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THE INDUSTRIAL PLAN.

In the October issue of "The Digest" (Literary Digest and Review of Reviews) there is a two page debate on the value of a college education in which many good values are mentioned. Almost without exception, however, the objections raised to college training have to do with the failure of colleges to develop the right attitudes toward work and to give experience and training in working so that the graduate will not be all at sea in "a working world."

Edison says, "My objection to a college graduate is that he objects to work. He expects to be appointed foreman at the end of his sixth week." Warren Piper in "The Rotarian" writes, "What's the use of filling our colleges with loafers and producing college graduates who have never learned to work?" An employment director says of graduates, "They don't know how to work, and they don't know what they want to work at."

From its incipency the Polytechnic Institute has believed in work as education and hardly a student has finished the school without having some experience in manual labor.

The Industrial Project Plan announced last April and put into effect September 15 of this year, is the answer of this institution to this admittedly woeful lack in the usual college education. Every student is required to work from 7:30 to 9:30 A. M., on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Effort is made to place the student in a project of his own choosing.

The projects for the young women are Library Training and Practice, Poultry Raising, and Handicrafts. The last covers needlework of several types, weaving, leather-work and wood carving. The young men have projects in Carpentry, Insect Control, Landscaping, Fruit Growing, Vegetable Gardening, Poultry Raising, Electricity and Plumbing, and Dairying and Forestry.

The purpose of the plan is educational rather than economic, although student life will ultimately be greatly enriched by a more beautiful campus, better decorated and equipped buildings, and individuals will profit by more vegetables, fruits, and dairy and poultry products in the diet. The projects are all practical ones that

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HONORED ALUMNUS.

October 30, 1937 will be memorable in the history of the Polytechnic as the first occasion when an honorary degree was conferred upon a graduate and former faculty member of the institution, Dr. José Gallardo, Commissioner of Education in Puerto Rico. Dr. Gallardo was a member of the first high school class, 1916, and served on the college faculty in 1922-23 and 1926-27. At the time of his recent appointment to the position of Commissioner by the President of the United States, Dr. Gallardo was teaching at the College of the City of Charleston.



Dr. José Gallardo.

Program of the day:

- 10:30 A. M. Conferring of the LL. D. Degree upon Dr. Gallardo by the President, Dr. J. S. Morris. Address: The Educational Necessities of Puerto Rico by Dr. José Gallardo, Hon. Com. of Education.
- 12:30 P. M. Lunch.
- 2:00 P. M. Meeting of the Alumni Association.
- 4:00 P. M. Reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Gallardo.
- 7:00 P. M. Alumni Banquet.

INCREASED ENROLLMENT.

Two hundred and twenty-one students have been registered this semester making a larger enrollment of the four college classes than in any previous academic year. The only periods when this number has been exceeded were during those years when, due to the quarter system, five separate classes were in attendance during one calendar year, and when a high school department was maintained. Our present calendar includes two semesters and one summer session; the high school was discontinued in 1933. A goodly number of upper classmen have returned, augmented by a large freshman class. Of the total of 221, there are 158 boarding students; the remaining 63 are residents of San Germán or nearby towns. The enrollment includes students from the neighboring islands of Vieques and St. Croix and two from the United States. Thirty-six towns in Puerto Rico are represented, among which San Germán, Mayagüez, Ponce, and Yauco, all located in the southwestern portion of the island, lead respectively in numbers. At this time when the hundredth anniversary of coeducation in colleges and universities in the United States is being observed, we are gratified to report that women students in the Polytechnic Institute are one hundred strong. With the increase of their number, there has likewise been an increase in the number of men, which for the first time exceeds that of the women.

THE FIGUEROAS AT THE INSTITUTE.

On Wednesday, October 20, we had the great pleasure of hearing a concert by the well-known violinist José Figueroa, member of the faculty of the Ecole Normale in Paris, France, and the noted pianist, his sister, Angelina Figueroa. The Figueroas were so obliging as to play that afternoon at the Assembly Hall for the faculty and students of the Institute, a kindness which we appreciate very much. Their other performance was given in the evening in the Patio of the Oasis Hotel.

The program included selected numbers from Bach, Beethoven, Kreisler, and others.

MAGNA ASAMBLEA ESTUDIANTIL.

Se Organizaron las Clases.

Con el mismo espíritu de cooperación y armonía que caracteriza nuestras asambleas, generales, se reunió el día 13 de octubre el estudiantado del Instituto Politécnico para proceder a la elección de los directores en las diferentes clases.

Los siguientes estudiantes fueron electos dirigentes de sus respectivas clases:

Clase de Cuarto Año.

Presidente, Yamil Galib, San Germán; vicepresidente, Braulio Rodríguez, Ponce; secretario, Nicolás Arce, San Germán; sub-secretaria, Ana M. Catalá, Yauco; tesorero, Santiago Díaz Aibonito; sub-tesorera, Regina Vivoni, San Germán. Vocales: Rosa María Torres, Cayey. Jorge Rivera, San Sebastián. Charles Miner, Mayagüez. Ramón Santini, Aibonito. José Ramírez de Arellano, San Germán. Consejero: Sr. Bover.

Clase de Tercer Año.

Presidente, Arturo E. Alers, Mayagüez. Vicepresidenta, Angélica Robles, Fajardo. Tesorera, Ayxa Gelpí, Peñuelas. Secretario: Eduardo Hernández, Ponce.

Vocales: Osvaldo Martínez, Yauco. Frank Madera, Mayagüez, Antonio Ferrer, Comerío.

Consejero: Sr. Víctor Rodríguez Benítez.

Clase de Segundo Año.

Presidente, Sebastián M. Cabrer, Mayagüez; vicepresidente, Raúl Barreras, Morovis; secretaria, Laura V. Emmanuelli, Yauco; tesorero, José R. Fernández, Barceloneta.

Vocales: Luz Belén Maldonado, Ponce; José R. Zayas, Coamo; Luis Medina, Humacao; Miguel Juliá, Cayey. Consejero: Sr. Boyd Palmer.

Clase de Primer Año.

Presidente, Antonio Solís, Humacao; vicepresidente, Gino Piero Negretti, San Juan; secretaria, Luz Chavez, Isabela; tesorero, Carlos Paterno, Ponce. Vocales: Mario Guzmán, San Germán; David Figueroa, Nueva York; Samuel Vélez, Añasco. Consejero: Sr. Leker.

Cada clase se siente animada por el mejor deseo de éxito. Ellas tienen en perspectiva la realización de vastos programas de actividades y a juzgar por las iniciativas desplegadas, auguramos que han de culminar en el más lisonjero de los éxitos.

El presente curso colegial, promete ser de feliz recordación, pues muchos son los factores que a ellos contribuyen tales como el aumento de matrícula y mejoramiento de equipo no tan solo en su condición numérica sino también en calidad.

PAGINA DE LOS ESTUDIANTES.

El propósito de esta página es informar sobre las actividades del presente cuerpo estudiantil, así como sus producciones literarias que merezcan publicación.

LA MASA CORAL.

Con mayor entusiasmo que en años anteriores y con más risueñas perspectivas ha vuelto a organizarse nuestra Masa Coral que bajo la dirección del Dr. Bartolomé Bover ha elevado a tan alto puesto artístico el colegio.

Percatándose la Facultad del Instituto de los valores de nuestro conjunto ha concedido una hora de crédito por semestre a todo aquel estudiante que por sus aptitudes para el canto o la música sea aceptado en el seno de la Masa.

A principio de curso un jurado compuesto por las Srtas. Miriam C. Akers y Ruth Hamor y los Dres. Caldwell y Bover seleccionó de sesenta concurrentes los miembros que componen actualmente la Masa Coral.

Los ensayos han comenzado y por el interés que hemos notado promete ser muy interesante la serie de recitales que se efectúen a través de la radio, en la Universidad de Puerto Rico, y en nuestro propio "campus." Entre los números ensayados "La Habanera" y la "Canción del Toreador" de Carmen causarán indudablemente verdadera sensación entre los espectadores.

¡Vaya otra hoja de laureles bien verdes para Dr. Bover que mantiene en constante actividad el espíritu artístico de nuestros estudiantes!

FUENTE DE AGUA FRIA EN PHRANER.

Una fuente de agua fría se hacía apremiante en Phraner. Era imposible que el Colegio se hiciera cargo del pago total de la refrigeradora debido a su alto precio.

Los jóvenes, considerando su deber prestar ayuda unánime a tan plausible actividad, han acordado donar un dolar cada uno. Este dinero puede pagarse en varios plazos en caso de no poderlo hacer inmediatamente. Semejante iniciativa merece el aplauso general del estudiantado y debe servir de ejemplo para futuras circunstancias. Hemos tenido noticias de que la fuente ha sido ordenada, por lo cual demostramos nuestro regocijo.

ASOCIACIONES RELIGIOSAS Y. W. C. A. y Y. M. C. A.

Las asociaciones de jóvenes cristianos tienen como fin primordial el levantar el nivel moral y el espíritu religioso de sus miembros. Con estas miras es que se celebran amenos servicios religiosos semanalmente que redundan en beneficio de todos.

Mas estas sociedades no limitan su campo de acción sólo a actividades religiosas, sino que también persiguen otros objetivos de índole cultural y recreativa, tales como debates, jiras, juegos, fiestas sociales, etc. Mensualmente ambas sociedades celebran reuniones conjuntas en las que impera siempre el mayor grado de animación y regocijo.

A las Asociaciones Cristianas de Jóvenes y Señoritas del Instituto Politécnico les cabe el honor de ser las primeras de su género organizadas en la isla.

La directiva de la Y. W. C. A. es la siguiente:

Presidente: Angélica Robles (Fajardo). Vicepresidente: Rita Mercado (Villalba). Secretaria: Luz Belén Maldonado (Ponce). Tesorera: Lydia Vélez (Adjuntas). Comité de Consejo: Sras. Bover, Palmer, y Morris. Consejera: Srta. Myriam C. Akers.

La directiva de la Y. M. C. A. es la siguiente:

Presidente, Angel M. Mattos (Fajardo). Vicepresidente, Manuel A. Barreto (Mayagüez). Secretario, Juan Colón Bonet (Aguadilla). Tesorero, Raúl Barreras (Morovis). Consejero, Sr. Ismael Vélez.

ATLETISMO

El Instituto Politécnico no ha hecho caso omiso del célebre proverbio de "mens sana in corpore sano." Por tal motivo no es de extrañar que la primera asamblea general tuviera como propósito la organización de la sociedad atlética.

Dentro del mayor entusiasmo y animación fué electa la siguiente directiva.

