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Five Cents

Port Loses Division To Garden City; Still In Nassau County Play-offs

By Ted Parmelee

Port Washington's hopes for their first western division championship since 1929 were shattered by a fighting Garden City quintet in the play-off game held on the neutral Glen Cove court last Tuesday night. The score, 26-21. Port's next court appearance will be a week from today, playing Southside or Woodmere, whichever takes first place on the south shore, probably on the Mineola court. This will be a part of the Nassau county play-offs.

The huge overflow crowd saw the Port cagers rally four times to tie the score in the second half, only to succumb to a Garden City spurt in the final three minutes.

Big Andy Jessen gained 13 points for the losers; Cosmo Morrison, Port's flashy forward, was so closely guarded by the Garden City defense men that he was able to tally only 4 points. The Sommers' twins paced the victor's offensive.

Port Leads in First Quarter

Port took the lead in the first quarter, and Jessen kept the crowd in an uproar with his shooting. Garden City seemed to be unable to click just right at this time.

Settling down, the City five began to click in the second quarter. With the Sommers' twins dropping the ball in from all angles, Garden City forged ahead and led at the intermission 15-12.

Port came out full of fight for the second half, and quickly tied the score on a shot by Morrison and a foul shot by Jessen.

With the crowd in an uproar the Sommers' twins came through again. Garden City led 19-15. Andy Jessen dropped in two quick baskets to tie once more. The third period ended 19-19.

Garden City Leads in Last Quarter

Garden City turned on the heat during the last period, and though the Blue and White tried desperately they were not able to penetrate the City five's defense and Dan Sommers' dropped in two baskets to give Garden City the victory.

The game was a fast and furious affair and the huge crowd really enjoyed it. During each time out the rival cheerleaders took over and the crowd tried to outyell each other.

The lineup was as follows:

Port (21)	Garden City (26)
L.F. Morrison	Dan Sommers
R.F. McKenna	Jack Sommers
C. Jessen	Romano
L.G. Elliot	Hammand
R.G. Kelly	Ketchum

Oratorical Contestants To Be Speakers In Assembly Program Today

By Harriet Church

Whether or not we have any future great orators in our school will be determined at our assembly program March 7 at 2 o'clock. The decision rests with a contest, centering around our Constitution, which is being sponsored by the American Legion.

Those who are going to participate are: Jacqueline Bomer, Ryder Amthor, Holm Hinrichs, Donald Collings, Adelaide Crawley, and Dale Ely.

Most likely all of us know a smattering of our Constitution's history, but the participants in this school contest will deal with one phase of it for not more than six minutes. Some of their discussions may be on the Constitutional Convention; the Constitution as a guarantee of individual liberty; or perhaps the duties and privileges of a citizen under "the Supreme Law of the Land." Naturally the prepared orations will be a result of the original efforts of each contestant.

Since there are also going to be district, zone, and final contests, the one selected as the best from our school will have an opportunity to enter the district contest. Then, if he is still in the running, he will be eligible for the zone contest. If still one of the winners at the end of the zone contest, he will then have a chance in the state contest. If he has reached this far, he will have a chance to carry off one of the following prizes:

First prize \$75.00, second prize \$50.25, third prize \$25.25, three prizes for honorable mention \$10.00.

If selected as the New York State Champion, the student will be eligible to compete in the National Contests to be held in 1942. During the latter contests the contestants will be required to deliver a four minute extemporaneous address on some specific phase of our Constitution. The purpose of this feature will be to test the orator's knowledge of the subject and the extent of his research.

Now to return home again. Our speakers on Friday will be judged on three points:

1. The fitness of the contestant to make a worthy showing in the higher phases of the contest—poise, character, and personality to be considered.

