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THE HONOR ROLL

Miss Chase announces the following honor roll for the first semester of 1920-21:

Margaret Meinecke Harold Newman
Dorothy James, Leo Otto,
Richard Anton, Sam Wright,
Ernest Steiner, Archie Kinsman
Emory Kincaid, Dorothy Miller.

Others having over 85 for an average who should have honorable mention are:

Phyllis Figge, Thelma Ruter,
Carl Steiner, Helen Rutherford
Harley Bock, Anna Golso,
William Johe, Harold Truendale,
Marie Meinecke, Dorothy Prewitt

There is a deplorable lack of under-graduates on the honor lists. Would it not seem that with the simplicity of their subjects that the Freshmen should top the rest of the school? The general haziness with which the Freshmen have attacked other things is undoubtedly accountable for the results.

The attendance record shows that the following have no tardiness for the entire semester:

Henry Giffardi, May Piper,
Christian Hodel, Loren Pruden,
Paul Jackson, Faye Rouget,
Emory Kincaid, Everett Weant,
Albert McKeen, Esther Whiteside,
Laura Miller, Vera Whiteside,
Harold Newman,

Dorothy James and Charles Knight have no absences for the entire semester. All of the above students except one have one hundred merits.

Thelma Ruter, Carl Steiner and Dorothy Miller have no tardy marks, no absence marks and one hundred merits.

Since attendance is such an important topic we wonder if it is true that absence makes the marks grow rounder.

REMARKS ON THE HONOR ROLL

Is the honor roll really fair? Are all students compared equally? Do those on the honor roll carry the

same number of hours as many others do? Are those ten actually the ten most brilliant students in the school?

One would almost think not when the studies of each department are compared. The studies vary greatly. Does the Math., the Agriculture, and the Household Arts students take compare with the three and one-half and four years of Math. that the Mechanics and Academics carry? In addition to Chemistry and Physics, which are reported to be difficult subjects, the Mechanics take steam and gas power, materials and construction, electricity, hydraulics and surveying, which are all founded on mathematics. The Agricultural students also take surveying, feeds and feeding, plant breeding, animal breeding and disease, courses they feel convinced are harder than the average. Another factor is, how many study periods do they get? The Mechanics do not average over two a week, the Ags not much more. So why compare Ags, Mechs., Household Arts and Academics upon the same grounds when the courses are all so different? Why not list each department separately? See who is the best student in his line instead of putting him up against all departments.

FACULTY DEFEAT FRESHMEN

Last Friday afternoon the Faculty showed the Freshmen how to play baseball to the tune of 13-11. The members of the Faculty who did the deed are Capt. Deuel, Messrs. Gary, Hess, Figge, Duddleson, Slusher, Mather, Watson and Whitlock. The Freshman line-up including R. Rouget, Miller, H. Patchett, Chavez, Peterson, Lumley, Fiacchini, Urquiza, Johnson.

On the sidelines the Sophomores sold ice cream for the European Relief fund, clearing between nine and ten dollars.

S. O. S. FOR THE BAND

The band is very much in need of an E flat brass-horn player, and the director would be glad to consider any applicant on trial for this position in the band.

The band made an excellent showing in the street parade for the reception of Governor Stephens last week. The brass player from the city band assisted the Poly boys.

The band expects to assist the Federal boys in their minstrel show parade, March 9. A brass player must be had immediately. Any Federal man or regular student is eligible for the position in the band with any brass instrument.

BASEBALL: EVERYBODY OUT

Baseball practice begins shortly, and Coach Deuel is already making every effort to turn out a winning team. Prospects are bright as we have several of last year's nine back, for instance, Burr, Troupe, and Fligger. Burr as yet has had no competition for his place.

The boys have been spending their week-ends getting their gloves broken in, already. Games are booked, and more are to be booked. Coach Deuel is a regular ball player and he sure knows how to steal bases. We hope that our team will get this point from him.

CHANGES IN THE STAFF

The Polygram announces a few changes and alterations in its staff. For some time Henry Miller has been acting as Federal reporter for the paper. Beginning with the next issue, Harley Bock will work as a news reporter and it is urged that every student hand to him whatever news might be of interest. This department needs two people to cover the ground; Gertrude Truendale is continuing her work in the department. Alma Tognazzi, who has had the official title of athletic editor will be known from now on as the exchange editor.

