

The Siren

OF THE STUDENTS, BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS

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Talent Show Rewards Best Attendance

A talent show was held June 1 for the first twenty-five homerooms in attendance. It was composed of both boys and girls. Mrs. O'Driscoll and Mrs. Traugher was in charge, with the help of Kitty Shubin and James Saito.

Should there be an unusually high percentage record in attendance, the program will be repeated for a second group of homerooms.

The attendance banners for the eighth month were all won by girls' homerooms. Homerooms receiving banners were: H.R. 107, seventh grade; H.R. 133, ninth grade; and H.R. 216, eighth grade. A most surprising announcement was that there was only one ninth grade homeroom in the first thirteen places. Come on you ninth graders, get to work! All in all, Hollenbeck's average was 95.59%.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!! If everyone tried his very hardest to cooperate with the attendance record, Mr. Newcomb himself stated we'd have a good chance of taking first place of all the schools at the end of this term. So don't forget to try your very hardest!

MANY NATIONALITIES ATTEND HOLLENBECK

Hollenbeck, a melting pot of nationalities, has 2,478 students who belong to the following language or nationality groups. Of course all the students in the school are Americans, but it is interesting to know what language background their families have had. According to a recent survey we have 934 Spanish, including Mexican; 870 Hebrew, including Yiddish; 212 Russian, 182 Japanese; 70 Italian; 57 English; 25 Armenian; 19 German; 13 Slavic; 12 French; 12 Negro; 8 Austrian; 7 Scandinavian; 6 Polish; 6 Dutch; 3 Hungarian; 2 Chinese, and 38 others.

Building Notes

Four hundred new chairs were purchased for the cafeteria. They will arrive about June 1.

Mr. Goodwin reports that the plans for the new buildings are coming along nicely and that construction will start during summer vacation.

A9's Roar While Faculty Entertain

With Mrs. Coons of 203 as Mistress of Ceremonies, the A9's had a glorious time a few weeks ago at their A9 party. There was a delightful program that was enjoyed by everyone. An added surprise was that the program began at 2:15 instead of 3:15. The program was as follows:

A9 Class Orchestra, playing "Lost." Miss Crum, with her beautiful voice, singing "Alone."

A9 Class Orchestra, playing "Let Yourself Go."

Faculty Play, "Squaring It With The Boss," directed by Mr. Whiteley. The characters were:

Jimmy—Mr. Whiteley.

Beth, Jimmy's wife—Mrs. Traugher.

Aunt Hortense—Miss Glockner.

Aunt Clarissa—Mrs. Stuart.

Mr. Dunn, Jimmy's boss—Mr. Briggs.

Baby—Milton Sarnoff.

After this hilarious comedy the class was invited to the Hollenbeck cafeteria where they had refreshments and class yells led by their big-small yell leader, Al Nadler. Mrs. Johnston led the class through various songs while Miss Steffen accompanied. All in all, the party was enjoyed and appreciated immensely by the A9 class of S'36.

NOTE: The same play was given for the Parent-Teacher benefit on Friday evening, May 22, and was enjoyed very greatly according to reports from the parents.

MASAMORI KOJIMA and MIKE TERRONES WIN MEDALS

The results of the contest sponsored by the Los Angeles chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held May 8, are as follows: Masamori Kojima came off with first place and the gold medal with the subject "Why we should not abolish the Constitution," and Mike Terrones who spoke about "Building the First Transcontinental Railroad," won second place and the silver medal.

Miss Sands To Be Graduation Speaker

Miss Elizabeth Sands, former principal of Second Street School, and now Director of Instruction in the Los Angeles City Schools will speak at the graduation exercises on June 19, 1936.

Carrier Pigeons Fly Messages From School

Seventeen miles was the distance, approximately fifteen minutes was the time and six carrier pigeons were the pilots who flew messages to their owner, Larry Myles from Mrs. Myles of Room 115 and her English-social studies classes on May 12 and 13. Mrs. Myles classes had just finished reading "Gay Neck," Mukerji's excellent story about a carrier pigeon. They then had a demonstration of pigeon technique that no book could furnish.