2. The composition of the oration with particular emphasis on historical accuracy and general literary effectiveness.

3. The moving power, the extent to which the speaker can thrill, quicken, and compel.

AN EDITORIAL

Yes - - we lost to Garden City in the play-off game at Glen Cove on Tuesday, but let's pass that by to give a good loud cheer for the team. The fellows have given us our best basketball record in quite a few years, even though they didn't make the division championship.

We feel sure that the students will realize this, and that no matter how great the disappointment has been, there'll be plenty of praise for the fine work that Port's squad has done.

It was hard on all of us - - coming so near the top, and then losing out, but that is the way of all things. So here's a strong rousing cheer for the swell fellows who have upheld Port's basketball claims this season....don't worry, boys, you've done a swell job.

Clio Club Plans Trip To New York, Mar. 29

The Clio is planning a trip to New York City on March 29th.

They are going to visit the Stock Exchange, Trinity Church, Teddy Roosevelt's Home, Ellis Island, historical Fraunce's Tavern, and to see the play, "Flight To The West."

The forty-eight people who are planning to go will leave Port Washington at 7:45 A. M. and will return at about 6 P. M. Mrs. Johnson will accompany them.

Anne Ross is the chairman of the committee. Those who plan to attend should see Mrs. Johnson or any committee members, as there will be room only for those who buy their tickets early.

Attention - - - Girls

Any girl who would like to knit or sew for the Junior Red Cross, please see Miss Sammis, Room 209. The Red Cross is doing very fine work but it needs all the help that you can give, if this work is to be sufficient for the heavy demands made at the present time.

In The Crystal Ball

Friday, March 7—
Assembly, 2:00 "Constitutional Orations."

Monday, March 10—
Traffic Squad Meeting.
Girls' Bowling.

Tuesday, March 11—
Safe Drivers' Meeting.
Boys' Bowling.

Wednesday, March 12—
Art Club Meeting.
Clio Meeting.

French Class Sends Box To Children In France

The members of Miss Stierle's French 3A class have been cheerfully engaged in preparing a box to send to unoccupied France. Many child refugees in France are in need, due to a hasty evacuation of their homes. The class hopes that the articles it is sending may give the French children happiness as well as material help.

The box, full of warm clothes and other useful articles, was sent last Tuesday to the American and French Students' Correspondence Exchange in New York University. The parcel will be forwarded from there to centers in France and the articles will be distributed among the refugee children whom the Exchange is helping. In the package are woolen socks, scarfs, sweaters, warm dresses, coats and gloves; also soap, sewing materials and other necessities.

The class is now anxiously awaiting a letter from the refugee child, or children, who will be given the articles. If this is successful, they may plan something further.

Renson Gets NYU Course

Richard Renson has been accepted for a workshop course, consisting of six lectures in Physics at N. Y. U. This course is sponsored by the American Institute of Science and Engineering Clubs of which the Retort is a member.

Classes Set For Contest

The American History classes are studying in preparation for the League of Nations contest to be held in April. The contest will consist of a series of essay questions on the League of Nations.

Taking Care Of Textbooks

Some schools make their students pay for the textbooks they use. We, in Port, are fortunate enough to have ours given to us free. In some ways it might be better if we did have to pay for them ourselves. If the money came out of our pockets, we would take better care of the books.

Some people forget that these books are public property and, by treating them carelessly, they shorten the life of the book considerably. A great many new books have to be bought to replace mistreated old ones. Students write in their books, "doodle," and carry their books in the rain unprotected, thus ruining the covers and pages.

Public taxes buy these books and the taxes come from your parents' purses. Think these things over. Is it fair for you to destroy public property? Let's try to take better care of our textbooks.

We All Must Eat

Port Washington Senior High School is really very fortunate to have as fine a cafeteria as it has. However, some of the pupils of this school do not seem to realize this. The behavior of quite a few of the students leaves much to be desired. Although they are fond of their classification as citizens of the small world in which we live, they nevertheless violate all laws of good citizenship in their treatment of the materials of the cafeteria, and in the attitude which they take toward other people's rights.

