

# The Siren

OF THE STUDENTS, BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS

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## AUTHENTIC CHINESE EXHIBIT IS READY

Have you noticed the Chinese Exhibit that is right next to room 119? It is in a glass case filled with educational Chinese figures. Most interesting are the water buffalo, which has a chain attached to it that is so tiny that you can hardly see its links. But it works! The buffalo goes 'round and 'round. There is also a whole procession of hand carved figures which represent a Chinese funeral. Miss Boice secured it from a missionary several years ago.

There is also a beautifully carved teak-wood box. These tiny figures actually came from China, and not from a gift shop. Mrs. Carnes, who lived in China for three years, owns the majority of the figures, but Miss Boice arranged the exhibit. There are typewritten explanations, and so you need not fear not understanding what they represent. You will enjoy it I am sure. Why not go and see it right now?

## Dogs Most Popular Pets; Cats Second

Among the "pet keepers" of Hollenbeck, from the forty rooms that have turned in the hobby sheets, the most popular pet seems to be the dog, with 313 votes.

Then come:

- Cats—with 121 votes.
- Birds—with 108 votes.
- Fish—with 18 votes.
- Rabbits—with 14 votes.
- Water Turtles—with 10 votes.
- Horses—with 9 votes.
- Chickens—with 7 votes.
- Insects, Monkeys, and Rats—3 votes each.
- Ducks, Reptiles, Mice, and Calves—2 votes each.
- Fleas and Goats—1 vote each.

Will the remaining twenty-two rooms that have not turned in their lists also Crown the dog King of Pets?

## GIRL RESERVE TEA

The Girl Reserve Tea, held Wednesday, May 28, at the South Rossmore home of Miss Kent, the sponsor, was voted a huge success. The girls wish to express their appreciation to Miss Kent for the lovely time they spent with her. They hope she will return to them next September.

## "Hearts' Desire" At Greek Theatre

P.-T. A. Welfare Work Receives Proceeds

"Hearts' Desire," an historical drama of pioneer Los Angeles, will receive its premiere at the Greek Theatre in Griffith Park during the last week of June. The net receipts will be turned over to the Los Angeles Tenth District Congress of Parents and Teachers for welfare work.

"Hearts' Desire" is written around certain dramatic incidents which transpired when the population of Los Angeles was 2500 and land was selling for fifty cents an acre.

Admission will be twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for all children, including high school students.

## OTTO KLEMPERER HEARS FORMER STUDENT

A one-half hour personal audition was given Mildred Portney, a Roosevelt High School music student, formerly of Hollenbeck, by the noted Otto Klemperer at the Philharmonic Auditorium. After hearing Mildred play, Mr. Klemperer expressed his feelings for her playing in a letter to a noted musician: "Replying to your letter of April 22nd, I confirm that I heard Mildred Portney, young pianist. I had a very positive impression of her talent. She has an absolute sense of pitch, a natural feeling for rhythm and beautiful talent as a pianist. I can advise you to help this girl to study and develop. I think it would be worth while. Sincerely yours, Otto Klemperer."

## OVER THE ETHER WAVES

Ladies and gentlemen, we now present the cream of the literary crop of schools in Los Angeles. This program is made possible by the poems of students. Hollenbeck has contributed many epistles of this nature. These colorful expressions of the mind are read over station KECA at five forty-five o'clock Post Meridian, on Tuesday. The works of the students have been fairly amazing (look out, professionals). Among our literary celebrities are Miriam Alpert, Edith Heller, and Yuriko Hirooka. The voice you hear reading these poems belongs to a former member of Hollenbeck's faculty. We conclude this program by saying, "Congratulations."

## P.-T.A. Make Plans For Next Term

The last meeting of this semester was held on Tuesday, June 2. New officers were installed for the coming year by Mrs. Louise Neagley, Tenth District Officer. They were:

President, Mrs. Archie Gray  
Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Francis  
2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ruth Bickford  
Rec. Sec'y., Mrs. C. Schwartz  
Cor. Sec'y., Mrs. Theodore LeRoy  
Parliamentarian, Mrs. Rayor  
Auditor, Mrs. Orlijan  
Treasurer, Miss M. Laws

The officers and members of Hollenbeck P.-T. A. will welcome you to our first meeting in September. Will we see you on Tuesday, September 29, at 2:00 P.M.? A very enjoyable summer to you and yours.

## Boys' Attendance Soars Above Girls'

Tired of having girls' homerooms show them up, Hollenbeck boys took first and second places in the ninth month contest. Room 12 was first with an average of 98.42; Room 2 was second with 98.13, while Room 110 came in third with 98.01.

