

TO-DAY
I HAVE GROWN
TALLER FROM
WALKING WITH
THE TREES.
R. BAKER

The Sports of the Year

When in September of 1927, the athletic mentors began developing men for the gridiron, the cinder path, and later the basketball and tennis courts, the prospects for a successful athletic season were not bright.

The Red and White football material, with the exception of a few veterans, consisted mainly of unpolished and certainly inexperienced men. The graduation of the illustrious and talented class of '27 left a cloud of uncertainty to the basketball outlook as well as to the pigskin pastime. Although this loss was not so evident on the track teams, there was still much work to be done in acquiring the successful combinations of which we are so proud.

However, the old "Fighting Flame" spirit which has ever been Lodi High's most formidable asset, though a little lax at first, set a goal which future students should ever strive to attain. Coaches Jimmy Hole and Mac McKay and their assistants rounded the Flame adherents into some of the best teams that ever graced the campus of Lodi High School, and much of the success of these teams is due to the efficient and unselfish work of these coaches.

Commentary on this season and the next we have the words of Jimmy Hole:

"The past football season was the not unusual season following a successful one. There was a lack of material, due to the loss of eighteen letter men, and also an apparent let-down in school spirit on the part of the student body. This lack of support was also carried over through the basketball season.

"As to next year's prospects in football and basketball I shall say that we look forward to one of our most successful seasons. Experience is the important item in any successful organization and to start the football season next fall, we will have fourteen Block L men and about twenty second-team men with football experience; while for basketball we will have seven Block L men and eleven circle L men from this year's team.

"In order to insure an entire success in athletics, the student body must give all of its school spirit and support to all of the team all of the time."

FOOTBALL



First Team

It was not until after playing through a long and hard schedule that Coach Jimmy Hole's flaming cohorts finally fell before the murderous onslaught of Stockton's "Ghost Train." This is a record which is commensurate with all commendation by fellow students and classmates. And, what is of even greater importance, although the class of '28 possessed brilliant members on the squad, it can also boast of leaving a greater wealth of promising material than many another class to leave these barracks of learning.

Captain-elect Jack Happe, fighting guard of last year's aggregation, and a member of the all-section team, was not able to get into the lineup this year because of illness, which necessitated a long absence from school. This left, for one thing, a gap in the line, and secondly, the captaincy unfilled, which were severely felt by all concerned. Tony Donadio, his team-mate, an all-round athlete and half-back on the all-state team, was elected, and it was his fight which led the team through the line of victories to follow. The varsity squad of 1927: Captain Tony Donadio, R. Heinitz, R. Burgstahler, A. Lind, I. Newcomb, D. McClure, W. Shipman, L. Weaver, J. Lauchland, J. Granlees, R. Burnett, J. Pucheu, G. Wallior, F. Wirtz, W. Montgomery, S. Anderson, L. Mettler, A. Gillespie, O. Pope, L. Siemering, E. Oberlander, O. Terwillagher, E. Werner, G. Engel, A. Thomas, and G. Strobridge.

After spring practice had begun, Jack Happe was again elected to lead the Flames. Jack means a lot to the team.

PRE-LEAGUE GAMES

Flames vs. Preston, 27-0; Flames vs. Cal. Aggies Reserves, 13-6; Flames vs. C. P. Reserves, 30-0; Flames vs. Tracy High, 25-6. Such were the scores which indicated Lodi's wins in the Pre-league games. It was in these encounters that the charging Lodi line received its first real organized opposition, and the elusive backfield, led by the diminutive Captain Donadio, perfected its well-rehearsed plays.

These games were an important factor in the shaping of the men into a football machine. And victoriously the Flames emerged. Triumphant the season began—and continued.

FLAMES, 19—TURLOCK, 0

Firmly confident, the Lodi team traveled to the land of the canteloupe, where the lads of the melon center finished at the short end of a 19-0 score. The game was not one full of thrills, played as it was on a soft, sandy field, but it showed that Coach Jimmy Hole had instilled into his flaming horde the fundamentals of the great American game. Few players were sure of their positions as yet. One goal was the result of a forward pass, Engel to Welch; and Donadio and Strobridge each contributed one through the line.