Surely the pupils do not mean to be lax in their public duty. They just fail to realize the actual harm they are doing. If they understood this, we would have a much more attractive and successful cafeteria.

A Letter To Editor

The pep meeting last Friday seemed to arrive just at the precise moment.

It seems that we all were just about ready to burst with enthusiasm and pride for that one and only basketball team of ours. We certainly did shout to our heart's content.

Perhaps it would be a good idea if you sophomores would learn the school songs. Who likes to sit there and not know the words to a school song while all the upper classmen get red in the face from trying to out-sing you sophomores? So come on, sophs, learn the words!

Let's have longer and louder pep meetings in the near future to help our teams really achieve their goals.
A SENIOR.

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The Back Alley

By Roanne Hicks

After three weeks of preliminaries, the girls' bowling team has floated down to earth, and has begun to show talent that threatens the champions. Scores are forever traveling heavenward and the game has so planted itself in the hearts of the sport loving lassies, that they find they can't stay away from it even on weekends. Myrtle Webster reported the enviable score of 123, and rumor has it that every Saturday night now finds her aiming for the pin boys.

Monday, February 28, found not only the girls in the pleasant atmosphere of the alleys, but also four of our teachers. Mr. Mould and Mr. Doldis, having had much experience, made the Misses Sammis and Buckley bow down to their superior scores, but then, who could overcome the invincible males? ? ? The Monday "regulars" Ruth Bard, Frances Taylor, Carolyn Hammett, and Helen Kelly had much to be proud of when they reviewed their respective scores.

The boys' Bowling Team has been slightly neglected in this column, and now they must get the praise they deserve. On February 25, Joe Tassoni, Tommy McGrane, Jimmy Caparella, Warren Harrison and Captain Nicky Lausella used their brawn and brains and competed with the Glen Cove High School Bowling Team. Our boys won the first game from their rivals, but the "Glen Covers" rolled up their sleeves and captured the second game. The out-of-towners led the total score by thirteen pins, but they are going to find the story slightly different (we hope) when they meet again.

Another Angle

An old roadside dweller was remarkably well informed, but so very lazy that the new pastor asked him how he had contrived to learn so much.

He replied "I just heard it—here and there—and I was too lazy to forget it."

Advertising

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Better Off Headless

By Roanne Hicks

My pencils are leadless
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My house it is breadless
My family is fedless
I'd love to murder some guy;
Oh corpses redless
And corpses so deadless
No more can I play any golf;
My brains they are deadless
My salary is steadfast
And I'll always abhor Herr
Adolf.

On Chemistry . . .

By Jean Galloway

One branch of science, chemistry, entrances me because it is so full of surprises. Perhaps you have never heard of hydrogen sulphide gas. If you had been in the Port Washington Senior High School on one well remembered day, you would have acquired knowledge of it through another sense. Strangely enough, a few cubic centimeters of hydrochloric acid added to several grams of ferrous sulphide produces an odor that would make a Hercules turn green — that of a million eggs in their final stage of decomposition.

As another example of the surprises of chemistry, my instructor once proved to the class that ammonia will diffuse. He poured half a jar of the liquid on the floor and it diffused all right. We coughed, spluttered, and wept until he took mercy on us and opened the windows.

The next day, we had a "lab" period. The "lab" manual directed us to make four different compounds and each time to smell the resulting gas. "Take two grams of this; smell; take two grams of that; smell; smell this; smell that; rub; smell." Each time I happily anticipated an attar of roses scent, only to be caught off guard by the same old NH₃.

When one puts a freshly cut piece of sodium on water, it shoots over the surface, hissing and spitting in a remarkable manner. Part of it may fly up to the eye, causing blindness, but it's all in the game.

To conclude, chemistry fascinates me because I can never tell what will happen next. I may even go on with it in college.

