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Students To Carol 'Winter Wonderland' Is Tomorrow Night, 8 - 12 In Season Festival Christmas, 1954

Tonight at 7:30, the third annual Christmas Festival will be held at the high school. The Port Singers, under the direction of Mr. Benjamin E. Haller, will sing many songs including "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind," Scarlatti's "Exultate Deo", and "Sussan", a fourteenth century carol. Admission will be free.

The band, directed by Mr. Christopher, will welcome the audience as they arrive at the auditorium. The orchestra, under Mr. Mesrobian, will also play some gay Christmas favorites. The choir will sing several familiar numbers and a Christmas hymn by Jungot.

Mr. Christopher says, "This type of program is always interesting to me, and I think that it is very nice that all of the musical and dramatical groups are getting together to put on a pageant for Christmas."

This year's Modern Dance group will stage, "The Night Before Christmas." Miss Foehrenbach has chosen Kay Ward, Jean Carlson, Betty Lou Bowman, Judy P. Robinson, Catherine Cosolito, Barbara Gruen, Nancy Roome, Marilyn Smith and Bonnie Besold to participate in the presentation.



Mr. Merrill Subs In Physics Class

Mr. William F. Merrill, former principal of PDSHS, recently took the place of Mrs. Graham, physics teacher, during her illness. Mr. Merrill, who majored in chemistry in college and minored in physics and math, first taught physics in Brookfield, New York in 1914 and in Malone, New York in 1917-1918.

"It has been a real pleasure to work with the students in Port Washington in Paul D. Schreiber High School as a classroom teacher. I have found the pupils very cooperative and eager to learn. I find there is naturally a considerable change in content of science courses in recent years because of additional discoveries and new research work. I sincerely hope the members of the faculty will not be sick, but if they are I will be happy to fill their place temporarily if I can," said Mr. Merrill.

2 Teachers Assist In School Classes

Miss Barbara Rich, a student librarian from Geneseo State University, New York, is assisting Mrs. Begenau in the library. A senior, she plans to become a school librarian after graduation. Her library practice will continue at PDSHS until the end of January.

From Potsdam State Teachers College, Mr. Alvin Thompson, is assisting in the music department as a student teacher. Majoring in trombone, he also plays string bass and the bass horn in the band.

Mr. E. Ehre Makes Play Cast Changes

As rehearsals continue for the play "Arsenic and Old Lace," presented by Red Domino, some cast changes have been made. Filling the role of Martha Brewster will be Ann Segrave, Dr. Harper is now played by Paul Boukouris and Bill Taylor has the part of Mr. Gibbs. Publicity for the play will be handled by Barbara Brindley.

"We've got some newcomers in the play this year: Chick Koegler, Richard Sadlo and Michael McCaskey, and others who are bound to make great names for themselves on the high school

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PDSHS'ers Enjoy Recreation Center

Saturday afternoon, December 11, the high school gym was open to any students wishing to participate in sports and games. Tomorrow afternoon, December 18, the afternoons of December 27 and 29, and the mornings of December 28, 30, and 31, the gym will be open.

Last Saturday afternoon, many students, both boys and girls, came to the gym and had a wonderful chance to make use of the school's athletic equipment. Having the gym open on Saturdays and holidays is the first part of a recreation program to be offered by the school. If this plan is successful, the school plans to have dancing in the cafeteria, the shops open, and to offer shorthand, typing and other courses to students on Saturdays.

Highlighting the Christmas Season, the G.O.'s Christmas Dance, "Winter Wonderland," will take place tomorrow night in the PDSHS cafeteria. Ray Crystal and his Cavaliers will play continuous music from 8 o'clock until midnight. Couples' admission is \$1.50; dress is party clothes.

Students Provide Entertainment

Christmas Carols will be sung by Genie Jacoby, Chris Drake, Kay Ward, Peggy Wurtz, Ginger Stein, Nancy Knoblach, Pete Fattizzi, Paul Nuzzolese, George Zahn, Bob Metzger, Bob Dohm, and many others to entertain the dancers.

Nancy Knoblach and Sherry Walther are in charge of decorations, assisted by Margaret Marnet, Myrna Speck, Genie Jacoby, Richie Dunnells, and George Zahn. The committee plans to decorate the cafeteria to carry through the Christmas theme throughout the school.

E. McGuire Attains First Place Honors

Winning first place in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, Ed McGuire was the recipient of a gold medal awarded by Mr. Gleason of the Port Washington American Legion. Bill Wagner, the second place winner, was awarded a silver medal.

Ed, the only junior on the panel discussing the topic, "Are Constitutional Changes Necessary In Our Fight Against Tyranny In A Changing World," was chosen out of seven other participants to represent PDSHS at Great Neck on January 6. There he will compete with winners from Great Neck, Garden City, Manhasset, and Roslyn. Following this, district, state, and national contests will be held; the national prize is a four year scholarship to a college of the winner's choosing.

Student of Week

Cherry McClure was chosen Student of the Week because of her outstanding participation in



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Cherry McClure

school activities and her leadership in school affairs. Cherry is president of the PDSHS Band,
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- Dec. 17: Basketball game at Farmingdale.
- Dec. 17: Port Singers' Christmas Concert.
- Dec. 18: G.O. Christmas Dance.
- Dec. 23: Vacation. School lets out 11:30.
- Jan. 3 School reopens.