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Students Replace Faculty Thursday; James Lillis Is Supt.

Buschmann Is Principal As School Celebrates Annual Youth Week

National Boys' and Girls' Week was observed in the senior high school during the week of April 30 to May 7. The classes elected students as teachers and also chose homeroom teachers for the morning and afternoon periods. The students took complete charge of the school on May 5.

During the four minute period preceding the afternoon session on April 28, each senior voted on a senior class member to be superintendent of schools and principal of the high school. The result of this election revealed that James Lillis was the seniors' choice for superintendent while William Buschmann followed in second place to act as principal. Helen Brock and Michael De Leo were elected as the town's representatives in the local government at Mineola.

As this goes to press, the pupils to act as secretaries in Mr. Schrieber's and Mr. Merrill's office have not been selected. Two pupils will be taken from the secretarial training class while one will come from the Shorthand II class.

National Boys' and Girls' Week is observed throughout the nation as a week when the youth of America shows its adaptability to business, educational, and social life.

Port Students to Enter N.Y.U. Art Competition

Miss Edith Allison, the head of the art department, has announced that Port will again enter New York University's art contest, which will be held this year on May 7. The requirements state that the contest is only for members of the senior class.

This contest is not like the ordinary run of art competitions, in that the students do not present a portfolio containing some of their best work; they do the work at the University the day of the contest. They enter the building with empty hands and are given the needed materials with which they must complete a job in two hour's time. When the time is up, the work is collected and the results and drawings are posted later in the same day.

For the top winners there are two scholarships of one year each awarded in the N.Y.U. Art Course. These scholarships are valued at about \$400.00 each, and are very difficult to get. There are also other prizes for the less fortunate. The contest is limited to two hundred contestants from in and around New York City, and are the best in that field in their various schools.

On the strength of their outstanding work and ability in previous competitions, it has been stated that the Port students have a very good chance of winning one or both of the scholarships.

Former Port High Students Achieve Honors At College

Two former Port High School students, Richard Jost, and Richard Gould, have become prominent on their respective campuses, Syracuse University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Richard Jost has been chosen as one of the thirty-one male campus leaders to act in a pageant commemorating the 150th anniversary of the state's ratification of the constitution.

Richard Gould has received such a good average as to be listed in a copy of the Dean's list of students who have attained a high academic standing during the semester ending February, 1938.

Coming Attractions

Friday, May 6—Baseball game. Port vs. Glen Cove at Port. Choir goes to state contest at Amsterdam. Marks close for the six weeks' marking period.

Saturday, May 7—Invitation track meet at Port.

Wednesday, May 11—Track meet: Dual—Hicksville at Hicksville.

Friday, May 13—Baseball game: Port vs. Manhasset at Port.

Saturday, May 14—The Sophomore class will take a trip to New York.

Members of Retort Visit Research Lab.

Club to Experiment With Chemical Plant Life

Last Saturday, Mr. Edward Pickett and three members of the Retort: Robert MacCallum, Robert Brimm, and Francis Tench, travelled to Yonkers to visit the Boyce Thompson Institute. Mr. Dwight Kellogg, a local garden fancier, accompanied them. The purpose of the trip was to obtain information on the growing of plants in chemical solutions for more rapid growth and greater production.

Boyce Thompson Institute, where considerable research is carried on, is a large experimental laboratory dealing with plants, trees, and shrubs. Several of the laboratories as well as many of the experimental greenhouses were visited by the group. The group also talked with a few of the laboratory and research workers.

The theory of plant culture by use of certain chemical compounds and correct treatment was explained by Dr. Zimmerman, head of the research department. The type of plant culture, as explained by Dr. Zimmerman, is as follows: a slip of cutting of any desired plant is simply treated with a special chemical solution instead of the customary water. These chemicals, complex organic compounds, affect the slip in such a way as to speed up all growth and produce roots. Rapid root development; thus faster development of the plant results.

The three members of the Retort who made the trip are to conduct experiments with plant culture and water culture for plants. Water culture is simply the growing of plants in a solution of necessary chemicals instead of the usual soil. The slips and cuttings desired will be obtained from Mr. Kellogg and Mrs. Haskell, both of the Port Washington Garden Club.

This study of plant chemistry is known scientifically as phytochemistry and is the bridge which connects chemistry and botany. Phytochemistry is a recent development in the science field and has a great deal of possibilities.

Celerity Club To Attend Junior Red Cross Meeting

Several members of the Celerity will travel to Seawanhaka High School on May 14 to attend a meeting of the Junior Red Cross. The time from nine-thirty until ten o'clock will be devoted to registration and orchestral selections. At ten o'clock the opening song and greetings will be given by Dr. Stanforth, school principal, and Mrs. Brower, of the Junior Red Cross staff. At 10:20, a student will speak on the subject "What it means to a high school student to be a member of the Junior Red Cross."

Mr. Franklin Butts, chairman of the Dutchess County Chapter of the Junior Red Cross, will speak on the work of the Junior Red Cross. At the termination of his speech, ten various group meetings will take place. After these meetings there will be a discussion and group reports. At 12:15 a.m., luncheon will be served, followed by some musical entertainment and a speaker from National headquarters. The day will close with a Junior Red Cross play.

'Port Light' Staff Completes Annual

Year Book Will Appear Early In June

During the past week, the Port Light work for 1938 was culminated when the final pictures and stories were sent to the Colyer Printing Co. in Newark. Some of the engraver's proofs have already been received and are now being checked for accuracy and quality by the year book editors. In the opinion of the members of the Port Light staff, the 1938 annual will represent a new record in literary and photographic achievement.