Presidente, Antonio Ferrer, Comerío. Vicepresidente, Santiago Díaz, Aibonito. Secretario, Ana Mercedes Catalá, Yauco. Tesorero, Arturo Alers, Mayagüez.

Los vocales serán electos por las diferentes clases.

Hemos observado con gran beneplácito el comienzo de las prácticas de "tennis" y pelota así como un movido campeonato de "ping-pong" en el que se hace sumamente difícil predecir el ganador. Mas esto no es todo sobre nuestro atletismo, la sociedad atlética tiene más caras y preciosas ambiciones y a juzgar por el alto grado de cooperación ofrecida por todos hasta ahora tenemos la seguridad inquebrantable de que serán cristalizadas. Ese es nuestro deseo.

PERSONALES

Con este título iniciamos una sección en esta página, destinada a dar información personal acerca de los graduados. En la información que hoy damos no hacemos alarde de ser exactos, específicos ni completos. Sólo queremos esbozar el plan. Invitamos a todos los graduados a que nos envíen información personal acerca de sí mismos o de otros graduados; o de quienes fueran estudiantes por un tiempo considerable. Si no podemos publicar todo lo informado en el mes que llega, le daremos turno para los siguientes.

LUCTUOSA—Pascual Toro, graduado de Escuela Superior 1928, falleció en el pasado mes de septiembre. Extendemos nuestra más sentida condolencia a los Rdos. Luis Angel y Felipe Toro por la irreparable pérdida de su hermano.

BODA—El Dr. Nelson Perea, graduado de Escuela Superior 1929, y síndico del Instituto contrajo matrimonio con Joaquina Ferrer de la Sociedad de Mayagüez. Felicitamos calurosamente a nuestro compañero por haber entrado al gremio.

DEPARTAMENTO DE INSTRUCCION—Los siguientes graduados son algunos de los muchos que trabajan en el Departamento de Instrucción: Dr. José M. Gallardo, Hon. Comisionado de Instrucción. Sr. Oscar E. Porrata, Superintendente General de Escuelas Rurales. Sr. Frank Campos, Superintendente General de Actividades Atléticas. Srta. Carmelina Capó, de la División de Ciencias Domésticas. Sr. Pedro P. Casablanca, Director Escuela Superior de Bayamón. Sr. Félix Casiano, Director de Escuela Superior de Cabo Rojo. Sr. Israel Planell, Sub-Director de Escuela Superior de Ponce.

POLITECNICO— Los siguientes trabajan en su Alma Mater desde su graduación: Laura G. Irizarry, (Mrs. Bartolomé Bover) Profesora de Castellano. Mary Viera, (Mrs. Clarence Harris) Superintendente del comedor. Sr. Ismael Vélez, Botánica y Bacteriología.

NOTA—En las futuras ediciones daremos información más detallada y completa de estos y otros compañeros.

CLUB DE CIENCIAS.

Un grupo de estudiantes organizó el 20 de febrero de 1937 una sociedad de carácter científico denominada "Club de Ciencias del Instituto Politécnico." La elección de la nueva directiva tendrá lugar pronto.

PAGINA DE LOS GRADUADOS

Al iniciar la vida de este vocero se ha designado una página para los graduados. Deseamos dar énfasis al hecho de que esta página no puede ser escrita por la redacción a menos que no haya la cooperación decidida y eficaz de los que pasaron por estas aulas, especialmente los graduados. Esto no es una aventura original. Muchas asociaciones de graduados tienen su periódico. Muchos periódicos de colegios y universidades dedican una página o sección a sus graduados. ¿Podremos llevar a feliz término este proyecto?

AÑORANZAS DEL POLY

Epoca de la guerra. Mr. Casablanca, Lorenzo Casiano y don Pepe están en el ejército. Principia el año escolar en Santa Marta. Las niñas viven en una casa vieja con escalera de ladrillo y cal. Los jóvenes viven en un palomar de bloques. El comedor es de ramas de palma. En el desayuno sirven "fuerza" en vez de pan.....

En el tren de la mañana llegaron Arcilago, Patterne, Monllor y Toño Rivera. Los de La Plata llegaron a pie. En el tren de la tarde vinieron Frank Campos, Loubriel y los Vieras. Américo y Pepito llegaron en el "tren batata.".....

Luis Nieves, Calixto y Pedro el Cano se proponen iniciar al primer nuevo que asome por la bienvenida. Sacarias Adorno y Alipio León se aparecen y todos gritamos en coro: "Nuevo, nuevoooo....."

Ahora sólidos y hermosos edificios cubren el "campus." El comedor tiene piso de loza y pesas de mármol y al encontrarnos otra vez en este sitio querido nos abrazamos.....

Grande es nuestra gratitud, profundos nuestros afectos, decidida nuestra cooperación y nuevo, nuevo nuestro entusiasmo.

F. M. Rodríguez Quiñones M. D.

Para Don Lorenzo Casiano.

Para este viejo luchador y amigo fiel del Instituto nuestra más calurosa felicitación por su magnífico artículo en favor del Plan Industrial recientemente implantado en el Instituto. Este artículo apareció en "El Mundo," el 13 de octubre. Necesitamos de plumas que vibren al impulso de corazones cuyos imborrables recuerdos aún están frescos en el libro de sus vidas.

RECEPCION EN HONOR DEL DR. GALLARDO.

También se le conferirá el Doctorado Honorífico.

Con el Dr. Gallardo triunfa nuestra Asociación de Graduados, triunfa el Instituto; pero especialmente triunfan las avanzadas de nuestra juventud puertorriqueña. Con su clase se inicia la lista de graduados que esparcidos por la América prestigian nuestra asociación y honran nuestra Institución. En Gallardo tiene el Instituto uno de sus más preclaros productos y más distinguidos representantes. En él los ideales Politécnicos se vuelven realidad. Ha sabido galopar "por entre escollos hacia la cumbre." Es el hombre que golpeando virilmente los escollos de la vida, ha logrado abrir las puertas de la oportunidad, colocándose en la cima del triunfo. Por eso el Instituto Politécnico reconociendo el triunfo en el esfuerzo, ha decidido otorgar a este digno compañero, que es a la vez nuestro Comisionado de Educación, el grado de doctor "Honoris Causa."

Gallardo es un ejemplo para nuestra juventud inquieta y ambiciosa, que acaricia ideales, que sueña con triunfos, que abraza esperanzas, que espera realidades. Su vida nos habla elocuentemente del gozo en el trabajo, del premio en el esfuerzo, del fruto en el estudio. Celebrar el triunfo de Gallardo es celebrar el triunfo de la juventud puertorriqueña.

Jóvenes que aún conserváis frescos en nuestras mentes los gratos recuerdos de nuestra "Alma Mater"; donde recibisteis los primeros trofeos en premio a vuestros esfuerzos intelectuales; volved siquiera sea por algunas horas a vivir bajo aquellos impulsos juveniles. Gratas, muy gratas impresiones nos reserva este día, cuando juntos al distinguido compañero Gallardo celebraremos sus grandes triunfos que son los nuestros.

THE INDUSTRIAL PLAN.

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can serve immediately the welfare of the institution and the entire student body.

The Industrial Plan has received wide approbation from the press, alumni, and friends of the institution. Doubtless even the least enthusiastic of the students will enjoy the newly decorated salas and rest rooms, the fresh, wholesome fruits and vegetables, quite as much as the rest. The viewpoint of the heads of the institution is that those students who approve of the plan the least need its benefits the most.

SOUTH NEWS.

Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Caldwell have removed to Velarde, New Mexico, from which location Dr. Caldwell directs the Spanish work in that area for the Board of Missions of the United Brethren in Christ. His position in the department of Sociology and Religion is being filled by Dr. N. H. Huffman, who was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Polytechnic Institute. At this time he comes to us from Lawrence, Kansas, but for many years he was identified with Christian work in Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo and he enjoys the reputation of having thoroughly mastered the Spanish language.

Dr. Newell Hart Smith has been appointed Head of the Department of Physics and Mathematics. Since his association with the Polytechnic Institute some years ago, he has received the Ph.D. degree from Duke University and has served on the faculties of Hampden Sydney, Washington College, and Cumberland University in the United States. Miss María Mercedes Ramírez, formerly of this department, is teaching in the San Germán High School.

Mrs. Patria Tio de Ramírez has changed her residence to Arecibo, to which place her husband, also an alumnus of the Institute, has been transferred by the Extension Bureau of the University of Puerto Rico. Her post as Local Treasurer is now held by Miss Lina Lergier.

Our Continental graduate assistant this year is Miss Lida Magnani from Marietta College in Ohio. Miss Magnani assists in Freshman English and continues her Spanish studies.

Miss Fanny Carlton is the fortunate recipient of a scholarship from the Carnegie Corporation which is granted for the purpose of continuing her studies in Library Science at Western Reserve University. While she is on leave of absence, Mrs. Lydia Quiñones de Gregory is taking her place in the library.

Dr. J. W. Harris, retired President, and Mrs. Harris are enjoying life in their ranch, El Guajalote, near Dilley, Texas.

Miss Helen Huffman assumed the duties of Dean of Women in July. Recently she completed the B.S. degree at the University of Kansas where she specialized in Arts and Handicrafts. As a part of the Industrial Plan she conducts classes in these activities. Miss Huffman has had previous experience in Puerto Rico at the George O. Robinson School in San Juan.

Dr. and Mrs. Bover spent the summer at the University of Southern California. They continued studies in

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MOSQUITOES.

We are sorry to say we have 'em, but our Insect Control group under the leadership of Mr. Palmer is policing the campus, after a careful survey. Breeding places are being destroyed or poisoned. So far, the three worst types of mosquitoes have been found, Anopholes, the Malaria carrier, Culex, the carrier of Filariasis, and Aedes Egypti the host of the Yellow Fever organism. In order to spread any of these diseases, the mosquito must first bite a human being suffering from it. Fortunately, Yellow Fever is absent at present and Filariasis is not common. Should the human carriers appear, however, we should feel happier if the secondary hosts were not present to spread the disease. We hope to have fewer and fewer mosquitoes.

A QUARTER-MILE OF BOUGAINVILLEA.

The west side of the road leading from the Science Hall to Costello Hall has been planted in scarlet Bougainvillea, commonly called Trinitaria in Spanish, the plants being ten feet apart. After a year or two, given the usual rapid growth of the tropics, the drive should be flanked for about six months of the year with this most colorful of flowers.

SWEET CORN.

A variety of sweet corn that will grow in Puerto Rico has been developed at the Federal Experimental Station in Mayagüez. Dr. Bailey, the chief of the vegetable division, was kind enough to present us with enough seed last spring to plant about two-thirds of "don Domingo's Garden," about half an acre.

