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HOMECOMING DAY

Large Attendance is Looked For and An Enjoyable Time Assured.

Homecoming! Hurrah! It's almost here! We're all anxious for it to come! The first one but not the last one!

Next Friday we will see alumni of dear old Poly beginning to come in rejoicing.

We'll walk by Miss Chase's office and see a face that just has that look of Poly on it. We'll hear, "Oh, yes, Jack remember the time you were the honor student; I'll never forget it."

Won't it be grand to see the old Polytes coming back visiting the shops Friday afternoon? They will go in to the various shops: "Oh, yes; I remember that corner; that's where we stood Bill on his head because he played around too much." They will go into the forge shop. We are sure that will bring back numerous memories. How Mr. Figge used to go visiting once in awhile and how off and on during the year somebody would be picked up and thrown full length out of the shop.

There's the Dorm. Oh, how many memories that will recall! The chair fights, broom fights, ducking parties, crawling out of windows, etc. Oh, just lots of things. How they used to hate to get up in the morning when that uncalled for bugler blew first call. Those poor fellows had many, many unpleasant and unreasonable things said about them.

The Ags will recall those days when they used to make butter and, oh, how MUCH fun it was to—well, you know, sort of take advantage once in awhile. We all do it sometimes, so they weren't different from us.

It's too bad they won't all be here when the boys fall in for drill. How often everyone had to count off, had to march back and forth on the athletic field and then marching downtown. That was always enjoyed.

Remember in 1910 when Miss Chase supervised the organizing of the Amapola Club. Say, remember Judith Curtis; she was a real girl.

By the way, remember the Martinsens. They have been taking quite an active part in Poly for several years. Even now there's a Martinsen in attendance.

Oh, remember when Mr. Alder introduced a new brand of perfume in the Dormitory and Miss McElvaney made the remark that, "The odor of sanctity prevails." Others said it was the odor of skunkity. We doubt seriously if it could be any better than Reynolds' hair dope now, though. Find out, Alumni, when you come. You'll know him by the perfume.

Those Hodges! Say, weren't they great! Well, both of them are gone, but we'll see "Fat's" face on the campus Friday anyway, and hope to see his brother, too.

All who took Household Arts will recall the pleasant times and, of course, the many moments, too, of the cooking and sewing labs.

The football game Saturday, how thrilling! Remember those games years ago when we put it over on

POLY HAS LABOR DAY

The entire Polytechnic student body co-operated last Friday, November 7, and put on one of the most successful labor days in the history of the school. The work of the day was under charge of Mr. Knott, with John Carrol as student foreman. The various projects were under the supervision of the members of the surveying class, and some of the things accomplished were the trimming of the palms on the campus, repairing roads, erection of posts to hold a sign in front of the Administration Building, construction of a handball court, grounds around shops and power house cleaned up, housings for water pipe valves constructed, and wood sawed for Dormitory. The appearance of the campus is much improved as a result of the work.

The girls made punch and served it during the morning. At 2:30 p. m. an assembly was held on the lawn in front of the Ad Building, Miss Chase presiding. After some yells, short talks by Mr. Knott, John Carrol, Miss Chase and Frank Murphy, and songs, refreshments were served in the form of ice cream furnished by the faculty and cookies made by the girls.

Poly Pictures Retaken

The motion pictures of the interiors of the shops and Household Arts activities were retaken last week. Mr. Kenney writes that they turned out exceptionally well, and the Poly picture will maintain its schedule as previously planned.

Old Polyites Back

Two former Poly students, Leon and Leonard Erwin, from Parlier, were here on a visit last week. Leon has registered, and will continue his mechanics course at Poly.

Wednesday Assembly

Dr. Crandall called the assembly to order, November 12, and gave a short talk complimenting the manner in which the work of the school had been carried out during his absence. The student announcements were heard, and Mr. Agosti told of the preparations for Homecoming Week, and urged more effort in the selling of tickets for the game.

Mr. Tennant gave a short talk on the Poly motion picture, and announced a ticket selling campaign for the feature, after which Capt. Deuel dismissed the assembly.

