

NEW PLAY, "AFTER YOU I'M NEXT" PLANNED

"After You I'm Next", a mystery comedy directed by Miss Kane, is being rehearsed and will be presented in assemblies some time in May.

Following are the characters and actors chosen:

George—A colored butler, about fifty years of age with a happy and care free disposition. played by Earl Smith.

Marie Delmon—Attractive young society matron, wife of Paul Delmon, played by Jean Elliot.

Paul Delmon—A wealthy young novelist who plans a publicity stunt to launch his new detective novel, played by Robert Cavanaugh.

Mary Jones—A sweet young thing who has been married for twelve hours, fifty-eight minutes, and two seconds, played by Dorothy McHugh.

Henry Jones—Mary's husband, who has come with Mary to the home of Paul Delmon looking for—"Romance—the glorious, scintillating romanticism", played by Irwin Silver.

Pansy Delbar—A typical chorus girl, ex-sweetheart of Paul Delmon; Betty Jordan.

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ITALIAN CLUB ISSUES PLEA FOR MATERIAL

The Italian Club is issuing a plea for help in writing a scenario for a forthcoming assembly program. With the presentation of its assembly of March 22, 23, 24, the Club's ideas, it is sorry to announce, are exhausted.

The possible author or authors are urged to write a scenario having a great many characters and a minimum of scenery. It should present a playlette of about 45 minutes in length.

In return for a good script, the Italian Club will give the author assembly publicity.

LI VOLSI SPEAKS ON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE

Frank Li Volsi, Stamford state representative, spoke to the Political Science Club Thursday, March 4.

In his talk Mr. Li Volsi spoke on the happenings in the state Senate and House of Representatives. He gave examples of how bills are introduced in both houses and explained many of the present day bills.

Mr. Li Volsi also said that if the members of the Political Science Club wished to attend Stamford Day at the capital in Hartford it could be arranged.

DORIS CLARKE WINS LIMERICK CONTEST

The winner of the Home Room Limerick contest, sponsored by Mr. Moon, is Doris B. Clarke '37 of Home Room 122. The SIREN staff acted as judges.

A prize of a suitable nature will be donated. Miss Clarke's winning efforts are printed below:

Willie Schmultz used his clutch for a brake.

And baptized himself in the lake.

When the boys fished him out, They said, "There's no doubt—*We'll all be attending a wake.*"

A truck driver, Willie M. Wise, Was proud of his long-distance eyes.

Said he: "I declare, There's a plane way up there—"
Now he too flaps his wings in the skies.

From the cross-walk Pedestrian Pete

Turned to wink at a girl he thought neat.

But an automobile Was right on his heel—

He found flirting with Death indiscreet.

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OPEN LETTER TO SENIORS FROM THEIR PRESIDENT

To the Senior Class:

As you all know, the time for graduation is drawing near. We have quite a task ahead of us. In order to carry out the plans presented below it will be necessary to have your undivided attention and utmost support.

Each Senior Home Room should make it a point to have its representative give a full account of the meetings of the Class. This information is vitally important, and should be fully understood by every member of the class, in order that we may function more perfectly as a whole.

With your support it is my wish that the Class of '37 successfully carry out the following:

- I. Make the benefit performance of "Mr. Bob" a success.
- II. Collect all class dues by April 9.
- III. Have a semi-formal dance late in April or early May.
- IV. Make our Prom second to none.

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MR. PHILLIPS EXPLAINS HIS METHOD OF MARKING

The following is the marking system used by Mr. Phillips, head of the Mathematics department, in his classes:

Mr. Phillips tries to keep in touch with each individual pupil, with his daily work, striving to obtain the best from the pupil. The result of examinations and recitations are used in determining the marks. If the pupil tries hard and does his best, success is almost insured. Progress is individual as each pupil is allowed to proceed as fast as he is able to master phases of the subject.

PUPILS I. Q.'s RATED BY INTELLIGENCE TESTS

Many pupils are eager and interested in whether or not their I. Q.'s will be known after that intelligence test taken recently.

Mr. Humphries states that the reason for this test was to aid the office in rating the pupil's individual standard of intelligence. Since similar tests were given about four years ago, it is necessary to know the pupils' intelligence quotient to determine the rate of general school development.

In regard to finding out your personal I. Q. ratings, Mr. Humphries said that that point still remains uncertain. He stated that, "it would cause an unnecessary rush to the office of individuals asking for their I. Q. rating," but still he continued, "I believe each pupil should know his I. Q. and see for himself the advancement he has made."

