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Dance Club Starts With 250 Members

Dance at the "Hollenbeck Dance Club." Yes! Hollenbeck has started a dance club which meets every Wednesday afternoon from 3:10 to 4:00 o'clock. It is open to any boy or girl of Hollenbeck Junior High. It will feature ballroom (social) and folk dancing which is taught by the teachers or by friends. The doors close at 3:20, and if you attend you must dance, for this is not a "dance-seeing" class.

Records are furnished by the school or brought by students at their own risk.

There will be lessons for beginners who want to learn, and just dancing for those who know how, on alternate weeks.

The originators of this wonderful idea are Juanita de la Pera and Celia Rios.

The first day of the club's organization was January 7, 1948, at which time approximately 250 students attended.

More Pupils in Glee Clubs Next Term

Next term, Mrs. Williams will have the largest glee clubs that she has had since she has been here. These will consist of seventy boys and seventy-six girls. She is very happy that the Boys' Glee Club is growing so rapidly.

For the first time since she has been here she will have an accompanist who will be Eunice Mintz.

For the musical part of the graduation program the Girls' and Boys' glee clubs and the Senior Orchestra will put on the "Ode to America," by Noble Cain.

Gladys Wein

Coming Events

January 26-27—Report cards are carried around.

January 28—Graduation rehearsal and with all upper division classes attending.

January 29—Annuals distributed at 10:00 a.m. at a special homeroom period.

A9 graduation at 1:30 p.m.

January 30—Award aud call.

Hajime Uyehara Student Body President Next Term.

A8's Star In "Devil Stone"

Drama, tense with suspense, began as the curtain rose on "Devil Stone," a mystery comedy produced by the A8 drama class under the direction of Mrs. Gillin.

With a swift moving plot involving ghosts and mystery, no one actor was outstanding, but all were on the same high level.

Perhaps two of the most outstanding features of the play were the excellent sound effects and lighting.

The play, which received many laughs and closest attention, might have been even more enjoyable if the shrieks of fear from the audience had not partially drowned out the actors' voices.

Carlos Renteria

Upper Division To See Graduation Rehearsal

A final graduation rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, January 28, and, for the first time in Hollenbeck's history, all the rest of the upper division is invited to see it.

Thursday, January 29, graduation will be held at 1:15 p.m. It will last about one hour and forty-five minutes.

It's really turning out to be a swell graduation.

Fay Granoff

Mr. Dolton - Mrs. Russell's Mothers Pass Away

The holiday season was a sad one this year for both Mrs. Russell and Mr. Dalton, for the mother of each of them passed away. Faculty and students wish to express their sympathy.

A9 Class Day Party Real Success

The A9's "Class Day Party" on Thursday, January 15, was a great success. All the A9's enjoyed it very much.

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Emma Santana - Daniel Ciucci - Vice Presidents

Hajime Uyehara was elected to the office of student body president on December eighteenth, edging out Connie De Lara by a very close margin.

The election for the offices of girls' and boys' vice presidents were won by Emma Santana and Daniel Ciucci. The newly elected senators are Juanita Corley and Rudy Medina for girls' and boys' ninth grade senators. Emma Takeda was re-elected to the office of eighth grade senator. Our new boys' eighth grade senator is Ronald Osajima. Rosenda Garcia and Frank Guzman are the new girls' and boys' seventh grade senators.

Congratulations to these students, who, we are sure, will do their best to make the semester of summer '48 one of the best.

Our retiring president is David Shinen and the two replaced vice presidents are Vera Novikoff and Hajime Uyehara. Retiring senators are Noheim Lozano and Irving Radoff for girls' and boys' ninth grade senators. Albert Torem and Emma Takeda are retiring boys' and girls' eighth grade senators and Joe Flores and Jean Belletich retiring seventh grade senators.

Our appreciation to these retiring officers who did a fine job this semester.

Mrs. Rasmussen has Baby Boy Dec. 25

Mrs. Rasmussen, who was an art teacher in room 230 had the nicest Christmas present she ever could get. The present, a little bundle, which weighed seven pounds, one and one-half ounces, was brought by the stork, who came along with Santa Claus, on December 25, 1947.

The bundle was a little boy whose name is Dale Lloyd Rasmussen.

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Virus X Turns Mr. Beebe's Hair Gray

Busy! Busy! Busy! Mr. Beebe is all worn out keeping his records on Virus X. Virus X has caught many of our students, but many of us are still fugitives from it. Our school attendance has been very low, so we want to come to school every day possible, and roll in our school work.

