

Ray Dunne President

Newton Robinson Vice President

Big "S" Society

In the autumn of the year 1911, under the leadership of Carl Ortman and Stanley Arndt, all of the fellows in school at that time who had won their block "S" in some branch of athletics got together to organize a club which later came to be known as the Big "S" Society of Stockton High School.

The purpose of such an organization was to promote honest athletics in the high school and to keep the reputation of the school and its athletics above reproach. In both these original aims the society has thus far been highly successfuly, so that today the name of Stockton High is known and respected in all of the cities of the state in which its teams have appeared, not only because of their strength, but for clean playing as well.

At the first meeting, held in December, 1911, a constitution was drawn up and the society was soon fairly under way. The organization had started off with a great burst of enthusiasm but for the rest of the school year nothing notable was undertaken.

After the summer vacation, however, a spirited meeting was held on November 2, 1912. The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and after an animated battle, the following choices were made: Leland Spayd, president; Gilbert Patterson, vice-president; Carrol Grunsky, secretary-treasurer. The society, under these officers, was now put upon a firmer foundation and regular meetings were held.

Some emblem was needed to distinguish the members, so after much debate a lapel button consisting of a white block "S" on a blue field was adopted. The buttons are still worn by members of the society.

Plans were laid for a vaudeville show, proceeds of which were to be used for social activities. The vaudeville was given late in the spring with great success under the able management of "Tub" Ross. It was held in the high school assembly and was the forerunner of the annual Big "S" vaudeville of which we feel so proud.

During the year '13-'14 the Big "S" was increased to nearly thirty members. This record membership was made possible by the fact that during the year the football, basket ball and track teams all won their block "S's" by notable work in their respective branches. Many well attended meetings

were held during the year, and as a climax to their activities the members staged the second annual vaudeville show in a most creditable manner under Chas. Whitney's efficient management. Manager Whitney not only arranged for holding the show in the Masonic Auditorium, but succeeded in clearing \$200.00 for the society.

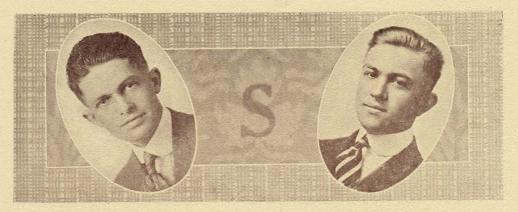
The undertakings of the society during the year '14-'15 are still fresh in our memory. A meeting was called shortly after school started, with about half of the members of the preceding year answering the roll call. The following officers were elected: Herb Waite, president; Elmer Kohle, vice-president; Harry Mazzera, secretary-treasurer. Towards the end of the school year, with Herb Waite as manager, the most elaborate and extensive production ever undertaken by any organization in Stockton High up to that time was produced by the Big "S" in staging its third annual vaudeville. The show was held at the Yosemite Theatre and gained high praises for the society.

In the beginning of the school year '15-'16 the enrollment had dwindled to the very small number of six members. A meeting was called, and as Higby and Ahearn did not put in appearance, the other four members divided the offices as follows: Lee Dunne, president; Mant Sprague, vice-president; Lee Hickinbotham, secretary-treasurer, and Dan Alley, sergeant-at-arms. In a few months, however, with the advent of the 1915 football team as possessors of the block "S," the membership was increased to about twenty-five. The fourth annual vaudeville was another great success. The show was staged at the Yosemite and was in charge of a committee composed of Lee Dunne, Mel Parker, Burr Higby, Lee Hickinbotham and Percy Ahearn.

Last year, in keeping with its original aim of fostering athletics, the society through the individual members decided to promote the idea of giving the Circle "S" to all fellows who had shown spirit enough by playing a full year on any second team. The plan proved a great success when not long ago about twenty of the eligible ones were called out in the gymnasium and presented with Circle "S's."

