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JOURNAL PRIZES

It seems that the best incentive for a contribution to the "Journal," from the students, is real "cold cash" and therefore the Journal staff has again decided to offer prizes for the best snapshots, original stories or poems contributed.

The following prizes have been agreed upon:

- \$4.00 for the best story,
- \$2.00 for the second best,
- \$1.00 for the third best,
- \$2.00 for the best poem
- \$1.00 for the second best
- \$1.50 for the best snapshot,
- \$.75 for the second best.

In order to secure a prize all stories and poems must be original and all snapshots pertain directly or indirectly to the students or school life. As yet, a date when all the above must be handed in, is not known, and so will be announced later.

Further information regarding the stories or poems may be obtained from Mr. Jenkins.

Stories or poems may be handed to Marie Meinecke or E. Steiner and the snapshots to E. Steiner.

So everyone who is in debt or needs some money to take his best girl to the next big "show" (or vice versa as the case may be) get busy with your thinker or camera, and if you win you'll thereby also help to put out a Journal that you will be proud of.

Even though no prizes will be offered to the faculty members, they are welcome to contribute and show the students what they really can do.

THE KELVIN CLUB

The Kelvin Club met on Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th at the home of Miss Chase at the Foxen Apartments. The Music Study Club were the guests of the faculty, but were in reality the entertainers, for

they provided the program of the evening.

Mr. Whitlock, who had planned the evening's entertainment discussed the Seashore tests for the acuteness of musical ability in detecting differences in the pitch of notes and the quality of tones. A paper was read by Mrs. D. J. Riley on "Melody for Maladies" in which she outlined the various diseases curable by music. These remedies were illustrated by different selections rendered by members of the Music Study Club. Among the diseases curable by music were insomnia, melancholy, asthma, hysterics, heart trouble and rheumatism, each malady cure being a certain type of music. The program concluded with the singing of five songs by the two clubs, on the principle that singing produces deep breathing and consequently is a cure for tuberculosis.

The entertainment was followed by delicious refreshments, and the guests and hosts departed voting the meeting a great success, and all of their Maladies banished by the Melodies of the evening.

ERECTING NEW POLE

The Senior class in Electrical Engineering is erecting a new power pole near the north west corner of the athletic field. This is a beginning of the improvements to be made in the power line supplying energy to the Brizzolara Canyon pump station.

Mr. H. A. Green, of Monterey County is expected to give an assembly talk on "Trees" in the near future. He is visiting the school primarily to get acquainted with our location, and aid us in securing trees for the completion of the landscape work outlined in the original ground plans.

ASSEMBLY OF FEB. 18.

On Feb. 18, fifth period, the students and faculty assembled.

The main feature, a lecture by Mr. William Shipsey, who graduated from the school in 1912, was preceded by two selections by the orchestra.

In his lecture, Mr. Shipsey stated that while Mr. Ryder had asked him to speak on patriotism, he wished to acquaint us with the alumni, and would tell us of their lofty school spirit. He told how they upheld the standards of the school, and did their best while here both in the classroom and on the athletic field; how after graduating, their life was characterized by that same devotion to the cause of human betterment, and attention to duty that they displayed while here. The reputation they earned for this school was such that she may well be proud of it, and we must uphold it now.

This is the month of patriotic sentiment since two of our greatest patriots were born in February. When duty called, many of our boys and girls gave their all to their country. War is attended by much grief. Mr. Shipsey then repeated President Lincoln's famous letter to a mother who had lost five sons in the war.

Mr. Shipsey said that during times of peace there is a constant need of patriotism. Just now we must guard against Bolshevism. Complaints against bad conditions are legitimate, but any sentiment which tends toward the overthrowing of the government should be discouraged. The bill limiting speech, will be of little avail. Those who seek to overthrow our government should be taught the benefits they receive therefrom.

We form our habits now. While it is all right to criticize if we have

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WHAT IS SCHOOL SPIRIT?

A student is usually judged by his associates according to his school spirit. To all this term means pride and interest in the school. Frequently the students think they have the proper school spirit if they promote student activities. Others think their only aim during school life should be to acquire knowledge.

True school spirit consists in that pride of the school which prompts the student to exert all his efforts toward the betterment of his school both toward the betterment of the student body, and toward his own betterment, as a part thereof. These efforts should be primarily to acquire knowledge and train the mind and body since a healthy mind and body are essential to success. It should also be his aim to help others do so. This pride of the school should be such that wherever the student goes he will so conduct himself as to reflect credit upon the institution. He should take interest in student activities. Such activities help a student become a good "mixer", and develops in him the ability to deal with people, both in business and pleasure. True school spirit should reflect credit upon the school in the world at large; hence the public spirited student should, while attending

school, fit himself to occupy a high place therein.

THE GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

It has been divided into three parts. Soprano, second soprano and alto. The sopranos are working hard and are making the soprano part ring in the Assembly Hall. The second sopranos, altho new to the part, are doing fine'y, and the altos, tho few in number, are mighty in voice.