This month there hasn't been a good record on the attendance bulletin board. We hope it will be better next month.

Remember, all students, if you're not absent for three consecutive years, you will receive at the Award Aud Call a gold pin and a certificate.

Thank You

We, the journalism class, would like to thank the art, printing and typing departments for cooperating with us and making it possible for us to give you the Siren.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Coons for her unselfish giving of time and effort, and for her happy spirit which made work under her direction always a pleasure.

Are They Proud!

Have you noticed how proud the A9 girls in H. R. 246 look lately? Mrs. Coffin sent a very nice note to them complimenting them on having been the only A9 homeroom with no ineligible at the eligibility check-up at the time of the eighteenth week. Mrs. Domries says she is very proud to claim ownership of such a cooperative and fine group of young ladies. Hold that line, girls!

Do You Know When Christmas Comes?

If your last name ends in "ich," perhaps you celebrated Christmas on January seventh instead of on December twenty-fifth, but in case it doesn't we'll tell you that that is the day Slavic people living in and around Los Angeles celebrate their Christmas.

How? We'll let one of Mrs. McFeeley's students give you that information.

The custom is to begin preparing food long before this holiday. By the time it has arrived you might see tempting meats and poultry, cakes and tortes, all served and ready to be eaten. The women act as hostess, while the men have the honor to visit their friends' homes and help themselves to the food.

The man arriving first at a home brings an apple with money fastened onto it. This he gives to the host or hostess as a token of best wishes and good will. If he sees he isn't the first man to arrive, he saves the apple for another house. In return for this token he receives a shower of rice from the family.

This celebration goes on from sunup till sundown. Don't you wish your last name ended in "ich"?

Farewell Hollenbeck

We boys and girls of Winter '48 wish to express our gratitude to the homeroom teachers who have dragged us to the point of graduation this term.

We will always remember the noise and laughter in our homerooms. We boys and girls are proud in such a way that we cannot help thinking how bare and empty our rooms will look, until the new B7's arrive. They will be coming from their grammar schools, to a fine school, and we hope this new group of B7's will be as happy at Hollenbeck as we have.

The Walls Talk Back

Where did Pinaud get that unusual hairdo? . . . Why is Winifred J. always swooning? Could it be because of a certain boy named Bill? Why does Jack prefer Frances now? Is it because of 4th period? . . . What certain teacher is very fond of Michigan's football team? . . . Why is Raymond G. always showing off in 3rd period? . . . Who's that certain boy from Cathedral that Floria M. is interested in? . . . Stockings seem to be the style in Hollenbeck now . . . Why does Barbara S. snub S. P.? . . . Mr. Davies, how did the 2c. collection turn out? . . . Ellen, where are your nylons? . . . Clara, where are you going after the A9 term? . . . A pal of mine tells me that B. G. is getting very conceited. I wonder if it runs in the family S. G.? . . . I wonder how the boys like the new fad here at Hollenbeck . . . I wonder if Ethel, Lily, and Toni are going to graduate? . . . Some girls are wondering who started this nylon fad. Well, I'll let you in on the secret. It was my pal, Nadaline! . . . I wonder if Hollenbeck is going to be better or worse after the A9's leave . . . Who ever thought that a girl as short and small as Lily G. would be voted most popular girl in the A9 class . . . I wonder what some girls see in Cathedral High, could it be? . . . Huh? . . .

Mary Knight
Ruth Jacobs

Good Manners in the Aud.

Good manners are an expression of kindness or thoughtfulness.

Most of us are not deliberately rude, but some times we are thoughtless.

Not long ago the A8 drama class gave a very fine play, that the class and Mrs. Gillin had worked hard to prepare, but there were a few thoughtless people in the audience who made almost impossible for their neighbors to enjoy the play. A few whistled, some talked, many screamed in the scary moments in the play.

When we go to the aud after this, let's enjoy the program ourselves and not interfere with anyone else's enjoyment of it.

Remember good manners are just kindness in action.

George Ruiz A9-H. R. 140 Injured in Truck Accident

(Quoted from the Times, Wed., Jan. 14)

"The scene . . . was the Soto St. overpass above the Romona Freeway.

"As a semitrailer carrying 14,000 pounds of fence wire in 100 and 200-pound rolls rounded a curve on the overpass, the front wheels locked . . .

"Directly in its path while walking across the bridge was George Ruiz, 16, of 1210 Alcazar St. Something hit him. No one knows whether it was the front of the truck or one of the heavy coils of wire that were thrown from the overturning truck.