FLAMES, 13—WOODLAND, 12

For the second game of the season the Hole men met the ravaging Woodland Wolves on the local gridiron. The Wolves had just defeated the powerful Modesto Panthers, reputed by most sports writers to be the best eleven in the league. With grim determination, the fiery flaming horde entered the fray. They fought and won.

In all fairness to those concerned, it must be said that the victory for the home team was more impressive than the close score would indicate. At half time the score was 13-0, in favor of the Tokay aggregation. Then, in the third quarter things began to happen. After the kick-off the Wolves marched down the field for a touchdown. A few minutes later this was repeated when a poor pass from center gave a Woodland man the ball, who scampered twenty yards to cross the line. In both instances the try for point failed. The Flame defense tightened, and as the game ended Lodi was ahead, 13-12. However, it was the extra point for conversion in the second quarter that won the game.

Strobridge, powerful plunging fullback, in the first quarter, and the ever conspicuous Captain Donadio in the second were responsible for the Lodi tallies.

FLAMES, 0—MODESTO, 0

A torrid affair, should we say? At any rate this contest against the supposedly high-touted Modesto Tigers, played before Lodi High's own grandstand, was a ragged exhibition of the oval pastime. The Flames did not function as a perfect machine as in other contests. It was the first time in the history of the school that the locals played to a scoreless tie.

Twice the Lodians were within scoring distance, but they lacked that necessary something to put the ball across the line. At one time, in the second quarter, a pass from Engle was intercepted on Modesto's ten-yard line, and the chances for scoring were for the moment dimmed, for the Panthers worked the ball back to the fifty yard line before the Flames

regained it. Again, in the fourth quarter, the flaming horde maneuvered the ball from their own twenty-five yard line to their opponent's four-yard line, and then lost it. When the final whistle blew the ball was in possession of the home team on the Panthers' thirty-five-yard line after a forty-yard march down the field. Straight football would have won the game.

FLAMES, 13—SACRAMENTO, 7

The Lodi High School gridiron machine went into the Sacramento Valley game on high. Behind a dynamic, impetuous line, the spectacular and illusive backfield charged and squirmed its way to triumphant victory. The Senators' highly rated backfield, with Jack Smith, colored ball-toter, very much in evidence, did manage to get away for some gains, but their lone tally was made in the fourth quarter as a result of a blocked kick, which gave them the oval on the Lodi one-yard line. It took three downs to buck it over for a touchdown.

It was again Donadio and "Biff" Strobridge who were responsible for the local scores, one in the first and one in the second quarter. Montgomery at center and the rest of the team played a hard, spirited, brilliant game, which made them look once again like a real football machine. As the final gun ended the game, the Flames had the ball on the Purple's six-inch line. It was a wonderful contest, that Armistice day fete at Sacramento.

FLAMES, 0—STOCKTON, 38

The Stockton game, which every Red and White partisan realized long before would decide the sub-league championship, ended in a bitter, stinging defeat for Lodi's fighting Flames. The fast Tarzan backfield managed to penetrate the tight Lodi defense and roll up a series of six touchdowns before the final gun ended the game.

The first quarter ended in a scoreless tie, but in the second period an intercepted pass began the Blue and White "Ghost Train" on their way to a thirty-eight point victory over Lodi High's fiery flaming horde.

Thus the football season of 1927-'28 became a part of the annals of Lodi. Every member on the team, with Wirtz, Montgomery, Pope and Heinitz playing their last game for Lodi High, gave the best in him every minute of the time for his Alma Mater. Outplayed in every department of the game except in punting, Coach Jimmy Hole's "Fighting Flames" went down fighting before a superior Stockton eleven. But this does not in the least detract from the ability of the team. May future teams repeat this calendar of glorious achievements and blot out its one defeat.

