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CLASS OF '23 ENTERTAINS.
The Sophs entertained the school
on the evening of December 3 with
a dance in the dining hall.
Although the hall was artifichiically
decorated with Christmas holly and
green and gold streamers, there
were in addition some wall-flowers
for every dance. Boys? Where
were they? This small proffision
of boys to girls was so unusual as
to be extremely noticeable.
A large "33" attracted every­
one's attention upon entering, but
where was it after 10 o'clock that
evening? And how did It disappear
without particular notice? Some of
the Sophs are pondering this ques­
and would appreciate any infor­
formation on the subject.
A feature of the dance was the
excellent music. The American Legion orchestra furnished it.
Later in the evening refreshments
were served by the Sophomore girls.
The blinking of the lights at 10:45
reminded everyone of the close of a
most enjoyable evening, without
doubt the most enjoyable evening of
dancing given this year.

JUNIORS VS. SOPHOMORHS.
The second inter-class football
game was won by the Juniors over
the Sophs after school, December 9, by a score of 13 to 0.
The Juniors kicked to the Sophs, who fumbled the ball. Rowan recovered it for the Juniors. He then took the ball for a run around the left end, gaining a number of yards. Steiner gained around right end.
A large number attended in spite
of the rain and in spite of a slight
misunderstanding as to the house
number; the club became quite a
success.
Mr. Whitlock sang during the
course of the evening, and Mr. Dud­
ideson gave some piano solos. After
games and refreshments, the guests departed.

A MUSICAL ASSEMBLY.
The regular Polytechnic assembly,
held on December ninth, was a com­
plete musical festival, with the en­
tire school participating.
First the Boys' Union Club rend­
ered the greatly appreciated selec­
tion, "America My Country," which
is rapidly rising into popularity as
a national anthem.
Mr. Skarstedt then gave a short
lecture on the value of music to
mankind. He told a convincing
legend of medieval times to bring
out the fact that music is a manly
vocation. In concluding, he pointed
out the three great values of music:
that the social distinction that you
acquire by musical talent is
second to none; that consciousness
of the ability to produce music is
a joy and a satisfaction that will
breaden and beautify your life, that
ability to appreciate the best music
shows noble character and the de­
sire for the best in life.

The Girls' Glee Club then sang
the "Berenada to Juanita," which
they rendered very sweetly and deli­
cately, to the great pleasure of all
present.

BAND ORGANIZED.
The boys' band has been well or­
organized. Mr. Whitlock and Mr.
Skarstedt said the boys seem to
have been working hard with prac­
ticing and are expected to do bet­
ter. Mr. Whitlock said that they are
planning to give a first-class concert
before the year is over. The mem­
bers of the band are as follows:
William Corbin, Wilton Tipton, Carl
Manning, Everett Weant, cornets;
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tipson, Everett Weant, cornets; Er­
nest Steiner, piccolo; Frank Costa,
saxophone; Harry Ditmas, drum;
Walter Miller, E flat bass; Alden
Davis, baritone; Fred Word, trom­
hone; Fred Flugger and Edward
Cavanagh, alto horns; George
Troup, drum major; Sam Guyton
and James Anthony, snare drums.
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The announcement was soon mado last year with the removal of the shelves from the desks in the study hall. The inconvenience to the students was much stronger than those provided for the boys' book, parcels, raincoats, and umbrellas to class, plus the whole armful of books, thus making it quite a task to move from one place to another. Some of the boys have tried the scheme of carrying a large gunny-sack filled with their belongings, and marching with it over their shoulders from class to class. This scheme has not been very satisfactory.

The boys are wondering now what is to be, next on the program, as the only thing left will be the taking away of the grounds, where some of the boys' automobiles are parked, and making them bring the cars to class in order to keep tab on them. The gets' are getting along all right with their lockers, so why can't the locker system be tried out again with the boys?

THE BACKFIRE.

The above editorial puts the case well. There is undoubtedly point to the students desire to have a place in which to put their portable belongings. They should, at the same time, realize that there is a reason why the locker system, as far as the boys are concerned, has been abandoned.

The lockers provided for the boys were much stronger than those provided for the girls. They were made of iron and had strong combination locks. But in spite of the locks, belongings of all sorts disappeared from the lockers. Thieves were reported frequently. Parents were continually calling at the office to demand compensation for goods stolen. The lockers provided for the girls are of wood and have ordinary locks. There has been occasional trouble from articles being taken, but as yet not enough to offset the convenience of having a place for one's belongings.

