

The one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens fell on Wednesday, February 7. The High School devoted a part of the afternoon to the following Dickens program, planned by the Senior English Class, which was enjoyed by many visitors, as well as the students.

Why Celebrate Dickens Day? Annie Steele; Biography of Dickens, Emma Chapdelain; Works of Dickens, Genevieve Morse; Humor and Pathos of Dickens, Leslie Johns; Dickens' Characters, Mabel Willhoit; His Friendships, Carrie Ellis; Readings, "Mr. Squeers' School," Dorothy Sargent; Execution Scene from "The Tale of Two Cities," Helen Limbaugh; The Trial Scene from "Pickwick Papers," Pearl Lucas; The Cratchett's Christmas Dinner, Frances Wright. Scenes from "Pickwick Papers"—Mr. Pickwick, Clifford Mason; Mrs. Bardell, Muriel Needham; Mr. Tupman, Albert Randolph; Mr. Snodgrass, Joe Boyd; Mr. Winkle, Harold Cary. Several creditable illustrations of Dickens characters were drawn on the board by our artists, Albert Randolph, Olive White, Warren Gum, and Alta Roach. The program was repeated at the Salem and Emerson Grammar Schools.

The Lodi High School celebrated Washington's birthday on February 22, with an interesting program, which was as follows:



"THE PICKWICK CLUB."

From cast of the Dickens Centenary Playlet.

Joe Boyd as Mr. Snodgrass Albert Randolph as Mr. Tupman
Harold Cary as Mr. Winkle Clifford Mason as Mr. Pickwick

Piano Solo
George Washington:
His ChildhoodMarie Murray
His EarlyManhoodPearl Lucas
As a GeneralWill Pierano
As PresidentAlice Pearson
Song, "The Sword of Bunker Hill"Miss Agnes Wright
Home Life of WashingtonMerlyn Manning
A Visit to Mt. Vernon
Song, "America"School
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The Senior History Class of the Lodi Union High School, accompanied by Miss Harford, visited the state capitol December 13, 1911. Mr. Stuckenbruck, assemblyman from San Joaquin County, met them at the State building and took them to seats which he had reserved for them in the Senate. During the noon hour the students visited the Sacramento High School. On their return to the Capitol, Mr. Stuckenbruck introduced the class to Governor Johnson, who gave them a hearty reception. Mr. Stuckenbruck then conducted them to the Assembly. Miss Harford and the Senior Class wish to thank our representative sincerely for the kindness he showed to them.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNION HIGH SCHOOL.

In June, 1911, Lodi and the eight surrounding districts united to form the Lodi Union High School District. They selected as their board of trustees E. E. Morse, F. B Mills, W. S. Montgomery, Fred

Perrott and M. W. Shidy.

The board and the people at large realized that, owing to the crowded conditions of the grammar schools and the High School, a new high school building was an urgent need. After careful calculation the trustees decided that nothing short of \$150,000 would furnish the district with an adequate school, which would accommodate the pupils of the future as well as of the present. To bond the district for \$150,000 was suggested as the easiest way to gain the necessary funds. The day of voting for the bonds was set for December 14, 1911.

A short time before the election an amendment to the state constitution was passed giving the women in California the right to vote. This was the first opportunity for the women of this section to exercise their right to the ballot, and they used it to good advantage.

As there was some opposition to the bonds a lively campaign ensued. Mr. Inch and the trustees were prominent figures in the fight. Mr. Inch, the supervising principal of the schools in Lodi, took an active part, speaking at the request of the people in many towns of the district and on many occasions. Mr. Hugh McNoble often accompanied him, and with good argument and a convincing manner turned many voters in the right direction. Messrs. Welch, Steele, Winning, Murphy. Bird, Ellis, Percival, Henning, Lawrence and others spoke publicly on different occasions, and worked quietly among the people for the bonds.