Second Team
Football

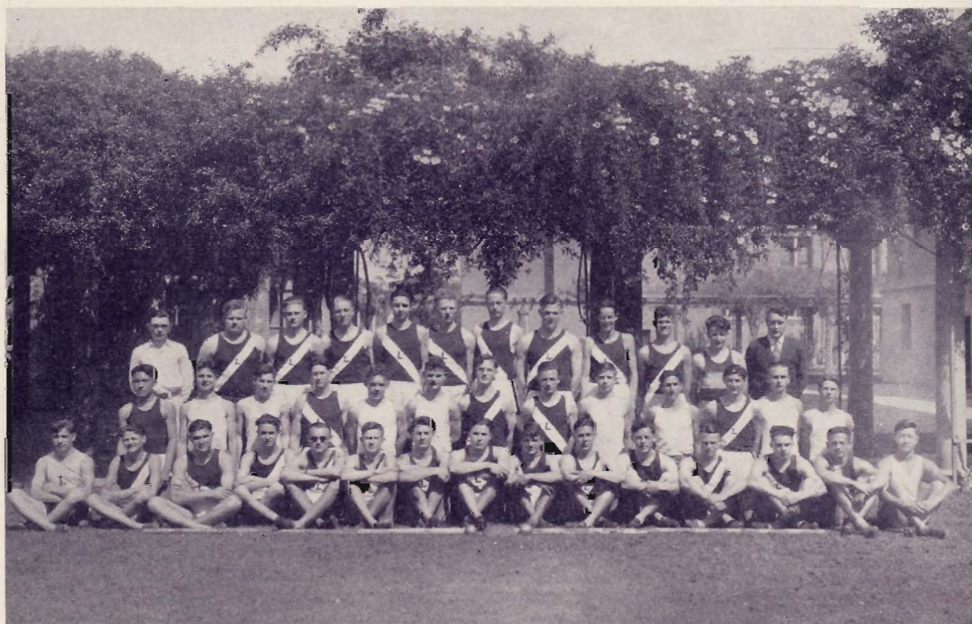


Track

Track, a sport comparatively new at Lodi High, came into its own this year and continued the rapid strides of improvement started last year under Coach Don G. McKay. A large number of men left from last year's championship team and certain new tracksters came out early in the season to begin the intensive practice, the results of which finally terminated in Lodi's winning the C. C. H. S. A. L. meet, and going on toward a state championship.

Coach McKay sent five men to Berkeley to help the All-Sectional team defeat the University of California Freshman, 76-42.


Intramural track ended with the Seniors on top. Then came the meet with Roseville. Lodi ran away with both class A and B squad wins by lengthy scores. The total final count was 161-64. While no records were broken, some very good marks were made.



At the second annual Sacramento Relay Carnival, held at Davis, Lodi won first place, 13 points ahead of Turlock, second place winner.

The triangular meet at Modesto between the Modesto, Oakdale, and Lodi high schools, found Lodi ending second. Oakdale, winner of the encounter, counted 121 points, while Lodi was only 4 points behind, with 117.

The last meet before the C. I. F. contest was between the thin-clads of Lodi, Woodland, and Sacramento high schools, held on the home campus.



Here again the Flames displayed their superiority on the cinder paths by carrying away first place honors with 63 $\frac{2}{3}$ points. Woodland came second with 42 $\frac{2}{3}$ points. The undefeated Flame relay team again nosed out its competitors.

On April 21 Lodi High School's Red Shirts won the C. C. H. S. A. L. track meet, held on the local campus. Lodi's 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to Stockton's and Turlock's 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ spoke well for coach and members of the squad alike. With 12 schools taking part, the Flames placed in every event entered except the 100-yard sprint. Thirteen men placed in one of the first four berths. They will represent Lodi at the northern meet to be held at the Modesto Junior College field a week later. These include the best prep relay teams about this part of the country, who crossed the line in 1:34, breaking the record of last year's team by two seconds.

Poser of the Flames, Gray of Stockton, Bossano of Turlock, and Styles of Huhgson tied for high point honors of the meet. Lodi took five first places. One of these was taken by Captain Oliver Pope, husky Flame weight man, who won the shot put with a record of 46' $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The meet was truly a wonderful climax to a successful track season. The Lodi track team can look forward to the northern and state meet without the slightest doubt as to their success in it.



BASKET BALL

First Team

The basketball season of 1928 at Lodi High School was not ushered in with the cheerful spirit of former years. The loss occasioned by the graduation of last year's combination, except Captain Donadio, was keenly felt by all. But the sterling qualities of Coach Jimmy Hole were brought to the fore when Captain Tony Donadio, plucky running guard, led his team through the league schedule, being nosed out of a second berth by the Sacramento Senators. They played marvelous games, never once giving up hope, even when they seemed to be hopelessly outclassd. "Fight! Fight!" were the words which rallied the red-and-white striped sons of Lodi High, and it took a great team to win from them.



