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Happy Thanksgiving to All Is Wish of Siren Staff



Roosevelt Orators Give Community Chest Talks

Hollenbeck was honored by a delegation of nine Roosevelt students, Tuesday, November 7, here to speak on the necessity of contributing to the Community Chest.

The speakers were Herman Marshall, A12; Masamori Kojima, A12, winner of the D.A.R. Essay contest 3 years ago; Joe Ramirez, A12; Pauline Pecker, B12, former literary editor of *The Siren*; Edith Cohen, A12; Ted Panish, B12; Minerva Wainess, A12; Betty Duncan, B12; and Hyman Swerlow, A12.

They are all outstanding members of the Public Speaking Club, and were chosen to speak for that reason.

They asked to be quoted as saying emphatically: "We're all Hollenbeck graduates!"

Prefers Los Angeles to London

Miss Cooke of 124 celebrates this Thanksgiving in a more heart-felt manner than ever before.

She is thankful that she is not still in London where blackouts are nightly occurrences; where balloons connected by electric wires destroy enemy air craft and electrocute their flyers; where children are taken away from their parents to live out of the danger zone; where the young men march away, perhaps never to return.

Miss Cooke returned on the Pennland, a Dutch American ship. She was nine days at sea. The sailors slept in their clothes till they were well out of the danger zone. Lifeboats were provisioned throughout the entire trip. One day a German submarine trailed them for five hours. When at last the Statue of Liberty was sighted through the

Armistice Day Program Impresses Students

On November 10, an unusually fine Armistice Day program was given in our auditorium. The play, written by Mrs. Short, contained several impressive speeches which were given very effectively by Murray Bloom, Harvey Himmell and Sally Mintz. Space prevents our mentioning the very fine work done by the rest of the cast.

The music by the band, boys' glee club, and the combined girls' glee club and choir reached even a higher standard of excellence than usual. The well chosen numbers they gave so well, fitted the occasion perfectly.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving should not only be a day of celebration, but also a day of prayer. It is a day when Americans of all races unite in a religious holiday. When could there be a better time to thank God that we, as Americans, may enjoy the happiness and privileges which the people of dictatorial nations are denied. While the rest of the world is engaged in bitter warfare, we Americans are striving to make America a better place to live in by exterminating all undemocratic activities. We are very proud that all Americans may talk as they please, do what they want as long as it does not interfere with anyone's rights, and think as they wish.

JOE SNOW

fog, mere words were impossible to express their joy.

So this Thanksgiving Miss Cooke rejoices that she is in Los Angeles where streets may be lighted at night, and families sleep safely in their beds in a country that is not at war.

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EDITORIAL

With 2400 students going through the halls between periods, it is necessary to go quickly and quietly, with no running, pushing or lingering, if you want to get to your next class room without mishap.

If five minutes are not necessary to get to your next room, please do not linger in the halls, but go to your next class immediately.

Let's take too much pride in Hollenbeck to let our halls appear noisy and disorderly.

Three Pupils Get Exposition Awards

Gold seal areraft certificates, from San Francisco Golden Gate Exposition at Treasure Island, were earned by three clever Hollenbeck students. Mildred Alpern's purse made in Miss Grosse's art class, Marilyn Mill's leather purse made in Miss Applegate's class, and Irving Ziff's ring made in Mrs. Rassmussen's class earned the coveted recognition. More awards are expected.

Habits

Habits are but two kinds, good and bad. Any action or expression becomes a habit by being repeated until it gets a hold upon or fixes itself in one's mind. The mind controls our actions. Swearing is a bad habit and a waste of good breath and energy.

In attendance in school, you get the habit of getting up, at six o'clock, or at least soon enough to get here on time. No business firm tolerates tardy workers. School is your business. Promptness is one fine habit.

Most boys and girls have habits of neatness and order. They take pride in putting their things in place in their homes. They have family pride. They are the ones who have neat note books. They don't forget habits of personal cleanliness. Their clothing is always neat and clean.

