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## The Honor Roll

The honor roll announced in the last assembly before Christmas showed several new names and we hope that these and many more will be on the next list. The students making the honor roll for the last six weeks are as follows: F. Alba, E. Anderson, E. Anholm, L. Brazil, R. Boyesen, Y. Bickford, R. Bell, J. Babcock, C. Davis, T. Fiscalini, W. Frederickson, B. Gowman, A. Hankerson, Y. Hughston, M. Hughes, E. Johnson, H. Koster, K. Kraemes, V. Langenbeck, W. Lee, G. Leonard, F. Louis, J. Marsail, R. Mayhall, K. McDermott, M. McDermott, H. Miller, W. Miller, H. Perry, J. Pfeiffer, N. Pickard, G. Sparks, R. Steiner, G. Sterling, L. Sterling, W. Stout, F. Tardif, E. M. Truesdale, S. Wade, B. Welsher, J. Simpson.

## More Advertising

The Print Shop is working on another big advertising job that it is hoped, will meet with a measure of success proportionate to the last one. During vacation 6,000 telescope pamphlets were mailed to bankers and school principals all over the state. At present 6000 are being mailed to the permanent mailing list. An issue of 6000 more will be mailed in the near future to the present High school seniors. And an issue of 18,000 will be sent to grammar school graduates of this year.

The four pamphlets vary slightly in order to be more appealing to those whom they are intended for, but the content is practically the same and gives a very good bird's-eye view into the work done here.

It is also planned to print 30,000 bulletins of the same nature of those of last year. This is an increase of 13,000 and, from all signs, they will all be necessary.

## Why Not a Scholarship?

If your funds are running low and you can not see your way through to finish the year and you are facing the proposition of leaving school to work in order to come back next year, why not accept a scholarship?

Many students hesitate to apply for a scholarship because they dread the idea of starting life with a debt of any size to pay. Well, that is one way of looking at it. But consider this for awhile. A young boy in his teens wants to come to Poly, so he gets a job at any thing he can and goes to work as an unskilled laborer and gets wages accordingly. He works for a certain length of time and finally when enough money is saved comes to school. Now if he had accepted a scholarship and started in at once he would be out in the world earning better wages just so many years earlier and the terms of the scholarship are so liberal that the debt is easily paid off and then he has the increase on his unskilled labor wages for one or two years as a gain.

With the gift of two \$150 scholarships from the State Parent-Teachers Association making a total of seven scholarships in the school, you may find a way to solve your financial difficulties here.

The last two scholarships are loan scholarships, but they do not carry interest and are not payable until three years after the student begins to earn good wages. Think it over.

## Increase of Interest

We are pleased to note that daily the mails are bringing on an average of fifteen inquiries regarding the school. This is a material return from the advertising that is done.

The inquiries largely come from San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Southern part of the state. One has come from as far east as Denver, Colorado, stating that from what the party had heard of the school is was just what was wanted and they were considering moving west to be nearer the school. The letters are practically all from boys, the lack of dormitory facilities placing a handicap on an increased enrollment of girls.

In order to meet the large influx which may be expected at the opening of the new semester efforts are being made to establish a subsidiary dormitory somewhere downtown to accommodate the new students.

## Will C. Woods Visits

Mr. Will C. Woods stopped in for a brief visit on his way to San Jose last week. Mr. Woods expressed himself as being "very much gratified" with all conditions concerning the school.

## Thanks Amapola Girls

Mrs. Wilder wishes to thank each Poly girl who helped during the candy sales of the Monday Club, December 14th to 17th.

Among those who served in the booths were Ellen Margaret Truesdale, Harriet Wright, Ynez Hughston, Mary Hughes, Belle Tomasini, Ruth Smith, Evelyn Johnson, Doris Westendorf, Dorothy Hoare, and Shirley Dunning.

On Wednesday, December 16th, the candy makers gathered at Mrs. Wilder's home and made fudge and penoche. These workers were Rae Mayhall, Shirley Dunning, Muriel Longfellow, Ellen Margaret Truesdale, Harriet Wright.

These girls, as well as some others who were unable to serve, may be interested to know that the candy sales netted over \$87.09 all of which goes into the fund which will erect attractive electric signs on the highway at the north and south approaches to San Luis Obispo.

## New Lathe In Use

The new lathe which has been installed in the Machine Shop is now in use and a considerable amount of work is being done by it.

This lathe has several attachments which no other lathe in the shop has and it is being used to repair the older lathes in the shop.

