

Minutes of the meetings of The Lyceum of Benicia High School 1904 - 1909  
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[As much as was possible the minutes were typed as written (spelling, punctuation, grammar) and in sequence.]

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“Purchased for the B.H.S. Lyceum, by  
order of the Lyceum, by Humphrey Lynch.  
Secretary. Nov. 17, 1904.”

**Regular Meeting, Sept. 16, 1904.**

The meeting was called to order by the president. There was no reading of the minutes as the secretary failed to have them at hand. The newly elected officers were then installed and took the chair.

The regular debate was next in order. The affirmative side selected Ruth Mosher as judge, the negative Howard Davis. The third judge selected was Vira Parker. The subject was, Resolved that, the state should furnish funds for the carrying on of athletics at the university. The Aff. speakers were Philip Robinson, Roy Thompson, and Gregor McGregor. The Neg. speakers were Ange Lambley, Gay Mosher, and Anne Christensen. The decision was two in favor of the Aff. The intrinsic value was eight in favor of Aff. four in favor of the Neg. The censor's report followed, and then George Clarken spoke on a current topic. The Lyceum was then favored with a piano solo by Ada Smith, and next by a recitation by Sophie Singler.

The report of the entertainment committee followed, and the old plan of giving an entertainment to make the necessary sum for defraying the expenses of the League convention to occur in October was dispensed with, and a plan was adopted to make the sum up among the members of the Lyceum. A motion was passed that the president appoint a committee of one to look after the money to be raised in the Lyceum. Philip Robinson was appointed. A motion was carried that a committee be appointed to invite High Schools not belonging to the league, to come and see the workings of the league. Mr. Stewart as a member of the extension committee was authorized to do this. A communication was read from the secretary of the League calling for entries for the annual declamation contest. The secretary was instructed to find out any who wished to enter and inform the secretary of the League. As there was no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Humphrey Lynch,  
Secretary.

## **Regular Meeting, Oct. 7, 1904.**

As the pres. and vice-pres. were absent Philip Robinson was appointed pres. protem. The reading of the minutes followed and they were accepted as read. The regular debate followed. The selection of judges followed. The Aff. selected Roy Thompson, the Neg. Alice Clarken. The third judge selected was d'Alary Fechet. The question for regular debate was: Resolved that, the U. S. Navy should be increased until it is the equal of any foreign power. The Aff. speakers were Joe Reeng, Theo Culver, and Ida Hass, the Neg. speakers were John Gleeson, Sophie Hansen and Ada Smith. The decision of the judges was three in favor of the Aff. The intrinsic value was the whole school in favor of the Aff. The censor's report followed. The question was then debated on by the whole school. The Lyceum was then favored with a piano solo by Grace Deforest. Theo. de Neidman then spoke on a current topic and after that an essay was read by Maud Laddish.

The comittee of ways and means reported that enough money was raised to incur the expense of the league convention. Under unfinished business a comittee of five were appointed to make preparations for the convention. They were Roy Thompson, May Smith, Mr. Furbush, Ruth Mosher and Humphrey Lynch. A motion was made and carried that a comittee be appointed to prepare a program for the afternoon session of the convention. Ruth Mosher, Miss Crusoe and Ada Smith were selected. The secretary was instructed to correspond with the secretary of the League in regard to the progress being made for the convention. A motion was carried that the president appoint four delegates to the convention with himself as one. The motion was amended so that Charles Stewarts name be added. The delegates appointed were Grace de Forest, Theo. de Neidman, Ruth Mosher, Philip Robinson and Charles Stewart. The meeting was then adjourned.

Humphrey Lynch,  
Secretary.

### **Regular Meeting, Nov. 5, 1904**

The meeting was called to order by the President. The minutes were read and amended by changing the name of Theo Culver to Theodore de Niedman in relation to the speech on Current Topics at the previous meeting, after which the minutes were approved. Then the leaders of the debate selected their judges. The leader of the affirmative selected Mr. Furbush; the leader of the negative, Miss Christisen. The third judge selected was Miss Ada Smith. The President and Secretary being on the debate and the Vice President absent, Miss Lambley was appointed President pro.tem. and Theodore de Niedman, Secretary pro.tem. The regular debate followed. The subject was, Resolved: that labor unions as organized and maintained in the United States are a benefit to the public. The speakers on the affirmative were, Mr. Stuart and Miss Mae Smith; on the negative, Mr. Lynch and Miss Dotta. The judge's decision was two in favor of the affirmative. The intrinsic value of the question was five in favor of the negative. Mr. Robinson then gave a talk on Current Events. This was followed by a recitation by Miss Grace Quinn. Miss Jennie Quinn then favored the Lyceum by a piano solo. The chairman of the committee of financial affairs was not prepared to report and asked for another week. The chairman of the executive committee being absent, Mr. Furbush, a member of the committee made a few remarks on the affairs of the committee. The motion was passed that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer to pay a bill of \$1 00/100 due the New Era. The motion was made and carried that a Marshal be elected. The tellers appointed for this election were, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Frechet, and Mr. Gleeson. Mr. Robinson was elected Marshal. Two communications were read before the Lyceum regarding the debate with Humbolt High School. No action was to be taken unless the subject for debate was received the following Saturday, if it was not received, then the Secretary was authorized to write to Humbolt High School concerning the matter. No further business coming before the House, the meeting adjourned.

Theodore de Niedman,  
Sec. pro tem.

### **Regular Meeting, Aug. 25, 1905**

The meeting was called to order by the President. The Sect. being absent Mr. de Niedman was appointed Sect. pro tem. The motion was passed to continue the Lyceum, the meetings to be held every four weeks. The election of officers then took place. Those elected were: Miss Mae Smith Pres.; Miss Ada Smith, Vice Pres.; Miss Mosher, Sec; Miss Stone, Censor; Miss de Forest, Treas; Mr. Dawson, Marshal. The motion was passed to have the next meeting two weeks from date. The meeting then adjourned.

Theodore de Niedman,  
Sec. pro.tem.

## Regular Meeting, Sept. 8, 1905

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The newly elected officers were then installed and the secretary was on the debate. Clara Malone was appointed secretary pro tem. Miss Jennie Quinn opened the programme by favoring the Lyceum with a vocal solo. The next in order was the regular debate. The question of which was Resolved that the United States should relinquish the Phillipine Islands. The speakers on the affirmative were Theo de Niedman, Gay M. Mosher and Theo Culver; on the negative Royal St. John, Harriet Hansen and Ida Haas. The affirmative chose Miss Meacham as their judge, the negative Mr. Furbush and these two selected Miss Crooks.

The decision of the judges was three in favor of the affirmative. The intrinsic value of the question was affirmative seven, negative twenty. The next on the programme was a vocal quartet by the Misses Smith, Crooks, de Forest and Singler. John Lynch and Martha Kurtz favored the Lyceum with recitations. Veido Dinsmore delivered a declamation. The Censor's report then followed.

The motion of the previous meeting regarding the meetings of the Lyceum was reconsidered and it was moved and seconded that we continue to hold our meetings every two weeks as heretofore.

A motion was then made and seconded that reporters to the two papers be appointed. Theo deNiedman and Royal St. John were appointed.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Clara Malone (sec), Protem

## Regular Meeting, Sept 22, 1905

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Miss Ada Smith opened the programme for the afternoon with a piano solo. As the president was on the debate, the vice president took the chair. The regular debate then took place. The question discussed was Resolved: That the world owes more to Navigation than to railroads.

The speakers were

Affirmative	Negative
Alice Crooks	Mae Smith
Grace de Forest	Sophie Singler
Lullah Cooper	Clara Malone.

The decision of the judges was two in favor of the negative and one in favor of the affirmative. The intrinsic value was twenty three for the negative and three for the affirmative. Recitations by Carrol Burke and John Danson followed. Miss Hass favored the Lyceum with a piano solo, and Geneva Hicks recited. The Censor's report followed.

There being no unfinished business, new business was taken up and the Secretary read a communication from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangement of the Debating League of California concerning the names of the delegates from the Benicia High School to the Convention to be held in Oakland, October 28, 1905. It was moved and seconded that the secretary notify the Ch. of the Com. of Arr. that we had withdrawn from the League. Also that while the secretary was complying with the wishes of the Lyceum with regard to the notification of the withdrawal of the Society from the League that she also write a small article concerning the Society.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Gay M. Mosher,  
Sec't'y.

## Regular Meeting, Oct. 6, 1905

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Grace Quinn opened the programme for the afternoon by a piano solo.

The next in order was the regular debate. The question, Resolved: That immigration is detrimental to the United States, was upheld by

Affirmative Speakers

Mary Dotta

Jennie Quinn

Dyer Kneali

Negative Speakers

Mardele Robinson

Hazel Brown

Vera Hank

The leader on the affirmative selected, as her judge, Mr. Furbush, while Miss Meacham was selected to act as judge for the negative. These two selected Miss Christiansen. The decision the judges was two in favor of the negative and one for the affirmative. The intrinsic value of the question was three in favor of the negative none for the affirmative.

As the president was then on the programme, the vice president took the chair. Miss Smith rendered a piano solo, which was followed by recitations by Ruth Prince and Sophie Singler, and a declamation by Royal St. John.

The Censor then gave a very pleasing report of the days programme.

There being no business to be discussed the meeting adjourned.

Gay M. Mosher

Secretary Benicia High School Lyceum

## Regular Meeting, Oct. 20, 1905

The meeting was called to order by the president, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. A piano solo, by Mardele Robinson, which opened the programme for the afternoon was followed by the selection of judges. The affirmative leader selected as his judge Royal St. John, and Mr. Furbush was selected to act as judge for the negative side. These two selected, as a third judge, Theo. Culver.

The question, "Resolved: That Country Life is more Beneficial than City Life", was upheld by:

Aff.

Veido Dinsmore

Grace Quinn

Frances Smith

Neg.

Bessie Driscoll

Nellie Everhart

Wladimir de Neidman

The decision of the judges was two in favor of the affirmative and one in favor of the negative. The intrinsic value of the question was twenty in favor of the affirmative and three believing on the negative.

Pauline Jurgensen and Jennie Hauser recited, and Theo. de Neidman delivered a declamation. These were followed by a Quartet consisting of the Misses Smith, Singler, de Forest and Crooks.

Next in order was a very encouraging report by the Censor.

(It) The vice-president, having been absent at the time of the installation of officers, was installed by a past president of the Lyceum. It was moved and seconded that a tax of ten cents be levied on each member, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Lyceum. This money is to be used to purchase a picture for the purpose of ornamenting the rooms of the Benicia High School.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Gay M. Mosher

Sec't. Benicia High School Lyceum

## Regular Meeting, Nov. 3, 1905

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president as the president was on the programme. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. A piano solo by Mae Smith opened the programme and this was followed by the selection of judges. Mr. Furbush was chosen as judge for the negative and Mr. de Neidman as judge for the affirmative. These two selected Miss Meacham. The next in order was the debate. The question, Resolved: That the Gov't should own and control the railroads, was upheld by:

Aff.	Neg.
J. A. Gleeson	Royal St. John
Geneva Hicks	Ada Smith
Martha Kurz	Carrol Burke

The decision of the judges was two in favor of the affirmative and one for the negative. The intrinsic value of the question was sixteen for the affirmative and nine for the negative.

Vera Hank recited, Theo. Culver delivered a declamation. Grace de Forest then favored the Lyceum with a piano solo.

These were followed by the Censor's report. There being no old business new business was next in order. The Sec't'y read an invitation to the members of the Lyceum to attend a debate between the Berkeley Ecclesia, of the California Institution for the Blind, and the Humbolt Evening High School Debating Society of San Francisco. The debate to be held in the Auditorium of the Girls' High School, Saturday evening, Nov. 4th 1905 at 8 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the treasurer make a report of the money received as a tax. There was one dollar and forty cents in the treasury.

It was then moved and seconded that the treasurer see each member of the Lyceum about the tax, that the full amount might be paid in by the next meeting of the Lyceum.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Gay M. Mosher,  
Secty.

