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Amapola Club Party

A Christmas party given by the members of the Amapola Club in the Household Arts Building was held on Friday evening December 12.

The entire building was decorated in appropriate colors consisting of holly, and green and red streamers. In one room was situated a beautiful decorated tree, surrounded at the base by prettily wrapped presents.

The evening was pleasantly spent in games and dancing down stairs, while on the second floor, the guests were having their fortunes told, and daintily going thru the crazy-house. In the latter part of the evening the presents were given out by Santa Claus and before leaving the Christmas tree room every person was given an apple, a popcorn ball and a stocking filled with good things to eat.

The appropriateness of the presents was a source of fun, for almost every gift was a suggestive of some trait of the receiver. At eleven o'clock the usual sign was given that every one must depart. So with their remembrances of the Amapola party, the entire crowd went homeward.

LETTERMAN CLUB.

The lettermen of Polly, held a meeting Wednesday, Nov. 26, in the living room of the dormitory, for the purpose of reorganizing the Black "P" Club and electing its officers. Perry Martinson was elected president, Edward Burr, vice-president, and George Smith, secretary. The Club consists of men who have won their letters in football, baseball, basket-ball or track. The club also is determined to uphold its two special rules, namely—that no man not entitled to a letter, can be a wearer of a block P, and that as soon as a man has legally won a letter he automatically be-

comes a member of the Block P Club.

Every Polyto should deem it an honor to become a member of this club. There is only one possible way of doing so, and that is, to get out for athletics.

THE HONOR ROLL.

The way in which so many of the Polytechnic students are applying themselves to work this semester is worthy of comment. The number having an average of 85 per cent or over has increased from thirteen the first month to thirty-one the second month. The Honor Roll for the month is as follows:

Dorothy Prewitt.....	89.6
Emory Kincaid.....	89.3
George Smith.....	89.3
Elsheth Meinecke.....	88.46
Sam Wright.....	88.40
Margaret Baker.....	88.1
Perry Martinson.....	88
Alden Davis.....	88
Everett Went.....	87.9
Helen Louis.....	87.6

Others having over 85 per cent are, in order, Cecil May, Marie Meinecke, Carl Steiner, John Brown, Orrin Klamroth, Albert McKeen, Kenneth Depew, Margaret Meinecke, Fanny Tiklob, Ernest Steiner, Winthrop Leishman, Peter Boysen, Floyd Mankins, Gertrude Truesdale, Maxine Barneberg, Lloyd Ferrell, Ethel Van Gorden, Margaret Chapin, Charles Potter, Marguerite Tognazzi and Robert McKie.

The following men worked at the polls for the Good Roads Bond election for San Luis Obispo County, December 16.: John Brown, P. Martinson, L. Ferrell, G. Smith, E. Burr, F. Flueger, K. Depew, S. McMillan, M. Chatten, and E. Marquart.

Maxine: Oh, I know a good joke.

June: Yes I saw you with him yesterday.

Mechanics Association.

The Mechanics Association held its regular meeting during the fourth period, on Thursday, December 11.

Regular business was attended to, after which Mr. Hess, the speaker of the meeting delivered a most interesting and valuable talk to the members of the Association.

Mr. Hess spoke upon the value of school training, principally practical training such as we are getting in our own Polytechnic. He also spoke of the question of getting a job after the school training has been completed.

It is almost impossible for those who heard Mr. Hess fully to realize the value of the advice given in his talk. It seems to be a part of human nature that men do not realize their great opportunity in school until after they have bucked against the old world for themselves.

Kelvin Club.

The Kelvin Club of the Polytechnic school spent a very pleasant evening last Saturday with Miss Margaret Chase at the Foxen Apartments. The regular business meeting was followed with a very pleasing program which consisted of several songs by the male quartette, Messrs. Whitlock, Hess, Hudepith, and Saunders with Mr. Yeary as accompanist; a reading by Mr. Jenkins; piano solo by Mr. Yeary; carol singing by the Club, and ended with a Christmas tree which included a real Santa Claus represented by Mr. Jenkins. Everyone present received a gift with an appropriate sentiment in rhyme. After all the gifts were distributed each member read aloud the rhyme which accompanied his gift. Then the revel broke up with the guests declaring Miss Chase to be a very delightful hostess.

