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Gala Bill Stars Chorus, Players

Prepsters Plan

Alumni Reunion

An alumni dance will be held in the

Rutgers Prep gymnasium on December

29. \_Many alumni will attend, including

Louis Borberly, Jack Bergen, Chuck

Lezak, Bob Paulus, Charlie Reed, Frank

Avery, and Bruce Johnson. These

alumni will play in a basketball game

which will precede the dance.

Because of the wish for some sort of

reunion expressed by many Prep alumni,

Mr. O'Connell proposed and planned

this combination dance and game. Any

Prep alumnus is invited to attend the

ce,

At 7:00 the Prep varsity team will

face a team comprised of Prep’s star

alumni. Three of the greatest basket-

ball scorers in Rutgers Prep history will

represent the Rutgers Prep alumni.

These are Louis Borberly, class of ’53,

Jack Bergen, class of 50, and Chuck

Lezak, class of 50.

Last year Lou Borberly established

Prep’s record for the most points made

in a season, 447, and the most points

scored in one game, 35. A \_ previous

Prep high scorer, Jack Bergen, is now

on the starting “five” at Washington

College, Maryland, while Borberly, a

freshman, is on the second string of the

same school. Prep’s Bruce Johnson is

currently a football standout at Rutgers

University,

Rutgers Prep Joins Ranks

Of Metropolitan Opera Guild

Christmas came early this year for

forty fortunate students when Rutgers

Prep was accepted into the Metropolitan

Opera Guild. The lucky forty, who will

go by bus, will be able to see Puccini’s

“La Boheme” on April 9th.

This rare opportunity was made pos-

sible through the efforts of Mr. Duma-

rae, who has been waging a one-man

campaign since September to win Guild

privileges for Prep. These !privileges

include the opportunity to purchase forty

tickets at reduced rates, and to receive

three subscriptions to “Opera News.”

Mr. Dumarae, who was gratified at the

student response to the projected trip,

said, “There will be, sometime in the

spring, definite time set aside for the

students to learn a little about the story

of the opera and to famliarize them

with the music. This is in accord with

the requirements of the Metropolitan

Opera Guild.”

Stars in Comedy

Yule Play Presents

Kerber and Seamon

by Steve Hancox

This year’s play was once again pre-

sented at the annual Christmas program,

which was given on December 11. The

play was a one act comedy called “Just

What They Wanted,” and was under the

efficient direction of Mr. Holley and

Mr. Calvo. It was a huge success, en-

joyed by the students, parents and

faculty alike, and well rewarded the

hard work of the students.

Roger Seamon was excellent in the

part of Gilbert Ash, an absent-minded

husband. Eva Ash, his long-suffering

wife, was captured completely by Susan

Lang, who took the role. Maude Ash,

Gilbert’s sister, was finely portrayed by

Shirley Kerber, Noreen Hudson added

color to the play with her characteriza-

tion of Bessie Eckyles, a neighbor of the

Ash family. Bill Muhs portrayed the

part of her husband, John Eckyles, with

complete conviction,

The play, which involved a mixup of

Christmas presents, was a good one.

It provided an amusing plot with some

extremely skillful dialogue, which was

superbly handled by the cast,

The understudies included Diane Dorn,

as the wife, Marian Veale as\_ the

sister, and Malcolm Cohen es Gilbert.

Almost all of the parts were understud-

ied to aid in a smooth production on

the night of the Christmas program.

With excellent management and hon-

est work from the students, the play

went off smoothly and well reflected the

toil of all

Songs Plus Comedy

Head Yule Program

Last Friday night, Rutgers Prep held

its annual Christmas concert.

Prep’s Glee Club, under the direction

of Mr. Thomas Dumarae, featured Christ-

mas songs from different countries in

its program,

The first group of songs were English

hymns, among which were the popular

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear’’ and

“Joy to the World.”

Sengs From Many Countries

The second group were all Bohem-

eian carols. “Come All Ye Shepherds,”

sung by the girls, and ‘Good King Wen-

ceslas” were the two songs,

From Poland came the lovely song,

“Hear the Glad Tidings,” and from

Russia came “Kolyada,” sung by the

boys.