Room 217 was the highest seventh grade room with an average of 97.92, while Room 111, the highest eighth grade room, had 97.76.

## Compile State Poem Books

All California Public Schools are contributing original poems, written by students, to make a State Poem Book entitled "A California Anthology of Children's Verse."

All Hollenbeck girls and boys are invited to give their poems to their English teachers who, in turn, will hand them to the choosing committee.

## French Girls Send Portfolio

An interesting Red Cross portfolio was received May 22, 1936, in answer to one sent out last term by Miss Barnes' A9 classes.

The portfolio, sent to us by Ecole Pratique de Jeunes Filles (Practical School for Young Girls) Dijon, France, contains pictures about the school, the gymnasium and cooking classes including a group of girls making ice cream. The back of the book has samples of the girls' knitted work.

Students interested in the portfolio may see it in the library.

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### That One Fatal Chance

A friendly tap, from a friend who has tried to get your attention by throwing a small pebble or paper at you, and nine times out of ten it is only a tap, but, there is always that one left. Impossible as it may seem, when that one chance comes, the wad or pebble may glance off and hit someone in the eye. As unreasonable as it is, it has happened all too many times.

I know that since you're not allowed to yell in the halls you try to get the attention of your friend by throwing something at him. But every time you feel like doing it, just remember that no matter how many times you may do no harm, there is always that "one fatal chance."

How many of us have really stopped to realize what a good cafeteria we have, and how much better it would be if we were just a little more careful? By being a little more careful I mean to forget to carve our signatures on the linoleum, to forget to poke holes through the curtains and forget about putting the silverware in our lunch bags and putting the bags in the can, instead of putting them where they belong. All this costs money and it's the school that pays, so if we expect to have a better cafeteria it's up to us alone to make it better and one way we can do this is by being a little more careful when we eat at the cafeteria.

### Private—For Boys Only

There will be no Boys' Jinks!! Mr. Whiteley broke the news on May 28th and the reason was that only three boys volunteered to display their talent at the performance. We boys ought to get together and anyone who has any talent at all should volunteer for the Jinks. If the girls can have a Jinks, there is no reason for our not having one except that the boys are bashful (or are they?) and that is no excuse at all. So come on boys next term let's get together and make anyone with talent volunteer.

#### BOB PARRISH WINS MAJOR BOWES PROGRAM

All students will be glad to hear that Bob Parrish, former Hollenbeck student, won first prize on Major Bowes' Amateur Program, Sunday, May 17. The winning selection was, "That's Why Darkies Were Born."

Bob was returned immediately to the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles, where he featured in the Major Bowes' traveling unit.

#### MRS. GRIMM TAKES TRIP

Mrs. Grimm, social-studies teacher of Room 305, started on a vacation trip to Germany, June 1. She stated that she would see Gutenberg's first printing press. She also will take a trip on the Rhine River. Substituting for Mrs. Grimm is Miss Maynard.

### PRINT SHOP EXTENDS THANKS

On the eve of their graduation, the print shop wishes to take this opportunity to thank a few of the boys for their loyal support and cooperation in the production of the Siren and various other printing jobs during the past year. Manuel Ruiz, Frank Frantovich, and George Kobzeff, H.R. 109; Al Nadler and Milton Young, H.R. 2; Irving Davidson, H.R. 2; for distribution of job type faces; Angelo George, H.R. 1, and Joe Burciago, H.R. 12, A9 composing stick monitors.

Many other boys have also done a considerable amount of work for the good of the cause. We trust that all will have pleasant and profitable experiences in Senior High School.

Fortunately, we have several outstanding B9 boys to take over and carry on the good work where the graduates have left off.

With the help of Mr. Reinsch and Mr. Williams, boys in woodshops one and two have made over 280 projects consisting of floor lamps, tile-top tables, coffee tables, arm chairs, occasional chairs, breakfast nook chairs, rope benches, end tables, desk lamps, and hollow surf-boards.

Mr. Reinsch said, "The best project at this time is the hollow surf-board because it can be put to use almost at once."

### Raise Seventy-Five Dollars At Benefit

"Cowboys at Play" and "Squaring it with the Boss," the faculty play were presented to a full house on May 22. Eight hundred saw the program which was given to obtain money for the P.-T. A. welfare fund. Seventy-five dollars was raised to provide food and clothes for needy children.

