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FRENCH CLUB PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR SEMESTER

Adding to the pleasure of its recent banquet, the French Club promises a great deal in the way of entertainment for the coming year. The tentative program is as follows: at the January meeting a speaker from the Alliance Francais will be heard; at the same meeting, a vocal solo will be given by Jean Canaday, accompanied on the violin by her brother Wilbur. A French movie is planned for the February meeting, followed in March by a play entitled "Le Plaisanterie", presented by Miss Sherbourne. April's program is in the form of an Amateur Hour. Another movie, from the Alliance, followed by the annual picnic, in May and June respectively, conclude the program.

ITALIAN CLUB FORMALLY OPENS NEW CLUBHOUSE

With the following as guests of honor, Superintendent Staples, Principal Lowell of Cloonan School, Miss Mary Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Best, Miss Holbrook, Mrs. Bohn, Mrs. Graves, and Miss Sherbourne, the Italian Club of Stamford High School formally opened its clubhouse which is located at Shippan Point, and consists of a lounge, ping-pong room, dance floor with radio and piano, kitchenette, and store room.

The membership has divided itself into eighteen groups which in two months will take care of 401 students, some of whom are found in more than one group according to hobby or inclination.

Home Rooms Schedule

Accident Prevention Campaign

AMPLIFYING SYSTEM CONSIDERED FOR S.H.S.

Because they cannot hear, many pupils sitting in the rear of the large auditorium find programs boring rather than enjoyable. To remedy this condition an amplifying system is necessary. Vice-principal Humphries is endeavoring to raise money for this purpose; but, as no help from the town has been received, progress is slow.

The amplifying or public address system would cost approximately four hundred dollars. Whether this system shall be installed or not can be decided by the pupils. Any suggestions by which the school can raise the money would be appreciated by Mr. Humphries.

The installation of the amplifying system is being considered together with a sixteen millimeter moving picture projecting machine equipped with sound apparatus.

MR. M. R. GRIFFETH BRINGS S.H.S. RETURN SALUTATIONS FROM STAMFORD, ENGLAND

Mr. Merle R. Griffeth, a former foreign representative for the General Motors Corporation and world-wide traveller who is at present retired and residing in this city, recently returned from the English town of Stamford. He brought back with him a wealth of information concerning that community which reached the SIREN via Mr. Smith.

Mr. Griffeth spent part of two days visiting the Stamford School. That institution's history penetrates the centuries to the year 1530. Stamford School, though termed "Public", in reality corresponds to the private schools of this country. Tuition

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A Highway Accident Prevention Campaign to be conducted through the home rooms is the highlight of the 1937 Home Room schedule. The schedule, released by Mr. Moon, provides for a five part discussion of Accident Prevention and Safety Education. Backed by Mr. Smith and the school board, Mr. Moon's committee of Miss Bacon, Miss Whitney, Mr. Staiger, Mr. Larrabee, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Humphries, have prepared and obtained much material for distribution. One of the interesting features is a Limerick Contest.

This campaign is the result of a steadily rising belief that accidents on the highways can be reduced in number by a careful and thorough safety education for all prospective drivers and pedestrians.

Following this trend the Connecticut State Department of Education has issued an outline for a course in safety.

Other items of interest for home-room activities are celebrations of Lindbergh's birthday, a study of the High School's curriculum, and a study of college opportunities.

GREEK SCHOLAR SPEAKS, IN NATIVE LANGUAGE, TO MISS HIGGIN'S CLASS

Miss Higgin's fifth period class was recently given an unusual opportunity to listen to a Greek scholar, who spoke in Greek, and it sounded Greek all right, but it was made interesting through the able interpretations of George Rassas.

The scholar, George Paraskavas, was graduated from the University of Athens and was presented with the gift of a trip to America by a Greek archbishop. He plans to learn our language

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Council Endorses Student Government

The following communication has been secured by the SIREN from the S.H.S. Student Council:

"From various sources in the school we have been hearing a great deal of late about participation in student government. Already there is a student council made up of all the class officers. It is an organization whose principal purpose is to discover your problems and to help remedy them. It is always ready to listen to suggestions for the improvement of the school from anyone. Information is transmitted to and from the council through the representatives and committees which are appointed by the council. The daily bulletin, The SIREN, and The Quarterly are also used. This body is therefore a direct contact between the teachers and the pupils.

