

ALWAYS



THE HONOLULU TEAM AT HONOLULU

The Famous Trip to Hawaii

The year 1916-17 was exceedingly eventful in that it made our planned Honolulu trip an actuality. After a year of fund-raising, a sufficient amount of money had been secured before Christmas vacation, to send nine representative S. H. S. boys to the islands. For weeks about the school the only topic was, "Who are the fortunate ones to be?" A rousing assembly was held and the names of those chosen were announced. These fortunate fellows were selected by a committee composed of Mr. Garrison, Mr. Reed and Mr. Elliott. Those who officially represented the school on the trip were Amos Elliott, Simpson Hornage, Jack Raggio, Lloyd Burgess, Irwin Spayd, Wilber Leffler, Melvin Parker, Gordon Patterson and Daniel Alley. George Davis and Ed. Holt accompanied the team and aided greatly by their winning ways (with the ladies).

The boys left amid the cheers and good wishes of all their fellow students, after they had been escorted to the boat by a mammoth parade. At first the trip seemed jinxed, as ten miles from Stockton the boat struck a sandbar and was marooned all night until it pulled off at 6 o'clock the next morning. The boys were afraid that they would not reach San Francisco in time to sail on the steamship Great Northern. Even as far from home as San Francisco is they were not lonely, as a bevy of girls greeted them that afternoon.

After leaving behind them the Golden Gate, they went to San Pedro. Needless to say, the diary even this early bewailed that there were no young ladies on board. The boys, while the ship was docked at San Pedro, visited Los Angeles and Pasadena, and on departing had the usual female escort.

About the first day out, stories of dizziness began to go around and finally "Ike Raphael Dunne" made the first donation. The next day, Sunday, George Davis heeded not the bugle and remained in bed, while Mel Parker could not be inveigled to partake of any of the steward's wares. Bill Leffler, brave soul that he is, dragged himself to the table by heroic effort, but departed rather hurriedly after the first course. Also in the course of this same day "Edison" Holt went to bed without giving any reason, although they were largely obvious; and "Larry" Patterson and "Boss" Elliott were becoming droopy. Hornage, Raggio, Burgess and Alley at this time were feeling fit, while "Shovel" Spayd was a regular sailor.

Things went along about this same way all during the trip across. It soon became tiresome watching the fast get-aways from the table, and as time went on the boys began to feel their sealegs. For a slight diversion the gentle game of "Spats" was indulged in, and two fellows entered a deck sport contest and won. Spayd and Hornage starred in these events but "Castle" Holt could not be touched when it came to prize dancing.

Thursday, December 21st, the boys reached Hilo, where it was raining "some rain" to hear them tell about it. Here they were presented with umbrellas by the Hilo basket ball team and then proceeded to visit the volcanos in a motor truck. Of course, the usual fights and squabbles ensued. At Hilo the boys engaged in two basket ball games and have nothing but praise for the natives and their kind treatment.

Arriving in Honolulu, the boys made a grand rush for the beach and went swimming for two hours. The fellows were given a cordial welcome by representatives of the Honolulu Y. M. C. A. The games were well advertised and the boys were doubtful of being able to live up to their reputation. Sand battles and Elliott's surf riding were features at the beach, as he stuck on twice in an hour. Next year he promises to give the "Duke" keen competition and finally beat him so badly that he will be forced to leave the islands. Then Amos "Boss" Elliot will have sole exhibition privileges.

The Chamber of Commerce furnished machines and the boys toured through the country, inspecting forts, schools, etc., and finally viewed the historical Pali, where the enemy was once driven from the cliff. One of the

finest tours was that through the pass by the Pali down to the ocean and then along the beach. Here several native houses were visited and fans were purchased. On this trip Libby's pineapple cannery was visited and the whole "crew" had their fill for once. It was a good investment for Libby's at that, however, as every mother's son of them boosts for this brand.

"Scenes in Hawaii," cinematographed by Davis, were next on the program. George shot some perfectly good celluloid at a sugar mill, but his crime of crimes was wasting it on S. H. S. famous swimmers.

The feature of the entire trip was Bill Leffler's steeplejack stuff. His love for clanking lucre "sorely" tempted him. So strong are his instincts that fifty cents garnered from any victim makes him reckless of consequences. Anyway Leffler agreed to climb a very tall cocoanut tree for the above named and specified sum in his chilly, chilly B. V. D.'s. He did—that much must be said to his credit—but the consequences were horrifying. Skinning himself up considerably was no name for it. He just tore through the hotel lobby regardless of raiment and went to bed.

