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Jr. Class Wins 1 Act Play Contest

Helen Brock Made "Port Light" Editor; Other "Light" Editors Appointed Also W. Kunz And M. De Leo Are Associates

Photo Contract Awarded To The Guillo Studios After Senior Vote

S. SCHERER IS ADVISER

Department Heads Named Regardless Of Class Under New System

With the appointment of department heads for the annual "Port Light" of 1937-1938, work on the book began in earnest this last week. As yet the various members for each department are not definite. At a meeting of the Senior class, Monday afternoon, Guillo Studios were chosen photographers for the book although more than eight photographers had submitted their bids for the contract. Helen Brock, the editor of this year's "Port Light" presided at the meeting.

Assistants Are Chosen

Assistant editors for the year will be Michael De Leo and Warren Kunz. Mr. S. Scherer, adviser, has varied the practice of other years by choosing assistant editors with no regard to their year in high school. It was a practice of other years to take one junior and one sophomore as assistants.

This year Warren Kunz will have charge of getting advertising for the book and taking charge of the publicity. For business manager, Mr. Scherer has appointed John Wilkie. Photography will be managed by Bruce Cocks. Lenny Romagna, who was on the art staff of last year's school book, will be head of the art department this year. Betty Lindemuth will be in charge of quotations. Berna Deane Purgett will take charge of the listing of Seniors' activities. Feature stories will be under the supervision of Lucretia Bacmeister, and Trudy Yetter and Florence Whyte will take care of typing and secretarial work respectively.

Announcements of members for the various departments will be made next week.

Circle Meets And Elects New Officers

27 Members Will Receive Certificates In Assembly

Officers were elected by the Circle at a meeting held Monday in Miss Farlinger's office. From the eight remaining members of the honor society, John Wilkie was chosen president. Berna Dean Purgett was chosen secretary and Helen Brock was voted treasurer. Plans were then discussed for admitting new members.

A membership committee of the organization under the supervision of Mr. Merrill, the faculty adviser, has investigated the records of all high school pupils appearing eligible for the Circle and has found twenty-seven students who will be admitted. These students have become qualified by earning one hundred points on the basis of scholarship and outside activities.

The new members of the Circle, who are with but a few exceptions, Seniors, will receive their certificates of membership in assembly this afternoon.

The present members of the Circle are: Helen Brock, Berna Purgett, Pauline Perley, Leonard Romagna, Warren Thomas, Alex Wilkie, John Wilkie and Virginia Witmer.

Music Department Will Present Concert

National Contest Rules Are Modified

The first concert to be presented by the High School music organizations will take place on Sunday afternoon, November 21. The High School Orchestra and the High School Band will both appear at the concert and a few other special instrumental numbers will also be included in the program.

Only One Concert

A departure is being made this year from the custom of the last two years. In these years a series of free Sunday afternoon concerts have been given throughout the fall and winter. This year there will be only the one big concert on November 21. It is hoped that through this plan a larger audience will be attracted to this concert than has heretofore attended other concerts.

The November concert will be free to the general public and will be held in the Senior high school auditorium. It will be of special interest because it will be the first big appearance of the orchestra since it received highest honors at the National High School Orchestra Contest held in Columbus, Ohio, last year.

Contest Rules Changed

The procedure and rules of national contests for both bands and orchestras have been vastly changed for this year. In past years the groups from all over the United States have come to one central city. The new plan has divided the United States into twelve sections. All groups in each section will go to a centrally located city in its own section to be judged. There will be no final national contest but each section will be judged by the same standards as the others. This is the system of giving each organization a rating of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. A rating of one is the highest possible rating. The section in which Port Washington can participate includes the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and all the New England States. Both Port Washington's band and orchestra are eligible for this contest because both of these groups received a rating of one in the last national contest. Mr. Van Bodegraven, music director, states, however, that no definite plans have been made as to whether the band or orchestra will enter either the national or state contest.

Book Club Meets To Elect Members

The first meeting of the Book Club was held on Monday, October 4, to elect new members.

The club, with Miss Pelton as its adviser, has selected eighteen new members from the list of those recommended by the English teachers. All of the names submitted were not chosen because the club has been limited to twenty-five members. Hereafter, only seniors and those in the last half of their junior year will be admitted.

