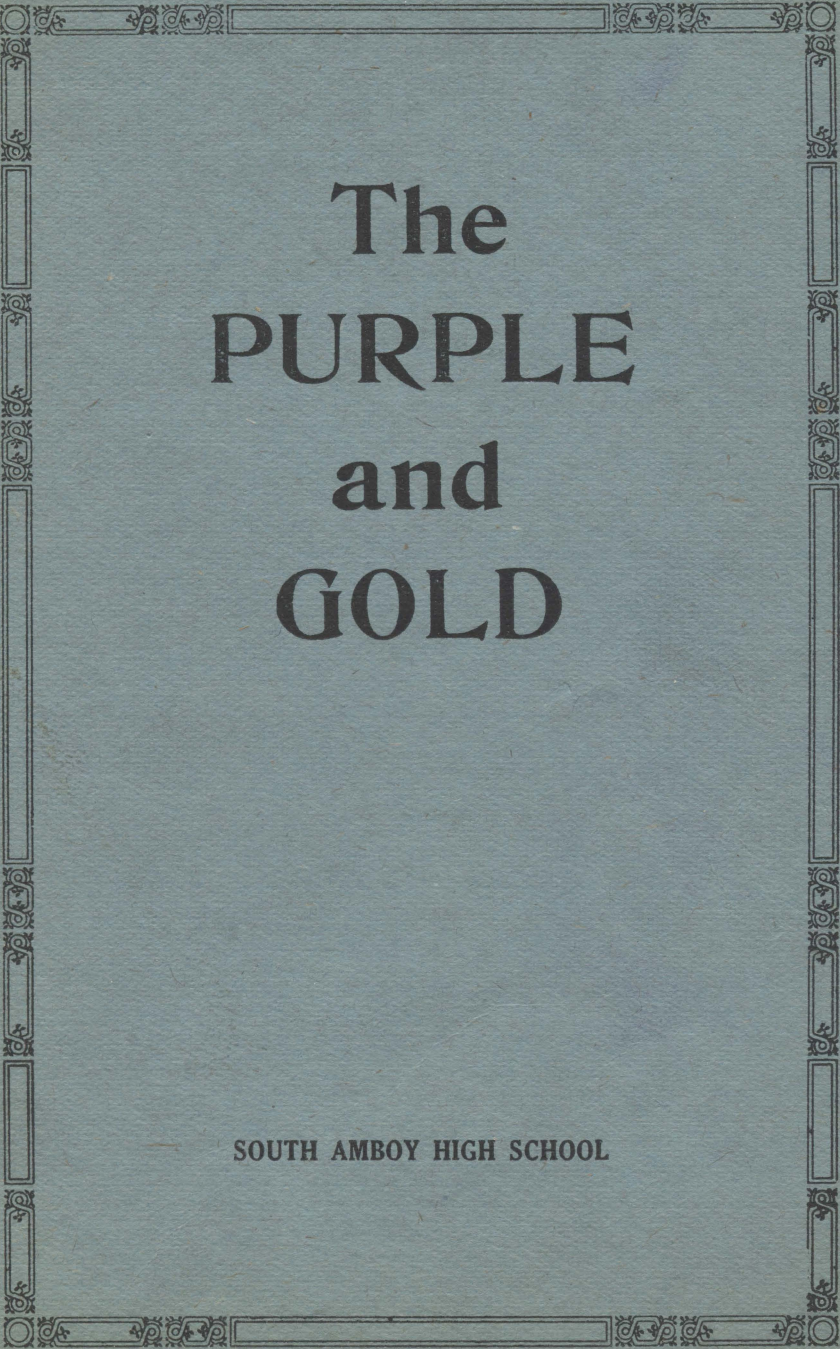


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EDITORIAL

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A NNOUNCEMENT has recently been made public of the organization of the South Amboy Chamber of Commerce by a body of public-spirited loyal men. This is a move which should be heartily commended by every deep thinking citizen of our city, as it may eventually lead to the financial and moral uplifting of our city in a more rapid degree than is at present the case.

