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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED CLAIMS MR. HUMPHRIES

According to a statement from Mr. Humphries, this year's attendance requirements are much stricter than last year's. Said Mr. Humphries, "The Board of Education feels that the period of emergency caused by the depression has passed. Much that has been overlooked will now be severely dealt with. All pupils will be required to attend school regularly or else lose that privilege entirely. Pupils shall be required to attend regularly, otherwise they will be brought before the Board of Education and possibly asked to leave school.

According to latest releases Stamford High is not overcrowded. A total of 2091 students as compared to last year's 2216 are now in school. There are 912 sophomores, 716 juniors and 473 seniors. The faculty consists of 92 teachers, 28 of whom have sophomore home rooms. The chief drop in attendance has been in the ranks of the junior class but according to Mr. Humphries, this is not unusual. With more jobs open it is expected that a large percentage of boys and girls will find employment.

912 SOPHOMORES ENTER STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL TO BEGIN NEW YEAR

On Wednesday, September 9, a group of nine hundred and twelve sophomores entered S. H. S. to find places in twenty-eight home rooms. Making up one of the largest classes ever to be enrolled in the school, these students have already shown that they will be an asset. They have been showing interest in many of the extra curricular activities.

VARIETY SHOW TO BE PRESENTED

An Interesting Assembly Schedule Planned

One of the first productions of the assembly program schedule will be a Variety Show on which Miss Higgins is now working. It is to be given on Oct. 21, 22. This show is modeled on the same order as the one presented last term after school and for which admission was charged.

In the cast is new talent as well as old friends. In the line of entertainment there will be classical and popular numbers and dancing by some of the favorite dancers of S. H. S.

Beside the Variety Show on the assembly schedule is a film

donated by the Chevrolet Company; after this Miss Wilbur will present her annual pet show; Dr. Kohler, a peace program on Armistice Day; Miss Kane, a Sophomore play in November; Miss Sherbourne, "Mr. Bob", a play; Mr. Mack will present another marionette show; and Mr. Randall, a program of Christmas Carol singing.

This brings the schedule up to Christmas and an interesting program it is, guaranteed by Miss Higgins to be pleasing to all, because of the wide variety.

27 SENIORS ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE

The following pupils have announced their candidacies for officers of the Senior class. Final elections will be held on October 22, 1936.

PRESIDENT

Robert Tracy, George Rassas, John Lowell, Oscar Sweet, Bernard Glazer.

VICE PRESIDENT

Helen Zavras, Charles Nanos, Florence Mitchel, Betty Jordan, Paul Basile, Earl Smith, Arthur Lang, John Caddle, Matthew Guasco, and Kenneth Smith.

SECRETARY

Christine Pagliaro, Betty Boyd, Mary Link, Rita Maffucci, Hazelle Griffiths, Francis Cummings, and Dorothy Graham.

TREASURER

Irene Urbanowicz, Betty Oliver, Angelina Rondano, Milton Fodiman, Janet Bowne.

FACULTY INTRODUCES NEW TEACHERS AT TEA

On Thursday, Oct. 1, the faculty held an afternoon tea in the school library, at which the new teachers were introduced to the other members of the teaching staff.

Decorations in the library were pleasantly arranged by Miss Gedney, Miss Bacon, Miss Holbrook, and Miss St. John. The faculty members in charge of the refreshments were Miss Ryder, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Wells, Miss Marion, Miss Watts, and Miss Lyon. Tea was poured by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Humphries, and Mrs. Phillips.

The following new teachers were present: Miss Kane, of the English department, Miss Harris, of the Domestic Science department, Miss Thornton, exchange teacher for Miss Pratt, from Honolulu, of the Commercial department, Mr. Sorgman, of the Art department, Mr. Bugbee of the Mechanical Drawing department, and Mr. Hawes, of the Commercial department.

MAYOR PHILLIPS DEFINES GOVERNMENT OF HEART

Do you remember those hot and stuffy days when you could not go to the beach alone because you were not even in your teens? And who took shower baths when they were installed in every section of the town? Practically every youngster did, and you can wholly appreciate it at present for it was made possible by the Hon. Mayor Phillips when he was in office for the first term.

It is extremely difficult to pick one topic, from the wide range of topics of the day, and prepare to ask the mayor a question on it. Madame G. Michaels, one of his secretaries, stated that Mayor Phillips defined "Government of the Heart" over fifteen years ago. Throughout his political career he has used this little phrase frequently. Therefore the SIREN reporter thought it would be an appropriate time to ask the Mayor to define the phrase.

His answer to the SIREN interviewer was eager, sincere, and straight from the heart, "Government of the Heart—Government so alive to the welfare of the people that it does everything possible to uplift the lives of human beings."