"The impact knocked George over the railing and 28 feet down to the pavement of the Ramona Freeway. The boy landed on his stomach. At the Pasadena Avenue Receiving Hospital all Dr. J. S. Barryman could find wrong with him was a fractured right wrist, severe lacerations on the palms of both hands and strained muscles in the right thigh.

"One thing George knew:

"I didn't jump. I wouldn't. Not off there."

122 Attendance Champs

One morning as we came into H. R. 122, it was nice and dark because of the smog. But on the blackboard Miss Snyder wrote, "We won the attendance banner" in big white letters. Then there came a big cheer, for this was the first time H. R. 122 had won an attendance banner since Miss Snyder came to Hollenbeck.

They have won many athletic banners for their homeroom.

Their attendance mark was 97.72, the highest attendance mark in the whole school for the month.

The boys of H. R. 122 have shown to us that boys can top the girls in attendance and win that banner, and they are very happy and proud of it.

Chadwick Woo

CLEVER

Mrs. Coons. Did you see Mrs. Coffin?

Fay. Yes, I saw her and she wasn't there.

Candy Canes Initiate New Members

The regular monthly meeting of the Candy Canes was held Friday, Dec. 12 for the initiation of their new members and the promotion of old members. Two old members, Norma Lamberson and Corinne Axetrod, received double promotion in recognition of outstanding service.

The new members entertained the group with a delightful program of piano numbers, songs, recitations, and a skit. Alice Peralez, Lt., presided at the short business meeting that preceded the program and the following new members were welcomed into the group: Gloria Bell 148, Martha Chavez 127, Jacqueline Cooperman 226, Dorothy Desatoff 262, Rose Hirota 126, Yayo Horita 123, Audrey Kassap 222, Beulah Mizuno 123, Davida Pollinger 145, Dolores Rios 253, Joan Shigetome 247, Merle Slaten 125, Rebecca Soto 127, Marlene Streier 243, Judy Weintraub 126, and Loretta Wohl 226.

Very recently also, Gloria Sall, Dolores Rios, Teresa Salas and Rachel Martinez, became members of this group.

Congratulations, girls!

Hostess Class Exhibits

Table Settings

The A9 Hostess Class gave an exhibit of table settings on January 14 and 15.

The types of tables were "Breakfast for Two," "Afternoon Tea," "Formal Tea or Reception," "Family Dinner" and "Hot Dog Supper."

The judges were Mrs. Bartheld, Miss Richards and Mrs. Monroy. The tables that won the ribbons were:

First Place—Breakfast for Two—arranged by Celia Dominguez, Lydia Gomez, Ruth Jacobs, Ethelind Ortiz and Eleanor Saavedra.

Second Place—Afternoon Tea—Juanita Castillo, Ruth Cruz, Billie Jean Glampe and Mary Knight.

Third Place—Formal Tea or Reception—Nellie Alcantar, Mary Louise Holquin, Elena Juarez and Beatrice O'Balles.

Mary Knight

Youth will never live to age unless they keep themselves in health with exercise, and in heart with joyfulness.

Good Books - New and Old In Our Library

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BASEBALL?

By Bill Brandt

Boys who enjoy thrilling action packed baseball stories, will enjoy this new book by Bill Brandt, the famous sports announcer. This book is a collection of 50 famous "Once in a lifetime" baseball stories. You will like such stories as "The Babe Calls His Shot," "Babe Ruth's Proudest Record," "The Shut Out Iron Man," and 47 other very enjoyable stories.

Allen Shugar

THESE HAPPY GOLDEN YEARS

By Laura Ingalls Wilder

This is a story about Laura Ingalls intelligent and popular, who was only fifteen years old when she started to teach school. It tells of the hardships that she went through.

This story takes place in the pioneer days and it contains romance, adventure, and excitement. I'd say if you really want a good book, check out "These Happy Golden Years."

Fay Granoff

HEART OF DANGER

Heart of Danger is a very interesting, fast moving story, that takes the young third mate of the tanker Araby and a friend of his, Ruby Behrens, into German occupied France on a secret mission.

The story will keep you in suspense right up to the very last page. It tells of the troubles they go through to enter France, and finally of how they get into Paris to complete their mission.

So if you're a reader who enjoys tense adventure stories, then you should read "Heart of Danger."

David Shinen

BING

By Clarence Hawken

Dog lovers will enjoy this story of a little dog's love for his master and mistress very much.

Bing was an excellent watch dog, and proved himself a hero several times, once when he saved a drowning boy and another time when he gave warning of a fire.

