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CHRISTMAS VACATION

"One more day before Christmas vacation, and then we can go home for a whole month and won't have to study nor do anything that we don't want to do." This can be heard most anywhere on the campus. Everybody is beginning to get anxious. "Home, sweet home" is the main subject being discussed.

When we get home we will enjoy life just like we did last year and the year before—well, just like we always have done.

Mother will greet us and our little sisters and brothers so glad to see us back will come running out with a warm welcome to meet us.

If we live in the country, we will go horseback riding and we'll go to those good old country dances we love so well. If we live in town, well, there are many other amusements which we may participate in.

Maybe some will have to work; that's not so bad, though, when one really looks at it right. For money is a necessary piece of property, especially when there is a good show or something in town and there is a girl which must go too. Oh, yes, and then, too, that money is very handy when it comes to buying Christmas presents. It seems that the boys—some of them—are worrying a great deal about what girls like. That's a strange thing to be wondering about. Many of us are very interested in the whys and wherefores. Of course, we can't guess. Nobody could.

Christmas Day! Turkey and everything that goes with it. It surely will be good because mother is a wonderful cook. She always makes everything taste so good.

New Year's dinner will be another feed we'll enjoy and get a stomach ache over too.

Then we shall come back to school with new enthusiasm ready to play the game square and do better than ever before.

Open Air Assembly

The regular assembly Wednesday, November 20, was held in front of the Administration Building. Dr. Crandall presiding.

Dr. Crandall spoke a few words, urging more of the student body to join the Glee Club. He announced that band practice would be started, under a competent leader, Mr. Smith, and suggested that all students who play instruments, join.

He reminded the students of the real meaning of Thanksgiving, and extended his best wishes to the student body for a pleasant vacation, after which he dismissed the assembly.

Student Has Accident

Kenneth McIntire is recovering from minor injuries which he received in an auto accident recently. Mack was driving homeward along Palm Drive after school one day last week, when, to avoid colliding with another car he was obliged to swerve off the highway. His car skidded and ran into a concrete culvert and overturned. The car was almost completely demolished, but the driver escaped with only a few cuts and bruises.

Pea Projects

Verdi Mills and George Elliot are planting peas for their projects, and from the weather conditions so far, good crops are expected.

CREAMERY OPERATING

The agricultural students have been glad to see the creamery, which has been idle for several years, placed in operation again. It is being operated for the manufacture of butter by the Harmony Valley Creamery Association, under charge of Mr. Carl Hansen. The old equipment, including the refrigerating plant, has been completely overhauled and repaired and a steam boiler and two electric motors installed. Cream is being brought in by auto truck from as far as San Miguel, and the Association expects soon to be making cheese as well as butter. Several students have found employment in the creamery, and plans are under way to give instruction to the students in creamery work next semester.

Several of the Agricultural students are getting up at 5:30 every morning to wrap butter.

Verdi Mills, Chester Hayden, Claude Voile and Carrol Cavanaugh are the wrappers.

The job furnishes a source of money for the students and at the same time teaching them the trade.

Poly's Thanksgiving

Judging from remarks still heard about the campus, Thanksgiving Day at Poly was one long to be remembered and the twenty or more boys who could not go home this year found a real "home day" for themselves at the Dining Hall.

The long table set for forty fairly groaned with good things prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and the "eats" included four fat turkeys and all the fixin's from sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce to plum pudding and cream mints.

Faculty members present were Prof. and Mrs. Knott, Mr. Tennant with his two sons, Dr. and Mrs. Crandall and their two house guests, Mrs. Thode from Wyoming and Miss Comstock from State College Santa Barbara.

These all shared in decorating tables with fruit, flowers and berries. Place cards with puzzling conundrums on back were found at the places.

Mr. Tennant made a fine toastmaster and dinner courses were interspersed with song and talks.

Each guest was given opportunity to tell one thing for which he was thankful. Everyone responded and the variety of answers given was most interesting.

Those present had come to California from 13 states and one foreign country.

The Dorm boys, led by Avery Clements, put on a very successful skit, "A Thanksgiving Tragedy," which proved almost too real for a few minutes, but was well done.

Altogether it was a most successful Thanksgiving party.

Member of Faculty Ill

Dr. Wilder has been seriously ill for the past few days, and is now in the San Luis Sanitarium. His condition is improving very slowly, but it is hoped that he will be able to return to school in a short time.

Regular Faculty Meetings

The members of the faculty have begun having regular meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the purpose of discussing the various problems of the school.