"Sharkey" Siemering, husky forward and center, has been elected next year's captain, and he will be, as this year, a moral as well as a physical support to the team.

The varsity squad of 1928 was: Captain Donadio, Siemering, Engel, Burson, Pucheu, Smith, and Burnett.

In the Pre-League games Lodi was, for the greater part, victorious. The Manteca and Preston teams were defeated by good margins, as were also the Battery "F" Cagemen and Livewires of this city. The Concordia College

varsity of Oakland was repulsed here in customary fashion in an interesting tilt to the tune of 36-25. In the one game with the College of Pacific Freshmen, however, the Flames were defeated. They were not accustomed to the large college floor, and for this reason played this practice game before the Stockton tangle. The score at the end of the contest was 24-14 in favor of the Frosh.

Lodi High School opened the league season at Woodland in a promising fashion by tricking the Wolves into a 28-19 victory. "Sharkey" Siemering starred for the locals with 12 points to his credit. The Flames did not get started until the second quarter, but after that they displayed a good brand of teamwork. Apparently they were slightly outclassed by the tight defense of the Yolo five; however, the Flames played a spirited game in this first contest of the C. I. F.

Next Lodi's quintet was given a scare on their home court by the Galt Milkers. The Sacramento County team threatened often to get ahead of the Flames, but when the final gun ended the game, Lodi was ahead, 21-16. It was a contest played between evenly matched teams, and the Hole men won only after four periods of constant battling.

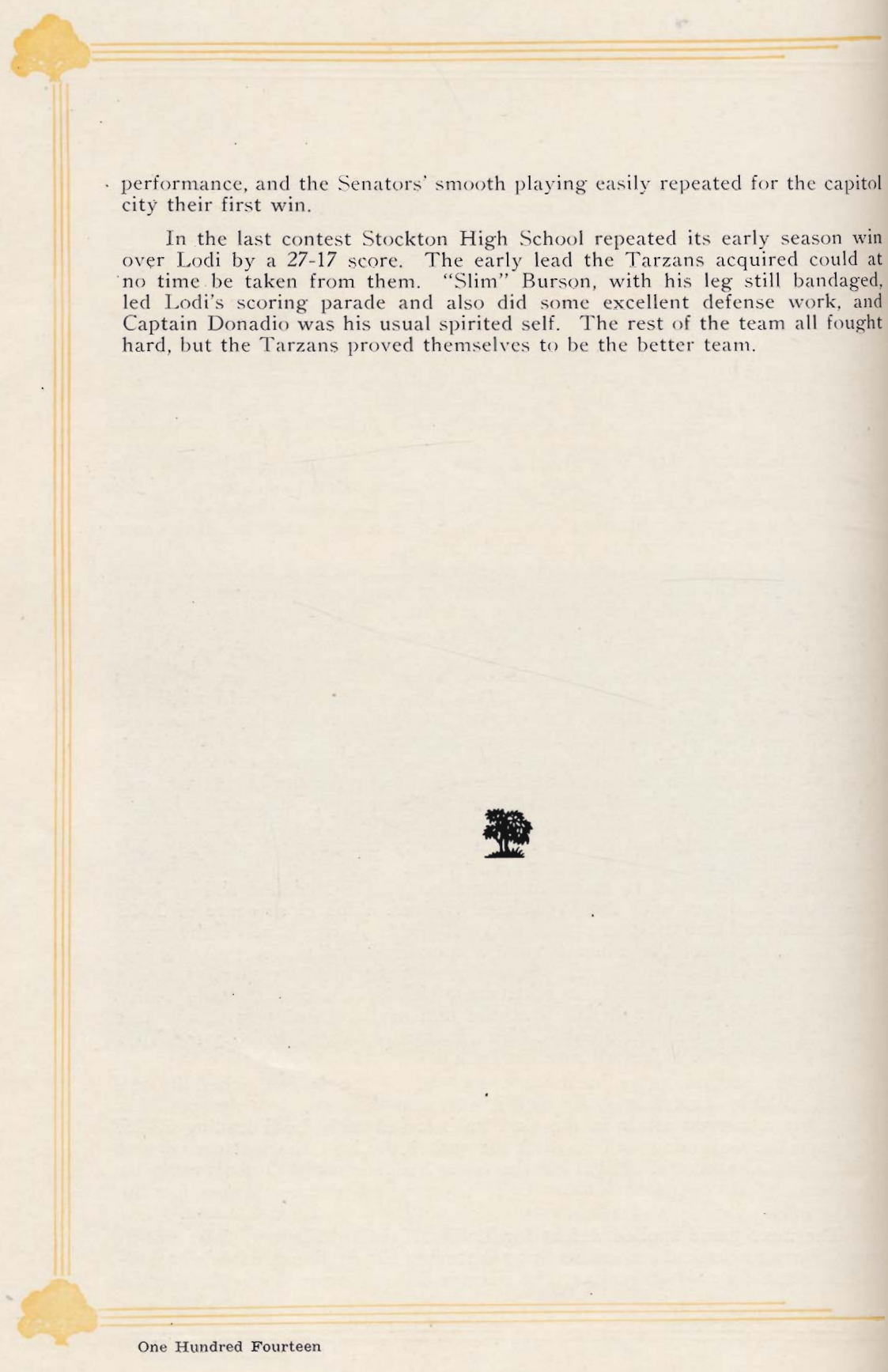
For the third Federation game, Lodi's Fighting Flames traveled to the capitol city. The loss of Captain Donadio at running guard, and also the lack of Red-and-White supporters in the rooting section, had much to do with the 28-18 loss suffered by Coach Hole's squad.

