

# ORATORY



# Public Speaking Class

"The most harmonious class that I have ever had," is the way Miss M. U. Howell characterizes her 1925 public speaking class. The individual members have worked to make everything succeed. Every project started has been completed with the utmost success. The members of this 'stellar'' class were Virgil Belew, Sadie Burstein, Don Carr, Janet Case, Elise Dean, Stephen Dietrich, Cliffton Frisbie, Edward Fong, Douglas Fuller, Vernon Gentry, Marie Hands, Clara Catherine Hudson, John Humphries, Aileen Kelly, Mitchell Oliver, Edward Peckler, Ovid Ritter, Muriel Robertson, Dan Triolo, and William Trivelpiece.

The first time that these aspiring speakers appeared before the school was during National Education week, when several of the members gave short talks in the auditorium on education. During the second quarter the class took part in the extemporaneous contest, every member preparing material and speeches. Cliffiton Frisbie, who was chosen to represent Stockton, after a long debating experience, was not then a class member, but later ioined the group. Two members. John Humphries and Edward Peckler, gave a very amusing dance at the final contest in Modesto.

The annual banquet was one of the most enjoyable events of the year. Douglas Fuller was toastmaster, and, according to everyone present, he was a "real" toastmaster in all the best senses of the word. Mr. J. C. Cave was the guest of honor. Practically all the students brought one or both of their parents. Many fine afterdinner speeches were given by the members, and several of the parents responded. The dinner was cooked

and served by the girls of Miss Post's cooking classes.

The third quarter started out with the addition of six or seven students and with the loss of Dan Stone, who went to the College of the Pacific, and of Manuel Silva, who left Stockton. Right at the start there was work to The community chest leaders asked the services of the speakers. which was readily given, in aid of the Each student spoke two or three times in the grammar schools. Marie Hands delivered a short talk before the high school students during the campaign. Because of success in this work, the class was asked to take part in the "Deep Water to the Sea" campaign but was forced to refuse because of pressing class work.

The Oratorical Contest opened the Many orations were third quarter. written by members of the class, and these were saved to be used as occasion arose. Edward Fong's oration and style were declared the best combination by the local judges, and he was selected to represent Stockton High School. Edward tied for first at the elimination contest here, but at the finals in Manteca, one week later, every judge gave him first place. The public speaking class feels proud that Edward has been one of its members and has added one more bit of glory to Stockton High School.

The class concluded its public performances by taking part in the Better Homes campaign. Elise Dean. Clara Catherine Hudson. Douglas Entler. Ovid Ritter. and Cliffton Frishie delivered speeches at the Masonic Temple. Elise and Douglas each won a seven-and-one-half dollar prize for their speeches.

A WISH

Accept this little valentine,
This token of my heart,
Which, though less agile than my eye,
Still follows where thou art.

## ORATORICAL

For the fourth time in her history, Stockton High School was acclaimed champion in oratory, when Edward Fong's speech on "The Awakening of China" won first place in the Central California Public Speaking contest which was held at Modesto on May 1. The most noteworthy phase of this achievement is that Fong, a Chinese Lad, was able to rise to the very heights of oratory in a language of which only nine years ago he knew nothing.

Fong's oration dealt with the untiring and valiant efforts of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, China's first president, to arouse the sleeping giant, China, to a realization of its powers and importance to the world. Ed compared the formerly brilliant Chinese empire with the sordid, uncivilized country of today. He ended his strong oratorical appeal with an earnest plea for better understanding and co-operation between the two great nations, China and America.

It was Fong's deep sincerity, his

earnestness, and his love for both his own and adopted country that made his speech so gripping. In following Ed's speech one could not help but feel that the Chinese lad was working for an ideal, and his enthusiasm and earnestness were contagious. Besides his great interest in his topic and his wonderfully well organized speech, Ed's most graceful, yet natural stage presence caused both the judges and the audience to award him first place unanimously.

Second place in the contest went to Earl Alcorn of Modesto, whose speech on "Paderewski, the Master Man" was a vivid and inspiring tribute to the great Polish artist, statesman, and orator. Miss Ara Dillow of Madera was awarded third place for the original and interesting ideas she so well presented in her speech on "The Leaders of 1950."

