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## POLY'S FIRST OFFERING

Arthur Mooney, once a member of the class of '18, died of pneumonia Jan. 21, 1918, at the aviation camp at Waco, Texas. Mooney was a brother of Mrs. J. W. Thompson, whose husband is teacher of Manual Training in the San Luis High School. The Polygram offers her the sympathy of the C. P. S. Student Body. This is Poly's first offering to the country, and though we deeply regret his death, yet we are glad that he gave his life to a noble cause. We must expect, during the rest of the war, to be called upon to give others to their country.

Since Poly is giving so generously to the common cause, it will be the policy of the Polygram to print in each issue letters from boys in the training camps and abroad. Below is a letter from Everett Chandler:

Mare Island, Cal., Dec. 27, '17.

Dear Faculty and Fellow Students:

I want to thank you for the block which I received Christmas day. I did not expect to get a letter but was surely glad to get it.

I get out of detention the day before New Years. I have been promised a forty-eight hour shore leave, which will seem very nice after being in quarantine for twenty-one days.

If any of you are members of the Red Cross we want to thank you. I guess every enlisted man received a Red Cross package Christmas and the nicest one that was received in this camp came from the Red Cross of San Luis Obispo.

Hoping to hear from you each and every one, I remain,

Your friend,  
EVERETT CHANDLER.

## FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

On Monday, January 19, 1918, Doctor Moorhodge, a native and resident of Persia, gave a very interesting talk on the war conditions in his part of the world. His descriptions of the awful sufferings of the people, especially the poorer classes, due to the Mohammedan persecutions and lack of food, were undoubtedly the most vivid that we

have ever heard here at Poly. His talk was ostensibly on the good that the Red Cross is doing in the war zone, but owing to lack of time he did not have as much to say about the Red Cross as he did about his personal experiences.

He is a physician, educated in this country and in Scotland and though he has been out of this country for thirty years, many students at this school could profit by close attention to his use of English. His view that America entered the war through divine purpose was at least interesting, if not plausible.

Miss Chase announced the various committee members for the school Red Cross. They are, seniors, Miss Day and Howard Sebastian; juniors, Miss Shipsey and Linn Broughton; Sophomores, Miss Weathers and Roderick Stebbins; Freshmen, Miss MacConnell and Albert Bussey; faculty, Miss Chase, Miss Hartzell, Mr. Greenmyer and Mr. Brown.

On Wednesday at the assembly a couple of moving picture films were shown of the Grand Canyon and of Woolen Mills. The orchestra played and furnished a very entertaining part of the program. We hope to hear the orchestra more in the future.

## "BLOCK P" CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

The block P club held its first meeting last Wednesday. Of all those who have won block P's only six were present. The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers and make plans for the future. Hodges, acting as chairman, read the constitution. Following was the election of officers:

Herman Hodges was elected president; A. P. Brown, vice president, and Lee Dolch secretary and treasurer.

Mr. St. John has recently received word from his brother that the latter had just arrived in France, where he had about recovered from a long illness and operation. Though still in the hospital at the time of writing he was expecting an order to the front at any time.

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### EDITORIAL

The first semester being close to an end, we think it time to "brush up" and prepare to begin the next semester right. If your New Year resolutions are becoming rather dormant, put a little "jazz" into them and make them come up to their standard. The fact that you may have had low grades or red marks on your card does not mean that hope is gone. Get into the collar, straighten out your tugs, and pull the load over the high spot, so that you will be able to start the next semester on a level stretch.

The law that applies to a moving object applies exactly the same to your work. If an object is at rest, energy has to be applied to overcome inertia in order to set it in motion. Once in motion it is not very difficult to keep it going.

If you get behind in your class work or in your laboratory reports, a special effort has to be applied to place you at the front again. Once ahead, keep your load "a-movin'," and it will not be difficult to keep ahead.

Is it impossible to apply this special effort, get ahead and keep ahead? No, not at all. Nevertheless we admit that it is difficult. But so much the better. It will add to your training and training is the object of an education. Just imagine yourself in a position in which your "bread and milk" depended upon the precision of your work. Do you think you could do it? Or would you take it easy for a while and then crab about being behind? Furthermore, do you think you would keep your job?

It has been said over and over again (especially by Prof. Brown) that out in the cold, cold, world things are not handed out to you all nicely seasoned with salt and pepper, but rather in a less agreeable form. Those who grasp them and are willing and able to season them themselves are successful. Those who just taste them, and be-

cause they are unwilling, are unable to season them, are failures.