The Glee Club has sung several times in assembly and has been voted a success by every one. The Glee Club intend to do still better for they are to sing at the Civic Auditorium the night the play is given.

Quartets are now being made up from the Glee Club. These quartets represent the Freshman Class and the Soprano Class, and there is also a mixed quartet. These quartets do their practicing outside of Glee Club period. They are too ready to sing whenever called upon.

The Glee Club is singing better every day and will soon be a first class body of singers, and an honor to Poly.

57 TO 15—RAH! FOR THE WINNO'S

The Wino Independents never failed to let every one know what a crack basket ball team they had, that is, they never failed to do so until they clashed with the five men from Poly, who have successfully carried away all basket ball laurels of San Luis Obispo County. The witnesses of the game claim it was more of a football game than a basket ball game, but nevertheless the credit goes to Poly for her good sportsmanship. It was a shame to the eyes of the Wino rooters, how Poly just simply walked all over their team, and as to handing them bouquets, it is quite sure that silence will prevail.

The Wino Independents consist of San Luis Obispo men. They met their awful defeat of 57 to 15 Friday evening of January 30 at the Civic Club court. Mr. Butterold refereed the game.

Line-up.

Polytechnic	Wino Independents
Mathison	F Rogers
Blake	F Righetti
Van Schaick	C Mallagh
Tibbs	G Shirley
Sanderecock	G Dodd-Smith

Latest Song.

Put your tweezers away until your eyebrows meet again.

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good reason to do so, yet we should not form the habit of criticizing unduly.

Mr. Shipsey closed his speech by stating that he was glad to be able to speak to us, and that whenever he could be of any assistance to us, not to hesitate to call on him.

ASSEMBLY OF FEB. 25.

After the letters and stars had been given to those on the football team, the program was in charge of the Home Economics Department.

Those who received stars were: Mr. Martinsen, Mr. Ferrel, Mr. John Brown, Mr. Burr and Mr. C. Hodel. The following received letters: Mr. Miller, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Harold Brown, Mr. Blake, Mr. Guyton and Mr. Rowan.

Mr. Ryder congratulated these honored boys, and Perry Martinsen, the football captain, asked that they pay their Block P, Club dues.

In their interesting program the Home Economics Department traced the history of the home economics phase of education.

Miss Tiklob read an article written by herself on the history of Home Economics Education.

Miss Prewitt read an article on the life of Ellen H. Beecher, America's greatest worker for the introduction of scientific education of women. This was followed by two songs by the Girls' Glee Club.

Miss Cook explained the Smith-Lever and Smith-Hughes bill.

Four girls recited Ellen Richard's ideals for home life.

This delightful program was concluded by the Girl's Sextette who sang "The Curly Headed Baby," with their dresses and bonnets reversed, and masks on the back of their heads. This was very amusing.

IMPROVEMENT IN CARPENTER SHOP

Under the supervision of Mr. Bendell, the Senior class in Electrical Engineering is preparing to install a complete new electrical wiring system in the carpenter shop.

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JOKES

Preseh—"How many subjects are
you carrying?"

Sohp—"I'm carrying one and
dragging three."

Mr. Watson—"What kind of hens
lay the longest?"

Dowler—"Dead hens."

Miss Wooddell—"Why is a cat
like the world?"

Margaret B.—"It's fur from one
end to the other"

Miss Rumsey—"Anna, you are al-
ways behind time."

Anna C.—"No I'm not, the back
of the clock is."

The following help Olander to
keep his job:

The man who rocked the boat.

The man who didn't know it was
loaded.

The man who blew out the gas.

The man who drank wood alco-
hol.—Exchange.

Miss Hoover (in Cafeteria)—"This
stew is good, isn't it?"

Prof. Yeary—"Yes, but there's
one thing I don't like about it."

Miss Woodell—"What is it?"

Prof. Yeary—"The taste."

Prof. Nord—"What is a poly-
gon?"

H. Brown—"An escaped parrot".

K. Riley (in Odyssey class) —
"Poseidon was the Earth Shaker."

T. Ames—"I thought he was the
salt shaker."

Burr—"A kiss is the language of
love.

Margaret D.—"Well, why don't
you say something?"

Paul L. (In Spanish.)—"Eso—
es—"

Mr. Yeary—"You'll need to scend
in an S. O. S. call of you don't
hurry up.

Boys—"What is a good polish
for ivory."

Mr. Hess—"Try Shampoo."

Van Schaick—"Please let me hold
your hand a minute."

L. Walker—"All right, but how
are you going to tell when the min-
ute is up?"

V. S. "Oh, I'll have to hold your
second hand for that."

Ole—"She said she'd like to see
any one try to kiss her."

Burr—"Did you call her bluff?"

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School Notes

Miss Zoffman from San Jose Normal is visiting Miss Chase. The San Jose schools have been closed on account of illness.

The class cup has come back from the engravers. The class of '21 has two years to its credit. Some of the other classes had better hustle. Even if class '21 is still around the other classes can try for it anyway.

