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H.S. Bids 'Bye' to Mr. Merrill and 'Hi' to Mr. Hendrickson

Cupid's Capers Hop Slated Feb. 12

This year, as last, Celerity, the girls' service organization, will sponsor a "hop." Since the dance is scheduled for February 12, it is most appropriately named "Cupid's Capers." Following the precedent set by last year's dance, the proceeds from this year's hop will be given to the Mildred Piazza Cancer Fund. The admission for couples will be \$1.75; no stags allowed.

The entertainers donate their services to this worthy cause. Buckie Walker, and his band, the group that made last year's dance such a success, will play from 8:30 to midnight. He has planned an outstanding program to present at the dance.

The entire membership of Celerity is participating in the preparations for the dance and the newly formed Junior Celerity will assist in making posters and refreshments. Chairmen for the various committees are refreshments: Martha Sykes and Cherry McClure; decorations: Betty Lou Bowman; tickets: Florence Nacht; and publicity: Nancy Pickett.

Let's make this "hop" a prodigious success both for the Cancer Fund and for Celerity.

Famous Lecturer Amazes Students

The assembly today featured Dr. Ruroy Sibley and consisted of a movie and a lecture: "A Travelogue Through the Kingdom of the Stars."

This space journey was taken through the world's most powerful telescopes. The movie was filmed at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. The seasonal changes that takes place on the planet Mars, Jupiter with its four major moons moving in their orbits and the moon as seen through the telescope at the Mount Wilson Observatory in Pasadena, California are a few of the many wondrous sights that were shown on the film.

Dr. Sibley has been awarded the "National Best Teller" title for distinguished services on the American lecture platform.

The students and faculty of PDSHS wish to express their deepest sympathy to Genie Jacoby on the recent death of her mother.

Year Book Is Dedicated To Mr. Merrill

A simple expression of gratitude for a lifetime of service to youth is the tribute the Class of 1954 would like to pay to you our retiring principal, Mr. William F. Merrill. During your administration you have not only served us well at school but have given us loyal support in every sport, function, or activity in addition to your other duties.

We are happy that you have remained with us long enough to see your dream of a new, modern high school realized. With sincere gratitude to you, Mr. Merrill, for all your endeavors on our behalf, we take great pleasure in dedicating our yearbook to you.

Well done, Mr. Merrill, and happy days ahead for you and yours.



Mr. Merrill

Our principal, Mr. William F. Merrill, came to Port in 1921 and has since done very much for both the school and the community. February first he is retiring, after thirty-three years of serving as head of the school.

Mr. Merrill was born in Stelton, New Jersey, a small farm community about three miles from New Brunswick. He worked his way through Colgate University, where he graduated in 1914 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and engineering. After doing graduate work at Columbia University and New York University, Mr. Merrill earned his Masters degree in 1940.

Teacher - Principal

When Mr. Merrill left college in February of 1914, he went straight to a position in Brookfield High School in New York, where he taught seven different classes and was also principal. At Fulton, New York he taught math, chemistry, and was the athletic instructor, in addition to his position of assistant principal.

From 1916 to 1918 Mr. Merrill taught math and science at Mal-

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Mr. Hendrickson

"I am proud to take on the job of principal of such a fine school. It has been my privilege to work with the students of our school for over fourteen years, and I believe that I have a good idea of the kind of a school our students want. I believe that through the students, teachers administration, and the parents working together there is no reason why we should not have one of the best schools in New York State," said our future principal, Mr. Hendrickson.

After spending many years on the faculty of Port Washington High School, Mr. Clifford Hendrickson is going to take over the principalship of this school on February 1.

Came to Port in 1938

Mr. Hendrickson came to our school in 1938 after teaching in Celeron and Port Jefferson, NY. Thiel College in Pennsylvania claims him as an alumnus, and he went on to Cornell University for his Master's Degree.

Mr. Hendrickson was elected one of the three executives of the 60,000 members of the New York State Retirement Board.

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The students of PDSHS were surprised and delighted today at the beginning of the eighth period when everyone was summoned for the second assembly of the day.

Today was Mr. Merrill's last day as principal of PDSHS. As an honor and tribute to his many years of understanding and cooperation, the students and faculty planned a special program.

The 1953-54 PORT LIGHT was dedicated to Mr. Merrill, who has been principal for thirty - two years. The presentation was made by yearbook editors Marilyn Fanshawe and Carol Roper.

As a token of the present student's gratitude, Mr. Merrill received a projector from the entire student body.

A skit, "A Day in the Life of a Principal" was presented to give us some idea of what happens "behind the scene" in a principal's office. One of the highlights of this capable production was an imitation of the "Colgate 13" (Colgate is Mr. Merrill's alma mater).

The program committee was headed by Leonard Utz. Along with Len and Mr. Hendrickson worked Sandy McBrian, David Kane, Fred Drewes, Genie Jacoby, Helen Pomeroy and Cherry McLure.

Students Take Part In Recent Concert

Last night the Community Orchestra, composed of members of the town who are interested in playing in an amateur group, presented its annual spring concert, at the high school.

Leopold Avakian, a famed violin player, was featured at the concert as guest soloist.

Representatives from Port High participating in the orchestra were Betty Lou Bowman, playing the viola, Paul Shaver, the drums and Riggy Wile, tuba.

This year's concert was an even greater success than last year's because of the great effort made by the members of the Community Orchestra.



- Jan. 29: Mineola at Port
- Feb. 1: Circle Meeting
- Feb. 3: Art Club Meeting
- Feb. 4: Retort Meeting
- Feb 12: Celerity Annual Hop