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## PROMINENT ALUMNUS DIES.

Henry Fiscalini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fiscalini of the Chorro Dairy, died at the San Luis Sanitarium on March 31st, after an illness of several months.

The passing of this young man has been a great shock to his friends at this institution as well as those throughout the entire county. Henry Fiscalini attended school here for three years, graduating with the class of 1915. He was highly esteemed. His ability as a student together with his upright, manly character, established many friends among the faculty and students.

Two brothers, Baptist and George Fiscalini, recently attended this school. The Polytechnic extends its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the Fiscalini family.

## MISS GOULD DIES IN LOS ANGELES.

Miss Dorothy Marguerite Gould, formerly a Polytechnic student, died at the home of her parents in Los Angeles on March 25th. Miss Gould, previous to taking up the study of art in Southern California, attended school here. By her admirable personality she made many friends who sorrow with the parents in the loss of their daughter.

## GOOD NEWS.

In a former issue of the Polygram, unfortunately we grossly exaggerated matters when we printed the death of Francisco Orrantia, former Polyite. On the contrary he states he is still very much alive.

Thereby hangs the tale. A notice in Spanish had been sent to the school of the death of Orrantia's father who bore the same full name. We are indeed sorry and tender Orrantia our sincere sympathy for the death of his father; but we are equally glad to receive lifegiving information of the young man. Orrantia is living in Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

## POLY MEN BECOME FARM ADVISORS.

One day last week farm advisors bound for a convention in Los Angeles stopped off in S. L. O. and were welcomed by a large gathering of local people and the municipal band. Among the advisors were seven former teachers and students of "Poly."

The following are Farm advisors: Parker Talbot of Shasta County, Carl Nichols of Contra Costa county, Leroy B. Smith of Fresno county, of Berkeley, Earl Campbell and Ernest Curtis, of Berkeley, Earl Campbell and Ernest Curtis.

Mr. Parker Talbot was instructor in Horticulture in the years 1916-17. Carl Nichols was instructor in Horticulture and Commissioner of Horticulture for S. L. O. County in 1914-15. Leroy Smith was at first a teacher and from 1908-13 was Director of the Polytechnic; in which office he was succeeded by Mr. Ryder. C. S. Myszka was head of the Agricultural Department and instructor in Agronomy only and farm practice from 1913 to 1917. C. W. Rubel was head of the Department of Agriculture for some years beginning in 1907. Earl Campbell was a graduate of the class of 1907. Ernest Curtis was a graduate of the class of 1908 and editor of the Journal for that year.

## KID PARTY.

The associate members of the Kelvin club entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carus on Tuesday evening, March 25.

The faculty was dressed in juvenile attire. Mr. Doxace made a hit with his flaxen curls and he received first prize for the best sustained costume. Mr. Brown was awarded the boobie prize for representing nothing. The others who deserved special mention are Mr. Carus, Miss Chase and her big pink bean, and Mr. Saunders. Various childrens games were played and enjoyed by all. Animal Cookies and ice cream cones were served at the end of the evening.

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**RESPONSIBILITY OF A STUDENT TO HIS SCHOOL.**

We are taught in Chemistry that a molecule is dependent upon atoms for existence and in turn, that a compound is dependent upon molecules. In geometry we learn that the whole is greater than any of its parts, but nevertheless dependent upon them. Even so is a school greater than any of its students; but nevertheless it is dependent upon the students for existence and general welfare. In other words, the success of the school hinges on the fact that it is up to each individual to assume responsibility, and give that school hearty support.

Again, the pupils of a school are like the links of a chain. A chain is as strong as its weakest link. Then why shouldn't it also be true that a school is as strong as its weakest student? Whoever you are, whether a destructive critic of the Polygram, or an officer of the day, take upon your shoulders the respective responsibilities of being constructive in criticism and setting a good example. Otherwise you are weak links. Your bad example, moreover, weakens the other links. Thereby you deal your school a solar plexus blow.

**HURRAH! FOR THE FRESH.**

At a unique assembly, recently, all were agreed that the Freshmen did themselves full credit in characterizing this country from the Revolution to the armistice. This striking display of their young talent was a keen source of enjoyment to all; and Miss Williams can't be too highly cred-

ited as their success largely depended on patient efforts on her part.