Gladys Wein

Regular Basketball Season Ends

"Basketball, the final sport this semester, has finally come to an end. It will be followed by a miss and out tournament which started Jan. 16.

The following homerooms won basketball pennants in their respective classifications. Homeroom 140 defeated homeroom 240 by a score of 39 to 17 to win the Class "A" pennant.

In the "B" classification, three homerooms participated in the play-off for the pennant. They were homerooms 248, 122, and 203. Homeroom 122 was the victor and 248 the runner-up.

For the class "C" pennant there were four homerooms in the play-off. Homerooms 249, 131, 124 and 223. Homeroom 124 won the pennant and homeroom 131 was a close runner-up.

The "D" pennant went to homeroom 242, homeroom 111 was the runner-up. There were only two sections in this league.

This brings the 1947 basketball season at Hollenbeck up to date.

Congratulations to all of the homerooms who won pennants. Now let's see you homerooms that did not do too well in the regular season, come out and win the miss and out tournament. What do you say?

A9 Class Day Party Real Success

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The program which was based on an opera, with apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan, featured the "Perfect A9's." Jerry Schraier sang "Pass that Peace Pipe," Sally Adler told a story that she wrote herself, and since Carlos Renteria and Rachel Fuentes were selected for the best dancers, they did a tango.

After the enjoyable program in the auditorium, all the A9's went to the cafeteria where they had refreshments. At the head of the cafeteria there was a speaker's table where the A9 officers and administrators sat.

After this the A9's went to the girls' gym where they had a dance. Autograph books were passed out to the A9's in the gym.

Homeroom 140

Mr. Morton compliments his homeroom boys for their fine homeroom spirit. They have made friendships that will last a lifetime. Ralph Casas and Sammy Frias are popular with the girls; Henry Brown, Able Romo, David Carrillo, and Robert Gonzales are good dancers and Gilbert Jamillo has his eyes on a certain girl that likes dancing, but he never dances. Tragic!

For the first time since they have been in 140, the boys won a pennant in volleyball.

Mr. Morton would like to express his appreciation to his homeroom boys for their fine cooperation.

Letitia Innis Coming To Hollenbeck

Hurrah! We are going to hear from Letitia Innis on January 21, at 2:00. There's a catch though, for only the members of the International Council can go.

Miss Innis has toured all over Europe and will tell us about some of the interesting countries, and especially the great International Vienna Festival.

Chadwick Woo

Drafting Classes Serve School

Mr. Quinn's fifth period drafting class has been mighty helpful to the school lately, as they have drawn up score sheets, tally sheets, record sheets, etc., for use in the gym and offices.

Mr. Quinn has tried to give everyone a chance, but the A9's usually get first preference for school service.

Jay Keefer

H. R. 144 Triumphs

Homeroom 144 tried their best this year to get a pennant in sports, but failed.

Finally, they succeeded in getting a pennant, not in sports, but in attendance. Not only once, but twice they led the school with the highest percentage.

Now the A9's of 144 can graduate with happy hearts because of their accomplishment.

Kazuo Kitani

SLEEPY

Mr. Davies, Jules, you can't sleep in my class.

Jules, I know it. You talk too much.

Girls' Sports

The end of the semester is rushing on, and the girls' physical education classes are meeting it with achievement tests on posture, game shells, (basketball and volleyball), personal hygiene and leadership.

GROWING UP

"A girl grows up" by Ruth Feder, seems to have made a big hit with the girls in the health education classes. The physical education teachers are reading this interesting book to the girls. It gives a little of "This and that" on the problems of growing up.

Measure yourself and determine how grown up you are!

"Your Carriage, Madam!"

Are you "out of line?" Not a thing wrong physically, perhaps, strong heart, good lungs, normal blood pressure, but you sag in the wrong places. You keep going, but tire easily. You are ungraceful and uneasy in your movements. What can you do about it? Ask your gym teacher!

What's Next?

1895

Grandmother had a beau
She used to call him Art
And when he came to see her
They'd sit this far apart.

1920

Mother had a boy friend
And he was quite a guy
Do you think he ever kissed her?
He didn't even try.

1947

Now when daughter's sheik does call
She greets him with a kiss,
And when they sit together
They situpeloselikethis.

GOOD DAFFNITION

Teacher. Now, Tim, just what is a hypocrite?

Tim. A boy who comes to school with a smile on his face.

FORGETFUL

Scientist. Give me some of that prepared monaceticaccedester of salicycyclic acid.

Pharmacist. Oh! You mean aspirin.

Scientist. Oh yeah, I never could remember that name.