In the last game of the first half of conference matches, the Lodi quintet ended the game with 19 points to their opponents' 27. The Stockton Tarzans gained a lead shortly after the initial whistle, which they held until the timer's gun ended the contest. Burson was high-point man of the Lodi squad, with 7 points, while "Sharkey" Siemering counted 6. The rest of the team, which included Smith, Engel, and Captain Donadio played a snappy and effective game, which showed that, although the eye for the basket was not so good, they had acquired fast and accurate footwork. Especially in evidence was the deceptive dribbling and fast passing of Captain Donadio, who was the outstanding man on the squad. Every man fought valiantly, but Lodi's Fighting Flames lost to a superior team.

The cage tilt next to claim the attention of the Red and White boys was the second one with the Woodland Wolves. The close score of 26-23 indicates how hard the game was fought. With Burson out of the game because of injuries, the Flames were somewhat handicapped. Siemering, however, played a fighting game at center, figuring in every play. Captain Donadio was again game high-point man with 6 field goals, while Smith claimed 3. With the score 20-19 at the end of the third period, the last quarter became a desperate battle. The Flames managed to hold the Yolo five to 4 points, while they themselves took 6.

For the second game in the second half of the league schedule, the Fighting Flames entertained the Galt Milkers on the local floor again. This tilt, rather a ragged affair in the first half, ended with Lodi leading 27-25. Although the Galtonians led 16-12 at the end of the half, the last period was Lodi's with 15 markers. Engel led the home hoopsters with 5 goals opposite his name, while Johnson, former Lodi boy, played a classy game for the Galt team.

The next game spelled defeat for Lodi's Fighting Flames. The Sacramento Purples cinched second berth by defeating Coach Jimmy Hole's basketball machine by a 41-26 score. The Flames did not come up to their usual



performance, and the Senators' smooth playing easily repeated for the capitol city their first win.

In the last contest Stockton High School repeated its early season win over Lodi by a 27-17 score. The early lead the Tarzans acquired could at no time be taken from them. "Slim" Burson, with his leg still bandaged, led Lodi's scoring parade and also did some excellent defense work, and Captain Donadio was his usual spirited self. The rest of the team all fought hard, but the Tarzans proved themselves to be the better team.



Second Team Basket Ball

The "Little Flames" basketball team, "The cradle of the varsity," this year shared the honors of the first team. Although they gained no championships, the class B men won several important and exciting tangles, and fought hard in all contests. They received the training in the fundamentals of the game which will stand them in good stead when next season's practice begins.