Mel Parker, who believes in seeing everything when it costs nothing, was posing around in his white duck. His instincts prompted him to get a better view and he backed into a fountain and pond, disarranging his well-groomed garments.

Johnny Raggio was looking for features in the lines of maiden faces and seems to have succeeded, for much space in a diary is devoted to Jack's friends who were exceedingly new, so it seems.

The departure for home is one thing that will forever remain in the memories of the fellows who made that wonderful trip. Leaving for the boat leis were presented by the hotel keeper, maidens, and the Y. M. C. A. Bands played and Davis perpetuated the scene with his movie camera.

The trip back was a time in itself. Great joy was manifested by the entire crowd when they found themselves seated once again at the repasts of the Great Northern. Danny Alley began feeling rocky on the return and Mel Parker was somewhat pale. Spayd and Burgess were the old salts of the trip. Leffler stood the trip over, but coming back he was sore from his reckless climb. Elliott, Holt, Raggio and Davis, the old guard or big four, were becoming quite popular with the fair ones, so it is needless and out of place to describe their activities, which were such strenuous indoor sports as holding hands, etc. It was getting to be a usual thing to get up late and partake of light breakfasts, but no reasons were advanced for so doing. December 29th the boys became reverent and solemn and while in the mood placed their names in a bottle and threw it overboard.

Next day everyone began packing trunks preparatory to sailing through the Golden Gate and reaching dear old California. Just inside the bay the government officials came on board for inspection. The fellows had to stand in line and name their nationalities. San Francisco seemed the city of dreams when they arrived at 5 o'clock, but nevertheless no time was lost in catching an early train for Stockton.

All arrived in Stockton tired but happy after completing the most wonderful trip ever taken by any athletes from any school. Ties between Hawaii and Stockton are not entirely broken, however, as quite often a missive journeys across the deep blue sea. It is sincerely hoped that another journey as successful as this one be made in the future.

Aloha.

Assemblies

Stockton High School has been fortunate this year in the matter of Assemblies. Good speakers and entertainment have been provided at all times, and, above all, the spirit of the students and the attention have been excellent.

In assemblies, more than anywhere else, one realizes what it means to be a unit in Greater S. H. S., because here he sees the number of students and courtesy and good fellowship prevail.

The first assembly of the year was called September 13, 1916. Here for the first time friend met friend and remembered the fellowship of the school. At this assembly Mr. McGroarty, the well known California author of "The Mission Play," addressed the students. His talk was exceedingly interesting and greatly appreciated.

September 21st the first Current Event lecture of the term was given. Slides were shown, and the usual lecture furnished by the University Extension Bureau was given. First, third, and fourth year students attended this lecture, one period being omitted.

On September 29th the 2:45 period was omitted. The purpose of this omission was to have the pupils on Student Control outline their plans. The girls reported to the assembly hall and were addressed by the girl members and the boys met in the gymnasium and were told of the Student Control's effort to better conditions around the school.

October 9th the second Current Events lecture was read in the assembly. The classes present were first, second, and fourth year students.

Mr. Oscar T. Melton, County Sealer of Weights and Measures, talked before the Seniors, October 26th, on thrift in buying and short weight and other dishonest measures practiced.

November 9th another Current Events lecture was attended by the second, third and fourth year students.

One of the most instructive lectures of the year was the one on Hawaii. One hundred slides and one thousand feet of film showed the islands and served to create interest. The lecture was well received at this time because of the Honolulu trip to be taken by our athletes.

Dr. Rinhart of Mille Collegs addressed the girls at the 2 o'clock period, December 12th. She was well received and gave an interesting talk.

Professor Frank M. Leavitt of the University of Chicago talked at the adviser period January 2, 1917. Prof. Leavitt is one of the foremost men in the United States in industrial education and vocational guidance. Because of his knowledge of realities, his talk was highly interesting.

Stockton High was very fortunate in securing Mr. J. A. Puffer of Hudson, Massachusetts, to lecture on "Self Discovery." Mr. Puffer's lecture was one of a series and it could not have been surpassed, as he is widely renowned as a writer and lecturer on modern education. Mr. Puffer estimated that 50 per cent of the men and 75 per cent of the women in this country are engaged in occupations to which they are not adapted. According to his statement, young people drift into the first job and stick there.