Lots of folk cultivate the habit of cheerfulness or the mental condition that beams and shines through their faces. The habit of courtesy pays big dividends. It seems a small thing to say, "I beg your pardon" or "Excuse me,"

A9 News

The emblem which the A9's are to wear was designed by Rudy Jauregui, home room 142. It was selected by a vote of the A9's. Rudy is in Miss Gross' first period art class.

Oh yes! The Emblem Party. They had it yesterday, November 21. It was started by saluting the flag. Then the emblems were presented to the president, Frank Distasco and the designer, Rudy Jauregue. Mr. Reinhard gave a short speech and then, assisted by Mrs. McWilliams, gave everyone an emblem. The program was provided by Mrs. Coffin, chairman of the entertainment committee. For refreshments the Senior A's went to the cafeteria. The eats were decorated in the class colors, maroon and powder blue. It was prepared by a group of B9 girls.

Some of the A9's are quite sad. Grades came out last week. Some of them received unsatisfactory grades in citizenship. That means losing their A9 privileges.

Snapshot Day is coming. December 1 everyone may bring his kodak. Let's hope for a sunny day.

Afterwards the A9's went into the gym to dance. The music was furnished by Mr. Abbott's Swing Orchestra. The party was from 1:10 to 3:00.

Probably the next time the Senior A's meet will be when Mr. Wyse, counselor of Roosevelt, will come to Hollenbeck. He is expected soon. He will discuss with the A9's their senior high school course of study.

when passing in front of your teacher or accidentally bumping into another. Two men angry at each other met. One said, "I never get out of the way of a dog." The other stepped aside and said, "I always do." E. H. BUCK

Introduction to Armistice Play Given by Murray Bloom

On November 11, nineteen hundred and eighteen, an armistice was agreed, bringing to an end a war that had touched every nation in the world. The dead were counted in millions, the maimed and crippled in scores of millions, and untold numbers of people were homeless and desolate. For four long years, brute force, bad faith, injustice, oppression and hatred had ruled the world. Four years is a short time in the measurement of history.

Now, November 11th, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and history pauses at another milestone. Only 246 months from the last war. Time for 20 wheat crops, for 20 classes to graduate, for 21 Armistice Days, and again war is in the world.

Thankfully we can say—not our war. We of the Dramatic Club ask that you take this day—to remember.

Remember that our American forefathers fought to dedicate "A new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal".

Remember that half a century later Americans fought to establish for all time on this continent the inalienable right of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Mrs. Short

Book Week

All libraries in the United States celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of "Book Week," from November twelfth to the seventeenth.

This year's theme was on "Books Around the World."

Our library had some beautiful displays of books. The hall case in the main building, and the cases in the library, had some beautiful arrangements. They show some very attractive books, posters, and illustrations.

Is Hollenbeck Responsible

Ruth Watanabe, a former student of Hollenbeck, set a "Believe It or Not" scholarship record. She has made a perfect record of all A's through high school and through fourteen semesters of university work at U. S. C., where she has taken the degree of bachelor of music and is now working for her B. A. degree.

The issue of September 30 of the Saturday Evening Post gave national recognition to Miss Watanabe's accomplishment.

School Kids, Quiz

Every Thursday evening at 7:45 there is a program called School Kids Kwiz over station KFAC, on which several Hollenbeck students appeared lately.

September 28

Beulah Moscowitz, ninth grade

October 26

Jack Levin, ninth grade

November 9

Barbara Grundy, eighth grade

November 16

David Posternack, seventh grade

Both the first and second time Hollenbeck's contestants won the first prize of five dollars. Our third representative won the second prize of three dollars. By the time this paper reaches you, you will probably know how David rated.

November

November was the ninth month of the old Roman year. The old year began with March. It was named so, because "novem" means nine in Latin.

By the Julian arrangement the year began January 1. November then became the eleventh month with thirty days. November 11 marked the beginning of winter. Later November 11 became the day observed in commemoration of the end of the World War 1.

While across the sea, the countries are in a sad turmoil of war, we will celebrate Thanksgiving November 23, having much to be thankful for.

PERSONALITY PARADE . . .

Who is it?