The class B men for 1928: Terwillagher, Oberlander, Wirtz, Longmier, Conklin, Heinitz, Jackson, Seiferling, and Strobridge.

The Flamelets won most of their practice encounters, among them being the victory over the Battery F seconds, 22-19. For their first league game the Lodi seconds went to Woodland and defeated the boys wearing their colors, 21-12. The next victory was a walk-away for the "Little Flames." The score 25-10 of the Galt contest indicated that the seconds had been rounded into a good basketball machine.

The third game of the season did not prove as profitable for the home



team. The Reds lost to the Purples by the close score of 18-15. The game with Stockton turned out to be a duplicate of the previous contest, and the score ended 29-19 for the visitors.

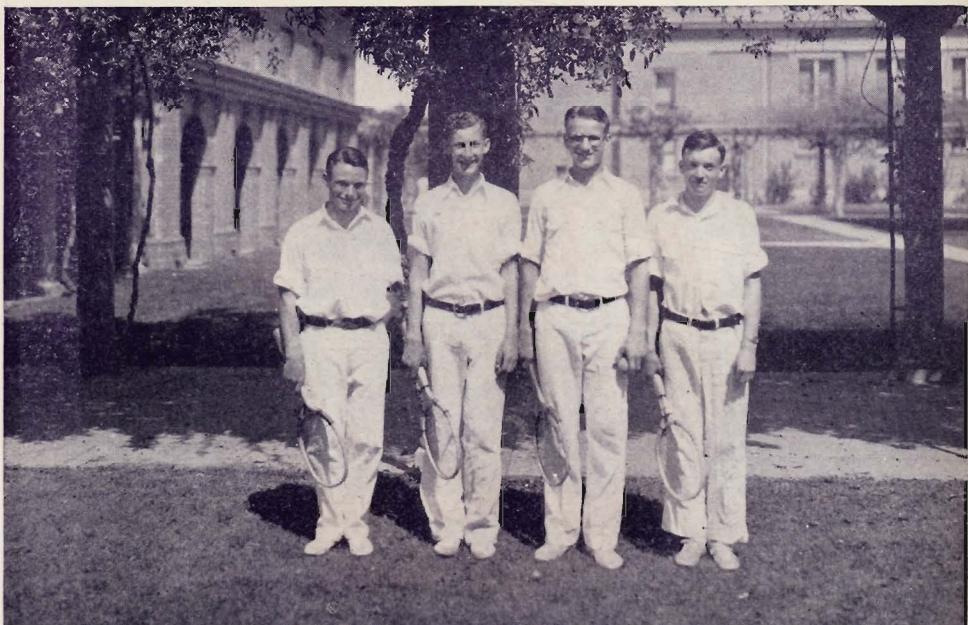
In an exciting contest on the home floor, the Flamelets defeated the Woodland seconds, 19-17. The visitors were ahead until the last two minutes of play when the local team staged a last minute rally to win the game. The next victory, that over the Galt Milkers by a 12-9 score, ended the wins for the Flamelets, for the Sacramento seconds again defeated the Reds, 24-10. Likewise, in the tilt with the Stockton super-varsity, the locals ended at the short end of a 25-8 count.

Tennis

The Lodi High School Racqueteers this year consisted of Captain Smith, last year's champion, Conklin, Perrot, and Tower on the class A squad. Steacy of last year's team was absent from school because of illness, and for this reason was unable to take part in any matches. On the class B list R. Jacobson, W. Smith, and McKenzie were outstanding.

Although there was no interclass tennis, a handicap tournament has been started which gives every boy interested in the game a chance to be acclaimed high school champion.

The Racqueteers twice defeated the Elk Grove team and once the Roseville racket wielders. In the first tournament with Modesto the Flames lost three matches, winning but two. At this writing the C. I. F. meet had not yet been played. However, the results so far have been gratifying, and with tennis as a sport rapidly coming into its own, next year's team should be a success.