Mr. Upper Classman! can you do as well? In all probability, but you'll surely have to dig in and make the sparks fly. With a touch of anxiety we wait to see.

**JUST LIKE A WEATHER FORECAST.**

Two recent visitors at the school were Allan Emmert and George Wilson who graduated from here with the second graduating class, year of 1907. Emmert entered the school from Arroyo Grande, Wilson from Bakersfield both in September of 1904.

A glimpse into old journals gives great enlightenment as to the veracity of class horoscopes and prophecies.

**HOROSCOPE**

Allan Emmert  
 Pet Name ..... Buttinsky  
 Favorite Song ..... Alberta, Where Art Thou  
 Present Condition ..... Debating  
 Ambition ..... To be an orator  
 Future ..... Physicist  
 George Wilson

Pet Name ..... Ice  
 Favorite Song ..... Rachel, Rachel  
 Present Condition ..... Best Draughtsmen in School  
 Ambition ..... To be handsome  
 Future ..... Running power plant at Oceano

The prophecy gives Emmert rating as a lawyer and Wilson a farmer; both are connected with the International Correspondence School.

**BENEFITS OF PENSION BILL EXTENDED TO POLYTECHNIC TEACHERS.**

SACRAMENTO, April 2.—Through the efforts of Assemblyman Carlton W. Greene, the teachers of the California Polytechnic school will be given the same advantages under the teachers' pension act as are enjoyed now by teachers in other public schools in the state.

Mr. Greene introduced in the legislature a bill for that purpose early in the session. Certain other state schools desired the same benefit. The whole matter was finally settled by an amendment made by Mr. Greene to amend the bill introduced by A. J. Miller of Los Angeles which places the California Polytechnic school and certain other state schools under the teachers' Pension Act.

The bill passed the state senate yesterday, and now goes to the governor.

The California Polytechnic has, at times, found difficulty in engaging teachers whose services they desired to procure, because the law has not

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allowed their services in the California Polytechnic to give them any rights under the Teachers Pension Fund.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

The Freshmen class took charge of a recent assembly. They gave a exceptionally interesting program which was planned and organized by Miss Williams. The program was as follows:

- 1. The Flag ..... D. Cook
- 2. Tableau ..... Making of the Flag
- 3. Tableau ..... Spirit of '76
- 4. Song ..... E. Van Gorden
- 5. Tableau ..... Spirit of '61
- 6. Tableaus ..... Spirit of '17
  - (a) Over There.
  - (b) Liberty Loan.
  - (c) Thrift and W. S. S.
  - (d) Home gardens.
  - (e) Food conservation.
  - (f) Red Cross Home Work.
  - (g) Red Cross Field Work.
- 7. Recitation ..... E. Cavanagh
- 8. Tableau ..... When the boys come home
- 9. Final Groups
- 10. Song ..... Mixed Sextet

John Brown, who enlisted at the beginning of the war while a junior at this school has arrived home after two years service in the army. He spent eighteen months of this time overseas and was about to see active service when the armistice was signed.

A daughter was born March 29th in Berkeley to Mr. and Mrs. Ryder.

Richard Berry, a former Polytechnic student is now in Rome, Italy, where he is on police duty. From Italy he expects to go to Greece.

Mr. Saunders with the Botany class went on an excursion last week to Sammie's ranch at Lee Canyon. Here they found many beautiful flowers.

Polytechnic received many visitors last week. Among them are Ethel Stocking, Ellen Stout, Mrs. Queenie Warden, Mrs. Schlosser, Mrs. Hampton, Elsie Terril, Hazel True, Benny Tognazinni, Vernal Hunsaker, Leonard Maker and Marvin Andrews.

Leona and Ray Tuley accompanied by Alfred Brown, spent the week-end at the Tuley home as Estrella.

Harold Brown was absent for a few days a couple of weeks ago, due to his father's arrival, he having been away for two years.

Marvin Andrews, 17 recently arrived at his home in this city, after having received his discharge from the army, Andrews has been stationed at Camp Kearney. A week ago Tuesday he made his appearance at school, where he put the companies thru a few minutes of snappy drill in the manual of arms, Andrews is looking fine, and wears a silver stripe for six months service, and a red stripe for his discharge.