The editorial above requests a safe place for the boys' books and lunches. Apparently such a thing cannot be obtained. The administration gave the locker system an honest trial for more than ten years. Have the boys ever given the other method a fair trial at all? The gunny-sack over the shoulder sounds absurd, but is it? Canvas bags capable of holding books, lunch, etc., can be purchased for a comparatively small sum.

The co-operative store will send for a few, so that those willing to give them a trial may see if they will not satisfactorily solve the difficulty. The students of the University of California manage to carry their books, parcels, raincoats and umbrellas. Why can't the Polytechnic boys? They do not look like weaklings!

H. W. R.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.
The period of the regular meeting of the Ag Club on December 9 was spent in listening to Mr. Alley, County Horticultural Commissioner, who talked on various things of interest to the boys.

He told of the many plant diseases and how they are cured, and how carefully all trees and plants must be inspected before they are set out.

Rodent control is also a part of the work of the county commissioner and many interesting facts were told in connection with that. Pamphlets along various lines of interest were distributed to the members of the Agricultural Association.

At a special meeting of the association on December 10, a lengthy discussion was brought up about club pins. A committee of three was appointed to investigate the matter as fully as possible.

News was received by the association of the death of Dr. Eastman's father. The memers have expressed their sympathy to Dr. Eastman.

AN INTERESTING ASSEMBLY.
In the talk given by Mr. Riley on the American Federation in the assembly of December 1, he had some splendid subjects which brought up questions that interest people over the United States.

After his talk a very interesting reading, "Son of His Mother," was given by Mrs. Riley. The reading was a story of a mother who wanted her son to be a football player because his father had been a star player on the Princeton eleven. The selection was very appropriate, as Poly's eleven had won the last game of the season after a number of defeats. Mrs. Riley is to be complimented on the fine manner in which she delivered the reading.

CLASS FOOTBALL.

The Juniors' challenge to the Seniors to a real football game on December 20 was accepted in the assembly of the tenth. The game was to have been played last Friday, but rain prevented.
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JOKES

We would like to see the day when—

1. Smoking was permitted in front of the Ag. building.
2. Thibe wasn’t a Socialist.
3. Howard forgot to blow And at 8:30 a.m.
5. Mr. Watson boosts the Mechanics’ Association.

Mr. Skarstedt: What are you standing here for?
Costa: Nothing.
Mr. Skarstedt: Well, then move on. If everyone was standing in one place how would the rest get past?

Elisabeth Meinecke: Oh! I wish ever year was a leap year.

A Federal Man: Go easy! Give us a chance to escape part of the time.

Fresh to Soph: Did you ever hear of the story of the dirty shirt?
Soph: No.
Fresh: That’s one on you.

Mr. Saunders: And this is a Selevenchyma?
A. Tognassi: Gee whiz! He is swearing again.

In Domestic Science.

Mildred Gibson: Josie never opened her mouth to recite the whole period.
Dorothy James: Oh, yes she did. I saw her.
M. G.: I never heard her.
What did she say?
D. J.: Nothing, she yawned.

Edna: I always speak twice before I think.
Josie: I always knew it.

“Doc” Jackson: “Hello, Bill. What do you know?”
Corbin: Nothing.
Doc: Shiver my timbers, for once you told the truth.

Mead: Which would you rather look more foolish than you are or be more foolish than you are?
M. Andrews: I would rather look more foolish than I am.
Mead: Impossible.

Margaret Dimas at the close of the cooking period carefully wrote out a label that read: “Yankee Jam” and pasted it on a jar she had just filled.

“Miss Hoover: But why “Yankee Jam”?
Margaret: Well, every time I stirred it up it would come over the top.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

On December 2, the Freshman class held a meeting in the study hall for the purpose of electing the third president of this year. Ralph Chadwick and Harold Foote have both left school and now Perry has been elected to the office. The Polygram is very grateful to the Freshman class for furnishing so much news for the Polygram, but by this we do not mean we hope they will have to elect another president this year.

If your life is not insured, you want to keep off the highways because Steadmans have a Ford.

December 9. The Botany class went on an expedition around the campus in search of some ascomycetes.

November 30. In the study hall, the Senior class met to decide upon the design of their pins. It was decided that they should use the same design as last year's class.

