

# ORGANIZATIONS



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## "Big S"

BY RAY DUNNE

It is needless to say what the "Big S" society has done in the past years. It has undertaken tasks which have made it a strong cog in the machine of the Stockton High School. The members of the society know what hard work it is and have always shown their willingness to spend their time in doing things that will work for the good of the school.

The "Big S" society of Stockton High School was organized five years ago by a group of boys who had distinguished themselves in various athletic contests. The object of this organization is to promote honest athletics in the high school and to keep the reputation of the high school beyond reproach. In both these aims the society has been highly successful, so that today the name of Stockton High is not only respected for the strength of its teams but also for its clean playing.

Under the leadership of Stanley Arndt in its first year the organization was started with a burst of enthusiasm, but nothing notable was undertaken in that first school year.

At a spirited meeting held in 1912 the following officers were elected: Leland Spayd, president; Gilbert Patterson, vice president; Carol Grunsky,



BIG "S" SOCIETY

secretary and treasurer. Plans were laid for a vaudeville show, proceeds of which were to be used for student activities. The vaudeville was held late in the spring and was the forerunner of the annual "Big S" vaudeville.

Many well attended meetings were held during the years 1913 and 1914 and as a climax to these activities the second annual vaudeville was staged under the able management of Charles Whitney.

The undertakings of the society in the year '14-'15 still live in the memories of many of us. Under the leadership of Herb Waite the most elaborate and extensive production ever undertaken by any society so far in high school was produced for the third annual vaudeville. The proceeds were devoted to the turf field which we are so proud of today.

In the beginning of the year '15-'16 the enrollment had dwindled to the very small number of six. Leo Dunne was chosen president and later in the spring the fourth annual vaudeville was staged. This proved a greater success than any other so far given by the "Big S" society.

In order to foster athletics and keep within their original aims, the society promoted the idea of giving Circle "S" to all fellows who show spirit enough by playing a full season on any second team. This plan proved a great success, and later it was decided to grant weight teams, that won a sectional championship, the letter also.

The year '16-'17 was the most eventful year in the life of the society. Ray Dunne was elected president and the successful culmination of the plan to send a team to Honolulu was realized.

The Big "S" was behind the movement from the start and contributed several hundred dollars to the trip.

On March 17th the society gave one of the best dances of the year in the gymnasium.

Last September at an initial meeting Newton Robinson was elected president, Mel Rider, vice president; Dewey Leffler, secretary-treasurer, and William Barnichol, sergeant-at-arms. Spirited meetings were held throughout the year and various improvements made in the athletic field of S. H. S. Members of the society have been out, acting as officials, and the crowds were handled in fine style.

The society staged one of the best school parties of the year last November in the gymnasium.

On account of the good times the Big "S" society has, and the good influence of the society, and the honor of being a member, each boy should extend his efforts to get a Big "S" before he graduates, so when he does graduate he will be proud to say, "When I was in S. H. S. I was a member of the Big 'S' society."

Four out of the six presidents of the Big "S" society are now serving their country in the greatest capacity. (The other two are still in Stockton High but expect to be with the majority soon.) They are Stanley Arndt, Gilbert Patterson, Herb Waite and Leo Dunne.

The members of the Big "S" society at present are: John Barret, R. Clowes, G. Palmer, G. Kuhn, W. Parker, N. Robinson, R. Dunne, V. Dunne, D. Leffler, H. Wells, H. Ahern, W. Stout, J. Dustin, L. Kroh, W. Goldsmith, G. Wilson, W. Schmidt, H. Mallory, W. Hildreth, L. Stanley, C. Lease, E. Faulkner, B. Frankenheimer, M. Rider, L. Santini.



*Ray Dunne  
 Lois Raggio  
 Winifred Stout  
 Vincent Dunne*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*W. F. Ellis  
 Howard Moore  
 George Kuhn*

*Virginia Thompson  
 Dewey Leffler  
 Margaret Lauxen  
 Cameron Haight*

# The Executive Committee

The motive power guiding the affairs of school life is furnished by the executive committee, this year composed of an extraordinarily efficient body of students. A great deal depends upon, and a great deal is expected of those persons who compose its membership. No flaws can be found in the conduct of their duties as evinced by the executive body of 1917-18.