## Regular Meeting, Nov. 17, 1905

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Miss Hank being absent, the selection of judges followed. Mr. Furbush for the affirmative, Miss Meacham for the negative, and Mr. Culver as third judge were selected. The regular debate the question of which was, Resolved: That, Laws concerning compulsory education should be passed, was upheld by

Affirmative

Mardele Robinson

Ruth Prince

John Lynch

Negative

John Dawson

Pauline Jurgensen

Theo. de Neidman

The decision of the judge was two in favor of the affirmative and one for the negative. The intrinsic value of the question being twenty two in favor of the affirmative and three for the negative.

Recitations by Mary Phillips, and Romeo Regill were followed by the Irregular debate. The question, Resolved: That Instructions in military tactics should be introduced in all the schools, was discussed by nearly all members of the Lyceum.

The Censor then gave her report. The treasurer's report showed that there was about three dollars in the treasury.

It was moved and seconded that the members of the Lyceum should not leave their seats, in the Lyceum. After some discussion the amendment to the original motion, reading, that no two members could sit together, but they might, if they wished, move their seats. This was carried.

The meeting then adjourned, there being no further business.

Gay M. Mosher,

Secretary

Miss Boone, Miss Stone and Miss Crooks appointed as a Committee to see about the purchase of the picture. [\[a correction see next meeting minutes\]](#)

## Regular Meeting, Dec. 8, 1905

The president called the meeting to order and the secretary read the minutes for the meeting of Nov. 17. J. A. Gleeson and R. St. John appointed to fill the offices of president and Sec. as the pres. and Sec. were on the debate. Nothing was said of the committee composed of Miss Boone, Miss Stone and Alice Crooks, to purchase the picture for the High School. This correction to be place in the minutes of the last meeting.

A piano solo by Vera Hank was followed by a selection of judges. Those selected were, Mary Dotta, Ida Haas, with Miss Meacham as third judge. The question, Resolved: That the state should furnish all text books, was upheld by:

Affirmative	Negative
Theo. Culver	Veido Dinsmore
Alice Crooks	Grace de Forest
Mae Smith	Gay M. Mosher

The decision of the judges stood two in favor of the affirmative and one for the negative. The question of the Irregular debate was Resolved: That the hypocrite has a more despicable character than a liar.

The report of the picture committee was postponed, owing to the illness of the chairman. There were several suggestions offered concerning our having a Christmas program at the next meeting of the Society. A motion was carried regarding the doing away with the debate, but that we just have a Christmas program. Mae Smith was appointed to take charge of the musical part of the program.

It was also moved and seconded that each speaker on the debates, hereafter, have one piece of paper, three inches square for the purpose of debate notes.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. A. Gleeson  
Sec't'y Pro tem

### **Regular Meeting, Dec. 22, 1905**

The president called the meeting to order and appointed Royal St. John to fill the chair as she was on the programme. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There being no debate the programme which was appropriate to the Christmas time followed.

It consisted of:

- A Christmas Carol by the School
  - Recitation by Ruth Prince
  - Piano Duet - Grace de Forest and Alice Crooks
  - Reading Selections from Christmas
  - Carols - Royal St. John and John Gleeson
  - Vocal Solo by Mardelle Robinson
  - Piano Solo - Jennie Quinn
  - Original Dialogue - Theodore de Neidman.
  - Piano Solo - Ada Smith
  - Essay on Christmas - Ada Haas
  - and Vocal Solo - Mae Smith
- No important business having arisen the meeting adjourned.

Gay M. Mosher  
Secretary

### **Regular Meeting, January 19, 1906**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. A report of the picture committee was followed by the election of officers for the ensuing term. Those elected:

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| President      | Gay M. Mosher       |
| Vice President | Alice Crooks        |
| Secretary      | John A. Gleeson     |
| Censor         | Mr. Furbush         |
| Marshal        | Theodore de Neidman |

It was moved and seconded that the Lyceum meetings be continued as heretofore, but with one exception, that instead of devoting all of the afternoon for this purpose, we give only the last two periods. No further business having arisen the meeting adjourned.

Gay M. Mosher  
Secretary

## Regular Meeting, Feb. 2nd, 1906

The pres. called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first business of the day was the installation of new officers.

The following took the oath:

Gay Mosher.....Pres.  
Alice Crooks.....V. Pres.  
John Gleeson.....Sect.  
Martha Kurz.....Treas.  
Mr. Furbush.....Cens.  
T. de Neidman.....Marshal.

The regular debate followed.

The subject was: Resolved, That water is more destructive than fire.

The affirmative team consisted in Martha Kurz, Frances Smith, Mary Dotta. The negative, Geneva Hicks, Nellis Everhart and Hazel Brown.

The judges were Miss Meacham, Miss Stone and Roy Thompson. Their decision was, two in favor of the affirmative and one for the negative.

Then came the rest of the program.

A Ballad.....John Lynch.  
Talk on Current Topic.....Royal St. John.  
Song.....Sophie Singler.

There being no old business, new business was in order.

A motion was made and seconded to consider the publication of a high school paper this term. The motion was then amended and seconded to read: that the Lyceum publish a high school paper this term. The amendment carried and the election of the editors and business manager for the magazine was declared in order.

Gay Mosher and Royal St. John were nominated for editor-in-chief, and Royal St. John was elected.

Ada Smith and John Gleeson were nominated for associate editor, and as there were two associate editors needed, it was moved and seconded that the two nominees be unanimously elected.

Mr. Furbush was nominated as business manager, but declined on the ground that the high school paper should be a paper of the pupils. Miss Meacham was then nominated, and she declined on the same grounds. T. de Niedman was then nominated, and on motion, was declared unanimously elected.

The appointment of high school reporters for the town papers followed the election.

The president appointed John Gleeson for the "New Era", and Royal St. John for the "Herald". Having previously held the appointment, Mr. St. John declined, and Sophie Singler was appointed in his stead.

There being no further business, the Lynceum adjourned.

John Gleeson,  
Sect.

## Regular Meeting, Feb. 16th 1906

The president called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Hazel Brown was then appointed sec. pro tem, the secretary being on debate.

The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That newspapers should be prohibited from scandalizing the U.S. gov't, or any officers of it", and the speakers were:

Affirmative	Negative
Veido Dinsmore	Alice Crooks
Vera Hank	Ada Smith
Ruth Prince	John Gleeson

The judges were Theo. Culver, Royal St. John and May Smith, and their decision was, three in favor of the negative.

There was no old business, excepting the report of the editor-in-chief on the progress of the paper to be published. He reported over forty dollars in ads promised and then had the editor staff read. They were

Alumni,	Roy Thompson
Athletics,	John Gleeson and Mae Smith
Joshes,	Ada Smith and Royal St. John
Literary,	Sophie Singler and Mardele Robinson
Lyceum,	Gay Mosher
Society,	Alice Crooks and Grace de Forest

The report was accepted.

The Lyceum then adjourned.

John Gleeson,  
Sect.

## **Regular meeting, Mar., 2nd. 1906**

The meeting was called to order by the president, the minutes were read, and an omission of the appointment of a committee to select a name for the High School Annual was corrected.

The president being on debate, the vice-president took the chair.

The selection of judges followed, Mrs. Crowell, Miss Louise Singler and Miss Boone were chosen.

The subject for debate was: "Resolved: That the US. Navy should be increased until equal to any foreign navy."

Affirmative:

Sophie Singler

Gay Mosher

Carroll Burke

Negative:

Grace deforest

Mardele Robinson

Ida Hass

The judges decided, 2 for the neg., 1 for aff. The intrinsic value was 5 - 5.

A piano solo by Mae Smith followed.

The omission in the minutes was then noted.

The reading of the report of the Name Committee was the first old business. The report said that the committee had selected two names, "Excelsior" as first choice and "White and Gold" as second. It was accepted and the two names were discussed. The discussion was finally laid on the table.

Two new pictures were hung for this meeting and the report of the Picture Committee concerning them followed. Miss Boone, as chairman, gave an interesting talk and explanation about the pictures.

One dollar and ninety cents (\$1.90) had been collected for the purpose of donating a group of trees to the city park. It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to confer with the Tree Committee of the W.I.C., about the proposed high school donation. Royal St. John was appointed as a committee of one.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Gleeson,

Sect.

## **Special Meeting, Mar. 20, 1906**

A special meeting of the Lyceum was called to present an amendment to the Constitution of the Lyceum, Art. VI., Sect. 1. for the purpose of changing the name of the high school annual.

After the reading of the amendment the meeting adjourned.

J. Gleeson,

Sect.

## Regular Meeting, Mar. 16th 1906

The regular meeting of the Lyceum was called to order by the pres. and the minutes read and approved.

Ada Smith was appointed sect. pro. tem., the sect. being on the program.

The regular debate followed. Resolved: "That women should be given suffrage in California."

Affirmative:

T. de Niedman

Dyer Kneale

John Lynch

Negative:

Royal St. John

Bessie Driscoll

John Dawson.

The judges were Miss Meacham, Miss Stone and Mary Dotta.

The decision of the judges was: 3 for the Aff. The intrinsic value was: 6 for the Aff., 12 for the Neg.

The censor's report followed.

The first old business was the re-reading of the Name Committee Report. It was then moved and seconded to remove the discussion of the name for the paper from the table. After some discussion it was decided that the Constitution must be amended so that the old name, Benicia High School reporter, be omitted. The president then read the part of the Constitution which says that all amendments must be handed to the pres. in writing, read at one meeting and passed upon at the next.

It was then moved and seconded to lay the matter on the table.

Mr. St. John was ordered to hand in a report of the tree money, in writing.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. A. Gleeson,  
Sect.

## Regular Meeting, Mar., 30th, 1906

The regular meeting of the Lyceum was called to order by the president, and the minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved.

The subject for the regular debate which followed, was, "Resolved - That the Gov't. should own and control the telephone and telegraph systems."

Affirmative:	Negative:
Clara Malone	Dora Elson
Theo. Culver	Mary Philips
Wladimir de Niedman	Mary Dotta

The judges selected were Alice Crooks, Miss Stone and Max McGregor, and their decision was 2 for Aff. and 1 for Neg.

The rest of the program was as follows:

Recitation,	Mardele Robinson
Talk on a Current Topic,	Sophie Singler
Music,	Grace deforest

Irregular debate, "Resolved, That the U.S. owes more to France than to England."

Unfinished business followed.

A motion was made to remove a certain matter from the table, which has previously been laid there. No one could inform the Lyceum what the matter was however. An amendment to the constitution, to change the name of the High School Reporter to Excelsior. The amendment was then amended to change Excelsior to White and Gold. This amendment was then amended to have the name White and Gold omitted.

The amendment to omit White and Gold was discussed, passed upon and defeated. The amendment to change Excelsior to White and Gold was passed upon and defeated, then reconsidered and accepted. The original amendment was then passed upon and defeated. A motion was made to have an "ayes and nays" vote taken, which vote carried the amendment. The first amend. changed High School Reporter to Excelsior. The second amend. changed Excelsior to White and Gold. The third amend., to omit White and Gold, having been defeated, the High School Annual will be called White and Gold.

A report of the Tree Committee was then read. It stated that the money collected by it, for the purpose of buying trees for the city park, was turned over to the Women's Improvement Club, and that a surplus of .10 was on hand. The report was accepted.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Gleeson,  
Sect.

### Special Meeting, May 7th, 1906

A special meeting of the Lyceum was called this afternoon for the purpose of passing resolutions of respect to the memory of Theodore de Niedman, late member of the Lyceum.

The pres. being absent, Mr. Furbush presided. He appointed as a resolution committee, Miss Stone, Ada Smith and Sophie Singler.

A floral piece for the funeral was discussed, and it was decided to send for a wreath of white and gold flowers. Mae Smith and Alice Crooks were appointed as a committee to send for the wreath.

It was also decided for the members of the Lyceum to attend the funeral in a body, and to meet at Mae Smith's house.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Gleeson,  
Sect.