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A RETROSPECT.

Up to the present time the school records show thirty-three students without absence or tardiness. The number of students with an average above 85 per cent is gradually increasing. All indications show more than the average interest in the school work. The students are anxious to raise their marks. In all, the general attitude of the students, due largely to the attitude of the faculty under which they are instructed, is so far better than any year I have known in the Poly.

The teachers who have shown life, and are interested in the school athletics during the past school term are largely responsible for the interest the students have taken in their work. The remark, or similar remarks are often heard upon the campus, Mr. or Miss is a jolly good sport. I like to work in his class. A student interested in the instructor is doubly interested in the work under the instructor.

The discipline on the school grounds is as good as could be expected from a bunch of young fellows full of "pep."

The football squad was a very good example of the general spirit existing throughout the school. A get-up-and-go-get-'em "pep" that can't be beat. The kind of spirit that is bound to make a school and

bound to make men and women.

The men show an interest in military training that was not present previous to the war. The drill of the Polytechnic companies is not surpassed by the University of California Cadets. Under the direction of Major Livernash the companies are making excellent progress drilling in accordance with the latest regulations of the army. The men are anxious to advance in their instructions and get on the rifle range.

The Polygram is making ever effort to comply with the wishes of the students and other patrons. It would more than welcome any assistance in news material or any suggestion for the improvement of the paper.

ASSEMBLY.

A very enjoyable and appropriate program for the coming Yuletide was heard in the assembly on last Wednesday.

The program was opened with a song by the entire assembly. The words of the song were shown upon the curtain from the moving picture machine.

The next number was a reading by Mr. Perry Martinson. The piece, entitled "The History of Christmas," was written by Mr. Samuel Wright. We must congratulate Mr. Wright upon its composition.

The third number, a reading by Miss Anna Goise, was also very appropriate to the occasion. The selection was from a book by Van Dyke.

Francis Gardner rendered a solo entitled "The Birthday of the King." Mr. Gardner was accompanied thru the chorus by the Girls' Glee Club. Miss Louis was at the piano.

A piece on the "Influence of Christmas upon English Literature" was read by Miss Maxine Barneburg.

Miss Fannie Tiklob delivered an article on the origin of the Christmas tree, or the use of the pine tree as a symbol of religion and of Christmas.

"Ma Curly Headed Baby." A riot! Two score beautiful maidens in a real live chorus! The success of the session. The girls of the Glee Club must be congratulated upon their success.

Following was the reading of an "Old English Carol" by Miss Dorothy Cook.

Advertisement — "Shirts one-half off today."

Marks—"Faith, it's a good thing they're shirts."

WORTH TRYING FOR.

Readers of the Polygram will note the gratifying improvement in scholarship as evidenced by the greatly increased number of students making an average of over 85 per cent. The first month's Honor Roll and honorable mention list contained thirteen names. In the month recently closed there were thirty-one, an increase of nearly 140 per cent.

Moreover, while the students in the earlier Honor Roll have very generally maintained their high standard of scholarship, some of them have been crowded down into the supplementary list by "dark horses," who made a better average in the second month. Mr. Hyder indulges in the hope that all the Polytechnic students may reach the 85 per cent mark. Perhaps this expecting too much of frail human nature, but it ought to be possible to improve as much next month as we did this. If we do, there will be seventy-nine students above 85 per cent for the current month. All together, now, Polygram! Let's broaden that smile on our Director's face.

STAFF CHANGE.