The corn was enjoyed immensely by students and faculty and now we have enough of our own seed to plant about a thousand stalks at two week intervals for several months. The ears of the first planting were small, but well filled with cream colored tightly packed kernels. The cobs were extremely small and the flavor compared favorably with the best types of northern sweet-corn.

their respective fields and especially enjoyed the concerts in the Hollywood Bowl.

President and Mrs. Morris were in the United States for a few weeks during the summer. Their daughters, Mary Virginia, Janet, and Shirley, who had remained in the north to complete their school year, returned with them and are a welcome addition

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL.

A noteworthy result of the recent organization of the four college classes for the current school year is the automatic establishment of the Student Advisory Council. By tradition each class is represented on the Council by its president and one other class officer of the opposite sex. The Senior class president serves as chairman of the Council. The Council for 1937-1938 is made up as follows:

Seniors: Yamil Galib, Chairman, Rosa María Torres.

Juniors: Arturo E. Alers, Ayxa Gelpí.

Sophomores: Sebastián Cabrer, Laura Emmanuelli.

Freshmen: Antero Solís, Luz Chavez.

The main function of the Council is to represent student opinion before the administration, and to receive suggestions as to how to promote the general welfare of students. Though any individual student is at liberty at any time to discuss matters with administrative officers and faculty members, it is probably true that many students welcome the opportunity to voice opinions through an official body. In their turn the President and Dean appreciate this means of receiving student cooperation. It is hoped that this council may furnish the nucleus for the gradual evolution of some form of student government in the future.

LABORATORIES.

Additional equipment has been installed in the Physics, Chemistry, and Biology Laboratories. Our most recent expansion in Science is the laboratory for Bacteriology, which is of particular interest to those students who plan to study medicine. The termite-proofed furniture for this laboratory was constructed in the campus carpenter shop.

CAMPUS VISITORS.

Dr. Frank Bowles, Secretary of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and Dr. Gildo Massó, Dean of Administration at the University of Puerto Rico, were guests of the Institute early in October.

to the group of children on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Palmer returned this fall after a year's leave of absence which they spent in study at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Victor Rodríguez Benítez studied graduate courses in Chemistry at Columbia University the past summer.

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A CONTINENTAL STUDENT'S IMPRESSIONS OF PUERTO RICO

One catches the first glimpse of the mountains of Puerto Rico while one is still about four hours out at sea. Though I had heard many tales of the great beauty of the harbor, I was still unprepared for the fairyland that I saw.

My first impression of the harbor was like that produced by a moving picture in color, too lovely to be true. Then the sight of Morro Castle brought me to reality again. Perched as it is on a precipice jutting out into the water, it makes an impressive landmark. On the day I saw it, the rays of a brilliant sun had turned it to gold; but my ship passed so near that I could see the yawning embrasures in its walls; and I felt that an invading enemy would not be very successful. When the ship rounded the promontory, I was overwhelmed by the colorful panorama which the harbor itself presented. I was greatly surprised to see buildings in pastel shades of rose and yellow against a background of rich green foliage with the tall, bare trunks of scattered royal palms rising above everything else.

San Juan impressed me as being an up-to-date, very busy commercial center. I was surprised to see so many American-made automobiles.

The Island has many good roads and I like the custom of planting trees along the sides to form an overhanging arch. To one accustomed to American highways which are innocent of any shade whatever, this is quite a welcome relief. The trees add greater beauty to the highways as well as serving a practical purpose.

Coming from a country where pedestrians have few rights on the highways, I was surprised to see with what nonchalance the Puerto Ricans regard automotive traffic. Here it is usually the automobile which goes around the pedestrian, a thing unheard of in the States. Anyone placing any value on life and limb would never dare to try such an experiment on an American highway.

The climate of Puerto Rico is ideal, I think, and for scenic beauty I doubt very much whether there are many places in the world that can surpass it. I did not realize that this Island was so mountainous. To a great ex-

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ALUMNI DAY

On the morning of October 30, many other friends of the Institute, as well as Alumni and former students attended the convocation at "The Steps," the only remaining portion of the original building of the Institute. Greetings were delivered in person by Ex-gov. James R. Beverley, President of the Board of Trustees, the Hon. Emilio del Toro, Trustee and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, and Dr. J. M. Rodríguez, President of the Alumni Association, after which the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon our distinguished alumnus, the Hon. José Gallardo, Commissioner of Education in Puerto Rico. Dr. Gallardo delivered a thought-provoking address on "The Educational Needs of Puerto Rico." Music by the Masa Coral added to the impressiveness of the occasion.

The Alumni held a picnic at noon followed by their annual fall meeting. In the afternoon they attended a reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Gallardo at Loma Vista, the home of President and Mrs. Morris. Eighty persons, alumni, guests of honor, trustees, and members of the faculty enjoyed the banquet served in the student dining hall that evening.

Amid the memories of the past, naturally provoked by reunions of classmates, the interest in the present program of the Institute, and the plans and hopes expressed for the future, there was a fraternal spirit of loyalty that bids fair to make the Alumni Association a vital force in the progress of this institution.

TREES

Through the courtesy of the Federal Experiment Station in Mayaguez, we have received about two hundred seedlings of Indian Mango trees which have been planted about the campus. We are cooperating in an attempt to discover a strain of Indian Mango that will have qualities suitable for shipping. After five or six years the trees can be expected to produce large juicy fruit, free from the fibre of the ordinary varieties and having a pleasant piquant flavor.

Dwarf Bucare trees have been planted in a three acre area back of Phraner Hall and the Dairy. These will supply support and shade for Vanilla which can be planted about a year later.

RESEARCH IN SPANISH

Under the banner headline "16th Century Poet America's First Publicity Man," the Durham Sun, Durham, N. C. carries a report, October 29, 1937, of an interview given by Dr. Luis Aviles, graduate of our high school department in 1919. The story is an account of "Mexicana," an epic written by Lobo Lasso de la Vega about the deeds of Cortez. "Lobo Lasso de la Vega, unsung and forgotten by most of the common people even of Mexico, will live long as a great man in the world of literature. As long as Spaniards sing of the glory of the deeds of Cortez, it will be because of Lasso Lobo de la Vega, who kept alive the facts of the American conquest." An original copy of the poem is in the Bond collection at the University of Illinois.

After his graduation here, Dr. Aviles studied at Park College, Missouri, the University of Kansas, Yale University, and took his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois. For the past three years he has been a member of the Romance Language Department at Duke University.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Enthusiastic letters have been received from César Arroyo, who is representing us at Macalaster College in Minnesota, where he studies English and assists in the Spanish Department. Last year Miss Ada Johnson of that school was here in similar capacity. César reports that he is having many delightful experiences and is struggling with English slang. We were pleased to display on the bulletin board a picture of him and a Japanese student pointing out the locations of their countries on a large globe.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In using the name "Polygraph" we are continuing the title of a mimeographed news sheet that has previously been issued by the student body. There has been some criticism expressed about its suitability as a title for this publication. We should like to have a distinctive name that would be significant both in Spanish and English, if possible. Suggestions will be welcomed.

CLUB DRAMATICO

Con un entusiasmo desbordante se organizó durante el corriente mes el Club Dramático del Politécnico. Dicha agrupación artística presentará ante nuestros estudiantes y simpatizadores del colegio periódicas representaciones intra y extra murales.

Entre las obras que serán presentadas están: Puebla de Mujeres y Malvaloca de los Hermanos Alvarez Quintero y El Rosario, de Florence Barclay. La directiva del Club Dramático está compuesta por los siguientes jóvenes:

Arturo Cintrón García, Presidente. Enrique Alcaraz Jr., vicepresidente. Pura Platti, Secretaria. Samuel Roura, tesorero. José Martínez Durito, Jorge Rivera, y Gino Piero Negretti, vocales.

La consejera y directora a la vez es la señora Laura Georgina de Bover.

LA CELEBRACION DEL DESCUBRIMIENTO DE PUERTO RICO

Para celebrar el descubrimiento de Puerto Rico, la clase de Frescos presentó un ameno programa en el salón de asambleas de "Science Hall." Entre los números presentados en la ocasión hacemos mención especial a tres hermosas poesías tituladas "Velas Epicas," "La Canción de las Antillas," y "Radio." Cada una de estas poesías, cuyo autor es el conocido poeta puertorriqueño don Luis Llorens Torres, representa una fase diferente en el desarrollo de nuestra civilización.

El discurso de clausura estuvo a cargo de nuestro compañero, Eulogio Rodríguez, quien con sencillez, brevedad y precisión nos relató la historia del descubrimiento de nuestra amada Borinquen.

Las selecciones musicales, todas ellas basadas en música boricua, fueron ejecutadas por los compañeros Frank Madera y Charles Miner a quienes damos las gracias por su cooperación.

HALLOWEEN

El Halloween party del año en curso estuvo saturado del mejor ambiente estudiantil salpicado a la vez por un sano humorismo colegial. Los disfrazados estuvieron muy originales y dieron al ambiente el verdadero sentido del festival que se celebraba.

Un jurado compuesto por miembros de la facultad premiaron entre los asistentes al profesor Boyd B. Palmer por llevar el disfraz más bonito y al estudiante Rafael Ossorio por el disfraz más feo. Pura Platti y Mario Villella fueron los más originales porque estaban disfrazados de "Plan Industrial" y "Hitler" respectivamente.

PAGINA DE LOS ESTUDIANTES

LA ESCUELA BIBLICA DOMINICAL DEL INSTITUTO POLITECNICO.

El Instituto Politécnico, fiel a su historia de nobles ejecutorias cristianas, atiende a la árdua tarea de preparar a todos los jóvenes para que posean un alto concepto de moralidad y tolerancia. Es teniendo ésto en mente que se ha organizado la Escuela Bíblica Dominical, para brindar al estudiante una magnífica oportunidad de integrar su carácter y orientar su vida por la senda del verdadero cristianismo.

La directiva se compone de las siguientes personas:

Superintendente, Sr. Juan Colón Bonet; Ayudante del Supte., Srta. Consuelo Nazario; Tesorera, Srta. Eva Barnés Colom; Secretaria, Srta. Pura Platti.

JUEGO DE PELOTA

El viernes 12 de noviembre se entrenaron nuestros peloteros en un juego que celebraran con el equipo del Colegio de Agricultura y Artes Mecánicas de Mayagüez. Resultó una verdadera sorpresa para nuestros estudiantes el triunfo decisivo de nuestros muchachos del Poly, pues apenas estos habían tenido oportunidad de practicar seriamente. El Colegio de Agricultura alineó con los siguientes peolteros:

Nagovitch, Erasmo, Dany García, Cayica, Carrillo, Delmoral, Cabrera, Vergne, Polanco, Santaella y Lago.