The newly elected members are S. Keshishian, P. Evans, B. Farrelly, H. McAlphine, J. Eato, L. Teta, E. Thompson, P. Varley, E. Monfort, J. Lee, D. Andre, M. Kellogg, R. Buschmann, H. Lowry, M. DeLeo, B. Blum, H. Poper, and A. Palmer. The Book Club is now planning an assembly program which will be given during Book Week.

Meetings will be held on the first and third Monday of the month, and the club looks forward to a successful and interesting year.

Coming Attractions

Friday, Oct. 15—The sixth period will be omitted for Assembly. The General Motors Company will present a sound film about safety. The awards for The Port Weekly subscription campaign will be made, and the new members of the Circle will be chosen.

Saturday, Oct. 16—Football game. Southampton vs. Port at Southampton.

Saturday, Oct. 23—Football game. Stonybrook vs. Port at Stonybrook.

Friday, Oct. 29—The Senior Ball will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, Nov. 2—Football game Great Neck vs. Port at Seaber Field.

Wednesday, Nov. 3—The Junior Class Skating Party will be held at the Mineola Roller Skating Rink.

Convention Is Held By L. I. Teachers

Bishop Bromley Oxnam Is Principal Speaker

The Long Island Zone of the New York Teachers' Association held its annual convention on Friday, October 3, in Hempstead.

In the morning session of the convention, the Nassau teachers met at the Rivoli Theater for a general assembly. The principal speaker at this session was Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Omaha, Nebraska, whose talk concerned "Culture and the Preservation of Democracy." The addresses of Bishop Oxnam were received so well last year at other zone meetings that state-wide interest in having him speak was aroused. He is particularly well qualified for public discussions as he has had direct contact with such history making centers as Great Britain, Russia, Spain, Italy, Germany, Japan and China. John W. Dodd, superintendent of the schools at Freeport, also talked on "Long Island and the National Education Association."

During the afternoon various sectional meetings were conducted and were attended by the teachers interested in the particular topic being discussed. Several members of the Port Washington Faculty had important roles in the affair. Miss Thelma Patterson was chairman of the Home Economics section and Mr. Paul Van Bodegraven took part in a panel discussion in the Fine Arts and Music section. Because of the death of her father, Miss Esther E. Farlinger unfortunately was not able to preside at the Child Adjustment and Guidance section.

History Club Organizes At First Formal Meeting

On Wednesday, October 6, 1937, the newly formed History Club, Clio, met formally in room 110 for the first time. The meeting was opened by the president and the roll was called. Warren Kunz, the president, announced that the meetings would be conducted under Parliamentary Law; and, in order that all might understand and participate in discussion, he explained the essentials of it.

Various pieces of business were brought up and acted upon, including dues which were set at five cents per person for each regular meeting, and the meeting place and time. It was decided that meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in room 110. Mr. Scherer gave an interesting talk on good material to read in connection with club activities. Refreshments were served while Peggy Mordt read excerpts from "Roosevelt for King."

Juniors Are Awarded Silver Cup For Presenting Best One Act Play In Annual Interclass Competition

"The Obstinate Family," Directed By Peggy Varley; Judged Best In Voice, Diction, Direction; Contest Is Financial Success

In the competition for the silver cup that is awarded to the class presenting the best performed one-act play out of three, the Junior Class came out victorious last Thursday night before an enthusiastic crowd of 600 people in the fifth Annual Inter-Class Play Contest. The Juniors captured all the prizes except one, which went to the Senior Class.

"The Obstinate Family,"

directed by Peggy Varley, was judged the best performance in voice, diction, and direction. Miss Dorothy Sammis, the judge, felt that each character was excellently portrayed, and the action was well carried out throughout the entire play. At all times the cast could be heard, each word was well spoken and every movement well executed. In this play, Gloria Copp, the maid, Lucy, and Robert Brock, the butler, James, were given 45 out of a possible 50 points for voice and diction; and Helen McAlpine as Mrs. Lowell was awarded 34 out of a possible 35 points for characterization. The rest of the cast included: Warren Kunz as Mr. Lowell; Fredda Turrill as Mrs. Harwood; and Elsworth Erb as Mr. Harwood.