Students and teachers wrote convincing articles for the local papers, in favor of the bonds. Boost buttons bearing the motto, "Vote for the Bonds" were distributed throughout the community. Miss Agnes Wright directed the students in singing campaign songs which members of the Senior class had written. During the entire campaign the students showed true school spirit and loyalty.

On the evening before the bond election day a big High School rally was held under the Tokay Arch. Led by James Clausen, the yell team and the High School boys serpentined about a huge bonfire singing songs and giving with great volume the yells of the Lodi High School. Bells were rung, anvils sent off, and the town rang with

the rallying cheers.

After the rally a mass meeting was held in the opera house. One hundred and eighty students filed into the seats reserved for them. Yells were given with spirit, the Glee Club sang, and speeches were

made by leading citizens.

On election day all the pupils from the two grammar schools marched in a body to the High School, where they were joined by the High School students. The eight hundred and thirty pupils, waving banners, singing songs and yelling "votes, votes, votes," marched up Sacramento street to the Tokay Arch. There they sang "America." Afterwards the students scattered over the town to canvass for votes and were assisted by business men who brought the voters to the polls in automobiles.

When the votes were counted at six o'clock there was great rejoicing throughout the district Again yells and horns and human voices roused the echoes; for the Lodi Union High School bonds had carried.

To the trustees, who worked so faithfully in our interest; to Mr. Inch, whose zeal was no less than that of the trustees; to the men and women who gave their voices and votes and automobiles to our cause, do we owe our victory.

Members of the committees through whose efforts the organization of the Lodi Union High School District is largely due were Charles Sollars, H. F. Ellis, D. N. Bird, F. B. Mills, G. E. Lawrence, E. E. Moorse, W. H. Thompson, G. W. Le Moin, R. J. Custer, and Emery Davis.

The seniors contributed to the success of the bond election, in articles published by the Lodi Sentinel and the Stockton Record. Frances Wright, Dorothy Sargent and Henry Rinn wrote arguments, and Carrie Ellis and Pearl Lucas contributed verses. Leslie Johns-



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made an excellent speech at the opera house on the night of the rally, and the following songs were sung by the whole body of students at that meeting:

(To the tune of "Jingle Bells.") MABLE WILLHOIT, '12.

Dashing o'er the ground,
Though you walk or ride or fly,
Come to the voting place
And vote for Union High.
Union High we need,
Union High I say,
Nor lack of thought or deed
Should make us lose the day.

Thursday is the day
To vote for the new high school,
Now don't stay away,
But let good judgment rule;
You will help the girls,
You will help the boys,
You will help the whole town,
And make us all rejoice.

When the day is o'er
And creeping comes the night,
Just think of the girls and boys,
Whose hearts you have made light.
And later when you see
The building that is made,
You never will regret
The money you have paid.

CHORUS:

Voting now, voting now, Voting all the day. Oh, what a good school we will have After election day!

(To the tune of "The Merry Life.") BETH RATHBUN, '12.

Some think it will be very fine and jolly, The Union High, the Union High.

Some know the Union High School is not folly, We spend our time of the future gaily singing: Of our new high, of our new high, We spend our time in praises gaily ringing; Not pine and sigh, not pine and sigh.

CHORUS:

Listen! listen! vote for Union High, Listen! listen! vote for Union High, Tra - la - la - etc. Our future is assured if you vote for Union High.

ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS.

Forrest Gum, President.
Carrie Ellis, Vice-President.
Clifford Mason, Secretary.
Joseph Boyd, Treasurer.
Maurice Taylor, Auditor.
Curtis McFarland, Property Manager.
Financial Secretaries—Silas March, Wren Strange.