Last September saw the beginning of the sixth and most eventful year in the life of the society. At the initial meeting of the year Ray Dunne was elected president, Newt Robinson, vice president, and Mel Parker, secretary-treasurer. This year saw the successful culmination of the plan to send a team to Honolulu. The Big "S" had been behind this movement from the start and contributed several hundred dollars to the trip. Eight of the nine fellows who went were members of the society.

The society on March 17th, gave on of the best dances of the year in the High School gymnasium. The members at present are: R. Dunne, Newt Robinson, Mel Parker, R. Higby, Hildreth, W. Leffler, V. Dunne, Raggio, Stewart, Santini, Patterson, M. Rider, Louttit, Burgess, Lee Hickinbotham, Stout, Murray, Alley, Eves, Barnickol, and Moznett.



Irving Neumiller President

Merle Sprague Vice President

Circle "S" Society

A society has been formed this year which has filled a long felt need of the school. Heretofore students who have made a team which has won its way into one of the semi-final games of the Pacific Athletic Association have always been presented with a Block "S" and admitted into the Big "S" Society, but no recognition has been shown those who have worked faithfully on a second team.

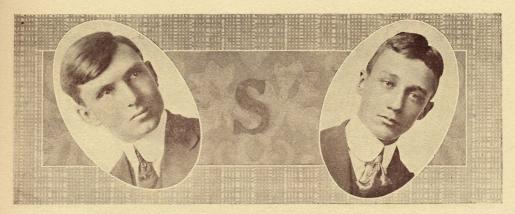
At the suggestion of Mr. Elliot, the captain of the basket ball weight teams of the year 1915-16 met and under his supervision, formed a society to be known as the Circle "S" Society. All are eligible to membership who have made a team which has not been able to win its way into the Pacific Athletic Association semi-finals, have trained regularly on the second team, but have not made the varsity, or have made a successful weight team. No person who has a Block "S" may receive a Circle "S," but one who receives the Circle "S" is still eligible for a Block "S." This society furnishes an incentive for those who do not think they can make a varsity team, but who are willing to do conscientious work without glory.

At the first meeting of this new society a constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: Irving Neumiller, president; Merle Sprague, vice-president; Winifred Stout, secretary; Simpson Hornage, treasurer; Jack Mackenzie, custodian. A rally was called and the first Circle "S's" were presented, and new society explained.

A banquet was given at the cafeteria during the latter part of May and was a distinct success. A theater party was also given at the Lyric, which was as full of "pep" as the former "High School Nights."

Plans are already in progress for next year, and it will keep the Big "S" Society "up and doing" to compete with them.

Those who have been elected members of the Circle "S" Society this year are: Leonard Egenhoff, Sumpson Hornage, Jack McKenzie, "Dutch" Neumiller, Merle Sprague, Winifred Stout, Eugene Palmer, Ralph Wentz, Ed. Holt, "Duck" Mallory, Bill Parker, Byron Ghent, Alvin Schmidt, Paul Tremper, Arthur Kynaston, Ralph Wilson, Frank Dutschke and Walter Williams.



Theodore McMurray President

John Jackson Vice President

The S. H. S. Mireless Culh

The first wireless club of this school came into existence during the present school year. For the last few seasons there have been a goodly number of would-be wireless operators here, many of whom have gone so far as to install aerials and small receiving outfits. The need was felt for a wireless club, through which the united efforts of these amateurs might show improvements. In the past this has been nearly impossible, as one or two persons have controlled the wireless station. The club was formed with the understanding that anyone seriously interested might join.

The equipment, which was indeed limited at first, has been greatly enlarged and improved. A new aerial was constructed for sending messages. The present receiving apparatus consists of the following instruments: A large loose-coupler, crystal detectors and telephone receivers. The sending set comprises a one-kilowatt transformer, condenser, rotary spark-gap, helix and key. It is interesting to know that S. H. S. now has the most powerful radio station in the entire San Joaquin valley.

This well equipped station has received messages from Honolulu, Alaska, and various Pacific Coast stations.

At different times during this term the club has conducted interesting electrical epxeriments. In the early part of the term a practical demonstration was given on the same evening that the faculty entertained the parents and friends of the students.