El Politécnico presentó el siguiente line-up: Ruchín, Juliá, Del Valle, Alers, Baby, Madera, Cocó, Santiago Díaz, y Calderón.

Fueron muy felicitados por sus jugadas, Chiquí, Juliá, y Calderón. Se anotaron finalmente, seis carreras a tres a favor del Politécnico.

Nuestro próximo juego será el 19 de diciembre con el equipo de la Universidad en nuestro propio "campus."

CLUB DE INGLES

Bajo la sabia dirección de la señora Palmer y la señorita Akers, el décimo día del corriente mes se reunió un escogido núcleo de estudiantes de cursos avanzados de Inglés, interesados en formar un "club" del interesante idioma de Shakespeare.

Se nombró un "comité de cinco" bajo la presidencia de la Srta. Magnani, con el fin de que éste resolviera: (1) las cualidades requeridas para tener la oportunidad de pertene-

CLUB DE CIENCIAS

El Club de Ciencias ha renovado sus actividades con mucho entusiasmo este año. La nueva directiva quedó constituida como sigue:

María A. Diez, Presidenta; Ramón Santini, vicepresidente; Eugenia D' Acosta, secretaria; Tatjana Nieto, tesorera; vocales, Laura Emmanuelli, Rafael Fernández, Ibis Babilonia. Consejeros, los profesores de ciencias.

Se acordó llevar a efecto reuniones quincenales lo martes a las 7:30 P. M. Obedeciendo a este acuerdo el día 16 de noviembre se celebró la segunda reunión ordinaria con los siguientes números en su sesión pedagógica:

1. Informe del Artículo "Gases Asfixiantes," Yamil Galib.

2. Demostraciones de experimentos de química, Lydia Torres y Yamil Galib.

3. Disertación sobre el tema: "La Química en Relación al Organismo Humano," Mr. Rodríguez.

4. Noticias de carácter científico, Tatjana Nieto.

5. Problemas y preguntas científicas, María Diez.

Los objetivos del "Club de Ciencias" demuestran el entusiasmo de las señoritas y los jóvenes que lo integran, llevando a cabo actividades dirigidas a la realización de los siguientes propósitos:

1. Desarrollo de las ciencias en el colegio.

2. Presentación de conferenciantes.

3. Incluir en los programas una sección administrativa, una pedagógica y una recreativa.

4. Disertaciones por alumnos o maestros, lectura de artículos, etc.

5. Dar a conocer a los jóvenes las revistas científicas y los libros que presenten las últimas teorías científicas e investigaciones.

6. Debates.

7. Solución de problemas o charadas de carácter científico.

8. Experimentos en forma demostrativa.

Se establecieron ciertas reglas y requisitos para aquellos interesados en ser aceptados como socios del club.

cer a esta organización y (2) los candidatos aptos para formar en su directiva.

No hay que dudar que esta agrupación será otro importantísimo factor en el desarrollo de nuestra vida cultural y social.

¡Mucho éxito a la nueva y provechosa organización!

NOTA:—Cuando visite nuestra organización..... ¡cuidado no se le escape ni un "suspiro" en otro idioma que el inglés!

HOMENAJE AL DR. JOSE GALLARDO

Los actos del hombre, como individuo o en forma colectiva, van aunados al mundo interior de sus sentimientos envolviendo las manifestaciones exteriores en las inquietudes íntimas inaccesibles a un segundo yo. El razonamiento a veces sella la exteriorización de las cosas internas pero hay ocasiones en que inconscientemente lo anímico anega las fuerzas negativas del razonar. Así se sentían los graduados del Instituto Politécnico en la celebración del homenaje en honor al Dr. José Gallardo. Alborozados niños, alegres como adolescentes en pleno olvido de las responsabilidades profesionales. Y hubo momentos en que sorprendimos al Dr. Gallardo sonreír con la malicia y picardía de estudiante al cruzar por sus expresivos ojos el desfile de sus días colegiales ante el afectuoso saludo de un antiguo compañero a la contemplación de los campos, de las pedreas de la niñez.

Fué el sábado 23 de octubre un esfuerzo armónico de graduados y profesores para darle prestigio a la celebración. Anhelos colectivo en manifestación de orgullo, de afecto, de distinción.

La entrega del título honorífico alrededor de la histórica escalera del colegio fué un acto emocional. En la médula de las ideas, de las disertaciones de los honorables síndicos se descubría el afán de mejoramiento del Alma Mater, ideología que contagió a todos al encontrarse en obra palpable en las realizaciones del Dr. Gallardo. Las palabras del honorable comisionado de Instrucción prolongaron los ideales embrionarios incubados en su corazón en la época de orientación formativa cuando estudiaba en las lomas de Santa Marta. Y al unirse la congregación en el himno "This Is My Father's World" un hilo estrechó en enaltecimiento de obra el pasado, el presente y el futuro del Instituto Politécnico, acentuando las selecciones de la Masa Coral el desborde sentimental ante la conciencia de la significación de nuestra Alma Mater.

El almuerzo y la reunión de graduados fué una entrega completa de recuerdos de vida estudiantil, uniendo los goces del pasado a la personalidad del Dr. Harris y Mrs. Harris, fundadores de la Institución, enviándosele un expresivo cable de saludo. Pepito Gallardo, como le llaman afectuosamente sus compañeros departió con soltura de amigo y graduado las preocupaciones futuras sin diferencias de rango profesional.

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PAGINA DE LOS GRADUADOS

PERSONALES

Siempre agradeceremos contribuciones para esta sección y exhortamos a todos a que envíen reseñas de vez en cuando.

PERSONALES

'ex 1916

Domingo Sanfioyense, está localizado en Rosario Poblado.

1930

Rafael Bonilla enseña en una Segunda Unidad Rural de Aibonito, cerca del cruce de la carretera de Barranquitas.

Juan Pérez, es maestro de Artes Manuales en Gurabo.

1931

Rosendo Quesada Velasco, (Khrisna) es tesorero-director escolar de Salinas.

Domingo Pietri Ruiz, enseña Ciencia General y Castellano en la Escuela Superior de Jayuya.

1932

Luisa Vasallo, enseña en la Escuela de Continuación de Añasco; está casada.

Antonio Marchani M.D., trabaja en el Hospital Presbiteriano.

Ramona Torres, ha sido vista en Gurabo varias veces.

David Acosta, es maestro de Artes Manuales en Ensenada.

1933

Angélica Duchesne, de Cayey visitó el Colegio Luis Muñoz Rivera, fundado por Félix Rodríguez Quiñones, clase de 1929, en Ciudad Trujillo, República Dominicana.

Margaret Harris Stephenson es Directora de Instrucción de la Escuela de Enfermeras del Medical and Surgical Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

Lawrence Caldwell, que trabaja con la Humble Oil Co., se ha restablecido de un accidente automovilista que ocurrió recientemente cerca de Victoria, Texas. Está nombrado para trabajar con la misma compañía en el extranjero, probablemente en América del Sur.

1935

William Morales es miembro de la clase de segundo año en el colegio de leyes de la Universidad.

Lilia Gautier está localizada en la calle Luna número 28 de Ponce.

REGISTRO

En el empeño de saber exactamente las direcciones de todos los Graduados, completas, exactas y que estén siempre al día, se ha decidido tener un registro de firmas. El domicilio oficial de este registro será el Marquis Science Hall. Se suplica a todos los graduados o ex-estudiantes que firmen este registro cada vez que visiten su Alma Mater. Esto además de ser un privilegio, nos dará la información que deseamos. Habrá también dos registros subsidiarios, uno en Loma Vista, y otro en Borinquen Hall para aquellos casos en que las visitas ocurran a fin de semana en días en que Science Hall esté cerrado.

DISTINGUIDO ALUMNO.

Como miembro de la Junta de Síndicos, inmerecidamente nombrado en representación del Alumni y como puertorriqueño, es motivo de júbilo y satisfacción el unir mi felicitación más cordial y sincera a los demás compañeros que en el día memorable para la historia de esta institución confirieron tan mercedosamente un título honorario al Dr. José Gallardo, distinguido alumno que fué de este Instituto y cuya vida ejemplar y actuaciones pedagógicas honramos en esta ocasión, honrando al mismo tiempo nuestra querida institución.

Nelson Perea M.D.

Síndico Instituto Politécnico.

CAPITULO DE AGUADILLA

Conforme a la resolución adoptada en la Asamblea Anual se organizó el primer capítulo de graduandos. La organización de éste se debió a la actividad e interés del presidente de este capítulo, Néstor Rodríguez Escudero. Felicitamos a nuestro compañero de Aguadilla. Exhortamos a los graduados que organicen capítulos en los demás distritos senatoriales. Recomendamos especialmente aunque no fué acuerdo de la Asamblea, la organización de un capítulo de los graduados que cursan estudios universitarios o trabajan en Río Piedras.

1936

Inés Aceveda (Bombón) es miembro de la clase de segundo año en el colegio de leyes de la Universidad.

1937

Néstor Rodríguez Escudero, Alma Delgado e Hipólito Marcano estudian en la Universidad el primer año de leyes.

Adalinda Ayala enseña en la Escuela Elemental Cerrillo, Ponce.

CAMPUS VISITORS

Professor H. A. Meyerhoff of Smith College in Massachusetts, accompanied by his wife and son, spent a weekend here recently. Dr. Meyerhoff is well acquainted with our island and is the author of "A Geology of Puerto Rico." Recently he has been conducting geological investigations for the government of the Dominican Republic.

Miss Helen Byrnes, of Evanston, Illinois, an officer in the Women's Temperance Union, addressed the student body on November 19.

GARDEN PRODUCTS

The work of the students in gardening under the direction of the President is already showing tangible results. Sweet potatoes, green beans, radishes, and okra are all being produced in sufficient quantity to supply the student dining room, Costello Hall and faculty homes.

IMPRESSIONS.....

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It resembles the country surrounding my own home in south-eastern Ohio; this perhaps accounts for the great liking I have already taken to the Island and especially to San Germán.

I have found the people charming and always very kind and willing to go out of their way to make things pleasant for me and they are always very patient and helpful to me in my struggles with the Spanish language. It seems strange to me to hear Spanish, which heretofore was only the language of the classroom, being spoken by groups of enthusiastic students hurrying to and from classes.

Another experience which I am finding very interesting is living at Borinquen Hall and eating in the dining hall for both men and women students. During my own college career I attended Marietta College which was in my home town, so I was denied the experience of enjoying dormitory life.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following excerpts are from letters addressed to the President's office:

"Thanks for the letter to the trustees of Sept 30 that arrived yesterday. Mrs. Harris and I are bubbling over with joy and we can see Phaner just as bubbling over with students..... You don't realize how I appreciate the increased attendance." J. W. Harris, Dilley Texas.

