

DRAMATICS

"A Strenuous Life"

Another success was added to the annals of the Lodi Union High School when the college farce, "A Strenuous Life," was given at the opera house on the evening of March 29, 1912, under the auspices of the Senior Class. The three-act comedy, with its entanglements making the life of Tom Harrington such a strenuous one, was exceedingly humorous and full of interest. Every member of the cast deserved high praise.

Henry Rinn, as Tom Harrington, the captain of the University of California football team, typified the college boy who neglects his classes and has a general good time at father's expense. Every moment carried him deeper and deeper into trouble. Mr. Rinn took the part extremely well. Leslie Johns, as Reginald Black, Tom's chum, added another success to the many he has already achieved on the local stage. He evolves the plan of compelling James Roberts, the freshman, to take the part of a Stanford professor. Clifford Mason, as James Roberts, equalled Clifford, as the Bishop in last year's play. We could not give higher praise. Ernest Folendorf, as William Everett James, the true professor from Stanford, arrived just in time to cause more trouble at the boarding house. He had to take the part of the Freshman, and did so to our satisfaction. Leslie Rodgers, as Byron Harrington, the father of Tom, furnished much fun. The kind father always boasted of his son, whom he thought an accomplished student. Forrest Gum, as Dan Davenport, a millionaire from the hills, was without doubt very successful when he "asked for a chaw of tobacker and got a widder." Frances Wright, as Mrs. Wiggington Wiggins, the landlady, and the winner of the millionaire, played her accustomed prominent part in her usual satisfactory manner. Genevieve Morse, as Dan's daughter, and Georgia Henderson, as Ruth



THE SENIOR PLAY.
Cast of "A Strenuous Life."



THE JUNIOR PLAY.

Scene from "The Mid-Summer Night Dream."

Thornton, Mrs. Wiggin's niece, were as pretty and as fetching in appearance and acting as one could wish. Miss Morse will be sadly missed in High School, but the Stanford stage should be glad to welcome her. Carrie Ellis, as Dulcie Harrington, Tom's sister from High School, won the appreciation of everyone, and moved many hearts to pity, weeping because her brother had cut "gym." Ernest Setzer, in the two parts of Prof. Magee, director of the "gym," and Dawley, a collector, and Dorothy Sargent as Mrs. Maguire, the "widow," found it very difficult to get money out of Tom; but finally both succeeded in getting not only the money but loud applause as well. Oh, "yis," we must not forget Will Peirano, as Nugata, the "good, honest, intelligent, Japanese schoolboy." But for Nugata's convincing manner and his unvarying "yis," Tom would never have escaped. The guests at the reception at Mrs. Wiggins' boarding house were Vera Coleman, Pearl Lucas, Olive White, Beth Rathbun, Annie Steele, Maurice Taylor, James Clausen, and Albert Randolph.

The Treble Clef Society under the direction of Miss Agnes Wright, entertained between the acts. Margaret Thomayer was the accompanist.

The Junior Play

On the evenings of the eighteenth and nineteenth of January, the Junior class of the Lodi Union High School presented at the Tokay Theater a portion of the Shakespearean comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The play was in every sense most successful. Joseph Boyd, as Duke Theseus, and Alice Pearson, as Queen of the Amazons, the betrothed of Theseus, were elegantly costumed and fully represented their parts. The Duke and Duchess were attended by Ernest McKenzie, Vernon White, James Hammond and Theodore Bender, as guards, the four lovers, Frank Divine and Clara Bauer, as Demetrius and Helena, James Clausen and Lyla Mitchell, as Lysander and Hermia, and other class members as ladies and gentlemen of the court. Leslie Rogers, as Philostrate, was master of the revels to Theseus. Clifford Mason, as Bottom, the Weaver, took the part of Pyramus, and Silas March, that of Thisbe. Clifford is as necessary to the High School play as the character of Hamlet to Shakespeare's great tragedy. He and Silas as their "tragical mirth" satisfied the audience completely. Ernest Folendorf represented the fierce lion; Curtis McFarland, the patient stone-wall; Cecil Green, the moonlight; and Ferdinand Hellwig, as Quince, was the prologue of the rustics' play. All the parts were well acted. Despite the ill-luck that seemed to pursue the Juniors, under the guise of sickness and bad weather, the comedy was a great success.