MR. SMITH WELCOMES NEW SOPHOMORES; PREDICTS THREE YEARS OF SUCCESS

Girls and Boys of the entering class. On that day in September when we first met in the school auditorium some teacher said, "What a fine group of boys and girls". Now, five weeks later your teachers hold the same opinion. We hope you like your school as much as we like you. Yours is the largest class in the school and as I have intimated,

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TRAIN YOURSELF TO VOTE

Fellow students, how many of you realize that the time is rapidly approaching when we shall be eligible to vote? Those of us who are now seventeen years of age or more will vote in the 1940 presidential election.

We must begin to prepare ourselves for this momentous event. Let us start now and meditate as to the worth of the candidates, the platforms, and the various issues. We must be ready when the time comes to vote with intelligence and care.

The thousands of students now attending schools throughout the nation may be the deciding factor four years hence. They may control the voting margin—the margin which may differentiate between victor and loser.

We, the future voters of the United States, must train ourselves so that we can vote with an intelligent impartiality which will prove beneficial to the welfare of all.

IDEAS ON JOINING CLUBS

Stamford High School is very fortunate in having such an eminent variety of school clubs. Unfortunately, enthusiasm is not always the main motive that impels students to join. Their principal purpose in joining is to have something to "write up" about themselves in the Quarterly

THE MOVIE-GO ROUND

Reading age-old classics are no longer considered agony for the younger generation. "Why not read it," they say, "if it is good enough to be made into a movie?"

And the principle is good. Those famous stories, legends, or biographies need no longer be considered a drudge or something to be read because one has to.

Take, for instance, Charles Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities". The characters were superbly chosen and acted their parts with a fineness and dignity that could be acquired not only by really knowing the book, but feeling it as well.

That is not the only one. Look at the fine portrayal of Katherine Hepburn's in the story of Scotland's dynamic queen, Mary. Look at Shakespeare's immortal "Romeo and Juliet", and his beautiful "Midsummer Night's Dream," being transformed into lavish movie productions.

Innumerable others can be mentioned. A new era in the movie world has been born

and they have no intention of co-operating with the club director or other members who really join to participate in the activities of the club. This year, when you sign up for a club, try to cooperate with the club director and join because you really want to be an active member.

MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS
GROW BIG

It seems Mr. Randall has been kept pretty busy. Already this year he has organized the Senior Orchestra which consists of a balanced group of fifty-eight players, the Senior Girls' Glee Club of about sixty-five members, and the Senior Boys' Glee Club of forty-three.

His plans for the near future, or about January to be specific, is to give the annual concert with the glee clubs, orchestra and Capella Choir performing alone and together.

The annual show will be produced again in the Spring. Mr. Randall's plans for the remainder of the year will be announced at a later date.

HOME ROOMS ORGANIZE;
SEVERAL ELECT OFFICERS

Home room 221 has decided to raise money by having each student contribute a penny or more a week to be put into a bank. At the end of the second semester, the home room will go somewhere with this money. The room officers are:

President—Mavnard Aubrey
Vice Pres.—Gerda Gefkin
Secretary—Mary Cavanaugh
Treasurer—Wilbur Canaday

Room 244 has chosen as its officers for the next two months:

President—Helen Nevas
Vice Pres.—Faith Mead
Secretary—Robert Johnson
Treasurer—Mary Wynne

The first meeting of the 202 Home Room Organization was held on Thursday, Sept. 24. Voting took place, and the following officers were elected: Pres.—Folsom Parker; Vice-Pres.—Lois Wilson; Sec.—Harold Polis; Program Comm.—Charlotte Patricia, chairman, Donald Rustici, and Sam Rolph; Home Room Rep.—Benard Schacht; SIREN and Quarterly agent—Muriel Parminter; Collector for A. A. Dues—Marie Poulen.

TEACHERS IN GENERAL

Our new sewing teacher, Miss Gertrude Harris, hails from Providence, Rhode Island. She is a graduate of The Rhode Island State College. Formerly a household physics teacher in Pawtucket High School, she now teaches the making and wearing of clothes.

Miss Harris has many favorite sports; among them are swimming, horse-back riding, bicycling, and walking. Beefsteak, French-fried potatoes, peas, pie a la mode, and milk is her idea of what a dinner should be like. Miss Harris is a lover of dogs and has a collection of miniature statues or figures of dogs plus one great big St. Bernard. Beware! Pet aversion is *cats of all types*.

A gentleman, quiet and understanding—these are the words which best describe the personality of the new art teacher, Edgar Bugbee. After finishing his schooling at State Teacher's College in Pittsburgh, Massachusetts, he migrated to Gardner High School, Gardner, Massachusetts, and from there to Connecticut.

His favorite sport is football and he enjoys every minute of a game. His hobby is handicraft, and he specializes in woodworking.

