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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Argo Members Visit Local Press Meeting

On February 4, a scholastic press conference was held at the Highland Park High School. The purpose of this conference was to get the members of various school newspapers together to discuss common problems. Those representing our school were Carl Baratta, Joe Messina, Dick Schwartz, Louise DiLalo and Florence Schmitt.

At the beginning of the conference, a general assembly was held.

The main speakers were Miss Lou P. Buncie, former adviser to the Highland Park School paper, and Mr. Walter Shepard of the DAILY HOME NEWS.

After the main assembly, lunch was served in the cafeteria. Following lunch period, several workshops opened up. These workshops are discussion centers where the school representatives talk over their problems. Some of the workshops which our members attended were: What Makes a Better Editor Headlining, Better Sports Page, which our editor-in-chief, Carl Baratta ably moderated, and Page Makeup.

Between each workshop, there were 15 minutes breaks to allow the boys and girls to get together and talk about their papers and respective schools.

Prepsters Hop In Honor of Victorious Basketeers

On Saturday, March 3, a dance was held in the Rutgers Prep Gym in honor of the basketball team. This winter sport theme for the dance was quite

successful. The team won the State Championship against Admiral Farragut the same day of their dance.

The dance committee, headed by Gail Duschock and Clemmie Vitti, did an exceptionally good job. They were ably assisted by Bill Smith, Earl Nielsen, Bernard Karshmer, Dick Twitchell, Stan Rosenblum, Sharon Ries, and Rolfe Harrison.

Deviating from the normal pattern, the cheerleaders did several cheers in honor of the basketball team. The highlight of the dance came when Coach O'Connell distributed Varsity and Jay-Vee soccer and basketball letters. The varsity team received their letters in a gym filled with the shouts of a happy audience.

Danced in socks

The Prepsters showed up in exorbitant numbers. The idea of dancing in their socks amused all of them, and they enthusiastically proved that it was loads of fun. The overall feeling of victory was prevalent the whole evening, and everyone took advantage of it.

The music for the evening was provided for by the Royal Airs. They managed to play a mixture of songs and beats to suit the tastes of all.

The faculty was again depended upon to serve as chaperones and turned out in good numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Heinlein, Mr. Holley, Mr. Daviet, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Dumarae, and Mr. Gaggini added their presence to the fun-filled evening.

Several favorable comments were made concerning the decorations. The gym was done in black and white. The printed black and white backdrops captivated everyone.

FACULTY ATTENDS CONVENTION

On March 3 and 4, the annual S.E.B. Convention was held at the Statler in New York. Mr. Heinlein acted as chairman of the Saturday afternoon conference which had as its theme the science curriculum for grades seven through nine. Teachers from the lower and upper school attended the various meetings concerning their fields.



Vitti and Duschock talk over dance plans.

FLASH!

SENIORS! Don't forget your College Boards Exams — March 17.

Prep Will Offer Two Spring Plays

By Peter Wintersteiner

On a date in April that has not yet been settled, the eighth grade will present a play called *The Miracle Maker*, by James M. Morris.

This play will be a radio play. It will be "broadcast" from one of the rooms in the school to the Study Hall, where the audience will be seated.

The directors of *The Miracle Maker* are Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Frisch, the two eighth grade English teachers. The entire class will have some kind of part. Some will have speaking parts, and some will take care of the sound effects. If there are not enough parts for all, another short skit will be presented. *The Miracle Maker* will probably take about half an hour.

On February 29, the eighth grade chose the play. Regular rehearsals will begin soon.

To high-light the spring season, the Dramatics Club plans to present a three act comedy entitled *Family Circle*. The date has been set for May 4, at 8:30 P.M.; the place is the Rutgers Preparatory School Gymnasium.

The play will be the third dramatics production by the school. The Dramatics Club was created three years ago to afford those interested in acting an opportunity to exercise their talents. There was a fine turn-out from the student body, and tryouts are now being held.

The first production of the club was *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. This was followed by *Time Out For Ginger*. *Family Circle*, with its cast of ten, is a dramatization of the early life of Cornelia Otis Skinner.