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WHOLE SPIRIT

The Polygram is the official school paper and should be supported by every member of the Student Body. Your money makes the printing of your school paper possible and that means, in other words, that you, the Student Body, own the Polygram and therefore should also see that its publication is made sure through your individual efforts. The staff are not the only ones who should see to this matter for they are only responsible to the Student Body. Their duty is to collect the material for their special departments and to see that it is handed in on time.

Apparently as yet a number of the Student Body members think the staff alone should do all the work towards the getting out of the Polygram and should also get all the blame because it does not meet the standards of these few.

The expressions "Gee, what stale news," "Why don't they get some original jokes?" etc., are quite often heard after each issue has come out. Did the few persons doing the knocking against the Polygram even think that maybe they themselves are the persons responsible for the conditions as stated in their expressions and not the editor or

the staff, for is it not their privilege and duty to contribute articles which they think are worth while to the Polygram? Since they are not contributing, then all their knocking acts as a boomerang and is used directly against the person from whom it came. It is human nature always to blame the other fellow when things are not run the way they would like to have things run, and the "other fellows" are the various editors and not themselves.

We admit that the Polygram school notes are not the latest but it takes about four days from the time the copy is sent in to the time it actually appears on the scene.

And even at that the Polygram's main aim is not to give the latest news but give as complete a list as possible of all the events of the school year. News which may be old to you may be greatly appreciated by the many different high schools, grammar schools, and libraries of the State to which it is sent either as an exchange or an advertisement.

Quit your knocking about your own Polygram, but do something to help make it a paper that will be as near faultless as possible. Remember that if you can't be a booster don't be a knocker.

KELVIN CLUB

On Thursday evening, Feb. 17, the members of the Kelvin Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock with Mr. and Mrs. Skarstedt as host and hostess of the affair.

Miss Hawk gave a paper of much interest on "Silks and the Silk Industry." She spoke in detail of the method of manufacturing artificial silk and the ways of distinguishing genuine from artificial silk.

Other creditable numbers included in the program were a solo by Mr. Whitlock, piano selection by Mrs. Whitlock, and a trio by Mrs. Whitlock, Mr. Sanuders and Mr. Skarstedt.

Special menus were prepared for the occasion and they were the cause of considerable amusement as well as confusion as everything listed on them was camouflaged. The party disbanded after a most delicious supper had been served and the report is that of a most enjoyable event.

APPLIED ARTS

The Applied Arts classes are made up of Junior and Senior girls.

The members are making different articles, mainly in tanned leather, such as music rolls, purses, and cardcases. In cut leather they are making kodak albums and handbags. Some are stenciling bureau scarfs, centerpieces, and table runners, while others are working with reed and making fruit baskets. A few of the girls are hammering metal, such as nickel or copper, to make bud vases and trays. The one masculine member is making rings. We wonder who will be the future owner of them?

DORM GRAMS

Willis West was called home last Friday, Feb. 18, by the death of his uncle.

Ray Tuley spent the week-end at home.

Charles Vreeland is at home, sick.

Two Dorm boys like to climb San Luis with three of the popular Poly girls. Three to two is no fair. You better take a chaperone next time.

Ormond White returned from his clam farm in Pismo after an absence of several days.

Rudolph Releh is taking up the graceful art of dancing. Keep it up. We wish we had more like you.

Among our many men training for track, R. Legrand Diefenderfer seems one of the most promising entries for the shot-put and discus.

PASO BEATS POLY

Paso Robles on February 25, Poly lost to Paso Robles High School in both the first and second team games. Score of the first team, Paso 32, Poly 12. Score of the second team game: Paso 26, Poly 9.

After the games the Poly players and rooting section were given a delightful dance. Paso Robles has an excellent waxed floor, a three-piece orchestra and also served delicious fruit punch during the dance. As the dance was allowed to continue until midnight, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Poly's first team line-up: Rightt and Aston, forwards; Van Schlack, center; Sandercock and Lumley, guards. Substitutes were: Brown for Sandercock; Tuley for Lumley.

Poly's second team line-up: Wilson and Newman, forwards; Brown, center; M. Tuley and Troup, guards. Substitutes, Johe for M. Tuley.

