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## PERSONALITY

"Personality" was the subject of an oral discussion in one of the English classes the other day. The definitions given were many and varied; but all seemed to agree that personality is, to some extent, an outward expression of inward character -- or lack of it.

On the whole, isn't that a fairly good expression of what the "Hatchet" should be to the school? Being made up of contributions from a large number of students, it should be a pretty accurate key to the composite character and personality of the student body.

That being the case, lets make the "Hatchet" the very best we possibly can, so that the people who read it will get the right impression of our student body. We think we have the character. Let's cultivate the personality.

Our new school is no longer a dream, but a wonderful reality. However, it took two elections for bonds to get us this building. It looked almost as if the people of the community did not think we were worth a new school, doesn't it? It is up to us, then, to prove we are worthy of this building. What can we do to show the community we appreciate their gift? That is a problem for us all to think about.

When we visit other communities the schools are pointed out to us with pride. Incidentally the visitor notices the students almost more than the building. The reputation of the school rests on the students only. Let us all resolve that at home and in public we will conduct ourselves as appreciative students should.

## MR. WRIGHT

What did Mr. Wright mean to the high school?

This is a question difficult to answer in a short space because of the many things he meant to the school; difficult, too, because that which makes for the character of the school, for the spirit, for the soul of a school are those intangible things which are so hard to express by mere words.

In nineteen years of real service for the school, as he watched it grow from a little rural school to a large modern high school, Mr. Wright has left the stamp of his own character upon it. One of the things that stands out in one's mind in thinking over his work, was his true devotion to his duty and the school. He did not quit until his job was finished. He did not complain about his own personal sufferings but bore them with remarkable fortitude. In this alone can we not all read a lesson?

His understanding of and sympathy with boys and girls made him so successful in his work with them. His personal interest in each particular boy was such that many a boy has confided in him and gone to him for advice rather than to his own father. One mother said, "Mr. Wright raised my three boys for me, and I am sorry my younger boys will not come under his influence."

In athletics Mr. Wright always insisted upon fair play and real sportsmanship, so that when our boys went away to play with other teams, he was not ashamed of them, nor afraid to trust them.

Many of the alumni will recall those morning assemblies in the old school; how, sometimes when something had happened which should not have happened, Mr. Wright in his calm, quiet way would talk to the students, not in a scolding tone, but with just a gentle hint, would show what was the proper way. The alumni will also recall his favorite expression, "We read in the Good Book."

A quality that was always a comfort to those who worked with him was his absolute faith in the children of the present. He was not a man to sit and lament that children are not as good, or as bright, or as teachable as they were in the olden day. His way was to work with and for the children of the present, and with faith in them, with inter-

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## SPORTS

## ALUMNI 6 WASHINGTON 2

On Saturday, September 13th, the Washington Varsity met defeat at the hands of the Alumni, by the score of six to two. The game was a tooth and nail combat from start to finish. From appearances the teams were fairly well matched even if we did come out on the short end of the score.

Brown Bettencourt, last year's invincible center on the school varsity, took the cake and confiscated the bacon for the Alumni team. He was an important factor in almost every play. Also he blocked one of Searles' punts and made the only touchdown of the game.

The game played by the varsity was nothing to make us ashamed. One or two defeats is surely not enough to blight our hopes for the season.

On Monday, September 15th, the Washington second team played its first game of the season. Our boys captained by Gene Silva held Amador high down to a six and six tie. This speaks well for the second team and takes a little sting out of the Alumni game.

## HOLLISTER 6 WASHINGTON 0

Although the Hollister maulers ruined our pigskin tossers to the extent of 6-0 in a ragged, but hard fought game September 20, the two teams did not seem to have lost their appetites, which fact was shown by the way they put themselves around the food the girls provided.

Coach Hardin expressed his pleasure to have had his team play with us and Mr. Gatchel, our own P'l coach (although we did not win) said he thought Hollister a worthy opponent for any team.

Captain Laws said a few words in behalf of his warriors and the Hollister Captain did the same. Yells were led by "Bluff" and the Hollister snake. The girls and Miss Sand-

## Sophomore Notes

Inez Brown, a Sophomore student, competed last year in the American Legion essay contest and was awarded second prize for Alameda county; first and third prizes were won by girls of the Livermore high school at Livermore. These essays have now been sent to compete for the state prize. What do you think, students? Pretty good for one of our Sophomores, isn't it?

