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## A Thought for the Future

Once more spring is here and summer is just around the corner. The first robin of the season has been seen building his nest; and along the garden walks, crocuses are pushing their colorful sturdy heads above the ground to claim their share of the glorious sunshine. Enthusiastic gardeners are feverishly studying seed catalogues and dreaming of rare varieties of blossoms to exhibit at neighborhood flower shows. Students are beginning to realize that the dreaded Regents are only a few, short months disease, spring fever.

But with the first week of spring opening a season of new pleasures and thrills, pause a moment and go over the events of the past year. Have you accomplished everything you set out to do? How about those New Year's Resolutions that you made—and broke?

The past cannot be changed, but give a thought to the future. Don't attempt to carry too many resolutions which will be difficult to keep, but develop your character and personality by sticking to a few simple rules that will be of great benefit in the future.

A new season is before you with all its unforeseen events, so enjoy it to the fullest extent and make the best of everything that comes your way.

## In Sincere Appreciation

The pupils of the journalism class wish to take this co-operation of four eminent journalists that so graciously opportunity to express their sincerest appreciation for the consented to speak to our future eminent journalists.

Mr. Phillip Swain began the series of talks three weeks ago. Since Mr. Swain is the editor of the "Power" magazine, his constructive talk centered around magazines and the duties of an editor. The following week we were honored by the presence of the former editor of "American Druggist", Mr. Howard Stephenson. This last week on Thursday, the embryonic journalists attentively listened to Mr. Forrest Corson and on Friday we again listened to the much needed advice of Mr. Reginald Cleveland, automobile editor for the New York "Herald Tribune."

Yesterday afternoon, the Superintendent, Paul D. Schrieber, talked to the class on a subject in which he is well qualified, because of his experience preceding his position as an educator.

From the talks that have been given and will be given, the students will be expected to derive much benefit and inspiration which can be used later on in the course and in editing "The Port Weekly."

We acknowledge the fact that these men have given much of their valuable time and effort in providing the concept of journalism that is much more accurate than if it were obtained by reading books.

## X-Changes

By MARY BUTTERWORTH

As a result of a successful financial season, the Athletic Association of Patchogue High School has purchased an electric score board for their home basketball games. The score is posted by pushing a button at the bench, and as each quarter is played, its score is lighted.

Patchogue High School

Today a contest, open only to students of Great Neck Senior High School, is inaugurated. The Lawrence Motor Sales Company, in collaboration with Guide Post Business Staff, has decided to present a 1931 Ford DeLuxe Roadster as a prize to the high school student who secures the greatest number of gasoline customers by June 10.

—"The Guide Post,"

## Book Shelf

Have you ever longed to be able to discuss world events and nonchalantly reel out interesting facts and argue as though you were an authority on those subjects? Perhaps you've envied the brilliant repartee just before a test between the class intellect, who, incidentally, hasn't studied his lesson for once, and a teacher on some current topic, while all you could do was to gasp at his stupendous knowledge.

All the sighing in the world, however, will not make your forehead bulge with a melange of information concerning the latest on Austria, Italy, or the United States as you probably realized and the thought of digging up the facts in books gives you "the creeps"; you have a mental picture of yourself plodding through huge ugly books filled with words that would baffle Webster written in the tiniest print possible so you naturally decide to skip the whole thing and remain as comfortably ignorant as you can. If you think you are a good example of the above-mentioned, here is a list of books and articles Miss Pelton has chosen for your benefit (One or two of these, however, are more advantageous to the "almost" class intellect.

Here is the list and comments on the books and magazine articles:

"Democratic Governments in Europe"—Buell.

An authoritative discription of democratic governments in Europe with the challenges of democracy carefully explained.

"Inside Europe" by Gunther.

Personal studies of the world's dictators: Hitler, Mussolini, Dolfuss, Stalin, and associates, underlings and rivals. A very lively book!

"Neutrality" for the United States"—Borchard.

A systematic and intelligent account of the policy neutrality established and maintained by the United States.

"When Labor Organizes"—Brooks

If you want to find out about the C. I. O., its present strength and political changes, this is the best book you can read.