Now is the time to decide. You are building your own foundation. While you are young and strong, build one that will stand and support you when time has taken you into her hands and rendered you unable to start a new one.

### MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.

The Mechanics' Association held a regular meeting, Thursday, Jan. 17. Due to vacancies made by Chandler and Erickson joining the colors, a president and chairman of the social committee were elected. Holman, Mechanics' vice president, having been unanimously elected president, Sebastian was elected vice president. Murdock was elected chairman of the social committee.

Following the election of officers, Prof. Brown gave an interesting talk on the various methods of obtaining water for irrigation in Southern California.

### KELVIN CLUB.

The Kelvin Club met Thursday evening with Major and Miss Ray at the home of Mr. Ryder. A very entertaining paper on "American Sculptors and Their Work" by Miss Williams of the Art Department, was also very instructive. Many views of the products of our country's artists, illustrating various schools and periods, were shown, as well as some very notable individual pieces.

A feature of the evening was the musical part of the program rendered by the Mesdames Ray, Carus and Dojsee and other members of the Faculty.

Light refreshments were served to complete a very pleasant evening.

### AN EXPLANATION

Perhaps a word of explanation to the Student Body in regard to the appearance of the words, "Bulletin Supplement," in the heading of the Polygram is not out of order. This is due merely to a legal requirement with which it is necessary to comply before the Polygram can be sent as second-class mail matter. The school purchases two hundred copies of the Polygram each week to mail to various schools, and the saving in postage is very material.

Mr. Figge has formed a horseshoe club and has offered as a prize a "C. P. S." set in a horseshoe. The boys have been playing at noon and Mr. Figge thought the prize would make the game more interesting.

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### SCHOOL NOTES

Squad B of the surveying class was busy Tuesday, Jan. 15, laying out the range for target practice. A very satisfactory 200, 300 and 500-yard range was located, and Mr. Perozzi has the targets nearly completed. The excavation and installation only remain to be completed.

This will be welcome news to the cadets who have been more than anxious to hear the rifles crack and to compare scores.

Major Ray has been confined to his room for several days with a severe cold and sore throat. He is expecting to be back on duty in a few days.

Mr. Greenamyre was also compelled to be absent from school one day because of a bad cold.

The boys of the cooking class covered themselves with glory when they made some rye muffins which tasted so well that the patrons of the dining hall never suspected but that they were made by the regular cook.

Interest is increasing in the cooking and millinery classes offered to the ladies of the town by the Household Arts Department. These classes are held every Wednesday afternoon and the enrollment is growing each week.

Mr. Ryder spent the week of Jan. 16-23 with Mrs. Ryder at Watsonville. This is the first vacation that Mr. Ryder has been able to take in many months and was appreciated the more on that count.

The drill on Tuesday, Jan. 15, was quite different from the usual routine. Skirmish formations and charging at imaginary enemies, such as the Dorm and stone walls, proved very exciting.

Mr. George A. Todd has taken the place of Mr. Johnston as teacher of Carpentry, and Mr. Perozzi, who has been substituting as teacher, in addition to his regular work, is relieved from his extra duties. Mr. Todd has for several years been a teacher in the high school at Kankakee, Ill. He received his technical education at the Bradley Polytechnic school, Peoria, Ill., and at Indiana University.

Mr. Johnston, who received his commission as lieutenant some time ago, is now in charge of a number of soldiers who have been detailed to cut spruce timber for airplane construction. He is at Raymond, Washington.

Leona and Ray Tuley expect to make a short visit to their home near Estrella.

The Junior, Sophomore and Freshmen classes met last week to decide upon some means by which they might obtain money for the Red Cross. It was decided that the required amount be raised either by entertainments or subscriptions.

The girls are already practicing for the coming track meet, which is one of the features of their

athletic program for the year.

Herbert Zmina, a former Poly student, who recently joined the army, has written from Fort McDowell, Angel Island. He states that he easily passed the examination and has been fully equipped. He expects to leave for Texas in about two weeks.

Miss Rothermel, a member of the H. A. Faculty last year, who has been doing some hospital work in Boston, Mass., this winter, next month becomes a member of the staff of the U. of C. Hospital in San Francisco.

M. K. Brooks, last year instructor in Spanish and History, is teaching in the Westport High School of Kansas City, Mo.

Esti Alberti has quit school in order to help out his father on the ranch; a brother at home having been drafted.

Word was received that Joe Gates and Leland McRay, both former Poly students, are in New York, waiting to leave for France.