### THE SIREN STAFF APPRECIATES HELP

While many students and teachers help the journalism class by furnishing news, the staff wish to express special appreciation for the expert talent displayed by: Mr. Creamer and his print shop boys; Olive Ladonin, official typist; Miss Smith's A9 art class who designed the cover of the yearbook as a class project. Those whose designs were nearing completion when the issue went to press are: Joe de la Torre, Joe Salazar, Belle Cherfitz, Fred Lyman, Manuel Magallanes, Clara Stern and Harvey Eder. Dorothy Chia for work on the Annual.

Siren managers, whose splendid work enabled us to have as many subscribers as we did when the Siren sold for ten cents.

All the teachers who furnish news to the reporters, "boost" the Siren in their homerooms, keep records, help the managers collect money — and answer many requests for information or votes.

## THE JADE RING

By Edith Heller

### Chapter IV.

"Who is she?" repeated Dorothy.  
"Just a minute" said their mother and ran into the room, returning with a small leather box.

"What is that for?" asked Hugh.

His mother opened a box and showed him a picture of the same young lady for her answer.

Why, that's you!" cried Dorothy.

"Yes," answered her mother with a smile.

"Then the lady of the other picture is you! Then to whom does the diary belong?" asked Dorothy.

"Let me see the diary."

Hugh handed his mother the diary.

"Why, that must be mine," said she. "Let me see. I never did finish it, did I? It was just there when the house was struck by lightning and the west wing of the house was set afire. Soon after we left the house and I put the diary and the ring—where is the ring?"

"Here it is," said Dorothy, playing with the catch.

"Did you open it?" asked her mother.

"Yes," said Hugh. "Who is R?"

"R was my first beau. His name was Richard. He gave it to me one day during recess at school."

"Then there was no mystery after all," said Dorothy, looking disappointed.

"I move we dissolve the 'Find-Out-Everything Detective Agency,'" said Hugh, also in a disappointed tone.

"I second the motion."

"Unanimously voted dissolved," said their mother, laughing. "May I make another motion? Let's go down to lunch."

"Seconded," cried Hugh and Dorothy.

The End

## Book Reviews

"The Bright Feather and Other Maya Tales," by Dorothy Rhoads, are modern Maya folk tales which an old Indian grandmother relates to Touche, a small boy who lives in a village in the Yucatan bush. The author records them in the simplest language, that retains the charm and spirit of the stories.

"For Keeps," by Gertrude E. Mallette, is a story of life on the Lazy K Ranch. Will Nancy and Jack and their invalid mother be able to keep it? The story circles around these three and their doings. You'll enjoy knowing Nancy, Jack and the others.

## WORDS

By Mildred Schwartz B7

Words can tangle into syllables  
The human tongue cannot utter  
And their sound makes you dizzy  
But when you've got them, they  
melt like butter.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Former members of the Siren staff continue to make good at Roosevelt. Of the ten Ephebian recently selected, half used to help publish the Siren. They are Mildred Blass, also winner of the city-wide Oratorical contest and feature editor of the Rough Rider; Ruth Nadler, assistant editor of the Rough Rider; Sarah Kranzler, Dave Gurovich and Nellie Samarin.

Erwin Baker, Rough Rider editor, used to be the Siren sport editor, while many ex-Sirenites also write for the Roosevelt sheet.

## MOTHERS AWAIT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

How do you rate as an efficient mother?

Would you like to make a better job of "family raising"?

Would you be willing to give some other mother a share of your knowledge of "mothering"?

Answers to these questions will be found in the first issue of "The Siren" for next semester.

## HEAR VERSE CHORUS

Although many rooms have heard the verse reading chorus of Mrs. Collins' class, it still isn't too late. It seems that the favorite poems are:

"Do You Fear the Wind," by Hamlin Garland; "Mother O' Mine," by Rudyard Kipling; "Funeral Dirge," from Shakespeare's "Tempest"; "Jane Jones," by Ben King; "A Little Home," anonymous; "Isn't it Funny," anonymous.

This A8 work is proving interesting to the class as well as to their audience.

## Distinguished Personalities

Rowena Kubo, a Japanese A8 student in Hollenbeck has won a scholarship in Art from Hori Brothers. This talented youngster is to take lessons for one month in the Chounard Art School. She is not taking art here, but she is very interested in it. She drew a group of vegetables. There were twenty Southern California Japanese boys and girls competing.

Arthur Hoberman, who entered in the Festival of Allied Arts contest as a flute player, took first place in his class of players. He was accompanied by Miss Steffen. Arthur Hoberman is in 309, a B7 Homeroom.

