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Editorial

We are now in the new building. This is not the editorial "we" nor does it include the whole school, for neither has the Principal moved into his new office nor the formal opening taken place. This latter event will be announced later.

The mechanical department however is in full swing, and with the hum of machinery and the buzz of saws is a veritable hive of industry.

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Last Friday the Student Body meeting was held in our magnificent new Assembly Hall when a debate took place: "Is International Arbitration a satisfactory method of settling national disputes?"

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In a future issue we hope to give a description of the different parts of our group of buildings; for the present it must suffice to say that our beautiful Assembly Hall is something of which the district has a right to be proud. It has no equal in Marin County.

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The sewing class has moved into the new building also, and the Chemistry Class is anxiously awaiting an opportunity to do likewise.

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To all outward appearances the commercial department will be the last to move as work on the Commercial Building has scarcely commenced yet but as Mr. Kipling says "That is another story."

We are hoping to welcome the mothers clubs of Sausalito and Mill Valley on Friday March 29 when an united meeting of these clubs will be held in our Assembly Hall. An address will be delivered by Prof. Rugh of the University of California on "The Moral Training of the Young". An opportunity will be afforded to the mothers of inspecting the new buildings.

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Some of the Educational Values of Bookkeeping.

First. It trains for accuracy. J. Stanley Brown of the Joliet, Ill., High School, says: "I consider bookkeeping one of the most valuable disciplinary subjects, for the reason that a mistake in bookkeeping causes the student more trouble than in any other branch of study."

Second. It compels legible and neat penmanship.

Third. It gives the student a practical application of his arithmetic and English.

Fourth. It teaches the student to analyze and see in their just relation the practical affairs of life.

Fifth. It gives him a knowledge and skill that are marketable.

Sixth. It inculcates the principle of equity and just dealing. Bookkeeping if accurate, tells the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It is the formulation of exact justice.

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BY AUTHORITY

The Committee of Inspection from the Sausalito Promotion and Improvement Club looked over the building this week and have pronounced it in excellent shape.

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The Teachers Institute of Marin Co. will hold one day of its session in our new building as the guests of the school.

Institute will take place the first week in April.

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ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Principal, E. E. Wood
Miss E. Keyser, Miss S. Kurlandzik, Miss G. Paack.

English. Student self-government was given its first trial in English I, Wednesday morning, Feb. 28. Miss Alma Cadwell conducted the class, and the class committee consisted of Dorothy Linsley, Ensign Hiniker and Emil Stern.

The regular teacher for that day became a Freshman while the young Freshman-teacher assumed her novel responsibilities with much dignity, ease and ability. The class carried out their part of the hour's work in a serious, respectful and attentive manner that reflected the highest credit on their standards. The same arrangement will be carried out again, next Wednesday morning, Harold Haker acting as teacher.

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The Junior and Senior classes have decided to compete with the Berkeley High in a debate to take place in April. The try-outs will be held on Friday the fifteenth. There is splendid material in these classes, and with hard work, they should be able to furnish a winning-team.

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Sewing. The sewing class has moved temporarily into the new airy History room, which, though much more elegant and convenient than the shop, will hardly be able to afford more pleasant times than the girls enjoyed in the old lumber room. Many fine pieces of work are nearing completion, which, at the principals request, will shortly be placed on Exhibition.

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Geometry. Masao Itano led the class in the number of exercises worked last month - forty-three in all.

Ruth Johnson was second, working twenty-eight.

Margaret House third - record of twenty-one.

Masao Itano is still in the lead for this month, - some in the class have not commenced - it is time to wake up!

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During the next two weeks opportunity will be given those who have been absent, to take examinations on the work covered during their absence. Those failing to report for examinations will be marked IV for that month.

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Biology. Spring has come! Joshua Westerborg has gathered and classified thirty of this years flowers, and Arthur Folger has commenced an attractive herbarium.

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Languages. Teacher reports: nothing special. All equally good or vice versa.

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COMMERCIAL

Head of Department:

W. S. Stone.

Honor Students

Frances Spiegl Irene Goldthwaite Christine Simpson
Beatrice Crow Alphild Lundquist.

Students holding Official Positions

BANK	Teller:	Miles Staples
	Bookkeeper:	Beatrice Crow
MERCHANDISE EMPORIUM	Clerk in charge:	Clarence Clark
	Assistants:	Arthur Morgan
		Roy Morgan
MAIL CLERK	-----	Walter Dale
ARITHMETIC CLASS	-----	Paul Roemer
SHORTHAND CLASS	-----	Stanley McPherson

When the Commercial Building is completed it will supply the appliances necessary for the laboratory method of teaching bookkeeping which is the only method of teaching any subject if best results are to be obtained.

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We shall have a model bank, freight office, wholesale and retail merchandise emporium, post office etc., manned by students who will buy and sell goods, pay and receive money, and transact other business, as in everyday commercial life.

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The commercial student who has been trained in this actual office and business work in the school can enter the employ of a business man and be useful from the start; the student who has not learned it must start lower down the ladder, take less pay, and learn at the expense of his employer, the things he ought to have learned in school. That is the difference.

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The above named offices will be situated in the Bookkeeping room. The Commercial Building will also include a Typewriting room, Shorthand room and office for the head of the department. The partitions throughout the building will be of glass.

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MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

Head of Department:

F. H. Beckmann.

Excuse us for being first into the new building, but we just could not stand the old place any longer. In fact, we had to move. We have pity for those who must stay behind in their old stalls, but, if they are real nice, perhaps Mr. Moore can be induced to send pure air and sunshine to them through the new ventilating system.