MAH JONGG PARTY

Dr. and Mrs. Crandall gave a Mah Jongg party Saturday evening, Nov. 20, in honor of their guests, Mrs. Thade of Wyoming and Miss Edith Comstock of Santa Barbara. Later in the evening much amusement was afforded by the stunts pulled in redeeming the forfeits from a game of "spin the platter," after which refreshments were served.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. Thade, Misses Edith Comstock, Margaret Word, Rae Mayhall, Alta Mayhall, Esther Murphy and Avery Clements, Ellsworth Hald, Donald Eveleth, Alfred Young, John Traylor and Birger Martinsen.

Ag Clubs

Ag clubs in the various parts of the country have done a great deal for vocational education. These clubs have helped students attending both high schools and grammar schools. By the use of publications from the various organizations such as the University Extension division, first-hand information reaches the students as soon as it is available.

All clubs have a leader who is older and more experienced than the members. His duty is to see that the members do as the leader suggests and in this way the young fellows get the benefit of an older man's experience. Kern county high school has a very large and powerful Ag Club. This club has been doing business for several years and is one of the largest factors in pure-bred livestock breeding in Kern county. The hogs which this organization owns have taken the honors at both county and state fairs. Some of the hogs belonging to the C. P. S. Junior Farm Center were bought from this Bakersfield organization. This club also has purebred cattle. These they put on the market and have a permanent revenue coming into the club. Our own farm center does not have any cattle yet, but then Poly's club has not been organized very long.

Petaluma had the first Junior Farm Center in the state, but now several schools have followed the example set by this school.

All of the other schools have organized on a profit sharing basis and Poly will soon have one. Our hogs, projects and other sources of revenue are all helping boys taking the agricultural course so it will only be a matter of time until Poly has the largest Junior Farm Center in the state.

Assembly Dec. 10

The concluding assembly of 1924 was held yesterday in assembly hall.

After the announcements Dr. Crandall introduced Dr. Loveall who presented to the Battalion a complimentary cup in acknowledgment of the help the boys have rendered in the parades.

Six Block P's were given out. There were eight stars given to old members.

Dr. Crandall announced those who were to go to the convention at Astromar. Two from the Junior and Senior classes respectively. Don Eveleth and Leslie Oldham seniors; Vernon Langenbeck and Chester Davis Juniors. Don Fuiwider and Birger Martinsen are to take the places of any who are unable to go.

After the school song was sung the assembly adjourned.

ASSEMBLY DEC. 3

A regular assembly was held in the assembly hall Wednesday, December 3, with Dr. Crandall presiding.

The announcements were heard, after which Mr. Agosti spoke a few words on basketball, encouraging a larger turn-out for the team. Dr. Crandall announced that the Christmas vacation would probably begin December 12.

The feature of the morning was Dr. McCaughy, an executive of the Boys Scouts organization. Dr. McCaughy gave an interesting talk on vocational and technical training as applied to all modern walks of life, and urged training for Boy Scout executive work. He emphasized the need of technical education for anyone to keep up with the progress of modern civilization, and voiced his approval of the work being carried on here. Dr. McCaughy also complimented the reputation and tradition which the California Polytechnic School has throughout the state.

Faculty Goes to Institute

The California Teachers Association and Institutes will be held during the week of Dec. 15-19 in Oakland, Santa Cruz and Los Angeles. The Hon. Will C. Wood, state superintendent, has granted the Polytechnic School this week off the same as the public schools in these territories in order that the faculty may attend any one of these professional gatherings where they can secure the most benefit for carrying on the work of their departments here in Polytechnic.

Apiculture at C. P. S.

Our honorable friend, John Ivan, has started a project which he says will beat them all. He says it is not a job, but a position. Saturday afternoon John Pfeiffer, Donald Eveleth, Alfred Young, Prescott Reed and Bill Lee made a trip down the highway in the school Buick in search of bees. The first stop was made at Mr. Porter's ranch where John Ivan conversed considerably and came away quite contented. The party then journeyed on to See Canyon where they interviewed another apiary which was in poor condition from American Foul Brood which is the greatest drawback in this section, as the only way to get rid of it is to melt the wax and burn the unmeltable substance. The European Foul Brood may be fought by introducing new queens which are guaranteed to be free from the disease.

The party had a most enjoyable time except that we lost Alfred Young at the cemetery on the way home. All agree that Don is a good chauffeur, but we wish he would stop to open gates.

John Ivan is taking over the bee equipment belonging to the school and will get his supplies from the A. I. Root Bee Keepers Supply Co. of Los Angeles. John Ivan will do a great deal of study at his home where he will have access to one of the best libraries owned by any individual in the state. His friend has one of the best equipments for handling honey on the Pacific coast.