The financial backing requisite for the carrying out of the committee's projects has been derived from the one dollar entrance fee paid by each student upon his commencement of a new term. Different sums have been allotted to athletics, to the Guard and Tackle, and to the associated girl students to help pay for their entertainments.

A more careful revision of the constitution, a work begun in past years, has been successfully completed.

The committee for the year 1917-18 comprised Ray Dunne as president; Virginia Thompson, vice president; Dewey Leffler, secretary and treasurer; Vincent Dunne, custodian; Mr. Ellis, auditor; George Kuhn and Margaret Lauxen, senior representatives; Cameron Haight and Winifred Stout, junior representatives; Lois Raggio, sophomore representative; and Howard Moore, manager of Guard and Tackle.

Little need be said of the efficiency and unsparing labor of the president for the success of the organization. We have known for four years the high grade of work to be expected of Ray Dunne.

Virginia Thompson has proved herself a most faithful and interested member, in this branch as in all others, of student activities.

Dewey Leffler, as secretary-treasurer, has kept rigid and thoroughly business-like account of his reports and minutes.

The auditor, Mr. Ellis Jr., who has performed this office for several years in succession, has given considerable time and energy in the overseeing of this department and success has been his.

Vince Dunne has paid strict attention to his duties, and satisfactorily performed them.

George Kuhn and Margaret Lauxen have very well fulfilled the trust reposed in them by the student body and no less may be said of the junior representatives, the one from the sophomores, and the conscientious endeavor of Howard Moore, Guard and Tackle manager.

Good attendance at meetings has been the rule rather than the exception, yet especial mention must be made of the secretary and the vice president, neither one of whom has been absent from a single meeting. Let us hope the executive committee of the future will make a better record for itself, but such a hope is not likely to fulfill itself.



## Associated Girls

This association was organized to be a special linking together of the girls for better co-operation and better times. By the constitution of the club, the officers are three: President, vice president, and secretary-treasurer. The president must have senior standing, the secretary-treasurer, junior credit, and the vice president sophomore ranking. This past year Caroline Minor has proved herself a most pleasant and painstaking president. Persis Miller has kept careful and business-like account of her minutes, and Frances Ann Gummer has shown herself faithfully interested in the organization. Mrs. Minta has at all times been a most conscientious, sympathetic sponsor to the welfare of the club.

Many assemblies have been held during the term, the usual subject brought up before the girls being the Red Cross or plans for such festivities as the freshmen receptions. These latter have for two years, under the auspices of the Associated Girl Students, been very enjoyable affairs. Committees were appointed for the entertainment of the guests, and for the preparation of simple refreshments. Each girl was allotted a partner, it being usually so managed that every freshman should have a senior to look after the enjoyment of her young charge: After songs, special dances, or humorous recitations, dancing was the order of the time until 5:00 o'clock or later. Such get-together parties naturally helped to put the freshmen on more friendly and confident terms with their upper-classmates.

Committees have been appointed to foster athletics among the girls to manage social affairs, and to provide for improvements.

At Christmas time boxes were sent to various charitable organizations, containing cakes, candies, nuts, raisins, books, perhaps some toys, and useful articles, all donated by the girls. Boxes of delicious eatables were sent to the soldier boys of Stockton High at their various camps.

A correspondence club has also been organized for the purpose of sending welcome letters to those of our school who are now in the service.

Drives have been held among the girls for the purpose of collecting old kid gloves, books and magazines for the soldiers and sailors.

It is to be hoped that the same successful course may be followed by the Associated Girls' student body of next year.

## The Dramatic Club

The club this year, contrary to the expectations of many, continued to be a thriving organization in the Stockton high school. The club has followed the aim set by the members last year, which was to develop the dramatic ability of the school by means of public productions under competent coaches. The club has been unusually successful this year as the members settled down and put in a lot of good hard work.

The officers elected for the year were as follows: Zelda Battilana, president; Claude Forkner, vice president; Flora McDiarmid, treasurer; and Angelo D'Amico, custodian. Mrs. C. H. Bell was appointed coach and Miss M. U.