TRACK

Pope
(Captain)
Donadio
Hatch
Wencel

Hintz
Poser
Hackel
Ulmer
Burson

Gillette
Engel
Hudson
Burgstahler
Stuck

Morrison
Wirtz
J. Granlees
Houston

FOOTBALL

Donadio
(Captain)
Heinetz
M. Welch
Dollinger
Newcomb

D. McClure
Shipman
Pucheu
Wirtz
Montgomery
S. Anderson

L. Mettler
A. Gillespie
Pope
Siemering
Oberlander
R. Burnett

Terwillagher
Ernie Werner
G. Engel
Thomas
Strobridge

BASKETBALL

Donadio
(Captain)

Siemering
G. Engel

R. Burson
C. Smith

Pucheu
R. Burnett

TENNIS

Smith
(Captain)

Conklin

Perrott

Tower

TRACK

Beitz
Jewett
Hemphill

Klemin
Botts
Anderson

F. Burson
Schneider
Seiferling

Walters
L. Engel
Matsuhiro

FOOTBALL

R. Burgstahler
Sanguinetti

J. Granlees
W. Tecklenburg

L. Weaver
J. Lauchland

G. Wallior

BASKETBALL

Longmire
Seiferling
Jackson

Conklin
Terwillagher
Werner

Heinetz
Oberlander

Strobridge
Wirtz

Girls' Athletics

Volley Ball

The girls were anxious to begin sports this year and volley ball came first on the list. All practices and games were over by October fourteenth. The teams were incomplete as there were not enough girls from any class to form a full team. However, the girls made up in spirit and skill what they lacked in numbers. The Junior girls won the first place in this sport. The Seniors took second place and the Freshmen third place. The Sophomores, who had fewer players than any other team, came fourth. The players:



SENIORS: M. Welsh, H. Neumann, N. McClung, E. Cassidy, M. Almond, L. Weaver, E. Klaffke.

JUNIORS: E. Squire, A. Devine, M. Crete, M. Mondavi, J. Baron, E. Fry, V. Coleman, O. Gillespie.

SOPHOMORES: C. Perrin, A. Kennison, L. Landback, H. Matthews,

FRESHMEN: D. Dutschke, C. Holt, M. Taylor, B. Smith, M. Schinkel.

Basket Ball



Basketball, the most popular sport of the year, followed volley ball. More girls were out for this game than for any other sport during the term: In fact it is the only game in which enough girls are interested to form four full teams.

After a number of practices, the Freshmen and Sophomores played the first game of the season. The Freshmen won by a score of 20-22. On Jan. 18, the Juniors and Seniors played a hard and fast game. The Juniors won this game, the score being 14-8. The Seniors defeated the Sophomores 2-0. The Seniors defeated the Freshmen 34-2. These scores gave the Juniors first place, the Seniors second place, Freshmen third, and Sophomores last place.

Players:

SENIORS: M. Welsh, R. Tolliver, M. Siemering, N. McClung, E. Bancroft, A. Anderson. Subs—E. Cassidy, H. Ulmer, M. Almond

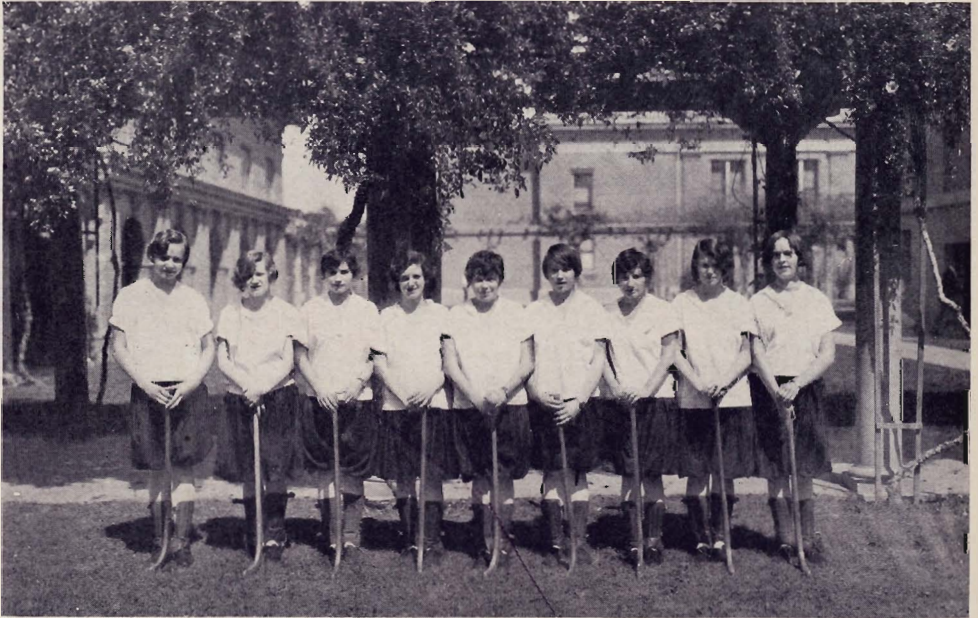
JUNIORS: V. Coleman, O. Gillespie, M. Mondavi, A. Devine, V. Matthews, L. Glick, M. Crete.