The senior tests are to be corrected first, the junior papers second, and the sophomore tests last, but the results can not be released for a few months.

"I think everyone enjoyed these tests as they were in the form of amusing questions and tricky puzzles which caused discussion afterwards," added Mr. Humphries, "and I believe the pupils enjoyed comparing their answers after the test was handed in."

"PIRATES OF PENZANCE" TO BE PRESENTED SOON

The combined Glee Clubs, A Capella Choir, and Orchestra, directed by W. R. Randall, will present as their annual show "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan. The casting for this production has already begun, but no principals have as yet been chosen.



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A fine thanks our librarian, Miss Gedney, receives for helping us. Tasks are made easier for us by her aid, and we turn around and carry off posters!

Och! Slightly exaggerated, you say. However, many pages are deliberately torn out of good books; marring pencil marks are all over other volumes; and many decorations and magazines are carried off or destroyed.

Well, don't sigh and expect endless preaching because, we are not going to preach to you. But we hope all will abide by the following statement:—"Let's improve our library manners."

YOUTH AND WAR

When we here in America view with troubled gaze the state of affairs in Europe, we wonder that a supposedly civilized continent could become so barbaric. The Spanish Civil War, regardless of what side one takes, is something horrible and disgusting. Men, women, and children are being killed by the hundreds daily, and even while we sit here in America comparatively safe, we shudder to think of what the last great war brought to countless homes—the despair and horror and hopelessness of it all.

Yet, the war mongers are at it again, goading, urging, coaxing, and cajoling by spreading senseless propoganda among the youth of civilization.

Each year students all over the country have showed their antipathy to war, by having nation-wide parades, strikes, and demonstrations. Some think that because it has been done for two years, it will be sufficient for the years to come. However, they are wrong because there will always have to be demonstrations of this sort in order to avert war. Therefore, on the next peace day there should be more student participation and demonstration so that the world will know that we don't want war.

ODDS AND ENDS
By MARGARET DONAHUE

1. Maybe the Senior class should accept Mr. Boyle's suggestion of a senior outing to Long Island by ferry. The pupils can dance, swim and eat, and still remain safe, above water.

2. Stamford High was the recipient of an unusual gift; namely, ten assorted traffic signs, lanterns, ice cream signs, and name plates.

This unusual offering was culled from the neighboring town of Greenwich and at present the honor is unknown. However, the Greenwich police are hot on the trail and promise an arrest within the next 24 hours.

3. Have you noticed how your classes have diminished since September? Mr. Sessa has offered some good reasons for this, among them: leaving school, lack of interest for subject, and inability to grasp subject, which is why Study Halls are full.

4. The following scene is laid in Home Room period 108:

George Rassas — "Any new business?"

Doug Connolly — "Palmer's dog had six puppies."

A GOOD IDEA!

Editor "Siren":

Your paper stated not long ago that the "snoop-box" in the Library was put there for the purpose of obtaining information for the "chatter" column. Yet when it is contributed, it is disregarded. Many others have also seen fit to complain. Does one have to be popular to get one's name in that column? Why do the same names appear many times?

Anonymous.

STAMP CLUB MEETS

At the last weekly meeting of the stamp club on Tuesday, the 16th, Mrs. Harvey spoke to the members on the subject of the stamps of the British Colonies.

The guest-speaker at the previous meeting was Mr. Frank Plowman who elucidated on the subject of Japanese stamps mainly, and also touched on the subjects of United States and Canadian stamps.

WIT WHAT

By Shepard Lenchek

After casting about in the field of scholastic journalism, we have come to the conclusion that our Chatter is the liveliest column in the state. Our chatter writers are indeed unique. They do not peek through keyholes a'la Winchell. No. They open the door.

Flash: Professor Youata Gohomma, distinguished Japanese scientist, reports new method of making oil boil. "Velly simple", says he, "just add B then oil boil." (Darn clever these Japs.)

If this current wave of child marriages continues, scenes like this will soon be common: Siren Headlines—1940.

"Sophomore Wives Complain"—"Housework before Homework, Is Battle Cry." "Schoolwork Broke up my Happy Married Life Sobs 16 Year Old Grass Widow." Things will probably get so bad that they will have to pass a law, and when they have to pass a law, that's bad.

Taken at random:

Theme song for S. H. S. basketballers: "I'm putting all my pegs in one basket". Most embarrassing moment: The Northern boy playing on a Southern college's football team, who rushed into the huddle and shouted, "Come on gang—Let's take 'em like Grant took Richmond!!!"