This play, as its predecessors, will be directed by Mr. Dumarae whose able supervision proved so vital to the success of the first two plays.

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Editorial

Two years ago, a new idea was started at Prep. This new function was a school excursion. It was suggested that the entire school should take a trip to some place of interest. This trip would cost the students very little. Transportation expenses would be supplied by the Student Council. The council could hire enough buses to transport all the students and faculty.

The first trip was to the United Nations and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The trip was a success. The Council decided to make the school excursion an annual affair and so in 1955, Prep students visited the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

This year the date and place of this trip still remains tentative. The Student Council is faced with the task of selecting a destination that will be favorable to both the students and Mr. Heinlein.

I am sure the President of the Student Council will appreciate any suggestions you may have concerning this subject. One of the possible places already discussed by the council as worth seeing is the Statue of Liberty. Regardless of the destination, however, I am sure that this trip will prove to be as it has in the past two years, a memorable success.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Although I must compliment Prep on the ever-increasing number of improvements, I believe that one very important feature is still missing. That feature is a student lunch and recreation room.

In this room students could eat their lunch. Milk and Coke machines would be available and music could be furnished by a radio.

This situation would eliminate the congestion present every lunch half hour in the study hall and would also eliminate the rubbish all over the floor.

One of the available rooms on the third floor could be used for this purpose. It would be an asset to the school as well as to the student.

Sharon Ries

Dear Editor:

Our basketball team has won its first trophy since 1938. It was congratulated by everyone for its success, and the boys were all given letters and will get jackets from the school. With all the excitement, not many people stopped to acknowledge the cheerleaders.

Through the basketball season, the girls backed up their team with enthusiasm and spirit. They worked many hours trying to make a good showing in honor of their team. When it was all over and the tournament had been won, no one gave them congratulations or showed them gratitude for the fine job they had done.

In my opinion, they deserve a gift from the school. I believe they would appreciate it and feel that somebody did take notice of them. A small token that might seem a little materialistic but would serve the purpose would be jackets.

This is only a suggestion, because, of course, there are any number of little remembrances the girls would appreciate.

Sincerely,

An Interested Fan

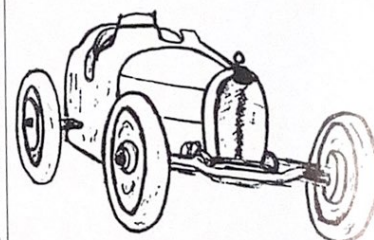
Dear Editor:

Because the dance turned out nicely Saturday night, I think it would be an excellent idea to have more dances of the same sort. Coach O'Connell did his share of work in getting the major part of the student body there. With his help and other assets, the dance was a huge success. There was an unusually big stag turnout. Enthusiasm filled every corner of the gym and everyone shared in the enjoyment. I think that a stag dance is the most appropriate in a school such as ours because there is such an odd feeling of segregation among our students.

Thanks a lot,

Charley

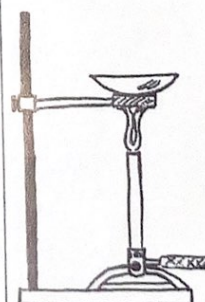
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SPORTLIGHT

By Joe Messina

Well, basketball at Prep is over for another year, and this year the members of the Little Scarlet team are especially proud of the outcome bringing the Prep School Group III Trophy here for the first time since 1938. Closing the season with a mediocre 10-10 record, the Prepsters suddenly caught fire to beat Pingry, the holder of the Group III Trophy for the past 3 years by a substantial margin and a favored Admiral Farragut team 57-45. Congratulations, fellows! Now let's keep the title here for awhile!

The members of our championship ballclub were honored on March 3, the night of their tremendous victory. Letters were awarded to Marty Metzger, Bill Utter, Stan Rosenblum, George Friedlander, Andy Piscatelli, Bob Tammam, Bob Torrone, Carl Baratta and Joe Messina. What's this I hear about jackets, Coach?

