

# ACTIVITES



STOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL NEW AUDITORIUM

#### Assemblies

N JANUARY, when the auditorium balcony was finished, scarcely a day passed without some class or group or the entire student body filing forth to the completed building. On February 11, the Girls' Association met to discuss health problems. Not to be outdone, on February 25, the boys met to announce a scholarship offered by the C. I. F. to the school winning the track event.

One of the biggest assemblies of the year was held on February 26 to award certificates to Honor Scholarship Society members. Reverend Hugh Vernon White was the speaker, Miss McGlothlin presented the certificates..

"Seventeen," the Commercial Department play was cleverly advertised to the students on March 16.

On April 9, Mr. Ellis addressed the school.

The Honor Scholarship Convention was "sold" to the school on April 16.

German songs and syllables pealed forth on April 20 from the overcrowded German assembly program.

The sophomores gave samples of their play, "The Goose Hangs High," to the student body on April 28.

May 6, William Lee Greenleaf gave a program of readings.

#### Lectures

On February 8, the first of a series of talks was given to the seniors on "Different Phases of Banking." These were given by representatives of different Stockton banks.

America's own resources were described in an interesting lecture given on February 9 by Mr. Winfield Scott, who talked of Lassen National Park.

"The Deep Water Project" was thoroughly discussed by Mr. Louis Fox before the Commercial students on March 8, and on March 19, they also heard Mr. James C. McKindsey, professor of accounting at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Frank Beckmann on March 16 addressed the teachers on the subject of "Efficiency."

"The Crises of the Present" was presented by Mr. Frederick T. Libby, Secretary of the National Council for the prevention of War on April 5.

Mr. Edwin Berwick addressed the school on "Making History" on April 14.

Mr. Stanley Arndt, local attorney, discussed stocks and bonds before the Commercial Club on April 16.

State Forester M. B. Pratt, spoke on April 23 in connection with Forestry Week.

May and June Lectures were too late to publish.

#### School Parties

N WITH the dance; let joy be unconfined" might have been applied by Byron to the school parties held in the boys' gymnasium on the second Friday afternoon of every month. These "parties" were always jolly, congenial get-togethers and were looked forward to eagerly by the students. The lively music was supplied by the Kaberian Klub. The committee on Better Dancing, appointed by the student body president and consisting of Helen Yohner, chairman, Paul Harrison, Ila Grant, Joe Peters, Clara Catherine Hudson, Yvonne Goulding, and Harry Pearce, drew up, with the aid of Miss McInnes, dean of girls, some dance regulations, as follows: First, that any features of these parties which seem contrary to making students become acquainted with each other, should be obliterated; second, that some of the objectionable features are the presence of others than students of Stockton High School and the exaggerated positions and types of dancing which demand undignified posture and bodily contact on the part of the dancers; third, that there are some attendant details, such as chewing gum while dancing, the appearance of the boys without collars or coats, and the making of one's toilet in public, which are bad form and poor etiquette and should not be tolerated; and that it defeats the purpose of the dance for one boy and girl to dance continually together, or for any group of students to use the party as an excuse to stroll out of doors or ride in autos. These rules were presented to the students in their respective advisor sections, and produced a real improvement in school dances.

# Rallies

S-T-O-C-K-T-O-N-!
Rah! Rah!
Thus went the teams forth to victory!
Stockton-Lodi! Rah! Rah!

February 3—Rally where "pep" was really aroused!

Stockton-Lodi, again! Rally held on February 23! Irving Neumiller, local attorney, and Mrs. May, head of the Girls' Physical Education Department, spoke on the importance of school spirit.

A big "S" rally was held on March 23 to award letters to the basketers. Harry Berg presented Coach "Pete" Lenz with a token from the team.

So closed the semester's rallies!



#### The Freshman Reception

HE best yet," the girls said after they had attained the reception given by the Girls' Association on March 5 to welcome the February freshman girls. President Yvonne Goulding gave a short welcoming speech. Margaret Rose Williams humorously announced the following acts and songs: "There Ain't No Flies on Aunty" and "Thanks for the Buggy Ride," sung by Camille Pike and Sue Drouin, accompanied by Elna Lipscomb; a tango dance, La Vergne Wallace and Betty Viebrock; "But I Don't Think So," Elna Lipscomb, accompanied by the ukelele; "Skaters from the Neapolitan Ice Cream Company," Yardley Moore and Gladys Pagel; a "Charleston" dance, Marian Farrell and Gretchen Bishop; "Tea for Two," sung by Rowena Wright as "Tom" and Lillian Robinson as "Nanette," "Angry," "Five-Foot Two," and "Show Me the Way to Go Home," sung by Marcella Pike; two dances, by Pauline Stover, accompanied by Evelyn Jones; two songs, Marie Hagenhofer; and "Red Hot Henry Brown," sung by Anna Changala with Pauline Sweet at the piano. Most humorous of all was the "Atlantic City Bathing Beauty Contest." Harriet Smith announced the following contestants: Mary Louise Leistner, Catherine Webster, Gladys Pagel, Mary Garvin Hammond, and Clara Catherine Hudson. Yardley Moore was the judge, while Frances Falconbury was the referee. prizes were an aluminum cup and some carrots.