Everitt Wilson: His Daze

ON TAKING THE GIRL FRIEND TO A BASKETBALL GAME

"What was that you said, dear... Oh, what are they all fighting for?... That's the object of the game, honey. Each team is trying to put the ball in the other's basket... No, not their breadbaskets. That little basket hanging on the wall... of course, that's not silly... I don't care if you do think it is stupid for all these people to pay money just to see them toss that little leather ball around... What has he got his arm around the other fellow for? He's blocking him... No, they're not necking. The idea is to keep the player from throwing the basket ball... No, I won't explain why I put my arms around you when you don't have a basketball in your hands... Why has that fellow got a pad on his knee? He's afraid he's going to skin his knees... Dear, you mustn't cheer for that fellow. He's on the other team... I don't care if he has got pretty blonde hair... No, it's not silly for them to toss the ball instead of running with it. Running with the ball is against the rules... I don't know why they made that rule but they just made it... For heaven's sake, the referee has a perfect right to blow that whistle even if it does hurt your ears. Come on. Let's get out of here and play a nice game of pinochle.

You Know Them!

"Knute Rockne" — Coach Costello
"Escape" — from Mr. Doyle
"I Love You Again" — Wanda and Bob
"The Letter" — U
"So Ends Our Night" — The Double Dip
"The Westerner" — Alyse Mullin
"Tall, Dark, and Handsome" — Billy Helfrich
"The Great Dictator" — Martin Lewis
"This Thing Called Love" — Don and Virginia
"The Strawberry Blonde" — Roberta Hostage
"North West (Un-) Mounted Police"—Traffic Squad
"The Mark of - Zero"—That Plane Geometry Test.

'Milky Way' Attains Great Popularity

By Dale Ely

"The Milky Way" is the play that tickled the funny bones of Broadway for a whole season and kept the audiences in convulsions of laughter.

Its dialogue is continuously uproarious and its climaxes most unexpected as the poor milkman proceeds on his way to fame as a pugilist — he liked the fame but didn't want to fight, and therein lie a hundred hearty laughs.

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." Never was the last part of this immortal saying more clearly demonstrated than in the case of the gentle Burleigh Sullivan, who suddenly finds himself thrust into fame as the conqueror of a world's champion pugilist, with the manager and trainer thrown in for good measure.

The authors of "The Milky Way" having read that a certain noted pugilist had been severely thrashed by a lunch counter clerk, proceeded to make a play around the incident, and the result was an uproarious success in the midst of a season chock full of laughing successes in the theatre.

During the play's successful run on Broadway very favorable opinions were expressed in the leading newspapers. We quote:

"It is one of the craziest shows in town, in the cockeyed spirit of the serious darlings, "Sailor Beware" and "She Loves Me Not," and it ought to help Broadway to forget its heat and other waves. I laughed what is jokingly called my fool head off."—New York Journal.

"A small-scale riot is to be found nightly at the Cort.—If laugh piled on laugh, guffaw on guffaw, means anything, "The Milky Way" is the spring's outstanding knockout." — New York World-Telegram.

" — a laughter debauch. It's rip-roaring entertainment."— New York Daily Mirror.

"There are four knockouts on the stage during the evening. In combination with the laughter provoked by the lines, they make 'The Milky Way' a knockout itself." — Brooklyn Eagle.

"It is the audience's good fortune to have a guffawing evening in the theatre" — New York Times.

"You'll be reminded of the Gleason classic, 'Is Zat So?' which treated the ungentle art of prize-fighters no more funnily. You'll

. . . your musical poll . . .

By Graeme Zimmer

Just a gentle reminder, ladies and gentlemen, that next week we will have the second month's poll for you, so be sure and watch for them; maybe your favorite song will be the winner. These are our 35th through 40th interviews.