ATHLETICS



Girls' Athletics

L. U. H. S. believes in girls' athletics. We realize that the girl, as well as the boy, needs exercise. She should engage in sports which strengthen the muscles, develop the lungs, increase physical and mental alertness, and make a strong woman. The principal of one of the largest schools in America has said, "The spirit of fair play and a good temper are far better preparations for life than the ability to parrot off other people's ideas. I would rather have my daughter the star basket ball player of this school than the valedictorian."

The High School appreciates what the teams have done. We are proud that we have had two fine girl teams, the first of which won the championship of this section of San Joaquin Valley. The Senior class in particular is to be praised for its zeal and energy in basket ball. Five members of the first team are Seniors. Their coach, Miss Cooledge, has led them to many victories during the past three years. We shall miss the Seniors much, although we have many good players in the other classes.

The Freshman team is full of promise. They have brought victory twice to our school. Thanksgiving afternoon they played Salem Grammar School on the High School court. The score was 12 to 9. Later they played Houston Grammar School, and won with a score of 17 to 1.



GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM.

Carrie Ellis
Guard

Mabel Durston
Guard

Helen Clark
Touch Center

Miss Belle Cooledge
Coach

Birdie Adams
Forward

Vera Coleman, Captain
Forward

Clara Baner
Side Center

The Games

Stockton, 5; Lodi, 31.

The first game was played on the home court. The Lodi team was victorious. The Stockton team was an entirely new one. They deserve much credit for the determination which they showed throughout the game. Mr. Inch was referee, and was very satisfactory to both sides. Jimmy Clausen and his rooters were out in full force to cheer the players.

Stockton, 7; Lodi, 21.

This game was played in the Stockton Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and resulted in another victory for Lodi. The Stockton girls had improved wonderfully; still, all their points were made from free throws. Stockton had a good yell team.

Oakdale, 8; Lodi, 20.

Victory was Lodi's for the third time. The Oakdale girls were swift little players; in fact they were so little that the Lodi girls could not approach them without overguarding. Mr. Westerman of Oakdale refereed.

Stockton, 0; Lodi, 31.

Victory was ours for sure! This game took place January 12, in Lodi's Athletic Hall, with Mr. Inch as referee. A large crowd of loyal Stocktonians came out to boost their teams. After the game the boys' teams and the girls' teams with their coaches, referees and principals were banqueted in the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Sacramento, 7; Lodi, 7.

Victory? Our team was willing to play off the tie. This most exciting game was played at home, January 12, Mr. Putnam of Sacramento acting as referee. Sacramento girls have a very fast team. We all realized this, as we saw the ball roll down through the tall ranks of outstretched arms. The Lodi girls almost lost courage. Nevertheless they made three field goals while Sacramento made only one.

Turlock, 28; Lodi, 9.

The girls realized from the start that this was a very serious game, and so were prepared to take defeat. They gained pointers from their opponents, in team work and the spirit of hard fighting. The Lodi girls had been accustomed to play basket ball for pleasure and exercise mainly, so this idea of fighting for the ball was almost new to them. The Turlock court was thirty feet shorter than the regulation court. This fact continually raised the cry of "Lodi over!" "Lodi over!" In the first half our touch center sprained her ankle. Vera Coleman, our forward, received a black eye. These accidents weakened the team and did much to bring about Lodi's defeat. Before the game the Domestic Science class of the Turlock High School entertained the visitors in the

basement of the High School at dinner. The whole Turlock School and Faculty were present. Several toasts were given, and a feeling of good fellowship created before the impending strife. The opera house, where the game was held, was packed with enthusiastic spectators.

The Lodi Team:

Adams, Birdie, forward, manager.

Coleman, Vera, forward, captain.

Bauer, Clara, side center.

Clarke, Helen, touch center.