"Dictators and Democracies"—Hootner.

Written by one of the most careful students of European politics, his book gives a penetrating analysis of current trends.

"Iron, Blood and Profits"—Seldes.

An exposure of the world-wide munitions racket in which the author charges that "no reason for war remains except sudden profits for the men who run the munitions racket."

"Big Navy" in Fortune.

Until recently U. S. citizens considered their navy a glamorous extravagance. They are now beginning to regard it as a \$550,000,000-a-year necessity.

"We Lose the Next War" by Elmer Davis in Harpers.

How can the United States best keep out of war—by a policy of isolation or of "co-operation"? Mr. Davis studies the possible results of each policy with impressive thoroughness—and votes for isolation.

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### THE QUESTION

What do you think of having a dance with girls acting as escorts and stags?

Richard Croucher, a senior, hesitated a moment and then replied: "It would be nice for the girls, but it would be very bad for some of these Rhett Butlers flying loose around the school. They would soon find it doesn't work the other way around and would be sadly neglected."

Helen Allington, a soph, replied from behind her dark glasses: "Even in leap year I would tremble at the thought. Since when are the girls so hard up?"

Buddy (Speed) Zwerlien, hurriedly answered: "Swell idea! It would give the girls a break. They need it."

Emily String, a sophomore, replied: "I think it's a swell idea because the girls can show the men folk where to get off."

Jack Young, a Junior, scratched his head and then replied: "I think it would be a good idea because then the girls would have to foot the bills, and then maybe they wouldn't be so fickle."

Ethel Bralla, a sophomore beamed all over and then said: "Swell—wouldn't the girls love to give the fellows a fruitful once over!"

## What Won't They Doodle Next; Ancient Art Exposed

By ANN ROSS

With my pen in hand, I settle down to work, futilely racking my brains for some uninteresting subject which I haven't already written about. Idly gazing alternately out of the window and at my blank paper, and thoroughly deranging my hair, I utter a number of audible sighs and unconsciously start to "doodle". Then an idea pops into my head and I feverishly begin to write what you now see before you.

## TIDBITS

By THREE WISEMEN

Gloria Copp, a junior, had a formal party Saturday which turned out to be a great success. It seems as though everybody who wasn't invited was there. The party's start was dull, but it ended up by being a first class party. Some of the outstanding things that happened were Pussy Markland's reading fairy tales to Gloria's youngest sister (can't leave his baby days); Lennie Romagna's riding around in his car all ALONE and the rest of the uninvited guests pushing the furniture out on the front lawn via the windows. This shows what careful planning can do for a party.

Alex Wilkie finally summoned enough courage to formally invite a girl out. The "lucky" girl was Shirley Thompson of the North Bayles Avenue Thompson's. Alex got a refusal but no excuses. But nothing daunts the great Wilkie for he finally asked a senior girl. At the senior party they played "Going to Jerusalem" and that senior flash "Butch" Ulrich won the game. Alice Palmer, in the excitement of a potato race, threw her leg out of place again. (The party must have been rough).

Some seniors instead of attending the party went to the Wheatley Hills Tavern at Westbury. Some of those couples who were there were: Henry Frost and Phyllis Warren, Buzz Thomas and Nina Cox, Dick Croucher and Mil Lang, Kenny Iverson and Virginia Gale, and a bunch of stagers. Eddie Kraft, Jack Young and Ray Finley were asked to leave by the manager, but Alan Gould made himself so obnoxious that he was escorted out by the doorman.

Four students of the high school have formed a gang called the "Four Vics." The purpose of this group is to maintain respect for Seniors in the high school. Things came to a head recently when three sophomores threw some water on top of some seniors. This deluge came from the boys' dressing room. As a retaliatory measure the seniors took the three sophomores out for a ride in the country. The Seniors in this high school don't want to be regarded as gods but they do not like these impromptu baths.

Our assembly program last Wednesday was for the purpose of advertising Miss Hawthorne's latest dramatic effort, "The Road To Yesterday". Most of the student body didn't seem to get the point of it. Mr. Scherer showed his great endurance by holding his hand up for ten minutes, but he wasn't permitted to leave the room. Miss Pelton the living Mercury, put on a great act. What a Mercury some thermometer missed!