The constant flow of guests through the wireless room proved the general interest in the subject. The questions plied by the curious were many and often taxed the ingenuity of the operators, who willingly imparted all possible information.

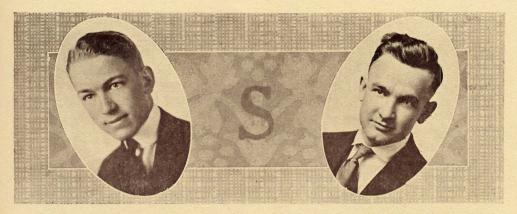
Mr. Dredge of the Science Department has always been ready to give his valuable assistance, lend tools, and furnish ideas. He deserves great praise for the patience he exhibited in waiting for the paraffine smearing radio fans to clean up the wreckage left behind when the condenser was being constructed.

Great plans had been made for the continuance of the wireless work, but these plans have had to be sacrificed, temporarily, at least, on account of the late order from the United States Government to dismantle all amateur radio stations.

At the first meeting of the Stockton High School Wireless Club, officers for the year were elected as follows: Theodore McMurray, President; George Williams, Vice President; John Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer. The other members of the club are Mr. Dredge, Harbert Gall, Clayton Gaudin, Robert Groves and George Hulbert.



THE DRAMATIC CLUB



Lewis Fox President

Paul Murray Vice President

The Bramatic Club

The first meeting of the club was held last November, and at once the question arose as to what would be its purpose. Some thought that it ought to take up the study of the drama, while others urged that the club should be one of action, producing short plays. A committee was appointed to write to the Dramatic Clubs of various other high schools and find out what they were doing.

As soon as these answers were received the society met again, and to the joy of the majority, it was decided that its aim should be "to develop the dramatic ability in the Stockton High School, by means of public productions under competent coaches." This aim has been well carried out this first year of the club's existence.

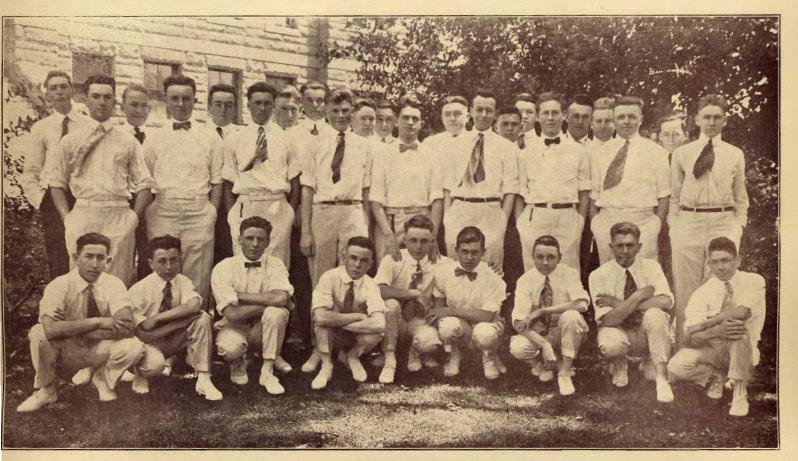
Permanent officers were elected as follows: Lewis Fox, president; Marian Moffatt, secretary; Flora McDiarmed, treasurer, and Paul Murray, custodian, which also covers the office of vice-president. Miss Moore was appointed coach of the club, while Miss M. U. Howell became the faculty advisor.

The members immediately set to work to decide upon what play they should stand as a model to the club in its future years. "Kathleen ni Hoolihan" and "The Pot of Broth," two one-act dramas by Yeats, were chosen.

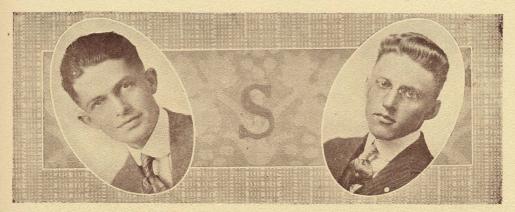
After the tryouts, and the long weeks of rehearsal, during which Miss Moore showed her patience and loyalty toward the club, winning the favor of the casts, as well as the rest of the members, the night of the production finally arrived. As one entered the assembly, it was hard to realize that the stage which stood before him was the same stage of the day before, transformed by the artistic touches of Miss Moore into a cozy little Irish room.