Plans have been made for an extension on the forge shop.

We have two more members in our student body. They are Robey Hatfield from Hollywood, who is taking a course in Agriculture, and Henry Gris from Los Angeles, who is taking a course in engineering mechanics.

Ethel Van Gorden has introduced a new disease the measles. She is now at her home in Cambria.

Gertrude Truenda's has been absent on account of a false alarm of the mumps.

Major Livernash has recovered from his illness and is up and around, but we all regret that Mrs. Livernash is now ill.

Mr. Ryder announced in assembly that there were three different ways of catching the mumps: Drinking out of the same cup, inhaling breath, and kissing. The Student body are patiently waiting for some member of the faculty to succumb to the disease. Especially—Who?

J. Perrosi, superintendent of power, heat and light, has a brand new sod.

Mr. Saunders and his botany class are planning on making a botanical trip to Sea Canyon soon. The trip all depends on the work the studios class does this week, and of course they will all do splendid work.

Cecil May and Ross Sargent have returned from their trip home to Monterey.

Mr. Charles Gibbs has entirely recovered from the tonsillitis and is back at school.

The Play "Voice of Authority," to have been given by the Amapois Club February the 20th, was postponed indefinitely on account of the illness of the leading lady.

There is quite a scare going around school of the mumps and everyday someone imagines that he or she can feel their jaw swelling up. But if what Mr. Ryder told us in assembly about catching the mumps is true, not many of our

students ought to have the least fear or imagination of the mumps as we have all sanitary drinking faucets,—and—and—etc.

The upper class boys recently gave two of the Freshmen a lesson which should be recommended by them. They were strung up on one of the trees on the campus. Kenyon Rley by one wrist and Harry Ditmas by one leg. Freshmen! Take notice and "watch your Step"—lest some one suggest some real punishment!

The entire personnel of the Junior English class are in the throes of excitement and expectancy. Mr. Jenkins has promised them all a week-end at the White House when he is elected President of the United States!

Mr. Harold Stewart and Miss Aileen McCabe, class of '18 visited school Tuesday.

The patronage of the ice cream sale which we have been conducting to assist the Red Cross could be greatly improved.

We are pleased to see a number of the Dorm Boys out; and the remaining ones on the sick list are reported to be improving rapidly.

Mr. Hess is confined to his quarters with a bad knee. Mr. Hess injured the knee several days ago while playing basket ball.

The Polygram must depend upon the student body for its jokes. Seemingly a great majority of the students do not realize, and most of those who do realize it depend upon some one else to hand in the jokes. Consequently about one-tenth of the school jokes reach the editor. It is urged that every off hand in every joke or funny saying that is heard on the grounds.

The Polygram josh department will greatly appreciate your effort.

For several days Mr. Ryder has been giving the boys a series of talks on physiology, anatomy and hygiene. The prevalence of contagious diseases just now makes these talks especially timely.

It was Mr. Ryder's plan at first to limit his remarks to hygiene—personal and community; but it soon developed that many of the boys were ignorant of the location and functions of even well-known organs. This discovery induced Mr. Ryder to supplement the hygiene lectures with some elementary anatomy, illustrated with the manikin.

Mr. Ryder intends to take up the causes of disease, how communicated, methods of prevention, disinfection, etc. Later he will discuss

community hygiene and its preservation.

Homer L. Tibbs was by no means forgotten on his eighteenth birthday. A very dainty dinner party was given at the home of Miss Anderson, Sunday evening, Jan. 22. The charming hostess did not surmise that she was honoring "Jiggs" with a birthday dinner, nevertheless that was the case.

Those present were: Misses Fern Anderson (hostess), Glenn McRae, Nita Marsh, and Gladys Porter; Masters Homer Jiggs Tibbs, Deyo Blake, Perry Martinsen and Paul Lingle.

THE STUDY OF LIFE

How to live?—that is the essential question for us. Not how to live in the material sense, but in the widest sense. The general problem which comprehends every special problem is—the right ruling of conduct in all directions under all circumstances. In what way to treat the body; in what way to bring up a family; in what way to behave as a citizen; in what way to utilize all those sources of happiness which nature supplies—how to use all our faculties to the greatest advantage for ourselves and others—how to live completely. And this being the great thing needful for us to learn, is, by consequence, the great thing which education has to teach. To prepare us for complete living is the function which education has to discharge; and the only rational mode of judging of any educational course is to judge in what degree it discharges such function.—Herbert Spencer.

YR AULD TIME DICTIONARY

1. Skeleton—A man with his insides out and outside off.
2. Snake—An animal, tail all the way up.
3. Straw Hat—An ingenious invention to show which way the wind is blowing.
4. Student—A young man who can sit across the aisle from a maiden fair and keep his mind on his studies.
5. Stunt—A novel act, thought foolish by everyone but enjoyed by those who take part.
6. Touch System—Home method.

Prof. Nord — (Head of Student Labor Dept) "I want a man who is not afraid of work."

Dr. Mac—"That's me. I've never got well enough acquainted with it to be scared of it."