The site of John's apiary is at the foot of the sagebrush hill northeast of the old horse barn. He will have four or five colonies shortly after the Christmas holidays. He figures on large profits and little work.

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BASKETBALL

Poly's basketball season began last week. With the proper support by the student body this should be one of our most successful years. As basketball season is just beginning it might be well to say a few words about the origin and development of the game.

Basketball, unlike many of our other sports, which have been handed down to us from the ancients, is a modern game. It was invented in 1891 by James Naismith. At the time he was an instructor in a gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association at Springfield, Mass.

The winters in the East are so rigorous that few games may be played outdoors. In the West even without basketball we could play at some sport without the weather's interfering greatly. The problem confronting Naismith was to fill in the time between football season and the time the snow was off the ground for baseball. The gymnasium would not be entirely a success unless this time could be occupied with some sport as the men lost interest in the work and also got out of condition during this slack period.

He decided that some game must be found that would keep up the fellows' interest and that could be played indoors. As this was before the day of indoor football fields, the court or playing field of this game to be devised must be considerably smaller than that occupied by a football field or a baseball diamond. The game, also, must have sufficient action or the men would not care enough about it to pay for the initial cost of installing whatever equipment was necessary for the playing. Neither could it be too rough or violent as it must be played indoors.

Basketball was the result. After many hours labor Naismith evolved the idea and many of the rules. A great many more rules were added, however, after the game had been played a little as difficulties arose that were unforeseen by the inventor.

The rise to popularity of basketball was rapid. It soon became one of the most popular games and was soon a national game. Even girls began playing, necessitating a change in rules to make it less strenuous for them. In fact, its very popularity surprised Naismith who had intended it merely as a substitute for the already popular games that could not be played during the winter. Now basketball is played in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and several other countries.

It has developed into a more scientific game since its origin thirty-three years ago. Now signals are used and also plays, not as much of course as in football, but enough to make the team a team and not five individuals striving to win a game from five other individuals.

If you care to see good clean fast games of basketball played by a fine team come to Poly's games at the Winter Garden and watch them.

We have had quite a time the last few years getting sufficient funds to keep up Poly's athletics and it is the duty of every student to attend every game and bring as many friends as possible. I tell you it makes a team feel fine and ready to fight to the last minute when its members know the student body is with them heart and soul. If you can't come out for the team and give them your physical support be sure to attend all the games and lend them your moral support—and vocal.

The pay phone in the Dormitory is causing lots of unfavorable comment. This will maybe cause a few of the fellows some inconvenience, but now rather than spend a nickel they'll go to see the other party.

POLY CHATTER

The radicals in the Dormitory are doing very well. Soon it will be so an officer must ask permission to correct or reprimand a private.

Claude Volle's father says that he saves a hundred dollars per month by not having to board Claude at home.

The Sophs should wake up and keep Freshmen at the games. At the Fresno game a certain Pismo sheik was riding around while Poly's team was fighting a losing fight.

Don Fulwider never had a barber shave him, so he cut his hand just to experience the delightful sensations of buying a shave.

At the Santa Barbara-Poly game the rooting of the few girls present was wonderful. If the rest of the girls and a few of the boys had been in the rooting section, the volume would have been increased. It is gratifying to see a few who will obey orders and show some Poly spirit.

"Oswald" Hand has been limping about a great deal of late. Is this just an excuse to keep from wearing a uniform?

Frank Quinones has taken to passing out cigars. He is very generous, too, as they are very expensive cigars.

John Traylor has imported his fast saddle horse and is now going to show Dynamite some speed.

Lumley went calling the other night, but took a cross-word puzzle along with him. She said that he was very companionable.

One afternoon recently the Freshmen became playful and rolled on the lawn while the sprinklers were on. To make it seem more like playing on the beach, they removed their shoes. These they found roosting in the tunnel, treetops and in other unheard of places.

Fulwider has been putting a two-cent stamp on letters that only require one cent. He is out about four-bits.

In the last "Polygram" it stated that many of us would remember Parker Talbot of seven years ago. Lumley does not remember the gentleman, but then Lumley has a very poor memory.

Doc Clements saved the life of Dr. Crandall at the Thanksgiving dinner at the mess hall. The history class gives its sincere thanks to Clements.

Last year it was voted in assembly for every student to belong to the class that he had credits for. Why don't some of the students attend the right class meetings?

McKeen stated in English that he had never been embarrassed. He must have lots of nerve and a thick hide.

Some of the Freshmen of this school are altogether too set in their ways and are always saying things that are very bad when said by Freshmen. "Children should be seen and not heard." The less seen the better.