### Special Meeting, May 17th, 1906

A special meeting was called at 3:00 this afternoon for the report of the Resolution Committee, and to provide for the Lyceum Diplomas for the class of '06.

The resolution drafted by the committee is as follows:

To the members of the Benicia High School Lyceum:

Your com. Appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Theodore de Niedman, our late member, submit the following:

**Whereas** - The great ruler of the universe in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our association our beloved companion and friend, Theodore de Niedman, and we have been called from our daily tasks to contemplate the work of the Reaper, Death, and

**Whereas** - It becomes us to pay this, our loving respect, to his many excelant qualities, therefore be it

**Resolved** - That in the death of Theodore de Niedman we have lost a member, who, by his earnest spirit, his kindly nature, and his gentle ways, exerted an influence over us, which was always for the right, and his memory, though he has passed away, shall remain a rich legacy of example to us, who loved him living and mourn his dead.

**Resolved** - That the sympathy of this society be sent to his relatives in their bereavement.

**Resolved** - That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved relatives.

**Resolved** - That these resolutions be entered in the minutes of this society, and that they be published in the local papers.

Ada Smith}  
Catherine Stone}      Com.  
Sophie Singler}

[there were no more entries for this meeting.]

### **Special Meeting, May 24, 1906**

A special meeting of the Lyceum was called at 3:10 this afternoon to consider a suitable farewell to the Class of '06.

It was moved to give the class a dance in the Masonic Hall, which motion was carried. Nine dollars were then offered to the occasion by the basketball team. A motion was made and carried to levy a \$.25 tax on each member for the same purpose. The treasurer was then appointed to collect the tax.

It was then moved and carried that a com. of 3 to write invitations, and a com. of 3 to arrange a program, be appointed by the chair. The com. for invitations: Sophie Singler, Grace de Forest and Alice Crooks. For the program: Mr. Furbush, Miss Stone and Miss Meacham.

It was then moved and seconded and carried that the members hand in the names of those they wish invited to the invitation com.

Sophie Singler appointed floor-manager, to choose two assistants.

A refreshment com., consisting of the following, was appointed. Miss Boone, Vera Hank, Mardele Robinson, Miss Stone, Miss Meachamm and Mr. Furbush.

An amusement com. was then appointed as follows: Ruth Prince, Jennie Hansen, Mardele Robinson and Vera Hank.

A decorating com. was then appointed as follows: Miss Boone, Veido Dinsmore, Wladimir de Niedman and Martha Kurz.

The program com. was then removed to act on the refreshment com. Miss Boone was removed from the refreshment com. to act on the decorating com.

Mr. Furbush was appointed to see about the hall.

The meeting then adjourned.

Miss Meacham,  
Sect. pro tem.

### **Special Meeting, May 25, 1906**

A special meeting of the Lyceum was called at 3:00 this afternoon for the purpose of reconsidering the advisement of holding a commencement dance in the Masonic Hall. It was stated that owing to the earthquake this hall was not considered in proper condition for a dance.

A motion was then made and carried that a committee be appointed to try to secure the U.P.E.C. Hall. Miss Meacham was appointed for this purpose.

It was then determined by a rising vote that the U.P.E.C. Hall was favorable to everyone.

It was moved and carried that the treasurer give a report of the money in the treasury. She reported \$7.75.

Ruth Prince, Frank Smith, Mary Phillips were appointed as a committee to secure dance music.

The meeting was then adjourned.

J.A. Gleeson,  
Sect.

### **Regular Meeting, Aug. 17th, '06**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The election of Lyceum officers was the business of the day. Ada Smith, John Dawson and Carroll Burke were appointed as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Theodore Culver, President

Clara Malone, Vice Pres.

Mary Dotta, Sect.

Ruth Prince, Treas.

Miss Bell, Censor

Rundle Chapman, Marshal

The meeting then adjourned.

John Gleeson,  
Sect.

### **Special Meeting, Aug. 24th 1906**

A special meeting of the Lyceum was called at 3:10 to arrange for a High School picnic to be held in the near future.

It was decided to hold a picnic at Green Valley Falls on Monday Sept. 10.

Mr. Furbush, John Gleeson and Wladimir de Niedman were appointed as a committee to see about a bus and expenses.

It was moved and carried that a tax of .15 be levied on each member to pay for the diplomas for the class of 1906.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

John Gleeson,  
Sect.

Theo Culver

Pres. Pro tem.

### **Special Meeting, Sept 4th, 1906**

A special meeting of the Lyceum was called this afternoon to change the bus for the picnic. It was found that the bus "Queen of the Pacific" holding more people could be obtained as cheaply as the "Benicia".

A tax of .55 was placed on each member for expenses.

Dora Elson, Vera Hank and Miss Meacham were appointed as a committee to look after provisions.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. Gleeson,  
Sect.

Theodore Culver

Pres. Pro tempore

## Regular Meeting, Sept. 7th 1906

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved. The newly elected officers were then installed and took the chair.

The regular debate then followed. The leaders selected Miss Boone and John Dawson as judges and Miss Meacham was selected as third judge. The subject of the debate was: Resolved, that the Labor Unions are beneficial to the people of the U.S. The speakers on the Aff. were John Gleeson, Alice Crooks and Grace de Forest. Those on the neg. Wl. de Niedman, Clara Malone and Sophie Singler. The decision of the judges was three in favor of the Negative.

The rest of the program was as follows:

Recitation	Edwin Dalton
Talk of Current Topic	Dora Elson
Piano Solo	Jennie Quinn

The Censor then gave her report.

Old business was next taken up. The bus committee reported to have collected \$15.75 and the other members were requested to pay their tax before Monday. A motion was then made and seconded that those who were going to the picnic should meet at the school-house at 8 o'clock. The motion was passed but then reconsidered. It was next moved and seconded to hire the bus to leave the park at 7:30 and leave the school-house at quarter to eight. This motion was carried.

The committee which had been appointed to look after provisions reported that everything needed had been promised.

Only 5.35 had been collected of the .15 tax which was levied on each member to pay for the diplomas for the class of 1906. The members who had not payed were requested to do so as soon as possible.

John Gleeson was appointed as reported to the Herald and Wl. de Niedman as reported to the New Era.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

Mary Dotta,  
Sect.

Theodore Culver  
Pres.

## Regular Meeting, Sept. 21, 1906

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The next thing on the program was the Debate, which as , Resolved, That the text-books used in the public schools of the U.S. should be edited and published by a National Commission. As the Secretary was on the Debate, the President appointed, Wladimir de Niedman, Sect. Pro tem. Those who upheld the affirmative were 1. Mary Dotta. 2. David Culver. 3. and Carroll Burke. Those who upheld the negative were 1. Mardele Robinson. 2. Morgan Sanborn. 3. Ruth Prince. The Aff. chose Hazel Brown, as their judge. The Neg. chose Vera Parker, as their judge, and these two selected Miss Stone. After the Debate the judges decided, Three in favor of the Affirmative. The Int. value of the question was, Aff. 1, Neg. 0. The next thing in order was a Piano Duet, by Alice Crooks and Grace de Forest, John Dawson then gave us a speech on "California". Martha Kurz then favored us with a Recitation. A Piano Solo was to have been given by Ada Smith, but on account of an accident, the Solo was not rendered. The Censor's Report followed.

The Chairman of the Bus Committee reported that \$20 had been collected and paid to the owners of the bus, which was used by the B.H.S. on Sept. 10, 1906. As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned.

[the signed name was erased]  
[Wladimir de Niedman had been appointed  
Sect. pro tem.]

Theodore Culver  
Pres.

## Regular Meeting, Oct. 5, 1906

The meeting was called to order by the president and the vice-president then took the chair. The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved. A motion was next passed to postpone the meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mary Dotta,  
Sect.

## Regular Meeting, Oct. 19, 1906

The meeting was called to order by the President and the Vice-President then took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the regular debate was next in order, the question of which was: Resolved, That Cuba should be annexed to the U.S. The leader of the Aff. chose M. Robinson as judge and the leader of the Neg. chose Ruth Prince. These two selected Miss Meacham as their third. The speakers were:

Aff.	Theodore Culver	Neg.	Hazel Brown
	Bessie Driscoll		Vera Hank
	Frances Smith		John Lynch

The decision of the judges was two in favor of the Aff. and one for the Neg. The intrinsic value of the question was Aff. 1 Neg.2.

The rest of the program then followed:

Piano Solo	Kathleen Dawson
Continued Story Part I	Sophie Singler
Recitation	Hilda Blank

The Censor then gave her report.

There being no old business before the house, new business was taken up. The resignations of Wl. De Niedman and John Gleeson as reporters to our local papers were read and accepted and new reporters were appointed to take their place. These were Edwin Dalton reporter to the Herald and Grace Quinn reporter to the New Era.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mary Dotta  
Sect.

## Regular Meeting, Nov. 2, '06

The meeting was called to order by the president and then the members responded to roll call with a quotation from a standard author.

The minutes of the previous meeting were next read and approved.

The program rendered was as follows:

Piano Solo	Grace Quinn
Piano Solo	Gussie Behrens

Next came the irregular debate the question of which was: Resolved that the pupils of the school shall continue "Lyceum". As the majority of the members spoke on the Aff., it was decided that the Lyceum should be continued.

A motion was made and passed that all members refusing to debate or take part in the program would be fined 10 cents.

The constitution of the Lyceum was then read and a motion passed that a committee be appointed to revise it and make it up to date. Those appointed on the committee were: Clara Malone, Ruth Prince, John Gleeson, John Dawson and Mary Dotta.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mary Dotta  
Sect.

Theodore Culver  
Pres.

### **Regular Meeting, Wed, Nov. 28th 1906**

The regular meeting of the Lyceum was called called [sic] to order by the president, and as the secretary was absent John Gleeson was appointed secretary pro tem.

There were no minutes to the preceeding meeting.

The proposed Constitution was then read by the president and several objections were considered and passed upon.

It was then moved and carried that the constitution be adopted.

It was decided to have the constitution placed in the minutes.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Gleeson  
Sect. pro tem

Theodore Culver  
Pres.

### **Special Meeting, Friday, Nov. 30, 1906**

A special meeting was called to order by the President, and the secretary being absent Ruth Prince was appointed secretary pro tem.

The object of this meeting was to hear Mr. Henry, the president of the Debating League, speak on the advisability of our joining the Debating League. It was decided to have this matter laid over until the next meeting as all were not present to vote on the subject.

The meeting then adjourned.

Ruth Prince  
Sec. Pro tem.

Theodore Culver  
Pres.

## Regular Meeting of the Lyceum, Friday Dec. 7, 1906

The meeting was called to order by the pres. and the sect. being absent, John Gleeson was appointed pro tem.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

The subject for debate was: Resolved That the S.F. school board was justified in excluding the Japanese from the public schools.

Aff.	Clara Malone	Neg.	Alice Crooks
	Grace Selby		Jennie Hansen
	Ruth Prince		John Dawson

The decision of the judges was 2 in favor of the aff.

The following program was then given:

Piano Solo	Grace de Forest
Vocal Solo	Sophie Singler
Recitation	Gladys Hank
Thanksgiving	Leona Brown

There was no unfinished business.

A motion was made and seconded for the High School to enter the Debating League of California. The motion was defeated by a standing vote.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Gleeson  
Sect.

Theodore Culver  
President

## Regular Meeting of The Lyceum Friday Dec. 21, 1906

The meeting was called to order by pres. and the Sect. being absent Morgan Sanborn was appointed Sect. pro tem.

The minutes of the proceeding meeting were read and approved.

The following program was then rendered:

Christmas Song	School
Recitation	Kathleen Dawson
Christmas Customs	Dora Elson
Piano Solo	Grace Quinn
Christmas Selections	John Gleeson
Piano Duette	Alice Crooks and Grace de Forest
Christmas Poem	Mardele Robinson
Current Topic	Wladimir de Niedman
Christmas Song	School.

A motion was made to reconsider the question of entering the California Debating League but it was defeated.

The meeting then adjourned.

Morgan Sanborn  
Sect. pro tem.