Rooting Hats Here

The Green and Orange rooting hats are here, and may be purchased at the store. They have already become quite popular, and are much in evidence on the campus and around town. Every student should procure one of these hats and wear it at rallies and games.

those smarty guys. Thought they could beat us. Just let 'em try it.

We will have the student body behind us; that's a real feeling of satisfaction. They will help us win. That's still the Poly attitude. Our boys are ready to fight and our student body is right there ready to boost them on to victory.

Let's go and see this Homecoming one of Poly's many great successes.

THE HONOR ROLL

The honor roll was quite large this six weeks since it is the first report and everybody must get settled again in the ways of school life. The Senior class was represented by 50 per cent of their class, the Juniors 28 per cent, Sophs 12 per cent, and Freshmen 9 per cent. Those on the honor roll are as follows:

Frosh—H. Brown, R. Boysen.
Sophs—E. Hansen, R. Chandler, G. Isola, V. Mills.
Juniors—E. Anholm, V. Langenbeck, H. Perry, C. Davis, H. Koster.
Seniors—W. Lumley, F. Louis, D. Fulwider, O. Groenveld, W. Miller, B. Martinsen, A. Young, A. Gall, B. Tomasini, R. Mayhall, R. Hills, M. Word, L. Oldham, D. Eveleth.
Post graduates—A. Clements, D. Miller.

Homecoming Program

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

1-4 p. m.—Visiting shops and classes.
7 p. m.—Serpentine in town.
7:30 p. m.—Rally and bonfire on Poly field.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

9 a. m.—2 p. m.—Registration of Alumni at Dormitory. Visiting of grounds, shops, and farm.
10:30 a. m.—Address by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Talbot.
12 m.—1 p. m.—Coffee and lunch in grove.
2 p. m.—Frosh-Soph bag scramble.
2:30 p. m.—First home football game. California Polytechnic vs. Fresno State Teachers College.
7:30 p. m.—Alumni-student banquet.
9-11 p. m.—Alumni ball.

New Songs Tried

A regular Assembly was held in the Assembly Hall Wednesday, November 6th. Miss Chase presided, and read the list of honor roll students for the past six weeks.

Two new songs were practiced and Frank Quinonez led in some snappy yells. Mr. Knott told of the plans for labor day, and Mr. Agosti announced the program for Homecoming Week, after which Capt. Deuel dismissed the Assembly.

Dorm Doings

The old saying, "If at first you don't succeed try, try again," has been proven to be more truth than poetry. After fifteen long years of effort, honest and otherwise, our gallant captain, Walter J. Lumley, Jr., has succeeded in getting on the honor roll. Congratulations, Walter, old boy; we're all glad to know that you can be intelligent if you want to.

Poor Pfeiffer has an awful time getting enough to eat. Last week he was seen at the circus stealing peanuts from the elephants.

Anyone who has not seen Ivan Reynolds' car since its rejuvenescence will never be able to give a real definition for the word beauty. No longer can people laugh at Ivan's automobile. It is now a creation of extreme beauty, and when seen from a distance it looks something like a bathtub on wheels.

JOURNAL STAFF

Last year there was some difficulty in getting material together for the Journal. This difficulty was due to the fact that the staff were not selected until so late that they had no time to do their work.

This year it was decided to get things started a little earlier. For this reason the staff has been selected very early in order to give them a flying start.

The following students were selected as members of the staff:

Editor—Leslie Oldham.
Business manager—Fred Louis.
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Military—Herbert McKeen.
Photography—Walter Lumley.
Athletics—Bob Hills.
Circulation—Belle Tomasini.
Art—Richard Morison.
Jokes—Nells Jepperson.
School Calendar—Dorothy Hoare.
Alumni—Dorothy Miller.
Typist—Fay Davis.

This year they hope to make the Journal a bigger and better one than last year. They will need everyone's support. Walter Lumley has been selected to collect pictures. Please turn all your snaps in to him. Turn them in early. All of you who have cameras, get them to working and get some snaps.