The Sophomore roll class under Mrs. Wright has devised a new plan of making our new school even more attractive than it is.

Their plan is to have a committee of three taken from the Sophomore room to bring flowers and put them in the office and library to make the rooms more inviting. Some of the boys questioned this plan because they were afraid if they brought flowers they would be called sissies. They do not have to bring flowers but their duty is to arrange them in vases.

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(Thanks, Girls!!!)

## SAN RAFAEL 12 W. U. H. S. 0

On Saturday, Sept. 27, our football warriors traveled to San Rafael to clash with the San Rafael eleven.

The unlucky result was that our opponents came out on the long end of the score of 12-0.

At about 2:30 "Pimmie" sent the ball flying and the game was on. The end of the first quarter came with twelve points for San Raphael and none for us.

Although our team did not score, all the boys played well and stopped the opponents from making any more than the unlucky 12 points.

Erstwhile Captain "Don" Nichols, of Cal's team, who umpired the game, analyzed some of our faults. Having learned these, the team hopes to show the public they can play football from now on.

## GIRLS' ATHLETICS

We've heard so much lately about school spirit, as far as rooting is concerned. The boys have asked over and over again for support from the bleachers. They get it. The girls get behind them.

Do you remember any of the girls' games last year? Lots of girls came and rooted. A few boys came—and hooted, not at the opponents, but at the players of their own school. Was

## Poster Club

The first meeting of the Poster Club was held on September 12th, 1924.

The officers presiding this year are: Pres., Wilber Bettencourt; Vice Pres., Aubrey Laws; Secretary-Treasurer, James Takasaki; and Poster Club Reporter, Sibyl Botelho.

The following are chairmen of the committees:

Poster, Edith Gomes; Finance, Anna Silveria; Social, Catherine Pope; Constitutional, Nori Nagai.

The following are the amendments to the constitution of the Poster Club of Washington Union High School that will be voted on at the next meeting:

Resolved that,

1. All members must make three posters during the term and do committee work.

2. No student who is behind in the payment of his dues or fees can hold office.

3. No student can hold office without passing grades in his classes.

The members of the Poster Club will take commercial orders for posters, and also gifts. They hope to make this year a better one than last year.

## Girls Rally

A girl's rally was held in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon of last week.

The first number on the program was some school yells led by Irene Alameda. Mrs. Bramhall, the school nurse, spoke to the girls on the advantages of health. Miss Thoming told of some of the plans for the year's work in athletics.

Following these some music was furnished by Mildred Coney.

The basketball stunt was the funniest thing ever! It was a mock-wedding! Bride, groom, minister, attendants and all, even the wedding ring was there (it was an embroidery hoop).

Antoinette Botelho and Dorothy Ormsby gave a little sketch, followed by a poem by Irene Alameda. "For Goodness Sake" was recited by Sybil Botelho.

The last number on the program was a baseball song sung by Adele Steinhoff, Irene Alameda, Mila Norris, and Louise Clark to the tune of "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More."

The rally was a great success, and everyone in the audience enjoyed it thoroughly.

that school spirit? Will such a thing happen again this year?



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## SLACK TALKS TO ASSEMBLY

In the Study Hall a few weeks ago, all the students had the pleasure of hearing Mr. F. F. Slack give a very interesting talk on his experiences as manager in San Quentin. For many years he has been head of the furniture factory of the prison.

Besides relating many amusing experiences, Mr. Slack said he has found that there are two distinct classes of criminals; those who are born criminals, and those that are not criminal at heart. A great many, a majority, of the inmates are young men who have got in with "the wrong crowd," because there was a lack of attractive homes and family affection. The pool halls held more for them than their homes. On the other hand, there are some who have served sentence in every penitentiary in America.

Every one enjoyed the talk very much and are looking forward to Mr. Slack's promise "to come back in the near future and talk on Narcotics."

**MR. WRIGHT**

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est, with sympathy.

Now that Mr. Wright is gone may the spirit he sought to instill in the old school continue in the new.

## GAME TODAY MOUNTAIN VIEW VS WASHINGTON

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