He caught the speedballs of Ruben Cardona last year, paving the way for home room 102's baseball championship. He holds the office of assistant secretary of the A9 class. He is 5 feet 2¾ inches tall and weighs 106 pounds. You can see him almost any time with his two friends, Al Cantor and Al Yabrow. This same freckle-faced youth tells us that he is not interested in any special girl, but we wonder. Well, you must know by now. What? What? That's right. It's Sam Feedman.

B7's Party

The B7 party took place on November the 9th under the direction of Miss Yerian. Esther Baca opened the program with a welcome speech. The hostesses introduced the home rooms.

It was a grand party with many songs, dances and skits. The high light of the program was the Girls' Choir and the Harmonica Band. Chief Justice, Shirley Zimmerman, Seventh Grade Senator, Jean Zigman; Girls Major, Lucile Branker; and Adele Yarnish, Captain of Traffic were introduced. Everyone sang the Girl's Junior League song lead by Miss Brown. The hostesses then served refreshments. Mrs. Moore, Mr. Reinhard and Miss Yerian were introduced to everybody.

Coming Attractions

"Flying Down to Rio", a motion picture, will be shown at our school December 11, 1939. This picture was very popular a few years ago.

On January 8, Pierce Knox, a blind zylophonist, will give a concert at our school. Mr. Knox has been blind since he was about four years old. He has learned to play the zylophone despite his handicap.

Reviews Of New Books
HIGHWAY PAST HER DOOR
 By Mary Wolfe Thompson

The gay, carefree life Judith Van Duyn had lived was completely changed when her grandmother died and left her with only the old Dutch farmhouse and its apple orchard. There was no money. After vainly seeking work in town Judy finds the opportunity right at home to make a living from the orchard.

Judy opens a roadside stand and sells fruit, fresh vegetables and farm produce.

Her failures and successes are talked over with her guardian who gives warm helpful encouragement as well as sound advice when it's needed. A touch of mystery, a touch of romance, and the story of how Judy accomplishes her aim makes a vivid, very human and appealing story.

—Zelda Lippman

The Girl Who Was Marge
 Edith Tallant

Have you ever spent a summer "up north"? Marge did. Marge is the heroine of the story, the story of a girl who left a comfortable home to go to Newfoundland to help the fisherfolk there. Romance bravery and mystery, all of these you will find in the inspiring story of "The Girl Who Was Marge." Girls, this book is too good to miss. Put it on your must read list.

—Lenore Fishke

Bound Girl of Castle Hill
 Lois Lenski

Mindwell Gibbs was heartbroken. Her father was dead and she was to be bound over to her uncle until she was sixteen. The absorbing story of this little girl is written so that even the most particular story reader will like it. Be sure and ask for "Bound Girl of Cobble Hill" on your next trip to the library.

LEONORA FISHKE

GAGS and GIGGLES

The Answer

(Patent medicine doctor before crowd): —"and now ladies and gentlemen I have been selling this medicine for twenty years and have never had any complaints. What does that prove to you?"

(Voice in the crowd): "Dead men tell no tales."

EXCHANGE

He rocked the boat,
 Did Ezra Shank.
 These bubbles mark

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Where Ezra sank.

—Orange and Green

ANNOUNCING

Mr. Penny (to butler): Announce Mr. and Mrs. Penny and daughter."

Butler (announcing in loud voice): "Three cents!"

The Explanation

Judge: "You broke into the tobacco shop just to get a ten cent cigar, eh? Then what were you doing in the cash register?"

Suspect: "Putting in the dime."

—Washington Post

Help Wanted

Teacher: "Paul are you fond of Algebra?"

Paul: "Yes teacher. I am stuck on every problem."

—Boy's Life

Antiques

Guide: (in historical section) "This handkerchief belonged to William Penn."

Tourist: Ah! The original Penn wiper."

—Movie Joke

QUESTION EARS

I don't see why Swiss cheese has all the holes when limberger needs all the ventilation.

Did you ever hear of the Scotch man who washed his steak in lux so it wouldn't shrink?

WHY STUDY?

The more you study,
 The more you know.
 The more you know,
 The more you forget.
 The more you forget,
 The less you know.
 So why study?

The less you study,
 The less you know,
 The less you know,
 The less you forget.
 The less you forget,
 The more you know.
 So why study?