After these songs, the Elementary

School had its program, featuring the

French carols, “Angels We Have Heard

on High,” “Carol of the Birds,” and

“O Holy Night.” Elfriede Riddering of

the Preparatory School sang a solo in

the latter. :

Solos by Girls “

The American songs done were “Go

Tell It On The Mountain” and “O Little

Town of Bethlehem.” “I Wonder As I

Wander” was sung as a solo by Elfriede

Riddering and Estelle Newman soloed

in “The Lord’s Prayer.”

As a finale, the entire Glee Club sang

the traditional student song, “Gaudea-

mus Igitur.”

The accompanist for the Glee Club was

Marcia Owens and for the soloists, Clem-

intina Vitti, The directress for the lower

bee Glee Club was Mrs. William H.

ely,

Feature Boy Choral Group

For Christmas Film Show

A film, featuring the Columbus Boys’

Choir of Princeton, New Jersey, will be

shown to the school on Dee. 17. Since the

boys sing Christmas carols, the film.

will be offered before the close of

school for the Christmas vacation.

Since 1943, the boys’ choir has per-

formed innumerable concerts, They

have sung in practically all of the forty-

eight states and in several provinces of

Canada. This choir has appeared in

such places as Carnegie Hall and Town

Hall in New York City, as well as the

Academy of Music in Philadelphia,

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RUTG

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Bernard Karshmer

Norman Karshmer

Michael Kessler

John Rosa

Carl Stover

Carl Zolna

Special Adviser:

Don Hughes

Inactivity?

One serious deficiency in our present

daily schedule is lack of provision for

extra-curricular activities. Although we

have five activity periods a week for

this purpose, the time provided. is in-

adequate: One activity period per week

is not enough to put out a good year-

book or newspaper, nor are two periods

per week sufficient to produce a good

Glee Club.

Short as these activity periods are,

the situation is made worse when the

periods areshortened by announcements.

When the activity period is encroached

upon, it can mean, as in the case of

“Ye Dial” and publications, that during

an entire school week not twenty-five

minutes are given to these tasks, While

it is true that, if students are not par-

ticipating in the planned activity for

the day, they can participate in another

activity, this is actually a valueless com-

Pensation, for in a school as small as

ours, students who are in one activity

will generally be found in almost all.

If, then, our school organizations and

activities are expected to function effici-

ently, and to be a credit to our school,

more organized time must be given to

them, through an additi

schedule: on to our daily

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During this Christmas

Argo staff extends to the student body

and faculty its most sincere wishes for

a Merry Christmas.

The ARGO

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

They've finally installed a new water

fountain, which, much to our dismay,

washes our faces while quenching our | f

thirst. The only lsolution I can |see

to this is to install a towel rack for

drying ourselves and to teach the

“youngsters” in our school not to destroy

school property.

In addition I deplore the tiny pieces

of soap given us which are so useless

that it takes at least five minutes to

wash our hands. The drying materials

are just fair, but by the time operations

are completed, we are late for class.

It would be appreciated by the writer of

this article if bigger pieces of soap

were furnished,

“All Wet”

Dear Editor:

The eighth grade has been trying to

start an activities period club. We are,

however, undecided whether to have a

dramatic or photography club. We hope

that our final choice will be made at

our next meeting. It is expected that

the class will prefer a photography club.

In order to have the club, there must

be a unanimous approval from the en-

tire club. However, there are two boys

holding down our plans, but some of

us are confident that we will get the

backing from these two boys and start

the club.

—Bernard A, Karshmer.

Dear Editor:

Contrary to my usual nature, I find

at long last that I must praise the school

for something it has done.

To whom it may concern: Congratula-

‘tions for the new water fountain!

For a while, there, Rutgers Prep could

very well be likened to the Sahara desert.

Students roamed the halls, calling

through cracked parched lips for water.

But no water was to be had.

Now there is a gleaming new water

fountain standing proudly in the corner

which once was so bare and forlorn, So

again I must say, although it wounds

me deeply, “Thanks.”