## Special Advertising Work

A big special project of advertising is now being gotten under way by the business office. The school has purchased two balopticons, and plans are being completed for the display of these machines in very town of any size from Watsonville, on the coast side, down to the Mexican border, and from Fresno down the valley.

A balopticon is a specially constructed machine in which there will be 70 slides put, connection made with an ordinary electric socket and the machine will automatically display each slide for about 15 seconds.

Mr. Tennant will personally accompany the machines to each town and arrange for their display in a desirable location. About an 8 to 10 day display in each town is planned. It will take all spring and probably along into the summer for the entire tours of the machines. Mr. Tennant will speak in the schools of each city in which the machines are played preceding their display.

The slides of which there are about 170 were all prepared by Dr. Wilder. He took the pictures, developed the negatives, made and mounted the slides and, as they are all excellent, he deserves great deal of credit for this work. The slides portray the various shops, occupations and conditions around the school.

## Christmas Party

On Thursday night, December 11, 1925, the Poly held its last party of that year in the Dining Hall. Everyone was present and everyone had a good time.

A program was given which was most fitting to the affair. Mrs. Fuller's Choral Club rendered a selection from the cantata they had given previously at the churches of the city. Dorothy Hoare read a Christmas story. Miss Chase gave a little talk on Christmas-tide, and Ruth Smith rendered a vocal selection.

Dancing and refreshments filled the rest of the evening with mirth and made us all feel Christmas had really begun. Maybe that's why the teachers had such a hard time keeping the students awake next day.

Dr. Wilder acted as Santa and distributed presents from the tree. Dexter Maxwell put on a special soft shoe dance for the occasion.

The power plant was kept open until midnight. At that hour Home Sweet Home was played and a very tired crowd of young people went happily homeward.

Mr. Smith is making an extra room for two more new boys at the Creamery.

## Operetta

The chorus has started to work on the operetta "Pickle" or "In Old Vienna", under the direction of Evabelle Long Fuller.

The plot is clever and entertaining and the music is tuneful and catchy.

The scene is laid in old Vienna where Hans (Eric Hughston) owns the Wurtzelpraeter Inn. Hans acts as host to the tourists who come there year after year for the annual festival. Hans is assisted by the maid, Louisa (Ynez Hughston). Years before, Lady Vivian Delaney (Evelyn Johnson) has lost her baby girl at this place, and now each year she returns in search of her lost child. Captain Kinski (Wilbur Miller), the able detective, tries in a very amusing way to find the lost child. Kinski is supported by his two confederates Rumski (Fred Louis) and Bumski (James Simpson). These two "cops" are the clowns of the operetta; they foil the plans of Higs, the Gypsy (Albert Hankerson), in a very clever and unexpected way.

Erwin MacMillan plays the part of Jonas Pennington, the "Pickle Prince," owner of a large pickle concern in America. His wide-awake advertising agent, J. Jennison Jones (Jack Babcock), is the "pest" of his existence, but Jones always comes in at the opportune time with his American wit and good humor to save the day and incidentally to put "Pickle" before the public.

Pennington has a daughter, June (Shirley Dunning), who makes life miserable but quite interesting for the young artist, Arthur Crefont (Robert Steiner).

The story is beautifully woven around the little Gypsy dancing girl, Hona (Ruth Smith). Just how much mystery she is the means of clearing for all concerned, is the secret of the plot.

All members of both sections of mixed chorus and the Choral Club have parts in the chorus. The operetta will be given some time during the early part of March, the date to be announced later.

## Gift From Alumnus

We wish to make rather a late acknowledgment of the receipt of a rotary converter and an x-ray tube from the Victor X-Ray Co. of San Francisco and Birger Martinsen, a graduate of '25.

The machines arrived early in December and are greatly appreciated in the electric shop for their laboratory value. The rotary converter is a machine used in the city for converting the alternating current on the lines into direct current for use in x-ray machines. This particular machine is of an old type and useless to the company. It was to have been junked, but Marty, realizing its worth to the school, obtained permission to ship it down.

The Senior electric class will soon do some work on the converter, while the x-ray tube has been turned over to Dr. Wilder.

## Word From Oldham

Word has been received that Leslie Oldham of the Class of '25 has been promoted from the position of handy man to assistant operator in the second largest sub-station of the Edison Co. in the state. This speaks well for Leslie's ability.