A big feature of the contest was the awarding of the league debating cup which was won by Stockton for the first time this year.

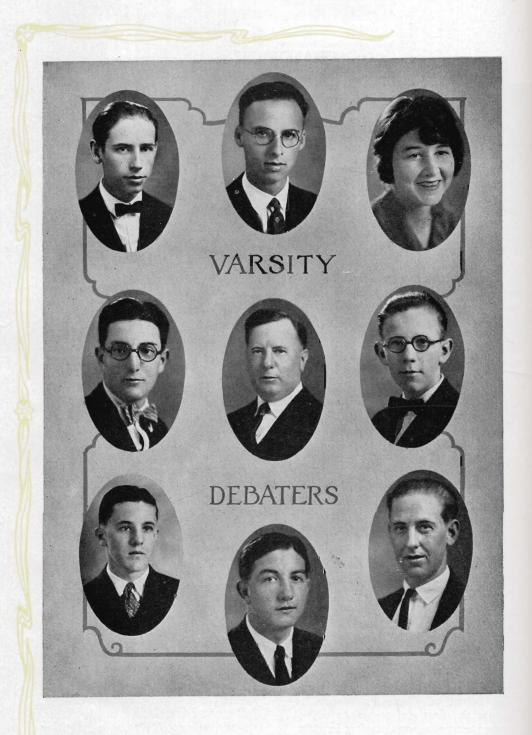
# **EXTEMPORANEOUS CONTEST**

Cliffton Frisbie, Stockton's famed debater, certainly added to the honor of Stockton High School, even though he failed to place at the annual Extemporaneous Contest held at Modesto on January 16. Cliffton spoke on "The Effect of Conrad's Life on His Novels," a rather difficult subject. His speech was very well organized but was not presented with the fire that was evidenced by some of his opponents.

Gerald Kennedy of Modesto won the gold pin for the second consecutive time. He spoke on "Conrad, The Man". Miss Betty Hirst of Placerville placed second, speaking on "The Secret of Conrad's Appeal". She was the first girl to win a place in an extemporaneous contest in this section. Honorable mention was given to Bertram Edices of Fresno, who spoke on "The History of the Death Penalty". The other four schools and their speakers were:

Sacramento, Catherine Brown; Madera, Ellsworth Bruce; Manteca, Dorothy Clarke; Ripon, Emily Bigelow.

The judges of the contest were Professors Emerson and Norton of Stanford University and Professor Perstein of the University of California. While the judges were making their decisions and before the speeches were made, the contending schools put on "stunts". Humphreys and Edward Peckler of Stockton put on a much applauded Parisian Apache dance. Two Placerville girls cleverly impersonated two old men and gave a lively dialogue. "I Dreamt I Dwelt In Marble Halls" was sung beautifully by a Manteca A cross-word puzzle skit was given by a group of Sacramentans, and Ivan Offelitch, alias "Hairy Chin." gave an entertaining if not understandable lecture.



# Debating

FOREWORD

Winning sixteen out of a possible eighteen judges' decisions in the three debates held this year, Stockton High School for the first time won the debating cup offered by the Public Speaking League. Besides this, Mr. Everett of Sacramento, head of the debate league, says, "S. H. S. has set a record which may not be broken for years."

The many seasoned debaters who took up the work this year undoubtedly explain this great success. Some members of the class began debating two years before as sophomores, and all laurel winners had had previous training either in debating or public speaking. Debating is an art that has to be built up.

With a new coach and partly raw material, Stockton's prospects for winning the championship seemed small. But when the first debate was won, people began to take interest, and by the conclusion of the second debate, all realized that Mr. Harris's squad were well on the way towards the finally achieved goal.

Those who took part in two league debates this year were: William Trivelpiece, Ernest Lonsdale, Ethel De Vol, and Melvin Belli. Those who debated in one contest were: Cliffton Frisbie, Willard Clark, and George Miller. The other members of the debating class were: Marie Hands, Alice Carr, Alwyn Briones, Harry Hoffman, Walter Wolfe, Mervin Garibotto, Gordon Tye, John Manuel, and Louis Sweet. While these last did not make this year's team, the majority of them will undoubtedly be the upholders of Stockton's reputation next\_year.