A Very Unhappy “Grouchy”

P. S. I knew it was too good to last

They just shut the water off again.

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Bill plans to study m

at the University a Pennsqie ext year

—$avania,

Record Holiday

by Jack Tobin

Wth the Christmas seaso:

ing, the musical trend has taken’s sent

turn from ballads to the anual Chrigen

songs. Heading this year’s list is Eartha

Kitt’s “Santa Baby.” Stan Freidbe:

has followed his “St, George and the

Dragnet” with a “Christmas Dragnet.”

Among the other records being played,

we find Bing Crosby's old standby of

“White Christmas” and many others,

To get back to the hits—As of late,

we find many quartets including the Four

Aces’ “Heart Of My Heart,” “Laughing

On The Outside,” and “Return To Para-

dise.” You then have the “4 Lads”

with their hit “Istanbul.”

The comeback of the year could very

well be Frank Sinatra. In the last

two months he has had a continuous

flow of hits.

All in all, this year’s record season

should prove to be quite enjoyable to

all its fans.

Studied Verse

I study and study and try

To earn marks that will

grades high.

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The profs never Wa!

work.

But when I’m not ready,

These birds will unsteady

Me by wondering why is it

They seem to think that I’m lazy

But really I’m driven half crazy:

The principle hope

Of this poor addled dope 1 4B

Is to prove my worth to good © .

Vechten

Sharon Ries and Kathe Van

I don't work.

\_ December, 1953

SPORTLIGHT

by Norman Karshmer

\* yf you will look at the last edition of

the “Argo,” you will see my predictions

for the basketball season. So far I’m

batting .333.

The basketball team looked good

against St. Mary’s even though they

Jost, 6462. Al Murasko was the best

while Len Bartlett, Bob Allen, Bill Kurtz,

Roger Seamon, and Buddy Zajac show-

ed well. The team had a few hard

preaks, but I still say that they will

have a .750 season. Congratulations to

Al Murasko.

Congratulations to Stu Edelburg who

made the All-State soccer team. The

team is picked annually by the sports

writers of the Newark Evening News

and the Newark Star Ledger.

Jack Bergen, Lou Borbely, and How-

ard Mischne are all playing basketball

on the Washington College varsity bask-

etball team. They are all alumni of

Rutgers Prep. Bergen was high scorer

at Washington last year, with a .otal of

403 points. Borbely and Mischne are

freshmen at the same college.

Here is one more prediction that is

really putting me out on the limb, Al

Murasko will finish the year with a

2point per game |average or over.

That’s 450 points in eighteen games,

The alumni basketball game, which is

listed for Tuesday night December 29,

should be one of the top games of the

year. The boys who will play for the

alumni are the cream of the crop and

will give our boys a real test.

Triple Threat Player Aids

In Prep Athletic Victories

Al Murasko, the famous former South

River athlete, has greatly aided Prep

through his fabulous athletic ability. He,

a first team all-county basketball player,

has already broken the school scoring

record for a single game.

In the spring he plans to participate in

both baseball and track. Al is planning

to pitch for us in baseball, ana hopes

to run the 100-and 200-yard dash, as

well as the broad jump in the field

events. He has already established a

name for himself as one of Prep’s out-

paiting goalies in its short soccer his-

ry.

Al, who is also a member of our Var-

sity “R” club, finds enjoyment in fish-

ing and bowling.

After graduating from Prep, Al plans

to attend college, hoping to become a

Physical education teacher and coach.

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Saints Edge Out Varsity

In Season’s First Game

SPORTS FLASH — In Prep’s first

home game, the Little Scarlets

trounced Hun School by a score of 81

to 38. Al Murasko was again high

scorer with a total of 34 points. Len

Bartlett played a magnificent game

one both offense and defense. Don

Hughes played a great game on the

boards while Seamon showed great

skill in performing the fast break

with Kurtz and Murasko.

Hun never had the score in their

favor from the opening seconds of the

game. Prep showed complete super-

jority during the entire game. The

Little Scarlets’ defense was so tight

that Hun found it difficult to get a

decent shot. Even with the tight de-

fense, the fouling was kept to a mini-

mum by Prep.