SWEET

- Frank Allen—
You Walk By
 - Dale Ely—
Star Dust
 - Bob Aitken—
Look At Me Now
 - Ted Parmelee—
You Walk By
 - Karl Hinrichs—
It All Comes Back To Me Now
- ### SWING
- Frank Allen—
Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair
 - Dale Ely—
Beat Me, Daddy
 - Bob Aitken—
Scrub Me, Mama
 - Ted Parmelee—
Concerto for Trumpet
 - Karl Hinrichs—
Volga Boat Men

like it or bust—and maybe you'll do both." — New York American.

" — lots of ingeniously funny cracks, which, fortunately, increase in number as the play proceeds — that odd sound in the vicinity of your seat is yourself laughing." — Robert Benchley in The New Yorker.

"Overwhelmingly funny" — The New York Sun.

" — the sun is shining through the medium of a mad, daft and uproarious comedy called, 'The Milky Way', a looney play—"—New York Telegraph.

We are sure that the production of "The Milky Way" as given by the Red Domino and directed by Mr. Ehre will achieve the same popularity in Port Washington as it did on Broadway.

We owe an apology to Harold Johnson for omitting his name from the list of characters which appeared last week in this paper. Harold is appearing in the role of "Gabby," one of the leads.

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Faux Pas To Lunch

On Monday March 5, "Les Faux Pas" conducted its first monthly meeting. During the course of business it was decided to hold luncheon meetings during the weeks that there are no regular meetings. At the table French will be spoken by all.

After the business was completed, Irma Thomasen gave a very interesting lecture on French art. She discussed the art from its beginning in architecture, to the present surrealist, bringing in the foremost painters of the intervening centuries.

J. Tassoni, M. Lewis Attend Adelphi Tea

Last Friday, Joseph Tassoni and Martin Lewis attended a tea given by the Long Island Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish at Adelphi College. They went as representatives of La Tertulia, of which Tassoni is president. The tea included a talk in Spanish and a discussion of Spanish customs, followed by singing of Spanish songs.

Evening Office Hours Of Guidance Department

On Monday evening, March 17, from 7:30 to 9:30, the members of the Guidance Department will be in the Senior High School Guidance Office to confer with parents who find it impossible to come to the school during school hours. Appointments may be made by calling P. W. 2070.

Circle, Honor Club, Meet

The Circle held its regular monthly meeting in the cafeteria on Monday evening the third of March. Four faculty members, Mrs. Corson, Mr. Dimmick, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Oldis were present. In the meeting they discussed the cafeteria problem at great length. After the business meeting, the club adjourned to refreshments and entertainment.

SITTING BACK

"There's that fellow who sought for years to get a political job."

"Well, what does he do now?"
"Nothing—he got the job."

Too Much Latin

An indignant mother wrote to the principal of an academy the following letter of protest:

"Dear Sir, My son writes to me complaining of his school work. He says that he must translate 50 hexameters of Latin a day. I looked hexameter up in the dictionary and find that it is a poetic verse of six feet. Now that makes 300 feet or 100 yards of poetry for my son to translate every day. Don't you think that about a quarter of a hexameter, or 18 inches of this Latin stuff is enough for a boy of his age?"

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Port Five Beats Great Neck 37-27

While a blinding snow storm raged outside the Great Neck gym, the Blue and White scored a decisive victory over the Orange and Black. The final score was 37-27.

About ten seconds after the starting whistle, "Sonny" Morrison was fouled and given one free throw. He didn't make it. He was fouled two times after that and the third time "Sonny" sunk the basket for the first point of the game. The game ran along smoothly after that with the Great Neck guards doing most of the scoring for the Orange and Black.

During the second half Port caught Great Neck flat-footed and as one of the Great Neck guards took a shot, Andy Jessen, due to his height, took the ball off the back-board and threw it clear down the floor to little "Cosmo" Morrison who was waiting and all he had to do was flip it up into the basket.

Jessen as usual was responsible for Port's being the possessor of the ball most of the time. Morrison and McKenna are credited with many of the Port tallies. In winning this game Port automatically tied for first place with Garden City with whom they played to decide the league champions. While Port was putting its finishing touches to the Great Neck squad Garden City scored a smashing victory over Manhasset 51-25.