# TURLOCK DEBATE

A double victory on November 14, by winning five out of six judges' decisions started the debating year out right for Coach Harris's "talking Tarzans." The affirmative team composed of Ernest Lonsdale and Ethel DeVol defeated Turlock three to nothing, and the negative team, William Trivelpiece and Cliffton

Frisbie, beat Placerville two to one on the question—"Resolved, that the United States should recognize the present government of Russia without delay."

This was Ernest Lonsdale's and Ethel DeVol's first league debate, while Trivelpiece had debated once and Frisbie four times previously.

## SOPHOMORE DEBATE

"Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished in California" was the subject of the first sophomore debate, held on December 12. Mervin Garibotto and Elizabeth Dozier, affirmatives, defeated Modesto three to nothing; while the negative team, composed of Robin Dunn and Addison Fording, lost by a two to one decision of the judges, although, if the speeches had been compared by the percentage system, Stockton would have really won, so close was the decision.

#### SECOND DEBATE

First place in the Central California Debating League was gained by Stockton when her debaters won unanimous victories over Modesto and Patterson on February 20. The question debated was one of national

importance at the time: "Resolved, that the land and aerial forces of the United States should be doubled."

At home, Melvin Belli and Ernest Lonsdale of Stockton defeated Leo Bonney and George L'Amoreaux of Modesto by showing that our present forces were not enough for protection and, therefore, should be doubled. At Patterson, Sam Sherman and William Trivelpiece of Stockton, by their logic and presentation, were

acclaimed victors over Miss Carson and Miss Evans of Patterson.

At the completion of this debate Stockton ranked highest in the league with Escalon a close second.

# WHEN I AM OLD AND COLD

Nay, Lord, not thus! To bury cherished Hope

Each day with trembling hands, or find

A sordid Truth where youth was happy blind

Brings me no token of Thy love.
I grope

To understand such mysteries. I mope

In silent solitude, and wake to cry At midnight's hour, not knowing how or why

Save youth brings sorrowing in its short scope.

Yet haply when I'm old and cold, I may

Learn Courage comes when youth's fair idols die,

And taking heart in wise, gray Reason's way

Life's flame will burn me not in passing by.

Forgotten loves and old heartaches I'll find

Give off a pungent fragrance like old wine!

—BETTY MYRTIS COFFIN.



HONOR SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

# Honor Scholarship Society

Recording greater numbers of high scholarship totals than ever before, the Honor Scholarship Society of 1924-1925 had no difficulty in maintaining the record-breaking pace set throughout the year by the school's other active organizations. of twenty-two points, which broke all records, were turned in by David Suzuki and Sam Sherman, accompanied, during just the first three quarters, by two marks of nineteen, ten of eighteen, four of seventeen, and eleven of sixteen. Such a group of large totals had not been turned in in any of the society's preceding three

The high-point members for the year and points earned (the totals being for the first three quarters, the last quarter reports being too late for the annual) were:

Sam Sherman	55
Mervin Garibotto	55
Alice Langille	54 1/2
Paula Weinstein	
James Barr	47 1/2
Clara Catherine Hudson	<b>47</b>
Leaders in senior averages f	or total

school attendance were:

Sam Sherman 1

David Suzuki 14.3 Raymond Johanson 12.6 Ethel De Vol 12.3

In the February class, Gladys Stevens carried away the honors with an average of 13.6 points each quarter. Mae Petzinger also received a federation seal on her diploma.

Places on that most exclusive list, the society's Honor Roll, were earned by the following students, who averaged over 13.3 points for each of the first three quarters of the year: James Barr, Virgil Belew, Ethel De Vol, Wesley Dunlap, Robin Dunn, Esther Fisher, Douglas Fuller, Mer-

vin Garibotto, Clara Catherine Hudson, Raymond Johanson, Alice Langille, Thomas Oshidari, Ralph Prasher, Evelyn Reid, Lucy Ritter, Sam Sherman, Dorothy Storm, David Suzuki, Helen Thornton, Dorothy Ulrici, Paula Weinstein, Ansel Williams, Jr.