Each class went out in front of the building to watch two pigeons depart, notes from members of Mrs. Myles' classes fastened to their legs. In each case the pigeons circled gradually hour for home. Larry was not at higher, gaining altitude and getting their bearings. Then they flew in a straight line, at about sixty miles an hour when all the pigeons arrived, so the exact time was checked on only two pair. All arrived safely home, however.

The notes carried by the pigeons were written on onion-skin paper, which is very light. The paper was about four inches square. Some of the notes were encased in metal containers, which clamp to the leg of the pigeon.

Larry Myles has been interested in pigeons for some time. He not only owns many, but also belongs to a Pigeon Club! The birds which returned from Hollenbeck were young, so young that their owner was concerned lest they be borne off their course by a strong wind blowing from the wrong direction the day of the flight. There is danger of squabs overdoing or "overtraining." They are more sure to return, however, as birds that have been bought from someone else are apt to return to their former owners.

A9 Girls Feature Of Fashion Show

As a special feature this year, the A9 girls will present their graduation dresses at the Fashion Show to be given June 2. The play selected for the Fashion Show was written by Esther Freedman, Joyce Rappaport and Harriet Deutsch. Miss Milligan, Supervisor of Home Economics, and Miss Elizabeth Sands, Director of Instruction, will attend the show.

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Many Students Win Honors

Have you ever wondered how many girls and boys of Hollenbeck have won honors and distinctions?

The following list contains the names of the students who have won honors and distinctions in dancing.

Homerooms: 101, Sara Farber; 107, Rhoda Kozak, Florence Masaki, Consuelo Sanchez; 131, Esther Abeles; 201, Henry Arambula; 207, Grace Ito; 208, Arline Morris, Anne Pepper; 209, Mildred Sonnenschien, Carrie Arguello; 216, Mollie Orabes; 303, Ethel Abramovitz, Mildred Geller; 307, Alice Apodaca, Margaret Stevens, Doris Williams.

These students have recited and sung on the radio and also on stages: Homerooms: 102, Elizabeth Fine; 103, Helen Aguilar; 107, Ruth Levin; 122, David Raymond; 303, Eustacio Gonzales, Anna Tamarin; 307, Frances Cushner, Jean Friman.

This list consists of girls and boys who have won contests, received medals, ribbons, and other honors:

Homerooms: 101, Helen Casulas; 102, Angel Chavez, Bill Kiner, Ralph Martinez, Irwin Polonsky, Oscar Romo; 105, George Rosen, Kazuo Takashima; 120, Justine Beck, Delbert Margolin, Abe Minus, Samuel Siamon, Jim Yamagerchi, Pablo Rivas; 122, Angelo Apronianu, Lawrence Epstein, Israel Levy, Harry Scholar; 131, Marcia Cormon; 202, Martha Kobzeff; 204, Betty Pearlman; 206, Loyd England, Albert Garlous; 207, Goldie Richter, Lenora Hyman, Evelyn Miller, Helen Reyes; 303, Annette Lieberman; 310, Anna Andrews.

Scramblegraph No. II. MOVIE STARS

- A. BLAEG
 B. LMPEET
 C. WALORH
 D. NHIPLCA
 E. ERBYE

(Answers on Page 4)

Answers to Scramblegraph No. II.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a day set apart to do honor to those who fought in the Civil War. Beginning with the practice of bereaved Southern women, of strewing wild flowers on the graves of their dead soldier one certain day of each year, the beautiful custom has become nation-wide. The celebration of the day has been extended to include the honored dead of the Spanish-American and World Wars.

General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1868 designated the thirtieth of May as the day on which the graves of dead Union soldiers should be decorated. This day is now universally observed throughout the Northern states. Memorial Day is observed on April 26, by Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi; North and South Carolina, May 10; and Tennessee on the second Friday of May.

Memorial Day is a day of dignified addresses, exercises, parades and military salutes, as well as strewing of flowers and planting of shrubs.

GIFTS OF SPRING

By Elmo Ham

Spring
 Brings showers
 And flowers
 That climb
 Like towers
 But best of all
 Is its invitation
 To have a merry
 Week's vacation!