Is Poly's basketball season going to be more successful than her football season? This is the question that bothers us every year. If more fellows come out and every student buys a ticket and sells several, a bigger and better schedule will be had next year in all of our athletics. Let's everyone boost the team.

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Miss Jordan (in algebra): "Class, this is the worst recitation I have ever heard, and I've done half of it myself."

Miss Chase (in English): "Someone give me the longest sentence he possibly can."
Voice: "Life imprisonment."

Mr. Peteler: "This is the third time you have looked at Belle's examination paper."
Bill T.: "I know it, I can't read her writing."

If "saving the surface saves all" the modern American girl must be in a wonderful state of preservation.

The shingle-bob probably got its name because it is so near wood.

Marty: "When do you expect to graduate?"
Walter: "Every year."

Walter: "Tea, milk or coffee?"
Jimmy W.: "How many guesses do I get?"

(Scene: Al Young buying a pair of shoes.)

Clerk: "What size shoe do you want?"

Al: "My size is seven, but I take an eight and a nine feels so good I always wear a ten."

First Outing Club Member: "Which way shall we hike?"

Second Member: "There's more free rides down this road."

Leo (at dance): "I could dance like this forever."

Ruth: "Oh no, you're bound to improve."

Minister: "My boy, do you ever attend a place of worship?"

Herbert: "Yes, sir. I'm on my way to see her now."

"I sang 'What'll I Do' to Margaret last night."

"Well?"

"Oh, she started in on 'Kiss Me Again'."

Earl: "You're as fussy as a Ford."

Wilbur: "At least I don't go with a crank."

Chester: "Your a regular brick."

Wilbur: "That's no excuse to walk all over me."

Dorothy P.: "A penny for your thoughts, Allen."

Allen: "I was thinking of going home"

Her dad at the top of stairs: "Give him a dollar. It's worth it."

Love may make the world go round, but so does a sock on the jaw.

Jack: "When are you going to let me kiss you?"

Ruth: "Come around on Friday. That's amateur night."

Dr. Crandall: "Do you know anything about Samuel Gompers?"

Fresh: "I've only been here a short while and know hardly anyone."

Mr. Peteler: "Were you copying his work?"

Bill Lee: "Oh, no sir. I was only looking to see if he had mine right."

Fresh: "Don't yell Hey!! at me! I'm no horse."

Weary Buph: "Yeah, I know it, your ears are too long."

Traver: "No woman will ever marry me for my money."

Lumley: "I haven't any either."

Miss Chase: "In writing stories, you should write so that the most ignorant can understand you."

Avary: "Yes ma'am. What part of it don't you get?"

What is wrong with Babcock? Elder took Belle home from the dance Saturday night.

Mr. Agosti: "My daughter is quite a musician."

Captain: "What instrument does she play?"

Mr. Agosti: "She plays on the linoleum."

She (just introduced): "Somehow you seem familiar."

He: "Good heavens; I haven't started yet."

He: "How long is it since you were here last?"

She: "Three husbands ago."

Marty: "Let's sit out this dance, I have a game knee."

She: "Well—er—how game is it?"

Oil Boat Captain (who had just fallen overboard): "Yell, you dumb-bell; can't you see that I am drowning?"

Marty: "Certainly! Captain! Rah! Rah! Rah! Captain."

Optician: "Now, tell me the letters on the first line."

Griffin: "Where is the line?"

Hills: "You nearly hit my girl in the face."

Babcock: "Allright, you can return the compliment."

She: "You look dreadfully cold over there."

C. E. Miller (in corner of auto): "I am."

She: "Well, bend over here and I will turn up your collar."

Fulwider: "I believe a fellow should give his girl plenty of rope."

W. Miller: "That's what I did, and she skipped."

He: "Was it you I kissed at Wilma's party?"

She: "About what time was it?"

He: "Who is that fellow that stares at you so hard when you dance with me?"

She: "That's the chap that brought me to the dance."

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Conference Championship

Last Saturday saw the Chico State Teachers emerge with the "State Football Championship" of the junior colleges. Chico put out a heavy team this year and won over the powerful Fresno aggregation by a 16 to 0 score. The Fresno outfit was doped to win as they had beat the College of the Pacific 12 to 0 while Chico only beat the Tigers 7 to 0. Later on in the season the Bulldogs' position was strengthened more so by defeating the San Diego State Teachers, champions of the southern part of the state. The border college put out a strong team this year for they ran up big scores on most of their opponents and defeated teams such as U. C. Southern Branch and Redlands University.

In our own central conference Fresno State took first place with the Modesto Junior College a close second.