St. Mary’s Defeats

Prep Jayvee Squad

On the night of December 4th, the J.

V. team, under the supervision of Coach

Sperduto, lost a game; even |so the

possibility of having a very good young

team is obvious. With the small poten-

tial that the squad had at the begin-

ning, it is quite remarkable that such

a good job was done at the game.

For the first time since the beginning

of practice, the team, under their cap-

tain, Stu Edelberg, met their first out-

side competition. For a fairly young

team, this was quite a difficult job as

the teamsters are not too experienced

in the fine points of the game.

Besides acting as the captain of the

team, Stu was able to put in 13 good

points, mostly long shots, which ac-

counted for almost half of the team’s

27 points. St. Mary’s team racked up

42 points. Among the dominating play-

ers were So Hayda with 8 points and

Smith at center, doing a very good job.

Harrison, an eighth grader, and Carl

Baratta, a tenth grader, were both

boosters and able assistants to the

team,

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Al Murasko’s sensational scoring spree

broke the previous record of the greatest

number of points scored im one game.

This still was not enough to top the

always tough Eagles of South Amboy.

Al scored 36 points, bettering the

record by one. His 19 points in

the first period were enough to put the

Prep school in front 23-13. Then after

losing Bob Allen, a fine rebounder, and

Bill Kurtz, Prep’s floor general, on fouls,

St. Mary’s came on to win after a final

Period of much excitement when the

two teams were never more than two

points apart.

With the absence of Don Hughes, much

{pressure was put on Len Bartlett to

control the boards. He did a good job

on rebounding along with scoring eight

points. Seamon and Zajac helped with

timely buckets, but time ran out before

they could get back the two points which

Saint’s Gorsaka threw in with about

twenty seconds to go.

Prep used a zone defense as did St.

Mary's. In the first half, the Saints

found it hard to crack Prep’s defense,

but, in the second half, the Little Scar-

lets began to tire out because of the

absence of Hughes and the fouling out

of Allen and Kurtz, Saint Mary’s, mean-

wnile, scored constantly.

Prep found both hard luck and time

catching up with them. Many of Prep’s

shots rimmed the basket but rolled. out,

while luck seemed to be with St. Mary’s.

The gym was packed with St, Mary’s

rooters which definitely aided the Little

Scarlets’ opponents. However, Rutgers

Prep had a fine turnout of rooters con-

sidering the location of the game,

Prep found the Hoffman High’s court

an extremely difficult one on which to

play on because of its small size. The

Little Scarlets should play much better

against St, Mary’s when they meet them

in Prep’s gym.

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Lower School Plans

Library Schedule

by Louise Di Lalo

Most of the students at the Elementary

School have great interest in books and

reading. To help this interest con-

tinue, a plan to go to the library was

carried out on Wednesday, December

2nd, by the third, fourth, and fifth

grades. The display of new books

there was the center of attraction. The

thought of missing a subject or two

was, no doubt, also quite appealing.

The second and third grades are pre-

paring for a Christmas program with all

the trimmings, which will include some

fine pine boughs to be used as part of

the decorations. The boughs came from

a pine tree which had to be removed

because of the construction of the new

university library directly in ack of

the school.

An assembly was held the day before

Thanksgiving. Patriotic songs were

sung, ending with the school song and

“On the Banks.” The school song is

sung quite frequently at the Elementary

School, but is rarely heard at Prep,

The Kindergarten children have had

a “rash” of birthday parties with dixie

cups and cookies for all, supplied by the

parents of the boy or girl whose birth-

day was being celebrated.

A departmental schedule is now be-

ing followed in the upper grades, with

Mr. Sperduto teaching history, Mrs.

Anderson, the science, and Mrs, Kehoe,

the English.

Constitution Revision Aired

By Student Council Group

At the December 4th meeting of the

Student Council, the main topic under

discusson was the revision of the school

constitution. After the formal opening

points that were discussed and pass-

ed by the council are the following:

1) the clause which governs the elec-

tion of the secretary and the treasurer

was changed so that these two officers

might be chosen from either the sopho-

more or junior class rather than ex-

clusively from the junior class.