As the girls passed from the auditorium to the girls' gymnasium for dancing, candy bars were given out for refreshments.

### Discipline Committees

The demerit system in the Stockton High School is a great success! This fact was unearthed by the records of the boys' and girls' discipline committees.

The report of the women's committee on April 13 showed that only 126 or eleven per cent of the girls in school had appeared before the committe since September. Last year's report of March 16 stated that 216 or twenty per cent of the girls had been "called up." The average number per week this year was approximately five girls, where last year it was nine. Only thirty girls appeared more than once before the committee this year. Last year 135 appeared several times.

The report of the men's committee on April 20 stated that 303 boys or twenty-nine per cent of those enrolled were brought before the committee. Last year 334 or thirty-four per cent had appeared in a report on March 17.

The teachers on the girls' committee this year were: Miss McInnes, chairman; Miss Hawkins, Miss Crosby, Miss Lillian Williams, and Miss Larson. The boys' committee was composed of: Mr. Berringer, chairman; Mr. Bond, Mr. Snook, Mr. Carmichael, and Mr. Young.

#### Junior Red Cross

ATS, hats—only five cents! Right this way, lady. Shoes? The next aisle over—ten cents a pair!" So might the girl clerks have sung in the rummage sale held by the Junior Red Cross on February 22 and 24, 25 and 26. Incidentally, they didn't, but shopping was not lessened by their silence, nor were prices increased. This sale represents the biggest activity of the Junior Red Cross during the past year. Lucy Ritter managed the project and with advice and aid of Miss McInnes, faculty advisor of the association, was able to make it successful. About \$175.40 was netted by the sale. This sum was to be used for the current expense of the club as well as to return the twenty-three dollars of school fund advanced by the executive committe to the society.

Those girls who sold in the rummage sale were: Paula Weinstein, Claire Kavanaugh, Edythe Bone, Bernita Salmon, Thirza Beattie, Doris Caster, Elizabeth Pahle, Norma Gagnon, Janet Ruland, Roblin Hewlett, Mae Risso, Louise Potts, Ruth Hughes, Nevada Barnett, Phyllis Threlfall, Marie Stemmler, Dorothy Evans, Betty Viebrock, Virginia Heller, Violet Van Pelt, Birdgne Behnke, Elsie Ratto, Jean Tretheway, Erma Reinking Frances Wixson, Eugenia Quail, Roberta Deppish, Elizatbeth Dozier, Marian Hough, Thelma Doty, and Frances Crevelli.

Christmas is always a busy season for the Red Cross. At that time the local chapter sent 350 boxes of candy, made by the cooking department, to the cripple soldiers at Whipple Barracks. Fifty boxes of toys and other gifts were also sent to the poor children of Guam. Every Christmas box represents to the members part of a big movement of world brotherhood bearing a message of generosity, love and co-operation. As Mr. Libby and Mr. Berwick stressed in important assemblies this year, it is by doing away with race hatred and building up sympathy and understanding between nations that war can be averted, and such an aim has the work of the Red Cross.

A surprise was received by the society here when eight boxes of of Corinthias currants were received from the Junior Red Cross of Greece. This chapter sent a number of such boxes to the head chapter in America, which distributed them to various schools throughout the country.

Lucy Ritter was president of the local chapter during the year, and Rossi Reynolds, secretary.





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# Print Shop

(Mechanical Staff of Weekly)

HE PRINT SHOP had its beginning at the Prevocational School in 1915 under Mr. J. C. Greenup. In the fall of 1916 Mr. Comer was given charge, and in 1918 it was transferred to the high school because it was thought that the course interested the older boys more and did more high school work.

This shop does all the printing work for the Board of Education, the public schools, and the high school student body. It prints the tickets, programs, the Weekly Guard and Tackle, and many other things.

When the shop was first put into the high school, there were elective classes in printing, but as the students did not enroll, it was changed until there are now two vocational classes of one-half day each. It is a four-year course, and a diploma of graduation is given. For those who wish to take only a year or two a certificate is given.

Since the beginning of the shop there has been quite a change in the machinery. At first there was only a job press, a small paper cutter, and an assortment of type. Now there is a cylinder press, another job press, a large paper cutter, a folding machine, a saw trimmer, a modern proof press, and a completely equipped intertype and linotype machine.



#### Journalism

The half-year course of "advanced journalism" was offered for the first time in Stockton High School this semester on petition of the students themselves, which is one proof of the increasing interest in and enthusiasm for journalism in general.

The class was composed of those students who had had newswriting, staff members largely. They had no fixed "runs" but supervised news in general; they saw that no important news was omitted; they furnished most of the editorials and the original and special stories for the paper. Each member subscribed for a daily San Francisco paper for several months and studied it from the standpoint of ethics, ideals, make-up, and current events. Later they subscribed for a New York, a Philadelphia, and a middle west paper of recognized standing and some of the best magazines.