Sally Brown
 Had a new gown
 To wear to the Prince's ball.
 But on the way,
 To her dismay,
 A banana peel caused her to fall.
 And now Sally Brown lies sick
 abed,
 And wears a water-bottle on her
 head.

By Esther Douglas

Good Will Broadcast

Hundreds of children all over the world on May 18 listened in to the annual world friendship broadcast presented by the children of Wales. Among them were the homeroom presidents of Hollenbeck.

Every year for the last fifteen years the children of Wales have given a goodwill broadcast to promote world friendship and better understanding among nations. The homeroom presidents of our school were excused from their classes between 10 and 11 o'clock to hear the broadcast.

The text of their annual message follows:

"Boys and girls of all the world, we, the boys and girls of Wales, greet you across land and sea:

"We greet you, on this goodwill day, in the name of the explorers, the navigators, the pioneers of the centuries who went out into the unknown and who for us, pushed back the boundaries of knowledge. On ocean after ocean, in continent after continent, they laid bare the secrets, accepting hardship and danger because they were determined to find and never to yield. We rejoice in them all, those who conquered and those who are conquering the impossible.

"Shall we in the same high spirit join in the noblest quest of all, the quest of peace among all people? And shall we today pledge ourselves afresh to this greatest adventure of all mankind?

"By our friendship and by our courage we, too, will conquer."

CINQUAIN

By Edith Fukaye, B7 of H.R. 103

When we
 Work happily
 Regardless of the time,
 Passing minutes smile and flap
 their
 Broad wings.

THE MELODY OF NIGHT

By Adelane Rich

Like the calm of dawn.
 Like the brightness of a sail so
 white.
 With the lightness of a faun.
 Shining with ever-lasting light.
 Comes the song
 Of a violin at night.

SPRING

By Arnold Leytus

Spring, let the joy from you ring!
 Let it hum and sing!
 The orioles and robins fly
 And for beautiful joy I sigh.

You can always tell the Irish
 You can always tell the Dutch
 You can always tell the Senior
 But you can't tell him much.

The Jade Ring

By Edith Heller

Chapter III.

"Quick, Hugh," cried Dorothy, "what does it say?"

"I can't read it here. It's too dark. Take the stuff and come down to my room."

"O.K."

The two went downstairs to Hugh's room and Hugh looked at the slip of paper in surprise.

"Why, it says . . . 'Roses are red, violets are blue, honey is sweet, and so are you.'"

"What does that mean? Maybe — Hugh, look! There is a marker in the diary."

"What does the page that is marked say?"

"Well, this solves the ring and message business. It says . . . 'R. gave me an adorable jade ring today. It has a secret compartment. He put a message in it. The message reads . . ."

"Roses are red, violets are blue, honey is sweet, and so are you." That is the sweetest thing."

"Now all we have to find out is who the diary belongs to and that is that. Say, Dorothy, don't tell anyone about this."

"Hugh, Dorothy," their mother appeared in the doorway, "lunch time."

"O.K. Moms," said Hugh, trying to hide the "stuff."

"What is that you have there?" asked their mother.

"Oh, er-a-nothing, Nothing," stammered Hugh.

Suddenly Dorothy, unmindful of her brother's violent whisperings, ran to her mother with the picture.

"Do you know who this girl is?" she asked, holding up the picture.

"Of course. You should know who it is too."

"Who is she?" asked Hugh eagerly.

(To be continued)

Who is the girl? Who is 'R.'? To whom does the diary belong?

THE HARVEST

Thoughts are like seeds.

Planted into our soul.

Some seeds have beauty,

With love as the harvest.

Some are dark and

Watered with hate.

By Frances Halpern, B7 of 208

Old Mr. Bimney

Looked up the chimney

To see the sun overhead.

A bucket of ashes

Fell on his lashes,

Thereafter he had a gray head.