There are very many serious problems to confront the newly organized body and it will cost them great effort to cope with, and surmount these problems successfully. Our city is far from perfection in its present state and the new Chamber of Commerce will undoubtedly adopt the best means available to keep our city in efficient competition with other cities.

The intra coastal ship canal would be a great factor in making Amboy's progress speedy and it will be one of the Chamber's chief duties to see that the project is pushed through to successful completion so that South Amboy may assume her rightful place as a leader among cities.

The membership drive is now open, and it is the duty of every loyal citizen to become an active member of this active organization. This membership, being non-sectarian, and endeavoring to foster a spirit of democracy among its members, so that every man will be treated alike, will benefit the individual member in many ways; it will teach him the city's vulnerable points as well as its impregnable points and means to overcome them; it will encourage him to be more liberal and loyal in his views; it will teach him more modern and successful methods; in brief—it will make him more highly educated in that subject prominent in everyone's minds—South Amboy and its business.

Consequently, this will be a wonderful improvement to the city because more and more people, quickly noting the changed conditions, will trade here, and thus "Keep the Home Wheels Turning."

Fellow Citizens! Do you want South Amboy prominent among cities? Of course, you do! Then make it your business to join and induce others to join also. This organization cannot succeed if the people of the city sit around and wait for the next man's move—they must come out and make the move themselves. Remember that old time adage—"In Union There Is Strength," and bear this in mind when seriously considering this Chamber of Commerce proposition.

R. C. D.

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FOOTBALL

THE 'varsity football squad journeyed to South River, Saturday, November 8, 1919, where they were met and defeated by the eleven representing the High School of that place by the score of 19-6. Although defeated our team was not outclassed, as they accomplished a feat in that their first game, that their opponents were unable to accomplish in the first three games of their schedule, by scoring a touchdown.

Our team made a wonderful exhibition of pluck and courage by the way they held against the onslaughts of the heavier and more experienced opposition, and baffled them by numerous well executed plays.

Our only score came in the second period of play when Bennett, our 'varsity fullback, beautifully intercepted a well intentioned lateral pass and transposed its well meaning from South River to South Amboy and ran with the ball forty yards for a six counter, but failed to hold the ball on the ground until the referee declared its release and thus forfeited the chance to annex another point via the free kick route.

Another meeting was arranged for immediately after the cessation of hostilities, to be played at South River on Saturday, November 22. The game will be fully covered in an enlightening manner in the next issue of this organ.

In the game played on the 8th, our team lined up as follows:

L. E. Dowdell, L. T. Lambertson, L. G. Wilber, C. Kurtz, R. G. Romeo, R. T. King, R. E. Bartkoviak, Q. B. McCarthy, L. H. B. James, R. H. B. Perkins, F. B. Bennett.

BASKETBALL

The Auditorium is now equipped with nets and basketball games and practises will now be held in a court of "our own."

With basketball season very near at hand plans are formulated for a league, the games of which are to be played in the "gym." This league is to be composed of four teams to be selected from the candidates for the 'varsity team. Each team is to have a captain chosen from the members of last year's first squad. The league will give the coach an opportunity to observe the ability of those playing and will be ample opportunity for all basketball players in the school to try for the team.

Contrary to the general opinion of many of the athletes who would endeavor to make the team—the 'varsity team has not and will not be selected until the coach has made careful observation of all the material at his disposal.

As funds from outside sources are not forthcoming, the members of the A. A. have taken it upon themselves to raise the money to finance the athletics in the school for this year and have made arrangements for holding a series of dances and socials. The first of which was held on Thanksgiving Eve., Nov. 26th. A competent orchestra was secured to furnish the music, and refreshments complying with the Prohibition law were sold by some of the industrious male members of the student body.

The members of the A. A. wish to thank those who helped to make the dance the wonderful success that it was.

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Because the suits which were purchased last year are not becoming to a team representing a school which has just been presented with a new building containing a fully equipped gymnasium the A. A. has decided to present the team selected to play under the Purple and Gold banner with new uniforms.