Bowlers Meet Glen Cove

On February 28 the boys' bowling team met Glen Cove and were defeated by 13 pins. The individual records were as follows:

Joe Tassoni	118	141
Tom McGrane	127	146
Joe Caparello	107	106
Warren Harrison	175	133

12B Quintet In Inter-Class Lead

The 12B's climbed into undisputed possession of first place in the Inter-class league by defeating the 11A's by the score of 10-4. Chink Intermesoli again set the pace for the 12B's by scoring 6 points, while Jimmy O'Day led the scoring for the 11A's.

The 11A's defeated the 12A's in an overtime game to the tune of 10-7. The 12A's apparently had the game well under control until the last few seconds when a field goal by Pete Dunn tied the score. During the game he scored 5 points. The 12A's were very much handicapped by the absence of their star player, Frank Miller. The winning field goal was made by Dunn on a lay-up shot.

A surprising rally by the 11B's was just turned short when they were defeated by the 10B's by the score of 20-16. It was a one-sided game (for the 10B's) until the last few minutes when the 11B's began to make their long shots count. Foul shots by Captain George Younger enabled the 10B's to put the game on ice in the closing minutes. The 11B forces were led by John McCarthy who scored 7 points.

The league standing follows:

	Won	Lost
12B	3	0
11A	2	1
10A	2	1
10B	2	1
11B	0	3
12A	0	3

The team coaches follow:

- 12B—Chris McKenna
- 12A—Jerry D'Agostino
- 11B—Harold Kelly
- 11A—Ralph Marro
- 10B—James Barrett
- 10A—Pete Miglietta

The games for this Friday are:

- 12B vs. 10B.
- 12A vs. 11A.
- 10A vs. 11B.

GIRLS' SPORTS

By Janeth Stewart and Antoinette Salerno

Mrs. Wardlaw's varsity sextet lost their fourth consecutive game on February 25. Their opponent was Hicksville. Four games were played with eight minute halves for each.

The score for the first team was 6-7. The second team score was 6-12 in Hicksville's favor. We beat Hicksville in the third game with the score of 14-6, and the fourth we lost 6-12.

High scorer for the first team was Teddy Uelzmann. The line-up was as follows:

- R.F. T. Uelzmann
- L.F. J. Antonelli
- C.F. N. Salerno
- R.G. M. Caruso
- L.G. C. Campbell
- C.G. J. Stewart

The girls' basketball schedule is:

- Sea Cliff—Mar. 6 there
- Mineola—Mar. 13 there
- Amityville—Mar. 17 there
- Oyster Bay—Mar. 20 there
- Friends Ac'd'my—Mar. 27 there

On March 6, the volleyball team went over to Seacliff with the Basketball team.

Helen Davis is still at the top of the ping pong ladder with Isabel Finch running a close second.

Michelina Procelli is leading the badminton ladder and Ruth Farrelly is second.

Mrs. Wardlaw will not order the school emblems until they are all paid for. The sooner you pay for them, the sooner you will receive them.

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BOYS' SPORTS

By Paul Field

After getting off to a fast start this fall, the Port basketballers raced through a stiff schedule with the loss of only two games. Coach Costello built his team around two members of last year's starting five, Andy Jessen, pivot for last year's team, and Captain Sonny Morrison. Beating Great Neck and Mineola by substantial scores, Port barely nosed out Manhasset in the last few seconds. Our first loss of the season against league competition came at the hands of a sharp-shooting Glen Cove five on their home court. After this came four swift victories over Garden City, Mineola, Manhasset and Glen Cove. On Feb. 21, at Garden City, Port dropped into a two way tie for first place by losing to Garden City.

The next week Port defeated Great Neck, thus tying with Garden City who had defeated Manhasset the same night.

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