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BATTALION PROMOTIONS.

The following order regarding promotion of officers of the Battalion was posted on December 13

Headquarters, California Polytechnic School, December 13, 1920. Special Order No. 36.

The following appointments and promotions are made in the Battalion to take effect this day:

Company A.

Captain, Edmund Burr.

First Lieutenant, Alfred Reyburn.

Second Lieutenant, Harold Newman.

First Sergeant, Carl Gill.

Sergeants, George Troup, Ray Tuley, Harley Book; Arthur Howard, Bugler.

Corporals, Emory Kincaid, Willis West, Kenneth Dapew.

Company B.

Captain, Harold Brown.

First Lieutenant, Lee Otto.

Second Lieutenant, Ernest Steiner.

Color Sergeant, Eugene Van Schalk.

First Sergeant, Fred Word.

Sergeants, Warren Sanderecock, John Cann.

Corporals, Albert McKeen, Robert McKie, Edward Cavanagh, Joe Rowan, Hershel Prewitt.

By order of

COL. R. W. RYDER,

Director and Commandant.

CAPT. J. C. DEUEL,

Commanding Battalion.

All the uniforms have arrived and have been issued to the men. An order has been posted to the effect that all appear in uniform commencing Monday, January 17.

AMAPOLA CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Members of the Amapola Club were entertained Thursday, December 23, in the Household Arts Building, during the fifth period. The entertainment, planned by the Program Committee, was opened by a piano solo, "Maiden's Prayer" by Alta

Mayhull.

The large Christmas tree, freely and artistically decorated and covered with presents for everyone, was the main feature of the event.

In further course of the program a game of fishing from the fishpool for "white elephants" afforded much pleasure, and following this the gifts from the Christmas tree were distributed.

Refreshments consisting of cranberry sherbet and marshmallow wafers were then served and thus this most creditable program came to an end.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL STUDENTS.

A meeting was held by the Federal Student Body Friday, January 7, to elect officers to fill the vacancies made by the transferring of a number of the former officers. Mr. Duddleson, acting chairman, gave a short talk, then he introduced Mr. Bird, the superintendent of San Luis Obispo County Schools. Mr. Bird lectured for a few minutes on the "Work of Vocational Education and its Value." The necessary officers were then elected: Mr. Moreland, Chairman; Mr. Schaefer, Secretary; Mr. Nass and Mr. Gibson, Committeeman. The meeting closed with all business finished.

NEW DEPARTMENT FOR FEDERAL STUDENTS.

A Salesmanship department was installed at the Polytechnic, under Mr. Mather, a new instructor added to the faculty, for the Federal Students.

The classes are held in class room 12, which was formerly the general mathematics class room under Miss Dull.

The general mathematics class was moved in class room 2, upstairs, in the Science Building.

CHANGE IN TEACHERS.

A few changes have been made among the Federal Board teachers. Mr. H. E. Stroble, a former Polyite of 1914, is taking the place of Mr. Tognazzini, the Federal Mechanics teacher. Mr. Stroble has been living in Hanford for the past year, but now expects to make his home in San Luis.

Mr. H. A. Mather, a graduate of the University of Chicago, is giving a course in salesmanship, and it is hoped that many of the Federal Board men will not miss the opportunity of taking up this new course.

Mr. E. P. Cunningham arrived from Los Angeles to take the place of Mr. Weller, Mr. Vine's assistant in the machine shop. Poly is sure that Mr. Cunningham will make a success of his work and will be appreciated by the Federal Board men.

AG ASSOCIATION.

In the regular meeting of the Agriculture Association it was announced that the Agriculture Department would have charge of Assembly on January 19, and that the Club would help with the program. A further announcement was that two reels of motion pictures, dealing with agricultural work have been ordered.

A large portion of the time was spent in discussing plans for the Club. Several cuts were shown and several more were suggested, but none was decided upon as yet.

Plans are being made for a trip in the near future by one of our members is leaving at the end of the semester.

Since the periods are not long enough for the Club meetings, a special meeting was held the following day to settle unfinished business left from the regular meeting.

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THE POLYGRAM'S NEWEST EXCHANGE.

In all probability it will soon become necessary, almost, for the town boys to at least acknowledge a few of the memorable exploits of the Dorm boys. Another one of the feats coming from their active minds is the publication of the Polygram's newest exchange, The Hornet, the Paper With a Sting.

This publication, containing what its editors call jazz, pep, humor and justice, made its initial, mysterious and unannounced appearance just before Christmas vacation as a purveyor of what the Dorm boys do and the town boys do not do.

Although it is rather doubtful if this new exchange could be called an official school publication, yet it shows how ambitious the "Dormers" are. Standing out from all its drawbacks it may have, is the fact that the paper gives Poly the distinction of having two school papers, quite an unusual thing among most high schools.

The Polygram would like to hear more from The Hornet as long as its publication is not hindered by bankruptcy or other circumstances.

OTHER EXCHANGES.