Henry Frost took Peggy Mordt over to Jones Beach Sunday afternoon. They had a very good time walking the whole half-mile of the boardwalk. Just practise for walking home from dates.

Jarvis Adams and his Ford coupe have been taking out Jean Lewis lately. We wonder if Jean fell for the car or Jarvis.

Tommy Elliston, editor of the "Merionite", a Pennsylvania publication, has stopped correspondence with people around school. He used to write to Shirley Warren every week, but as she hasn't received a letter for two months, we think that Tommy has found a blonde that can't be matched in Port. We hope if Tommy reads this he will resume his correspondence with some of our beautiful co-eds.

Mr. Predmore, that popular Spanish teacher of last year, has had a blessed event in his family. We hope that his son will grow up to be as fine a man as his father.

John Mahoney (pronounced Mahiney) told his friends that his name hadn't been mentioned in the social column since he entered High School. John has been taking lessons on how to cut out paper dolls from Barbara Templin. Through these lessons he has become quite an authority on the subject. Last week John gave a talk on cutting out paper dolls in Mr. Dimmick's English class.

I suppose everyone has his or her pet doodle and probably our teachers have been very mystified by some of our artistic attempts. Some of us have a habit of drawing fishes or houses on every bit of scrap paper that we have, and most of us like to beautify test papers when we have some time left over. The girls are usually fond of drawing faces and heads, while boys tend to construct scientific and nautical objects. However, we of the less talented class can only stick to such everyday things as lines, circles, odd figures, and other vague and unidentified scribbles. Personally, I have a weakness for stars, and many of my friends are constantly constructing such cartoon figures as Donald Duck and The Seven Dwarfs.

There are many peculiar beings, and I am one of them, who can't resist doodling when they are talking on the telephone. I have ruined so many telephone books with my doodles that Mother has threatened to hide the new one. All of us like to decorate the backs of our pads with queer doodles, and this habit is what accounts for some of the strange designs adorning our textbook covers.

The more imagination you have, the better doodler you are, so that is perhaps why writers usually make excellent doodlers. Sometimes it helps a person to think if they doodle, and yet, it distracts others. But nobody can seem to help it. A doodler's club ought to be formed to compare different types of doodling. You'd certainly be surprised at some of the queer things people do (and doodle!).

After doodling for four paragraphs, I lay down my pen with the slogan of the doodler:

Long live the Doodler who can Doodle and say:

"I'm a Doodling Doodler who Doodles all day."

## A Port Profile

### Salutatorian's Success; L. Bacmeister From Toulon To Port

Lucretia Bacmeister, salutatorian of the class of '38, was born on May 5, 1921, in Toulon, Illinois. A favorite haunt of the Bacmeister children in that vicinity was an ancient willow tree.

In September, 1929, the Bacmeisters bid Toulon and the willow tree a fond farewell and moved to Port Washington, where they established their home. Lucretia entered fourth grade at Flower Hill School and started to pave the road which recently won her the class salutatorianship.

In high school, Lucretia has limited her outside activities to the pursuit of music. Her greatest ambition is to play a solo with an orchestra accompaniment. If she continues with her past success, that desire will surely become a reality.

In the summer, like most of the students, Lucretia practically lives at the beach. Besides swimming, basketball is a sport she particularly likes.

In school, Latin and physics are her favorite subjects. She certainly differs from many scholars who prefer Study Hall to other subjects.

But, like most of us, she does have her pet peeves. She declares that her brother is the bane of her existence. Creative writing ranks with music as her pet pastime.

Her future plans are most indefinite, although she does wish to go to college. Her successful career in school should win for her this opportunity.

Propaganda: What to think. Education: Hard to think.

## Contest Are Out

## EDITORIAL

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## Homeroom

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## Week's

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## Charm Club

Newly electe Charm Club an Hope; vice-presi thor; secretary, treasurer, Yvonne bership commit Seamen; suga chairman, Virgini vertising commi Dunn.