The cast which won the honors of this first production were Paul Murray, Erna Gibbens and Merle Sprague in "The Pot of Broth" and Kathryn Kerrick, Louis Burke, Lois Stroup, Ruby Elgan, Wesley Eves, Albert Monaco, Marion Moffatt, Mildred Smalling, Flora McDiarmid and Charles Condy in "Kathleen in Healthen"

The charter members of the club were Alice Jenkins, Erna Gibbens, Bertha Dockendorf, Ruth Avery, Laura Davis, Marian Moffatt, Wesley Eves, Ruth Baldwin, Virginia McGinn, Alice Doolittle, "Lewe" Fox, Leanore Oullahan, Evelyn Musto, Lois Stroup, Mildred Smalling, Ida Kientz, Flora McDiarmid, Myra Pope, Roy Thrash, Harry Kessel, Jordan Williams, Wilmarth Hildreth, Ruby Elgan, Merle Sprague, Esther Naylor, Daphne Miller, Paul Murray, Alice Hall, Louis Burke, Jack Raggio, Harriet McGinn, Vince Dunne, Simpson Hornage, Homer Guernsey, Frank Quinn, Ed Holt, Tom Louttit, Irving Neumiller, Kathryn Kerrick, Adeline Gianelli, Helen Harvey, Virginia Thompson, Bess Marper, Amy Grupe, Helen Kircher and Albert Monaco.



THE GLEE CLUB



Irving Neumiller President

Paul Mitchell Vice President

The Glee Club

The Who—"Peppy" Bunch.
The Where—Any Noiseatorium.

The When—By Request.

The How-Mrs. John Raggio and "Pop" Elliott.

Yes, it is all about the Glee Club, which was formed for the first time in the history of the school at a general mass meeting the 24th of January. Mr. Elliot was the "beckoner," and he surely found a "peppy" response, for about forty fellows signed up the first night. Practice was started immediately and since that time practices have been held Monday and Thursday at any place at which the club hadn't met before.

The second week after organization a business meeting was held, and a constitution embodying the ideas of Holt, Fox and Neumiller was adopted as the "supreme law" of the club. The following officers were elected: President, "Dutch" Neumiller; vice-president, Paul Mitchell; secretary, "Hank" Quinn. Mr. Elliott was given the life job of manager, and surely has his hands full. Mrs. John Raggio offered her assistance, and she was chosen director. All who appreciate the Glee Club's work should thank her for its success.

That the Glee Club was needed is shown by the fact that it has been a welcome participant in many fine programs. The Club made its first appearance February 22d at the school party and was given hearty applause. Again it sang at the combined Literary Societies' entertainment and were received with another burst of enthusiasm.

The club made its biggest hit at the Yosemite Theatre, April 19th and 20th in "Much Ado About Something." The Club put on the first act and was greeted with roaring applause after each number. The scene was Hawaiian and the boys surely would have made the islanders blush with pride or sorrow (or something).

The membership of the club is as follows: First tenors, Amos Elliott, Bardo Silva, Howard Moore, Frank Vierra, Jack McKenzie, Pat Wells and Melvin Rider.

Second tenors—Fred Stout, Benjamin Gall, Peter Todresic, Esald Wickersham, Melvin Parker, John Beacom, Francis Ashbach, Carol White, Lewis Fox, Louis Burke and Homer Guernsey.

First bassos—Jesse Copestake, John Knox, Dick Walters, Ralph Wentz, Irving Neumiller, Simpson Hornage, Gordon Patterson, Ed Holt, Fred Sackett, Frank Quinn, Walter Williams, Cameron Haight and Douglas Butler.

Second Bassos—Harold Pearson, Delmar Stamper, Frank Deutschke, Jack Raggio, Raymond McCarty, Paul Mitchel, Frank Belcher and Henry Stiles.