"Why do you call this the Fiddle Ho'el?"

"Because it's such a vile inn."

S. H. S. THREE YEARS AGO

Religious Tol'rance Urged!

In a March assembly Rabbi Louis Haas, Dr. Stanley High, and Father Kelly spoke to the students asking for religious tolerance.

A Comedy, "Favorable Prophecies", was to be given by the German Club in a future assembly. They also planned a trip to New York for later spring.

Honor System Not for S. H. S. Say Winning Debators. With Francis Koffler and Jerold Wallman on the winning side, the Debating Club witnessed an exciting debate.

CHATTER

Chatter about the chosen few, Absolutely will not do, So straight from the snoop box we bring to you, What you put in—(we hope it's true—)

(Editor's note: Because we have had so many complaints regarding the non-usage of the material offered in the "Snoop-Box," "we give you the snoops" almost unchanged.)

Flash! !—The following are on the confirmed list of S. H. S. bachelors—Ray Hartwell, Bud Ramsey, Perry Polk, "Butter Cup," Hudson O'Meara, Linton Clark, and Joe Globberman. Come and get 'em, gals! Mary Wynne admits she's a farm gal but it seems that her ideas are quite like those of a city slicker . . . The lazy man's striking method has bitten Red Lowell and he claims that he is going on a sit down strike until Zelda Wakeman graduates from college—four years is an awful long time to stay in the same position, Red! (Don't ask us what this is all about, it's a deep, dark secret so deep and dark we don't know what it's all about ourselves.—At last Helen Nevas has come down to the boys' level, and this time, it's serious, "n'est-ce pas, Paul?" And some inquisitive person wonders how Sylvia Gottfried is getting along with her out of town boyfriends? (What's the

matter, Sylvia, aren't the local boys good enough for you or what?) And one bright boy when asked to give a definition of wind, replied—"air in a hurry" . . . Some more of cupid's finaglings! Dot Deluca and Tommy Lemon another of our blooming love teams. Holy cats! they're springin' up all over the place . . . We would like to know who is so catty as to try and break up a beautiful friendship by writing the following: "I wonder how," "Shrimp" Gruber and Shirley Davidoff can be such good friends, when they're both crazy over the same guy. (How about letting us in on a secret, kids?) . . . In a category how high is up and how deep is the ocean goes the question how long can a senior keep his or her ring? Look around and see for yourself, it doesn't take long. As a definition of dirt some of you may say the Chatter but we think it's mud with the juice squeezed out. And this "High Steppers' Club" seems to be doing very well; they even get their parties on the social page . . . Mr. Tracy has a tendency to lean toward fiddle players. Be careful of strings, Bob . . . Rumors have it that Pete (Row boat) Robotti has accumulated an interest in dramatics. He's going to play the role of a cave man in the "History of Design" assembly. Ah, well, such is life . . . Toodle-oo . . .

EXCHANGES

Soph—"I don't intend to get married till I'm thirty."

Senior—"I don't intend to be thirty till I'm married."

Woman is nothing but a rag, a bone, and a hank of hair.

Man is nothing but a brag, a groan, and a tank of air.

Co-Ed—"Everytime I look at you I think of a great man."

Joe College—"You flatter me. Who is it?"

Co-Ed—"Darwin!"

Teacher—"Find the least common denominator."

Student—"My goodness, is it

lost again?"

A—"I know what I'll do. I'll get a revolver and blow my brains out!"

B—"Don't be so extravagant—take some snuff and sneeze!"

She—"I bought this dress for a ridiculous price."

He—"Perhaps so, but not for an absurd figure."

Lady walking into butcher shop—"Give me a chicken" she said.

"Do you want a pullet?" asked the butcher.

"No," replied she, "I want to carry it."