SOPHOMORES: E. Lytle, E. Snyder, A. Kennison, C. Perrin, L. Perrin, H. Mondavi, C. Cole.

FRESHMEN—J. Lytle, D. Carr, C. Holt, E. Roseberry, M. Taylor, C. Fry, B. Smith.

Hockey

Five weeks of hockey proved very interesting to the girls who engaged in this sport. It is still a novel game here as we have played it only three years. This year there were fewer bruised shins as we had shin guards for all. There were not enough girls for four teams so two of the girls chose sides. The two teams were named the "Angels" and the "Wallops". The final game, played after a number of practices, took place on Nov. 14th. This game was hard fought, but the Wallops won by a score of 8 to 0. Each goal counted one point. The lineup for the Angels was as follows: Anna Devine, D. Dutschke, V. Mason, C. Wall, C. Perrin, A. Kennison, E. Schnake, F. Ritzman, M. Mondavi. The lineup for the Wallops was as follows: N. McClung, C. Holt, M. Taylor, B. Smith, E. Cassidy, E. Frey, E. Squire, L. Perrin, V. Matthews.



Baseball



The girls had a short and peppy season for baseball this year. They had three weeks of practice and then the games were played off in two evenings.

Baseball is a very interesting game and quite a number of girls were out for it this year. There were four teams although not every team was entirely complete. The Juniors had the largest team of all.

Owing to the fact that the Seniors failed to report on the right night, they had to forfeit their game to the Juniors. The Juniors took first place, the Seniors second place, Sophomores third place, and Freshmen came in last.

Lineups:

SENIORS: M. Welsh, N. McClung, E. Cassidy, M. Mondavi, C. Wall, H. Ulmer, M. Welty, A. Anderson, R. Tolliver.

JUNIORS: L. Glick, E. Schnake, A. Devine, O. Gillespie, V. Coleman, V. Matthews, V. Mason, R. Meyers, M. Irej, E. Squires.

SOPHOMORES: L. Perrin, I. Schauer, J. Lytle, A. Kennison, C. Bruns, E. Wencel, M. Schinkel, E. Glubrecht, O. Cappa.

FRESHMEN: R. Atwell, E. Coleman, M. Prezler, G. Clements, D. Meyers, M. Jacobsen, Barnet, E. Roseberry, C. Holt.


Tennis

The tennis season ran parallel with the baseball season this year, as there was not enough time to give each sport a separate season. Names of all the players were drawn by lot and placed on the ladder in the order in which they were drawn. There was a ladder for the singles and another for the doubles.

The names on the top of the list on March 31 were named the winners. The winners in the doubles were Virginia Matthews and Anna Devine, with Elizabeth Frey and Melba Crete coming second, and Melissa Welsh and Betty Anne Newfield, third.

The winners in the singles were Elizabeth Devinney, first; Lydia Rothwell, second; and Alberta Tucker, third.





Swimming

An absolutely new sport at our High School is swimming. This is the only new one added this year.

Swim-Girl-Swim Day took the place of the regulation May Day. This is the only day of the year when the girls are allowed to perform for the benefit of the public, and the new pool offered a splendid opportunity this year. Diving, racing, and exhibition swimming were the main features of this day.

Many of the girls have learned to swim and dive well enough during the year to enter the inter-class swimming meet.

About twenty girls practiced hard to pass the life-saving tests. The girls under seventeen years of age took the Junior live-saving tests, while those over seventeen took the Senior tests.