2) the article which read that cam-

pagning for officers on the student

council should begin on the third Friday

after the opening of school and that

elections should be held on the fourth

Friday was deleted.

3) a person must have attended Rut-

gers Prep for at least one year before

holding an office on the Student Coun-

ceil.

DUSCHOCK’S PHARMACY

SOUTH RIVER

Gatwood Cabin Hop

Gets Large Turnout

The Thanksgiving dance, which was

held at the log cabin on the Rutgers

agricultural farm, was one of the most

successful events on the school calendar

thus far, The twenty-five or more

couples who attended the dance were

well supplied with music by “Four of

the Ten Gilberts.”

In the kitchen, Elfriede Riddering and

Gari Gatwood, along with Mr, and Mrs.

Heinlein, brewed large pots of coffee

for the gang. Besides coffee, cocoa,

cakes and cookies were also served.

John Kuhlthau, Vic Stilwell, and

Frank Wagner, who were three of the

first to arrive, helped get the huge

fires burning, which continued all eve-

ning and added much to the dance.

Some of the dances which were en-

joyed were the Mexican Hat Dance and

che Bunny Hop.

After the couples were tired of danc-

ing, the lights were turned off and they

sat in front of the two large fireplaces

and sang songs. They were accompanied

by John Kuhlthau and Gari Gatwood

on their ukes.

There were several alumni at the

dance including Virginia Ann Hudson,

Emile Archambault, Alan Black, Trudy

Webber and Harold Williamson.

Prep’s Cheerleading Squad

Roots for Basketball Team

With the beginning. of the basketball

season, the cheerleaders are once again

ready for action. Our squad this year

consists of Virgina Reigger, head cheer-

leader, and Clementina Vitti, who are

the only two girls from last year’s

squad. Our new “Prepsters” are: Shirley

Kerber, Molly Parham, Elfriede Ridde-

ring, and Noreen Hudson. Naney Ha-

worth was elected as substitute, and

Marian Veale as manager.

For the sake of variety, the girls will

wear maroon corduroy uniforms with

white collars and gloves for the basket-

ball season.

Athough there weren’t many girls to

choose from, those which made the

squad proved to be very enthusiastic

rooters. Prep is quite fortunate in hav-

ing a group of girls who are always will-

ing to show their school spirit by cheer-

ing the team to victory.

Inquiring Reporter

By John Rosa

“What would you do if you i

a umiak for Christmas?” wou sheeted

Barry Brodsky—‘Ride on it.”

Jack Geiling—“Give it to Mr. Calvo,”

Gene Hohol—Float it down Rarit

River.” she Raritan

Arthur Kershmer—‘I’@ eat. it.”

Tono Rebollo—‘I’'d ¢: it a

my a, Carry round on

Norman Karshmer—‘“Play with it.”

Bruce Parsil—“Put it under Mr .

fat’s desk.” nN Mot

Estelle Newman—‘“I’d exchance it for a

larger one at Macy’s.”

Elfriede Riddering—“Put it on a leash

and bring it to school.”

Bernard Karshmer—“Grease it up and

ride it to school.”

Peter Schwartz—‘“Feed it to my dog.”

Roger Seamon—‘I'd put it in a pot,”

Joe Hamadyk—‘Take it to |bed with

Noreen Hudson—“Take it to the ©. T.

and buy it a drink.” .

Mike Kessler—‘How many miles does it

get to a gallon?”

Howard Tobin—“Trade it in for a pool

table.”

Bob Michaels—“Take it out on the Turn-

pike and give it a test run.”

Sharon Ries—T’d take it to a dance.”

Louise Di Lalo—‘I’d stuff it and then

broil it.” .

Weston Merritt—‘I'd bury it.”

Franklin Preiser—‘T’'d hide it in a closet.”

P. S. For those who are interested,

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feet long and 8 feet wide consisting of

wooden skins and usually propelled by

women,

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