## Watch Your Step!

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## THE NEW YEAR

Poly is beginning the New Year with a much larger enrollment than ever before. There are several new students who believe in starting the New Year right by attending Poly.

The New Year is a time to make resolutions to better yourselves. Make a resolution to study hard when you play, but don't play while you study or you will wake up with a bang at the end of the term. There is a certain number of students in every school who do not take the interest in their studies that they should. Many "ditch" classes and when they do get in class make the excuse that they left their book home. You will never learn anything with your book at home. Bring it to class with you, that is what it is for.

"Ditching" classes is a pastime indulged in by many students, but they are the only ones who suffer for it. Each day's work refers back upon the previous day and if you miss one day it puts you back quite a bit. The only way really to get any good out of any subject is to be there every day and do your daily bit and you will get along fine.

Now is the time to begin, if you haven't already, to get your shoulder to the wheel and start to make something of yourself. There is always a place for an educated man or woman in the world, so make it a point to fill one of these places. There are enough uneducated people in the world to fill the places where brains don't count, so make your education do you some good.

## Wait Your Turn

There are many students who persist in "butting in" to other people's recitations in the classrooms. This is a very bad practice and should be stopped. If a person is called upon to recite he may know the question but it may take a second or two to organize his thoughts and in the meantime if someone breaks in, it disorganizes his thoughts and he does not get the good of the question.

Everyone will get a chance to show how bright he is sooner or later, but give everyone an equal chance. Many cannot think as fast as others but this is no reason why they should not be allowed to recite and they can't get to recite if there are two or three in the class who always "butt in" on their recitations.

Keep these things in mind and when someone is asked a question let him answer. It is only fair that you should; his answer may be brighter than yours even if he does take a little longer to get started. So remember and wait your turn, not only in the class room but other places as well. You will make friends if you are courteous all the time, but you will lose them if you are discourteous.

## State Visitor

Mr. J. W. Kidbbe of the State Rehabilitation Department visited the school last week on a matter of great interest. The work of caring for the physically disabled comes under Mr. Kidbbe's department. It is in regard to sending younger people who are physically disabled to continue their chosen vocation but wish to find some other than Mr. Kidbbe called.

He called particularly in the interests of a young fellow who has studied to be a mechanic but, being disabled, wished to take up poultry-husbandry. The school may be able to help in a great many cases of this kind.

## POLY CHATTER

Fred Louis has become quite an expert at swinging a paint brush. He has almost succeeded in camouflaging his Ford.

We wonder where Eric Varian will get his gas and oil hereafter.

The office force has become quite exclusive these days.

Carrol Cavanaugh has quite a business ability. He made quite a neat sum of money during vacation taking care of the stock for the boys who had gone home. Some of the boys can't seem to even take care of their own calves when they haven't anything else to do.

We wonder what became of the block "A" Jimmie Summers used to wear on his sweater?

Why does Niels Jeppesen change jobs and girls so often?

After attending Poly for half a year Kenneth Dart had to dispose of his Ford because he was unable to get it started.

According to local gossip there are quite a few who are having a happy beginning for the new year.

Possibly if John Pfeiffer would shave that beard that is gradually sapping his strength he would be able to sit up in his seat while in class.

Al Thorne has assumed a despondent attitude and says he is through with women for keeps. Ask him why.

There was a certain high school girl who had a hard time keeping a partner during the tag dance at the Christmas party. For further particulars see Buck Hughston or Leo Earl.

Some of the men who recently lost their commissions do not seem to care much about it. It is something to care about, though, and it is a good idea for the ones who are officers now to pay strict attention to their duty.

There are a good many students who do not take the proper attitude in drill. Fellows, do you know that your drill here gives you credit for three years in a C. M. T. C. camp? If any of you intend to go to the camp this summer it is a good idea to get as much from drill as possible. Drill is not hard and you will find it much easier if you have the right attitude towards it.

Several students still think that they are speed demons and are seen speeding around the buildings and all over the campus. Slow down, your life or limb is worth a lot more than a few seconds. Speed is the essence of success in some cases, but in others it is the essence of "distress".

Alas, we have found out why Keeno looks so frail and needy of sleep. Jep keeps him awake all night telling him all of his troubles.

We see that they have numbered the rooms at the Creamery. Wonder if it's so the boys can get into their own room by 12 o'clock.

No wonder the cows can't brush the flies off themselves. Mr. Brussow nearly twists their tails off, when inducing them to their stanchions.