The head students in each class for the three quarters were: 13A, Douglas Fuller: 12A, Ethel DeVol, Sam Sherman: 12B, James Barr, Paula Weinstein: 11A, Clara Catherine Hudson, Evelyn Reid: 11B, Mervin Garibotto, Ansel Williams: 10A, Wesley Dunlap, Alice Langille: 10B, Doris Horr, Marjorie Scott: 9A, Laurienne McLeish, Franklin Malloy: 9B, Helen Latica, Nadine McCall, and Jean McCollom (one quarter each).

Presidents of the society were: Ethel DeVol, first and second quarters: Raymond Johanson, third quarter.

Dr. Tully C. Knoles of the College of the Pacific was the speaker at the annual scholarship assembly held in the auditorium on October 29. He gave an excellent address which stressed the point that "we believe in scholarship for its aid to humanity," not for scholarship's sake alone. Twenty-three students were presented with four-quarter membership certificates during the assembly: Gladys Stevens, Ethel DeVol, Will Freitas, Raymond Johanson, Tokio Katachi, Gladys Rourke, Sander Barron, Nathan Merchasin, Yvonne Goulding, Bernyce Ingersoll, Lucy Ritter, Bernita Salmon, Dorothy Storm, Jean Williams, Thelma Doty, Mervin Garibotto, Charles Livingston, Dorothy Hammond, Alice Langille, Bessie Miyata, Helen Thornton, Cecil Walter, and Ansel Williams.



# STELLAR STUDENTS

- Sam Sherman, Mervin Garibotto
- 2. Alice Langille
- 3.
- 4.
- Paula Weinstein James Barr Clara Catherine Hudson

# Scholarships

One more scholarship, the Irving M. Cohen scholarship, was presented to Stockton High School during the past year, making a total of seven opportunities for deserving seniors to continue their education.

# IRVING M. COHEN SCHOLARSHIP

This latest of Stockton High School's scholarships expresses the generosity of the parents of Irving M. Cohen, grammar school student, who was killed in a railroad accident last December. Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, who are very much interested in helping earnest and deserving students to continue their education, took this as the most worth-while method of commemorating the life of their son to the boys of Stockton. The scholarship of one hundred dollars will be open each year to any boy in the graduating class who plans to enter the University of California. restriction was made because Mr. and Mrs. Cohen planned to have Irving finish his education there.

# REGINALD PRESTON RICHARDSON SCHOLARSHIP

Presented to Stockton High School in the spring of 1924 by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie V. Richardson of Byron in honor of their son, Reginald Preston Richardson, '23, this is the only S. H. S. scholarship for which moral character and participation in school activities count more than scholarship. It is awarded by a committee composed of the principal of the high school, the boys' physical education director, the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., the president of the College of the Pacific, and Mrs. Hazel Ellerbrock, and yields one hundred and twenty dollars each year as the tuition for the first year in the College of the Pacific. The first one to receive this scholarship was Titus Aungst, class of 1924.

## KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Kiwanis Club scholarship was presented to Stockton High School by the Stockton Kiwanis Club on June 5, 1923, at a luncheon held on the campus. The amount of one hundred and twenty dollars for the first year's tuition in the College of the Pacific is loaned annually to the most deserving member of the senior class on the same basis as the Rotary Club scholarship. The winners are: Vincent Johanson, class of 1923; Agnes McGee, class of 1924.

# SELMA RIESE ZEIMER SCHOLAR-SHIP FOR GIRLS

Dr. Irving S. Zeimer presented this scholarship to the school in 1921 in honor of his wife, for whom the scholarship is named. It yields yearly the sum of one hundred dollars to be given to a girl who is entitled to enter any institution of higher education. The girls who have succeeded so far in obtaining this honor are: Clara Lucille Hall, class of 1921; Alice McCaughey, class of 1922; Thelma West, class of 1923; and Ruth Fitch, class of 1924.

