

POLY DOES HER BIT

According to Major Ray, there are now forty-one former "Poly" students in the service of their country. Several are in the regular army, some in the cantonment at American Lake and Linda Vista and one in the navy. No names or places can be mentioned if we obey the new and strict censorship established by the government. We are glad, however, to be able to say that so many of our students have seen fit to answer the call to arms.

Below is a letter from one of the boys at American Lake which is typical of many that Major Ray receives:

Dear Sir: We arrived at our destination Monday morning at 2 o'clock and it sure was a glad bunch when we stepped off the train here. The accommodations on the train were as good as could be expected. We stopped at about eight places along the line for eats, and at every place we were treated somewhat in the same manner as we were in San Luis Obispo, so you can see for yourself that we were well supplied as far as eats were concerned.

There are about eighty men in our company now, but our commanding officer expects the men to fill up the company to be in today.

I have been pretty lucky so far. I have been acting as sergeant or right guide, but this is only temporarily, as we have not been mustered into the service yet. I have not seen the man yet that could put it over on me in drilling, so I guess I can hold my own after we have been examined.

I had charge of the company yesterday in cleaning the windows of our barrack. Some of the older men thought I had it a little too soft.

Today I had charge of No. 1 squad of our company in drilling them. They don't drill like our boys at Poly used to, but all the fellows take an interest in the drill, so I don't think it will take long to whip them into shape.

Our commanding officer is Lieutenant Ragsdale. He is a very nice man to get along with. Our company is the 25th company, 7th battalion, Depot Brigade.

Greet Mrs. Ray and all my friends at school.

Burr—How much milk do you buy a day?

Jack Loman—About eight quarts.

Burr—And how much do you sell?

Jack—Oh, about twelve quarts.

THE FOOTBALL SITUATION

Competition is strong in the tryout for the first team. Enthusiasm is of the highest, despite the fact that most of our veterans are serving the colors. Our lineup promises to have weight as well as speed. Back of the pigskin is the spirit of less noise and a desire for real work.

Our rivals also have the fever. Bakersfield has a squad of 60 men out and Santa Barbara about 26. With support from the student body we can make this the best year in football that Poly has ever seen. Let's get behind the team, the coach and the school.

L. D.

CHANGES IN FACULTY PERSONNEL.

Mr. Binns having resigned to accept a position with the General Electric Co., Mr. Redman, a graduate of the Armour Institute of Technology is now the "prof." in mechanics and surveying.

Mr. Greenmyer is the head of the Chemistry and Physics department, replacing Mr. Yorke, now the superintendent of Anaheim high school.

Mr. St. John is a new addition to the English department.

The boys' friend, Mr. Johnston of the carpenter shop, is now in the officers' training camp. His place is being filled temporarily by John Perozzi.

Mr. Carns is teaching the subject formerly expounded by Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Talbot has just resigned to go to Berkeley to take up the work of a farm advisor. Mr. Saunders has his position.

Miss Hoover is teaching household arts, as Miss Seerest has been appointed head of the extension department of household economics in the University of Minnesota.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The girls, especially the Freshmen, had a very interesting time about two weeks ago, the occasion being the Freshman initiation.

All new pupils were commanded to come to school next day with their hair in twenty-one braids. When the orders were found not to have been obeyed, the upper class girls did the braiding, so the Freshmen appeared at their morning classes with a new and original hair dress.

Miss Matilda Jenson visited her parents in Nipomo over Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Josephine Tomasini left for San Francisco Wednesday evening. While in the city she will attend Heald's Business College.

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EDITORIAL.

Fellow-students, we present for your approval the first issue of this year's Polygram, and anxiously await your appraisal of its merits. It is a more ambitious Polygram than ever—a printed sheet this time, with a consequent enlargement of contents and detail, and, we hope, a paper representative of the aims and ambitions of our school.

This improvement in appearance, you must remember, is accompanied by a corresponding rise in the cost of printing, and we must have your support in order to maintain the quality of the product. Pay your fees and show us you are with us. The success or failure of your paper rests with you.

There is another way in which you may better the quality as well as the quantity of material printed. Don't be backward in handing in joshes, criticisms, and ideas of your own. There is a place for all these items, provided they are well-written and interesting. The Josh Box will be found in the hall of the administration building near room 6, and thus far, it has never been too full to hold your contributions. Aided by your criticisms, we shall make of our official school publication a paper that is original, entertaining and without a peer.

THAT'S NEWS, TELL US.

If any one has died, eloped, married, embezzled, left town, had a fire, had a baby, had a party, sold a farm, has been ill, got divorced, come to town, had an operation, committed murder, been arrested, bought a home, had an auto smash, fallen from an aeroplane, been sued for breach of promise, **THAT'S NEWS, TELL US.** — Bakersfield Blue and White.

Willard Musser, '20, is the proud father of a baby girl. It is suggested that the Sophomore class adopt the baby as a mascot.

SCHOOL NOTES.