## A LESSON

By Alfred Dassoff

Big time Butch a kindly soul  
Got his self into a hole  
Putting a tack on teachers chair  
Teacher went up into air.  
Not following the Golden rule  
He is now in Special School

## Girls Pursue Many Hobbies

Hello, everyone! Today is the great day when we look in the crystal globe and discover the girls' favorite hobbies of all the first floor home-rooms of Hollenbeck. We have found that quite a number of girls like dancing, reading, singing, sports such as baseball, swimming, basketball, skating, etc. Another startling hobby that simply astonishes me is algebra. This charming hobby is enjoyed by Henrietta Rosenthal of H.R. 132. Still another from this same home-room is photography by none other than Betty Kleinman. Other hobbies that are quite interesting are making scrap books, collecting souvenirs, and stamps, acting, cooking, sewing, waving hair, taking care of gardens, etc. Quite a few girls go in for bicycle riding, writing stories, and poems. I forgot to say that tennis and horseback are in the line of sports that the girls are interested in.

This is all for this issue. Interesting hobbies will be continued next term. Don't forget to look for it in the Siren, after returning from a delightful vacation in which you will have time to do all the hobbies you like.

## Student Vote To Set Siren Price

As soon as the A9 Number or semi-annual issue of the Siren has been delivered, autographed and digested, students will be asked to decide by voting whether they wish another twenty-five cent paper next term or whether they prefer the old ten cent plan.

The Siren staff fulfilled expectations by putting out nine papers and one semi-annual, which averages a little better than one every two weeks, almost twice as many as we used to have. Furthermore the paper was usually set up in eight point type, which meant that a four page issue usually had about twice as much material in it is the ones set up in our print shop by hand used to have. It is impossible to have a larger size paper or one of more than three columns because our printing press isn't large enough. We can make up for that by having more issues or more pages in each when there are enough subscriptions.

The A9 Number has thirty-two pages, twice as many as we used to have, each page larger—with many more pictures.

If the students liked the twenty-five cent Siren this term, they should vote for it again next year. But if they were disappointed with it, they should vote for a return to the ten cent.

First Golfer: That was a fine drive you made this morning.

Second Golfer: Which one?

First Golfer Oh, you know that time you hit the ball.

**DEBATES HELD IN 118**

Thirty students of Miss Barnes' third and fourth period B8 English and Social Studies classes who studied a unit on "Man and Machines," presented an interesting series of debates for their classmates. The following subjects were debated: "Resolved, that automobiles should be abolished. Resolved, that the United States should not export any war materials. Resolved, that child-labor should be abolished."

A group of judges rendered a decision after each debate.

**SPORTS**

The A's of home room 201 made a sudden leap from eighth place in the first ten weeks to second place in the second ten weeks. This jump surprised the whole ninth grade league and also challenged the A's of home room 109, to a game ending with a 19 to 11 score, in which 201 A's lost, but lost as good sports.

**Sport Personalities**

Strolling along Hollenbeck halls and grounds is Bob Rodarte. About five feet; four inches, he's a pretty good scholar when not near Sam Wolf, who is always seen arguing with Bob. This Hercules of the modern world weighs about 140 pounds, has black hair, brown eyes, and says that his teeth are white.

Besides being a good sport he has a pastime of girls and a hobby of dogs, which he says makes a perfect combination. His ambition is to be a wrestler, which we doubt.

**PLAN GIRLS' CAMP**

Camp Estelle, the Los Angeles Young Women's Christian Association camp for junior and senior high school girls, opens Saturday, June 20, and continues for eight weeks to August 15.

Camp Estelle is limited to 65 girls a week. Therefore, early registration is advisable. Cost per week is ten dollars for room and board. The registration office is the Y.W.C.A., 941 South Figueroa Street.

**Homeroom News**

Mrs. McWilliams' A8 homeroom is making a scrapbook of the pictures of officers. All A students, perfect attendance students, banners and clippings of their homeroom are put into the scrapbook.

The girls of Mrs. Collins' homeroom h gotten together all their old toys which they don't need any more, and have also made small books and toys which they are going to donate to the children in hospitals.

And after all this work, which should make them happy, they are still so mad they could scream, for they have lost the attendance banner this month!

**Observe Good Will Day**

A miniature peace garden was made in honor of Good-Will Day and the World Friendship Garden which is being made in Canada and America. The model was made by Mrs. Grimm's sixth period Social-Studies class. Each student in the class chose a country and they made exhibits from their country. These exhibits consist of flowers, trees and birds. Harriet Deutsh drew a picture of a peace tower. These exhibits are on display in Room 305

"I understand that your job as the human cannon-ball at the circus is very annoying".

"Yes, I get fired every day"



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