Other new exchanges of The Polygram are The Oblisk, Murphysboro, Illinois; The Telescope, Eureka; Ye Chronicle, Pomona; The Emerald and White, Dinuba; The Porcupine, Santa Rosa; The Hi Eye, Corcoran. They are all on the shelves in the library.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Some two hundred books have been received at the library from the State Library and are now on the shelves for the use of students and teachers.

Among them are many books on agriculture, mechanics, engineering and carpentry, which can be appreciated only by inspection.

There are books covering almost every phase of railroading, from the standpoint of the economist, law-maker, and business manager to the operation of the trains, and from the engineering and mechanical standpoint.

Wireless telegraphy is also covered both from the angle of the operator and electrician.

The books on economics are particularly good. "Elementary Economics" by Ely and Wicker, give a good comprehensive view of the general field of economics, while there are still other books on the Federal Reserve and on money and banking.

For the business student there are some very good books on salesmanship, and another on the much neglected subject of storing and stockroom economies.

There are also several books of biography, among them a very recent book on Lloyd-George, the man at the helm of the British Empire.

"The Little Democracy," by Ida Clarke, covers democracy and community center work in the school, the small town and the country.

"News Writing," by Spencer, is one of the few books that cover accurately and well the much abused subject of Journalism. Spencer knows the newspaper business and has written about it clearly and honestly, without the glamor and gloss that kills many otherwise good books on the subject. It will steer you clear of many of the pitfalls of the beginner. If you have thoroughly read and understand this book before going into a metropolitan newspaper you will not be dubbed "green" and be a subject for jokes from the editorial workers for not knowing such trivial things as what the morgue and the undertaker are.

The best part about these books is that they are new, and for the most part published since the close of the war.

Our library has close to five thousand volumes, an unusually good collection for a school of this size, but a library is good only so far as it is made use of. School life is not so much what we manage to get and retain from the textbooks while here, but instead it is a place to find out how to lay our hands upon the knowledge we want at the time we want it. The lawyer does not memorize all the laws, but he knows where to find exactly what he wants at the time he wants it.

When you are out in the world meeting real problems you cannot resurrect some quotation from an antiquated text book of years gone by and fit it to the question at hand, especially if it happens to be on something that has been invented long since the text book you used in school was written. But if you have learned to use the library you will know just how to find something that is up to the minute.

Let the librarian know your wants for that is the only way she can be of assistance in showing you how to use the library and to help you help yourself. M. S.

MECHANICS ASSOCIATION.

At the regular meeting of the Mechanics' Association, held on January 13, the question of the Association rings was discussed and Secretary Davis reported that he had written to another company in Los Angeles.

Sandercok reported that he was making arrangements to take the association to Avila to visit a boat. In connection with the finances, Davis reported that Mr. Hudspeth had turned in six dollars that had been raised by the second-year mechanics' class in the carpentry shop.

TARGET PRACTICE.

Regular target practice began Saturday, January 14. Captain Deuel took between fifteen and twenty boys up to the range and instructed each one through a complete range of 200, 300 and 500 yards. This target practice will be continued every Saturday.

Mary had a little dog,

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'Twould stand upon its front feet
If you would hold its hind feet up.

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JOKES

Mr. Yeary in American History—
Where did Custer make his last
stand?

Van Schralek—On his feet.

Mr. Whitlock to Boys' Glee Club
singing "Good Night Ladies:—Don't
hold the "ladies" too long.

Mora—How far is it to the letter
"P" on the hill?

Jackson—The way you are headed
now it is 24,999 miles, but if you
turn around and go back it is only
one mile.

Coyner, in Physics—They say
sliced onions scattered around the
room will absorb the odor of fresh
paint.

Aston—I suppose they will. Like-
wise a broken neck will relieve
catarrh.

Miss Hayslip in Eng. I—Perry,
who was Portia besides being Brutus'
wife?

Perry—She was Cato's daughter.
Miss Hayslip—Well, who was he?
Perry—Portia's father.

Mr. Skarstedt—Mr. Rowan, give
the proposition on page 103. You
know all about it, because you
studied it at home last night.

Fat Hodges—Gee! He has an
awful imagination.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Mr. Watson reports with sorrow
that the tennis tournament is going
on so slowly on account of two
people. They have promised to
play, but time seems to fail them.

So far, only Miss Steiner has
won her way to the finals. She is
now ready to play any of the four
opponents, Newman, Wilson, Bard-
ness, and Mr. Watson. Now that
the weather is so good, it is to be
hoped that the tournament will be
brought to a speedy end.

THE HONOR ROLL.

In the assembly of November 25,
Director Ryder announced the fol-
lowing honor roll for October and
November: Margaret Meinecke,
Richard Aston, Sam Wright, Dorothy
James, Dorothy Miller, Margaret
Chapin, Archie Kinsman, Carl Stein-
er, Phyllis Figge, Harold Truesdale.

It is of interest to note that, in
addition to these, Thelma Ruter,
Ernest Steiner, Emory Kincaid, and
Alta Mayhall have an average of
over 85.

Miss Clara Steiner spent the
week-end of January 15 and 16
visiting in Berkeley and Oakland.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

No doubt you have noticed the new pins that have put in their appearance at Poly. They are the new Amapola Club pins and most of the girls and women of the faculty are wearing them.