Let us thank Mrs. Raggio and Mr. Elliott for their able assistance and hope the Glee Club is a permanent organization.



THE SENATE

The Senate

This year saw the birth of an entirely new organization in the Stockton High School, in the form of two Literary Societies. These societies are an outgrowth of the old Debating Club. The important part which the old Debating Club was accustomed to fill in the annals of our school was taken by the public speaking class, and the old club gradually lost its prestige. This year one of the annual attempts to revive this old institution was made, but it would not revive; so the remains were buried without ceremony, and two new literary societies sprang from its ashes. They were fittingly called the Senate and the Congress.

The Senate met early in March and elected Frank Quinn president, Bess Harper, vice-president, and Raymond McCarty, secretary, while Miss McInnes was unanimously chosen as faculty adviser. A program committee was chosen for the year, consisting of B. Frankenheimer and Kathryn Kerrick, who have completely fulfilled their mission, as the programs have shown.

Literary, poetical, dramatic and musical talents have been plentiful, and at each public program several selected members have delighted the audience.

Misses Marie Henderson and Flora McDiarmid have furnished short stories, Miss Ethel Atkinson has provided the poetry, the funeral of Caesar has proved dramatic ability, speeches by Paul Murray and George Dean have shown forensic skill and Miss Edna Todman, Lois Raggio and Helen Lee have proved themselves able musicians. This talent, distributed among some four or five programs, has been highly appreciated. Several programs have been given in conjunction with our twin society and friendly enemy, the Congress.

These societies have accomplished their aim, for they have aroused school spirit and created a friendly rivalry and have developed talent and brought it before the school. After such a start and such a success, the societies should continue the good work next year until they are able successfully to compete with any school in California.

We have the material but not the spirit, so if those who think they have no ability along any line will furnish the appreciation, they will be doing much to assure the success of these societies.

The members who enrolled this year in the Senate are Ethel Atkinson, John Boggs, Beatrice Branch, Esther Butters, Genevieve Castle, George Dean, Vilas Derr, Marguerite Doran, Erma Edwards, Howard Eldridge, Ruby Elgan, Mary Farris, B. Frankenheimerr, Frances Ann Gummer, Bess Harper, Bill Harper, Winifred Hooper, Simpson Hornage, Rose Horowitz, Gertrude Howland, Kathryn Kerrick, Margaret Lauxen, Helen Lee, Wilbur Leffler, Elmer Lonsdale, Helen Lonsdale, Raymond McCarty, Flora McDiarmid, Virginia McGinn, Margaret Melville, Darrell McLeod, William Metzger, Constance Miller, Daphne Miller, Caroline Minor, Marian Moffatt, Paul Michell, Myra Pope, Albert Monaco, Paul Murray, Evelyn Murray, Helen Moore, Esther Naylor, Jessie Nicholas, Melvin Parker, Rose Peters, Mildred Phillips, Harold Quail, Frank Quinn, Lois Raggio, Stanford Raymond, Irving Ridenour, Mildred Smalling, Merle Sprague, Lois Stroup, Virginia Thompson, Edna Todman, Helen Wurster, Hilda Zaslave, Lois Glass, Mamie Holland and Harold Gumpert.



THE CONGRESS

The Congress

Stockton High can at last boast of two literary societies, an outgrowth of the Debating Club. With this competition in the school, it will not be necessary to enter into competitive debates with other schools. Many interesting programs have already been given by the Congress alone or in conjunction with its sister society, the Senate.

The Congress met for the first time on March 8th. Lloyd Burgess acted as temporary chairman and Russell Higby as temporary secretary. The constitution drawn up by Lewis Fox, Wesley Eves and Vivian Prindle, was adopted, and officers were elected as follows: Jack Raggio, President; Alice Doolittle, Vice-President; Erna Gibbens, Secretary. Mr. Iliff was unanimously elected as critic.

On March 15th a joint meeting of the Senate and Congress was held, at which numbers were given alternately by members of the societies.