The Dorm Party

Spooks, dummies at the door, fortune telling and lots more were seen, heard and enjoyed at the Dorm party last Saturday night when the Faculty Wives' Club showed the Dorm boys, the Amapola Club and some town girls one of the best times of the year.

The entertainment was well planned so that there wasn't an idle minute to be found. Everybody was doing something all the time.

It really did get kind of spooky when it was dark to have horrid things given to one while somebody was telling a hair raising story. Oh, boy, believe me some of those girls did scream.

Everybody was sorry to find that he had to go home when somebody yelled it's nearing 11 o'clock. We surely had a wonderful time.

In Electrical Department

Several of the electrical students from Mr. Knott's class were busy the other afternoon repairing damages caused by short circuits in the power line to the shops. Both shorts occurred in the conduits near the top of the power poles, and a great deal of difficulty was involved in sawing off the top of the conduit, threading, splicing the heavy wires, and refitting the caps. Fred Louis and Otto Groenveld did the overhead work and they discovered that an electrician's path is not always strewn with roses.

Don Fulwider is superintending an important project in the power house. With the aid of several assistants, he is connecting up the motor-generator set at the power house, and installing a new switch panel for the unit. The outfit consists of a three phase alternating current generator, and a compound direct current generator, both coupled direct to a ten horsepower motor, and makes a very valuable addition to the laboratory equipment.

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HOMEcoming

Homecoming is indeed a word that recalls happy memories. Home, the word that means the most to all of us and the place of which you can always remember happy words and times. Even to the most of us at Poly who are seldom away from home more than six months at a time, homecoming is an event to be looked forward to with impatience. Think of what it must mean to a person who has been from home for years, with what anticipation he must look forward to his return.

Friday and Saturday Poly's first annual homecoming will be held. Let us combine to make these days to be looked forward to throughout the year for both the Alumni and the students. A time to renew old friendships and talk over old times. Let us make Poly not only a home of learning but also a home of real friends and good pals.

Poly is but recovering from the setback she received two years ago in the budget. The Alumni certainly gave her loyal support then and has done so ever since. Homecoming day will give everyone an opportunity to get together to talk things over and will also help keep Poly fresh in the memories of her graduates.

If everyone will help make this first day a success, the succeeding homecoming days in the future are certain to be glorious reunions of Poly's Alumni.

Poly Chatter

In the olden days a pirate took what he wanted. He took his cutlass and went forth taking all before him. How things have changed; we now have a pirate who usually gets what he wants though he usually asks for it. Once he wanted to take a young lady to a party; if he had been a real pirate he would have taken her; as it was, he asked her to go. The answer was, "I don't think that Stewart would let me."

While ghost stories were being told at the Dorm party some of the boys forgot that they were in front of windows and that their shadows were very plainly silhouetted against the skyline.

Prescott is wondering whether he will have to pay fifty or seventy-five cents for the next game.

Jep was very ill at ease Sunday night. Two of his very good friends double-crossed him and played a dirty trick on him. Of course, it was all over a girl.

Let's all get behind the team and the athletic managers and make our next game a big success in more ways than one. A team can always play better in front of a large audience. Boost your team.

Pfeiffer and Cavanaugh stage a wrestling bout every time they meet. It certainly is a shame that Cavanaugh is such a bully; it is almost as bad as when Fred Louis picks on White.

Why is it that Lumley is so interested in getting a football game with King City? Perhaps Walter does not get enough exercise—at night.

Fulwider is an efficiency expert. He does no more than he has to.

It is very strange when a man not even registered at school comes out
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Supervised Project Work in Agricultural Education

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One of the chief aims of supervised project work in agricultural education is to insure the first-hand knowledge of the student with that phase of farming in which he is being prepared to engage. Our forefathers secured this first-hand knowledge by the apprenticeship or indenture system. However, project work on the boy's home farm will accomplish, in a large measure, the desirable results of apprenticeship training. At the same time it provides large opportunities for teaching and learning than apprenticeship usually afforded.

Both the school and the farm have their particular functions to perform in efficient agricultural education. The proper mental habits, skills and abilities may be better fostered in the school environment, but unquestionably the development of the corresponding physical attributes can be better accomplished on the farm.

