering its third consecutive year in this school. It will be interesting to note that the Class of 1937 has won the contest for two consecutive years. This means that if they win the contest this Fall, they will have earned the much coveted silver loving cup which goes to the class winning the affair three times in a row.

### Sophs Give 'Turtle Dove'

"The Turtle Dove", the play to be given by the Sophomores, was written by Margaret Scott Oliver. It is acted in the Chinese manner without stage setting. The entire play, including characters, is explained by a chorus on the stage during the performance. There are parts for over ten people.

The Juniors will present Bonnie R. Hawthorne's "Braid and Brass Buttons", a play depicting the utter contempt high school boys have for those boys in uniform who are academy or college students. You can imagine the chagrin of the home team fellows when one of the boys in braid and brass buttons steals their girls away. The comedy is packed full of laughs as well as moments of seriousness.

### Critic Praises Junior Play

It might be well to mention at this point that "Braid and Brass Buttons" obtained a favorable criticism by John Mason Brown of the New York Post this Summer at the Writers' Conference.

Last but not least, "Town Hall Tonight" by Howard Reed, has been chosen for the Seniors to produce. This is a hilarious comedy having its setting in the town hall of a mid-western village. A theatrical producer and his cast are stranded in the town, and try to give their play to the town folks. The plans and antics of the country hicks show a sharp contrast to the polished and blunt character of the city slickers when these different types try to rehearse together. Each of the six characters in the play are hard to do and require good talent. The Seniors will have the hardest play and therefore it will be more difficult for them to continue their winning streak in the Interclass Play Contest.

### Red Domino Plans Campaign

Two members of the Red Domino were selected to direct and produce each. The Sophomore play will be directed by Mary Kellogg, assisted by Leonard Romagna. The Junior play by Marjorie Wheeler and Andrew Johnson, and the Senior play by Antoinette Keaney and Ernie Dahl.

The Red Domino plans an extensive advertising campaign to boost the Interclass Play Contest. Since the contest is a comparatively new idea, it has not yet gained the full attention of the school and the community. However, with advertising and a good program, the dramatics club expects to present its contest on the night of October 16th to a packed house.





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Unfair Prejudice

IN ANY organization there are always a few narrow-minded people who are continually criticizing someone.

In our United States we have those people who criticize the president and other figures in the public eye. In our own school we have those pupils who are incessantly finding fault with their teachers. These pupils delight in "panning" their teachers to their fellow students. This often gives a new pupil an unfair opinion and prejudices him against that teacher. Often the only reason the "panner" has for criticizing is that he received a lower mark on a recent test than he thought he rated or received a scolding from the teacher in question.

It is for these and similar trivial reasons that he paints his teacher as black as he can in a sharp overflow of scathing words. This is not fair to the teacher concerned and tends to raise a barrier between teacher and student. Many pupils develop an intense dislike for a subject because they have an ungrounded feeling of resentment against the teacher of that subject inspired by their friend's unfair attitude and biased story.

Such a situation tends to lower the school standards. Therefore, if the description of the "panner" fits your behavior in the past, do not harbor a resentful feeling; but in the future, remember no matter how exceptional a teacher is he can't possibly please all of the pupils all of the time.

Sickness And State Aid

THE sensitive, ambitious youngster, who looks upon his school work as a serious job, at the onset of an illness often refuses to remain at home. When he becomes sick his first thoughts are of his teacher's rollbook and the punishment or disgrace which awaits him on his return. The pressure for attendance brings him to school, which not only aggravates his own condition but may spread infection in the classroom. The symptoms of a common cold are often indistinguishable from the early manifestations of two contagious diseases: measles and whooping cough. Perhaps epidemics would be less frequent and the average attendance greater if the importance of the 100-percent goal were less stressed.

An underlying contributory factor in stimulating the drive for high attendance in some cases is the system of state financial aid. In the state of New York under this plan the amount of money granted by the state to its various cities for educational purposes depends upon the number of children in actual attendance. For every day that a child is absent in the elementary schools, the state deducts 29 cents. For high schools the deduction is 46 cents.

State aid should preferably be granted on the basis of the number of teachers and supervisory staff in the educational system. Such a plan has been employed in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. "An Attendance Problem" by William Rosenson in the New York Times.



What is your favorite book in our library? During the past week we have made a few inquiries and have had wonderful results. Posted on the bulletin boards in the library you will see the favorites of "Tommy" Williams and "Andy" Johnson. Week after next we will have another list posted.

One of the highlights for this week was "The Spartan" by Caroline Dale Snedeker. When two boys recommended the same book it must be good. Why don't you find out for yourself?

Mary Brennan praised another book by the same author, namely, "The Forgotten Daughter," which is on the list of books for Latin reading. It is the story of a girl whose father was a Roman Patrician and whose mother was a Greek girl taken prisoner in a military raid. Chloe spent the early years of her life as a slave. When she met Aulus Gracchus, an exile, her life began to brighten, and finally she was restored to her father's home. It really is worth your while to read it.

Paul de Kruif is always a winner. He wrote "Microbe Hunters" and "Hunger Fighters." This time his book differs from the two just mentioned. Rather than presenting scientific discoveries, "Why Keep them Alive" presents an emotional picture of the economic system that allows children to starve in the midst of plenty and nullifies the achievements of science that might keep them free from disease. This book will be found on the shelf marked 649.1.

Port Profile

Introducing Mr. Predmore, New Spanish Teacher, Recent Visitor From Spain

Mr. Predmore, a new member of the faculty in our noble institution, was born in the greatest city in the world, our own little old New York. He did not, however, spend much of his life in the great Metropolis. At an early age he moved to Fords, N. J., where he attended the local schools.

