

NEWS

Last Saturday the 7-8 grades and senior class really had a treat. The British whaler, "Southern Venturer", was docked here and these students got to go on an inspection tour. The ship is 550 ft. long and in the stern of the boat is a hole where the whale (tail first) is brought up onto the deck by means of an incline plane and a system of pulleys. The deck was covered with strips of wood so that when they hacked away at the whale they would not scratch their deck. As the wood became too hacked, they would tear it up, throw it overboard and lay down new wood. They carried their own supply of wood. On the deck were various holes which lead to certain parts of the factory below. As the whale was chopped up, certain parts would go down certain holes. They can process an average of one whale an hour. Besides the lumber for the deck, they also carried long branches that were carved to a point at one end. They were used as markers. Crews would go out in row boats and harpoon the whales and leave the markers in them. Each marker has the ship's flag on it and also the crew's flag. The mother ship picks up the whales. The whale is almost completely utilized. They manufacture liver oil which is sold as a medicine. The sperm oil comes from the head of the whale and they manufacture it chiefly into edible oleo-comargarine etc. Now days the sperm oil is the most important. It has many desirable qualities. It will not harden under any conditions; it has luber eating qualities and will not stain. From the blue whale they manufacture oil that is used in soap and non-edibles. The meat is ground into meal and also sold. The bones are thrown over-board. They even have a chemist on board who sees that the oils are separated into the right qualities. In a season they average 1500 whales. The Southern Venturer carries a crew of 378. The men are paid a bonus for the whales they kill. Each killing crew is paid per whale killed. The ship stays out about 90 days. It leaves from Leith, Scotland, travels to Aruba for bunkers and goes to South Georgia, an island off the tip of South America, for stores. After taking on stores it goes out into the floating ice where the whales are, and then returns to Scotland. We all enjoyed our field trip in spite of the fact that there weren't any whale teeth to talk the sailors out of!

The High School Halloween dance really brought forth some snappy costumes. Prize winners were Betty Binnion as a Sailorette and D. Walters as a cook looking their prettiest; Pauline Morgan as a hep-cat and John Stuart as an Aruba Bathing Beauty looking their originalist; Claire Wilken as a girl getting a perm and Dick Rosborough as Donald Duck looking their funniest. The entertainment was the outstanding event of the evening (other than the jukebox breaking down). Dick Rosborough did an exceptionally good job of M.C.'ing and Lonny Teagle sponsored a good game of Truth and Consequences--the most outstanding consequence being the beating D.R. took. Boy, can that girl hit!

When some of the Hi school girls tried to start a new fad in clothing attire this week by wearing men's shirts and ties with their skirts, it looks as if they really started something--only not a fad! Our sharp-witted Lago Hi boys outdid the girls by far when they came to school that afternoon in bathing trunks, suspenders, and ties. There was, however, something that was very obviously missing--(Hair on their he-manish chests!) After being cordially invited to go home and change into something a bit more suitable for school, they returned completely decked--hats, coats, ties and all the trimmings. Of course they had their trousers rolled half way up and wore sport shirts with their ties--but they still looked cute.

Dick Rafloski pulled a fast one last Sunday night by taking none other than P. Richey to the movies. This has put big ideas in the heads of the rest of the boys--much to the disgust of the girls.

Attention! We have to report on this week a very flashy personality and I de mean flashy! He has a real red glow around him all the time. We won't mention any names, but he's got a red-headed kid brother. His red glow seems to brighten when the name Moo Moo is mentioned. I wonder why? Could there be a romance bloomin'? This young personality has distinguished himself this week by his humorous but sincere statements. As a matter of fact, kids, he's coined a few new expressions! These are he's own words: Quote: Miss Perkoski, I'm shure Burbage has mis-insinuated me. Unquote. Another: Quote: Well, fellas, I think I'll evaporate! Ahemmm, that is I mean evacuate. Unquote. Personally we have come to the conclusion that this young personlity has been reading too many books. Nice kid though, when he's quiet.

Interesting dates for the weekend: (Heh, heh) Tonight Miss J. Hoffman will be seen at the exclusive (?)Aruba theater (?) with Mr. D. Walters, AND Sat. night will find Miss B. Stiehl escorted by none other than Mr. Hatfield! Miss Sue Mingus will appear on the arm of suave Jay Cahill la noche de manana tambien.

Many of the boys down here have been remarking about the ghastly girls in Aruba. Please boys--look in the mirrors. Aruba certainly isn't one big bargain basement of boys! :

ALUMNI NEWS

This week Elizabeth Richard (Betty as she is known to most of us), one of Lago Hi's alumnae, is to be married to Mr. A. Lynas, mate of the Quiri quirie. The bride has been working in the Marine office for the past couple of years and plans to re-secure her position after she is married. Betty has lived in Aruba for 14 years and has had all of her Hi School education here. The wedding will take place tomorrow afternoon, November 9, at 5:30 at the Lago Community Church. The bride is from Cardiff, South Wales, and the groom is Irish. To Betty go all our sincere wishes and best luck for future happiness.

This week we have another alumnus for our column--Hugh Chandler. Hugh graduated in '45 and went to work in the labs. Last April he left with his parents for England. He's been living there and going to school. In January he hopes to get his "Matriculation". This will mean that he's passed an examination enabling him to hold a Civil service position. After that Hugh's going to try to get into a college in the States, but if he can't, he hopes to return to Aruba.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

We bring you Muriel Holness. We've all seen her around school, but not many of us know her very well. First of all she has a nick name: Moo Moo! She was born in London, England in July, 1932 and lived there until she was eight months old. At that time she departed with her parents for Aruba. After spending four years here she returned to England and started kindergarten at the age of 4½. In 1942 she went to live at Liverpool where she went to a grammar school. She passed a scholarship and entered high school. Muriel attended there until July 1946 when she came to Aruba. Muriel lived through the thick of it in England, and I bet can really tell some thrillers about the war. Her hobbies are reading, sewing and music. Muriel says she likes Aruba very much--partly because of the climate which seems ideal after that of England's, and also because she has acquired many good friends.

SPORTS

On a dreary afternoon of Nov. 7, the well-known Morgan's team took all honors on the Jr. Esso Club ball-diamond. This was a great day for the young team. They had beaten the great high-school team--well--that is, the high school anyway. The high school only consisted of about five of the first string in the line up. The rest were of the younger crop. We sort of lost our first baseman. He was there morally, but not physically! Of course we don't want to mention any names, but he wears glasses, has a crew cut and likes to fly Pontiac. We hope to have another game soon because things just can't be left in this situation. All we hear around school now is, "We beat the high school, we beat the high school". I sure hope our first baseman is happy about it!

FLASH: R. Kennerty was up to his old trick of telling jokes this afternoon. Surprisingly enough it was clean, though we don't think Miss Murphy appreciated it!

It has just been called to our attention by the readers of Time that Pauline Morgan made quite a hit on the beaches of Australia this week.