A new ball has been procured for the use of the 'varsity team and the guiding lines on the court will soon be painted, after which the team will begin earnest practise.

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WITH THE CLASSES

'20 The Senior Class observed Armistice Day by devoting part of the English period to a general discussion of the signing of the Armistice. The Seniors have lost one of their most popular and cherished students, Margaret Lenahan. Margaret was liked and admired by everyone in school and the Senior are inconsolable over their loss.

Secretary of '20! Submit notes for this column not later than the 15th of each month. At least a quarter page.

'21 The Juniors lost a congenial member, also, when Mary Gundrum left them to take up her scholastic studies at St. Mary's School. The Juniors certainly do miss her, as she was one of the most popular girls in school.

The Junior class is planning another bazaar which is to be held some time in the near future. The affair will be on a larger scale than the one given in October by the girls of the class. The proceeds will be used for the annual reception to the Seniors. Secretary, '21! Submit notes for this column. At least a quarter page.

'22 The Sophomores have not completely decided to hold the "Martha Washington" dance, but promise that details may be given out in the near future. Secretary, '22! Submit notes for this column not later than the 15th of each month. At least a quarter page.

OH! MILLY!

Great excitement in the gym! Milly Fisher, "I have fins! I have fins." Does Milly belong in the High School or in an aquarium?

'23 The Freshmen are planning something very novel for their Christmas entertainment. We wish the freshmen luck in this venture.

Secretary, Freshman Class! Submit notes for this column not later than the 15th of each month; at least a quarter page.

SOCIAL NOTES

THE girls of the school are eager to try their luck at basketball. As soon as the necessary apparatus arrives, they hope to be given permission to organize a first class team. They have the support of the entire student body, and it is suggested that the girls play their games preliminary to the regular 'varsity basketball game.

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Miss Shaughnessy's dancing classes are now held in the Christ Church Parish House. Entries to her classes may be made any time.

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Another mysterious organization similar to the "D. D. D." has been founded. The name and object of the club is closely guarded, the members being unknown.

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If any of the boys of the High School would care to learn the simpler dances, the girls will gladly teach them. Don't be bashful, boys, just name the date and the girls will be on hand to instruct you!

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Mrs. Cozzens has the girls of the school elated over their wonderful voices. Individual singing is the hobby of all students in the music classes, especially the Junior and Senior girls.

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The First Aid Class held every Wednesday afternoon under the tutelage of Miss Shaughnessy, is progressing rapidly. The girls of this Class take great interest in the work and have a victim for every subject treated.

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Many of our students were seen at the recent football classic at South River between South Amboy High School and South River High School.

The social editor would like to see in the next issue of the Purple and Gold, a column written and edited by the Girl's Social Club, the D. D. D., the F. A. S., and any other school club.

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The Literary Editor would like the secretaries of the four classes to present material for their class columns. Such material must be given to Miss Downs, '20 on or before the fifteenth of each month.

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Articles for publication may be presented at any time, and it will be convenient for those presenting articles to observe the following: Write on one side of the paper only, in pen and ink, or some soft, black pencil. All articles must be accompanied by the name of the writer.

If any of the students in any classes write stories, submit them. They will be corrected and the interesting ones published.

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On Thursday, November 20, the boys and girls of the Senior Class combined forces and endeavored to learn the terpsichorean art. They are to be congratulated on the fine showing they made and the aptness by which they learned.

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The students of the school have long felt a need for an appropriate school song, expressing the spirit and ideals of the school. Therefore, if the local composers will submit their contributions to staff members, their works will be examined by the Advisory Committee, a school song will be chosen, and printed in the Purple and Gold.

ALUMNI NOTES

A GENTLE REMINDER

AT last year's graduation exercises the Class of 1919 presented the high school with two beautiful pictures of Ancient Roman architecture. The object of the class in presenting the school with this particular kind of gift was not only to act as a remembrance of the above mentioned class, but also to be used in beautifying the interior of the new building.

About five months have elapsed since that time, and as yet the aforesaid pictures have not adorned a wall, but seem to be reposing in a quiet corner on the rostrum. The members of the Class of '19 would greatly appreciate it if the pictures were put in their proper places.