We, the Junior English Class, and publishers of the Polygram, regret very much to lose Mr. Murray Kerr, our Editor-in-chief. We know not what the Discipline Committee had against Murray, and care less, but it is evident that he has in some way, broken the school rules and regulations to receive such a sentence as suspension from school. He has, however, been a very successful Editor, and a most loyal worker towards the school paper. Murray was hard to beat. The last two or three issues of the Polygram, are sufficient proof of his good work, so it is with grief we bid adieu to our Ex-Editor-in-chief.

The class elected John J. Brown as the new Editor, to take the place Kerr vacated. They hope to find in John, the man for the job, one who will fill the position equally as well as their ex-Editor. Here's wishing the one, God-speed on his journeys, the other, good luck as the Editor-in-Chief of the Polygram.

The Polygram is a great invention. The School gets all the fame, The printer gets all the money, And the Editor gets all the blame.

Mr. Yeary—The pretty girls are not always the best girls.

Days—This ought to be a good class.

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JOKES

Ditmas — (Poultry lesson) Why
do hens lay eggs in the day-time
only

Qill—I don't know.

Ditmas—Well at night they are
roosters.

Olander—Did "Mac." kiss you
last night

Mildred Burr—You don't suppose
that he came all the way from Edna
to hear me sing.

Miss William—I wonder where all
my pins go to.

E. Winter—I don't know, they're
always pointed one way and head-
ed the other.

The factories predict a shortage
of bathing suits next year.

Some people think that they are
short enough.

Miss Hoover—I've lived on vege-
tables only for a number of weeks.

Prof. Yeary—That's nothing, I've
lived on earth for a number of years

H. Ditmas—I haven't slept for
days.

W. Miller—What's the matter,
sick?

H. Ditmas—No, I sleep at night.

Marquart — Hey, Mallet, duck
your head in that bucket of water.

Mallet—Why?

Marquart—I smell wood burning.

Prof. Yeary — Not all persons
make fools of themselves.

Boys—No, some are born that
way.

The Dorm Dance.

On Friday, December 5 the dor-
mitory boys were hosts to their girl
friends at the "Dorm Dance." Altho
Jupiter Pluvius was opposed to such
an affair and sent down as much
moisture as was possible, the San
Luis taxis were pressed into service
and the dance went on as planned.

The dormitory was very prettily
decorated for the occasion with hol-
ly and school colors, and a fire in
the fire place made things look
home like.

Dancing started at 8:30 and, by
permission of Major Livernash and
chaperones, lasted until midnight
when all disbanded after having a
very enjoyable time.

For particulars ask anyone that
was there.

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School Notes

The new dirt Basket Ball court is nearly finished.

The Basketball men were out for Basket Ball Saturday afternoon.

They were getting in trim for the game Wednesday with San Luis High.

On Friday evening at the Amapolita Club's party everybody was enjoying himself until about 9:30. Fred Fligger was the goat of the evening. His attention was called to something in the Physics Lab. He, not suspecting anything, took it seriously and followed Mr. Smith. He was taken down into the Lab. In a few minutes he found himself in ropes. He was startled at first but saw his chance of getting away was slim. So he took his medicine. Guards were on duty consisting of two men. Miss Chapin was somewhat puzzled. She thought her little Freddie had given her the slip. But everything went on all right until time to go home. Mr. Ferrell was the lucky man. After they had gotten away up the road Freddie was turned loose. He then came to the dormitory as his partner had gone home. Fred does not know which is best,—to be (in love) or not to be. It's awful anyway to be in love.

The military uniforms have arrived from the East. Almost everybody has been issued his uniform.

The football team of '30 had its picture taken Thursday evening.

Mr. Ryder and Mr. Bendel were the photographers. They took a few of time exposures and flash light pictures.

Mr. Hess dropped in on the boys of the Dormitory last evening and offered his services in teaching the boys to dance. Great interest was shown in the first lesson. Slim Gardner furnished the music. The dances danced were the waltz, fox trot, Virginia Reel, and one step.