Athletic Managers—Birdie Adams, Lauren Wilkenson, Cecil Green. Executive Committee—Forest Gum, Clifford Mason, Pearl Lucas, Margaret Thomayer, Helen Mundy, Scott Hyde, Faculty Representa-

In September the Student Body reorganized for the term of 1911-12 with the above named students as officers. During the vacation Mr. Inch and Miss Cooledge had drawn up a new constitution, which was adopted by the students without amendment or change of any kind. Two new offices were created, those of Auditor and Property Manager. Maurice Taylor and Curtis McFarland have been efficient officers in these positions. One hundred and four students of the one hundred and eighty have joined the association this year, and have given their officers hearty support in all the work undertaken.

TREBLE CLEF SOCIETY.

When school opened in September, Miss Wright, our music and drawing teacher, organized a girls' Glee Club, which took the name of the Treble Clef. The girls meet every Friday, and under efficient leadership are doing good work.

At the beginning of the second semester the following officers were elected: Olive White, President; Dorothy Sargent, Vice-President; Helen Limbaugh, Secretary; Nellie Page, Treasurer, and Margaret Thomayer, Pianist. It is the aim of Miss Wright and of the

members to make the Treble Clef Society a permanent organization in the High School

The girls have appeared several times in public and are now busy on songs for Commencement.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

On October 24, Miss Fields and Miss Harford met with a large number of students in the Assembly Hall to organize a Debating Society.

A few years ago the debaters of the Lodi High School were members of the Debating League of California. In 1902 Lodi won and held during the year, the Stanford Trophy Cup. In 1903 our school again turned out a winning team. As late as 1908 Lodi had a debating club, but did not do extensive work.

At the first meeting this year the students, who registered as members elected officers for the semester. Helen Limbaugh was chosen President, Leslie Johns, Vice-President. Ernest Setzer, Secretary, and Muriel Needham, Censor.

A debate between the Seniors and Juniors was the first of a series of lively contests held in the Assembly Hall each Monday. Great interest has been taken in the work by the students and teachers. As the debaters gained in confidence and ability, class spirit grew. Miss Fields and Miss Harford arranged for a series of interclass debates, and promised a banner to the winning team.

According to schedule, the Sophomores and Juniors discussed a live question before a large audience on November 18. The subject chosen was, "Resolved: That the United States should withdraw unconditionally from the Philippines." The Sophomores, Helen Limbaugh, Warren Gum and Helen Mundy, ably upheld the affirmative, while Joe Boyd, Clifford Mason, and Ernest Folendorf did excellent work in supporting the negative side. Class spirit ran high, and the Sophomores were jubilant over the decision, which was in favor of the affirmative.

On January 8, the "big" debate was held at the High School. After several weeks of preparation, the Seniors and Sophomores felt ready to discuss the Labor question. The Sophomores who had defeated the Juniors, held that the Labor Union is a benefit to the workingman, while the Seniors, Muriel Needham, Frances Wright, and Dorothy Sargent, argued against the Labor Union as it is conducted today. The judges returned a decision in favor of the negative speakers, who won on superior argument and delivery.

A week later Miss Harford presented to the Seniors the promised banner. From its place of honor in Room C it looks benignly down, in its blue and gold splendor, upon the victorious Senior class.

At the end of the fifth month of school the Debating Society again elected officers. Muriel Needham, Warren Gum, Helen Mundy and Frances Wright were chosen President, Vice-President, Secretary and Censor, respectively.

All the students who have debated feel greatly indebted to Miss Harford and Miss Fields, who have coached them and helped them with good advice and words of encouragement.

At a meeting in March the members of the society decided not to have any more debates until next term. A contest between a picked team of the Freshmen and three members of the Sophomore class closed the season.

For the Freshmen, Gladys Garner, Clyde Hamsher, and Charles Devine argued that Local Option is the best means of preventing intemperance. The Sophomores, Joseph Declusion, Merlyn Manning and Helen Mundy spoke in support of the negative of the question. The decision of the judges was that the teams were equal in argument and delivery and a tie was declared.

The members of the Debating Club wish to thank Miss Harford who had sole charge of the work during the second semester. At all times she has been ready to give help and advice. The Club is also grateful to the students who by coaching the debaters added to the success of several contests.