"The Student Council in the past few years has not been as active as it might have been, but

the present officers mean to make it a spirited and lasting organization.

"So, students, if any problem comes up bring it to the council and they will be glad to help you. You can reach it through your class advisers or any of your class officers. The efforts of the council are at your disposal. Make use of them. Mr. Nutter is acting as adviser.

"The council has already had representatives of the Progressive League (or Party) before it. It has welcomed their suggestions and their desire to cooperate with them on behalf of the school. This is the answer they received:

"Resolved—The Student Council of the Stamford High School welcomes the cooperation of the Progressive League, or any other such organization working for the betterment of the school."

(Signed) Betty Kozma
Christine Pegliaro

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COSMETIC CODE

One of the most irritating sights seen around the school is the girl who insists upon treating her classroom as a dressing room. A teacher is justified in being vexed when in the midst of explaining a subject one of the fair sex decides that her nose is shiny or her hair is disorderly and proceeds to apply powder or comb her hair.

A boy only thinks a girl vain and conceited when she gazes into the mirror every ten minutes.

Girls, why disillusion the boys, and why not wait till the end of the period for the privacy of the girls' room to apply cosmetics and freshen your appearance!

RESOLUTIONS

"Resolutions" form the major topic of conversation, puns, and jokes in this, the inaugural days of a new year. Probably the most sensible attitude regarding this subject is to refrain from making any rash promises. He is an exceptional individual, indeed, who can go through an entire year holding faith with New Year resolutions.

But, if perchance, any of you feel the need of these quickly-made, soon-broken resolutions, here is a suggestion. Resolve (here come the platitudes) to pay your A. A. dues, refrain from unnecessary disorder in assembly and cafeteria, and above all, you seniors, resolve that June will see your graduation from Stamford High School.

ATTITUDE TOWARD ASSEMBLIES

There has been a great deal said about the attitude of the students during our assemblies. Most of the things said have been of an uncomplimentary nature. However, some things should be said in favor of the student body.

As a whole the student body of this high school is very attentive and courteous. Of course there are detrimental students as there are detrimental people in every walk of life. Every person, who feels antagonistic towards the students' attitude, will readily concede that much.

Therefore, why should a majority of students suffer for the wrong doings of a minority? The attitude of the faculty seems to be slightly philosophical. They take it and hope for the best. Perhaps they do not realize that a great number of the students are thoroughly disgusted with the manners of their contemporaries, and that only a saying in the Bible (love thine neighbor) restrains them from committing homicide.

Those obstreperous and vociferous ones should be publicly rejected from the assemblies and should be ostracised from school activities until they prove themselves worthy of becoming members of the student body once again.

The idea may seem a bit radical, but it is not unprecedented. Why shouldn't the faculty try this with the full support of the students?

S.H.S. THREE YEARS AGO

"Steve Dzamba, S.H.S. Alumnus, Plays Full Game With Winners of Rose Bowl Tournament."

Steve Dzamba, graduate of S.H.S. in 1930, played with the Columbia team on New Year's Day, 1934, in the Rose Bowl.

"Stamford defeated by Commercial, 33-30". With Gene Sessa as leading scoreman, S.H.S. was downed by Commercial at a game played in New Haven. (Note: Score, 32-29 in favor of S.H.S. this year.)

ODDS AND ENDS

By

Nancy Cassone

You just can't seem to keep our high school graduates down!

Victor R. Benzyk, a freshman at the University of Vermont, has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the R. O. T. C. Battalion at the University. He is one of the first group of freshmen to receive promotion this year.

Robert D. Towne, a junior at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is one of the most prolific editorial producers for "The Polytechnic", a weekly student publication.

