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M. Lowry Is Chosen Valedictorian

Upton Close Talks At Forum Tuesday On Empire Illusion

Is Famous Commentator On European, Asiatic Empire Strife

"Only as opportunities for empires cease on this planet, shall possibilities of peace increase." So believes Upton Close, movie-tone and radio commentator, reporter extraordinary, and student of international politics, who will speak at the Port Washington Teacher's Association Forum next Tuesday, March 22nd, on "the Illusion of Empire."

Close friend of Lowell Thomas, for whom he has substituted on many occasions, Mr. Close is credited with "The most graphic description of the titanic struggle now going on in Germany, Italy, and Japan against the older possessors of European and Asiatic empires."

Brilliant Speaker

His story of international hijackers and racketeers with empires at stake is said to have held audiences throughout the country spellbound. A newspaperman of long experience, Mr. Close has been called "one of the platform's best speakers."

Mr. Close's real name is Josef Washington Hall. His father was a New Englander who pioneered in California in '51; his mother was a French lady reared at the court of Sweden. He was born on an Indian reservation in the State of Washington, finished his college training in Washington, D. C. and at the outbreak of the World War, went to China where he was engaged in the Intelligence Service. A code identity phrase "Up Close" evolved into his well-known pen name, "Upton Close."

The two greatest historical developments of the past year, the growth of the Japanese Empire and the progressive confusion and weakening of the British Empire, have been the most complete vindication of the writing of this man who will lecture in Port Washington next week. He predicted them over four years ago.

Future Uncertain

With European countries at each other's throats, with Asia aflame, and torn with strife, with America and Japan ready to spar for Pacific supremacy, the future holds the following burning questions, according to Mr. Close:

"Is Britain too civilized now to fight for empire?" "When will Germany decide to take the Ukraine?" "What's going to happen in fantastic China?" "Can Russia defend herself against Japan?" "Shall the United States fortify the Aleutian Islands?" "Should we make a new treaty with Japan?" "What of the Puget Sound fishing ground?" "How much shall we spend for a navy?"

Mrs. Harrison C. Thomas, a member of the Board of Education in Port Washington will be the chairman for the meeting of March 22.

GUIDANCE NOTES

Lieutenant J. S. Merriman, Jr., will speak to students interested in the United States Coast Guard, on Thursday, March 24. Sound motion pictures of the Coast Guard and its academy should make this invaluable to boys who plan to enter related types of training, such as the United States Naval Academy, Merchant Marines, or the United States Navy. If there are any boys who are interested that have not signed up for this, they may do so at the office now.

Representatives of five well known business schools, Pace, Packard, Scudder, Pratt, and Katherine Gibbs, will be Port guests on Tuesday, March 31, at 3:30 p. m. Seniors, who wish to meet any of these representatives and have not signed up, may still do so by seeing either Miss E. Farlinger or Mr. E. Dodds.

Speaks Here Tuesday



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'Road To Yesterday' Features Sword Play

Principles of Cast Learn Art of Dueling

Beginning Monday, March 21, the final dress rehearsals for "The Road To Yesterday" will start and continue for the entire week. The costumes and stage settings will be in completed form. On Friday, March 12, the male members of the cast went to a New York costume and were fitted for wigs and Elizabethian boots and shoes.

The play is written in four acts, the first and third of which take place in 1938, and the other acts take place in 1638. The plot of the entire play is based upon the theory of reincarnation of the soul and its relation to modern life. Miss Hawthorne states that "the play is more exciting than 'Captain Blood' and more romantic than 'Romeo and Juliet'." The Elizabethian scenery and dramatic actions are very vivid and red-blooded.

Bill Buschmann, Bob Brett, and Marvin Markey have been learning the arts of dueling and swordplay from Mr. A. Junker, as much of the play contains fighting scenes and action. Duels and romance have an appropriate play in the extraordinary and exciting play, which will be given on March 25, at 8:30. The orchestra will be composed of the string players of the high school music organization.