Three rows of new white posts block the road in front of Science Hall since vacation. Speedy driving upon the campus made them necessary.

The assemblies of December 15 and January 12 were both taken up by talks by Col. Ryder. The talk of December 15 was on Noise and the second one on Good Manners.

The Freshman boys have been putting in profitable noon hours in getting the outside basketball court in shape.

A number of the teachers had to return to Poly after one week's vacation, because the Federal men had only one week at that time.

On January 14, moving pictures were taken of the work done for and by the Federal students in C. P. S. These pictures will be incorporated in a film to be used by the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

The Girls Amapola Club began on December 23 a series of programs that are to be given by the organizations of the school in Wednesday's assemblies. This program was in the nature of a Christmas program. Dorothy Prewitt gave a talk on the customs of northern Europe. Cecil Bello told of the Christmas customs in southern Europe, and Helen Rutherford recited two poems representative of America's Christmas, "Left Out," and "Before I Knewed Who Santa Claus Was." A girl's sextet composed of Lois Walker, Anna Golse, Phyllis Figge, Gertrude Truesdale, Fay Rouget, and Dorothy Miller, sang two Christmas Carols.

Mr. Whitlock, who has charge of the Music Department announces some good plans. The musical organizations are practicing in order to give a musical program on February 2. They also have some of the most popular new music. The band will be out in drill parade next week. Mr. Skarsedt stated that since they had a vacation, they have not as yet had a chance to obtain new music, but are practicing as

usual and hoping to get even better results.

After the New Year all but six students resumed their studies. Eugene Wegie, William Rankin and Louis Russell went back to their homes. Jose Pavon is working in Los Angeles while Ormond White will work on his clam farm on Pismo Beach. Homer Tibbs will attend high school in his home town, Hanford. Miss Ethel Van Wormer, who has been attending the College of Holy Names in Oakland, has registered in Poly.

THE WORM TURNS.

Evidently the Ag. Club judged the speed and ability of the Mechanics by their own, when they prophesied that the stack at the powerhouse would not be completed until 1922. However, it was running in 1920, two years ahead of time.

It took the Mechanics but a half hour to raise the stack, whereas all the Ags can raise is the price of eggs.

It is only once in a while that you see a farmer with very much money in his pockets. Is that the reason for the Ags not giving an entertainment of any sort during the last three years? That hardly looks plausible, for they get slides and lectures about cows and pigs, and always have enough left over to take themselves for trips to the surrounding country to visit cow-barns and pig-sties. The Mechanics are of a more generous nature. We think first of the enjoyment and pleasure of our fellow-students; we consider ourselves on what is left.

The Mechanics started something when they decided to get pins for the Association. The Amapola girls followed suit and last of all, the Ags. It seems that they are held up for a suitable design. If the Mechanics, with their superior amount of knowledge about designs, can be of any assistance, just call on some of the members for advice. They will be only too glad to help the farmers to get their rings before they are gray-haired.

SENIORS WIN THE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

In one of the dirtiest football games of the year the Seniors won the class football championship on December 17 over the Juniors by a score of 6-0. The mud was the main feature of the game.

The game opened by Troup's kick-

ing to the Seniors. Pinky Newman got the ball, and from then on the game was played in the center of the field. Newman slipped with the ball and fell on his head. Then after several scrimmages the Seniors got away with a couple of passes. However, no points were made until Brown, to his surprise, found the ball in his arms after breaking through the line to block a kick. He did not stop to figure it out until after he had carried the ball over for the only touchdown of the game. The rest of the game "slipped" along until time was up. Tackling was scarce because a man could run just so far before he slipped and fell. Once he had fallen, his chance of hearing the signals was blocked by the mud in his ears.

The line-up follows:

Seniors.	Pos.	Juniors.
Van Schalk	REL	Flugger
Boys	RTL	Miller
Newman	RGL	Traver-Varian
H. Brown	C	Hodel
E. Weant	LGR	Kinsman
O. Hodel	LTR	Dowler
Reyburn	LER	Davis
R. Tuley	F	Aston
Burr	QB	Troup
Cann	RHL	C. Steiner
Otto	LHR	Rowan

BASKETBALL PROSPECTS.

Basketball practice began a short time ago with a good showing for a good team. The suits have been issued and a number of the fellows have ordered shoes. Though many are out, there are only two from last year's team. Homer Tibbs has left and he will be badly missed.

Poly always has had a good team. Last year eleven games were played and C. P. S. is proud to say that she won ten of them. We hope that we can get an even better team than the last one.

A mystery has come into the basketball spirit this year, and has not yet been solved. San Luis Obispo county, Ventura county and Santa Barbara counties have formed a league and Poly is the only school left out. Jumping to the conclusion that they think we are too big, Poly would like to state that no one on the team is over twenty-one. Because of this confusion over the league, no games have been scheduled yet, but an effort is being made to give us a game Saturday, January 22.

The team urges everyone to give his share of support this year, and they feel sure that they will make this season a walk-away.