MUSICALE.

The Music Department, under the direction of Professor Schlosser, gave a musical Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27, in the assembly room, for the benefit of the Red Cross. The music was well selected and very well rendered. The pupils showed the result of faithful, consistent practice. Some of the remarks of the faculty members were: "A very excellent high school orchestra;" "A fine thing for the school;" "You started on time;" "It was all fine." The program follows:

1. Overture, Queen of the North, Jas. M. Fulton C. P. S. Orchestra.
2. Vocal solo (a) Irish Love Song, Margaret Long (b) Mighty Like a Rose, Novin Florence Palmer.
6. Characteristic selection, Quartet Between Dad and Mum, D. W. Schlosser Dramatized by Hazel True and Harold Stewart, with orchestra.

Synopsis of Characteristic Selection.

Composed by D. W. Schlosser.

The scene starts with Home, Sweet Home. The wife is busy with knitting, and as usual forgets dinner. The husband comes home and finds dinner not ready, begins to scold his wife, who resents the scolding.

After this is a bass solo depicting a lecture on good home-making by the husband: The wife retaliates (clarinet solo), with a lecture on "Men and their Clubs."

Then a word battle ensues (trombone and clarinet duet), ending with the wife chasing him from the room, throwing the new woman's weapon, an "Inaudible Light," which strikes him on the head.

After which the wife gets the last word.

The faculty was asked to grade the numbers and an average taken with the following rank:

2. Piano solo, Helen Louis
5. Vocal Solo Florence Palmer.
7. Girls' Quartette.
8. Overture, Queen of the North.

PRESENTATION OF THE SERVICE FLAG

The assembly of Feb. 13, held in honor of Lincoln's birthday and of the boys who are now in the service, was one of the best planned and most impressive held this year.

The program was opened by an orchestra selection entitled "State Fair." Next the assembly sang "America," accompanied by the orchestra.

Mr. Cunis then read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and under his skilful rendering the famous old classic took a new meaning.

Miss Hazel True sang a vocal solo, "Wrap-Me.
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OUR ATHLETIC SITUATION

On account of a lack of funds, it was decided by the athletic committee that either track or baseball should be dropped. As it was not the business of the committee to decide which was to be dropped, the matter was brought up before the student body. The result was that track was the loser. However, the real situation was not explained to the students before a vote was taken, and consequently much has been said as to why track should or should not be dropped and why both track and baseball should not be carried on as before.

Everybody knows that we have made good records in both activities in the past. For instance, in 1915 we only lost two games during the season in baseball, and took second place in the inter-scholastic meet of the San Luis Bay Athletic Association.

In 1916 we lost one game in baseball and took fourth place in the league meet.

In 1917 we lost two games in baseball and took third place at our invitational meet and first place at Santa Maria's invitational meet.

With this record it seems odd that we should drop track without making an effort toward carrying it through. As far as the ability of our men is concerned, we have nothing to fear. Even if we have lost some of our old men, we have not lost them all; and furthermore, we have some new ones that seem rather promising. There is always much said about the conflict between track and baseball, but so far, we have been successful in both.

But the cry this year is not about conflict or athletics. Lack of funds is the only drawback. On account of the decrease in attendance, mainly because of enlistments, our athletic fund is very small. For this reason the equipment for a track team cannot be provided if baseball is continued; because track equipment is so expensive this year that to get what we need would take almost half of the athletic fund, and the other half would not do for transportation of both teams. Furthermore, we could not depend on money coming from games or meets, for we have never been able to do better than break even.

But we believe that, in spite of the fact that we cannot carry both track and baseball to their very height, we can do as well as we ever did in baseball, and as much as possible in track. The fact that, because of our situation, we cannot do as much as we should in track, does not mean that we should quit entirely. If we haven't a discus nor a pole, nor a javelin and cannot get them, we will have to get along without them. A meet might not be the entire representation of what we might do, but it will be better than no representation at all. As far as transportation is concerned, that could be made a minimum; for it seems that the school is willing to provide transportation in the school machines, and we are sure that any student or instructor going to a meet in his own machine would be willing to take one or more track men.

Since we could successfully participate in every event except javelin throw, discus throw and pole vault, there is no reason to despair. Most of the track men are willing to try, so why not say that we have made up in that which we take part for the loss in that in which we do not take part—instead of saying that we have given it up?

PRESENTATION OF THE SERVICE FLAG.

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in the Dear Old Flag, Boys," to the delight of the audience. While the audience were singing "The Star Spangled Banner," two boys carrying the C. P. S. Service Flag, followed by five cadets, entered and raised the service flag. Mr. Ryder then presented the flag to the school, praising the girls for their efforts in making the flag.

Howard Sebastian received the flag in behalf of the students.

Next Major Ray read the names of the students who are represented by stars on the flag.

Mr. St. John gave a "Tribute to the Flag," tracing the history of the flag and its significance as a symbol of the nation's ideals.

Miss Marcella Fitzgerald sang the "Stars and Stripes Forever," accompanied by Helen Louis on the piano.

The orchestra played "The Oarsman," as the assembly was dismissed.
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POLY GRADUATES HEARD FROM

Lieutenant V. J. Drongan, who graduated with the class of 1908, has been heard of from Boston, Mass. He spent some time at the Presidio in the Officers' Reserve and then went to Kelly Field, Texas, where he practiced flying. From Texas he went to the School of Military Aeronautics in Massachusetts, where he now is. As soon as he finishes his work at Massachusetts he expects to go "over the sea."