A. Pryor To Appear As Guest Conductor

Concert Considered An All-around Success

At the Orchestra and Choral Concert last Friday evening, March 11, the announcement was made that Arthur Pryor has consented to appear as guest conductor at the forthcoming concert of the high school band. Mr. Pryor, of the famous Arthur Pryor's Band, will therefore appear before a Port Washington audience on Friday, April 8, the date set for the concert. Arthur Pryor's band has a wide reputation of excellence, frequently broadcasting on nationwide radio hookups; and its conductor ranks supreme among American bandmasters. Mr. Pryor also was a former trombone soloist with Sousa's Band, and the number of solos he played here and abroad runs into the thousands.

With Mr. Pryor as guest conductor, the April 8 Band Concert will be an occasion that will compare with, if not surpass, the tremendously popular concert in 1934 when Edwin Franko Goldman was guest conductor of the band.

Last Friday evening the concert by the choral groups was a decided musical success, and about \$300 was realized as a financial return. Favorable comments were received from the many outstanding musicians and directors from Long Island and New York who attended.

The concert was opened by the A. Capella Choir, which proved to be a major attraction of the evening in its blue and white robes. After being followed by the Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs, the Choir again sang a group of songs to close the first half of the program. Miss Virginia Witmer also sang two solos, and in one was accompanied on the harp by Ruth Blanchard.

The High School Orchestra presented the last part of the concert, opening it with Haydn's Second Symphony. This was followed by a fine rendition of Mozart's Horn Concerto by Michael DeLeo who received a storm of applause for his valiant work. After playing Strauss' "Blue Danube Waltz" the orchestra closed the long to be remembered concert with a suite by Coleridge Taylor.

Fenno's Orchestra Chosen

Warren Thomas, chairman of the orchestra committee for the Retort-Celebrity Dance, has announced that Bill Fenno and his orchestra have been engaged for the affair. This group enjoys a splendid reputation about Long Island. The dance will be held April 9, in the High School Cafeteria from 8:30-12:00.

Coming Attractions

Friday, March 18—Reguar Assembly at 11:25.

Monday, March 21—Girl's basketball game. Alumnae vs. Varsity.

Tuesday, March 22—Meeting of Second Forum Series. Mr. Upton Close will speak on the subject: "The Illusion of Empire."

Thursday, March 24 — Girls' basketball games. Faculty v. Varsity and Junior High vs. Second Team.

Friday, March 25—Spring Play, "The Road To Yesterday."

Clio Meeting Hears Miss M. Reed

Club Admits Ten Regular New Members

Miss M. Reed spoke to the members of Clio on the subject of cooperatives at a meeting held in the cafeteria last night. Warren Kunz, president of the club, introduced the speaker of the evening. After the regular program, refreshments were served and the members played games.

Several new members have been admitted to the club. They are Ruth Allen, Doris Fenton, Virginia Witmer, Charles Griffes, Sally Baird, Violette Levy, Kenneth Moore, Julia Zebrowski Ellsworth Erb, and Nancy Gunther. Howard Stephenson and Marion King have been accepted as associate members.

Clio has scheduled a debate with Malverne High School on the topic resolved: "That the Several States should Accept a Unicameral System of Legislature." Members of the organization chosen to partake in this event are Lucretia Bacmeister, Fred Lacher, Malcolm Lowry and Nancy White. The debate will be held here on Wednesday, April 6.

Today's Assembly Given By Miss Bortz's Classes

The assembly program today will be given by the pupils from Miss Bortz' history classes. It will be presented as a radio program with James Fulleylove managing the radio set-up. The program will be as follows:

1. "Believe it or not" sketch.
2. Strange customs of mankind.
3. Dramatic sketch.
4. Ancient music.

The sketches were written by members of the history classes under the direction of Miss Leona Bortz.