Dorm Doings

There have been so many new additions made to the Dormitory in the last two weeks that it makes a person dizzy to keep track of all of them. The first addition, and by far the most used, is the pool table. Captain Deuel and Mr. Perossi made the old billiard table over into a pool table and they certainly should be commended for the good job they did. The members of the Dorm Club are delighted with this table, not only for the fun they get out of it, but because of the fact that it doesn't cost anything to lose. If a fellow can learn nothing else at "Poly" he can learn to be an accomplished pool player.

Another new addition is a nice brand new telephone. One of that kind where it costs you a nickle to get the wrong number, and then you have to drop in twenty-five cents more before you can get central to listen long enough so that you can tell her about it. Some of the fellows thought it was a slot machine and they made an awful fuss when after dropping in a nickle they didn't even get any chewing gum. The boys are real proud of their telephone and they take great care not to use it for fear that they might scratch the paint.

Last but by far not least, among our new additions is Les Oldham's canary bird. It is a beautiful little bird and it has a wonderfully sweet voice. Marty says that the bird makes a fine alarm clock.

Some people have been known to say that there is nothing at "Poly" that makes a fellow want to stay there, but they are all wrong. After a boy has been here for a few months he cultivates a love for the school that it is utterly impossible to stamp out. This great love got such a strong hold on the heart of Jack Babcock that he was unable to spend the whole of his Thanksgiving vacation at home so he returned a day ahead of time. Jack says that the reason he returned early is due to the fact that he had forgotten his chemistry book and came back so that he could study.

The newest member of the Dorm Club is John Traylor from Santa Ana. Most fellows bring a car with them when they come to school, but Traylor has a horse instead of a car.

Agricultural Projects

The Ags are not dead, as one would be led to believe from the lack of activity of recent times.

Since the noodle feed in the grove, several projects and other means of instruction and financial gain have been developed.

First, the C. P. S. Junior Farm Center has acted as a unit and bought some of the very best hogs that could be purchased. Tulare Boy, the champion of Kern County, is now the property of the C. P. S. Farm Center. Several very excellent brood sows were also bought by the Farm Center; these in turn were resold to individuals for project work. Some of the boys have bought other sows from various sources and are now anticipating the returns from the steadily increasing price of pork. With the creamery soon to be operating and the abundance of butter-milk, the feeder hogs purchased by many of the boys will net some very substantial returns.

A county dairy testing association has been organized and every week several of the boys will go out and test different herds. This will be of both instructional and financial benefit to the student. He studies various ways of dairying and learn much of the industry from the practical side. He meets many kinds of people and in this way it is beneficial from the association the student has. This is not by any means a one-sided bargain. At minimum cost the dairyman gets a thorough test of his herd and in this way picks his "star boarders" and culls his herd.

The school is also benefitted by the the students going out. Any student who goes out on a project of this kind is a walking advertisement of the school. He talks to the men, women and boys and girls who are interested in school and Poly. If the student leaves a good impression, Poly is benefitted and probably new students will come here to school.

Some of the boys have projects of another sort. They are planting crops of many kinds. Grains, vegetables and nursery crops are among the ones that are being grown. Any student that wants a land project gets the land, machinery and horses. Arrangements are made for the seeds, and the labor is done by the student himself.

Butchering is another means of instruction, as several of the students spend most of their extra time butchering cattle, sheep and hogs. This butchering furnishes instruction to the students and cheap meat to the cafeteria.

In the project method the practical side is not overlooked. The student draws a lease for his land etc. This gives him a knowledge of business. His crops, animals and anything else that he may have for sale have to be marketed. The methods of marketing and selling are then studied out.

By the project method that often-heard phrase becomes a fact—"Earn while you Learn."

Boys Take Auto Trip

Ivan Reynolds and James Warford motored to Maricopa last week-end to visit friends. They returned Sunday night.

AUSTIN'S

We have just received some specially packed fruits of different varieties from Fresno.

Basketball Practice Started

The Poly cage squad swung into the season's first practice last week. Arrangements were made to use the Winter Garden dance floor for practice this season. Although this is not at all as convenient as having a gymnasium floor of our own to practice on, it is very much better than practicing on the ground of the outdoor court. Sixteen men reported for practice the first night. We have only one letter man back this year. He is the captain of the team, Walter Lumley. Around him Coach Agosti must build a new team. The material for a team this year looks pretty good. For one good thing the team will have more competition in town this year than before. So far three teams in town have been heard of—the San Luis High School, the San Luis Athletic Club, and the Hi-Y Club.

As far as can be ascertained at the present, the Poly hoopsters will meet the following teams this season: Santa Maria Junior College, Santa Barbara State Teachers College, Fresno State Teachers College, Modesto Junior College, Santa Maria Legion, Paso Robles Alumni, and Arroyo Grande High School.

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