## Dorm Doings

There has been an increase in the number of boys at the Dorm. Although two of the old members have left, four new ones have arrived.

Several of the dorm boys did not go home for their vacation. They either had too far to go or some project work to detain them, but all those who remained here say they had a wonderful vacation.

John Pfeiffer has succeeded in getting on the honor roll at last. John has put all his effort in for this and has succeeded after four years of hard study.

Bill Lee must have forgotten when school started; he showed up for school Wednesday morning and school started Monday.

C. Earle Miller must think the valley is as hot in the winter as it is in the summer. Just before he started for the valley he took the top off his Ford. He sure must have wanted to keep cool.

At last all the dorm boys are back again. Gordon Wickham and Vicente Jimenez were some of the last ones to arrive.

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Second freshie (with admiring glance): Immense!

Mrs. Knott: Muriel, get to work.  
Muriel: Mrs. Knott, I've lost my eye.

Miss Jordan: Is that back work?  
Freshman: No, it's head-work.

Miss Knox (U. S. History): Now, Vernon, let's have a date.

Minister: My mission is to save men.  
Avalyn: Then save one for me.

Sparky: Give me a sentence using the word "income."  
Andy: The boy opened the door and income a cat.

Don't kiss your girl under the mistletoe; kiss her under the nose.

"When the water boils away it will be mist," sighed the old tea kettle sadly.

Eleanor D. (as she vainly sought entrance to a crowded car): Couldn't I be squeezed in there somehow?  
Walter L. (in center of car): If you can get in, I have one arm free.

Stewart P.: What kind of a cat is that you have?  
Dorothy H.: Mohair.  
Stewart P.: Mohair?  
Dorothy H.: Yes, you rub him, and rub him and after awhile there is no mohair.

A Junebug married an angleworm; An accident cut her in two; They charged the bug with bigamy; Now what could the poor thing do?

Bellboy: Mrs. Castleby! Mr. Carr!  
Mrs. Castleby! Mr. Carr!  
Slapped one: Tell her to leave earlier next time.

White says: Why buy those bell bottom pants if they don't ring when your wife goes through them.

IN CASE OF NECESSITY  
Mother may I go out to ride  
With handsome Johnnie Bates?  
Yes, daughter, but don't forget  
To take your roller skates.

"Guess I'll go on a bender," said the fly starting around the pretzel.

Miss Chase: What do you expect to be when you are through school?  
Hank: An old man.

Lucille to Hank: I never looked up your family tree, but I know that you are the sap.

Grace S.: I'm going to sell kisses at the charity bazaar tonight. Do you think one dollar is too much to charge for them?

Bill Lee: No. People expect to get cheated at those affairs.

P. Reed: What did your woman say when you walked in late to that date the other eve?

Thornton Lee: She never said anything. I was going to have those two front teeth pulled, anyhow.

New Stude: Do I have hot and cold water in this room?

Capt. Deuel: Yes, hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

Dentist: We must kill the nerve of the tooth.

White: Then I'm going out of the room; I am too tenderhearted to stay here while you are doing it.

Bradley got out of bed, lit a match and then blew it out.

"What did you do that for?" asked Chappell.

"I wanted to see if I put out the lights," he replied.

Jack: People say that I have eyes like my father.

Heavy: Uh-huh, pop-eyed?

John: You don't seem to care for me.  
Louise: No, you need some one to take care of you.

The Sterling sisters make lots of noise. They're always flirting with the boys. They study hard and make good grades.

No danger of these girls being old maids.

Maxwell, big and husky, full of pep. He thinks of books ( ? ? ? ) at every step.

All he does in class is talk while all the girls sit round and gawk.

Roger: Doesn't Alfred look short?  
Albert T.: Maybe he's settled down for awhile.

Junior: Shirley hasn't changed any from her Freshman to Junior year.  
Senior: No, she's still light-headed.

Freshie: I'm doing my best to get ahead.

Senior: Goodness knows you need one.

Miss Haskins: Rae, describe this room in Spanish.  
Rae: It has 2 doors, 6 windows, a teacher, and other furniture.

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**Santa Maria vs. Poly**

Poly won her first game of basketball last Friday night against the Santa Maria High quintet. The final score was 15-12. The game was in doubt as to who the winner would be until the final whistle.

Santa Maria has a good team. The Poly boys put up a good fight and won by a very close margin. Santa Maria was ahead at the half, but could not hold the lead until the end of the game.