Our Spanish teacher received his B. A. at Rutgers University, and did graduate work there for his M. A. He is now working for his Doctor's degree at Middlebury College.

Last year Mr. Predmore travelled in Spain, North Africa, and France. He spent Christmas on the Island of Majorca, one of the Balearic Islands. "It didn't seem at all like Christmas as we know it," he said. Although he was in Spain at the beginning of the revolution, he did not see any active fighting, but he did see ruins of places where skirmishes had recently taken place.

Hunting and fishing are two of Mr. Predmore's hobbies. He also likes to dance very much. Besides Spanish he speaks French and Italian.

"I like Port Washington and I think you have a fine high school," he stated. Everyone will be glad to hear this and we all hope that he continues to like us and that he will stay here for a long time.

Investigation Brings To Light Rackets Operating In School

By Walt Rundle

It was recently called to our attention that the various syndicates around school are doing a thriving business. We, having thought the matter over carefully, decided to look into the manly groups of suckerseekers to see if we couldn't do a little racketeering of our own on the side.

With this thought in mind, we investigated. What an investigation! New York may have its numbers game run by Al Scarponi; Chicago has (or had) Baby Face Nelson controlling the baseball racket; Cincinnati had its Machine

Gun Kelly watching the race track game; St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, and points West had the late John Dillinger who controlled anything he could get his hands on; but We, We of Port Washington, have Lang and Donald.

Besides these two, we have, in the lower brackets, and an entirely different line, the Bangs-Voeglin-Dates, Ltd.. The B-V-D's guarantee to get, procure, and even, in some extreme cases, kidnap a "satisfactory" date for the paltry sum of twenty-five cents. A mere quarter! Are you girls going to stand for such mistreatment? Isn't it worth more than a quarter to your beau to take you out?

Question of Dates

There next arises the question of whether or not a date is "satisfactory." In the first place, who is the one to decide. There are, as may readily be seen, many varying ideas on the subject. For instance, would Gene Seraphine consider a girl of Julian Fulleylove's choosing, "satisfactory"? Or vice-versa or something? Being interested in just what the average student considers a "satisfactory" date, we interviewed several of the B.V.D's, prospects, namely, Billy Buschman, Tommy Elliston, Charlie Lincoln, etc., etc! In most cases the answers were similar.

"She must be attractive, a good dancer, wealthy, and (censored) ."

But to get back to the betting syndicates. Lang and Donald will take money on any wager you chose to make. The only catch is they pick the teams on which you can bet. What a system! And they claim they don't make any money. We can't quite get their point of view on this matter of finances. How any one could, for instance, pick the Giants to beat the Dodgers and still lose money is beyond us.

Williams Is Newcomer

A new-comer to the ranks will be Tommy Williams. Tom recently perfected a scientific (?) system of picking football winners. The difference in his and the baseball racket is that in this you bet on the teams you think will win rather than the teams he thinks will lose. Mr. Williams is at present trying to find suckers who think they can pick champion football aggregations.

So watch your bets. You're bound to lose out in the long run. These fellows aren't in business for their health, it's a racket.

boys at the Port Club Saturday.

We think that Bangs should start a Lovelorn Bureau and use it himself. It seems that he and Alvor Frankel don't agree on things any more.

We think that you students should know about the pranks of your fellow students so we will mention the fact that Teddy Gregory was seen at the Mineola Fair cavorting in an Indian outfit.

After a very extensive analysis the following people have decided what they like most about themselves.

Andrew Johnson: "My open mindedness"

Bob Kunz: "Marjorie Wheeler"

Robert Mac Callum: "I like my pants and shirt most about me".



THE QUESTION

Do you think we should salute the flag and sing America in Assembly? -

**ERNEST DAHL** - "A Senior, said: I think we should because in the lower grades we did and I do not feel that we have grown so much that we can not continue this."

**BETTY ALLEN**, - A Senior, stated: "I also believe we should, for it is a thing that everyone should know and if they do not use it constantly it will soon be forgotten."

**V. UTZ**, - A senior, responded: "I think that it's a thing every American school should do. It arouses one's sense of patriotism which is necessary for all students in the United States."

**HAROLD VOEGELIN**, - A Senior offered: "I think it's a good idea because half of the pupils don't know how. Doing this every week would make the pupils feel more patriotic and would be a good start for any program."



An anonymous contributor left the information that some Roslyn youths have been spending time at the Reid Avenue Smiths.

This brings up the point of contributions to the column. A good "Salad" has many ingredients in the form of contributions, and, unless they are forthcoming, the "Salad" loses its flavor. There is a box on the door of The Port Weekly room for just that purpose. If you have any contributions or information of general interest, please leave them in care of the "Salad" in the aforementioned box.

The Port Club put on another one of its bi-weekly "binges" and the result of the Bangs-Voeglin Dating Bureau was very much in evidence. As an example, Harrie Mordt, local P. G., attended in the company of Reaver Shelton, supported by both Mehans, Bobby Clark, and Bob Woelfl. Bangs had no date at the "strut", but he claims it was not the fault of the Bureau, but Voeglin, who fiddled with the files.

Zoe An del just had to get her name in the "Salad" so she thumbed herself a ride on a refuse truck after the Port Club affair. We believe that if Miss An del looks in the records of the local disposal commission, she will also find her name there.

It appears that Bill Buschmann puts work before pleasure. "Busch" was working at The Beacon Theatre while Harrie was "stepping it up" with the