—Exchange

Three's a Crowd

In the parlor there were three,
 She, the parlor-lamp, and he;
 Two is company, no doubt,
 So the little lamp went out!

—Exchange

What Indeed?

Science Teacher: "Yes, oxygen was discovered in 1770."

B8: "What did they breathe before that?"—Exchange

X-CURE

Teacher: "Sonny, why are you late for school every morning?"

Sonny: "Every time I come to the corner a sign says, "School, Go Slow."

DAFFYNITIONS

Indorse—Where you stay when it rains.

Stance—What a boy asks a girl to do when they want to "cut up the rug"

Odd—The place where the school saw "That Certain Age.

Octave—A person who is up and about.

Arrange—The place where we cook our food.

Scallop—What your hair grows on.

—R. K. and S. K.

Thrift News

The thrift committee had meetings Tuesday, November 7, with Mrs. Yarbrough, supervisor from the downtown office. She told them that Hollenbeck had risen to fifth place among the junior high schools of Los Angeles for new bank accounts during the last school year. We should all be proud of our record and try hard to keep up and perhaps better that record this year.

Mrs. Yarbrough also talked about using thrift in other ways. She complimented the school on their attendance records for several years. She spoke about being thrifty in the use of paper, pencils, and other supplies and in being careful of other people's property.

The thrift banners were awarded for October to the following rooms:

- 9th grade— 126,202
- 8th grade — 124,148
- 7th grade — 121,135

Other rooms that did well in October are B9 144, 248, 120, and B8.

The B7, A7 and B8 boys are way behind the girls of those grades. What's the matter with you, boys?

We are to have some new silk thrift banners that will look most attractive in your rooms, so how about working harder for them?

What is Your Hobby?

Norman Gratz, an A9 student of Home Room 122, has a very interesting and educational hobby. He collects all sorts of insect life including butterflies, beetles, and grasshoppers. Norman has had the honor of exhibiting eight cases of rare butterflies in the Malabar Library, and also has two cases in the Woodcraft Rangers camp at Lake Arrowhead. "I am very proud of my collection," states Norman, "and get a lot of fun out of it." He hopes to make entomology his life work. Congratulations Norman! And now—what is your hobby?

Joe Snow

Class News

The A9 and B9 art class have taken their Community Chest posters to their home rooms to exhibit during the Community Chest drive.

The A9 Radio English class has made a survey throughout the school for the most popular radio program on the air. As we go to press, the results are not available. You know by now what our favorite radio programs are.

Mrs. Stewart should be very proud of her home-room girls. The reason? Well, it's because she has so much talent in one room. Eleanor Rajas, a newcomer from Belvedere Junior High, recently won first prize in a contest by playing the guitar. Mary Galitzen sings at the International Institute, and Connie Arduno specializes in Mexican dances. Connie has danced at Inglewood, the Rodeo at Redondo Beach and at Olvera Street. Rachael Martinez sings. She has sung at Jewish Center, Griffith Park, Bronson House and many other places. All of these girls intend to make their living by their talents.

On November 3, Mrs. Steimle took her 6th period class to the Griffith Observatory. They enjoyed the lecture very much.

They were the first A8 class to go this ten weeks.

The girls in the gym are very lucky this term. After the fifteen minute bell rings, Miss Davis plays the accordion. It's too bad Miss David is so bashful, for I am sure the boys and the faculty would like to hear her, too. How about it, Miss Davis?

Miss Richards' fourth period art class of A9's made the favors for the A9 Emblem Party.

In Mrs. McNary's dining room, adjoining her cooking room, are two new pictures, one painted by Bergie Karabedian, and one by Leonor Lerona, both of Miss Richards art class. The girls also retouched the frames, to match a picture that was given to Mrs. McNary by a former pupil.

Mrs. Lee's A9 sewing class have an exhibition of the garments they made for the needlework guild, in the show case in the home economics building. All girls are invited to have a look at the work.

Miss Jones's home room had the privilege of meeting the designer of the murals, Miss Dorr Bothwell, and seeing her at work. She showed them the working model sixteen inches wide. From this, the large mural was made. Men put in the colors and she did the finishing touches.