Howell became faculty advisor. The members of the club want to thank Mrs. Bell for the work she put in, in coaching the casts of the plays, and for her patience and loyalty toward the club.

The members of the club decided upon "Rosalind," by Barrie, and "Spreading The News," by Lady Gregory. These two one-act plays were to be presented the same evening. A good deal of time was spent on them and an extremely creditable performance was given. The plays were produced in the assembly of the school which was nearly filled by the audience. Our old assembly stage had taken on an entirely different appearance between 3:30 and 8:15 on the night of the performances. It had been set to represent the parlor of a comfortable rooming house, and it really looked the part. The cast in the production of "Rosalind," which was given first, was Carol White, Ethel Atkinson and Evelyn Murray. For "Spreading The News," which was given next, the cast was as follows: Delmar Stamper, Flora McDiarmid, Rex Kearney, Doris Barr, Julia Tuggle, Albert Monaco, Frank Vierra, John Patterson, Harold Pearson and Ted Behymer.

The members of the club this year were Edna Todman, Lily Schlichtman, Julia Tuggle, Evelyn Murray, Flora McDiarmid, Gladys Palmer, Zelda Battilana, Doris Barr, Virginia Thompson, Caroline Minor, Ethel Atkinson, Carrol Fredericks, Agnes Anderson, Vivian Wriston, Harold Pearson, Melvin Rider, Bardo Silva, John Patterson, Ray Dunne, Dewey Leffler, Albert Monaco, Howard Moore, Rex Kearney, Winnie Stout, Carol White, Frank Vierra, Ed Gerrish, Howard Eldridge, Claude Forkner, Angelo D'Amico.

Those who are graduating hope that the club will continue its existence as a school organization, and that the succeeding clubs will continue to produce plays for their own development and the enjoyment of the school. It is also hoped that the club will be able to give more than one performance during the year, so that more students will be given the opportunity of showing their ability as actors.

## Red Cross

### JUNIOR RED CROSS REPORT

During the year 1918 an admirable amount of excellent work has been turned out by the Stockton High School.

Manual Training Department.....225 boxes  
 Surgical dressings.....over 60,000 since January

Thirty-three thousand dressings have been made during the last five weeks, a record that surpasses that of any other city in California, Arizona or Nevada.

Sweaters .....	173
Scarfs .....	153
Socks, pairs.....	158
Wristlets, pairs.....	29
Helmets .....	15

In addition to all this work, a large amount of bed socks, operating helmets, bed shirts, hospital shirts, etc., by the sewing department.

Besides this work over \$400 has been earned for incidental expenses of the auxiliary. Stockton High is very proud of her Red Cross record.

# Student Control

The student control committee consists of five boys and five girls appointed by the president and vice president of the student body to investigate charges of misconduct brought against students and to impose punishment in cases where the guilt of an individual is determined. It is within the power of the student control to sentence students to serve mornings in detention and to expel or to recommend expulsion of any student found guilty of violating school rules. In this respect, the committee has greater power than the faculty or even the principal. The responsibility of the position, therefore, demands thoroughness, fairness and level-headed thinking.

Since the committee is composed of students, it can probably render more suitable judgment than any other school authority. The check on the committee being too severe or too lenient is the criticism of their school mates. There has not been a student in the school this year who has openly condemned any action of the committee. "Fair enough" has been the remark of nearly everyone who has received a sentence.

The members of the student control are not policemen scouting the school for crimes and criminals. In fact, during the entire year, only about thirty-five cases have come before the boys' committee, and unlike previous years, there has been no expulsion or recommendations for expulsion. Also, no sentence this year has exceeded five mornings in detention.

Instead of sentencing every student found guilty of a misdemeanor, a suspended sentence has been given; that is, a punishment is determined, and should that same person commit another offense during the year, he would have to serve the punishment provided in the suspended sentence, plus the pleasure of the committee. In the entire year, only one suspended sentence was revoked and a real sentence imposed, indicating that the students appreciate the student government.

Ray Dunne, president of the student body, described the student control committee at the state convention of student body presidents, and the efficiency of the organization received high praise, many of the presidents professing their desire to return home and organize similar committees.

This year, positions on the student control were entrusted to Ray Dunne, Vivian Prindle, Roscoe Clowes, George Dean, and Francis Viebrock. John Patterson succeeded Vivian Prindle when the latter was called to serve in the army.