Marty Metzger, our high scoring center, is a sure bet for All-County and All Prep All State honors. One of the best rebounders in our area, Marty has also amassed over 500 points this season.

Soccer letters have also been awarded since our last paper. Recipients of them were Bob Torrone, Stan Rosenblum, Bob Tammam, Bob Smith, Carl Baratta, Danny Struk, Bruce Gunkle, George Friedlander, Bill Utter, Andy Piscatelli, Marty Metzger, and Joe Messina.

Speaking of coming things, Porky Friedlander is after baseball recruits. He and Bob Tammam are oiling their mitts for the oncoming season. Come on, fellows! Let's get out and support these guys; let's give Coach a successful baseball season.

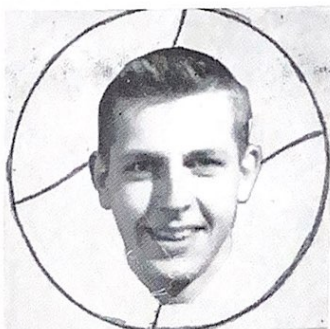
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OUR 9th YEAR AT RUTGERS

Prep Wins Tournament As Metzger, Utter Star

For the first time since 1938 the Rutgers Prep basketball team ended their season with a win in the finals of the Headmasters' State Invitational Tournament. They easily defeated a Pingry School opposition by a score of 81-60.



Marty Heads Tournament

Prep Sinks Admirals For Our Ninth Win

A three point play in the final period by our tall center, Marty Metzger, proved to be the turning point as a visiting Rutgers Prep team registered a 54-48 victory over a taller Admiral Farragut quintet.

Prep went ahead 10-8 on a basket by Bill Utter in the first quarter and held the lead until the fourth period where the Admirals pulled out in front 40-39. At this point, Metzger put in his three points on a field goal and a foul shot. This put Prep ahead by two, never to be headed again.

After Marty's three-point play, Bill Utter rimmed a two-pointer and George Friedlander dumped in two points from the foul line. George netted seven points in the game, Bill Utter got 19, and Stan Rosenblum six. It was the ninth win for the Prepsters, against seven losses.

Dick Wheeler, Farragut's tall forward, was the high man for the losers.

and then went on to sink favored Admiral Farragut in the finals of the tournament by a score of 57-45.

Pingry Played First

Traveling to the St. Benedict's hardwood, the O'Connell men faced Pingry, their traditional tournament stumbling block in the semi-final. After overcoming a slow start, the Prep cagers easily defeated Pingry by a score of 81-60.

Pingry, getting a fast start on three consecutive baskets by their hard-driving guard Ed Conk, went out in front 6-0. The Prep schoolers soon got hot and midway through the first canto knotted the score at 12 all. The winners then connected for a string of six points. Bill Utter, Marty Metzger and Stan Rosenblum each contributed a deuce to bulge the score to 18-12. The Prepsters were never headed after that. By the end of the third period the New Brunswickites had a 35 point lead; the fourth canto found a new Prep squad on the floor.

The team was paced by Bill Utter, Marty Metzger, and Stan Rosenblum with 29, 18, and 14 points respectively.

Navy Sunk

Little Navy was the last obstacle in Prep's climb to the Group III title. Despite the fact that the Academy had fallen once before to Prep, they were still favorite for the crown. The Little Scarlet, however, gave the sailors a bigger battle than they had expected and came out of the first period with 20-13 lead. In the third canto they broke a 36-36 tie with a seven point string and were never led again.

Through the first period the score was tied three times and changed hands three times before Stan Rosenblum dropped in two fouls to give Prep a 10-8 lead. Marty Metzger scored the Prep's first eight points in that period.

Big Lou scored 17 points. Bill Utter and Stan Rosenblum contributed 16 each for the cause.

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Council Report

By Stan Rosenblum

The Student Council has adopted a complete accident insurance plan which will cover all the students in the school.