Theodore Culver  
President

**Regular Meeting of the Lyceum  
Jan. 18, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the members then responded to roll call with a short quotation from a standard author.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The day's program was as follows:

Piano Solo	Jennie Quinn
Reading	Theodore Culver
Recitation	Grace Selby
Current Topic	Ruth Prince
Song	School

The election of officers then took place. Those elected were:

President	Vera Hank
Vice Pres.	Martha Kurz
Secty.	Hazel Brown
Treasurer	David Culver
Marshal	Wl. De Niedman
Censor	Miss Meacham

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

Mary Dotta  
Secty.

Martha Kurz  
Pres.

## Regular Meeting of Lyceum

Feb. 1, 1907

The meeting was called to order by the president and the secretary, being unable to speak, the reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

The first in order was the installation of officers.

As the President and Secretary were on the program, the vice-president presided and Theo Culver acted as Secretary pro tempore.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo	Gussie Behrens
Debate: Resolved that the San Francisco fire was a good thing for San Francisco.	
Affirmative	Negative
Kathleen Dawson	John Gleeson
Hazel Brown	Mabel Ebert
	Vera Hank

The judges were Mary Dotta, Ruth Prince and Miss Bell. The decision was 2 Negative, 1 Affirmative.

Song "My Own United States"	School
Duet	Grace de Forest and Alice Crooks
Current Event	Wladimir de Niedman
Description of Winged Victory	Miss Boone
Song	School

The Marshall not being present at the installation refused to take the oath of office later. The matter was laid on the table till the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Gleeson the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A fine of 25 cents was imposed on Miss Malone for not taking part as leader of the Affirmative on the debate.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Theo. Culver

Sec. Pro tem

Vera E. Hank Pres.

**Regular Meeting of the Lyceum  
Feb. 15, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The programme was as follows:

Song	by School
Anecdote	Margaret Perry
Debate - Resolved that Washington was a greater man than Lincoln	
Affirmative	Negative
Theodore Culver	Morgan Sanborn
Dyer Kneale	Rundle Chapman
John Lynch	Hilda Blank

The judges were Grace de Forest, Mr. Furbush and Leona Brown. There decision was two in favor of the affirmative and one for the negative.

Reading	Mr. Furbush
Vocal Solo	Sophie Singler
Song	by School
Recitation	Leona Brown
Current Event	Martha Kurz
Piano Solo	Pauline Jurgensen

The Vice-president took the chair and so the Marshall then took the oath of office.

A motion was moved and carried that the Lyceum assist the Senior Class in giving a Farce near the end of the term.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown  
Secretary

Miss Vera Hank  
President

## Regular Meeting of Lyceum

Mar. 1, 1907

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The programme was as follows;

Song by School  
Debate - Resolved that steam has done more then electricity to advance the development of the industries

Affirmative Negative  
Dora Elson Mardele Robinson

Alice Crooks  
Grace Quinn Sophie Singler

The judges were Miss Stone, Miss Bell and Morgan Sanborn. Their decision was two in favor of the affirmative and one for the negative.

Quartet: Hilda Blank, Grade de Forest, Gladys Hank and Jennie Quinn

Recitation Nellie Diaz

Current Topic Mary Dotta

Piano Solo Margaret Perry

There being no business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown  
Secretary

Miss Vera Hank  
Pres.

## Special Meeting of Lyceum

Mar 13, 1907

A special meeting was called at 11:50 for the purpose of making preparation for attending the funeral of Wladimir de Niedman.

The president called the meeting to order and a motion was made and carried that the President appoint a commitee to send for a suitable floral piece. Those on this commitee were Grace de Forest, Martha Kurz and Mr. Furbush.

A motion was made and carried that the President appoint a commitee to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Wladimir de Niedman. Those on this commitee were Miss Stone, Alice Crooks and Theodore Culver.

It was decided by unanimous vote to close school the following afternoon to attend the funeral in a body.

Six High School boys were appointed as Pall-bearers at the request of Dr and Mrs. De Niedman.

The Censor then made a motion, which was carried, that the regular meeting of the Lyceum on the following Friday be postponed a week.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown  
Secretary

Miss Vera Hank  
Pres.

**Regular Meeting of the Lyceum  
Mar. 22, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following program was rendered,

Song	by School
Debate - Resolved that the state capital should be moved to Berkeley.	
Affirmative	Negative
Grace Selby	Ruth Prince
Leona Brown	Jennie Hansen
Pauline Jurgensen	Gussie Behrens

The judges were Grace Quinn, Sophie Singler and Miss Bell. Their decision was two in favor of the affirmative, one for the negative.

Quartet: John Lynch, Morgan Sanborn, Vera Hank and Sophie Singler

Current Event Kathleen Dawson

Piano Solo Mabel Ebert

Paper - Rundle Chapman, Editor

Assistants - David Culver, Bessie Driscoll, Frank Smith, Dora Elson, Jennie Quinn, Mardele Robinson, Martha Kurz

The Censors report then followed.

The Report of the Resolution Committee, which was accepted by the Lyceum was as follows:

To the members of the Benicia High School Lyceum -

The committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our late member, Wladimir de Niedman, submit the following -

**Whereas**, an all-seeing and wise Providence has seen fit to remove from us our beloved companion and friend, Wladimir de Niedman and

**Whereas**, it becomes us to pay this, our loving respect to his many excellent qualities, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that in the death of Wladimir de Niedman, we have lost a member who was an untiring, unselfish, and enthusiastic worker for this association, and for the Benicia High School in general, and by his kindly nature exerted an influence which makes his memory a rich legacy to those who loved him living and mourn him dead. And be it further

**Resolved**, that this Association tender its profound sympathy to his beloved parents in their affliction. And be it further

**Resolved**, that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this society, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and that they be published in the local papers

Catharine Stone}	
Alice Crooks }	Committee
Theodore Culver}	

A motion was made and carried to levy a tax of ten cents to pay for the floral piece, purchased for Wladimir de Niedman.

There being no reporter to the Herald, at present, the President appointed Grace de Forest to fill the position.

As the office of Marshal was vacant the President appointed Morgan Sanborn to fill the vacancy.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown

Secretary

Miss Vera Hank  
President

### **Regular Meeting of the Lyceum Mar. 12, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program was as follows.

Song By School

Debate - Resolved that the American Indians have been more unjustly treated than the Negroes.

Affirmative

Negative

Mary Dotta

Frank Smith

Mabel Ebert

Martha Kurz

Margerite Perry

Morgan Sanborn

The Judges chosen were Miss Stone, Clara Malone, and Alice Crooks. Their decision was three in favor of the Affirmative.

Quartet - Bessie Driscoll, Grace Quinn, Gladys Hank and John Lynch.

Reading Hazel Brown

Piano Duet Mardele Robinson and Ruth Prince

Current Event Alice Crooks

Paper - John Lynch, Editor

Assistants - Theodore Culver, Dora Elson, Leona Brown, Sophie Singler, Vera Hank, Eva Chapman and Gussie Behrens.

A motion was made and carried that yell-leaders and committee be elected for field day. Sophie Singler and David Culver were chosen to fill these places.

A motion was made and carried that the yell-leaders select their own committees.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown

Secretary

Miss Vera Hank President

## Regular Meeting of the Lyceum

Apr. 27, '07

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. As the President and Secretary were both on the program the Vice President took the chair and Ruth Prince was appointed Sect. pro-tem.

The following program was rendered:

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| 1. | Song   | By School       |
| 2. | Debate: Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished.  |                 |
|    | Aff.   | Neg.            |
|    | Vera Hank  | Hazel Brown     |
|    | Hilda Blank  | Rundle Chapman  |
| 3. | Piano Solo   | Kathleen Danson |
| 4. | Recitation   | Grade de Forest |
| 5. | Reading  | Dora Elson      |
| 6. | Paper - Sophie Singler   |                 |
|    | Assistants, Alice Crooks, David Culver, Mardele Robinson, Grace Selby, Nellie Diaz, Ruth Prince and Mable Ebert. |                 |

The Judges chosen were Eva Chapman, Mardele Robinson and Mable Ebert. Their decision was two in favor of the Aff. and one in favor of the Neg.

A motion was made and carried that the next meeting be the last of this term.

As there was no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Ruth Prince

Sec. Pro tem.

Miss Vera Hank President

**Special Meeting of the Lyceum  
May 6, 1907**

A special meeting was called to order by the President at 2:50 for the purpose of considering the advisability of giving the Seniors a farewell dance.

A motion was made and carried that the undergraduates give the Seniors a dance on the Saturday evening before graduation.

A motion was made and carried that the President appoint the necessary committees.

Those on the committee to see about the hall were Miss Meacham, Miss Stone and Miss Chapman.

Those on the committee to see about the music were Mr. Furbush, Clara Malone, and Jennie Quinn.

The Invitation Committee was Clara Malone, Martha Kurz, Rundle Chapman, Grace Quinn, and Miss Bell.

The Program Committee was Jennie Quinn, Leona Brown, Grace Selby, and Clara Malone.

Frank Smith, Bessie Driscoll, Dyer Kneale, Mary Dotta were appointed on the Amusement Committee.

Miss Stone, Mardele Robinson, Ruth Prince, and Mabel Ebert were appointed on the refreshment committee.

Miss Boone, David Culver, Rundle Chapman, Hilda Blank were appointed on the decoration committee.

As there was no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown.  
Secretary.

Miss Vera Hank President

**Special Meeting of the Lyceum  
May 8, 1907**

A special Meeting was called to order at 3 PM by the Vice President as the President was absent.

A motion was made and carried that the Lyceum reconsider by ballot the motion made concerning the dance to be given to the Seniors.

The ballot was taken with the result yes 18 no 18.

A motion was made and carried that those who were interested in the dance give voluntary contributions.

A motion was made and carried that those interested remain after the others were gone.

The meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown  
Secretary

Miss Vera Hank President

**Regular Meeting of the Lyceum  
May 10, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The program was as follows:

Song	By School
Debate - Resolved that the Carquinez Straits should be bridged.	
Affirmative	Negative
Theodore Culver	John Lynch
Mardele Robinson	Dora Elson

The judges chosen were - Miss Boone, Mr. Furbush and Miss de Forest. Their decision was two in favor of the affirmative, one for the negative.

Sextet

Lewis Shade	Hilda Blank
Morgan Sanborn	Winifred Jordan
David Culver	Jennie Quinn

Reading

Leona Brown

Piano Duet

Alice Crooks and Grade de Forest

Recitation

Marguerite Perry

Paper - Martha Kurz - Editor

Assts - Hazel Brown, Mabel Ebert, Gussie Behrens, Grade Selby, Grace Quinn, David Culver, Frank Smith, Dyer Kneale, Morgan Sanborn, Nellie Diaz, Ruth Prince, Vera Hank, Mary Dotta, Eva Chapman.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown,  
Secretary

Vera E. Hank Pres.

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
Aug. 30, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

A motion was made and carried that each member of the lyceum should be taxed 5 cents to pay Mr. Chisholm for ribbon for Lyceum Diplomas for last year.

The next in order was the election of the officers for the ensuing year. Those chosen were

President	Leona Brown
Vice President	Ruth prince
Secretary	Martha Kurz
Treasurer	Bessie Driscoll
Censor	Miss Stone
Marshal	Alfred Elson

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown  
Secretary

Ruth Prince Vice President

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
Sept. 13, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first in order was the installation of the new officers.

As the President and Secretary were on the program the Vice-President took the chair and Hazel Brown was appointed Secretary Pro tem.

The program was as follows -

Piano Solo	Grace Quinn
Debate - Resolved that the government is justified in making necessary expenditures for the reclamation of arable lands.	
Affirmative	Negative
Mabel Ebert	Morgan Sanborn
Louis Shade	Martha Kurz
	Mary Dotta

The Judges chosen were - Anna Christensen, Mr. Furbush and Theodore Culver.  
Their decision was three in favor of the negative.

Recitation	Leona Brown
Current Event	Vera Hank

A motion was made and carried that the Treasurer make a personal visit to each member of the Lyceum and remind them of the five cent tax.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown  
Secretary Pro Tem.