"It seems to me that the plan (Industrial) that you have laid out is very satisfactory and should certainly meet with the approval of those who wish to study and learn about really important things that go to make up the development of Puerto Rico. I will be very glad to visit you as soon as I have an opportunity of going to San Germán.—Sabino Valdés, San Juan, P. R.

"I wish to extend to you my hearty felicitations on the auspicious opening of your new academic year, and especially for the success of your industrial plans for student training." —M. R. Drury, Ponce.

"Mr. Ramón Valdés received your circular regarding Mr. Gallardo's celebration. He enjoyed the description of same and thinks Mr. Gallardo is very much deserving of this honor." —C. Rodríguez Secretary to Mr. Valdés, San Juan, P. R.

"Personally believe your industrial plan is something of great importance in this island. There are too many young people being educated for work on jobs which are not obtainable. On the other hand there is a great scarcity of young men with the proper education and ability to succeed in the arts. More education along these latter lines would enable many to enjoy substantial incomes and a good living instead of starving on the while collar line."—L. R. Wood, San Juan, P. R.

WATER COOLER

A Fridgidaire water cooler has recently been installed in Phraner Hall, the men's dormitory. Its purchase was in part made possible by the contributions of men students. Doubtless, residents of Phraner Hall in former years would have appreciated this convenience, but to those returning from hard work in the various industrial groups these days, a drink of refreshingly cold water must be a boon indeed.

HOMENAJE.....

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La recepción en honor del homenajeado y su señora esposa ofrecida en la residencia del Dr. Morris y señora por la administración—labor del "Faculty Women's Club"—dió una nota de aticismo ofreciendo el acercamiento social entre los distinguidos visitantes y aquellos que no habían tenido la oportunidad de conocerlos.

Terminó la celebración con el banquete de la Asociación de Graduados donde los Dres. Gallardo y Morris, los honorables síndicos del Colegio y sus respectivas esposas ocupaban los asientos de honor. Decoración encomiable, comida sabrosa, discursos en "mangas de camisa," canciones de espíritu hogareño, presentación de un precioso bouquet de flores y un lindo reloj de oro a los Sres. Gallardo dieron un toque de espontánea simpatía al acto, comparable únicamente a la despedida de nuestros inolvidables Dr. y Mrs. Harris.

Los graduados del Politécnico sentimos la satisfacción de haber visto al Dr. Gallardo desnudo de convencionalismos para gozar abiertamente de la celebración del día siendo su rejalamiento espiritual la aceptación más sincera de nuestros esfuerzos por avivar el fuego de la alegría de su vida de estudiante.

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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AND OBSERVANCE IN PUERTO RICO

In Puerto Rico we have always been fond of the beautiful traditions and customs which form the most prized legacy of our ancestors. Christmas is one of those traditional celebrations which have been handed down to us and which because of its significance has become so emblazoned upon our imaginations and so engraved upon our aspiring souls, that we consider it as something which is part of our life.

Our Christmas begins on the twenty-fourth of December with the celebration of "Noche Buena" or Holy Night, and ends on January the sixth, the day on which according to an old Spanish legend, the Wise Men who once rode westward to worship a Baby Prince lying in a manger, come every year, century after century, to present the good children with nice gifts and valuable toys.

After the first days of December there are seen on the streets, from time to time, groups of "jíbaros"—country people—attired in their typical dresses bringing with them typical Puertorican instruments like "guiros," "triples," "cuatros," and "timbas." They go from door to door singing our traditional "aguinaldos"—popular Christmas chants—many of which are made up by themselves as they go along the streets.

One in each group carries on his head a little box where a manger scene is arranged while a second one, conveying a flat basket collects the money which some of them devote to present votive offerings to the Infant Jesus and others to their private use. These groups of "jíbaros" are seen

almost every day till the end of Christmas but specially on "Noche Buena," New Year's Day and Three King's Day.

Nine days before "Noche Buena" there are celebrated at five o'clock in the morning, nine masses which are popularly called "Misas de Aguinaldo." After the Mass is over, the crowd usually takes a walk to the outskirts of the town. As they ramble along the road, they buy bread and fruits

which they eat with great appetite.

At night, town folk assemble to carry on "asaltos" (assaults) which usually take place in the house of the well-to-do families that can afford to pay the expenses of unexpected feast. The "asalto" is carried on as follows: The gay folks go into the house by the back door trying not to be seen or heard by the dwellers. Suddenly, all together sing Christmas songs thus surprising the kind hostess that later will provide refreshments and nice things to eat. A dance is organized immediately and in the midst of joy and happiness, they feast till late in the night.

The day on which schools are closed for Christmas vacations, programs are held in every school and the pupils exchange presents, Christmas cards, and cheery greetings. Those students who have been away from home, are very glad to take their leave and journey back to be there on Christmas.

On "Noche Buena"—Holy Night—the church is filled with people who go to hear "Misa del Gallo"—Midnight Mass—thus celebrating the Birth of Our Lord. After Mass is over, they go back to their homes where they have their "cena" or midnight supper. In some houses of the well-to-do families there are beautiful Christmas trees with presents underneath for the celebration of Santa Claus although gift-

giving is almost wholly associated with the Three Kings.

During the following days the people make a pause in their daily occupations to join others in the celebration of Christmas. Dances and banquets are held in casinos, clubs and other social centers; Christmas gifts and greetings are exchanged; parks and plazas are overcrowded

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The Sea Horse

Santa cannot drive
His deer upon the sea;
The camels of the Magi
Useless here would be.

So a sea-horse swift,
To cross the mighty deep,
My messenger shall be
Distant friends to greet.

AMABILIDAD DE DOÑA MARY Y EL SR. RODRIGUEZ.

El sábado 4 de diciembre doña Mary Harris y el Sr. Víctor Rodríguez obsequieron a las señoritas y jóvenes a quienes le sirven de consejeros, con un espléndido pasadía. Esta alegre fiesta se llevó a cabo en el poético lugar llamado "Miramar" en Mayagüez.

Algunos de los asistentes gozaron de un delicioso baño en el mar, mientras los demás se distraían con un gramófono portátil. Cerca de las seis de la tarde fuimos obsequiados con una sabrosísima cena. El viaje de regreso estuvo repleto de sonoras carcajadas y canciones que manifestaban la sana alegría que todos sentíamos.

Algunos miembros de la facultad nos acompañaron en este feliz día: las Srtas. Huffman, Hamor, y Magnani, y el Dr. Smith.

También queremos a través de estas columnas agradecer la amabilidad del Sr. Sadoth Morales de Mayagüez al cedernos su casa de campo para el pasadía.

SOCIOLOGY

Several members of the class in Modern Social Problems were guests December 11 in the home of Mr. Pedro Rodríguez Forteza near Lares. They had the pleasure of meeting the father, Mr. José D. Rodríguez, the grandmother, Doña Matilde Vélez, a sister, graduate of Polytechnic Institute, Miss Victoria Rodríguez, and other members of the family and neighbors.

The home is an example of the best Puerto Rican country homes, with running water, electric light, radio and other modern conveniences, and in a setting of beauty beyond description, of trees, flowering shrubs, and a great variety of house plants.

One of the first sights to greet the eyes of the visitors was the traditional roast pig, browning over the coals. This, with arroz con pollo and other succulent dishes fully satisfied the voracious appetite of all and it was unanimously agreed that this was a most pleasant method of studying sociology.

RECEPCION EN EL HOGAR DE LOS ESPOSOS HARRIS-VIERA

En la noche del ocho de diciembre asistimos a una fiestecita que ofrecieran en su pintoresca residencia los esposos Harris-Viera. Estuvieron presentes en este simpático acto los estudiantes a cargo del Consejero Harris y los que bajo su dirección trabajan en el Plan Industrial.

El señor Harris anunció en medio (Sigue en la página 3, columna 3.)

PAGINA DE LOS ESTUDIANTES

EL PLAN INDUSTRIAL

A continuación publicamos unos versos de carácter popular compuestos por algunos de nuestros estudiantes en forma de parodia al conocido son "Santo Parao," que reflejan el espíritu humorístico de que son capaces los estudiantes aún al asumir la seria responsabilidad de hacer su parte en el recientemente iniciado "Plan Industrial."

¡Muchachos, qué es lo que pasa
Qué es lo que pasa en el Poly?
Ya vino el Plan Industrial
Y lo trajo doctor Morris.

Coro:

Hay que venir al Plan Industrial
Para saber lo que es trabajar.

Dr. Morris nos decía
Vayan al Plan Industrial
Les aseguramos muchachos
Que es un plan educacional.

Luego nos seguía diciendo
No es para economizar
Pero yo lo estaba viendo
Que era para trabajar.—Coro.

Si tú quieres terminar
Una educación completa
Nunca faltes al trabajo
Dr. Morris está alerta.—Coro.

A las tres veces que faltes
Te llamarán la atención
Siendo el Plan educativo
Le hace falta a tu instrucción.
—Coro.

Pasa el tiempo y nos repite
Que es una necesidad
Para ser un Bachiller
Aprender a trabajar.—Coro.

Los amigos del colegio
Encuentran muy natural
Que todos los estudiantes
Aprendan a trabajar.—Coro.

Dr. Morris de los Estados Unidos
Nos trajo el Plan Industrial
¿En su segundo viaje
Qué nos traerá?—Coro.

Por eso les aseguro
A todos en general
Que en el Poly se preparan
Para tener "Job" seguro.—Coro.

Como el "Job" es ideal
Y la mayoría lo aspira
Gritemos, ¡Arriba! ¡Arriba!
¡Que viva el Plan Industrial!—Coro.

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with people attired in their best garments. Rich and poor, old and young, all together enjoy a happy time; the words "Felices Pascuas y próspero Año Nuevo" which mean "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" are heard everywhere.

The night before New Year's Day a "Holy Hour" is celebrated in the church from eleven to twelve. When the clock in the town Hall strikes twelve, the "Te Deum" is sung, all the bells in town ring merrily, sky-rockets and guns are fired, and there rises in town a great clamour which fills the hearts with happiness and joy. Meanwhile, in the homes, brothers and sisters embrace each other fondly, parents tenderly kiss and counsel their beloved sons, friends shake hands in great merriment, and young couples swear eternal love.