FODIMAN REPORTS ON SENIOR TREASURY

Milton Fodiman, treasurer of the Senior Class, made his report at the Senior representatives' meeting of March 2nd. He stated that the balance left over from last year was \$51.87, and to date the class treasury totals \$131.85. The sum, however, would greatly exceed this if the class dues were fully paid up. The following list shows the standings of the Senior home rooms:

Room No.	Registered	Class Dues Paid
102	37	0
108	33	6
120	34	0
121	34	2
122	35	18
134	34	13
143	35	18
163	22	1
166	31	4
222	28	4
231	20	3
236	33	0
244	25	18
256	22	8
267	28	8
362	30	22
363	23	3

SUCCESSFUL CAKE SALE HELD BY SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club's first annual cake sale was a complete success with \$5.87 the net profit. Those who helped make this venture into the world of business were:

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The Sport Whirl

By Winfield Goulden

NEW BRITAIN 34—S. H. S. 28

A carefree Stamford High team dropped its first game of the New Haven State Championship playoffs to, as usual, an inferior five. The flashy Gold and Maroon players of New Britain squad established a lead at the start of the game and were never overhauled. As a result of this game Stamford was dropped from the tournament. "Chic" Shea, coach of New Britain, had little hopes of his team beating S. H. S., but all that was changed as the score shows.

GLENBROOK 28—S. H. S. 27

Dropping a close one, the Stamford Highmen relapsed into another lethargy. Alternately spurting and lagging, they finally dropped a one point decision.

Y. M. C. A. 32—S. H. S. 29

Increasing its disastrous losing streak, Stamford petered out at the end of the third quarter to drop a decision to an alert Y. M. C. A. five.

O'Meara fought hard and played like a demon, but it was no dice.

S. H. S. 33—W. HARDING 19

Proving itself a real good basketball team, Stamford smeared Harding in a fast game marked by Tommy Callahan's long shots. Stamford's victory was so complete that there was no doubt as to the superiority of the Orange and Black.

CENTRAL 22—S. H. S. 17

Leading midway in the third quarter, a sluggish Stamford quintet succumbed to a fighting Central five by a close margin. Casmero was outstanding for Central while Richert, O'meara, and Cavanaugh starred for Stamford.

P. M. A. 31—S. H. S. 24

Dropping what probably will be the last game of the season, the Stamford quintet proceeded sluggishly through four quarters of a spiritless game in which the Blue and White clearly outplayed the Orange and Black. Tom Callahan was his usual self. He played faultlessly and with a spirit that was fine.

This is the fourth straight game Stamford has lost. It wouldn't be so bad if the teams were better than S. H. S., but they're not. All the teams which Stamford has succumbed to have been inferior. To mention a few: Bassick, Fairfield, Central, Junior College. So, with the season over, we still wonder—How good is S. H. S.? Well, draw your own conclusions.

Room 201's intramural basketball team defeated room 243, March 5 and thereby shattered 234's record of six straight wins.

The final score was 27 to 20, but the game was closely contested, an overtime period being necessary to decide the winner.

DORIS CLARKE WINS

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There was a young chauffeur named Craft
Who heard about safety and laughed.

"Oh!" said he, "when I drive
'I like to feel I'm alive—"

Now he doesn't feel even a draft.

A motor car driver named Phinn
Liked to tickle his 'innards with gin.

He drove out one day
On the bloomin' 'ighway—
And that was the "Phinn-ish" of Phinn.

ORIGINAL

A restless young driver named Jane
Thought it daring to race with train,

So she stepped on the gas,
Now—alack and alas!
SHE'S AN ECHO IN "MEMORY LANE."

"IN THE LIMELIGHT"

Name—Dorothy Howard
Noted For—Calling people "dear"

Usually Seen—Staying after school

Pet Aversion—Salesgirls
Hobby—Dancing and singing
Ambition—To be a secretary

Name—Jimmy Gorman
Noted for—His many friends
Usually Seen—Smiling

Pet Aversion—Fooling around
Hobby—Swimming
Ambition—Get out of S. H. S.

Name—Teddy Duffy
Noted for—Being well-dressed
Usually Seen—In trouble

Pet Aversion—Shellacing floors
Hobby—Teaching girls how to drive

Ambition—To be a vaudeville actor

OPEN LETTER TO SENIORS

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V. And may I add, further, any suggestions or ideas that will benefit the success of the Senior Class will be heartily welcome.
Respectfully yours,
George Rassas,
President.

NEW PLAY PLANNED

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Phil Young—A breezy young newspaper man; Linton Clarke.

Pat—A young chap of about 20 years just starting on his career as a crook, Martin (Killer) Kane.

Camille—A stage struck young person of about 16, Mary Cavanaugh.

Peaches—A newspaper woman who takes her job seriously, Joan Hedler.

Mrs. C. U. Later—About 50 years old. After you knew her you can get along with her if you agree with everything she says, Mary Link.

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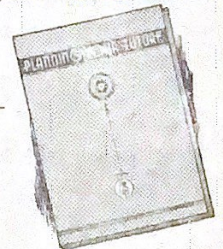
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