Mr. Mayo Sorgman now presiding over room 266 is one of the recent additions to the art staff. Born in Brockton, Mass., he studied at the Mass. College of Fine Arts. His favorite art subject is Marine Life. Mr. Sorgman came to Stamford in 1935 and taught at Rogers. His opinion of Stamford High School students is: "They're all right."

Mr. Sorgman hopes that he will spend many happy days in "Old S.H.S."

(More about our new teachers in our next issue.)

In the Eskimo language, "I love you" is "Univgasernu-alfinajanjurisigajak." This explains why the arctic nights have to be so long.

—Exchange.

CHATTER

It seems you just can't lose me,
For I am back once more
To bring you lots of chatter
You haven't heard before. (We hope)

Hello, again. This year we're bringing you a clean sheet from through the wringer. Much as we hate to do it we're gonna have to let you down because in a certain fifth period class a sharp scissors snipped the suspenders of an unsuspecting boy. The boy went one way and the pants the other. This was one place where the twain should have met. And now for the annual prize awards. First goes to Dot Dolan and Bud Dye—four years is a mighty long time. Second goes to Bernice Hotz and Jack Singer, and Edythe Brigham and Kenny Anderson—who have held over from last spring. Congrats to the winners—any one of them who brings in his name and address on a desk top will get a year's subscription to The SIREN. (Blotters don't count.) Love goes in cycles—"tis said and it is true for Jack Glass and Fran McDonald have started to resume their 1934 romance. Sounds like an Alger story "From Sophomore to Senior." Speaking of sophs, Miss Milligan's 4th period seems to think seniors are as lowly as they. Imagine a soph phoning a senior? It seems Marienne Healy is starting a romance of her own in a certain algebra class. We wish you success, Marienne. By the way what happened to Marie, Art? Oh, for the days when bicycles were built for two—but anyhow Albert Scott and Nettie

Straut having been making the best of it are going over town on the handle bars. Charlie Nanos just dropped in to ask for our votes for vice-president—all the girls will probably vote for him (he hopes). And did you know that we had an honest to goodness tennis champ strutting around our stately portals? She's only a soph at that. And just to satisfy a bit of curiosity, why are the football players hanging around 128? It seems they are thinking of taking up sewing. John Deluca, now a football hero, has a crush on Kay Winslow. John is really a flashy little quarterback. Speaking of football stars—Walter O'Meara's theme song down in cafeteria is "Has anyone an odd cent?" We wonder how odd a cent can be? Eddie Morrison should have a guilty conscience for he waits until his father and mother go out and then make his get away. (Look out, Ed; the goblins will get you). And Jack Jurasek thinks its absolutely terrible the way the girls chase the boys in S.H.S. He intends to write an article about it. (Shades of Oscar Sweet?) And the other day Jean Elliot went with George Duffy—(don't you think he looks like Lil' Abner?) and helped him pick out a pair of shoes. It seems serious, don't you think? Or maybe they wear the same size? Ruth Sosnowitz, we hear is trying to make the boy who sits next to her in home room. We're all wrung out at this point and did you ever hear this in the halls? "Come on, lets play Chocolate Bars and Nestle."!

CLUB NEWS

FRENCH CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At the first meeting of "Le Cercle Francais" on October 6, the election of officers was held. President—Christina Pagliaro
Vice. Pres.—Florence Mitchell
Secretary—Rita Maffucci
Treasurer—Mary Wynne
Chairman of Programs—Loyce Mayers

GERMAN CLUB HOLDS MEETING

On Monday, September 28, the German Club held its first meeting of the season in which they elected the following officers: President—Arthur Lang
Vice Pres.—Irving Lebow
Secretary—Gerda Gefken
Treasurer—Dorothy Dolan

ODDS AND ENDS

BY
MARGARET DONAHUE
HELEN NEVAS

Greetings, folks. Welcome Sophomores, to old S. H. S. Did you have a nice summer?

First of all we want to explain this column to you. It is to contain news bits and stories that aren't news-worthy enough for longer write-ups. So, if you know of any short news item about S. H. S., will you be so kind as to leave a written account of it in room 201? Now let's get busy.

The first thing we want to do is to make you seniors and juniors who never joined any club or school activity hide your face in shame. The Sophomores didn't waste time finding their way around the school. They've joined the orchestra and raised last year's membership of 43 up to 58. Then they've swarmed "The SIREN" till its membership is about 33 1/3 per cent larger than last year.

What's the attraction that S. H. S. has in bringing students and teachers from points far away? Take for instance the teacher from the land of grass skirts and everlasting sunshine, Honolulu.

After a few weeks of "larning", a sophomore, to test his sense of direction, was asked where the cafeteria was. The brilliant remark of the newcomer was, "What cafeteria?"

Have you six-foot seniors noticed that some of the Red Gables' kindergarten pupils have wandered into high school in the form of sophomores?