Durston, Mable, guard.

Ellis, Carrie, guard.

Folendorf, Florence, substitute guard and center.

Our girls have always worked faithfully and have stood for fair play. Vera Coleman and Birdie Adams, forwards, are quick and accurate, and they understand the value of team work. Helen Clarke, touch center, is always in the right spot to bang the ball back to Lodi.

Clara Bauer, our side center, is the only player who is not a Senior. She is small, but very quick, and uses her wits in a game. We have fine guards; the score-board best points out their record. In the case of little Carrie Ellis, it is quality, not quantity, that counts. Irene Cary, our substitute is the only "jolly Sophomore" on the team. She never misses a free throw. Our Freshman, Florence Folendorf, will doubtless be a strong member of next year's team.

The team wishes to thank the citizens of Lodi for their loyal support in the games of the past season, and especially the merchants, for the banquet which they gave us and our guests after the game with Stockton, in January.

The girls wish to express their sincere appreciation of the work of the coaches, Miss Cooledge and Mr. Inch, to whose patient, untiring work our successes have been due.



Boys' Athletics

Early in October at a meeting of the Student Body, it was decided to make basket ball the main branch of athletics. Except on one or two occasions the Lodi basket ball team has always returned victorious.

Now after the season is over, the writer can look back over the field and point out in "I-told-you-so" fashion what we might have done to win the games that were lost.

The team went into the fight expecting too much. "Security is mortals' chiefest enemy." After winning the state championship the previous year, we found ourselves with but three veterans left. With them as a nucleus, the coach had to build up another team. It may be said that if team work had not been the joke we made it, Lodi might have made a better showing. Each player did his part and one deserves as much praise as another.

Too much cannot be said of the coaching of Professor Inch. He gave valuable time to the team. It was no fault of his that the team did not make a better showing.

It may be said that nearly every player was erratic at times. It was fortunate for the team that some of the brilliant work seen in practice, was not made manifest in the scheduled games. Forrest Gum, the captain, played guard and forward on different occasions, and to his cool and experienced work much credit for victory must be given.

Lauren Wilkinson played forward, and he was always in the game but at no time approached his fine form of last year. A cooler, steadier player never stepped upon the Lodi court. Center was the one position of doubt throughout the whole season. No less than four men were tried out, each one showing some good points; but all were found to be deficient at times. Warren Gum, Folendorf, McFarland and Bender played the pivot position in the different games. Bender, Folendorf and Gum also played guard; and all are promising material for next year's team.

Interclass Games.

There were no interesting class games during the season. The Junior class repeatedly challenged any other class in the school but no class would take up the gauntlet.

Sacramento Y. M. C. A., 21; Lodi, 25.

November 11, 1911.

We opened the basket ball season on November 11, after one week of practice. We had three of last year's players and two new ones. Warren Gum and Benedict took charge of forward in an able manner. At center, Folendorf, though smaller than his rival, outplayed him. F. Gum and Wilkinson stopped the Capital City lads by their close guarding. It was to their level heads that the success of the locals was due. Sacramento had one fine player. He was a small

lad and was referred to by the crowd as "the little fellow." If he were small he could sure cover ground, being all over the court at once.

Well, here's the score: Sacramento 21, Lodi 25.

Stockton A. A., 18; Lodi, 32.

Thanksgiving day was especially significant to us, because on that day we won from Stockton A. A. Their team was composed of experienced men, of whom Ferguson was the star. In this game our coach tried a new system. He switched our last year's guards to forward, and our last year's forward, Benedict, to running guard. We had Folendorf at center, and Bender, an experienced player, at guard. His defense was little short of a sensation. Wilkinson and Gum do not need to be mentioned, as their playing speaks for itself. Folendorf at center was about half the size of Covell, Stockton's center, but his playing far out-classed that of Covell. We'll take off our hats to Ferguson's scientific fouling any day.

Stockton Hi., 21; Lodi, 24.