Below we print letters from two other Poly boys:

Dear mamma, papa and Harold:

Received a letter from you the 18th day, but have not had a chance to answer you, as I have been pretty busy. Have been working on the aeroplanes for the last few days. I have been taken out of the supply department for the present on account of my mechanical experience. I do not know whether I will go back in the supply or not. I think that I like the planes better.

It has been raining here for the last few days, and it snowed a little last night. It looked a little like old times to me. I hope the snow will be over soon.

Rudi is still with me and Pat race is in a field about six miles from me. I think he is working in the airplane hangars also. I think that our squadron will come back together again before long. You know we were split up when we first came here and sent all over the country to different fields. Most of the men of the squadron are back now and we expect to see all of them before long. I do not know just what I will do when the squadron comes back together. I think though that I will try to learn something about the planes.

Well, I don't know what else I can say, so I will quit for this time. I have quit writing to everyone. I never get a letter from any one so I just quit writing. Give the bunch my regards and tell a few of them to write. Love to all.

JOHN (BROWN.)


Postmaster, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1918.
Dear Mr. Ryder:

Just a few lines from this part of the world to send my regards to you and any of the boys with whom I used to be in school.

I have been with the submarine end of the game for about six months now and am making good; am a petty officer and am going to try for a commission before long.

With the best of wishes; I am, very sincerely yours.

CUTHER DYER, '18

SCHOOL NOTES.

Jack Leonard of the Class of '18, now an infantryman at Camp Kearney, was a visitor at the school Feb. 25.

Mr. Brown entertained a number of boys at his rooms on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Redman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Carus and Mr. and Mrs. St. John at their home on the evening of Feb. 23.

Mrs. A. D. King and her friend, Miss Sassi, visited Poly Monday afternoon.

A number of teachers and their friends planned a trip to Paso Robles on Saturday afternoon. At the last moment all the gentlemen gave up the idea, but this fact did not spoil their enjoyment of the trip. Though "the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley," yet the substitute plan, as in this case, is often as much fun. The reporter could not get the names of the nine ladies and the lone gentleman refused to allow his published, so this article must remain "anonymous."

NEW REGISTRAR

Miss Nichols having left us, we have the pleasure of having Mrs. Margarette M. Bland join our "Poly family." Mrs. Bland was auditor for the Home Telephone Company at Santa Barbara for ten years, and has undoubtedly had much experience in clerical work. The last year she spent in Los Angeles. (Read the Bulletin board in regard to tardiness and absences and you'll see that she's on the job all right.)

We are all sorry to see Miss Nichols go, for she had indeed been a true and faithful advisor, but knowing that her leaving is to her advantage, we bid her a hearty "good bye and good luck." Miss Nichols is to marry a businessman in Oakland, where she intends to make her future home.

MORE THRIFT STAMPS.

Miss Ramsey has already sold the first lot of thrift stamps ordered, which amounted to $10. Being satisfied with the results she has ordered some more which are already on hand. She suggests that the students dig into their pocketbooks and be more loyal to her stamp campaign than they have so far been.

FORMER POLY STUDENT HEARD FROM

Herbert Zimian, former Poly student, who enlisted several weeks ago, has been transferred to Ellington, about fifteen miles from Fort Houston. In spite of the fact that he isn't feeling well on account of the change in climate, he states that he is well satisfied with the service.
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**THE KELVIN CLUB.**

The Kelvin Club met Tuesday, Feb. 19, with Miss Ramsey and Mr. Greenmayer as hosts. Mrs. King had invited the club to meet at her home, as it was the last evening Miss Nichols, who lived with Mrs. King, would be present.

The evening was given over to the social committee, who had arranged a "stunt program." All the club members contributed some "stunt" to entertain or instruct those present. The varied performances which ranged from sleight of hand and monologue to living statues and grand opera chorus, displayed an assortment of talent among the faculty not even suspected by any of us. The crowning "stunt" was reserved for the last. Miss Chase, with all the fervor and mystery of some ancient oracle, invoked the assistance and benediction of all the gods, and in response a set of fine Haviland and Bavarian china was deposited in front of Miss Nichols.

Miss Nichols had lately resigned her position as secretary of the California Polytechnic School to go to Oakland, where she will soon wed and be in charge of her own home. Appropriate remarks expressing regret at her departure and presenting the gift to her were made by Major Ray, Mr. Brown, Miss Whiting and Director Ryder and responded to by Miss Nichols with appreciative thanks.

The club welcomed with much pleasure Miss Nichols' successor, Mrs. Bland, who we trust, will meet with us often.

Refreshments and a social hour completed a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

**"PIG CLUB" NEWS.**

The first month of the "pig feeding contest" was up last Friday, so the members weighed their two pigs, to see just how much gain had been made. Following is a summary of their gains:

- Lloyd Russell, 98 lbs., 1 Poland, 1 Berkshire.
- Alfred Rayburn, 90 lbs., 1 Poland, 1 Berkshire.
- Paul Board, 78 lbs., 1 Poland, 1 Berkshire.
- Edmund Burr, 92 lbs., 1 Poland, 1 Berkshire.

Considering the amount of feed fed, the gain in weight is very great and as Mr. Doxsee has had the members to work out balanced rations for their next month's feeding, even bigger gains ought to be realized.

A meeting will be held the first Thursday in March, when Mr. Doxsee will give the boys an interesting talk on "pig feeding."

The Sophomore girls are planning on giving the faculty a dinner in a couple of weeks. The dining room of the Household Arts building will be used for the occasion.