Another Current Events lecture was given by Mr. Iliff, January 11th, at the 2 o'clock period. Mr. Iliff discussed phases of the European war, Lloyd George, the Russian Duma and other important topics. His lecture proved far more interesting than those sent out to be read.

Mr. Puffer completed several days of work in the school by giving a lecture on Professions. This proved highly interesting to those who had thought of entering professional life. Lawyers', doctors' and engineers' characteristics and qualifications were discussed. Lawyers enjoy studying history, government and economics. A successful law partnership consists of a glad hander to get business, a student to analyze problems and an orator to present cases. Engineers having a liking for physics, chemistry, mechanics and

sciences. Teachers, Mr. Puffer said, are usually the remnants, and something must be done to remedy this condition of affairs.

An assembly was held later at which it was shown by means of moving pictures why Germans talk of germs, and in Paris they are parasites, and when Mike left Ireland they were called microbes. The students enjoyed these Microbe Movies, which proved what important factors the little "Mikes" are in the progress of the world and why we should appreciate and not condemn them. According to the lecturer who explained the pictures, some of these little one-celled plants and animals are our friends.

Following the bacteria health lecture, we had another in complete accord, yet more interesting. Dr. Elliott addressed the students on pulmonary diseases. He asserted that pulmonary diseases are all preventable and that even consumption is not inherited, as many suppose. Right breathing is the primary and most essential preventative, according to Dr. Elliott. He illustrated proper breathing and had the students perform. These exercises were designed to increase chest development and to cure catarrh. Jack Raggio was called forward and by measurement was proved to be a very chesty fellow, being able to expand 5.5 inches, which Dr. Elliott said was a record for High School students.

One of the most interesting assemblies during the year was held on Washington's Birthday. Patriotic exercises were held by the Public Speaking Class and a dance followed in the gymnasium. Miss M. Howell directed the preparation for the literary exercise. Frank Quinn was chairman of the day and he added much to the interest of the occasion by his introductions and handling of the program. Irving Neumiller was the first speaker and his subject was "Washington, the Man." Simpson Hornage addressed the students on "Washington, First in the Hearts of His Countrymen." George Dean spoke of "Washington, First in Peace." Paul Mitchell gave the final oration on "The Character of Washington." The patriotic part of the program was closed with the singing of "America" by the entire school. Mervyn Dunnagan next entertained with a comic monologue, featuring an Italian's version of "How Columbus Discovered America." One of Miss Halwick's advanced gymnasium classes gave two colonial dances—a gavotte and a minuet in costume. The dance completed the exercises, making it a wonderful day.

The pre-eminent assembly of the year was that at which the anti-frat amendment to the student body constitution was discussed. Incidentally it was the one that consumed the greatest amount of time, and yet there was not a moment's drag, as something was doing every minute. The prepared speakers for the occasion were Mervyn Dunnagan and Harold Gumpert. Mr. Dunnagan reiterated the substance of his article in the Guard and Tackle. His talk was largely upon the school and those at the head of the various organizations. Mr. Gumpert in a very eloquent appeal maintained that all were created equal and should have an equal part in the administration of school affairs. Some remarks of the previous were taken to task by speakers of the opposition, as it was an open forum meeting. Those speaking against the proposed amendment were Jack Raggio, Simpson Hornage, Irving Neumiller, Frank Quinn, Alice Doolittle, Katherine Kerrick, Paul Mitchell and Paul Murray. They said that there was no need for the measure and that poor spirit was evident in its inauguration.

"Hello Day" was perhaps the most effective method of promoting democracy in the school. The idea originated with the school paper, and to carry it to a final completion the aid of Miss Howell was enlisted. She in turn had her class in public speaking prepare addresses, which were given in the gymnasium. Those who addressed the students were Tom Louttit, Irving Neumiller, Paul Mitchell, Frank Quinn and Simpson Hornage. Miss Ethel May Atkinson recited a poem, "Hello."

Throughout the day everyone wore a tag with "Hello! My Name Is —," and no one neglected to say "Hello." Such a day should be observed at the

beginning of every term in order to insure democracy and have all students become acquainted with one another.

April 20th Flag Day was observed, and patriotic exercises were held in the gymnasium. Several members of the Public Speaking Class made addresses concerning the flag and the customary forms of respect. Merle Sprague presided as chairman.