These students have attempted to faithfully fulfil every requirement of the committee. It has been their aim to show fairness to all and partiality to none. How well they succeeded has been voiced by the student body.

—G. D.





# The Student Control Committee



*Ray Dunne  
Josephine Arbios  
Francis Viebrock*

*Roscoe Clowes  
George Dean  
John Patterson  
Mary Knox*

*Virginia Thompson  
Evelyn Vignolo  
Gertrude Howland*

# The Band

Hurrah! After four long years we have a high school band, of which we are justly proud. Four years ago the band was made up by the boys and led by one of their number,—Paul Liepelt. This year we have a real live leader in the person of Mr. Ward French, director of music.

At the beginning of the term the band was composed of about twenty-eight boys, most of whom had had some experience in band work, but certain conditions, such as that of James Barsee joining the navy, brought the band down to about twenty-two boys.

The members of the famous band are: Leader, Mr. Ward French; solo cornets, Arthur (Sleepy) Storm, Loring (Musical) McCarty, Ralph Wentz and Ernest Cernen; first cornet, Leo Dentoni; second cornets, Harold Cook and Leroy Williams; clarinets, Walter (Curly) Brown, John Gersbacher, Edward Wagner and Wilbur Kelling; alto, Stephen Vistica; saxophone, Joe (Red) Stout; French horn, Russell Brown; trombone, Rob Groves; baritones, John (Famous) Jackson, Robert Noack and Bart Laufler; basses, Ray (Ike) Dunne and Dale Rensberger; drums, George (Jazzy) Hulbert and Thomas Bingham.

Some of the many events which the famous band played were: The big Third Liberty Loan parade; Agricultural Day on Hunter Square; the High School Draft Boys' parade in honor of Mr. Campion, the drawing teacher, and Mr. Vivian Prindle, the president of the senior class; the Third Liberty Loan parade; San Joaquin County Liberty Day at the raising of the Third Liberty Loan honor flag; the great marine picture, "The Unbeliever," at the Yosemite Theater; and Charlie Chaplin in "A Dog's Life" at the T. & D. Theater.

At the very last of the term Arthur (Sleepy) Storm was hurt in an automobile accident and did not play at the last two events. Tom Bingham joined the navy the day the band played at the T. & D. Theater and so he did not play at the last event mentioned. The night of the big basketball game at Lodi about ten fellows from the band went and tried to play a few selections, but on account of the poor light and accommodations got very little applause. The band also played at numerous athletic assemblies and music hours.





HIGH SCHOOL BAND

# Win-the-War Club

Our country is playing an active part in the world war. War work is becoming more important every day and the whole school has undertaken to do its bit, either in conserving food, Red Cross work, or investing in bonds and Thrift stamps.

At a faculty meeting last December, Mr. Iloff introduced the Win-the-War Club as a means of centralizing our war activities, where a record could be kept of the work accomplished and what was to be done. A system of service credits was installed in order to designate the rank of each student. Fifteen hundred service buttons were secured as follows: Enlisted, Corporal, Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Colonel and General. A service credit was granted on a unit of work or unit of self-denial determined from time to time by the General Staff. Ten credits earned in any rank entitled the member to the next higher rank as far as and including First Lieutenant and from there on twenty credits. The students having the ten highest credits, five boys and five girls, constitute the Legion of Honor and that student having the highest number of credits is a member of the General Staff.

All advisor sections are classed as Platoons and every ten in the advisor are known as squads. The girls' and boys' advisors are known as corps, thus two corps for every class. The squad and platoon commanders are elected by the members of their advisor. Each corps has a corps commander elected by its platoon commanders.