Just for curiosity's sake, pause for a moment before the bulletin board outside of room 201 and note the ever-changing articles put there by the senior journalism class.

Here's another sight for those that are curious. Take a walk into the library and focus your eyes on the sign on the desk saying, "Have you read this?" Try it sometimes. The book above this question is usually fascinating.

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one of the finest ever to enter Stamford High School. Individually and as a group there are great possibilities ahead of you! With an intelligent plan and plenty of hard work you should have a very happy three years. I predict for you the fine satisfaction that comes with success.

Edward Smith, principal.

The Sport Whirl

STAMFORD 12, FREEPORT 7

Stamford High School, led by Walter O'Meara and Danny Morrelli, defeated Freeport High School at the Freeport Municipal Stadium by a score of 12-7. A touchdown on a lateral from O'Meara to Fuda gave the Orange and Black a six point lead at half time. Freeport took the lead by making it 7-6 at the third quarter. High's final came in the last period with two minutes to play. From the familiar "x" formation O'Meara lateralled to Morrelli for the winning touchdown.

... Fisher dumped Seigfreidt on his face for a two yard loss and stood apologetically above him.

... Rassas smeared Thorne, Freeport safety man, when Danny Morrelli's 60 yard punt went over his head.

... Buddy O'Meara got off so many pretty runs that he had the Freeport coach tearing his hair. Buddy crossed the goal once after a pretty 52 yard jaunt but the officials said, "nix, off side penalty on S.H.S."

... Dan Morrelli got off a 70 yard punt and three 60 yarders. That's kicking!

S.H.S. 7, COLLEGIATE, 0

Taking to the air in a baffling manner S.H.S. defeated Collegiate Prep. 7-0. Staging a beautiful drive in the first quarter that carried them from their own ten into Prep's territory, the Orange and Black scored on a forward pass that netted them 50 yards and a touchdown. On fourth down with five to go Danny Morelli faded back and rifled a perfect pass to Tommy Callahan, who caught it in his stride and fought and clawed his way 25 yards to a touchdown. Morelli place-kicked the extra point.

... Sonny Griffen was hot outside of high's twenty but he fuzzed out from then on. No less than four high linemen hit him ... The Collegiate guard

made threatening gestures at Fuda. Ole Louie just grinned and walked away ... Fischer received a nasty smash in the nose. Al Lindquist who replaced him was playing with two mashed fingers. Fischer later returned to the game ... Barnett took plenty of punishment at the center post but came through swell.

S.H.S. 28, PORT JERVIS 6

S. H. S. had a field day at the expense of a bewildered Port Jervis eleven. Mixing up laterals, forwards, and reverses in a baffling manner, the Orange and Black machine erased a six point lead easily. Port Jervis received its touchdown on a gold platter due to costly fumbles by Stamford. It was the only time Port Jervis scored or even threatened again. After the first team punched over four touchdowns, the entire second and third teams saw action. They kept the ball in Port Jervis' territory all the time.

... Bob Cavanaugh got his break when Lou Fuda wrenched his ankle. Bob, playing his first game, played a good game

... Pete Robotti smeared the reverses of Port Jervis all the time. He dumped the fullback so much that he had a headache.

... "Beef" Guasco and Pete Robotti blocked a punt. Guasco knocked it out of bounds. Guasco slapped the punter on the back adding, "And listen, son, don't try to come through center, it's impossible."

... Danny Morelli scored two touchdowns and place kicked four extra points. That's playing ball.

... Dick O'Meara saw action and gave the Port Jervis fullback plenty of action.

... Fischer picked up the Port Jervis halfback by his heels, shook him for loose change, and slammed him down for a two yard loss.

... For the second time the old familiar "X" play worked for a touchdown. It seems to work well against New York teams.

Stamford 12, Peekskill M. A. 6

Rallying courageously to erase a six point lead a mud bespattered Stamford High School eleven defeated Peekskill Military Academy 12 to 6. Captain George Rassas played the game of his life. He caught a forty yard pass from Danny Morrelli and, although hampered by two tacklers, clawed his way to the one foot mark. Buddy O'Meara plunged over for the first score that tied the ball game up. A few minutes later Stamford scored again as Fuda received a pass in the end zone.

... Stamford couldn't get rolling in the first half as P. M. A. made 8 first downs to the Orange and Black's 1.

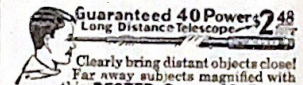
... On the kickoff Bob Cavanaugh hit the P. M. A. receiver with only one arm. He slapped the receiver on his back for no gain just the same.

... Al Lindquist flopped on the ball when he broke through the Peekskill line and smothered a line buck.

... Guasco and Robotti opened wide holes for Al Ferrente to gallop through.

... Zurzola broke through to smother the try for extra point by P. M. A.

... High's passing attack clicked well. Six out of ten passes were good.



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