The policy was brought to us through the Department of Student Health in Rutgers University. The plan covers the students both in school and out. It will pay up to five hundred dollars for any one accident. To collect for any mishap the student should save all bills and attach them to a form which may be obtained from the office. The office will then mail the claim and in a period of two weeks the money will be refunded. Policies for each student will be given out soon.

For the remaining months of school the Council has made plans to have a school trip, a dance, and a field day which the entire school will attend. The day will be planned by Mr. O'Connell. A definite date has not been set but a sunny day in May would seem a great "time" to get together for a last "time"!

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

By Mark Levine and Brenda Barbour

Mrs. Ellis, who teaches sixth grade has been having her pupils make reports of European countries. A substitute teacher has been brought in to take the place of Mrs. Ellis, who has the flu.

The second and third grades have joined together and are currently working on *The Sleeping Beauty*, one of the plays to be presented later in the spring.

Mrs. Eby's second grade has written a play from the book, *Mr. Doolittle Goes to Africa*. In it they sail a boat on a wooden stage. They plan to give their play on Friday afternoon, March 9.

A new dancing teacher has come to the elementary school to help Mr. Wals demonstrate the art of dancing.

Inquiring Reporter

By Florence Schmitt

Question — Would you rather have the two publications, the *Argo* and the *Argomag*, continued, or have one discontinued and the other expanded? Why?

Replies—

Amy Riddering — "I think it would be better if we continued both. That way we keep up with the school news and also the work of the students."

Arlene Greenberg — "Both have different functions. Therefore I don't see any reason to discontinue one for the benefit of the other unless both functions are taken care of in one publication."

Mr. Heinlein — "I think there is adequate energy and material for both publications. Each publication attracts the writings of different students and serves several different purposes. I believe that our school would lose some of its stature if it lost either one of these publications."

Joy Newman — "I like both the *Argo* and the *Argomag*, but I think we should have the *Argo* more regularly and at least four *Argomags* a year."

Mr. Holley — "I concur entirely with the remarks of Mr. Heinlein."

Jay Goldsmith — "I think we should have one publication and make this one superb and above all others in years past."

Bob Carlson — "I think they should both be continued as they are both very good."

Mr. Gaggini — "In my opinion, there is no doubt about it. They should both be continued."

Jim Ness — "I think they should both be continued, but they should both be expanded."

Loretta Ness — "I believe that one should be expanded so there would be more pleasure in reading it. There also could be a bigger variety in the type of articles."

Mr. Dumarac — "I believe that both should be continued and both expanded to further cover student activities. However, may I extend my compliments to both staffs."

Barbara Brennan — "I would rather have a bigger school paper that tells more of school events."

Club News

By Steven Holsten

Four French I students have been invited to join the French Club. This club was formerly open only to French II students. The new members are Kathleen McCabe, Peter Wintersteiner, Victor Stilwell, and Richard Schwartz.

Busy Advisor

Mr. Moffat is the advisor to four clubs at Prep this year — the Speech, Aviation, Navigation, and Mechanical Drawing Clubs.

The aim of the Speech Club, which meets on Thursdays, is to prepare students for public speaking or for speaking better with friends and groups. The club members have memorized documents such as the Gettysburg Address. The club members have also read poetry and discussed the real meaning of the poems. At present they are taking up debating.

The Aviation Club's idea is to teach boys about light planes that they may some day fly. The Club has gone over the construction of planes and the operation of the instruments. Each week an assignment is given out to one of the club members who makes a report. The officers are Steve Hancox, Dick Twitchell, and Earl Nielsen. This club meets on Wednesdays.

The Prep Navy

The Navigation Club's aim is to learn about boats. So far the club has discussed the upkeep and landing of boats. The members have also taken up efficiency in the water and signals of navigation. This club operates in the same way as the Aviation Club. Each week a different member brings in a report. The officers are Steve Hancox, Irving Quackenboss, and Victor Stilwell. This club meets on Mondays.

The object of the Mechanical Drawing Club is to show its members the use of drafting instruments and teach them how to pick an object and draw it from all perspectives. Leroy Thorn, one of the advanced members, has gone into advanced designing. This club has no officers and meets on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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