Fifth period, on December 2, the Amapola Club met in the parlor of the Household Arts building to decide upon the club pins. A letter "A" on it was chosen as the standard pin of the club. Amapola means poppy, so the pins are very appropriate.

Director Ryder gave history of Polytechnic in his talk to the Federal students in their assembly on December 1. It is worthy of note that there are more Federal students here now than at any time since the work has been taken up. They number a few short of an even hundred.

The Student Body, and the Freshman class in particular, are sorry of Harold Foote leave them. Foote was president of the Freshmen. He made a good president and was a leader among the boys. Perry has been elected to take his place.

We have Marie Tuley back with us after a brief enforced absence. He is particularly prominent in Freshman class activities.

If any member of the Student Body would like to have the school paper of some high school that he has been connected with or interested in, on the Polygram exchange list, please let Miss Hayslip know about it, and she will endeavor to see if it can be added to the list.

THE DORM BOYS? ??

In the last issue we notice several admittance, of the powers of the "noble" Dorm boys, such as: "Who built the bon fire?" "Who made the block?" Of course the answer was "The Dorm Boys," because they wrote the article themselves. Far be it from us to deny any credit due them; we therefore enumerate a few more of their memorable exploits:

Who have a fourth choice captain?
Who held a trial for a dog?
Who furnish the bad Fresh president?
Who get all the demerits?
Who get cut out of their girls?
Who smokes on the school grounds?
Who wear someone else's clothes?
Who have to stay in every night?
Who talk two languages?
Who have the future president?
Who carry mud into Household Arts Building?
Who can't get along with Miss Howe?
Who get canned from school?
Who get the tardy mark?
Who ride home on the blinds?

Need we sing their praise, 'tis the "DORM BOYS."

DORM GRAMS.

Little Elliott has been confined to his bed with tonsillitis.
The Dorm boys who are going over to the Valley to their homes for their Christmas vacation, have all their belongings packed to take advantage of the unofficial holiday.

Anthony has been made Burr's orderly.

There is only one girl Potter can call darling without losing his good looks.

Tuley steps out with the daughter of his excellency, the D. A.

Slim Howard takes an extra nap (or tries to), during Physics.

Feminine voices in lower hall, "O boy, where's Gill?" — Every door flies open and curious heads pop out of each. Disgusted voices at the end of the hall, "O pshaw, it's only Anthony."

ORCHESTRA.

Mr. Skarstedt, who has charge of the orchestra, announces the following lineup: Mr. Skarstedt, Carl Gill, Gertrude Truesdale, violins; William Corbin, cornet; Fred Word, trombone; Walter Miller, saxophone; Carl Steiner and Thelma Ruter, mandolins; Mr. Saunders, flute; Helen Louis, piano.

The orchestra has a great deal of good new music which has not been used. They have been practicing once a week, and are in hopes of practicing twice a week. They need more who play wind or string instruments.

AMAPOLA CLUB WILL ENTERTAIN

It is announced that the Amapola Club will open the series of entertainments, given in assembly by the different club organizations and classes during the coming year, with a Christmas program on Wednesday, December 22, during the fifth period.

The program committee is now busily preparing the program for the coming Yuletide. As the program has not been definitely decided it will not be given out till the next issue of The Polygram.

Those in charge assure the audience a very interesting and well-grown entertainment.

THE MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.

The diagram for the emblem of the Mechanics' Association was presented to the Mechanics in their meeting on December 9. Manufacturers will soon be asked for prices on the new pin, for which the diagram was a model.

Emory Kincaid and Clinton Potter, were admitted to the Association as associate members. Some discussion followed as to the advisability of admitting any more new members, but nothing definite was decided upon. There was further discussion concerning trips to be taken in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The Ag Club wishes to congratulate the Mechanics on their fine work in smokestack building. After three years of strenuous work they erected a 60-foot stack at the power house. Although the stack is up, it has not been completely connected to the boilers yet. They expect to have the connections made by next year. The Ag Club intends to get together in 1922 and watch them try it out. (These congratulations extended two weeks ago, but through a mistake, did not reach the public.)

FOOTBALL GAME CHRISTMAS.

Our football field will be the scene of an interesting game of football on Christmas day. The American Legion, San Luis Obispo and Arroyo Grande have scheduled a game, which will decide the Legion championship for San Luis county.