Leona Brown, President

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
Sept. 27, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the President and as the Secretary was absent Hazel Brown was appointed Secretary pro tem. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program was as follows -

Piano Solo	Hilda Carlson
Debate - Resolved that the great city railway systems have done more harm than good.	
Affirmative	Negative
John Lynch	Carrie Dalton
Kathleen Dawson	Hilda Blank

	David Culver
<del>Vocal Solo</del>	<del>Mabel Johnston</del>

The Judges chosen were - Mr. Furbush, Miss Meacham and Mr. Culver. Their decision was 2 in favor of the negative and one for the affirmative.

Vocal Solo	Mabel Johnston
Recitation	Ampelio Solari
Current Event	George Dawson
Piano Duet	Emma Berge and Jennie Hansen

A motion was made and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mr. Chisholm the bill of \$1.50 which the Lyceum owed him.

It was then moved and carried that Reporters be appointed to the town papers so the President appointed Grace Quinn to the New Era and John Lynch to the Herald.

A motion was made and carried that the Reporters pass in their reports to the Censor before taking them to the press for publication.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Hazel Brown

Secretary pro tem.

Ruth Prince

Vice - Pres.

## Regular Meeting of Lyceum

Oct. 18, 1907

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. As the president was on the programme Vera Hank took the chair.

The programme was as follows:

Piano Solo

Rita Quinn

Debate - Resolved that manual training should be introduced into all schools.

Affirmative

Negative

R. Chapman

F. Smith

P. Jurgensen

D. Kneale

W. Crooks

C. Dalton

The judges chosen were - Miss Meachem, Miss Elson and Miss Dotta. Their decision was 3 in favor of the negative.

Dialogue

Kathleen Dawson

Jessie Driscoll

Hilda Blank

Ruth Prince

Song By School

A motion was made and carried that the Lyceum send three delegates to represent our society at the semi-annual convention of the Debating League of California to be held at Berkeley Oct. 26.

It was then moved and seconded that each member of the Lyceum be taxed 15 cents to pay the expenses of the delegates.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Martha Kurz,

Secretary

Vera Hanks Pro tem.

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum**

**Nov. 1, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program was as follows:

Piano Solo

M. Perry

Debate: Resolved that final examinations should be retained in this school.

Affirmative

Negative

V. Hank

D. Elson

M. Lawrence

M. Culver

M. Sanborn

M. Ebert

Piano Duet

Martha Kurz & R. Prince

The judges chosen were Miss Meachem, Miss Dalton and Miss Kneale. Their decision was three in favor of the affirmative.

A motion was made and carried that the treasurer pay the delegates their expenses.

It was moved and seconded that we consider the question of entering the Debating League, and after some discussion it was decided to lay the matter over until the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded that the president appoint a committee to look after this play. Those appointed were: Miss Stone, Hilda Blank, Rundle Chapman and John Lynch.

A motion was made and carried that the High School give a play between now and spring.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting adjourned.

Martha Kurz

Sect.

Ruth Prince

Vice-Pres.

**Regular Meeting**  
**Nov. 15, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes were read and approved. As the president was on the program Mabel Ebert took the chair.

Piano Duet G & K Dawson

Debate - Resolved that the Chinese and Japanese should be granted the same privileges in the U.S. as other foreigners.

Affirmative Negative

C. Malone J. Lynch

R. Prince L. Shade

M. Dotta R. Chapman

The judges chosen were Miss Elson, Miss Dalton, Miss Bell. Their decision was three in favor of the affirmative.

Song By M. Johnston

Recitation C. Dalton

A motion was made and carried that the Benicia High School Lyceum enter the Debating League. The question was put to a vote and the result was 23 in favor of the affirmative and seventeen in favor of the negative. As there was some doubt as to whether the majority ruled the question was left to be considered at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

M. Kurz Sect'y

Mabel Ebert

Pres.

**Regular Meeting,**  
**Dec. 6, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Each member was required to write on a piece of paper a question which he wished to have answered. Many up to date questions and witty answers were given. This plainly shows that the members are well based on the various topics of the day.

A motion was made and carried that the question of entering the D. L. C. [sic] The question was put to a vote. Six were in favor of the affirmative and twenty-five for the negative. Therefore we will not enter the league.

A motion was made and carried that the president appoint a committee to decorate the rooms for our Christmas exercises. Those appointed were W. Crooks, L. Shade, H. Blank, G. Selby and M. Ebert.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Martha Kurz,  
Secretary

Ruth Prince

Vice-Pres.

**Regular Meeting**  
**Dec. 20, 1907**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following program was then rendered:

Piano Solo	Emma Berge
Talk "Origin of Newspapers"	Dora Elson
The Spectators acct of himself	Ruth Prince
Piano Duet	George & K Dawson
Sir Rodger in the 20th Century	Jennie Hansen
Piano Solo	Mar. Perry
Illustrated talk on Slight of Hand	Lorus Shade
Song	Mabel Johnston
Essay "Our Poet Wittier"	Lorus Shade
Recitation	Hilda Blank
Piano Solo	Grace Quinn
Latin Poem	Chester Dalton
Original Poem	Mabel Ebert
Reading "Origin of M. Xmas"	M. Sanborn
Reading "Xmas Customs"	M. Kurz
Recitation "Xmas Bells"	Carrie Dalton
Piano Solo	Vera Hank
Song	By the School

A motion was made and carried that a rising vote of thanks be given the censor for furnishing this excellent program.

A rising vote of thanks was also given to the Decoration Committee for decorating the room so beautiful.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Martha Kurz,  
Secretary

Ruth Prince  
Vice-Pres.

## Special Meeting of the Lyceum, Jan 14, 1907 [should be 1908]

A special meeting of the Lyceum was called at 1:10 for the purpose of passing resolutions of respect to the memory of Winifred Jordan, late member of the Lyceum.

The President called the meeting to order and a motion was made and carried that the President appoint a committee to draw up a set of resolutions. Those on the Committee were Miss Stone, Miss Meacham and John Lynch.

A floral piece was then discussed and it was decided to get a pillow of white carnations with the High School initials in gold. Mr. Furbush, Walter Crooks and Bessie Driscoll were appointed as a committee.

It was also decided for the members of the High School to attend the funeral in a body. There being no further business to come before the House the meeting then adjourned.

Frank Smith

Sec. Protem.

Ruth Prince

Vice-Pres.

## Regular Meeting Jan. 16, 1908

The meeting was called to order by the President and the Secretary being absent, Morgan Sanborn was appointed Secretary ProTem. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

The report of the resolutions committee was as follows:

"To the Members of the Benicia High School Lyceum:

The committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of our late member, Winifred Jordan, submit the following:

**Whereas** - An all-seeing and all-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from us, our beloved companion and friend, Winifred Jordan, and

**Whereas** - It becomes us to pay this our loving respect to her many excellent qualities, therefore be it

**Resolved** - That in the death of Winifred Jordan, the Benicia High School Lyceum has lost one of its most honored members, and that, individually, we shall regret the absence of a loyal, steadfast friend.

**Resolved** - That this Association, as a mark of love and respect, tender Mr and Mrs Jordan, their deepest sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement, in a loss of a loving daughter, and say to them that this untimely close of her record on earth, has not only left a void in the home circle, but, by taking from this Lyceum, a member ever just, unprejudiced, true, and kindly in every act, has joined with the grief of her parents. The grief of all with whom she was associated in the Benicia High School.

**Resolved** - That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the beloved parents of our lamented member and further be it,

**Resolved** - That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the association, and that a copy therefore be sent to each of the local papers."

Catharine Stone	}	
Myrtle Meacham	}	Com.
John Lynch	}	

A motion was made and carried that the report of the committee be adopted.

"The Blundering Mr. Brown" was the play adopted to be given by the Lyceum.

A motion was made and seconded that the play be given up on account of the lack of enthusiasm but it was defeated.

The election of officers was the business of the day and the following were elected.

President	John Lynch
Vice-President	Mary Dotta
Secretary	Grace Quinn
Treasurer	Mable Ebert
Censor	Mr. Furbush
Marshall	Miss Bell
Assistant Marshall	Rundle Chapman
Reporter to Herald	Walter Crooks
" " New Era	David Culver

A motion was made and carried that the money in the treasury of the Tennis Club be loaned to the Lyceum for safe keeping until the reorganization of that club. The sum loaned was \$3.25.

There being no further business the Lyceum then adjourned.

Morgan Sanborn  
Secretary Protem

Ruth Prince  
Vice-President

**Regular Meeting  
Jan. 31, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the president, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first in order was the installation of officers. The newly elected officers then took their respective stations.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo	Emma Berge
Debate - Resolved that the Negroes should be denied the right to Suffrage in the South	
Affirmative	Negative
Mary Dotta	Bessie Driscoll
Esther Bergstrom	Walter Crooks
	Alfred Elson
Piano Solo	Vera Hank
Trial Scene from the Merchant of Venice	
Portia	Mabel Ebert
Narissa (clerk)	Gladys Hank
Shylock	David Culver
Antonio	Morgan Sanborn
Bassinio	Rundle Chapman
Gratiano	Louis Shade
The Duke	Kathleen Danson
Salerio	Gladys Hank
Duke's Clerk	Hilda Blank

Song - Ruth Prince, Hilda Blank, Gladys Hand, John Lynch and Louis Shade

The decision of the judges was three in favor of the affirmative.

A motion was made and carried that the play be given before Lent.

A communication was then read from the Debating League of California.

The Past Treasurer was asked to give a report of the money in the treasury and reported \$15.20 of which \$3.25 was received from the Tennis Club and the remaining from the High School. A motion was then made and carried that the treasurer pay for the floral piece.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

Grace Quinn (Secretary)

John Lynch President

**Regular Meeting**  
**Feb. 14, '06**

The meeting was called to order by the president, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo

Grace Quinn

Debate: Resolved that the National Government should provide productive work for the unemployed in time of need.

Aff.

Neg.

Ruth Prince

Frank Smith

Grace Selby

Dyer Kneale

Edward Jones

Vocal Solo

Mabel Johnston

Current Topic

Morgan Sanborn

Reading

Vera Hank

The decision of the Judges was two to one in favor of the Affirmative.

A motion was made and carried that the prices for the play be .25 and .50 cents and that all seats be reserved free of charge.

A motion was made and carried that a dance be given after the play.

A motion was made and carried that the President appoint a decoration committee. Those appointed to act on this committee were: Kathleen Danson, Rundle Chapman, Eddie Jones, Alfred Elson, and Ruth Prince.

A motion was made and carried that they next Lyceum meeting be postponed and that only decoration committee and the member of the play be excused from school.

A motion was made and carried that the committee in charge of the play be given charge of the whole programme for the evening.

There being no further business to come before the house, the meeting adjourned.

Grace Quinn

Secretary

John Lynch President

**Regular Meeting**  
**March 13, '08**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following program was rendered:

Stereoptican Views	Walter Crooks
Lectures on the Views	Clara Malone
	Mabel Ebert
	John Lynch
Music by	Rundle Chapman

Report of the Finances of the play was as follows:

Total amount collected	\$148.50
expenses	<u>\$ 45.65</u>
	\$102.85 total

A motion was made and carried that the above report be accepted.

A motion was made and carried that the money be divided one half to the boys and one half to the High School towards the library.

A motion was made and carried that the money for the library be handed over to the Treasurer.

A motion was made and carried that the yell leaders be appointed. Mary Dotta was appointed yell leader for the girls and David Culver for the boys.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting adjourned.

Grace Quinn  
Secretary

John Lynch - President

**Regular Meeting  
March 27, '08**

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following program was rendered:

Duet	Blanche & Grace Quinn
Debate: "Resolved, that rifle practice should be introduced into all the secondary schools of The United States."	
Affirmative	Negative
David Culver	Bessie Driscoll
George Dawson	Jennie Hanson
Rundle Chapman	Vera Hank
Current Topic	Mary Dotta
Vocal Solo	Claude Furbush

The decision of the judges was two to one in favor of the affirmative.