EDITOR AND FOOTBALLER
IN SENIOR RING HI-LIGHT

David Grunberger, jeweler, wishes to extend his congratulations to the Senior Ring and Pin Committee of the Stamford High School. In an interview with a member of the SIREN staff, Mr. Grunberger stated that the present style of ring, chosen by the members of the Senior Class, is one used by many schools and colleges, and he hopes it will become the official ring of the school.

Approximately two hundred orders have been sent in so far. Mr. Grunberger urges all students who seek information about the rings to come to his store, where he will cooperate with the students for their advantage and benefit.

Interesting statistics about the rings concern the smallest and largest sizes ordered to date. The smallest is Estelle Rochlin's, size 4; and Peter Robotti's, the largest, size 12½.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Name—Leon Bier

Noted for—Getting kicked out of French class

Usually Seen—Trying to make Shirley Steckler

Pet Aversion—Louise Martin

Hobby—Talking football

Ambition—To make Shirley Steckler

Name—Betty Jordan

Noted for—Irish brogue

Usually Seen—Grinning

Pet Aversion—Cats (girls)

Hobby—President, Senior class, Darien High School

Ambition—To sing on the stage

Name—Martin "Killer" Kane

Noted for—Deadly accuracy with a water pistol

Usually Seen—Moping

Pet Aversion—Work of any kind

Hobby—Haunting people

Ambition—To be President of U. S. A.

WIT WHAT

By

Shepard Lenchek

Time: 12:30 A. M.

Place: A paper strewn desk.

Scene: Yours truly trying to get out this column. Amid assorted yawns and sighs we offer you this as a sacrifice to the gods of joy.

You all know the old enlistment slogan, "Join the Navy and see the world"? Well, here's a new one: "Join the telephone company and see the operators." (Say, if we could only think of another motto we could have tomatoes (pronounced, two mottoes).

Now for our first flight into the realm of nonsense verse:

If you ever meet a person
Whom you would like to
drawn—

Don't! You'll pollute the water,
Just go and slap him down.

(Say, who's this guy named Shakespeare?)

Time: 1:30 A. M.

Scene: Ourselves still trying to get out this column. More yawns, sighs, stretches.

Our Joe Miller special for this week has to do with the old maxim, "An old fool is the biggest fool." Why? Because he's had more time to practice. (That's not so funny, but it fills space.)

CHATTER

Howdy u do, everybody, how do u do?

We've got a bit of chatter here for you.

Don't mind this little ditty, We're just trying to be witty.

Howdy u do, everybody, how do u do?

Seems as if everyone is starting the new year off with a bang including our Buddy O'Meara! He 'banged' into the wrong room at Cavanaugh's on the eve of the new year . . . Marion Skogland also 'banked' in the new year with Christmas-tree decorations! Was it Shakespeare that said, "Never let your temper get the best of you?" . . . 'The Shadow knows' but he didn't know what he was doing New Year's Eve, (until the next day) eh, Chase?? . . . Has Jimmy Downey shown you his broken tooth yet? Swears he did it blowing taps on a bugle New Year's Eve. Sounds queer but anything can happen on that night! . . . What's this we hear about Patrick O'Connell swearing off girls? Could he have been bitterly disappointed in love? Tell us the tragic tale sometime, Pat! . . . Cupid, bow and arrows and all, flew down to Greenwich with Louie Adrian and matched him up a fine romance . . . Perk Williams is industriously tuning up her wings. Could she be planning to take flight from Cadet Grovenor Borgman? . . . Darien is quite the popular town. It holds attractions for the Misses Elliott and Sanfords . . . Perry's best girl gave him a watch for Christmas. Can you beat that?? . . . Jimmie Greaney seems to be truckin' along smoothly. Even chicken pox doesn't faze his happy countenance . . . All arguments should end like Claire's and Shep Lenchek's. Old man Webster proved that they were both right. Tri-weekly can mean either three times a week or once