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The Misses Olga and Marguerite Tognazzi spent several days last week at their home near Los Alamos. They went south to see their brother off with the Liberty Army boys, for Camp Lewis.

Mary and George Melschau spent the week end at their home near Nipomo.

Miss Helen Palmer, one of our last year's students who spent the first two weeks as a visitor at Polytechnic, has gone to San Jose, where she will attend high school this coming year.

Invitations have been extended to the parents and guardians of the students to attend a reception given in their honor by the faculty next Friday evening. This novel affair will no doubt bring the parents into more intimate relationship with our instructors, and help to pave the way to a more sympathetic understanding with regard to the work accomplished at Poly. It is believed that this function will be quite well attended.

Martin Martinsen, a graduate with the class of '17, was with us the first week of school. His short visit was terminated upon his joining the engineer's corps.

Perry Martinson, a former popular member of the class of '18, was another welcome visitor in San Luis Obispo on the 28th of September. Like his brother Martin, he is in Uncle Sam's service, having been drafted.

Jack Leonard, who left us last year, is at present a prominent figure on and about the campus. His stay, we hope, will enable us to receive the benefit of his invaluable football training.

The students of all departments, as well as the faculty, are sincerely sorry to have lost the valuable services of Mr. Talbot, our former instructor in Horticulture and Dairy. His hearty support of our various activities will be keenly missed.

SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Kelvin Club was held several evenings ago at Miss Chase's home on Marsh street.

The meeting was in the nature of a reception for the new faculty members, after which Mr. Brown gave a very interesting talk on "Diamond Mining in South Africa."

T.H.E. held a wienie bake last week "somewhere in San Luis." All reported a splendid time.

Mrs. Schlosser, assisted by Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Heald, entertained the wives of the members of the faculty, one afternoon last week.

Music and games were enjoyed by the ladies, after which the hostess served refreshments.

THE SOPHOMORE DANCE.

The Sophomores started the class social affairs of the season in the right manner, by giving a dance in the dining hall on the evening of October 5th.

It was a charming affair attended by many of our students.

The notable feature of the party was the dress for nearly all the girls wore middies and the boys sport shirts.

Fruit punch was served during the evening by members of the class. Miss Maxine Barneberg and Mr. Halsted acted as chairmen of committees by arrangement.

When the lights were about to go out at 11 o'clock every one returned to their homes having spent several very happy hours dancing.

THE FRESHMEN RECEPTION.

On the evening of September 21st the freshmen, as guests of honor, were entertained by the faculty and upper class members at an enjoyable and well arranged reception held in the assembly hall of the administration building.

The evening's musical entertainment consisted of several selections played by the school orchestra under the direction of Prof. Schlosser, also two piano solos rendered by Miss Helen Luis.

After the musical part of the program Mr. Schlosser acted as chairman and introduced a number of faculty and student body members, who responded with short talks along some special line of activities.

The evening was then given over to sociability and a general good time, after which every one returned home voting the upper classmen ideal entertainers and the freshmen a fine class to be entertained.

BATTALION NOTES.

On September 20, 1917, the boys were organized by Major Ray into two companies, A and B, and a band. Officers were appointed and regular drill began immediately. On the twenty-first of September and the 5th of October the battalion marched to the Southern Pacific station and formed a guard of honor for the drafted men who detrained here to sample San Luis cooking. An announcement to the effect that rifle ranges and target practice were to be established as soon as possible, was made by Major Ray, who also read an order from the war department containing a recommendation by General Pershing, commanding the American forces in France, that all troops should be thoroughly grounded in firing practice and that all men should be trained as soldiers under the strictest of military discipline.

This order will be carried out.

Rifles will be issued as soon as all cadets are in uniform.

ASSEMBLIES.

September 19.—The first assembly of the year was held today. A talk by Mr. Ryder to all students, and freshmen in particular, was the feature of the meeting. He explained the attitude of the school toward the students and the spirit of cooperation that was expected of them in their various lines of work.

September 26.—Short talks by the heads of the school organizations were given today in which the purposes of these clubs were briefly explained. Hodges told of the agricultural club, Erickson of the mechanics, Isla Burge of the Anapola and Peterson of the debaters'. Harold Stewart told of the Polygram, and last but not least, Hodges gave us some idea of football and other athletics. Major Ray read an interesting letter from Perry Martinsen, a former Polyite, now in the National Army camp at American Lake.

October 3.—Rev. Habbick of the Presbyterian church gave an interesting talk on "Patriotism." He analyzed for us his views on the subject and in his vigorous manner explained why we should have some patriotic emotion. An announcement by Miss Chase that the debating club was a defunct organization, because of lack of support, did not surprise the majority of the students.

Miss Chase also told about the prizes taken by Mr. Spence with the four horses at the state fair. Two gold, two silver and one bronze medal, beside the awards of four blue ribbons, three seconds and two third prizes; a grand champion and a reserve champion, was the excellent record.