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TRACK

The season has had a very good start so far except for the rain, which came through here last week. Practice has been successful even though the field was too wet because the fellows took it upon themselves to run up to the horse-barns every evening.

Coach Gary is anxious to see more men out. He is sure that there is better material in the school somewhere and you who haven't won a letter or star, now have your chance.

The first meet is a tri-county meet at Santa Barbara, April 9. Only a few will attend from Poly, but Coach Gary assures us that they will represent the best of the Student Body.

An all-state meet is planned for June 4 and in the meantime inter-class meets, all-school meets, and a county grammar school meet will be held.

The all-school meet will be open to any one of the Student Body and the student winning the highest number of points for the day will be awarded a prize.

The field is now being graded and the athletic committee wishes to announce that all persons will refrain from making a path across it and walking along the road instead.

BLACK "P's" AWARDED

Col. Ryder, acting by authority of the Athletic Committee awarded block P's and stars to the football men on last Wednesday. He reminded the men that the block P represents three things; first, the school for which it stands; second, the thing striven for and won; third, the expression of confidence from the Student Body and Athletic Committee.

The letters went to Carl Gill, Willis West and Otto Hodel.

Stars for the men who had already won the block P went to Harold Brown, Edmund Burr, Christian Hodel, George Troup, Joe Brown, Ray Tuley, E. Van Schalek and S. Guyton.

POPPIES OF FLANDERS FIELDS

An interesting topic has been furnished to the Polygram by some poppy seeds, received from France, which are to be planted by Mr. Page, our gardener. A local florist, after visiting the battlefields of France, and seeing the blood-red poppies, was touched by an inspiration. To him came a vision of these red poppies of Flanders bloom-

ing in our own land, as a reminder of those who fought to save their country from destruction. If every garden in America might show its bed of these flaming poppies, if every park and roadside in our country could blaze with their scarlet, their beauty might serve as a remembrance of what we and all Europe seem to be forgetting.

Many of the florists in California have received shipments of these seeds and are distributing them free of charge. It is hoped that the flowers will be planted throughout the state to help us remember our boys who sacrificed their lives to save their country. No doubt the students will be interested in the flowers and should not fail to see them if their growth proves successful.

BACHELOR MARSHMALLOW SALAD

Dedicated to Mr. Saunders

Remove the bones from 1 cup of soapuds and beat until stiff. Place tenderly upon a bed of lettuce leaves and make it say its prayers. Conceal it in the refrigerator until morning and serve with imported French dressing. (Watch for our Faculty recipe in each issue of the Polygram.)

MECHANICS NOTES

The Mechanics' pins have arrived. The Ag pins arrived first, but in their haste they chose the first design that came to mind, while the Mechanics designed a pin that was symbolic of the association and that is distinctive. There can be no mistaking them for Ag or Amapola pins.

Last Wednesday some of the fire squad went to the city and brought out the fire engine. The city promised it to us some time ago but we had been unable to get it out here. Mr. Bendel took a team from the school, finally, and went for it. With a little work it can be put into excellent shape, ready for use.

COMING: THE MINSTREL SHOW

The Federal Board students are one bunch of real live fellows and if there is anything to put over— you can leave it to them.

The minstrel show that is to be given March 9 and 10 promises to be full of pep and action. Mr. Moore, who is in charge of the affair, is a man of real dramatic ability. Rehearsals are held every afternoon and evening under his supervision.

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SCHOOL NOTES

On Feb. 17, the Sophomore class held a meeting in room 8 for the purpose of hearing the report of a committee that was appointed some time ago to plan their assembly, which will be given the last Wednesday before the Spring vacation. The class is very quiet about its program and only members of the class know who is on the committee.

Last week Colin Rogers registered at this school as an Engineering-Mechanic student. Before coming here he had been attending the San Luis Obispo High School.

In the Visalia High School News we read the following: "We have a new member in our class, Ray! Otto. His name is Meredith Chat-ten. He hesitated a long time before he would tell me his first name but finally it slipped out. We fear that he is being vamped by Freshman girls. There's your chance, beau-less Sophs and grass-widows."

William Corbin's absence from school last week was occasioned by the death of his grandmother in Los Angeles.

Robert Wilke, a former member of the Class of '21, graduated in the mid-year class from Palo Alto High School.