The days which precede the coming of the Three Kings is a time in which stores and shops are filled with mothers and maid-servants who take their children to see the beautiful toys and Christmas merchandise exhibited. It is very amusing to see and hear the small boys and girls pointing out the innumerable toys that they would like to have. It is very pleasing to read the extensive letters that these children write to the Three Kings asking them for the presents they wish and at the same time promising to be very good from that day on. At last comes the day so longed for by the children who have been gazing Eastward, to see, in the silent night heaven, the bright and mysterious star that guides the Wise Men in their recurrent journey. On the eve of that day the letter is carefully folded and placed under their beds together with a little bundle of fresh grass which is supposed to be for the camels.

Next day, early in the morning they get up in excitement to play with the toys that the Kings have brought for them. The grown up people, recalling the past days of their infancy, enjoy too the children's playing.

And thus, our Christmas time ends; on January seven, rich and poor resume their work with better spirit and more enthusiasm than ever.

Leoncio Quiñones,
Freshman Class.

San Germán, Puerto Rico.

Note:—The above essay was awarded the prize in a recent contest sponsored by The Polygraph. The contest was open to the entire student body.

UN PASEO INSTRUCTIVO

En la tarde del sábado 4 de los corrientes, la clase de Bacteriología del Instituto Politécnico, acompañada de su profesor el Sr. Ismael Vélez, llevó a cabo una visita de inspección al Centro Antituberculoso de Ponce. Los departamentos visitados fueron: el laboratorio, la sala de Rayos X y fluroscopía, la sala de operaciones y los pabellones de los pacientes.

En el laboratorio y gracias a la gentileza y amabilidad de la hábil técnica de la Srta. Elsa Figueroa; del Dr. Vivas, Director; y del Sr. Hernández, ayudante; tuvimos la oportunidad de observar a través de potentes microscopios diferentes laminillas de organismos patógenos tales como: *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Mycobacterium leprae*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *gonococcus*, etc. En general dicho laboratorio nos impresionó favorablemente por su moderno y eficaz instrumental y más aun por su personal experto y eficiente.

El segundo departamento visitado fué la sala de Rayos X y fluroscopía donde por cortesía del señor director se nos tomaron varias vistas por medio del fluroscopio y a un estudiante se le tomó una radiografía. En este departamento admiramos la perfección de los mecanismos empleados al mismo tiempo que la destreza desplegada por el Dr. Vivas y su ayudante el Sr. Hernández.

Luego pasamos a la sala de operaciones donde el señor director nos mostró en forma detallada e instructiva los últimos procedimientos médicos utilizados para combatir la terrible "plaga blanca." Entre estos métodos nos llamaron poderosamente la atención: el pneumotórax, la frenisectomía y la pneumonolisis intrapleural. No pudiendo dar un informe detallado de la técnica empleada en cada uno de estos procedimientos me limitaré a decir que todos convergen en un mismo fin: lograr que el pulmón afectado tenga el descanso necesario para una cicatrización completa y definitiva.

Por último giramos una visita a los distintos pabellones de los pacientes. Según informaciones recibidas de los libros del Dr. Vivas, hay registrados más de diez mil casos de tuberculosis. Hay cuatro pabellones de pacientes aislados, tres de adultos y uno de niños. A pesar de haber tantos pacientes aislados el número de los que están bajo tratamiento, pero fuera del hospital, es mayor.

Creo que interpreto el verdadero sentir de mis compañeros cuando digo que todos salimos altamente complacidos y satisfechos no tan sólo por los conocimientos adquiridos, y la

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**PAGINA DE LOS
GRADUADOS**

PERSONALES

1927

José Vázquez es maestro en una escuela en Naranjito.

1931

Luz Méndez es la directora de la Segunda Unidad en Montaña (barrio de Aguadilla.)

Laura Luiggi es también trabajadora social en el barrio Montaña.

Juan Bravo enseña en una escuela vocacional como trabajador social en Isabela.

Hipólito Bravo se encuentra actualmente en Isabela como trabajador social en el Dispensario Médico.

1932

Cecilia González está trabajando de maestra de inglés en la Unidad Vocacional del barrio Pasto de Guaynilla.

Su esposo, Emilio A. Dávila trabaja de Jefe de Sanidad en Ponce.

1933

Carmen Arroyo trabaja en la misma Unidad que Laura Luiggi y Luz Méndez.

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Nos complacemos en publicar parte de una carta que hemos recibido:

"Acabo de recibir el número dos del 'Polygraph' y me complazco muchísimo el informarle que he quedado encantado.

Desde hace mucho tiempo los graduados estábamos necesitados de un medio de comunicación y a la verdad creo que el 'Polygraph' nos ha resuelto este problema."—Emilio A. Dávila Rivera, '32.

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Hipólito Bravo nos visitó en estos días y nos suministró interesantes datos acerca de otros graduados, los que publicamos en la sección apropiada. A la par que agradecemos la visita del Sr. Bravo a su Alma Mater, queremos expresarle nuestra gratitud por su cooperación en aportarnos tales datos. Deseamos vivamente que las visitas de los graduados se multipliquen, y esperamos que nos favorezcan con toda clase de noticias, que ellos crean interesantes para la Asociación las que publicaremos con gusto.

FRATERNIDAD DE ESTUDIANTES EVANGELICOS

Con la asistencia de un buen grupo de socios y visitas se celebró nuestra primera reunión de negocios, el martes 30 de noviembre, en la que fué aprobada, después de discutida, la Constitución. La primera directiva, que está muy dispuesta a hacer sentir la influencia de la sociedad, está compuesta por los siguientes miembros:

Presidente, Rafael A. Cruz; vicepresidente, Alfredo Cotto; secretaria, Rosa Inés Rosa; tesorera, Luz Chavez; secretario corresponsal, Samuel J. Vélez. Vocales, Angel M. Mattos, Juan Colón Bonet, Angélica Robles.

El lunes 6 de diciembre celebró la sociedad su servicio inaugural en la capilla después de la hora social. El servicio, preparado bajo la dirección del presidente del comité de Cultos y Programas, Juan Rodríguez Lugo, estuvo a cargo de la hermana Lillian Pérez. Un cuarteto integrado por Samuel Roura, Samuel Vélez, Rafael Cruz, y Juan Rodríguez, con Angel Mattos al piano, cantó el himno "Llama." El Sr. Palmer y el Dr. Huffman, consejeros de la sociedad, consumieron dos turnos de provechosa enseñanza para la sociedad. Hizo ver el Sr. Palmer la necesidad de que la sociedad se encargara de hacer crecer el espíritu de reverencia en los servicios entre todos los estudiantes del Poly. El Dr. Huffman presentó la idea de que para buscar consejos, debemos ir a nuestro corazón, a nuestro Dios y a nuestros libros. El servicio estuvo inspirado, bajo un completo silencio y reverencia. Hubo una gran asistencia.

La directiva tiene el placer de invitar por medio de estas líneas a todos los estudiantes del Instituto para las reuniones.

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de la expectación general que desde el frente de su residencia podríamos ver la luna esa noche a través de su poderoso telescopio. En este instante el entusiasmo no tuvo límites pues para muchos de nosotros esto era algo novedoso y lleno de hechizante atractivo.

Fuimos espléndidamente obsequiados y antes de las diez de la noche todos nos despedimos infinitamente complacidos por la gentileza, las atenciones y la fina generosidad de los esposos Harris-Viera.

(Viene de la primera columna.)

bondad y cortesía de los encargados, sino que también por haber podido observar de cerca una de las más misericordiosas obras que realizarse puedan para nuestros hermanos en desgracia.

GIFT SHOP

Articles made in the classes in Arts and Crafts are now on display and offered for sale in Costello Hall. Some very creditable objects have been completed under the direction of Miss Helen Huffman, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Harris and Miss Ruth Hamor. They have ingeniously contrived to make use of numerous products of Puerto Rico and to convey suggestions of our tropical environment.

VEVE COTTAGE

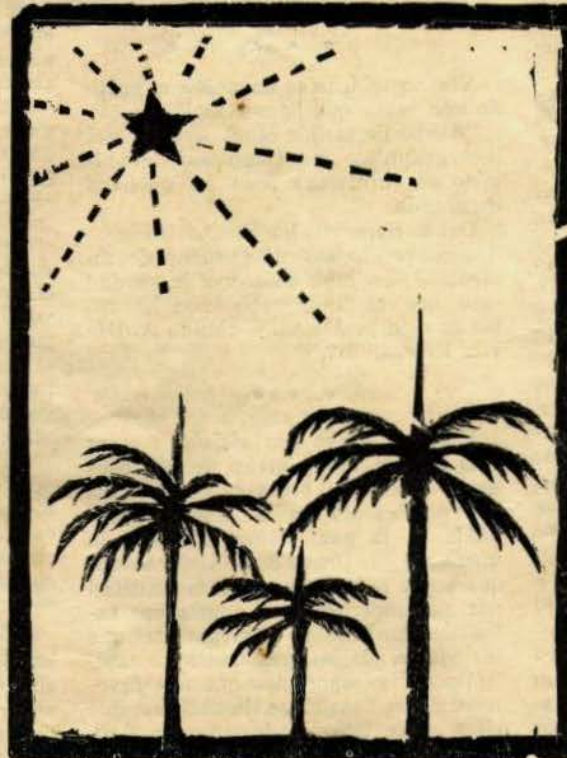
The interior of Veve Cottage is being completed and will soon be occupied by Dr. Newell Hart Smith and his wife, who is expected to arrive from the States during the holidays.

WHY THE CHIMES RANG

On the last Sunday evening before the Christmas holidays, the students under the auspices of the English Club presented the pantomime entitled "Why the Chimes Rang."

Note:—The Christmas design and verse on the front page represent the combined effort of members of the Arts and Crafts Class and the Leisure Class. Arturo Cintrón sketched the design, Dr. Smith cut the linoleum block, and Dr. Huffman wrote the verse. The one below was executed by Mr. Palmer.

Here are no hearth fires'
ruddy glow,
No holly wreaths, no winter's
snow,
But here are stars that shine
so bright
Through royal palm trees in
the night
They take one's thought to
Bethlehem
To where a star guided wise
men;
And so a message to you
afar
Is sent with palms in the
light of a star.



BAMBOO

—Slender, jointed bamboo stem,
Rising leafless in the air,
Tell me why you wait so long
For the clothes you are to wear.

--Leaves will come in their good time;
First I grow and grow and grow,
Pushing ever up and up,
Just as far as I can go.

—Tell me, slender bamboo stem,
How you know you're grown enough,
When to stop and give the leaf
Time to clothe your graceful tuft?

From the hillside steep I rise,
Up and up until I view
Far and wide the landscape fair,
Underneath a vault of blue.

—Tell me, fern-like bamboo tree,
Why with bended head you sway
With the gentle breeze that blows,
Bend the head as if to pray?