The General Staff, which is the governing body, is composed of eight corps commanders, two faculty representatives, the highest member of the Legion of Honor and a commander in chief, known as the Chief of Staff. Meetings are held on alternate Thursdays, beginning with the first Thursday in January, 1918. Special meetings may be called by the Chief of Staff. The decisions of the staff are known as general orders and should be in accordance with the by-laws. The Chief of Staff appoints all the members of the staff to act on the following positions: The senior corps commanders, one boy and one girl, are acting secretary and treasurer; director of boys' Red Cross work, director of girls' Red Cross work, director of food conservation, director of contributions, director of statistics and any other important supervision that might arise. The Chief of Staff is responsible for the execution of the school's win-the-war work. The secretary keeps a record of all meetings and acts as Chief of Staff in the absence of that officer. The treasurer is responsible for all buttons bought and sold and pays all bills upon the decision of the staff. The statistician collects the monthly report of the squad commanders at the end of each month and makes a monthly report to the staff.

A monthly review is held during the first week in the month at the advisor period and presenting to the school the work of the club for the past month, and plans for the coming month. The Legion of Honor is also announced.

Elections are held each semester. The squad and platoon commanders are elected on Wednesday of the first week of each semester. On the same day the platoon commanders meet by corps and nominate three candidates



WIN-THE-WAR CLUB STAFF

for corps commander of each corps; on Friday following the nominations the corps, two for each class, are elected by ballot by the members of their respective corps, during the advisor period.

General Orders: Enlisted buttons sell for 2c each and officers' buttons for 7c each, or 5c and the return of the enlisted button. Officers' buttons of one rank are exchangeable for those of another rank without additional expense. Sugar consuming confections are defined as candies and candied fruits only. A "meatless" or a "wheatless" day shall be a period of 24 consecutive hours without consuming meat or wheat breads. Service credits are earned as follows:

One credit for earning and contributing \$1 to any authorized war work. One credit for observing two meatless or two wheatless days per week for one month, or one meatless and one wheatless day per week for one month. One credit for abstaining from sugar consuming confections for one month (candy and candied fruits). Two credits for pair of wristlets handed to Red Cross; six credits for helmet handed to Red Cross; eight credits for scarf handed to Red Cross; eight credits for sweater handed to Red Cross. One credit for three hours' work in the Boys' or Girls' Red Cross rooms, on school grounds, outside of school hours. One credit for two and a half hours of work with machines operated for the Red Cross at the expense of the owner or driver. One credit for the purchase of a \$1 Smileage Book. One credit for the purchase of a War Savings Stamp certificate. One service credit shall be given for a pair of socks knitted and handed to the Red Cross.

In closing I wish to state that it has taken a great deal of time and patience to associate the spirit of the Win-the-War Club in the minds of the students, and it is the sincere wish of the Senior Class that their fellow classmates resume the club's activities next semester. Let us all help our nation in this hour of need.

CYRIL STONE, Secretary.

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## Circle "S" Society

Last year at the suggestion of Mr. Elliott, former S. H. S. physical instructor, a Circle "S" Society was formed. Before this time students who had made a team which had won its way into one of the semi-final games of the Pacific Athletic Association had always been presented with a Block "S" and admitted into the Big "S" Society, but no recognition was shown to those who worked faithfully on a second team.

All are eligible to membership who have made a team which has not been able to win its way into the Pacific Athletic Association semi-finals, have trained regularly on the second team, but have not made the varsity, or have made a successful weight team. No person who has a Block "S" may receive a Circle "S," but one who receives a Circle "S" is still eligible for a Block "S." This society furnishes an incentive for those who do not

think they can make a varsity team, but who are willing to do conscientious work without glory.

At the first meeting this year the following officers were elected: Joe Arbios, president; Earl McKenzie, vice president; Ralph Wilson, secretary and treasurer; Martin Bernt, custodian.

Lots of "pep" was shown this year in athletics, as can be seen by the great number of men who were admitted to the Circle "S" Society. Plans are already in progress for next year and it will keep the Big "S" Society "up and doing" to compete with them.

Those who have been elected members of the Circle "S" Society this year are: Byron Ghent, Ellington Peek, Chester Hill, Earl McKenzie, Ralph Wilson, "Duck" Mallory, Bill Parker, Martin Bernt, Joe Arbios, Bill Eccleston, Carrol White, Albert Monaco, Floyd Greene, B. Frankenheimer, Wingard Barnhart, G. Metzger, John Knox, and Willard Zent.

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## Red Head Society

The last great society to be organized during the year is the Red Head Society. It is a very distinctive organization and very picked. The only persons admitted to its select membership are red heads, and very red heads at that.