March 29th at a joint session of the Congress and Senate an excellent program was presented. The mob scene from "Julius Caesar" was given by the Public Speaking Class, with Tom Louttit as Julius Caesar, Irving Neumiller as Antony and Paul Murray as Brutus.

On April 12th the Congress held a mock trial. George Fortunstein, alias George Fortune, the alleged German spy, was convicted by a jury, and was sentenced to serve ninety-nine years in the Federal prison by Judge Louttit, who presided. Louis Burke and Lewis Fox were the prosecuting attorneys and Jack Raggio and Irving Neumiller defended Fortunstein. Vivian Prindle acted as bailiff and produced a jury of six and several witnesses.

Those who have enrolled in the Congresses are: Ruth Baldwin, Bernice Brown, Edythe Denton, Viola Henderson, Vera Russell, Ila Yore, Doris Barr, Maud Hoffman, Laura Davis, Florence Hall, Lily Schlichtman, Alice Hall, Grace Lieginger, Lillian Robinson, Herma Manthey, Bernice Gianelli, Helen Stewart, Julia, Tuggle, La Verne Williams, Theo. Threlfall, Zelda Battilana, Helen Gilmore, Eunice Grupe, Opal Dewitt, Myrle Rossi, Genevieve Salisbury, Alberta Eckstrom, Alice Doolittle, Helen Kircher, Margaret Learned, Ida Green, Stella Kuhn, Loretta Kay, Ethel Anderson, Erna Gibbens, Helen Harvey, Reggie Kearney, Tom Louttit, Irving Neumiller, Mervyn Dunnagan,, Dan Eckland, Ted Eggert, John Knox, Francis Viebrock, Willard Zent, Melvin Rider, Lewe Fox, Angelo D'Amico, George Fortune, Stanley Metzger, Alton Healey, Howard Moore, Carol White, Dick Walter, Wilmarth Hildreth, Elmer Cady, Russell Yost, John Gianelli, Earl Stribley, Robert Gruwell, Ben Gall, Marion Utt, John Lusignan, Louis Burke, Harry Kessell, William Eccleston, Charles Condy, James Willis, Bardo Silva, Johnston Beacom, Reinhard Looser, Kenneth Brunner, Vivian Prindle, Ted Behymer, Fred Stout, Wesley Eves, Russell Higby, Forest Parker, Francis Eshbach, Robert Groves, Delmar Stamper, Joseph Dietrich, Cameron Haight, Lloyd Kroh, Fred Schneider, Ernest Lindsey, Kenneth McKindsey, Hamilton Roberts, Frank Dutschike, John Jackson, Howard Gavigan, Lloyd Westphal, William Barnickol, Milton Hubner, Jack Raggio, Vincent Dunne, Frank Vierra, Newton Robinson, Walton Rains, Harold Ahearn, Peter Todresic, Harold Pearson, Ray Dunne, Allan Sapiro, Fred Sackett, Morris Wallin, Harry Wells, John Welter, Joseph Stout.

The Red Cross

This year marks the organizing of a society in our school different from any that has heretofore been established. Iit is a Red Cross Society. Mrs. F. J. Conzelmann, a regularly appointed Red Cross nurse, and wife of Dr. Fred J. Conzelmann of the state hospital staff, spoke to the girls on the origin and work of the organization. As most of the students had never before gained a clear conception of the subject, they began to realize that it could no tonly be used in time of war, but was also quite useful in the care of one's own home. The officers of the Girls' Associated Students and a few others interested met and discussed its introduction into our school. By the help of Mrs. Minta, adviser for the girls of the high school, the consent of the Board of Education was obtained, and Mrs. Conzelmann's services as teacher were acquired. Then the class was organized and real work began, the girls' rest room being used as the study room.