Seniors' Characters Best

The Senior Play, "Sweethearts," was very well presented and directed. The cast as a whole gave the best characterizations of the group according to the judge's report. Jane Cole, as Jenny Northcott, gave a very creditable performance in which she gained 45 out of 50 points for voice and diction, and 34 out of 35 points for characterization. The other members of the cast were: Robert MacCallum as Henry Spreadbrow; Fred Porcelli as Wilcox; and Lucy Bulard as Ruth, the maid. Mary Kellogg directed this play.

Sophs Present Comedy

A light comedy, entitled "His First Shave," was given by the Sophomores. In this play Bobby Brett, who was Derek Morton, shaved off 32 points out of 35 for characterization. Ann Page, portraying Mrs. Norton, was awarded 42 out of the possible 50 points in her first performance on the high school stage. The others on the bill for this play were: Bill Griffes as "Father" Morton; Mary Church as Clara Morton; and Helen Allington as Janet, the shaving cream in Bobby Brett's eye.

Financially, this play contest was most successful. The Sophomore grade sold 200 tickets; the Junior grade sold 96; the Senior grade, 77; and the Red Domino, honorary dramatics society, realized \$38.00 at the door the night of the performance. Each class received the money from the tickets sold by their own representatives. The amounts were—\$50., Sophomores; \$24., Juniors; and \$19.25, Seniors.

La Societe Honoraire Holds First Meeting

On Thursday, October 7, at four o'clock the first meeting of La Societe Honoraire was held in East Rockaway to reorganize the French Society for this year.

It is a rule that all the officers must be elected from the school where the first meeting of the year is held. The society meets on the third Wednesday of every month and a different town is chosen according to its alphabetical order. This puts Port Washington very near the last of meeting places; however, last year Lynbrook gave its chance to Port.

These gatherings are attended by all members of the French honorary societies of Nassau County. The next meeting will be held at Baldwin.

The Port Washington Senior High School French society has not yet been organized this year. Helen Brock was its president last year.

Bert Schauer Wins Subscription Contest

Eugene Calvelli, Second; Rooms Win Honors

The termination of "The Port Weekly" subscription contest saw Bert Schauer, an incoming Sophomore in school, the winner. He obtained thirty-seven subscriptions, largely in Room 207. Bert is to be awarded a silver cup for his efforts. Eugene Calvelli, another new Sophomore, was runner-up with thirty-four subscriptions.

The contest was inaugurated this year in order to boost the sales of the Port Weekly. The representative who obtained the greatest number of subscriptions is to get a silver cup, and each homeroom having twenty or more subscribers is presented with a certificate of honor. The contest was successful and promoted keen competition among the participants.

Business Men Cooperate

With the cooperation of the students and the faculty in Senior and Junior High and the Flower Hill Grade Schools, and the business men of Port Washington, this contest could not have been successful. As an added attraction, the students were generously allowed four weeks to pay for their subscriptions, and the business men of the town were given a bonus advertisement for a year's subscription. The girls in the salesmanship class acted as "Port Weekly" representatives in selling the townspeople the school's newspaper.

Schauer Way Ahead

Bert Schauer won the contest with approximately ten more subscriptions than any of the other contestants except Eugene Calvelli. Naturally, both of their homerooms, Room 207 and 201 respectively, will receive the homeroom certificates. The other homerooms and their representatives which rate certificates given for twenty or more subscriptions are Room 202, Mildred Lang; Room 203, Everett Hehn; Room 204, Frank Parker; Room 206, Rembert Brimm; Room 208, Mary Muro; Room 209, Helen Carey; Room 211, Peggy Stephenson; Room 101, Jack Young; Room 102, June Allington; Room 103, Warren Kunz; Room 105, Peggy Varley; Room 107, Jane Cole; and Room 109, Betty Lindemuth.

As a result of the competition, the representatives netted approximately nine-hundred subscriptions ending the most successful campaign in "Port Weekly" history.

The success of this campaign will be largely attributed to Mr. E. Levy, whose original idea heightened interest by introducing the competitive spirit into the drive.

Juniors Give Tea Dance

A tea dance, which was sponsored by the Junior class, was held yesterday afternoon, October 14, in the cafeteria. The Seniors and Sophomores were required to pay fifteen cents for admittance. The music was supplied by a swing band of well known players.