A motion was made and carried that Walter Crooks bill for \$3.70 be accepted, and that a warrant be drawn on the treasury for the amount of the bill.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting adjourned.

Grace Quinn  
Secretary

John Lynch - President

**Special Regular Meeting  
April 10, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from the Debating League of California.

It was suggested that we get a rate ticket to go to Suisun.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting adjourned.

Grace Quinn  
Secretary

John Lynch - President

**Regular Meeting**  
**April 24, '08**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following program was rendered:

Duet Misses Perry & Ebert

Debate . Resolved that more than a common School Education for the Masses is not desirable.

Aff. Neg.

Louis Shade Alfred Elson

Mabel Culver Lester Hansen

Mary Lawrence

Music J. Lynch, L. Shade, R. Prince & H. Blank

Recitation "A Ballad" Rita Quinn

Decision of the debate was 2 - 1 in favor of the affirmative.

A motion was made and carried that the \$50 in the treasury be spent for the High School.

It was decided that the matter be layed over on the table until the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting adjourned.

Grace Quinn

Secretary

John Lynch - President

**Special Meeting**  
**May 24, 1908**

A special meeting was called by the President for the purpose of considering the advisability of giving the seniors a farewell dance.

A motion was made and carried that a dance be given the Seniors on Thursday evening, May 11, in the U.P.E.C. Hall. [they probably meant June 11]

A tax of 50 cents was levied on each pupil for the purpose of covering expenses for the dance.

A motion was made and carried that the President appoint the necessary Committees. Those on the arrangement committee were Mr. Furbush, Mr. Jones and Mr. Shade. The invitation committee were Miss Bell, Miss Elson and Miss Ebert. Miss Boone, Mr. Crooks and Mr. Hansen were appointed Decoration Committee. Miss Stone, Miss Prince and Mr. Culver were appointed on the Reception Committee. Miss Meacham, Miss Driscoll, and Miss Quinn were appointed on the Refreshment Committee.

The Floor Managers were Mr. Culver and Mr. Shade.

As there was no further business to come before the House, the meeting then adjourned.

Frank Smith

Secretary Protem.

**Regular Meeting**

**Aug. 28, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the Treasurer, Mabel Ebert, she being the highest officer present. The first in order was the nomination of a President Protem. Mabel Ebert was selected ~~with~~ by a majority of votes over David Culver. Kathleen Dawson was then appointed Secretary Protem. The next in order was the election of the Lyceum Officers. The following were elected:

President	Frank Smith
Vice-President	Morgan Sanborn
Secretary	Jennie Hansen
Treasurer	Walter Crooks
Censor	Miss Stone
Marshall	Joseph O'Grady

The minutes of the previous meeting were then called for and were read and approved.

It was ~~then~~ decided by a standing vote that the reading of the Constitution by the secretary should be deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

Kathleen Dawson  
Secretary Protem

**Regular Meeting of Lyceumn  
Sept. 11, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The newly elected officers were then installed and took the chair.

A motion was made and carried that the secretary prepare a place for the enrollment of all members of the Benicia High School Lyceumn.

A motion was made and carried that Clause II Section 4 regarding the censor should be amended to read correctly.

A motion was made and carried that the secretary get a book of Roberts Rules by the next meeting.

The Treasurer was then called upon to give a report of the money in the treasury. It amounted to \$46.47. The President then appointed Miss Elson reporter to the Herald and Mr. Sanborn reporter to the New Era.

A motion was made and carried that a portion of the money be used to buy six copies of the T.alisman and three books of poems.

A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to buy the books. The committee consisted of Mr. Furbush, Miss Stone and Miss Meacham.

A motion was made and carried that the matter be laid on the table until the report of the statuary committee was given.

A motion was made and carried that Clause VII be added to the constitution.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen Secy

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum**  
**Sept. 25, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the members then responded to roll call. The minutes of the preceeding ~~minutes~~ meeting were then read and approved.

The program was opened with a piano solo by Emma Berge. The regular debate then followed. The question of which was Resolved that a new High School building with grounds separate from the Grammar School would be expedient for Benicia. The leader of the Affirmative chose Mr. Furbush as their judge, the Negative chose Miss Meacham and these two chose Miss Boone as third judge.

Affirmative	Negative
M. Sanborn	B. Schorr
M. Ebert	H. Blank
C. Dalton	A. Elson

The decision of the judges was three in favor of the Affirmative.

The rest of the programme then followed:

Piano Solo	B. Quinn
Report of Visit to State Fair	G. Dawson
Song	Ellen Wilson

The Censor then gave her report which was followed by a report of the Treasurer. Money on hand \$49.77, money paid out \$29.33.

A motion was made and carried that papers be passed out, and every one state which piece of statuary he or she were in favor of. The decision was seventeen in favor of the statue of David and twenty-six for Apollo and the Muses.

A motion was made and carried that the President be allowed to cast a ballot.

A motion was made and carried that we buy both ~~pieces~~ statues.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting adjourned.

Jennie Hansen  
Secretary

Frank Smith  
Pres.

**Regular Meeting of L.  
Oct 9, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the President and then the members responded to roll call. The ~~meet~~ minutes of the previous meeting were next read and approved.

The program rendered was as follows:

Piano Solo

R. Quinn

Debate Resolved: That the present depression of business in Benicia is due to fumes of the Selby smelter.

Aff.

Neg.

M. Elson

B. Driscoll

E. Clarke

M. Rahill

E. Pine

M. Perry

The judges were K. Dawson, M. Sanborn and Mr. Furbush. The decision was one in favor of the Aff; two for the Neg.

Current Topic

R. Prince

Song

M. Johnston

Report of a visit to the Grand

Canon of Arizona

R. Chapman

Duet

E. Berge and J. Hansen

A motion was made and carried that some money in the treasury be used to buy plays. There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen

Sect.

Frank Smith pres.

**Regular Meeting of Lyceumn  
Oct. 30, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President and the members responded to roll call.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

The following program was next rendered:

Piano Solo	M. Huggins
Debate: Resolved that the world owes more to Navigation than to Railroads.	
Aff.	Neg.
J. O'Grady	F. Sleeper
W. Crooks	G. Dawson

The Affirmative chose Miss Driscoll as their judge. The Neg. Miss Meacham and these two chose M. Elson as third judge. The decision was two in favor of the Affirmative, one in favor of the Neg.

The rest of the program was as follows:

Piano Solo	C. Kurz
Current Topic	D. Culver
Piano Solo	K. Dawson

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen

Frank Smith  
Pres.

Secretary

**Regular Meeting of L.  
Nov. 13, 1908**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A Piano Solo by Eleanor Clarke was followed by the selection of Judges. Those selected were Morgan Sanborn, Mr Furbush, and Frank Sleeper. The Question "Resolved that it would be to the best interest of the United States to stop foreign immigrations" was upheld by

Affirmative	Negative
Ed Jones	J. Pometta
Clara Kurz	M. Culver
	R. Chapman

The decision of the judges was one in favor of the Affirmative, two in favor of the Negative. Mabel Ebert recited, Elsie Jones delivered a current topic and then a song by the school closed the programme for the afternoon.

It was moved and seconded that money be taken out of the Lyceumn's funds to pay for a High pin which was lost by one of the Martinez High School girls thro' an accident while here.

Miss D. Elson was appointed as a committee of one to correspond to investigate the particulars concerning the lost pin.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen

Morgan Sanborn Vice-Pres.

Secretary

**Special Meeting of L.  
Dec. 4, 1908**

A special meeting was called to order by the President at 3:10 P.M. Dec. 4, for the purpose of discussing the play to be given by the High School.

The committee gave a report and named "The Merchant of Venice" up to date as the play chosen.

A motion was made and carried that some one be appointed and a day set on which to read this play. Miss Ebert was appointed (~~to read the play~~) and Tuesday afternoon was the time set on which to read the "Merchant of Venice".

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen  
Secretary

Morgan Sanborn Vice-Pres.

**Special Meeting  
Dec. 8, 1908**

A special meeting ~~was~~ of the Lyceumn was called to order Dec. 8, for the purpose of reading the "Merchant of Venice" but as many were not in favor of the play it was tho't advisable to call off the reading. The same committee was appointed to look up another play which would be more appropriate.

There being no other business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen  
Secretary

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
Dec. 18, 1908**

The President called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There being no debate the programme which was appropriate to the Xmas time followed. It consisted of:

Song	School
Vocal Solo	Claude Furbush
Origin of Xmas Celebrations	David Culver
Xmas Presents	Annie Jensen
Piano Solo	Elenor Clarke
Yule Log	Chester Dalton
Xmas Viands	Alfred Elson
Piano Solo	Mamie Higgins
Xmas Greene	Berkeley Schorr
Xmas Tree	Hilda Blank
Piano Solo	Blanche Quinn
Santa Claus	Walter Crooks
Piano Duet	Emma Berge & E. Jones
Xmas customs in Germany	Mabel Culver
" " in Denmark	Eva Pine
Piano Solo	Marguerite Perry
Xmas customs in Belgium	Lester Hansen
" " in Sweden	Mamie Rahill
Piano Solo	Clara Kurz
Song	School
Happenings on Xmas Day	Moran Sanborn, A Bolton, Rundle Chapman, Ellen Wilson, Annie Jensen, James Pometta, Frank Sleeper, Elsie Christensen, Mary Lawrence, Irene Quinn, Ester Bergstrom, Grace Selby, Gladys Hank, Forest Hayden, Frank Perry
Piano Solo	Rita Quinn
German Poem	Eugenia Schmidt
Original Poem	Mabel Ebert
Piano Duet	Kathleen & Geo. Dawson
Reading "The Thin Santa Claus"	Bessie Driscoll, Dora Elson, Ruth Prince
Piano Solo	Jennie Hansen
Vocal "	Mabel Johnston

It was moved and recorded that a vote of thanks be extended to Miss Stone for her diligent work in preparing the programme.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen  
Secretary

**Regular Meeting of L.  
Jan. 29, 1909**

The regular meeting of the Lyceumn was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first in order was the election of officers for the ensuing term. Those elected were as follows:

President	Mable Ebert
Vice-President	David Culver
Secretary	Berkeley Schorr
Treasurer	Hilda Blank
Censor	Miss Meacham
Marshall	Mr. Furbush
Reporters to town papers	Ruth Prince
	Hilda Blank

A motion was made and carried that the bill for drayage be paid.

A motion was made and carried that money be drawn from the treasury to pay Mr. Furbush.

A motion was made and carried that the bill of \$1.15 for books be paid.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen  
Secretary

**Special Meeting of L.  
Feb. 2, 1909**

A special meeting was called to order Feb. 2, for the purpose of appointing a committee to draft resolutions in memory of our late member Joseph O'Grady. The committee appointed were Mr. Culver, Miss Driscoll and Miss Stone.

A motion was made and carried that the bill for floral piece be taken out of the treasury.

There being no further business to come before the hosue the meeting then adjourned.

Jennie Hansen  
Secretary.

**Special Meeting of L.  
Feb. 1909**

A special meeting was called to order by the President. ~~for~~ The purpose of this meeting was to read the set of resolutions drawn up by the committee.

The resolutions ran as follows:

To the members of the Benicia High School Lyceum:

The committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our late member Joseph O'Grady, submit the following:

**Whereas**, The Great Ruler of the Universe has, in His infinite wisdom, seen fit to take from us, our beloved companion and friend, Joseph O'Grady, and thus to call us to contemplate the work of the Reaper, Death.

**Whereas**, It is our wish to express our appreciation of the many excellent and lovable qualities of our departed member and therefore be it

**Resolved**: that in the death of Joseph O'Grady, we here lost a friend, who, by his earnest spirit, his general nature, his faithful performance of duty, and his many endearing qualities, became during the few months he was with us in Benicia High School Lyceum, a beloved associate whom we shall sadly miss. And be it

**Resolved**: That the sympathy of this society be extended to his sorrowing mother in her great grief and be it further:

**Resolved**, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the lyceum, that, a copy be sent to the deceased family and that they be published in both the local papers.