The slogan "Earn and Learn" has been in use for several years. If we think of project work in terms of farming perhaps we may measure the results in financial terms. For instance, last year 908 boys completed projects in poultry with an average of 88 birds per pupil, with a total return of \$55,800, or approximately \$61 per pupil and almost \$1.00 per bird.

In addition to immediate returns, agricultural education, in common with all education, has its culture, its vision and its mental discipline. This has been recognized both by the State Board of Education and by our conservative educational institution, the State University. The former has agreed that the vocational program meets their requirements for high school graduation, besides giving training which prepares the student for actual participation in farming. The State University accepts the vocationally-trained boy or girl on a par with high school graduates. This proves that the vocationally-trained students, in addition to training for their life work, have acquired the necessary background to pursue higher education if they so desire.

We assume this project-training to begin in adolescence, when the boy is looking back on childhood and forward to manhood. The toys of earlier life are discarded for man-size tools and equipment. The old "coaster" with its makeshift steering-gear is put away for the Ford "speedster." His make-believe play and the impersonation of heroic characters give way to the realities of life. It is the beginning of a constructive period when the urge of wholehearted, purposeful activity and self-expression becomes dominant in his life. Such is the fertile soil in which projects and practical work thrive. Such are the rich opportunities which we are utilizing for agricultural education.

Agricultural projects furnish motives for study and learning because, with most farm boys, the desire to earn, produce, manage and control overcomes distaste for concentrated mental effort. This is incident to success in all practical ventures. Learning is always facilitated by having a definite objective in view, which the boy understands and appreciates. Such learning is conducted in the natural setting of the home project. The home project puts together those elements in learning that naturally go together in doing.

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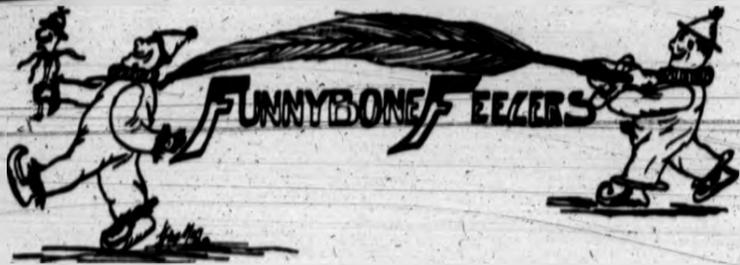
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Belle: "I like dumbbells to put color in my cheeks."

Ruth: "I put color in my cheeks to get a dumbbell I like."

Wilma Rougeot says that she saw a flock of Poland-China turkeys as she was journeying to San Luis Obispo, but Fay said that she was mistaken as they were Airedales.

Allen Stafford: "What time should I come?"

Dorothy P.: "Come after supper."

Allen: "That's what I'm coming after."

Marty: "Can you cook and sew and sweep and keep house and—"

Alta (expectantly): "Yes, yes."

Marty: "Well, when we are married it ought to be easy for you to find work."

Mr. Agosti: "We will now have a test."

Avery: "Acid or base?"

Last year Verdi Mills paid \$7.00 for a pig and kept him till now, and the feed has cost him \$10.00 more, but when he sold the pig for only \$8.00 he reconciled himself by the thought that he had had the use of the pig for some twelve months.

Sullivan: "You gave me an awful nasty look."

Hills: "You have a nasty look, but nature has saved me the responsibility of giving it to you."

Writing numbers on the back of the telephone book seems to be common practice at the Dorm. The other night Jepperson called up Rae Mayhall and made a date for Friday night. Now he must explain to Floretta.

Poly is surely the school to help you along the road to success. Summers writes us that he learned to make alcohol from Mr. Agosti.

Miss Chase: "Have you a fever, Ellen? Your cheeks are flushed."

Ellen: "No, I dressed in the dark this morning."

Capt. Deuel: "You are not at home as much as you used to be."

Leslie: "You are mistaken, I have been at the Dorm for the last two nights."

