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FROM ONE WHO HELPED DO IT

Although all fighting has ceased, yet the students at home are just as anxious as ever to hear from those who are, or have been, in the service.

On Active Service
American Expeditionary Forces
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Dear Friend:

Well, I have a few spare moments so I will try and write you a letter that I have promised to write for a year or more. They claim never late until it is too late, so I hope this isn't too late.

Well, I got over here where I wanted to come for some time. This country is some country, providing a person can talk this language. I tried to conquer the art of talking this French language but I had to give it up as a bad job. I don't seem to be able to get my tongue twisted the right way. I am not quite clever enough with my hands, either. It certainly is a sight to see some American soldiers trying to make some of these people understand them. They make some awfully funny signs. France as a country is certainly beautiful. But U. S. is good enough for me.

We are billeted in an attic of an old home. The attic is about 40 feet by 30 feet. There are only 20 of us in the billet now and we certainly have a good time.

The building is all stone except the roof, and it is tile. The beams and joists are made of oak. I guess they mean for the building to stay for a while.

Nearly everybody has either a cow or some other kind of domestic animal.

The town we are in has a population of about 5000. There are no two streets that run parallel to each other. They are very narrow and winding.

It is getting very cold here and there has been more than once that I wished I was in old California.

Say "hello" to everybody for me.

As ever,

(Signed) (Jack) Corporal John Leonard,
American E. F., A. P. O. 788.

Above addressed to Major Geo. Ray.

SCHOOL NOTES

Tuesday, Nov. 26, the Dorm boys had an open night for the first time in a month. They went to town and had a glorious time. The next day the extent of their fling was revealed when it appeared that they all had visited the barber. It was rumored that the boys got wholesale rates.

Almost as soon as the recent showers cleared away boys were out searching for mushrooms. The results of their labor were apparent next day, when many dishes of mushrooms were served at the dining hall.

The boys at the Dorm were allowed to use the billiard table for the first time on Saturday, Nov. 23. They find it very restful, after a hard week in the classroom.

The second year class in Carpentry are repairing the old netting at the tennis court. the boys are also making some additions, so that the court will have a backstop. The cement floor of the court will also be repainted.

The class in forge have almost completed the harrow on which they have been working for the past month. After it is done a picture, including the harrow, Mr. Figge and the boys who have worked on it, will be taken for the Journal.

The long awaited uniforms have arrived at last. Everyone agrees that the boys look much neater. We should see a new snappiness in drill now.

At assembly, Nov. 27, the Reverend Father O'Flynn gave a splendid talk on "Why We Should Be Thankful." He gave three chief reasons why

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

In all the year, all over the world, there is no day which fills the heart of the world with such joy and tenderness as Christmas.

It is the time when the fire of generous impulse burns high, and although there may be those who abuse the true spirit of giving, it still remains an unequalled pleasure to countless thousands who love children and pity the poor in the spirit of Him who was born on that day.

Christmas is the one day of all days in the year, when reunited families gather round the cheerful Christmas hearth with its glowing embers of cheery brightness; there to make sacred home love and attachment, and bring forth to memory the pleasure of the past and to dwell in joyous anticipation of the future.

Many poor people and orphans will carry in their hearts at Christmas-tide a token of appreciation and gratitude that words cannot express, after having been made grateful through some simple gift received from a green and fragrant Christmas tree.

Let us, the readers of the Polygram, make this an outstanding Christmas time by cherishing and practicing the disposition of good-will toward all people; life is too short to cherish enmities and prejudices.

We shall make good-will our controlling attitude and spirit in our relations with one another, when each of us looks on the best side of the character and conduct of the other, and when we cherish good feelings, each toward the other.

While the song of "peace, good-will toward men" is in the air, may it take full possession of

our hearts, and make all our days happy with its joy.

EXPLANATORY

At a recent meeting the Board of Trustees voted to purchase two hundred copies of each issue of the Polygram. The thanks of the students are due to the Board for their generosity, as without their help it would be difficult to put out the Polygram.

The two hundred copies are to be sent, each two weeks, to grammar schools in this part of the state. In order that the grammar schools may become acquainted with our school, it is the purpose of the editor of the Polygram to print articles about our school life and also to publish pictures showing various phases of school activities.

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we should be thankful, namely, because the war is not only ended, but ended victoriously, the influenza epidemic has been conquered, and we have bounteous crops.

Leonard Maker recently visited the school. He intends to attend Heald's Business College in San Francisco.

Rush Taber has just returned to Los Angeles after a visit of several days with friends in town and at the Dormitory.

Chris Hodel and Ray Tuley are in school again after a vacation caused by illness.

Owing to the fact that there was no school Friday, dinner was served at the Dining Hall Thanksgiving. Besides the boys there was a large number of the faculty and wives present. There was plenty of turkey and other good things, and no one complained of being slighted. The boys showed that they appreciated the dinner by giving three cheers for the cook and for Mr. Ryder. They finished by dispensing some very beautiful music. In short, "a large time was had by all those present."

Miss Hoover was out of school several days with a severe cold.

Mrs. Schmidt and daughter, from Atascadero visited the school Friday, Nov. 29.

The marriage of Miss Evangeline Louise Benney to Mr. Arthur Trussler was recently announced. Mr. Trussler was formerly a student at Poly and is now proprietor of the furniture department of the Atascadero store.