October 10.—Mr. Brown gave a short talk on the disposition of student body association funds and made a plea for more support in this direction. Mr. Talbot announced that the winners of the pig contest, Chaves and Cook, were to have a trip to Davis and to Berkeley at the expense of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. St. John told us something about the German system of espionage, in conjunction with the "Current Events" slides.

JOKES.

"Whiskers;" "Sleepy;" "Jenny;" "The Dining Hall;" "Fuzzy;" "Dago Joe;" "Miss Pross;" "The Freshman Football Team;" "The Peplless Wonder;" "Sleepy."

Students are requested not to sit on their necks when in class.

It has been impossible to procure the quality of paper promised in time for this first issue; therefore we have printed this paper on the material on hand. The succeeding numbers of the Polygram will be printed on a superior quality of book paper.

POLYTECHNIC BOYS GO TO DAVIS AS PRIZE WINNERS.

[Telegram, Oct. 11]

Manuel Chaves and Leland Cook of the Boys' Pig Club of the California Polytechnic school will arrive in Davis today to attend the three-day convention of California boy agriculturists at the state farm, and for the first time in history the Polytechnic school and the city of San Luis Obispo will have representatives present at one of the conventions of boys' agricultural club winners which have become an annual feature at Davis during the last four years.

The necessary traveling expenses of the San Luis Obispo boy club winners were appropriated by the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, which thus not only made the trip possible for the boys this year as well as lent an incentive to good work in the next year's boy's club, but also followed up the work for San Luis Obispo county agricultural development generally that was started a year ago by the successful organization of the farm bureau movement.

What the Boys Accomplished.

Throughout the San Luis Obispo Pig Club the boys took Berkshire and Poland China pigs to raise. Manuel Chaves, who lives on Monterey street just outside the city limits, took a grade Berkshire and a grade Poland China out of a lot of stock hogs purchased by his father. He fed his two pigs the same sort of feed his father used for his stock, but exercised more care in selecting the amount of feed that would tend toward a balanced ration. Young Chaves' pigs in the contest showed the largest as well as cheapest daily gains. At the outset Chaves' pigs together weighed 190 pounds, and finished weighing 590 pounds, a gain of 400 pounds. The boy farmer made a net profit of \$38.74.

Proving his loyal Americanism, young Chaves took his earnings from the pig contest and promptly invested them in a Liberty bond of the first issue.

Leland Cook, who lives on North Broad street, started in the contest with a pure bred Berkshire and a pure bred Poland China, the two together weighing 88 pounds. At the conclusion of the contest the two animals weighed 448 pounds, a gain of 360 pounds. Young Cook's net profit amounted to \$39.21. He purchased the pigs at the Polytechnic school and took them home to raise, buying his own feed and using excellent judgment in selecting feeds that the market quotations would justify on the basis of economic feeding.

How the Club Started.

The Boys' Pig Club of the California Polytechnic school was started Feb. 3, this year, by Parker Talbot, instructor of agriculture at the school, who organized twelve boys, and carried the con-

test with the assistance of A. L. Nelson, instructor in animal husbandry, through to a successful completion, June 7. Two of the boys had to quit school early in the term and thus to abandon the pig club, but the remaining ten saw the contest through to a finish, which is considered a record over the state.

In starting the Pig Club Mr. Talbot had in mind to tie up the theory of agriculture with the practice of agriculture and to give the boys something tangible in the shape of results to show for the term's work. As in many other California schools the work was carried on under the supervision of the University of California and the United States Department of Agriculture. On several occasions university officials from Berkeley visited the club members in this city.

Considerable favorable attention was attracted to the club during the year. At the meeting of the county farmers last April at the Polytechnic school when the food commission from the State Council of Defense was present and the farm bureau organized with the election of officers, the farmers visited the pens of the contesting pigs and were very agreeably surprised with the results they read on placards at every pen. Later the Polytechnic Pig Club entertained the Paso Robles High school Potato Club and the directors of the Farm Bureau and showed the pigs again, when the visitors said many kind things of the boys.

At the recent semi-annual convention of the California Development Board in this city a chart showing the results of the pig club contest was put up in the convention hall by Messrs. Talbot and Nelson, and was closely studied by many of the delegates, especially by President D. O. Lively of the California Association of Practical Farmers, who commented very favorably on the achievements of the boys at the Polytechnic school.

The Ten Who Finished.

The ten boys who finished the Polytechnic contest are; Manuel Chaves and Leland Cook, both of this city; Guy Baldwin of Bakersfield, Stanley Crawford of Stockton, Paul Beard of Modesto; Roderick Stebbins of Oakland, Alfred Brown of Haywards, Ben Tognazzini of Cayucos, son of Supervisor Peter Tognazzini, and Ben Schlocker and Fred Fingerhut, both of San Francisco. Each of these boys showed a profit ranging from \$25 to \$41 in taking care of two pigs.

Vice President Wm. Sanderecock of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce and A. B. Spooner, Jr., were judges of records, profits, essays and value of pigs for breeding purposes, while George Gingg was judge of market values at the conclusion of the contest on June 7.