The Trustees of the school have given \$100.00 for fixing a basket ball court at the Civic Center for Poly.

The Athletics Committee met Friday afternoon after school and straightened out the problem of transportation of the various teams to games. The awarding of letters was also discussed.

Sunday morning the Dorm boys were playing ball. Walter Hilbrick, a new recruit, was at bat. Sam Guyton was pitching. Walter

did not know that he could dodge or else his energy was exhausted because the ball took his hat from his head. At this rate Poly is sure of a pitcher who can control his pitching since he can knock a hat off from a person's head.

Alfred Brown, (Dago, Joe.) one of Poly's most popular men last year, successfully made the Varsity football team at Davis this year. He played in the Davis-University of Utah game Thanksgiving at 10 degrees below zero.

Murray Kerr is a "holder-on" at the San Pedro Ship Yards.

LOST:—The cage belonging to the "Canary Bird Club," mysteriously disappeared last Saturday night, Dec. 15. A very liberal reward is offered for its return. Without the cage, the Club's motto will be shattered.

Signed,

Dinty Moore.

The faculty must feel quite childish since the Christmas party for their presents were of a nature denoting childishness. Some time in the future we hope to have Mr. Hess give us a musical number on the "banjo."

There was not much mourning on the part of the students last week because of the number of rainy-day sessions they had.

Sam Wright blushed quite freely while being asked if his heart palpitated. "Yes," said Sam, "my heart palpitates very much." Who is she, Sam?

Who was the goat in the dormitory on the night of December 18? Well, to be frank about it, there were several who received considerable chastising. To begin with, Bud lost the door to his room and also his bed, and several other inmates of the "dorm" lost their bedding. It must have been the work of the "anti-bird-feeders." Later on in the evening there was quite a bit of conspiracy going on, but it was done on the Q. T., the result being that Miller, the ringleader of the anti-gang, and a hated enemy of the bird-seed man, was tarred and feathered at 2:30 in the morning. Karo syrup was used in the place of tar. Lule is a good sport and did not mind a good shower in the wee hours of the morning.

What's going to happen next?

From the entire football squad only eleven men are recommended for monograms. The athletic committee agreed that sixty minutes of actual playing in the three games

Poly won would qualify a man as winner of a monogram.

The following is a list of the eleven men who have been recommended for monograms, together with their various years of experience:

Members.	Years.
Brown, John	3
Martinsen, Perry	3
Juniors.	
Burr, Edmond	2
Sophomores.	
Blake, Deyo	2
Brown, Harold	1
Hodel, C.	1
Rowan, Joe	0
Freshmen.	
Hicks, Ben	0
Guyton, Samuel	0
Specials.	
Ferrell, Lloyd	2
Miller, Louis	2

Laurence Rhoda forfeits his letter, since he is suspended from school, and Edwin Marquart lacks ten minutes of playing to be entitled to a monogram.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES AND RESULTS.

November 1.

Polytechnic	53
Paso Robles	0

November 15.

Polytechnic	25
Santa Maria	0
Polytechnic	25
Santa Maria	6

The pigskin is now laid aside and it is hoped that next year will be as successful as this year, but with a much larger schedule.

The teachers are spending the holidays at their respective homes. Those going south are: Miss Whiting, Miss Chase, Mr. Hess and Mr. Yeary. Miss Williams will go to Pasadena, Mr. Whitlock to Whittier, and Miss Wooddell to Santa Monica.

Those spending vacation in the north are, Miss Hoover at Palo Alto, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Bendel at San Francisco, Mr. Watson at San Jose, Miss Howe at Berkeley, and Mr. Hodespith at Oakland.

The members of the faculty who will spend Christmas at home are Mr. Figge, Miss Rumsey, Mr. Nord and Mr. Jenkins.

Mauroce Cheda, a former Poly student, commenced his life long troubles Wednesday, December 10. He married Miss Elsie Marsh, a very popular San Luis Obispo girl.