The exhaust pipe of the power house engine set fire to the woodwork underneath the floor one day last week. Before the fire was discovered the house was full of smoke. Norman Bachelder

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THERE IS MONEY IN PIGS

Norman Bachelder purchased two pure bred Berkshire pigs a few days ago. He is intending to enter the pig-feeding contest, so he is keeping a record of his pigs.

The Pig Club will be reorganized soon after the Christmas vacation. The Agricultural Association is looking for a big club this year, since the work of the last two years has been such a success in many ways. Financially, it has been a success. The boys produced \$1,180.06 worth of pork, of which they pocketed \$504.60 for their trouble. Then as prize-winners the club has won

a state championship, through Guy Baldwin, for producing the greatest gains at the lowest cost, and keeping the best records. In an educational way the boys have learned a great deal by the actual practice of the best principles of feeding. In perseverance the club has shown a great deal of virtue, since one hundred per cent of the boys starting the club work last year finished.

The president of the Agricultural Association wishes all who are interested in the Pig Club to let him know so that he may get some idea of the line-up for the coming year.

KELVIN CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. St. John entertained the Kelvin Club on Tuesday evening, Nov. 26. Mr. Doxsee gave a paper on the "Work of the Farm Bureau in assisting the farmer to develop a better quantity and of his products."

There was a general discussion of the programs for the year. A social hour interspersed with light refreshments made the evening pass pleasantly.

FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR SENIORS

The Freshmen defeated their opponents in a fiercely contested game. The teams were about even until the latter part of the second half, when the Freshmen took a brace and ran up a score of 16 to 8.

The Freshmen players were Sandercock, Barnett, Glines, Rowan and Hutcheson. The Juniors-Seniors were represented by Harrison, Huston, Russell, Smith and Cook.

Maxine—Are you Hungary?

June—Yes, Siam.

Maxine—Come along, I'll Fiji.

Leland Cook—So she winked at you? Well, what followed.

Glines—I did.

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Davis—I have worked over a thousand people in one day.

Hodel—Where? In a high building?

Davis—No, in a graveyard.

Kinsman—Did the bell ring?

Nugent—Of course; did you expect it to knock?

Quartermaster Glines was distributing the guns. When he had finished he wasn't sure whether all the cadets had guns, so he said: "All you without arms hold up your hands."

Nugent (when the day was dark and cloudy)—If this rain keeps up it won't come down.

Prof. Brown—Mr. Mora, what are you doing? Mora (who was having some fun)—I just happened to be thinking.

Prof. Brown—Oh, I thought I heard something rattle.

Wilhelm to Mr. Schlosser—Since the theaters have closed, I have saved enough money to pay the balance on my uniform.

Mr. Schlosser to Bray—How much have you saved on gas?

Bray—Five gallons twice a week.

Word—That isn't all; you probably saved your life.

Mr. Doxsee (to Knight, in Feeds and Feeding)—Your answer is about as clear as mud.

Knight—Well, that covers the ground, doesn't it?

Hodel was telling a rather impossible story.

Word—Hoot, mon, hoot.

Hodel—Hoot yourself, I'm no owl.

Bray—I ran all the way to the fire.

Puss—Well, did you save anything?

Bray—Yep, gasoline.

Fat Burr—Do you think it possible to have two girls at once?

M. Baker—Not if they know it.

rushed into the room, seized the fire hose, went through a trap door and, although the smoke almost choked him, extinguished the fire.

Jim Nugent will spend a part of his vacation at Santa Margarita and the rest of it at his home at Lost Hills. A. P. Brown will be at Avila. Frank Webb intends to work for the Estrada Gardens of this city. The rest of the Dorm boys will, so far as known, spend their vacation at their respective homes.

Thanksgiving morning the San Luis High School defeated Poly in a practice game of basketball. Poly tried out most of her players and gave her new players a chance to gain confidence. The score was 10 to 8.

Miss Mary B. Eyre, assistant inspector of schools of nursing, San Francisco, is visiting the hospital in this city. She gave a lecture to the girls of the Amapola Club on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Miss Olga Tognazzi of Los Alamos, a former student of this school, is visiting here. She will remain until the Christmas vacation.

Lucile Terrill and Aileen McCabe, graduates of the class of '18, have been home on a vacation, as their schools have been closed on account of the flu.

The money that the Amapola Club received for the walnuts is to be turned into the Red Cross Linen Shower.

Those among the faculty intending to remain at or near San Luis for their holidays include Mr. Doxsee, Mr. Schlosser, Mr. St. John and Mr. Figge.

Those leaving for a part or all of their vacation include Mr. Carus and Miss Hoover, who leave for Palo Alto; Mr. Brown, who will go to his home in San Bernardino; Mr. Jones, Miss Whiting, Mrs. Bland and Miss Howe, who will be at Los Angeles; Major and Mrs. Ray; Miss Williams, who leaves for Pasadena; Miss Chase, who leaves for Burbank; Mr. Hudspeth, who leaves for Portland; Miss Jones, who leaves for San Jose; Mr. Redmond, and Mr. Saunders who leaves for San Francisco.

Miss Rumsey is undecided as to where she will spend her vacation.

Major and Mrs. Ray will remain at the Dorm until Christmas.

Mrs. Bland will return with her mother on New Year's.

Paul Stangeland was elected yell leader by a large majority at the last Assembly. A reel of pictures was then shown, showing how salmon were caught and canned.