	{David Culver
committee	{Bessie Driscoll
	{Catherine Stone

[there were no further entries for this meeting]



**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
February 26, 1909**

Meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following program was then rendered:

Piano Solo	Eva Pine
Debate: Resolved, That the state legislature should have passed the bill prohibiting aliens from holding land in California.	
Affirmative	Negative
David Culver	Berkeley Schorr
Alfred Elson	Walter Crooks
The decision was two in favor of Affirmative, one in favor of Negative	
Vocal Trio	Ellen Wilson, Hilda Blank, B. Driscoll
Current Topic	Eleanor Clark
An essay on Thorwaldsen	Dora Elson
“ “ “ Appollo	Ruth Prince
Reading on David	Miss Boone

There was no old or incompletd business.

Under new business \$4.40 was voted out of the treasury for books.

The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect.

Pres.

Mabel Ebert

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
March 12, 1909**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following program was then rendered.

Piano Solo	Rita & Blanch Quinn
Trail: [trial ?]	Morgan A. Sanborn charged with neglect of duty.
Judge	Wm. Edward Jones
Sheriff	W. B. Crooks
Clerk of the court	R. C. Dalton
Prosecuting attorney	A. R. Chapman
Ass. Prosecuting attorney	D. E. Culver
Defender	M. A. Sanborn
Ass. defender	B. K. Schorr

The jury decided M. A. Sanborn guilty. A fine of 25 cents and an essay of 2000 words was set by the judge.

Mr. White, St John and Patterson each spoke a few words of comment on the trial.

Under business a motion was made and seconded that the fine, on M. A. Sanborn, be doubled if not payed before the next meeting. The motion was not passed. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

B. K. Schorr Secretary  
President

Mabel Ebert  
Pres.

**Regular Meeting of L.  
April 2, 1909**

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo	Rita Quinn
A Dream of Fair Women	
Reading	Mabel Culver
Helen of Troy	Ruth Prince
Iphingenea	Alma Bolton
Cleopatra	Hilda Blank
Jiphthans Daughter	Marguerite Perry
Rosemond	Ellen Wilson
Queen Eleanor	Jennie Hansen
Sir Francis Moore's Daughter	Eugenia Schmidt
Joan of Arc	Anne Jensen
Queen Elinor	Emma Berge
Quintet	Rita Quinn, Grace Selby, Frank Sleeper, Mable Johnson, Forest Hayden

There was no old or unfinished business but under new business a motion was made and seconded that the money in the treasury be expended for a picture of Homer and if there was not enough in the treasury a tax be levied on Lyceum. The motion was passed. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mabel Ebert,  
Pres.

B. K. Schorr Sect.  
President

**Regular Meeting of L.  
Apr. 16, 1909**

The meeting was called to order by the president and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following program was then rendered:

Piano Selection E. Berge  
Debate - Resolved, that suffrage should be given to women under the same condition  
as men

Affirmative	Negative
Elsie Jones	Mary Lawrence
Amelia Jensen	Annie Jensen
Elsie Christensen	Mary Rahill

The decision was three in favor of the negative.

Paper edited by Dora Elson and Mabel Ebert  
Assisted by Lester Mansen and Phillip Benjamin  
Athletics James Pometta  
Literary Second Year Class  
Personal contributed by school

Censor's report

It was then moved and seconded that Lyceum be discontinued. The motion did not pass. As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect.

Mabel Ebert  
President

**Special Meeting of L.  
April 19, 1909**

A special meeting of Lyceum was called to find how we were going to Vallejo. It was stated that it would cost \$18 to hire a bus which would hold thirty. A vote was taken of the number who would go in the bus. Nine voted.

Two busses were discussed but they were unsatisfactory. The ideal of a buss was given up.

A motion was then made that a committee be appointed to find out how many would go in the buss and report on Wednesday the 21st. The motion was seconded and passed. Rundle Chapman and David Culver were appointed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect.

Mabel Ebert,  
President.

**Special Meeting of Lyceum  
April 21, 1909**

A Special Meeting of Lyceum was called to hear the report of the committee appointed to report on the buss.

Mr. Chapman stated that he had twenty names who would go in the buss. A motion was made that we adjourn. This motion was seconded but did not pass.

It was moved that a vote of thanks be given Mr. and Mrs. Hansen for their kind invitation to take us in their launch. This motion was passed.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to hire buss. The motion was passed and the same committee as had reported were appointed.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to decorate the buss. Motion was passed and Frank Sleeper, Edward Jones and David Culver were appointed.

It was moved and seconded that a tax be levied on those who go sufficient to pay expenses of buss and decorations. This motion was passed.

A motion was passed that the time of starting be left to the committee who hire the buss.

It was moved and seconded that we meet at Clayworth's Drug Store. This motion was passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect.

Mabel Ebert,  
President.

**Special Meeting of Lyceum  
April 30, 09**

A special meeting was called by the president. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange for the annual High School picnic.

A motion was made and seconded that we have the Annual Picnic, Saturday May 7, at Green Valley Falls. This motion passed.

A motion was made and passed that a committee for arrangements be appointed. The following persons were appointed:

Morgan Sanborn	Rita Quinn
Phillip Benjamin	Annie Jensen
Frank Sleeper	Mable Culver

The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect

Mabel Ebert,  
President.

**Special Meeting of Lyceum  
May 4, 1909**

A Special meeting was called to here the report of the committee for arrangements.  
The committee reported that the buss would cost (\$20) twenty dollars. A standing vote was taken and twenty seven (27) promised to go.

A motion was passed that a refreshment committee be appointed. Marguerite Perry, Hilda Blank and Jennie Hansen were put on this committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect.

Mabel Ebert,  
President.

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
May 6, 09**

The meeting was called by the president and the minutes of the regular and special meetings were read and approved. The following program was then rendered:

Roll Call	Responding with quotations
Instrumental Selection	Blanche Quinn
Debate - Res. That in time of depression, municipalities should give work to the unemployed in the United States	

Aff.	Negative
B. K. Schorr	Bessie Driscoll
W. B. Crooks	Alfred Elson
Jennie Hansen	Chester Dalton

The decision was two in favor of affirmative.

Song	Gladys Hank, Ellen Wilson, Hilda Blank, Ruth Prince
Current Topic	Eugenia Schmidt
Remarks on Lyceum Work by Seniors	
Recitation	Clark Kurtz

Under business that was no unfinished or new. A motion was made that Lyceum Regular Meeting be discontinued for the term. The motion passed. A motion was made and passed that we adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect.

Mabel Ebert,  
President

**Special Meeting of L.  
May 14, 09**

A special meeting was called for the purpose of making arrangements for a dance to be given to the Seniors.

A motion was made that a dance be given the Seniors on June 5. A motion was made that a committee be appointed to make all necessary arrangements. On that committee were appointed:

Miss Bell, Miss Stone and Morgan Sanborn

This committee were also instructed to consult alumni before acting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect.

Mabel Ebert,  
President.

**Special Meeting of Lyceum  
May 17, 1909**

A special meeting was called for the purpose of hearing a report from the committee before appointed.

The committee reported that they had not been able to find a date.

A motion was made and passed that a dance be given Friday, June 11th.

A committee appointed to attend to this:

Miss Stone, Mr. Sanborn and Culver.

A tax of (50 c.) fifty cents was levied on the society members

Miss Bell and Hilda Blank were to collect this tax as soon as possible

A reception committee was appointed which was composed of Rita Quinn, Marguerite Perry and Walter Crooks.

The question of tax was reconsidered and an increase of (5 c.) five cents was made to pay for the picture of Homer.

A motion was made that each member of Lyceum be allowed to invite as many as he or she desired. This motion passed.

A meeting was to be called in one week giving time for dues to be collected. The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sec.

Mabel Ebert,  
President.

**Special Meeting of L.  
May 25, 09**

A special meeting of Lyceum was called to hear report of Date committee.

Miss Stone as chairman stated that the alumni desired we should not have our dance the previous night to theirs.

A motion was made and passed that the dance be given the class of 1909 on June 14.

The treasurer reported that \$11.30 had been collected.

A motion was made that the date of June 14 be reconsidered. This motion passed.

A motion was made and passed that tax question be reconsidered.

It was moved that the tax be refunded. This motion after much discussion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that a new committee for arrangements be appointed. This motion was lost. It was moved and seconded that the dance be given up. This motion passed. The meeting was then adjourned.

B. K. Schorr  
Sect

Mabel Ebert,  
President

[Next follows the Constitution, By-Laws and Rule of Order of the Lyceum with line outs and markings in red for what appears to be updating]

Preamble

Amend We, the Undersigned, in order that we may obtain and perpetuate the advantage of a literary association, have adopted for our government the following Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order and Standing Rules.

Constitution.

**Article I.**

Name.

O.K. This organization shall be known as the "Benicia High School Lyceum".

**Article II.**

Objects.

O.K. The objects of this organization shall be to secure mutual improvement in elocution, composition, debate, self government and parliamentary practice, and to enlarge our fund of general information.

**Article III.**

Members.

(1) Section 1. - Active. All persons having been enrolled **as students or faculty members** in Benicia High School shall be considered active members of this society, till by its action they shall become honorary members, or their names be dropped from the roll.  
R.Q. Section 2. - Honorary. Any graduate of a High School, or other person of equal scholastic attainments, or any member of this society, who, in good standing, discontinues his attendance at Benicia High School, may, on requesting it, be elected to honorary membership in this organization at any regular meeting, by two-thirds of the members present. Any graduate of the Benicia High School, shall be entitled to receive from the Lyceum, on the date of his graduation, a printed certificate of honorable discharge and honorary membership.

**Article IV.**

Officers.

Clause I - Election and Installation.

Section 1. - Enumerations. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Censor, Treasurer and Marshal, and **Principal or some member of the faculty appointed by him** shall constitute its Board of Directors.

(2) Section 2. - Eligibility. ~~No person shall be eligible to the same office for more than two terms, nor shall more than one of said two terms occur in the same year, nor shall any person who has been elected to office in two terms in any year be eligible to office and additional term in that same year.~~  
**no person will be elig. twice to any elective office except the censor.**

Section 3. - Vacancies. All vacancies in office by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by ballot, for the remainder of the term in which such vacancy occurs, except in the case mentioned in Clause II. Section 2. of this article.

Section 4. - Time of Election. Elections of officers shall be held on the first regular meeting of each Benicia High School term.

Section 5. - Manner of Election. All elections of officers shall be by ballot, and a majority of the vote cast shall be required to elect; if on the first ballot no one shall obtain a majority of the vote cast, on the succeeding ballot no votes shall be counted as cast except those for the candidate having the highest number of votes and for the one having the next to the highest number of votes in the former ballot. No vote shall be counted as cast that is for any member who was not formally nominated as a candidate.

Section 6. - Installation. All officers shall be installed at the next regular meeting succeeding their election, unless the election shall have been to fill a vacancy in which case the incumbent shall enter upon the immediate discharge of his duty.

## Clause II. - Duties.

(3) Section 1. - President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the society, to enforce a due observance of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order and Standing Rules, to decide all questions of order, to offer for debate all motions regularly made, to call all special meetings, to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and to give the casting vote, except where the voting is by ballot, in all cases where there is a tie. **and to introduce to the house each division of the program.**

Section 2. - Vice-President. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to fill the office of the President, during that officer's absence or inability, and he shall become President upon that officer's death, resignation or removal.

Section 3. - Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep, in a book provided for that purpose, a record of all the proceedings of the Society, read at each meeting the numbers of the preceding one, keep a record of the subjects debated of the disputants on each side, with the judge's names and their decision on the debate, notify all absent members of their duty, conduct all correspondence for the Society, to have charge of all books and documents pertaining to his office, to call the roll of the Lyceum whenever necessary and ~~to introduce to the house each division of the program.~~

Section 4. - Censor. It shall be the duty of the Censor to appoint all members on debate, essay, oration and music, vocal and instrumental, declamation and select reading, to present to the Lyceum at the proper time all errors in statements of facts, grammar, elocution, logic, rhetoric, and parliamentary practice, also to extend all due praise for meritorious performances.