On Wednesday evening, December 6, we went to Stockton for our first league game. After our girls' team had beaten Stockton, the boys were more determined it should be a double victory. From the time Referee Prentice threw the ball up in the center until the forty minutes of playing were over, the verdict was in doubt. Stockton had all the rough features of Rugby, which they had just ceased playing, and maybe we can excuse them on that account. At the end of the first half, the score was tied: 13 to 13. The second half was a harder contest than the first; but by the brilliant playing and excellent goal throwing of Wilkinson, we carried off the honors. All our lads did their best and angels can do no more.

Oakdale, 19; Lodi, 24.

December 16, 1911.

We had no easy job ahead of us when the Oakdale boys came here; Dec. 16th, but nevertheless we gave their husky crew a good trouncing. They could "rough it," but scientific playing was strange to them. Throughout the game they lost points to Lodi by award. F. Gum and Wilkinson played their usual game at forward and, as usual, scored continually. The whole team played a steady game and all should be given credit for their aid in bringing home the bacon. For Oakdale, Watson and Palmer stood preeminent.

Stockton Hi, 17; Lodi, 15.

January, 1912.

We entertained the Stockton Hi boys on January 12. Although we were defeated we did not show our ill-humor by trying to mob their referee as they did ours when we were in Stockton. Although the Stockton boys were leading in points most of the game, we crowded them closely. In this game Benedict threw the longest goal on record in Lodi's team. Prouty and Patterson starred for Stockton.



BOYS' BASKET BALL TEAM

Rex Benedict, Guard	Ernest Folendorf, Guard and Center	Lauren Wilkinson, Forward
	Forest Gum (Captain), Forward	
Warren Gum, Center		Theodore Bender, Guard

Stockton Hi, 30; Lodi 19.

Stockton again called upon us on January 20, and we gave them a good time. The first half was very close and exciting. Lodi took the lead on a free goal. Then Stockton made a field throw. Lodi now jumped into the lead with another goal, and the teams thus see-sawing, the half ended 13 to 13. During the second half, Stockton set a killing pace. The team was well trained. This fact was visible at every stage of the game. The team was a perfectly-welded machine and it never slipped a cog. It is an honor to be defeated by a team composed of such players as Prouty and little Gill Patterson. They have a record that any athlete would gladly claim. Stockton's passing, guarding and team work were fine. Here's the story of the worst defeat given Lodi in three years: 30 to 19.

Turlock, 26; Lodi, 28.

February 17, 1912.

On February 17 we journeyed to Turlock and put another game on the winning side of the ledger. The court was not the best in the country, but our boys made the best of their surroundings. During the first half Turlock had good luck and by throwing the ball over their heads with their eyes shut dropped the ball into the basket. The half ended 20 to 10 against us. Lodi came back strong in the second half and by good team work and clever passing forged ahead, winning by two points. Gum and Green starred for Lodi, Green making 14 points and Gum 10.

Sacramento Hi, 7; Lodi, 17.

We played Sacramento Hi a very interesting game on January 27. Lodi's experience won for us by a safe score. The first half ended 11 to 7 with Lodi leading. In the second half Lodi shut her opponents out without a score, and made six herself. The Sacramento fellows were good natured and took their defeat with good grace.

LODI WINS IN TENNIS.

On March 30, 1912, Lodi sent a tennis team composed of James Hammond and Cecil Green to compete in the tennis tournament held at Stockton. The Lodi team was successful, capturing first place.

The day was windy, and the playing was not so fast as it might have been had the weather been better.

The four teams that competed were as follows:

Newman	Modesto	Lodi	Stockton
Ernest Ball	Robert Smith	Cecil Green	Robert Blossom
Robert Osborne	Stanton Brigs	James Hammond	Melville Levy

Stockton played Modesto, Lodi played Newman. Stockton won from Modesto, taking two out of three sets. Newman defaulted to Lodi, thus leaving Lodi to play Stockton for first place. Lodi won, taking the first two sets, 6-4, 6-1.

This is the first time we have ever been represented by a tennis team in a tournament. Next year we plan to establish tennis as an important branch of athletics and to compete in the A. A. L.