The work taken up is entitled "Elementary Hygiene and Home Care of the Sick," and includes the use and preparation of bandages, the use and preparation of the sling, administration of medication, what to do in case of fire, fainting, fractures and sprains, and care of minor wounds. The care and sanitation of the home is also one of the chief subjects of interest. It involves the growth and life of bacteria, and their prevention and destruction. In this, we learn that the bacteria are not animals with horrible heads, hands and feet, but microscopic structures of animal or vegetable origin, that have scarcely any shape at all except round, oblong, or such. Next the subject of air, ventilation, heating and lighting, care of the house, and laundry, personal hygiene, bed making, care of the sick in their own homes, general care of a sick person, and the use of simple sick room appliances are dealt with. The instruction includes both laboratory and lecture work and the class meets twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, from 3:30 to 6 p. m., promptness being very essential. It might also be stated that our teacher, Mrs. Conzelmann, is conducting the other Red Cross classes that have been organized throughout Stockton.

Mrs. Bell was elected president of the class and conducts the correspondence with Washington, collects the dues from each member, which are \$3, and attends to the other business of the society. The regular Red Cross manual is used as a text book. In order to be one of the members of the class, one must be over 16 years of age and must have a 2 average in high school credits. Fifteen were entered in the class. Many more students wished to take up the work but were prevented by work in other subjects. Some of the teachers have also shown their enthusiasm by enrolling as members.

The course consists of fifteen lessons, and each member must be present at twelve meetings at least. When they have been completed, a written examination is given. This is conducted by an enrolled Red Cross nurse, not the teacher, from the base hospital of our district, which is at San Francisco. The examination is given in two parts, the practical, which includes the laboratory work, and the written, including the lecture work. The questions for this are sent from the Red Cross headquarters at Washington, D. C., and an average of 75 per cent is required. The written papers are then sent to

Washington, the questions accompanying them; there they are filed among numerous others. If the required per cent is gained, the member receives a certificate from the American Red Cross showing that she has completed that course of study. With ten lectures in first aid besides the lessons in hygiene, another certificate is given which qualifies the bearer to be an aide to a Red Cross nurse. No aide is taken unless she has had both courses.

If this aide is called to duty in case of war, she does not have to go unless she wishes to, as she is classed among the volunteers and is known as a "volunteer aide." But if one were called she surely would be willing to go and do her duty to her country, or she would not have undertaken the work in the first place. Even so, she will have a training that will prove invaluable in her own home.

We should be proud of the fact that we might be able to help in a time when our nation faces such a situation as the present. When the first convention was held at Geneva, in 1863, little they ever thought that in this high school, thousands of miles away, in America, a class would be organized with their work as a standard. Florence Nightingale rendered noble services during the Crimean War, and called attention to the insanitary conditions and the betterment of camp hospitals. By this, and many individual helps to wounded soldiers, her name became known and revered to almost every soldier in battle. Thus our own school might be able to produce some present day "Florence Nightingales" who will aid our soldiers in case they are called to "somewhere in France."

The class in first aid will be given in the high school in the fall, and it is hoped that the entire course will be continued as an organization in Stockton High School in the future years. The present enrolled members of the class are:

Lizzie Alley, Ruth Baldwin, Caroline Braghetta, Mrs. Mattie Bell, Miss Mary Colwell, Lorraine Cutting, Alberta Eckstrom, Erva Gnekow, Miss Georgia McCoy, Miss Alice McInnis, Mrs. Minta, Corinne Selna, Mildred Smalling, Viola Stubbs and Ethel Watrous.



Social Functions

The reception given by the Associated Girl Students for their infant cousins, the Freshmen, and the new lady members of the Faculty was held October 7th in the gymnasium, where the Freshmen were properly inducted into the mysteries of the new organization.

Kathryn Kerrick, Marian Moffatt, Helen Moore, LaVerne Williams, Esther Naylor and Daphne Miller appeared in bright red Italian peasant costumes and danced the native dance to the delight of the Freshies. Several musical numbers were ably rendered by Ruth Lamb. The program ended with a Honeymoon race, which certainly was a novelty. The race was won by "Mrs." Gertrude Howland and "Mr." Zelda Battilana. "Mr." Battilana left first but forgot to remove all his costume.