Section 5. - Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect receive and receipt all money belonging to the Lyceum and keep an account of all expenditures. **He shall deposit all the money in the Bank in the name of the Lyceum and shall pay the bills by check, upon motions duly passed by the Lyceum, and the Secretary shall file and keep all the bills.** He shall report ~~the state of the treasury whenever required by the Lyceum and~~ **any receipts and expenditures at each regular meeting,** and shall deliver to his successor all books and money belonging to his office.

Section 6. - Marshal. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to see that the rooms of the Lyceum are properly warmed, lighted and ventilated, **and ass. the Pres. in maintaining order** ~~to distribute and collect ballots, to report all breaches of order to the President and perform~~ such other duties as the President or the Society may of necessity direct.

**Section 7. - The Board of Directors shall examine the books and make a full financial report quarterly.**

**Article V.**

Amendments of the Constitution, etc.

**O.K.** Every proposed alteration, amendment, or addition to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order must be handed to the President, in writing, who shall publish the same to the Lyceum, and at the next regular meeting it may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

**Article VI.**

Suspension of By-Laws or Rules of Order

**O.K.** A By-Law or Rule of Order may be suspended, in case of an emergency by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but for a single meeting only.

**By-Laws.**

**Article I.**

Meetings

**R.Q.** Section 1. - Regular. This Lyceum shall hold its regular meetings on every second Friday of the Benicia High School year ~~at 1:30 P.M.~~

Section 2. - Special. At the written request of ~~five members~~, **Board of Directors**, the President shall call a special meeting.

~~Section 3. - Postponement. A regular meeting cannot be postponed except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a proceeding meeting.~~

**Article II.**

Quorum

~~Seven~~ **2/3** of members shall constitute a quorum.

**Article III.**

Calling House to Order.

The highest officer present shall call the house to order, and in the absence of both President and Vice-President, a President pro tem shall be chosen **by majority, with Sec., acting as temporary chairman.**

**Article IV.**

Appeals.

**leave out** An appeal may in all cases be made from a decision of the chair. A tie or a majority vote sustains such decision.

## Article V.

Sec. 1. - The Censor shall appoint disputants for the regular debate and the participants in the program and shall read ~~post~~ the names ~~at the regular meeting~~ as soon as possible preceding the debate ~~or meeting~~ and shall provide for having them written on the board.

O.K. Sec. 2. - Judges. The leaders on debate shall each select a person to serve as judge, and the two selected shall choose a third person to serve with them. Each of the three shall give his decision in writing at the close of the debate and the result shall be announced by the President.

Sec. 3. - Order of Speakers. In the regular debate the Secretary shall call on a speaker alternate by beginning with the affirmative, ~~all vacancies being filled by the appointment of the President. After the decision of the judges.~~

~~Sec. 4. - Notes. Each speaker on debate shall be limited to one piece of paper three in. sq. for his notes.~~

~~Sec. 5. - Length of Speech. No member shall be allowed a speech of more than fifteen minutes. The second speech of the leader for the affirmative shall be limited to ten minutes and he may follow the speech of the last speaker of the negative within 5 minutes after that speaker has ceased speaking.~~

## Article VI

### Lyceum Annual.

Amended ~~At the last election in each Benicia High School year the Society shall proceed to elect an editor in chief and two associate editors and a business manager to serve as the editorial and business staff of the annual of the Benicia High school Lyceum, which shall be published a the close of the Benicia High School year and shall be called the "White and Gold".~~

## Article VII

### Taxes.

The Lyceum may levy an equal tax on all members, whenever the amount in the Treasury will not meet the demands of the Society and any member who shall not pay his dues in two weeks shall be subject to suspension.

## Article VIII

### Maintenance of Order.

Clause I. - Calling a Member to Order.

Each member shall have the privilege of calling a member to order whenever he may consider him out of order; and the member thus called to order by a member other than the President shall take his seat until such point of order is decided by the President. But if said point of order was made by the President the member must immediately accept the ruling or appeal to the house.

Clause II. - Fines.

Sect. 1. - General Causes of Imposing. - Any person who refuses to debate or take the part on the program to which he has been appointed shall be subject to a fine of 25 cents.

Sect. 2. - Frequent Disturbances. - Any member who shall have been called to order on more than two occasions at any meeting by the President shall be subject to a fine of not less than 25 cents nor more than 50 cents for each offense.

Clause III. Suspensions.

Any member who may be absent from the Lyceum four weeks consecutively, without excuse, or who may fail to pay his fines or his taxes for two weeks after they become due, may be suspended for a time, at the option of the Board of Directors.

Clause IV. Expulsion.

Sect. 1. - Reasons for Expulsion. Any member who may be guilty of repeated disorderly conduct, prolonged absence, or continuous neglect of duty may be expelled from the Lyceum by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

Sect. 2. - Suits for Expulsion. Suits for expulsion shall be presented at the instance of the Censor, containing all the charges made against the member and shall lay on the table one week for consideration.

Sect. 3. - Balloting on Expelling. All balloting for expulsion shall be by the ballot box - while, affirmative: black, negative.

Clause V. Right of Defense.

Any member on trial, whether before the Board of Directors or the Lyceum, shall be allowed to address those before who he is tried in his own behalf.

Clause VI. Reference Book.

Any question which may not be clearly enough defined by the following Rules of Order shall be referred to Robert's Rules of Order, which shall be read at the request of one-third of the members present.

Clause VII.

The constitution shall be read at the first regular meeting of each High School year.

[The following names were written in the margin of the page where the last two clauses above appeared.]

W. M. McClain Benicia California

John Jack OGrady (he was sometimes called.)

## Rules of Order

### Rule 1. - Order of Business.

1. Roll-call
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Selection of Judges for regular debate
4. Regular debate
5. Decision of Judges
6. Program
7. Irregular debate
8. Unfinished **Old** business
9. New business
10. Censor's report
11. Adjournment

### Rule 2. - President May Debate.

The President shall be privileged to debate on all debate subjects upon calling the Vice-President or any other member willing to the chair.

### Rule 3. - Determining Member's Rights to Floor.

When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, the President shall name the person to speak.

### Rule 4. - Motions Receivable During Debate.

When a question is under debate no motion shall be considered except to lay it on the table, to postpone, to commit or to amend it.

### Rule 5. - Acceptance of Amendments.

The mover of a motion shall be at liberty to accept any amendment thereto; but if any amendment be offered and not accepted, but duly seconded, the Lyceum shall pass upon it before voting on the original motion.

### Rule 6. - Reducing Motions to Writing.

Any motion shall be reduced to writing if the President and Secretary request it.

### Rule 7. - Papers to Be Filed.

All resolutions, resignations and reports of committees shall be presented in writing and kept on file.

### Rule 8. - Dismission.

When a motion to adjourn shall be carried, no member shall leave his seat until the President has declared the house adjourned.

## Standing Rules.

Rule 1. - Mere Motion not Debatable. No motion shall be debated till seconded.

Rule 2. - Length of Recess. The time of recess shall be fifteen minutes.

Rule 3. - Equal Right to Floor. In regular debate and the transaction of business no member shall be allowed to speak the second time on any question, when another who has not spoken on said question claims the floor.

Rule 4. - Length and Number of Speeches. A speech of more than fifteen minutes, or more than two speeches, in any discussion shall not be allowed any member, unless by special permission of the house. In irregular debate speeches shall be limited to five minutes each.

Mary Dotta, Ruth Prince, Clara Malone, John Dawson, John Gleeson

**Regular Meeting of Lyceum  
Sept. 3, 09**

A Regular Meeting of Lyceum was called by the president and the minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. First in order was the election of officers for the ensuring year. The following were elected:

President	Rundle Chapman
Vice President	Morgan Sanborn
Secretary	David Culver
Treasurer	Berkeley Schorr
Censor	Miss Stone
Marshal	Mable Ebert
Ass. Marshal	Chester Dalton

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

B.K. Schorr  
Sect.

Mabel Ebert

**Meeting of the B.H.S. Lyceum. Sept. 17, 1909**

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes were read and accepted. The newly elected officers were then installed after which the following program was rendered.

Piano Solo	E. Berge
Current Topic	M. Perry
Vocal Solo	H. Hounlun
Recitation	A. Bolton
Vocal Solo	E. Wilson
Address	Mr. Crane
Song	Glee Club

The President then declared a number of boys out of order and had the marshal remove them from the room. It was moved that they be allowed to reenter. The motion was carried and the members returned to the meeting room.

The Treasurer reported 65 (sixty-five) cents in the Treasury.

It was moved and passed that a tax of 10 (ten) cents be levied on all the members to pay a ribbon bill and buy a new minute book.

It was moved and passed that the secretary write a letter to Martinez High School acknowledging the receipt of a book which they sent the lyceum.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned

David Culver, Secretary.

President . M. S. Sanborn

### **Special Meeting of Lyceum. Sept. 24, 1909**

The meeting was called to order by the president.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether the next regular debate should be postponed or not.

It was moved and seconded that the next regular debate be postponed two weeks. The motion was carried.

It was moved and passed that we have our debates every four weeks, but that we continue to meet every two weeks.

It was moved and seconded that we discontinue our Lyceum work. The motion was defeated.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

David Culver Sec.

Pres. M. S. Sanborn

### **Lyceum meeting. Oct. 1, 1909**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice president and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and accepted. The following program was then rendered.

Piano Solo	Miss Blanche Quinn
Current Topic	Miss Wilson
Vocal Solo	Miss Crooks
Violin	Mr. Johnston
Piano	Miss Gnauck
Recitation	Miss Frame
Piano Solo	Miss Gnauck

There being no unfinished business to come before the house, new business was declared in order.

It was moved that the Lyceum extend their vote of thanks to Miss Gnauck for the part she took on the program. The motion was carried.

There being no further business to come before the house the meeting adjourned.

David Culver. Sec.

Pres.

[What follows on the next page is a list of names that might have been an attempt to keep track of meetings attended. Markings in columns under various dates were confusing and are not recorded on this list. Some names were lined out and that has been included.]

~~Mr. Geo Furbush~~  
Miss K. Stone  
~~Miss M. Meacham~~  
~~Miss J. Bell~~  
Miss C. Boone  
~~Bessie Driscoll~~  
~~Dora Elson~~  
~~Francis Smith~~  
~~Ruth Prince~~  
~~Jennie Hansen~~  
Hilda Blank  
~~Kathleen Dawson~~  
Mabel Ebert  
David Culver  
Rundle Chapman  
Morgan Sanborn  
Emma Berge  
Mabel Culver  
Elsie Jones  
Rita Quinn  
Walter Crooks  
Chester Dalton  
~~George Dawson~~  
Alfred Elson  
Berkeley Schorr  
~~Ester Bengstrom~~  
Gladys Hank  
Lester Hansen  
Mamie Higgins  
Annie Jensen  
Mabel Johnston  
Edward Jones  
Mary Lawrence  
Margaret Perry  
Eva Pine  
~~Irene Quinn~~  
Mary Robell  
Grace Selby  
Elenor Clarke  
~~Bertha Hansen~~  
Ellen Wilson  
Amelia Jensen  
Clara Kurz  
Blanche Quinn  
Forest Harden  
~~Joseph O'Grady~~  
Frank Perry  
James Pometta

Frank Sleeper  
Eugenia Schmidt  
Philip benjamin  
Alma Bolton  
Elsie Christensen  
Jennie Trautwein  
Miss Ryst  
Mabel Crooks  
Rita Frame  
Florence Fagan  
George Castle  
Gertrude Brannigan  
Lucile Billlmejo  
Alfred Johnson  
Alfred Fraga  
Ernest Marshall  
Herbert Hansen  
Loyd Williams  
Helen Moore  
Rose White  
Caroline Schorr  
Albert Corcoran  
Ruth Reely  
WMcClain