By Edith Fukaye, B7 of 103

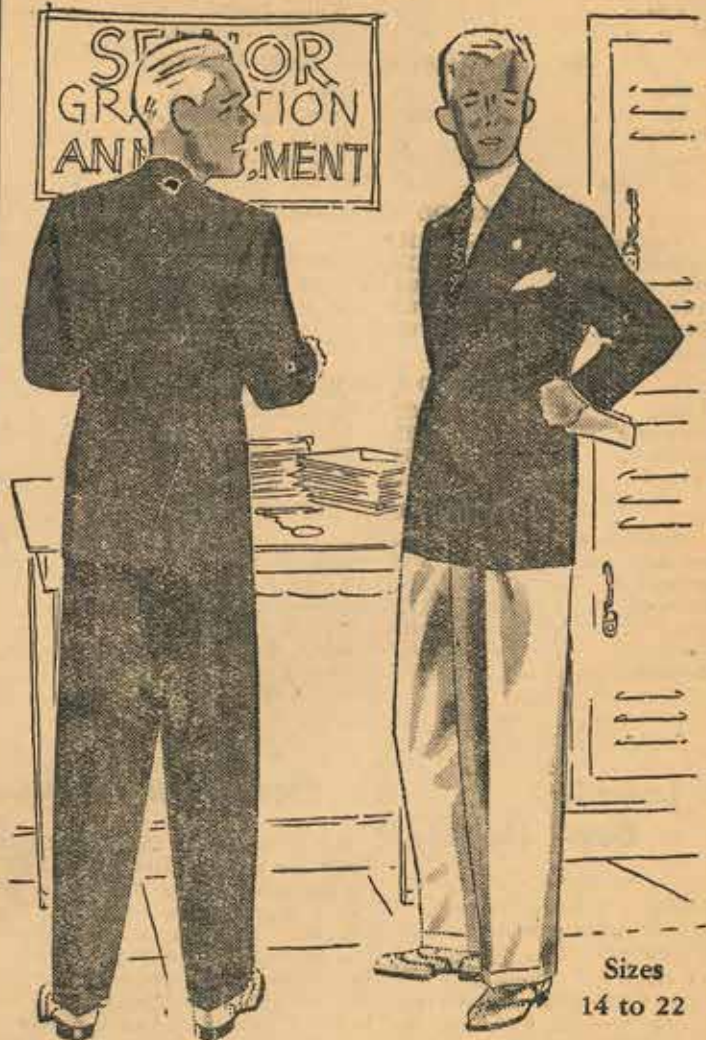
Professor was deep in his work when his wife called: "Harry, the baby swallowed the ink. What shall I do?"

"Write with a pencil," was the reply.

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TRACK MEET CONTESTANTS

Jumps; high, wide and handsome, characterized the track meet held on Thursday, May 6. The following boys participated:

A8 — PERIOD IV. — HIGH JUMP

Section B	H.R.	Section A	H.R.
Eli Kohn	215	Theodore Leroy	215
Morris Levine	123	Eugene Parrish	215
Richard Barela	215	Willie Moore	215
Ray Cohen	120	Everett Brownson	215

B9 — PERIOD V. — HIGH JUMP

Albert Valdez	109	Wm. Waines	210
Mitsuro Koba	201	John Apodaca	106
Harry Klachuck	5	Harry Adelman	201
Nathan Riback	213	James Saito	213
Louis De La Vega	213	Anthony Marsola	213

B7 — PERIOD VI. — HIGH JUMP

Section B	H.R.	Section A	H.R.
Tony Hernandez	119	Sam Magedman	309
Sam Chesler	206	Keith Dodge	115
Pete Slevcove	309	R. Martinez	309
Bernard Samuels	206	Pedro Roldan	115
		Wm. Klubnikin	309

A7 — PERIOD I. — BROAD JUMP

Max Gantsweg	102	George Donagrechia	9
Jimmie Berukoff	122	Kazue Takashima	105
Angel Chavez	102	Frank Vargas	203
Vincent Leusch	203	Jesse Dumas	217