Business Manager John Wilkie sent an order for 480 book covers to the Molloy Bookcover Company during the Easter Vacation. Within the next week, proofs and samples of this year's book cover will be received. According to the schedule of production, the Port Light will appear in the first few days of June.

Mr. Scherer has announced that the final payments on the yearbook may be made anytime after today and must be made before delivery of the annual. The business staff has urged all people to pay any obligations for pictures in the immediate future. Helen Brock still has several senior picture orders in the office and desires immediate payment.

The 1938 Port Light will contain several pages of literature chosen from the material entered in the contest recently sponsored by the book. Pictures of the contest winners will also be published. The literature embraces short stories, poetry, and humor, and will be a true cross section of the school talent and life.

Spring Play Cast Will Enter Contest

Competition Will Be Held In Baldwin High

On Friday, May 20, a number of those who participated in the recent Red Domino production, "The Road to Yesterday" will journey to Baldwin, Long Island to compete in the Nassau and Suffolk County One-Act Play Contest being held there on May 19th and 20th. As the play has three acts, only the third will be presented; consequently, only those of the cast who appear in that act will take part.

Approximately seven extras are expected in this annual play fete, which is being held in Baldwin this year, because Baldwin emerged victorious in the competition last year. Port Washington placed second in the last contest.

The third act was selected by Miss Hawthorne not because of any particular superiority over the rest of the play but because of its completeness, which is necessary to the adequate presentation of any drama. The presenting of one act from a full length production is not an entirely unorthodox procedure.

In order to recall and further perfect the casts performances, rehearsals will be held every afternoon, excepting Friday from Monday, May 9, until the date of the contest. On that day the thespians will be excused from school and transported to Baldwin, a distance of about seventeen miles, complete with costumes via school bus. The necessary scenery also will be sent over by bus.

Mr. Palminteri Addresses Members of History Club

The regular meeting of the Clio Club was held yesterday in Room 110 at 3:00. Although meetings are usually held on Wednesday, this was postponed to Thursday because of the great number of Clio members who are also members of the Choir which practiced Wednesday for the pending State Contest.

The club was fortunate in having Mr. Albert Palminteri, local Real Estate Agent, to speak at this meeting on "Naturalization and Immigration."

Port High Choir Will Sojourn in Albany While Attending Amsterdam State Contest

Choir Won Sectional Contest on April Ninth, Was Only School With Top Rating

At 7:00 o'clock this morning the choir of the Port Washington High School left for Amsterdam, New York, where it will compete in the State Contest. It went in private cars which were driven by friends and members of the choir.

Leonard Romagna Wins Scholarship

Earns Scholastic Award In Art Contest

Miss Edith Allison, head of the high school art department, announced this week that Leonard Romagna won a scholarship in the nationwide "Scholastic" Art Competition. He won this award by submitting the most outstanding folders. The scholarship entitles him to free tuition at the Vesper George School of Art in Boston. He has decided not to accept the scholarship as he has made other collegiate plans.

Tony Lamberti also received recognition in this contest when one of his drawings as well as two of Romagna's were chosen for the "Scholastic" exhibition which is made up of 900 art works chosen from the thousands that are entered.

Leonard Romagna also won an award of honorable mention for his pen and ink drawings which he submitted in his folio. The award was made Thursday afternoon in assembly by Principal William Merrill. At the present time, Leonard is working on a design for an airmail stamp to be used by the local post office during National Airmail week, May 15 to May 21.

Leonard is planning to have a one man exhibition of his work some time in the near future.

School Drivers' Group Divided Into Two Groups

Recently, the Drivers' Club has been divided into two groups of fifteen in each. Because of limited time until the end of school, it will be impossible to accept any new members this term who are under eighteen. Although a list of over a hundred students was posted as joining the club, less than half have fostered interest.

The members meet every Tuesday, and are given driving lessons by Mr. Markland during the week in study periods and after school. A bulletin board schedule is posted showing the time and place. After every five driving lessons, the members receive two theory lessons from six senior license holders. They are Warren Darrass, Ernie Mazur, Kimball Perley, Frank Jost, Billy Buschmann, and Bob Bralla.

The Drivers' Club will continue to meet every week until June 1 when it will cease because of Regents.

Junior Prom Date, June 3; Chairmen Formulate Plans

Plans are being made for the annual Junior Prom which will be held this year on Friday, June 3. The invitation committee, under the direction of Colburn Davis, has been compiling a list of the members of the faculty and of the senior class, who will receive invitations to the dance. The group has also decided to invite the parents of the officers of the Junior class.

As yet, no definite plans have been made in regard to the orchestra which will play; but an orchestra committee, headed by Richard Croucher, is working on this angle. Doris Fenton and Bob Clark, Nancy Gunther, and Carol Lewthwaite, chairmen of the decoration, refreshment, and ticket committees, respectively, have not as yet completed their plans.

Sophomore Students Plan To Make Trip

On Saturday, May 14, about one hundred Sophomores will journey to New York for an all day excursion. The three school buses will leave Port at 9:00 a. m. A police escort will meet them and lead two to the United States Line pier where fifty students will inspect the S. S. Manhattan. The third bus will go direct to the Aquarium. The remainder of the morning will be spent at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Following lunch, which will be eaten in Central Park, the Planetarium will be the next point of interest.

At 3:30 p. m. the group will arrive at Rockefeller Center. A conducted tour through the NBC Studios will be taken by the majority. Following that, the Museum of Science and Industry will be visited.

The class will dine and dance at the Spanish Gardens, and later in the evening the group will attend the Professor Quiz broadcast.