every three weeks . . . Let's shake the moth-balls out of one of the Tammanys and see what he's up to. Looks as if Paul is going to be competition for Robert Taylor! He's going into the movies, no less . . . We would like to see the cousins, Nanos and Romanos dancing "Greek to Greek." Some fun, eh? What's the big attraction at Whalen's for Julie, Mary and Soup? Are the soda-jerkers cuter than those at Hatch's?? . . . Grace Trefrey put up a spaghetti dinner the other night for some of the Rah-rah boys. Guess she and Bob are still going strong . . . Quite a few feathers attended the High basket-ball game last week, including some from Greenwich. We hear they were there before the doors were open! If we remember correctly they are the same quartet who were at our Football Dance . . . Wonder what the drawing card is??? . . . Have you ever thought what a good advertisement Pete Robotti would make for the Cod Liver Oil Company? All he needs is a whale slung over his left shoulder . . . The new Insect Dance, known to many as the "Flea Hop" has become quite the fad around here. Thank goodness it is only a fad or we'd all be nervous wrecks . . . Have you tried the "Mae West" technique on J. Junger yet, Muriel? It should bring results . . . We're warning you, Dickie-bird, it's all right to strut around with pointed finger-nails but don't try it on your toes or you won't have any front to your socks! (If you wear any). Quite a few tid-bits were found in the Snoop Box about the Sub-deb party. Sounds like a pretty lively time was had by all . . . Speaking of parties, have you ever tried to use a telephone on a party wire? That same atmosphere is beginning to brew around here so we'll say good-bye until the next issue.

Through the generosity of Edward J. Dwyer, manager of the Stamford Coca-Cola Distributing Company, about twenty-five classes were able to enjoy coca-cola with their refreshments served during the Christmas parties.

All of you S.H.S. music lovers gather round to hear your classmate Harold Polis give his piano recital on Jan. 17 at the Jewish Center.

GREEK SCHOLAR SPEAKS,

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and later practice law.

The class barraged Rassas with all sorts of questions, from mathematics to girls, and he in turn asked Mr. Paraskaivas who answered them fast in Greek. Rassas listened with understanding; then gave the class his answer.

Notable was the appearance of the scholar and Rassas speaking with each other, with respect and confidence. The scholar was short, dark, and stocky. He wore a perpetual and pleasing smile as compared to Rassas who was somewhat serious and diplomatic.

The scholar said he was enthused over the democratic and free spirit of America, noteworthy in the schools. He explained that in the University of Athens women and men are taught at separate sessions. There are only 1,000 women students as compared to 10,000 men.

He was impressed, he said, with New York and the speed in which things are done. He seemed glad to speak about his experiences in Atlantic City and on the boardwalk.

He was asked what he thought of American girls, but he smiled and declined to answer.

When asked what he thought of the king's abdication, he replied, smiling, to the effect "Leave that to the king."

MR. M. R. GRIFFETH BRINGS

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is required and the greater number of the students are boarders. Mr. Griffeth was presented with a beautiful framed picture by the schoolboys, which, they said, portrayed a typical scene of the town. The picture was in turn given to Mr. Smith, whose office it now adorns.

Stamford, located about 100 miles from London, has many old stone buildings and many churches, which make its street scenery rival that of any other town in England. The entire countryside is very picturesque.

Mr. Griffeth is best known to use as the gentleman who so generously presented many interesting travel pictures for assembly programs, and who raised a sum of money towards a fund to purchase a loudspeaker for our stage.

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S.H.S. 36—COMMERCIAL 20 S.H.S. 32—COMMERCIAL 29

S.H.S. journeyed up to New Haven and handed the New Havenites a lesson in basketball which proved rather expensive as the score shows. In past years Stamford High proved to be nothing less than a door-mat for Commercial teams. However, the Orange and Black quintet was out to win and after a rather slow beginning they clicked—and how.

Tommy Callahan led the scoring. He sank six field goals and one foul shot for a total of 13 points—Cavanaugh wasn't far behind until he got too frisky and was put out on personals.

Nanos, a new man, showed up well at the guard position. He handled the ball well and passed accurately. . . . Buddy O'Meara was high scorer for guards. . . . He grabbed off seven points. . . . The score, a close 17-16 in favor of S.H.S. at halftime, soared rapidly in the second half.