A7 — PERIOD I. — BROAD JUMP

Section B	H.R.	Section A	H.R.
Teddy Carmona	102	John Hoproff	
Billy Hearsh	217	Glenn Kaiser	102
Jimmy Barucoff	122	Nick Smakoff	
George Jurado	102	Albert Wright	
Angel Chavez	102	Oscar Romo	102
Paul Camario	217	Max Frescas	102
		Jesse Dumas	217

Sports Lead In Boys' Hobbies

At last comes the report on favorite hobbies of the students of Hollenbeck. We know you have been waiting to read about them for a long time and we thank you for waiting so patiently. This first time we will work out the hobbies of the boys on the first floor homerooms. We find for instance that only two boys are interested in chemistry. They are Philip Bornstein of H.R. 7 and Albert Rotberg of H.R. 102. On the other hand, numerous boys indulge in stamp collections, baseball, football, basketball, aviation, boxing, handball and track.

We find that boys go in for dancing, dramatics, singing and playing all kinds of instruments. Not so common is "tropical fish," taken care of by Philip Essman of H.R. 5. Another is "handyman," with Nash Medel as the boy who likes to be handy. Drawing, cactus collections, selling papers, science, farming, and fishing are other forms of entertainment. One hobby that astonishes us is "work." The boy who enjoys this above a lot of things is Ralph Martinez of H.R. 102. In the next issue we will take up the hobbies of the girls.

Homeroom News

On Thursdays, (Good Citizenship Day) the girls of Homeroom 303 are writing paragraphs under the topic, "If I want to be a Happy, Useful Citizen." Each paragraph tells how you and I can become better and useful citizens by remembering some few simple rules. Courage and Hope, Industry and Good Habits, Knowledge and Usefulness, Truth and Honesty are the title of some of the paragraphs.

About once every month a group of our girls present a playlet on one of the topics. So far we have had three plays, two on Truth and Honesty, one on Courage and Hope. All three were skillfully presented.

We hope to have another play sometime next month.

—Homeroom 303.

Bob: "Darling, this harp seems to be saying you love me."
Betty: "Chump, that isn't a harp it is a lyre."

ANSWER TO SCRAMBLEGRAPHS

- GABLE
- TEMPLE
- HARLOW
- CHAPLIN
- BEERY

Hard Working Boys Make Fine Furniture

The boys of Room 124, woodshop room, have made some very interesting things, such as tile top tables, bookends, magazine racks and even a baby chair. Tile top tables were made by Stanley Stepakoff, Bud Mann, Ishmael Bejaramo, Joe Factor, Dan Jubas, Herman Marto and Isamu Iha. A boat was made by Ralph Ruiz, a paddle-boat by Pete Kudenov, while Melvin Gross made bookends, four chairs and a table, a basket and a magazine rack. Magazine racks were also made by Henry Drexler and Max Polensky. Bookends were made by Max Polensky and Floyd Scott. Tables were made by Mitsuro Koba and Henry Arambula. Chairs were made by Max Polensky and Rudolph Reyes. A desk was made by Jack Tolstoy. A lamp was made by Braulio Moreno. The Parents' Night exhibit was planned by Max Polensky, Stanley Stepakoff and Melvin Gross. The teacher is Mr. A. B. Snyder, former principal of Strathmore Junior High School!

Siren Not To Change It's Name This Year

The "Battle of Names," The Siren versus Hollenbeck Highlights has finally been decided in favor of the Siren. The first vote, on three names, failed to give a majority to any name. A revote ended in 979 students, or 38.6% of the student body voting for Hollenbeck Highlights.

As Mr. Goodwin said when interviewed on the subject, however, a decisive step such as this should be taken only if a decided majority of the students favor it.

The Siren staff take this opportunity of thanking all the students for cooperating during the discussion and voting.

SPANISH GLEE CLUB

For the first time since the Spanish Glee Club started, and that's only since the beginning of the term, they have shown their talents in public. They sang for the P.-T. A on Tuesday, May 5.

"Preps' Make Debut

For the first time in history the Preparatory Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Abbott, performed in the Hollenbeck auditorium. They played for the Boys' Week audience.

Miss Jones: How do you punctuate the sentence, I saw a five dollar bill on the street?

Voice at the back of the room: Make a dash after it.