The Industrial Arts Department recently held a series of three assemblies to explain the courses given. Exhibits were made and talks given by various boys, and boys were also asked to sign up for the automobile and farm mechanics courses. Carl Weiss, Chester Close, Earl Long, Gordon Patterson, William Barnicol, Elmer Smith, Ed Gilgert and Joe Stout were the speakers.

The Commercial pupils have been afforded opportunity to have prominent men through the efforts of Mr. E. H. Ridenour, head of this department. These practical talks have a marked effect on the students and gives them a real insight into commercial life. Mayor Oullahan gave an interesting talk on the city charter the first of the term. One of the most practical and successful talks given in this course of lectures was given by Mr. James A. Barr, Director of Congresses at the Exposition and formerly superintendent of the Stockton schools. Mr. Barr's subject was "The Part of the Business Letter in the Exposition." This talk was especially interesting because of Mr. Barr's personal experiences and because he is a practical man. The last of the series was given by J. P. Irish, Jr., secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in "Thinking Ahead of Your Job."





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The Rallies

The rallies at S. H. S. have been unusually snappy this year under the efficient yell leaders, Louis Burke, "Scoop" Sprague and "Simp" Hornage. These gentlemen by their contortions have provided no end of spirit, as well as entertainment. Also the rallies have been unusually numerous. Rallies have been held before all athletic contests and have aided greatly in infusing the S. H. S. fighting spirit into our teams. Some of the more important rallies other than for games are herein described.

First, our Northern Championship football squad appeared in their new suits in the gymnasium and received a great ovation. "Bashful" Capt. Dunn, "Handsome" Bill Leffler, "Coy" Dan Alley and "Tubby" Raggio gave talks. Then and there the boys resolved to "bring home the bacon."

The next eventful rally was for the Honolulu team. The names of those chosen to make the trip were announced. This was perhaps the most enthusiastic rally of the year. Enthusiasm reigned supreme. Needless to say the fellows chosen looked mighty, mighty happy and pleased. Mr. Elliot and Mr. Reed did the speaking honors. The trip was outlined and Mr. Reed, who had lived in Hawaii, told of the islands.

On January fourth, after the return of the Honolulu boys, there was another enthusiastic rally. Mr. Elliott spoke of the trip generally and promised to have each fellow tell of his experiences. He told of the comic happenings of the trip, and from reports it must have been a great time.

At another Assembly soon afterwards, Simp Hornage, who kept a diary of the trip, read that secret-telling document. Throughout the entire book we heard of leaving the table and other deck sports. Girls, or rather a lack of them, seemed to be the deplorable feature of the trip.

Mel Parker and Gordon Patterson in another assembly told of the things of a more instructive nature, describing the islands and their industries, and some native customs.

Jack Raggio in the next rally spoke of the "Great Northern." He described the ship fore and aft and from masts to keel. Incidentally he mentioned interesting happenings on board.

Track rallies were next in order during the year. Captain Burgess and Manager Stout were the main speakers at these rallies encouraging bashful athletes to try their skill.

Rowing, a new sport at S. H. S., deserves its mention among the rallies. Stockton High has one of the best crews in the state and showed well in the regatta held recently at Lake Merritt in Oakland. Eganhoff was elected captain and has served faithfully. Rallies aided greatly in promoting spirit at the time of the big athletic carnival and regatta between Stockton and the bay city schools.

A "Cadet" rally was held recently and was presided over by Tom Louttit, the leading spirit in the formation of the company. An appeal was made to all the boys in the school to become members and drill. The general plans as to equipment, time for drilling, etc., was discussed and this rally was the stepping stone to our Cadet Company, of which we are justly proud.

Irving Neumiller and Tom Louttit, manager and editor of the Guard and

Tackle, appeared at an enthusiastic rally and made a plea for "Commencement Number." Neumiller made an eloquent demand for finances and explained his new method of procedure. Louttit on the other hand described how he intended to spend the money and what the number was to contain.

Recently an assembly for the Senior play was held. Manager Quinn conducted the rally and spoke on the tickets, the play, and the galaxy of stars in the cast. Mr. Iliff, the coach, told of the play and assured everyone as to its worth and merit. Irving Neumiller added comedy to the occasion by vividly describing the characters, the love scene, and the other features. Simpson Hornage, Senior president, also spoke and guaranteed full value for the money invested in tickets.