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The shop is at last well equipped with new wood working machinery. Although much can still be done to beautify the room and make the machines safer to handle, everything is in good running order and within a short time eighteen new wood working benches will be completed.

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Each of the new benches is to have seven drawers. One large drawer is to contain all the individual tools used at the bench while the others are to be used by students for personal tools and work.

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As soon as the wood working benches are completed the work of making chemistry tables, lecture tables, commercial tables, mechanical drawing benches etc., will be started. The department is not looking for extra work. It has enough orders on file to keep it running night and day for a year.

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The department is looking for three students who can do assistant work next year. One is wanted for Free Hand Drawing, one for Mechanical Drawing and one for Wood Working. We are trying to decide now who these assistants will be. Some of those who were candidates have failed to make good. Students who do assistant work for a year will receive extra credit. The work will require two periods each day.

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Mr. R. S. Peters, supervisor of Manual Training and athletics in the public schools of Fort Lapwai, Idaho, has been engaged as a regular assistant. He will begin work in August.

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STUDENT BODY

President: Will Losh
Secretary: Dorothy Wasser Treasurer: Irene Hund

The regular monthly meeting of the Associated Student Body was held March 1, in the auditorium of the new building for the first time. An inter-class track meet was decided on for the near future, and it was also decided to present numerals to the three men who make the three highest scores of the day. The principal event of the day was the debate between the Juniors and the Seniors on the question of International Peace. In a very close decision the Juniors walked off with the honors. After the debate, an ukulele chorus, composed of four of the school girls, performed (.) and in a burst of merriment the meeting adjourned.

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CLASS NOTES

Seniors

President: Will Losh

Work on the "Graduate" is progressing rapidly, and with the staff assembled, and the committees appointed it is to be hoped that soon the paper will begin to take on its final form.

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Hooray for the Senior Bawl! The date of April 13 has been finally decided on. Take it from us, gents, its going to be some dance.

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The Seniors are raising an awful yell to be put in the room opposite the new hall. Its the best in the building, but of course the Seniors deserve the best.

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Juniors

President: Carl Renz

The Junior class welcomes back three of their members, Ruth Seymour, Helen Spinney and Arthur Folger, who foolishly decided to have some "kid" diseases that they had missed in their infancy.

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There was consternation in the Junior and Senior classes when, a couple of days before the debate, the false report was spread that Miles had the measles. The disappointed expression (?) of the debators faces was sad to see.

The Juniors wish to call the attention of the Seniors to the excellence of the Assembly Hall for dancing.

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Sophomores

President: Margaret House

It is rumored that Ruth Johnson has had the measles.

Margaret House also has a bad case of eyeglassitis.

Arthur Morgan, the renowned athlete, led his team to victory and on Friday was presented with a watch-fob. However no speech came forth. (We must become less bashful.)

There is going to be something doing soon. Everybody please help think. A class meeting will be held shortly. While thinking please try and help work up something for the paper. Remember there are only a few weeks left.

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Freshmen

President: Lucien Marsh

Lillian Weeks talk on Canada was very enjoyable as well as instructive. Lillian studied the dictionary and then tried to beat Alphild Lundquist's record of forty-nine words a minute.

Stanley McPherson, Arthur Morgan, and Dorothy Linsley have given us exceedingly enjoyable fifteen minute talks. Our enjoyment was also increased by our noticing Stanley's sudden fondness for his notes, Arthur his pencil, and Dorothy's interest in the new building.

Gertrude Tobin's "talk" is in a class all by itself. Please someone follow "Gerts" example and give us another.

Miss Keyser claims she's growing gray headed over the idea of choosing the three best talks and wants to give two prizes.

We missed Fred Barber's smiling countenance very much. He has had the "misfortune" to catch the measles.

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ATHLETICS

Coach: F. H. Beckmann

Girls

President: Camilla Heald
Sec. and Treas.: Aileen Jones

Boys

President: J. Woolworth
Sec. and Treas.: M. Staples

The basket ball season is over. The "Blacks" have won. Now for base-ball and track?

At a boy's athletic meeting a short time ago S. McPherson was elected track captain and C. Renz manager. A. Morgan was elected base-ball captain and W. Losh manager.

Base-ball practice will take place every Monday and Wednesday night and track practice, every Tuesday and Friday night.

In the near future an interclass meet will be held. The three men who receive the highest scores are to receive numerals.

All the necessary equipment for base-ball and track is to be ordered this week.

The coach, again, wishes to encourage the boys to come out for practice whether they have ever taken part in athletics or not. The exercise will do you good even though you do not win a place on one of the teams. Forget everything else long enough to take a deep breath.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

MILL VALLEY Student Body

President: Charles Lasey

Secretary: Irene Thoriff

(Notes have not reached us at time of going to press. Editor.)

SAUSALITO

(Shall be glad to receive names of Student Body or Class officers. Editor)

It is reported that the graduating class is developing some fine skaters, it will be a great pity, however, if the progress of school work should suffer on this account.

The last report cards give rise to serious reflections. We were just wondering how many failed to reach the minimum requirements for the eighth grade.

Skating is all right in its place but parents should study carefully the report cards of those who are so enthusiastic over this pastime.

Plants and flowers are being planted in the new borders which have been placed around the buildings at both schools.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Much regret lack of space to publish letters this issue. Editor.)