Locks have been put on the faculty postoffice boxes.

The purpose of the special Ag. meeting held last Wednesday was to decide on the picture for the Journal. The club decided to have a full-page cut.

New library shelves made like the old ones are to be placed along the walls of the library as soon as Alfred Ferrini and Robert McKie finish them. They are working under Mr. Gary in the carpentry shop.

Margaret Dittmas, Marjorie Andrews, Helen Rutherford, Edmund Burr, and Forest Coyner made up a hiking party to the top of San Luis on Washington's birthday.

Nearly all the girls of the Sophomore sewing class are planning their Easter wardrobe, and others are making silk dresses.

At 7:15, the evening of Governor Stephens' visit, Captain Deuel found that on account of the rain, Company A would not be able to form the Governor's escort to the

Elmo, so the band alone marched up and down in front of the theatre and played two numbers at the entrance. The rain did not hinder the Dorm Boys' night out.

This year there have been only two new magazines subscribed to: Harpers, taken in place of the Youth's Companion; and the Elite, taken in place of Pictorial Review. "The System on the Farm" and the "Field Illustrated" have been consolidated and come now under the name of "Field Illustrated, and System on the Farm."

The other important magazines that are worth reading are:

Current Events,
Current Opinion,
Current History,
Independent,
Literary Digest,
Review of Reviews,
Travel,
World's Work,
Musical America,
National Geographic Magazine.

The Junior girls are now taking a course in Home Nursing and Invalid Cookery. Miss Hilton, who is the Federal Board nurse, demonstrated to the girls on Monday morning, showing them how to move a helpless patient, among other things about home nursing.

EX-GOV. THORNE IN ASSEMBLY

Ex-Gov. Thorne of Kentucky greatly pleased the student body by his talk in assembly last Wednesday.

He began by giving the Pig Club that Mr. a Watson had just announced a boost! he said that such movements in Kentucky are backed by the bankers who take great interest in the clubs and lend money to the poor boys who want to enter.

He spoke highly of the advantages California had to offer over the other states with its sunny weather, beautiful mountains and wonderful seacoast with its abalones, fish and clams.

The main point he wished to bring out was the value of an education. According to his view of education, a knowledge of literature is a foundation for the best in life, in this country.

He concluded by heartily urging the students to boost the school, to advertise everything about it whenever there is an opportunity.

Righetti (in Am. Hist.)—"Yes, Cuba is a protectorate of the United States. That is, they belong to the United States, only they don't."

FRESHMEN GIVE A PLAYLET IN ASSEMBLY

The Freshman class entertained the Student Body on February 16 during the regular assembly hour. The program was in honor of Saint Valentine's day and the spirit of the good saint was interestingly reflected.

As an introduction the orchestra played a number, then Faye Rouget followed with a piano solo. Dorothy Miller read an interesting account of the customs and origin of Saint Valentine's day. Then came the event of the morning, a one-act farce entitled "A Fan and a Pair of Candlesticks," that typified the spirit of an old-fashioned valentine party. The three players were Helen Rutherford, Fred Johnson and Allan Mori, taking the parts of a maiden of some years ago and her two suitors.

After another selection by the orchestra, the Freshman boys sang the "Poly Mandalay," thus pleasing the audience. Neil Perry, the class president, presided over the program.

The audience went away feeling that the Freshmen had set quite a standard for class entertainments for the rest of the classes to come up to.

FEDERAL NOTES

Ex-Gov. Thorne of Kentucky gave an interesting talk to the Federal students at their regular assembly, February 18, on the real value of what the government is doing for the boys. His talk, mixed with numerous negro stories, kept the students in almost continual laughter. Mr. Thorne held government offices in Kentucky for thirty years.

Joe Bertelone and Carl DeGroot were injured in an auto accident near Paso Robles Sunday, February 27. Both men were pinned under the overturned machine when their car was struck by another automobile. DeGroot's left shoulder blade was broken and Bertelone received many serious cuts about his head and face. They are staying at Mrs. Hampton's and recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

BASKETBALL

Poly has scheduled a basketball game with Santa Maria for the afternoon of March 5. This will be our first chance to see our team on home grounds. Boost!—Come out!

WANTED—A bungalow by a Senior girl.