Alex Wilkie, 'Port Weekly' Editor, Executive At World's Fair Mar. 10



ALEX WILKIE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF 1939 WORLD'S FAIR

In connection with the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Conference held in New York City, about forty representatives from various states managed the World's Fair on Thursday, March 10. Alex Wilkie, editor-in-chief of the Port Weekly, was selected to assume the duties of administrative assistant Donovan, whom he replaced.

Meeting the other delegates in the Pennsylvania Station, Alex journeyed back to the World's Fair Grounds in Flushing. There he was introduced to Mr. Donovan, who explained his duties as administrative assistant. Photographers from some of the metropolitan papers continually took pictures of the delegates, both individually and in groups, as they executed their duties.

Next to the position of president, Grover Whalen's present job, is that of the two administrative assistants. The delegates are elected for these positions by the C. S. P. A. Representatives from all over the United States were present.

Salutatorian Will Be Lucretia Bacmeister, Rated Second Place

Nancy White, Alex Wilkie Were Close Seconds

144 GRADUATE IN JUNE

Upper Quartile Includes 36 Students of Class

Out of one hundred forty-four students in the graduating class, Malcolm Lowry and Lucretia Bacmeister have earned the Valedictorianship and Salutatorianship, respectively. According to Mr. Merrill's calculations, Malcom Lowry's rating is 1.71 and Lucretia Bacmeister's is 1.78.

The Lowry family is once more in the spotlight. Back in 1934 those famous sisters, Ruth and Nancy Lowry, took both the Valedictory and the Salutatory honors, respectively. This year, Malcolm has won the honor of being Valedictorian of his class, which makes him the third Lowry to achieve this goal. Malcolm is a member and officer of the Band and Orchestra, music editor of the "Port Weekly" and is also a member of the Circle, the Retort, the French Club, the Book Club, and Clio.

The Salutatorian, Lucretia Bacmeister, has also been very prominent in this school. The organizations to which she has belonged include the orchestra, Pantomime, the "Port Weekly," the "Port Light," Mixed Chorus, the string quartet, the Honorary French Club, the Celerity, Circle, and Clio.

The following students, who make up the top quarter of the class, were rated according to their school marks of the entire high school course. Regents marks are not included in this list.

1. Malcolm Lowry	1.71
2. Lucretia Bacmeister	1.78
3. Nancy White	1.80
4. Alexander Wilkie	1.81
5. Sally Baird	1.92
6. Julia Zebrowski	1.93
7. Florence Whyte	1.95
8. Lucy Bullard	1.96
9a. Pauline Perley	1.98
9b. John Wilkie	1.98
11. Mike DeLeo	2.02
12. John Hutchings	2.04
13. Berna Deane Purgett	2.15
14. Mary Kellogg	2.07
15. Fred Porcelli	2.11
16. Joan Lee	2.14
17. Fred Lacher	2.17
18a. Ruth Morris	2.18
18b. Virginia Witmer	2.18
20. Ruth Allen	2.19
21. Helen Brock	2.22
22. Shirley Warren	2.24
23. Anna Scrofani	2.27
24a. William Bischof	2.33
24a. Dorothy Milstead	2.33
24c. Robert Rankin	2.33
27a. Eileen Kidney	2.35
27b. Martha Munhall	2.35
29. Gladys Swede	2.40
30. Robert MacCallum	2.45
31a. Audrey Jones	2.46
31b. Joseph Rogier	2.46
33a. James Lillis	2.50
33b. Leonard Romagna	2.50
35. Byrd Wise	2.57
36. Marion Strockbine	2.59

To translate the letters now used for marking students into figures that will give a basis for calculation, each H has been given a value of 1, each S+ a value of 2, each S a value of 3, each S- a value of 4, and U is considered as 5 units. Semester marks earned for "Subject Matter Mastery," and those earned for attitude were give equal value in the calculation. Regents marks were not taken into consideration. The results obtained were checked against a percentage rating.

Sophs Hold Skating Party

There will be a sophomore skating party held at the Mineola Skating Rink on Tuesday, March 22. Through the kindness of Mr. Van Horn, the rink will remain open until 6:00 o'clock for the skaters.