A growing interest and ability on the part of the students was easily discerned. The example set by previous students in the course in newswriting awakened in them an interest in newswriting as writing, gave them a wide interest in events, and increased their stock of ideas. The effect on the school paper of this new course was marked and promised more for the future.

# Newswriting

The newswriting class is the reportorial staff for the school. After securing a basis by study, the members are given "runs," names of teachers and school officials from whom they secure much of their news. These students need to be alert, for they also write up happenings in halls, classrooms, or on the campus.

Gradually they take on the entire work of the paper, and near the end of the term they publish a paper without any assistance from the regular weekly staff. From this class of newswriters are chosen the editors of the weekly and the annual, the heads of departments, the members of the editorial staff, and generally the managers for the following semester.

These positions involve a great deal of responsibility, but the members of the class have always been capable of carring on the work. The demands made upon the class and its ready response and co-operation with all departments rank newswriting as an activity as well as part of the school curriculum.

# Under the Archway

TRUGGLING and toiling, two hundred youths and maidens slowly ascended a road that wound around between rockscarred hills. The grass was dead, and one or two gnarled trees rose in desolate loneliness as might rise the last forlorn pillars of some pharaoh's crumbling palace in and Egyptian desert. the travelers should be found in such a solitary place did not seem incongruous, for they were dusty and careworn and glanced from one side to the other as if they were in fear of some strange being. With determined steps the many pressed on; some lagged behind, moaning and grumbling at their hard fate. The leaders neither moaned nor mumbled; indeed, a shout of laughter arose from the van. Queerly enough, those who seemed the most eager to leave the hills appeared to glance with admiration at the silhouette of black mountains against the sky, to scan the brown rocks, not with forebodings, but with eager interest. They did not halt to admire, however. Even as the keen mind is able to scan the contents of a page while the dullard is struggling over the first sentence, these leaders saw and appreciated the beauty of the mountains in one allembracing glance.

"But a little way, we shall be at the top," the voice of a leader rang back to the laggers.

"We are tired; let us rest," was the weary response of some.

Suddenly the sky seemed to brighten, the hills appeared greener, and the rocks were left behind. The top of the hill was reached, but along the ridge ran a high stone wall pierced on the highest tip by a huge stone archway, massive and friendly. A curious legend worked in the stone read: "Who reaches this archway has been strengthened to pass through it."

A few of the weary band never reached the great gate. They threw themselves down upon the first green blades and stooped to drink at the first pool, where sleep overtook them; but the leaders pressed on under the arch. On the further side an elfin-like little man arose to greet them with a cry, "Welcome, Achievers," and turned to point back to the road over which the travelers had come. A vista of beauty was spread out before the back-gazers; what had seemed ugly now seemed most fair and desirable.

The little man spoke. "My name is Brown Annual," he said, "and I have met you here to remind you of the bits of fun and beauty that marked your four years of travel." The young people looked back with interest now, for there had indeed been moments of joyous gaiety. "You are going to enter a new world, continue your travels through life," he went on, "and you will strive for new goals as you have striven for this. They will be hard, as your past way has often seemed. But remember that there is a goal to achieve, indeed there are many goals to achieve, and as you now see the beauty of the past, you will find beauty in the future.

Seek for beauty; beauty is there. Strive to attain, for only attainment leads to joy. Remember this goal and be inspired." Here the little man halted a moment. "But that will be easy," he said, "for I will go with you

past, so that you may discern the joys of the present and of the future."

With lighter steps the travelers swung down the mountainside. They were in a new land of promise and of hope. The leaders never turned their eyes from the future, but it was they who thought most fondly of the land behind the hills and of the portal inscribed, "Who reaches this archway is strengthened."

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# —In Appreciation

The editor wishes to thank Miss Osborn for her never-ending interest in this Annual, for her thoughtful suggestions, and for her labor toward making the book what it is; Miss Pahl, for giving this Annual the best art work of any year book published by this school; Miss Daly for her supervision of the typing of all Annual copy; Mr. Comer, for his aid and suggestions in printing this book; Mr. Pease for his careful supervision and direction of the finances; Mr. Ellis, for his kind interest in the Annual and its staff; the members of the staff, for their loyal labors; a host of other teachers and students, for their encouraging and interested attitude toward this undertaking; and the printers—the Muldowney-Lucas Company; the Photographers—Coover's Studios; and the engravers—the Stockton Photo-Engraving Company, for their co-operation in making this Annual a success.

# —And Explanation

Necessity has caused the reduction of this Annual to its present size. Such reduction is regrettable, but the executive committee and the financial adviser could not see the way clear to support a larger book.

In spite of the reduced size, however, the book shows, we believe a fair amount of that refinement that has characterized previous annuals. A delightful color scheme has been worked out by the art department, and the cover is one of the best that the "Guard and Tackle" has ever had. Having a central theme, that of doors, gates and archways, typifying opportunities, it is more unified than previous books.

The doors and gates symbolize entrance into a new life. It is with high hope for bright and achieving futures for the class of 1926 that the staff presents this book to the graduating seniors as they go through the archway of graduating into a new life of promise and service.