Capt. Deuel: "When I said home, I did not mean the Dorm."

Mr. Morison: "Have you taken physics?"

Dick: "No, sir; but this is the third time I have been exposed."

Darrel Wimmer: "You haven't seen your girl for a week."

Lumley: "Oh, I sprained my wrist eight days ago, so what's the use."

Don: "Have you never met a man whose touch seemed to thrill every fiber of your being?"

Margaret: "Oh, yes, once—the dentist."

It's better to be a dead hero than a living coward so we all say. Johnny says that it would be better to be on the bench than under it next Saturday, however.

Innocent Pupil (to Mr. Agosti): "Why is it that when two people are walking in the moonlight there is only one shadow?"

Dick: "Are you ill; you act so funny."

Ivan: "The whole world has turned against me. I am going to dash my brains against my pillow and go to sleep."

Last Friday Allen Stafford ran a palm needle in his knee and now he is not out for football practice. Leslie Oldham was not so fortunate as he had his back turned and now he eats off a mantel piece.

M. Elder: "Do you believe that all Aes are dumbbells?"

Dr. Crandall: "No, there are exceptions to every rule."

Doctor Wilder spent a bad evening when the windmill tower caught fire and as Langenbeck had locked Otto in before he had, so he wouldn't stray, and if the tank had not leaked, Poly would have had a military funeral.

Rae Mayhall has been coming to school lately with mud behind her ears. Young's car has no fenders.

Walter Lumley came home rather late one evening and discovered that he had had visitors in his absence. By the assortment he found, in his bed, we would judge that the visitor was a garage man.

Hills: "Have you a car?"

Babcock: "No, but Ellen has."

Two Polyites went down to San Luis town

And drove up the great white way. They parked their car on a tall lamp post,

And then there was a bill to pay.

Mr. Knott: "Whatever you may do, don't forget the best."

Gingg: "I didn't. The last time I was at electric shop I took the best pair of pliers down there."

Mr. Agosti: "Why are you looking at your sweater so much?"

Johnny: "I'm trying to figure out where I will put my new football star."

Mr. Agosti (in physics lab.): "There is only three men that understand this new theory and as I have plenty of time to do so I will explain it to you."

Mr. Agosti and Mr. Perozzi went hunting the other day. Mr. Agosti says that their effort should get a grade of 1 but their accomplishment was decidedly unsatisfactory.

Hald has a new book for sale. It is entitled, "Why Boys Write Home." Anyone who buys anything in the Co-op store can tell you that without half trying.

Dorothy: "You are not the same as you used to be."

Allen: "I know it, I cut my lip the other day."

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HOMECOMING GAME

The big Homecoming game will be witnessed next Saturday afternoon on Polytechnic field when we will see the Green and Gold playing the first game it has played at home this season. It will be the hardest game in the conference for Poly this season. The Fresno State Teachers tied for first place in the Conference last year by winning all of its Conference games. Their institution represents an enrollment of about 800.

The Bulldogs will come to San Luis with a reputation, but that is not bothering Poly in the least. Coach Agosti has been hard at work with the football squad in perfecting some new plays and the squad is showing increased improvement in the last two weeks. Poly intends to show some real football at this game which will be well worth seeing.

According to the dope on paper, the Fresno aggregation should come through the game with the long end of the tally. But in a great many cases the dopster does not figure correctly, which is shown in the way the dope is being upset in the Pacific Coast Conference games this season.

Lots of school pep will precede this game. On the night before the game all Polyites will serpentine through the streets downtown. After this demonstration we will proceed to the Polytechnic field where a big bonfire rally will be held. On the day of the game the Frosh and Sophs will entertain on the football field at 2 p. m. And the whistle will start the football game at 2:30 p. m.

Polytechnic Loses to Bakersfield Jr. College

Friday before last the Poly football team came out on the short side of the score, 21-3, with the heavy Junior College team at Bakersfield.