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Word was recently received from William Barr, former member of the Class of '19, who is traveling in the Western States. When last heard from, he was visiting Salt Lake City and was expecting to start for San Francisco from there.

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FACULTY NOTES

THE teachers of the public schools attended a Teachers' Convention held at New Brunswick on October 31st and November 1st. The primary object of this convention was the instruction of the teachers on the subject of Americanization in order that the pupils could be properly taught on this subject and thus lead to better citizens.

On Friday afternoon, October 31st, a lecture on Americanization was delivered by Rabbi Stephen A. Wise. A lecture by Mr. Butler brought the afternoon session to a close. At the sessions held on Saturday, the various departments gathered together and viewpoints of a profitable nature were exchanged.

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On Monday, November 3rd, a meeting of the South Amboy Teachers' Association was held in the High School Building. At this time by-laws and articles governing the association were presented by the by-law committee and favorably passed upon. Mr. James Dawson was elected to represent the association at the state teachers' convention.

On November 12th a special meeting of the association was called for the purpose of receiving a report from Mr. Dawson of the meeting held at Newark on November 7th under the auspices of the Supervising Principals Association. Following is the report rendered:

"The object of the meeting was to start a campaign to be carried on throughout the state, for the betterment of the schools of this state.

"The chief facts brought out were as follows: A serious crisis faces the schools of this state and nation. In the United States there are one thousand uncertified teachers teaching in the public schools. In the state of New Jersey there are nearly three hundred schools being taught by persons improperly equipped for teaching, or in other words about ten thousand children are being improperly instructed. In 1916, twenty-two hundred students entered the Normal Schools of the state. In 1919 only fourteen hundred enrolled which shows a decrease of eight hundred, while New Jersey needs about two thousand graduate teachers each year.

"The cause of these prevailing conditions was the inadequate pay of the teachers. The young men and women refuse to take up teaching because they can gain more in other lines of work.

The campaign which is to take place shall teach the people the value of the schools, also to let them know of the work being done in our schools and to inform them of the impending crisis that faces our schools. In this way the public may become aroused and demand that adequate salaries be paid the teachers.

The teachers of the local schools held a social gathering in the old high school auditorium on November 18th in honor of Miss K. C. Bogart. At the close of the last term, Miss Bogart resigned after serving faithfully for thirty-eight years as primary teacher in the local schools. In order to show their esteem for Miss Bogart, the teachers decided upon holding this social. The auditorium was tastefully arranged and a menu of pleasing nature was presented. Mr. Barr presided over the gathering and as the social was drawing to a close made a short speech and presented Miss Bogart with \$25 on behalf of the teachers. After the refreshment hour passed those present enjoyed dancing for a short time, after which all departed after having enjoyed a very pleasant time.

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FOOTBALL

Football is a rough old sport,
Breaks up all your bones.
What do we care if we're hurt?
Some disabled fullback groans.

Seventeen, thirty, twenty nine!
"Come on, 'Perk,' your head down low!"
"Guard him, Mac! your doing fine!"
"Hit that line a telling blow!"

Thud, their bodies bang together;
Every man is on his toes
Like a ship in stormy weather,
Bennie, through South River mows.

Faster, faster, on he travels
On his face there is a frown
Everybody stands up cheering,
Bennie makes the first touchdown!

—R. ELLAMS.

A PEEP INTO SOUTH AMBOY'S FUTURE

By Howard V. King

IN the last few years, the city of South Amboy has grown rapidly in population. At the present time, there are only a few building lots available. Plans are now being formulated for the construction of the Intra-Coastal Ship Canal. If the canal is a success, it will be a big boom for South Amboy as it will bring a great influx of people to our city. First will come the workmen and then the manufacturers and shoppers will follow. The problem is—where will this influx of people be housed? There are a great many dilapidated buildings in South Amboy which might be torn down to make room for large modern buildings. This would be one way of coping with the problem, but this will probably not meet with favor from all property owners.