# ROTARY CLUB CIRCULATING SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Stockton inaugurated this scholarship in the spring of 1921. By it three hundred dollars is awarded each year, but the sum is not limited to one student. The students awarded the scholarship or parts of it agree to return the amount to the Rotary Club's scholarship fund at their earliest convenience after becoming self-supporting. The recipients may enter any college of university standing in the United The winners so far are: Floyd Vernon Green and William Fred Gallagher of the class of 1921; Henderson McGee and Lelia Taggart



# SO, WHAT CARE I?

What care I for frowning care
When all I see is bright and fair?
The joyful world is everywhere!
So, what care I?

Why, up there the sky is blue;
Of white, light clouds there are but few,
Soon to turn to harmless dew.
So, what care I?

Oh, can't you see the blooming rose? Why gaze and sigh and then suppose? See there — the dancing streamlet flows.

So, what care I?

Here's a flower, there's the grass.
Why, thoughtful, miss these as you pass.
The river flows like bright, smooth glass.
So, what care I?

Life is light and life is gay.
Why ponder wise words sages say?
They but perplex and cloud the day.
So, what care I?

-Marian Los Kamp.

# Log of the Good Ship S. H. S.

The log of the good ship S. H. S., which set sail the second of September, 1924, with a motley and heterogeneous crew, captained by "Tubby" Dietrich, who reigned supreme over about eighteen hundred hands who signed for a year's voyage on the sea of School Life with all its trials and tribulations, the land of education their ultimate destination.

# **SEPTEMBER**

2—On this notable day ye officers held a conclave and the itinerary for the entire voyage was the result. Many were on hand to wish the bark, "bon voyage."

3—All male hands piped to the bridge to see Captain "Tubby" make his debut. Fears were voiced as to the safety of the bridge, but it withstood the shock and all was well. Admirals Pease, Lewis and McKay told of ship's football prospects. Leather-lunged Mahaffey blossomed forth and led in prayer.

10—Ship's publication makes first appearance. For the first time the ship's printshop did all of the work using the new intertype machine. Verily we say unto you the old S. S. S. H. S. is some tub.

26—Good ship S. H. S. out-smarts old crew on gridiron by 18-10 score. Dan Triolo set sail after first kickoff and tack ninety-five yards to goal line for first six points. Little Tarzans fight tough gale and lose the Galt varsity by 14-7.

27—Ship's finances discovered decrepit, whereupon all hands put to bailing out indebtedness by ponying up \$1.00 assessment.

#### **OCTOBER**

1—The worthy, noble wise, upright members of the crew, otherwise seniors, met on this day to choose a leader to guide their

destinies on their final voyage. Ballot stuffing reached a climax. A new vote was called for, and Bob Goldsberry emerged from the fracas as class president with Dorothy Carrow vice-president.

- 2—Boy and girl members of crew hold separate football rallies. Much noise issued from boys' gym. A prize for best football song was offered.
- 3—Seniors burst forth in unique and undignified costume consisting of blue jeans and red and white watermelon sox. Teachers and canines voice disapproval, but sox remain undismayed without means of support.
- 4—The high and mighties who are about to receive commissions first meeting. Goldsberry becomes proficient in dodging missiles. Editor Coffin secures financial backing of the class for this annual ship chronicle. Forging ahead under full steam the mighty Tarzans thrust aside the Santa Clara Prep's Gridmen by a 19-0 score. The second team was submarined by Modesto by 13-0. A choppy sea caused by a sandy field and heavier ballast by fifteen pounds to the man was the cause of the mishap.
- 7—S. O. S. sent out as crew sees large grey overcoat strolling down the deck. Investigation, however, showed Ovid Ritter tucked away in one corner of papa Ritter's overcoat. Juniors have meeting and adopt purple cap as their sign of distinction despite efforts of the seniors to prevent the deed. War is declared.
- 8—Ensign Mahaffey deserts post and turns nursemaid. Makes big success.

18—Good ship drops anchor for a "Night in Spain." "Nap" Garibotto plays papa to Dot Carrow and Ruth Ferguson. Lem Mahaffey struts his stuff as a lover.

19—The Christmas edition of the Guard and Tackle Weekly appears on deck. Ship makes port for two weeks while crew takes shore leave by way of celebration.

# **JANUARY**

16—Big wind storm at Modesto. S. H. S. congratulates Gerald Kennedy on his victory in oratorical contest. Frisbie subsides after valiant struggle.