—Who can see the earth and sky,
Winding stream and purple hills,
See the breaking of the dawn,
When the east with glory fills,

See all this and never feel
Moved to bow and homage pay
To the One who made it all,
Bend the head as if to pray?

—Swaying, slender bamboo tree,
Though you've grown so fair and tall,
Not with pride but gentle grace
You o'er top Costello Hall.

Nathan H. Huffman

CAMPUS VISITORS

On Tuesday December 7, Miss Margaret Doolittle and Miss McDougall addressed the student body. Miss Doolittle told with enthusiasm about her work as a nurse under the Presbyterian Board of Missions in Columbia, S. A. and Miss McDougall related interesting accounts of her experiences in the same capacity in the mountains of Tennessee. The latter is now a member of the staff of the Presbyterian Hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

A new backstop has been erected on the Baseball Diamond on Heylman Athletic Field.

The Basketball Court in front of Science Hall, which has long been in disuse, is being reconditioned for practice for men.

POINSETTIAS

The luxuriance and profusion of the Christmas flowers, which have been in bloom a month or more, arouse the wonder of those who have never before seen them in their native habitat. Shrubs, which tower so high they can scarcely be so named, are covered with the magnificent flower clusters that frequently measure twenty-four inches in diameter.

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ORCHIDS AND EXTRACT

The Vanilla plant is a terrestrial orchid which bears a bean like pod full of thousands of almost microscopic seeds, none of which have yet been known to germinate.

Properly cured vanilla beans of the best quality bring over \$3.00 per pound. Excellent vanilla is being grown in Puerto Rico and the P.R.R.A. has a large vanilla planting project on foot.

The Polytechnic Institute hills seem ideal for this rare plant from all we can learn. Perhaps the P.R.R.A. will help us to plant a few acres; anyway, we are asking them to do so and they have graciously consented to send a commission to examine our terrain.

BACTERIOLOGY

In order to complete the requirements for the pre-medical course, we shall offer Bacteriology in the fall term which begins September 13.

Summer school opens late, July 19. Have you some friend whom you would like to enter our school? If you wish to send an application blank, the Dean's office will gladly supply one. Freshmen entering on July 19 may have a full month's vacation after high school and can graduate at the end of summer school, 1940.

BANANAS

The Mayaguez Experimental Station has sent us 300 banana plants for our new orange and banana grove.... They are being planted now after a thorough inspection against "gusanos"..... Eleven months from now -- yum....yum!

SHAME

And speaking of "gusanos".... word has come to us that some students have written home for money for the deficit and then have spent the money for something else. Is it possible that this is true?

COWS AND COITRE

How teach a cow to eat wandering jow? Well, why do it anyway? Because this little clinging plant called "coitre" in Spanish, contains a very high percentage of protein, which is very valuable in producing milk. At present, the cows wade through our meadow knee deep in the vine and do not touch it.... but they are eating it just the same, for Mr. Clarence is having it cut and ground up with the Guatemala grass in

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The Polygraph, contrary to what might be inferred from its volume number, is not an entirely new publication on this campus. It has been revived merely, by its original founder, Dr. Jarvis S. Morris, who in 1931-32 offered and gave a prize to the student who suggested the best name for the paper. Miss Bada Quiñones, of San German, graduate of the 1933 class and now a teacher at Ciales, won the prize. Next issue will bring the meaning of the name.

VANILLA

The investigation announced in the last issue to be carried on by the P.R.R.A. on our terrain was effected. The results indicate that our soil is excellent for growing vanilla. The P.R.R.A. is willing to plant as much of the aromatic orchid for us as we want.

SOME MORE ABOUT PLANTS

A herbarium is a collection (sometimes the container itself) of identified plants mounted on 11" x 14" cards, properly labeled. Our Herbarium now consists of about 1,000 specimens.

Since this is the result of scarcely a year and a half's work, it should be considered a good start. Future students of Systematic Botany will have better access to these since a filing case of the right kind is being constructed for that purpose.

UN AÑO HA....

El año pasado para este tiempo precisamente, la Facultad estaba ensayando su farsa La Lámpara Roja (The Red Lamp).

La semana pasada, el día de José de Diego, hizo un año que hubo jira al Monte, con lechón.

(Invitamos contribuciones para esta sección, pero se exige prueba de la veracidad del cumpleaños.)

Los agusceros de esta semana han sido inmejorables para las recientes siembras de guineos y ornamentales.

THE SUMMER SESSION.

Prospects are bright for our summer session this year. A large percentage of our college students have registered for summer courses than in previous years. Besides, we should have a much larger number of Freshmen in our summer session this year. In the past the summer session started so soon after the time of high school graduation that new students preferred to wait till the opening of the fall session

before starting their college work, in order to have a rest. This year, however, they may avail themselves of the opportunity of shortening their liberal arts course by starting it in the summer, and at the same time enjoy a full month's vacation, for the summer session this year does not start till July 19. This will also please the old students, who will have a good vacation extending from May 22, when our semester closes, till July 19. The summer session ends September 4, which will give all students a week at home before starting the work of the regular school year, which opens on September 13 (the same date on which the University starts classwork this fall.)

Plans have been completed for a good program of courses, including two laboratory sciences:

Survey of Early European Literature
English Short Story
History of Medieval Europe (open to incoming Freshmen)
Contemporary Civilization (open to incoming Freshmen)
General Zoology (open to incoming Freshmen)
Classification of Grasses
Genetic Psychology
Applied Psychology
Ethics

We are looking forward to the return of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, who have been away on a year's leave of absence for graduate study at the University of Illinois. They are expecting to arrive in time for the summer session.

At this time the members of the Psychology of Personality class are visiting the prisons and reformatories of this part of the Island, in order to make first hand contacts with the personalities found there. Each student conducts his own interviews and thus gains valuable experience as well as knowledge. Students who visited the Mayaguez District Jail this week, and other students who have interviewed important personages, will make report of some of their findings during the Assembly Hour Friday. Next week other student expect to go to the Aguadilla District Jail and also to the Reformatory near Mayaguez.

C. A. L.

La Y. M. C. A. ha pospuesto la excursión a Cerro Gordo para el 8 de mayo. Los candidatos para la nueva directiva son:
Pres. y vice-pres.: Mattos y J. Colón; Sec.: J. Rodríguez y Barreto;
Tes.: Fernández y Barreras.
Elección: jueves 29 de abril.

CLUB DE CIENCIAS

El "Club de Ciencias" sigue celebrando sus reuniones ordinarias con gran éxito y entusiasmo. En la última reunión llevada a efecto el día 19 del corriente disertó sobre la planta de vainilla el profesor Stoz. El tema resultó de gran interés para todos. Al final del acto la sección recreativa obsecuó a los presentes con gratas sorpresas, como de costumbre.

Se rumora que dicen los críticos que nuestro club es el único que desde su comienzo ha seguido al pie de la letra los preceptos de su constitución en cuanto a regularidad de reuniones.

Por el Comité.

INTERCAMBIO DE COROS ENTRE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE P. R. Y EL INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO

El intercambio que se realizó entre el Coro de la Universidad de P. R. y nuestra Masa Coral fué sumamente beneficioso para nuestros estudiantes, para nuestro colegio y podemos decir, sin reparo alguno, para la misma Universidad.

Los coros aunque homogéneos en su formación son bastantes heterogéneos con sus cualidades interpretativas y tienen uno y otro características bien propias.

El concierto que dió el Coro de la Universidad nos deleitó grandemente, y procuramos por todos los medios hacer agradable su estadía entre nosotros, y lo conseguimos, a juzgar por sus espontáneas manifestaciones.

Nuestra Masa Coral, espoleada por el buen ejemplo del Coro de la Universidad, cantó maravillosamente tanto en la Radio como en la Universidad, y se comportó a tono con las circunstancias. Los aplausos que recibimos de la enorme y selecta concurrencia fueron espontáneos, comprensivos e interminables, especialmente en el Miserere de la ópera "Il Trovatore" (número cumbre del programa) que mereció los juicios más justos y encomiásticos. Este, como otros dos números tuvieron que bisarse.

La Masa Coral se siente satisfecha de haber cumplido su cometido con prosteza, y de haber puesto nuestro Colegio bien alto.

A Sophomore (looking through an art gallery): "And this, I suppose, is one of those hideous caricatures you call modern art."
A friend standing near: "Nope, that's just a mirror."

The class in public speaking was to give pantomimes that afternoon. One Freshman got up when called on, went to the platform, and stood perfectly still. "Well," said the professor after a minute's wait for something to happen. "What do you represent?"

"I'm imitating a man going up in an elevator," was the response.

NURSING IS A PROFESSION

Five years ago two of our Senior girls decided to take nurse's training at the Presbyterian Hospital in spite of the hostility of their parents. Today both of them have supervisory positions with several nurses under them. A college woman who graduates in Nurse's Training, can be sure of a good position in Puerto Rico; there are probably more openings for women in this field than in any other.

Miss Houston, Superintendent of Nurses at "El Presbiteriano", will be here soon to talk with any of the young women who are interested. The course, we understand, costs nothing and students receive some small fees for their services during the course. A college graduate can finish it in about two years.

NEW MATRON AT BORINQUEN

We are very fortunate in securing for the Summer Session and for next year Miss Helen Huffman as matron for Borinquen Hall and as instructor in manual arts. Miss Huffman was reared in Puerto Rico, but for the past two years, she has been studying the different types of craftwork in the University of Kansas. Her father, the Rev. H. H. Huffman, who for many years was the head of the United Brethren Mission on the Island, will accompany his daughter and make his residence with us. Dr. Huffman is one of the few Americans who has become "a real Spanish orator".

WORK AND THE DEFICIT

More than half of the students have pledged their five dollars each to the deficit, either in money or in labor. Since there is a limited number that can work, we urge all of those who can give or raise the money to do so and leave the work for those who have fewer opportunities. We like to see among our student body the "family Spirit", which finds pleasure in self-sacrifice for the benefit of others.

Students who are working, are being assigned to the office, library, dining room, and to cleaning the campus for Commencement week.

DR. JOSE GALLARDO

We regret he cannot accept the invitation to deliver the Commencement address. We value very much his interest in the Polytechnic as expressed in his letter of April 20 to the President of the college, and in his letter of April 28 to the Senior Class.

MORE DINING ROOM EQUIPMENT

It is necessary to improve constantly our plant and program. We are having to purchase new dishes and utensils to meet the demands of our Summer Conferences and we want to beautify the dining room.

The rubber tips on the chairs has greatly reduced the noise; place mats for each person would both reduce noise and increase color. Some of the young women will soon be helping to make them.