Stamford (36)			
Callahan	6	1	13
Cavanaugh rf	4	1	9
Rickert rf	0	1	1
Rassas c	1	0	2
O'Meara rg	2	3	7
Nanos lg	2	0	4
Commercial (20)			
	G	F	P
Fabiuo lg	1	0	2
Cazenza rg	2	0	4
Bambace rg	0	0	0
White c	3	1	7
Carrano lf	2	1	5
Pisigh lf	1	0	2
Ewchek rf	0	0	0
Fizza rf	0	0	0

The Stamford High School Seconds likewise gave a good account of themselves defeating the Central seconds by a score of 27-20. Rickert starred for the Stamford team scoring nine points.

S.H.S. 28—WARREN HARDING 26

S.H.S. climaxed its third straight victory by taking a thriller from the Meadmen. Chase Nanos sank the winning Basket with less than a minute to go.

Narrowly squeezing out a victory, the S.H.S. varsity extended its victory string to two straight.

Commercial got off to a two-point lead, spurted in the second quarter, and then lagged. The score at the end of the half was 12-11 in favor of Stamford. Buddy O'Meara grabbed six of those twelve points. The Commercial defense was very tight and the Stamford forwards were unable to make shots under the basket. The result was that most of the points for Stamford were made from midcourt. The second half saw Stamford go on a scoring spree that gave them an eight point lead at the third quarter. Commercial turned on the heat and executed quite a few long shots which began to endanger the Stamford lead. With a minute to go the entire second team of S.H.S. went in and froze the ball. The game ended with the Commercialites slightly out-scored, 32-29.

O'Meara turned in a swell performance as usual. His beautiful set shots and one armed pivot shots were a thorn in the side of the Commercial team. . . . Rassas and Nanos turned in superb floor games while Callahan and Cavanaugh clicked well at the turn of the third quarter. . . . White, Commercial guard, was sensational. Several times he broke up passing combinations and went on to score.

In a game marked by sloppy passing and poor shooting, the Stamford seconds lost to the Commercial seconds by a 24-20 score.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Jan. 15—Fairfield (here).
- 19—Bassick (here).
- 22—Central (here).
- 29—Fairfield (away).

Manager Lowell states that several other games are pending.

SUPPORT BASKETBALL

The Stamford High School basket-ball team has started off with an exceptionally good record this season, and now all it needs is support from the student body. The attendance at the home game against Commercial High was fair but could stand much improvement.

Basket-ball is an easy game to follow and is very exciting. The S.H.S. team executes many tricky plays which are sure to provide plenty of thrills for its spectators.

Dancing after the games is an added attraction this year. This should certainly provide an enjoyable and entertaining evening for even the hardest to please.

There are three home games scheduled this month on the 15th, the 19th, and the 22nd. The game with Fairfield High will be an exceedingly hard fought battle as they have only lost one game out of seven, and have a good chance of winning the State Championship.

Come on, students, support your team. We just missed being State Champions in football, so let's be States Basketball Champs.

EXCHANGE DEFINITIONS

Subtle—to ease the stomach, as with tomato juice.

Ashcan—a collective noun.

Booty—the way a senior feels the first week. . . . Also used to describe bathing females.

CCC—a Spanish yes-man.

Vicious—to pine; as—My girl vicious I was with her.

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Sketch for a Portrait

Nine years ago, a high school boy came to Merrill for information regarding our courses. He was just an average boy, not particularly interested in school, or in work either, for that matter. He talked freely about himself and said he wasn't at all sure what he wanted to be. "E" enrolled the next day and in less than ten months, he was ready for an office position.

He was placed with a prominent financial house in New York. Later, he secured a position with an important Connecticut corporation. On Christmas Eve just passed, I met him in Stamford. "Glad to see you, Mrs. Drew. I've news for you." And this was the news:

"E" is now purchasing agent for the Connecticut corporation he has served well, first as bookkeeper, then as accountant, and now in this higher post. He owns his home; he is a credit to his community. He has done all this in less than a decade because HE HAD DEFINITE TRAINING TO OFFER. We'll tell you through these columns of other friends of yours who are forging ahead because of Merrill training! And, by the way, every 1936 Merrill graduate is working!

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