The Red Heads were first organized last year for the reason of a little more variety in orders. This was to get a red head basket ball team started. Now when these lightning-haired streaks start something they usually turn out some good work. In this case the varsity team actually challenged them to a game. The two teams at last met in the gymnasium and a never-to-be-forgotten game was played. Newt Robinson at forward; Red Stewart, center; Salmon at guard; Mikesell at guard; and J. Stout at forward—and you may know the end: 159-100 was the score. Newt and Stewart did the shouting and Stout the holding. It was some game.

Next, a baseball team was organized but owing to the dropping of athletics, the team, after a few practices, dispersed to better climes.

This year the Red Reads organized again, and an election was held. Newt Robinson, president; George Stewart, vice president; and J. Stout, secretary-treasurer. As good order always prevails in an order like this, we needed no sergeant-at-arms. To get things started, a banquet was held in the cafeteria. Nearly the whole school was on hand in the cafeteria. Newt and Stout gave short speeches and then the meeting adjourned to their rooms.

Soon the Red Heads were making bandages for the Red Cross. But measles broke up this work and as it is now compulsory, they have had to give this part up. The fellows have still that old spirit of patriotism and are waiting for the chance to come when they can get back to their routine again in the cafeteria.

The main help this year for the Red Cross was in selling tickets for Miss

"Bob White." The club sold many tickets and helped around the stage.

Newt was also at the head of the "Hello" day and Thrift Stamp dance after school which all will remember.

These red heads have a way of making the different teams. On the football team there were four; two on basket ball; three in track; one in swimming; and a few on the crew in rowing. As the officers all graduate this year, we wish the rest of the club a happy and merry life, and hope that they will reorganize the Red Head Club again next year.

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## Spanish Club

A Spanish club was introduced, for the first time, into the Stockton High School on the 22nd of November.

At the first exciting and well attended meeting the following officers were elected: Angelo D'Amico, president; Lilian Eberhard, vice-president; Adeline Selna, secretary. A program committee was appointed, which consisted of Constance Bertels, Carol White, and Lily Schlichtman.

The club met for a "noche espanol" twice a month. At the third meeting the name "Circulo Hispanico" was unanimously chosen as the name of the club.

All those who attended the meetings of the "Circulo Hispanico" found them to be very interesting as well as educative. No one was allowed to speak a word in English. If anyone did so he was under the penalty of paying a fine. This helped to enlarge the vocabulary of many of the members of the club, as well as the treasury of the "Circulo Hispanico."

The educative talks that were given at these meetings ranged from discussions on "Madrid" and "Andalusia" to those on the "Spanish Native Dance." It has been thought that Angelo D'Amico, after hearing this latter subject discussed, tried to reproduce the Spanish "fandango" and "jota" in the play, "Miss Bob White."

The club was not without song-birds, for Miss Alvarado, Lily Schlichtman and Ethel May Atkinson delighted the members with their sweet soprano voices. The assembly hall has echoed with the patriotic chants of "Mia Patria" and the soft, melodious tune of "La Paloma."

One of the most interesting pastimes of the club was the Spanish games. Ships came in from China loaded with cargoes of all kinds—from "perros" and "gatos" to "casas" and "sillas."

Through the "Circulo Hispanico" the Spanish students have come to know Spain geographically, as well as learned the ways and customs of the Spanish people. The club owes a great deal of credit to Miss Alvarado, who so kindly gave much of her time in order to make the club a success. She never failed to produce an interesting program.

May the club celebrate its second anniversary next year at Stockton



High, and may it be as great a success and help to the students as it has been this year.

**Members of Spanish Club**

(Los Miembros del Club Espanol)

Mildred Osborne, Kedma Dupont, Lilien Ebehard, La Verne Williams, Helen Spurr, Ella Woods, Flora McDiarmid, Lily Schlichtman, Virginia Thompson, Helen Tobin, Flora Vest, Josephine Bryan, Adelaide Odell, Clara Russell, Carroll Frederick, Gertrude Frey, Francis Eshbach, Robert Benjamin, Constance Bertels, Grace Forman, Bernice Jameson, Carrol White, Presidente Angelo Diamico, Senorita Grace M. Alvarado.