PROTECT OUR CAMPUS

At a meeting of all the laborers and their wives last Wednesday evening, an agreement was reached that all would cooperate in keeping the campus clean, in protecting all the property and in attempting to catch thieves of fruits and other objects. We have about twenty producing aguacate trees for which we hardly ever get any fruit for the dining room.....and even more orange trees.

Will the students also cooperate in this? We offer a \$5.00 reward for the apprehending of any thief so that a court conviction can be obtained. Let us stop all stealing which robs not only the college itself, but the students, from the legitimate benefits of our farms and orchards.

It has been stated that the students take the fruits..... Let this be our warning that strict discipline will follow such disloyalty.

We welcome notices and contributions to "Polygraph". They should be brought to the Dean's office before Wednesday noon.

The name comes from Greek....."poly" meaning "many" and "graph" meaning "writings".

MORNING PRAYERS

In order to make the morning prayer service more helpful, leading students have been requested to take part. It is helpful to any individual to share reverently his spiritual experiences. The spirit of making fun of religious things is destructive of the finest and purest of human experiences.

Let us have a better spirit of reverence at prayers and a better appreciation of the efforts of others to share their highest thoughts and feelings with us.

THE NEW SPANISH BULLETIN

The new Spanish Bulletin of General Information has arrived! It is very attractive and up-to-the-minute in all details. We will be very happy to furnish copies to any student who has a friend or friends interested in coming to the Polytechnic Institute, and who would like to receive a copy.

DR. MONTALVO GUENARD'S VISIT

It was a special privilege to receive as our guest today Dr. J. L. Montalvo Guenard, Director of the Ponce Municipal Asylum for the Blind, who gave an interesting and instructive talk concerning the proper care of the eyes to the students in assembly Friday morning. Of almost equal interest were his informal and **more** intimate chats with smaller groups after the assembly and during the lunch hour, at which time he was entertained, together with his friend, Col. Pedro Shuck, also from Ponce, in the student dining room.

This visit by Dr. Montalvo Guenard was first suggested by Braulio Rodriguez, president of the Junior Class, and in behalf of said organization. Besides being an eye specialist, Dr. Montalvo Guenard is a noted Puertorican historian and archeologist

BENEFICIOS

The first "beneficio" of the Deficit Committee under the able leadership of Mr. Rodriguez will be the movie at Yauco on Monday evening, April 3. Students who wish to attend and can find approved means of transportation may substitute that night for one of the "movie nights" of the week.

The second "beneficio" will be the next Monday, May 10, at the Yaguez Theatre, in Mayaguez. The same arrangement about student attendance can be made.

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The following officers were elected on Thursday, April 29:

President Angel M. Mattos
Vice-president Manuel A. Barreto
Secretary Juan Colon Bonet
Treasurer Raul Barreras

Installation service will be to-night, in the chapel. Ceremony will be conducted by Mr. Morris.

MORE ABOUT VANILLA

Among the very interesting things which the Genetic Class saw at Mayaguez, the vanilla project deserves mention. Students could see the plants in their natural habitat, and were given information concerning the same.

A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

The Faculty presented the farce "The Red Lamp". Though it rained torrents, we had nearly a full house and the play has to be repeated.

A year ago last week, the Y. M. C. A. had a week-end picnic at Cerro Gordo.

MOTHERS' DAY

If you cannot see your Mother on Mothers' Day to tell her that you appreciate what she has done in giving you life, a home, happiness and training, be sure to write her a letter today and express your appreciation.

The expression of appreciation is not only one of the easiest of things to do, but one of the most helpful. A gracious expression of thanks for a favor received makes happier both the person who gives the thanks and the person who receives..... Like "mercy" in the words of Shakespeare,

".....it is twice blessed

It blesses him that gives and him that takes."

TALLER AT LOMA VISTA

Most any morning or afternoon now you can find some young ladies sewing together on the spacious porch of Loma Vista. The products of this Taller are place mats for the dining room.....the second step is the great "anti-noise campaign".....

ARTICLES FOR PRESS

Students are invited to write and submit articles to the newspapers about the events at the Institute. Reports of such things as athletic games, "beneficios", field trips of interest, special programs, and impressions of college life are not only good news to the public, but builders of good-will for the college. We suggest that such articles be turned over to Dr. Bover, the Chairman of the Publicity Committee. He will see that they reach the proper periodicals.

Mr. & Mrs. Morris invite all students to a reception in honor of the Senior Class on Friday evening, May 14, at eight o'clock, at Loma Vista. (The date May 7, first listed on the bulletin board, was an error.)

EXCURSIONES DE ECOLOGIA

La clase de Ecología cerro con broche de oro su serie de excursiones por la isla. Los viajes a La Parguera, Bosque Insular de Guanica, La Laguna de Guanica, Cerro Gordo y Guajataca, resultaron insignificantes al compararse con el viaje de tres días a Luquillo. En el se observó la vegetación de la costa norte, la del Yunque, y tales sitios de interés general como el jardín submarino de Boca Congrejo, Parque Muñoz Rivera, el Manicomio, el Presidio y el Sanatorio. Hay que visitar a Puerto Rico para conocer sus bellezas.

ELECCION DEL NUEVO MIEMBRO A LA JUNTA DE SINDICOS

Con verdadero éxito se está llevando a cabo la elección del nuevo miembro a la Junta de Síndicos del Instituto Politécnico. Los graduados a quienes nos hemos dirigido, están gustosamente enviándonos su selección. Resulta difícil elegir dicho miembro entre los cuatro candidatos, por tener cada uno de ellos gran preparación académica y otras múltiples cualidades personales. Ellos son:

- Sr. Juan A. Faria:- Graduado de Escuela Superior del Instituto Politécnico en 1924, segundo honor. Graduado de Pace Institute, ciudad de Nueva York. Miembro activo de diferentes asociaciones. Actualmente, Auditor y Jefe de Oficina de la Central "Rufina", de Mario Mercado e Hijos.
- Dr. Nelson Perea: Graduado de Escuela Superior en el Instituto Politécnico en 1927. Doctor en Medicina y Master en Cirugía de McGill University, Canada. Actualmente, médico titular del Hospital Municipal de Mayaguez y Asilo de Pobres, y Cirujano Ayudante de la Mayaguez & Eastern Polyclinic.
- Rev. Luis Maldonado Soltero: Graduado de Escuela Superior en el Instituto Politécnico en 1918. Ostenta varios títulos obtenidos en diferentes instituciones. Actualmente, miembro del Presbiterio de P. R. y Capellán de la Reserva del Ejército de los Estados Unidos.
- Dr. José M. Rodríguez: Graduado del Instituto Politécnico de octavo grado en 1918, de Escuela Superior en 1923 -primer honor, y de Bachiller en Artes en 1927 -primer honor general. Graduado de Doctor en Medicina en Syracuse University. Actualmente, ocupa el cargo de Superintendente de la Unidad de Salud Pública, en Arecibo, P. R.

Reports are favorable concerning the new counselor system, especially in its social aspects, and in the better student-faculty relationships it tends to foster.

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- To The Seniors -

With the last chance to speak to my fellow classmates, I hope that you have received from your experiences in college, that which will make it easier for compatible living with your fellow citizens. At this time of the year, the air is full of advice to the Seniors, but do not forget that you too are "on the air" and will be more so in the future. Here is to a good send-off and a happy landing.

- HIPOLITO MARCANO,
President of the Class.

- Books Needed -

The Book Exchange is under weigh..... Be sure to bring in your text-books to sell so that there will be some extra "chavos para refrescos", for the weather is getting warm. Rafael Cruz will buy your books for the Exchange and save you the trouble of taking them home and bringing them back if you wish to sell them next year. The prices range from 40% to 60% of the original value of the books, according to their condition.

- Alumni Meeting -

The Polytechnic Alumni are meeting on Saturday morning, May 22, at 10 o'clock, to elect new officers, to make plans for the coming year, to count the notes cast for the Alumni Trustee and announce the name of the winning nominee, and conduct other business relating to the Alumni.

The Alumni luncheon will be served at 12:30 in the Dining Room. The present Seniors, who will then be Alumni, are invited to that luncheon as the guests of the college. Those who will graduate at the end of the summer are included in this invitation and are urged to attend the Alumni meeting.

- More Vegetables -

The concrete bordered beds adjoining the poultry farm are beginning to sprout with many vegetables. Before summer school opens we hope to have all the 248 beds producing tender string beans, bulging rosy tomatoes, and many other vegetables to make the students and faculty diet more healthful and more pleasant.

- New Students -

One of the problems (yes, we have several, still) at the Polytechnic is not to obtain students, but to secure high quality students intellectually and morally. About the only method of getting good students is the same as getting good mangoes, by hand-picking. One of the best methods is through personal friendships. Our present student body is of high calibre; their friends would likely be of high quality also. We therefore, invite our students to invite their friends to consider this college as a likely place for them to study.

If you have a friend of Polytechnic calibre, get one of the new bulletins from the Dean's office and take it to him or her. Advertise your Alma Mater and build goodwill far and wide for this, the only private school of college rank in Puerto Rico.

- What Can You Do About This? -

A few things that ought to be said about writing on the walls and buildings:

1. To parade one's obscenity is to turn back to the cave man.
2. To expose the name of another is ungentlemanly; no gentleman would defame the name of a lady or of another gentleman.
3. To expose one's own name is to apply the proverb "Fools' names like fools' faces, are always found in public places."
4. On the whole this writing is a sign of immaturity, and of arrested development in a college man or woman.
5. How shall youth be trusted if youth does not show itself worthy of trust? We need a campus-public-opinion that will condemn destructiveness, obscenity, and ungentlemanly conduct.

- Miss Carlton and New Books -

A book order covering over a hundred volumes for our Library is being sent this week.

We regret very much that Miss Carlton cannot be with us this summer and next year. She is sailing tomorrow to visit her people in the far West and then to take advanced work in Library Science. We shall miss her genial efficiency behind the Library window, but we wish her the happiest of voyage and the most profitable of years.

Dr. and Mrs. Bover are planning to study this summer, Dr. Bover in California and Mrs. Bover perhaps in New York.

Mr. Rodriguez sails on June 3 on the same vessel with Dr. and Mrs. Morris to take graduate work in Chemistry at Columbia University.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Palmer will not be with us this summer. They shall be here for the fall term, however. Mr. Palmer will finish all the work for his Doctor's Degree with the exception of the thesis.

- Summer Conferences -

The Future Home-Makers of Puerto Rico, about 200 school girls and teachers will hold a conference here on May 27-30. The annual Presbyterian Young People's Conference will be here June 21-28. The former conference is in charge of Miss Carmelina Capo, one of our Alumnae, and the latter is under the leadership of the Rev. J. L. Santiago Cabrera.

Mr. Velez and Miss Akers will assist in the work of the June conference.

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