The Green and Gold football squad left for Bakersfield Thursday morning in automobiles from the Dormitory. Lunch was eaten at Wasco and after lunch Coach Agosti secured permission to use the high school's soccer field for signal practice, which we needed very much because of the meager practice the squad had that week. After the boys took a shower, a clothes dressing race was held to see who would entertain with a game of hot hand. For more details ask Allen Stafford about his cave man act.

The fleet arrived in Bakersfield just in time to see the Bakersfield High School squad at football practice. They have a turf field fully enclosed and at the entrance is a large concrete bleachers. Under these bleachers are dressing rooms and shower rooms. This high class equipment is rather unusual for a high school in a small town.

The boys went to bed early that night so as to be fresh for the fray the next day. The next morning was spent in looking the town over and visiting. The game started at 8 p. m. on Griffith field, which is the high school's field.

In the first quarter Poly was going good. They were all playing hard and had good team work. As a result the Green and Gold scored first when Captain Martinsen made a place kick between the goal posts from the 20-yard line. After this Poly let down and in the second quarter Bakersfield made their first score by bucking the ball down the field for a touchdown with their heavy backs. Then they converted for the extra point.

In the first of the final period a little punting duel ensued. White was handicapped here because of his badly worn shoes. The opponents intercepted one of Poly's passes on the 20-yard line and ran for a touchdown. They made their conversion. In the

first part of the last quarter Bakersfield scored another touchdown and kicked the goal. Poly tightened up a little now, but it was too late. Lumley intercepted a pass and was going for a touchdown when the referee blew his whistle and declared the progress of the ball had been stopped. A little later Lumley snatched the ball from one of the Bakersfield players and was again going for a touchdown when the referee again declared the progress of the ball had been stopped.

Five different times during the course of the game Poly took the ball from Bakersfield on fumbles. Reed's blocking was missed in the second half as he was put out with a hurt hip. Carrol's presence on the left wing was felt, as we missed him in the Modesto game. He was out of the Modesto game due to injuries sustained in the Stanford game. Eveleth's tackling was the best yet. He stopped the opponents a number of times with neat tackling.

The college girls had planned to entertain the Poly athletes that evening if we intended to stay. But since we did not intend to stay they did not carry their plans through.

Poly Chatter

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for football and fellows who have nothing whatever to do in the afternoon can't find time to come out. A fellow must be registered ten days and in this case the man could not play in our next game, but he comes out. This shows real spirit for old Poly.

Walter Lumley: "My shoulder pad is wrecked."
Pfeiffer: "Did you hurt your head?"

Mr. Peteler is being annoyed by students asking him about his gardening at Napa.

Walter Lumley is on the honor roll at last. This proves that anyone can succeed if he works hard enough. This does not necessarily mean that Walter has worked hard, but then he is on the honor roll and wondering whether his father can stand the shock or not.

The Sophomores have been very busy of late. A Freshman "popped off" a little too much and caused the sleepy Sophs to wake up and give him a much needed bath.

The biology class has been seen out running about the campus with a flag on the end of a stick. What are the students doing, practicing wig-wagging?

While eating apples Wednesday night Avery swallowed a worm.

The star of the Company B team has been out to practice two or three times. He is good and admits it.

Wilbur Miller parts his hair on one side in front and on the other side in the back. This is so that a person can't tell whether he is going or coming.

Jack Babcock wrapped his head up in a sheet labor day. Whether this was to appear as a sheik or to keep the perspiration out of his eyes is what people are wondering. Chester Davis says that he did not get warm enough to perspire.

When Capt. Deuel reprimanded some noisy Freshman for racket in the study hall upon the grounds that someone might care to study, a unanimous petition was handed the captain requesting him to go outside whenever he felt inclined to do that before-mentioned thing.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

That sounds peculiar, doesn't it? One can't imagine the girls having athletics in Poly without a teacher. Well, they intend to.

Every fifth period the girls may be seen playing either tennis or handball. More than likely they won't have any interschool games, but some time in November or the first part of December they intend to have tournaments.

The other day some of us saw what the girls could do when they showed some classy style in handball. Of course, they had help, but then good playing was shown by both girls, too. There are other girls who play just as good if not better than those who played Friday, so expect some exciting games.

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