Dancing and refreshments finished the entertainment for the rest of the afternoon and at 5:30 the party broke up, for Freshmen you know, must be safely home before dark.

The School Hop

The first "after-school" dance of the season was held in the gymnasium Friday afternoon October 27th. Through the efforts of Miss Halwick the affair was a great success.

Everyone was there with a smile and ready to join in the spirit of the affair. And the best part was that silks and satins and full dress were all tabooed. Besides mother or father could not object to late hours as the affair was only from 3:30 to 5:30.

The floor was crowded with couples lured by the magic strains of our High School orchestra to trip the light fantastic.

The Faculty was well represented, Mr. Campion, Mr. Mawhorter, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Minta, Miss Henderson, Miss Halwick, Miss Moore and Miss Montgomery attending, and they certainly seemed to have a good time.

Reception for February Freshmen

On Friday afternoon February the 16th, the gymnasium was filled with girls eagerly looking for their partners who had their hearts, when the Associated Girl Students' entertained the February Freshmen with a reception.

A very novel program was given, beginning with songs of various nations. Edna Todman presented Senora Spain and gave the native song and dance. Next Erna Gibbens gave a reproduction of the Kaiser, singing "Ach du Lieber Augustine." Both France and Ireland were represented, and Italy was characterized by Zelda Battilana taking the part of Pete "Vermicelli." Brynhild Branstead gave a clever Norwegian folk song in costume, and Sue Mark presented China in song. About forty girls made excellent music on ukeleles.

Dancing followed and refreshments were served. At 5:30 the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" rang forth and the party was over.

Washington's Birthday Party

On February 22nd Stockton High commemorated Washington's Birthday in a way that will not soon be forgotten. The literary program was under the auspices of Miss Howell's public speaking class, with Frank Quinn as the presiding officer. The occasion was made notable by the first appearance of the Glee Club, which sang "Kentucky Babe" with Mrs. John Raggio accompanying them at the piano. After the program everyone danced until the strains of "Home, Sweet Hose" gave the hint for the close.

Big "S" Crawl

The dance given by the Big "S" Society March 17th, was one of the successes of the season. There were more students attending than at any previous dance given by that popular organization.

A feature of the dance was the decorations. The orchestra was surrounded with palms and Hawaiian umbrellas. Several of the girls commemorated St. Patrick's Day by wearing green gowns, and the boys were not far behind with their green ties, socks and shamrocks. The balmy night, the refreshing punch and the tantalizing music of the Hotel Clark orchestra whiled away the happy evening long before the dancers were ready to say good-night.

The Public Speaking Banquet

The public speaking class made its first appearance at a banquet in the attractive cafeteria of the High School, January 11th. A great deal of credit is due to their instructor, Miss Minerva U. Howell, who conceived and promoted the banquet idea. The affair was held to give an opportunity to the parents to attend. Then, too, a banquet promotes gaiety and geniality that are sometimes lacking in other affairs. The committees on arrangements was composed of Louis Burke, Vera Russell and Simpson Hornage. The talks and toasts given were as follows:

Irving Neumiller, Toastmaster.

Paul Mitchell	"To 1917"
Vera Russell	"Mother"
Merle Sprague	"Dad, Our Elder Brother"
Frank Quinn	"Then and Now-The Same"
George Dean	"Life at S. H. S."
B. Frankenheimer	"The Faculty"
Harold Gumpert	"The Public Speaking Class"
Simpson Hornage	"The Honolulu Trip"
Paul Murray	"Sleep"
Walton Rains	"Big S Society"
James Faulkner	"Board of Education"
Allan Sapiro	"The Taxpayer's Standpoint"

A quintet composed of Amos Elliott, Irving Neumiller, Paul Murray, Merle Sprague and Simpson Hornage rendered musical selections during the welcome to the guests. The talks and music was not all they had at that banquet, for there were chicken, salad, ice cream and other delicacies. Miss Moore, Miss McInnes, Mr. Iliff, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Garrison and Mr. Ellis represented the Faculty.