Miss Gross of 229 asks anyone who has them to bring old silk stockings, or colored rags, for use in her craft's classes.

A new organization has been formed this term, the Girls' Harmonica Club. It is sponsored by Miss Steffen, and directed by Ruth Pollock. This is a large group and its members are Jeannette Greisman, Dorothy Sarnoff, Annie Eisenberg, Betty Reichlen, Shirley Landsberg, Shirley Levitt, Muriel Abrahams, Rachel Toplitzky, Shulamith Abramson, Elaine Musky, Noralie Epstein, Toby Claire, Ellen Potash, Natalie Friedman, Sylvia Horowitz, and Esther Rosenthal. They practice twice a week. Any girl now knowing how to play a harmonica is welcome to join by signing up with Miss Steffen in 141. They played three selections for the B7 party. We are all looking forward to hearing them, and wish them success in their new venture.



Boys' Sports

As the football season draws to an end, we give you the standings of the three highest teams in each league.

FINAL STANDINGS

A9 League

H. R.	Points	Place
102	21	1
126	17	2
142	9	3
240	9	3

B9 League

H. R.	Points	Place
146	23	1
242	18	2
145	17	3

A8 League

H. R.	Points	Place
124	14	1
125	12	2
128	7	3

B8 League

H. R.	Points	Place
246	22	1
222	17	2
212	16	3

A7 League

H. R.	Points	Place
204	19	1
201	17	2
228	16	3

B7 League

H. R.	Points	Place
B. 1	19	1
124	14	2
125	9	3

Hollenbeck Graduates

Alex Atanasoff—center on the U. S. C. Eleven.

Joe Berkowitz—baseball player for the San Diego "Padres"

Leo Cantor—fullback at U.C.L.A.

Nate De Francisco—guard at U. C.L.A.

William Greenberg—gym teacher at Mount Vernon Junior High

Football Aud Call

On Monday, November 6, the boys of Hollenbeck were entertained by Charlie Erb a member of the California wonder team of 1927. He played quarter-back and made All-American in that year.

He gave an interesting talk on the fundamentals of a football kick. With him he brought Norm Jacot, who showed on the screen movies of Charlie Erb's kicking. He punted, place kicked, and drop kicked. The movie was taken at La Conte Junior High gym field.

The following day he demonstrated kicking every gym period for the boys on our gym field.

He is traveling all over Los Angeles playgrounds and schools with the flying football tournament. The boy who wins in this tournament gets a free scholarship to college.

Jack Kakuchi—guard at L.A.C.C
Bob Kardashian—halfback on the Loyola Frosh team

Irving Kaye—professional boxer
George Kobzeff, John Kornoff and Nick Suesoff are playing freshman football at Washington State College.

Ben Kvitky—quarterback at U. C. L. A.

Alex Mechikoff—center at Whit-tier

Ivan Pivaroff—end at St. Marys Rudolph (Chile) Reyes—gym teacher at Roosevelt High School.

Jim Seminoff—basketball player on the U. S. C. Frosh team
William Zazueta—guard at Occidental

—By Sam Feedman

Girls' Sports

Hi girls! Here I am again with dots and dashes and hot tips in sports. The noon games are quite exciting at times. When I watch the games being played, I see some pretty good players. One girl I keep thinking of as a good sport and fine player is Beatrice Beaman. She is an A9 and her home room is the Gym.

Speaking of good players, you ninth graders had better get hold of yourselves. Some seventh grade home room teams are just as good and sometimes better than you. This can't happen you, say? But it's so!

As we go to press the upper division teams are running neck and neck. The lower division teams on top are 121, B7; 129, A7; and tie between B8's 249 and Gym.

Keep it up, girls, and soon you might be finishing with a banner and honorary mention as volleyball winners.

SARA FINKEL.

Football News

Alex Patapoff and Murray Ornstein, the major gridders of 145, and John Brajkovich tail back of 144, state that the hardest team they have met with in the football league is the bone crushers from 146. They also say that 146 has one of the greatest passing attacks. Under Mr. Tunney 146 for the first time became the B9 football champs. This is the first year that 145 has been defeated by 146 in football.

GEORGE HIROOKA