18—The brig's casaba tossers lose hard battle to Galt. 23-22. Tarzans show unusual burst of strength and fling casaba everywhere but near the basket.

21—The mess hall of the S. H. S. rang with the speeches given by the members of the extemporaneous classes during their banquet held on January 21.

21—Ship's lawyers show skill in trial when Sam Sherman is tried for insanity and indicted for same. They tell us it was a mock trial. We deck hands wonder!

23—All's over but the shouting! Again the Tarzans triumph, this time over Woodland's bucketeers. Before the speedy Tarzans the "Wolves" proved to be only sheep. The score was 16-12, thanks to Ike McCoy, the fighting Irishman who saved the day by his indomitable fighting spirit.

28—Hands change on board, and crew welcomes Earnest Lonsdale, former secretary, to the rank of Editor. He has our sympathies!

30—Flames await too long, and Tarzans take advantage of the fact to the tune of 10-0.

30—Large class of mid-year graduates unloaded at Port Success as they stage grand finale. 31—The crew of the good ship S. H. S. were royally entertained by the U. C. Glee Club. All hands turned out to see Lowell Garrison, formerly one of the deck hands. perform.

## **FEBRUARY**

- 1—Brig takes day to load on a large number of unsophisticated, innocent, guileless, wise and otherwise green hands.
- 2-Horde of freshmen.
- 2—Our tranquil boat-life was suddenly disturbed by the arrival of a horde of green freshmen, causing the sea to appear two hundred and forty degrees greener.

6—S. H. S. breaks another record. Sam Sherman and David Suzuki eclipse previous record by one point, 22 points in seamanship each.

14—The ship's audience was captured and held for two hours by the commercial play, "Marthaby-the-Day," held in the ship's auditorium.

18—Once more the most deserving student wins. Mr. and Mrs. Cohen make gift of scholarship to perpetuate the name of their son.

20—Ship's basketers in light, fast cruiser crash into Lodi, submerging the tub and annihilating the crew. Revenge is sweet.

## MARCH

II—In ye ship's cabin assembled, ye crew on this day adopted a resolution providing every member of the casaba tossers with a new pair of garters, as ye yell leader Mahaffey emotionally declared they were in need of supporters.

19—Once again the trophy that was deliberately and maliciously taken last year, rests in the cabin of the S. H. S., due to the meritorious efforts of Pete Lenz and the team that he turned out. Mahaffey, Berg, Sweet, Bush,

and Caviglia were in the initial line-up.

## APRIL

14—Trivelpiece, Lonsdale, and De-Vol are the conquering heroes.

17—Class in astronomy picks up as Clarence Bush and Dora Blair join ranks.

24—Free orchestra concert given in ship's reception room. Sam Sherman brings his latest.

29—All join in a big carnival. Crew appears in grotesque and unique costumes. Crew in big uproar as Horwitz, Pope, and Clay, interpretive dancers, shake a mean herring bone.

## MAY

- 8—Ship rocked by oration given by Ed Fong in annual oratorical contest. Ed places in the finals.
- 12—Crew becomes hilarious as senior play approaches. Great interest shown in assembly as "Duke" Eccleston tells the crew how it is to be done.

- 15—Show houses find senior class a liability when "The Whole Town" is presented. "Pat" O'Rooney, Peckler, and "Brooks" Carr fight for the lead.
- 16—The ship refused to sail today—Saturday.

## JUNE

- 5—The old traditional juniorsenior struggle, skip, hop or drag, was enjoyed by all. Caesar Belli was refused a dance when he asked that he might have the next struggle with Cleone Pearce's frame.
- 12—The cream of the crew (seniors) assemble at the country club for a banquet and dance.
- 18—Every fortunate senior of the S. H. S. is armed with a sheep-skin passport to a greater voyage to come.
- 19—The old ship goes to a dry dock as its crew bids it farewell.

# I WONDER

A star looks down as I look up

And sigh

The amber liquor of moon fills the cup

Of sky.

"Oh tell me, star, of the end of space!"

I cry.

"All through the ages I keep my place;

You die"-

The star laughs down as I look up And sigh.

-Betty Coffin.