Recently the residents of a certain section of Sayreville, commonly known as Bay View Manor, asked to be annexed to the City of South Amboy. They desired the facility of the larger city. South Amboy was willing to annex this land and provide the facilities desired, but the land-forsaken officials of Sayreville Township declined to part with any of their valuable terra firma. South Amboy is completely hemmed in by the township of Sayreville. If Sayreville refuses to part with any of its land, how is Amboy going to extend her boundaries?

The answer is simple, but few people know it. Most everyone is familiar with the course of the Raritan River. Daily, the river, through a process called erosion, deposits sand and fertile soil upon our shores. This process is very slow, in fact, so slow that we scarcely observe it. Frequently the Government finds it necessary to deepen the channel on our side to allow vessels of low draft to proceed up the river, which proves that vast amounts of sediment are being constantly carried to our shores from further up the river. Every storm and tide also deposits sand on our shores. A rapid way of retaining this would be by the use of jetties and bulkheads. Ten jetties, one hundred yards long, placed at intervals of two hundred yards along our coast, would mean an addition of approximately 1,800,000 square feet of building land inside of two years.

The material necessary for the construction of these bulkheads is obtained easily. In fact, these jetties may be constructed with little expense to the city. The City pier is rapidly falling apart and at the present time is an

eyesore. Why not tear it down and construct the jetties from the material derived therefrom. The dock is useless in its present condition, and by erecting jetties from it, the city will eventually get some return from the enormous output at the time of its construction.

The crisis of South Amboy's future has now arrived. Shall we plod along, as in the past, contented with what we may get or shall we strive to make Amboy progressive? Which appeals most to you—a little crowded town plodding along with very little progress or an up-to-date city with its shores thronged with warehouses? I think that we will all agree that the latter is the more desirable, and if it cannot be accomplished in our lifetime, we can surely lay a firm foundation on which our posterity can build a city worthy of the name of South Amboy. So let's go! Boost home merchants, home industries and get behind every movement or organization that tends toward municipal development.

JOKES AND LIMERICKS

The Freshman grins,
The Sophomore blows,
The Junior growls,
The Senior knows.

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Professor—"What words are used most among High School students?"
Weary Freshman—"I don't know."
Professor—"Correct."

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The Freshman—"A hedgehog is the sign of a late winter."
The Sophomore—"Yes, and the banana is the sign of an early fall!"

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Elinor Furman made the statement in the English class that Physical Training is a preparative for after life. Does Elinor expect that we are all going to shovel coal in the lower regions?

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RIDDLES? ?

If a building was constructed of limburger cheese, would that be a tower of strength?

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"S. A. H. S. traces Baseball to Greek Sports"—News Item. Why, we've known all along that Greece produced the first Homer!

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The instructress in Mechanical Drawing explained the construction of crosses to the Freshman class, and after the explanation, asked George Nelius how he would construct a Maltese cross. George scratched his head, looked startled, and then exclaimed suddenly, "Oh! I know! Pull his tail!"

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Two Sophomores discoursing:

First Soph.—"How does a fish obtain oxygen under water?"

Second Soph.—"Why, they squeeze the oxygen out of the sea plants and rob the smaller fishes!"

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IN CHEMISTRY

Prof.—"Why are diamonds so highly valued?"

Bonehead Student—"They are made of carbon, which is equivalent of coal; and at the same time they look like ice.

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SARTORIAL WONDER!

Father—Son, did you pick out that suit of your own accord, or is it a part of the hazing you have to go through with as a freshman?

AN UNBALANCED PERSON

Teacher (Lecturing)—“Sedentary work tends to lessen endurance.”

Dense Student—“Does that mean that the more one sits, the less one can stand?”

Teacher—“Exactly! and if one lies a great deal, his standing is lost completely.”

THEN HE WOKE UP!

Latin Instructor (to Student translating)—Mr. King, don't you think it is about time you turned over the page? You've rendered the first five lines on the next page already.”

ALL BUT HER COULD EAT IT!

Teacher—“Is oleomargarine made of beef fat, do you think?”

Student—“No, it is made of goat fat, because the goat is a natural butter.”

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