Poly boys that are in France write and say that it is very cold and that they need more clothes. They also say that they are not getting mail because of so much other more important transportation.

Consuela Fulton has discontinued her studies at Poly and expects to take up other work elsewhere.

Harold Platt registered a few weeks ago as a Freshman.

The Freshman class held a very rousing meeting Monday, January 21st. For particulars see Harold Platt.

Miss Mable Lieb recently left for Los Angeles, where she will reside in the future.

Although the girls have given up hockey, the Golds and Greens will soon appear with a good game of baseball.

Mitalda Jensen spent the week end with her parents in Nipomo.

Miss Blossom Seward, a graduate of the class of '16, is teaching grammar school in Mesquite, New Mexico. She seems to like her new vocation very well.

Miss Maisie Haggard, who attended Poly two years ago, is living with a cousin in Saskatchewan, Canada. She is preparing to take a teacher's examination.

### FRESHMAN DANCE

There will be a Freshman jitney dance on Friday, Feb. 1, probably at Austin's hall. It is expected that the high school pupils will be invited, but no other outsiders. This will be the second dance given by the Freshmen this year, the object being to raise money for the Red Cross.

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**WHY NOT?**

The verse you write is never written.

All rules despise, but not despitten.

The gas you light is never lighten.

Why not?

The things you drank were doubtless drunk.

The boy you spank is never spunk.

A friend you thank is never thunk.

Why not?

Suppose you speak, then you have spoken;

But if you sneak, you have not snoken.

The shoes that squeak have never squoken.

Why not?

A dog will bite, likewise has bitten,

With all his might, but not his mitten.

You fly your kite, but not your kitten.

Why not?

**Heard on the Football Field.**

Pratt—Look at them in that mud. How will they ever get clean?

Bussy—Huh! What do you suppose they have a scrub team for?

Wilke—Gosh! this coffee tastes like mud.

Stewart—Well, the cook said it was ground this morning.

Mabel—You get little cross guns from the National Guards.

Thelma—What do they get in the engineer's corps?

Marcella—A little engine.

June—That scar on your head must be very annoying.

Puss—Oh, it's next to nothing.

**Question.**

Hilliard—Can a person be punished for something he didn't do?

Prof. Brown—Of course not.

Hilliard—Well, I haven't done my Geometry.

Prof. Brown—Hanselman, leave the room.

Hans.—Huh! Do you think I'd take it with me?

Great men with great sayings:

Squeeky—What do you know about raising geese?

Colo Buffet—Oh, brother Noah, open the door.

Admiral Stewart—How aya?

Sen. Grown—G'wan, ya slimy Portagee.

Sen. Jennymen Lind—Oh, dog gone it.

Mme. McConnal—That's enough from you.

Hon. Hiram H.—Senior '18.

Commandant Ryder—You are in full dress if you have your shirts on.

Adj. Sabastian—Inspection, Hms!

Mr. Carus (in Gen. Sci.)—Describe water, Rhoda.

Rhoda—Water is a white fluid that turns black when you put your hands in it.

Prof. Brown—Reduce fifty feet to inches.

Crawford—That equals four feet and two inches.

Why doesn't Knight patent his goose-hop?

**"PINKY" MONAHAN.**

San Bernardino Sun, Jan. 12:

Charles W. Monahan, Jr., son of C. W. Monahan, well known insurance man, has been appointed to the officers' training camp, according to word received yesterday by Mr. Monahan from his son, who has been in charge of a fleet of 25 trucks at the army cantonment camp at Columbia, South Carolina.

The younger Monahan was one of the first of the local boys to answer the government's call, enlisting in the truck department early in the war. He advanced rapidly and for many months has been truckmaster. He is a graduate of the San Luis Obispo technical school.

**SURPRISE PARTY.**

Mrs. Redman and Major Ray were pleasantly surprised with a birthday party on Saturday evening. The members of the faculty met at the home of Miss Whiting and Miss Hoover and marched to the home of Mrs. Redman, whither Major Ray had been beguiled. Each guest brought two presents, which, though not very useful, at least furnished merriment. Old fashioned games furnished most of the entertainment. The Major announced that he was 77 years young, while Mrs. Redman refused to tell her age. Mr. Figge's birthday also occurred the next day, but he kept the matter a secret. The eating of birthday cakes and ice cream closed the evening's fun.

Some of the fellows are out warming up for track. Although it is yet early in the year, others ought to begin getting out, as it takes a long time to get in condition for track.

Several wagon loads of shingles have been piled near the Administration building and it looks as if Poly were going to have a new roof.