Two meetings of the agriculture club were recently held; one on the 27th of March and the other on the first of April. The purpose of these meetings was to talk over assembly plans, make arrangements for a trip to Mr. Spooner's ranch, and decide on the size of a cut for the Journal. Most of the club members brought lunches Saturday and were transported in Fords to the ranch. It was an enjoyable outing to all. The cut for the Journal will be a full page.

The Junior Red Cross of the Polytechnic has agreed to adopt two Belgian Refugee children.

Several Poly student's of the past recently arrived in New York from overseas. They are: Clifton Taylor, Jack Leonard and Emmet Donnelly.

The baseball diamond is being put into shape. The rains have long delayed practice and the grass grew tall on the field. So one evening last week the baseball men were seen out upon the field with lawn mowers and hoes. After several hours of hard work the field was in fair shape.

One evening last week the Dorm boys were held spellbound by the performances of an ex-sailor. He could expand himself wonderfully and also make himself grow.

Lloyd Cramer, formerly a student here, has recently returned to San Luis. He spent several months in active service in France, with the artillery, served through three severe battles without a scratch, and was returned to America in January, being sent to a demobilization depot at Camp Lee, Virginia. He says that returning soldiers are being held at demobilizing centers for from three to six weeks. Virginia holds no charms to soothe his California breast, for between mules and mud his life on the Richmond peninsula cast even Sherman's popular description into shade. Cramer has apprenticed himself at the S. P. roundhouse.

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J \* O \* K \* E \* S

Ewart Andrews has returned to his studies at the Oregon Agricultural College, where he has been drilling several hundred students. Because of his previous military training received here, he was selected to drill the college students.

A track meet of the surrounding high schools will be held next Friday at Santa Maria. The Polytechnic will be unable to send a team, for the track has been in bad shape, due to the rains and the interest in track has not been sufficient to warrant its repairing.

Miss Isune Waternaue, a Japanese missionary, visited the school last week. She is a particular friend of Miss Whiting, having graduated from Carlton College, Minnesota, the same school Miss Whiting and Miss Rumsey graduated from. Miss Isune Waternaue visited Washington, D. C. and expects soon to go back to Japan.

Upon getting up one morning last week, Sammy Wright discovered that he was minus two chickens. Now Sammy is quite indignant and thinks that the chicken stealing business has not been at all proportional, for some time ago he found his chicken house lacking fifteen chickens.

Mrs. Heald was sick for several days week before last. We are all glad she is able to be around again. How about it, dorm fellows?

Found, ten yards of skirmish line. Owner may have same by paying for this add.

The Sophs will entertain at assembly next week.

Mrs. Doxsee was quite ill last week, but has apparently recovered.

From two incubators of sixty eggs capacity, E. Glines recently hatched out forty and forty-seven chickens respectively, while Waterman hatched forty-five from an incubator of the same size.

"The War Garden Victories is the title of a book just received at the library. It describes the types of war gardens and how they were cared for, and summarizes the results in adding to the world's food supply during the war. The garden thus proves its value not only in war but in time of peace.

At review and inspection April 4, the picture of the batallion was taken for the Journal.

Huston—Don't be too hard on Arnold.

Bovee—Why not?

Hustin—Well, he's just a raw recruit.

Bovee—Why! that's just the reason I roasted him.

St. John—Do you mean to say that your memory is absolutely perfect?

Nora—Well, I can say that at the present time, I can't remember anything I've forgotten.

Glines—Mac, get me ten cents worth of bird seed.

Mac—Don't try to kid me, don't you spose I know birds grow from eggs.

Cook—Why did you put my girl's picture in your watch?

Huxley—Because I think she will love me in time.

Teacher—I shall take hydrochloric acid and— (voice in the rear of the lab) that would not be a bad idea.

Prof. Brown—Have you card feet?

G. Truesdale—Certainly not.

Prof. Brown—Well stop shifting them then.

Miss Howe—Do you think this class is a joke?  
Van Schaich—No mam; I am not laughing at the class.

#### AMAPOLA CLUB MEETING.

The Amapola Club held its bi-minthly meeting Thursday, April 4th. The program consisted of the first five of a series of talks on the various Missions of the state. The girls who read papers on the Missions were: Alyce Kenner, Fanny Tikiob, Margaret Baker, June Taylor and Marie Munecke. After this the meeting was turned into a business session and it was decided that the climb would go on a wild flower hunt, plan being to find as many flowers of as many different varieties as possible and then exhibit them together.