Poly's starting lineup included Lumley and Spindola, forwards; Lee, center; Carrol and Varian, guards. These boys showed good teamwork and playing, with Lee high point man.

At the half Coach Agosti sent in the second team for a little while. This team included Traver and Irwin, forwards; Hughston, center; Miller and McMillan guards. This team played a very creditable game for the time they were in.

A large number of rooters accompanied the team and showed the old Poly spirit with some good yells. We understand that some of the rooters had some difficulty with the Santa Maria rooters, but that's all in the game.

**Basketball Prospects**

Basketball has started with a bang and the Poly team is lining up into great shape. About thirty men are to be seen at the Winter Garden every night practicing and helping build up a strong team.

There are several players from previous years out and are whipping in great shape under Coach Agosti. Lumley, last year star, is back in a suit and doing good at his old position. Varian and Carrol are former letter men out for guards. Both are full of fight and go. Lee is doing well at center. He was a star of the Arroyo Grande team. Spindola is getting into good form as a forward. Traver is in his old style and doing well as a forward. Irwin is out as a forward. Miller, Hughston and McMillan, formerly of the High School, are out and showing up well.

With the others that are out Poly should have a winning team this year in basketball.

**Rifle Practice**

Rifle practice is being held on the range every Saturday under Captain Duell. Last Saturday the Freshman rifle team turned out and made a good showing. They are firing at 200 yards, both slow and rapid fire.

These shoots now are not for the trophy, but merely eliminating contests. Each class team will consist of eight men.

When the elimination contest is over the shoot against record will start. The winning class team will count so many credits for the class trophy. There will also be a prize for the high point man of the shoot.

The Frosh seem to be the only ones showing much interest in the shoot. If the rest of the classes don't wake up they will find that the Frosh have won the shoot. The other classes had better start showing a little enthusiasm if they intend to do anything.

**Why Not?**

Ever since the opening of school noon periods have been found dull for the old students and rather lonesome for the new. Everyone was growing discontented and the Freshmen would probably have had another warm reception if it had not been for Mr. Smith.

The room that is used for band and orchestra practice is now the center of attraction during the noon periods of Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. A volunteer orchestra furnishes the music for dancing and it is quite good.

Rumor has it that the faculty is planning on having the floor worked over to make it better for dances.

**Interclass Sports**

The Frosh have wakened up and are starting to defeat the other classes in handball. The other day they defeated the strong Junior team. The Sophs took the Juniors down also. These two teams are both going from the last to the head of the winning teams.

These games are towards the class trophy. A great many games are being lost because the players don't show up and have to forfeit. The team must be on the court at 12:45 o'clock or forfeit the game.

**ATHLETICS**



**SPORT BRIEFS**

Basketball is in full swing. With several letter men and a good supply of new material available there is a promise of a successful season.

Many schools and colleges all over the country are launching into basketball with a great future ahead of many of them.

Poly's basket-ball season is especially interesting due to the fact that a ten day trip will be made by the team on which they play all the Junior Colleges in our conference. These are all in northern California and the trip will be something to be looked forward to by all the basket ball men.

The Winter Garden has been obtained for basketball practice and the fellows are out every night doing their stuff. Come on out and show us what you can do.

There have been about twenty-five suits issued by Coach Agosti and the men receiving them have all been turning out. That's the spirit fellows; keep it up and we will have a winning team this year.

Captain Duell has been taking the baseball candidates out of drill and lecturing to them in preparation for the coming season. Baseball prospects look very good.

Inter-class baseball will start right after basket ball season, but those who are not out for basket ball ought to get out now and limber up because we have prospects for a big baseball year.

With the passing of King Football, Basket Ball will hold the spot light for some time and with the collegen and many high schools under way this promises to be a great season.

**Poly Wins from Paso Robles**

The Polytechnic quintet defeated the Paso Robles High School Wednesday night at the Winter Garden with the big score of 36-15. Poly started in right at the first whistle and took the lead from the beginning of the game.

Paso Robles showed some good team work and passing throughout the game, but the Poly five went them one better.

Lee was high point man, followed closely by Lumley. Traver and Spindola both made their share of baskets.

A large and appreciative crowd was out to witness the game and they got their money's worth. Poly's band also added pep to the game and the music was very good.

Dexter Maxwell (to student who has just bumped into him in the hall): Clumsy idiot!

Al Young (extending his hand): Glad to know you; my name is Young.

Ruth Smith: This steak is terribly tough.

Waiter: We are not responsible for the morals of our food.

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