





# THOMPSON'S ISLAND BEACON

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## Easter Concert

Every Easter it is the custom of our School to give an Easter Concert. This year as usual it was very good. I had the privilege of singing in the Choir and we began practicing about two weeks before Easter.

There were several special numbers that added much to our program. They included a brass quartet, cornet duet, and a violin duet.

Chapel was decorated very prettily. The decorations resembled a rose-covered arbor. In the garden underneath the arbor sat the choir and the speakers. Flowers and plants were artistically placed about the room.

### The program:

**HYMN** Come Ye Faithful  
**RESPONSIVE READING** Luke 24: 1-13, 33-41  
George D. Russell, Leader

**INVOCATION**

Mr. Burhoe

**SONG** Praise Ye The Lord  
Choir

**RECITATION** The First Easter  
George L. Langill

**SONG** The Blessed Story  
Choir

**RECITATION** In April  
Cecil A. Morse

**RECITATION** Easter Day  
Harold E. Floyd

**BRASS QUARTET** There Is a Green Hill  
Far Away

F. Russell Metcalf Henry E. Gilchrist  
Stanley B. Willmore W. Marshall Hall

**SOLO** Miss F. L. Tinkham  
Time of Roses

**RECITATION** All Things Beautiful  
Alton B. Butler

**DUET** The Magdalene  
Jack H. Hobson George Libby

**EXERCISE** Easter Quotations  
Charles Wheeler Robert Carney  
Henry Gilchrist

**SONG** Easter Greeting  
Choir

**SOLO** May Magic  
William Reeve

**RECITATION** Newness of Life  
James Libby

**VIOLIN DUET** Spring is Here  
Jack Hobson Miss Blagden  
Albert Gardner, Pianist

**SONG** Easter Light  
Choir

**RECITATION** Talking In Their Sleep  
William West

**RECITATION** Reappearing  
F. Russell Metcalf

**DUET** Easter  
John Arkerson Arthur Paley

**RECITATION** Let Us Give Thanks  
Charles Claggett

**CORNET DUET** Sing For The World Rejoiceth  
F. Russell Metcalf Henry Gilchrist  
Herbert Gove, Pianist

**SONG** Extol The Risen King  
Choir

**RECITATION** The New City  
Carl Kuphal

**HYMN** Lift Up Your Voices Now  
Edward L. Floyd

### Sword Drill

Every Sunday Mr. Burhoe, our minister, gives us some verses to look up in the Bible. The boy who finds the verse first reads it. His name is then put down on a piece of paper, and a record is kept of those who get the most verses. The Boys like this drill very much. I have about eight verses. The Boys look forward to "Sword Drill" as it is called.

Stanley Willmore

### Mr. Curtis's South African Hunting Expedition

One night this month Mr. Charles P. Curtis who is a member of the Board of Managers gave us an interesting talk on his African hunt and also showed us slides of some of the animals that they had seen and killed.

Their first day out for lions they ran across three of them. They shot one but the other two got away. The first lion they had bagged had excited them, but they still had a more stirring adventure ahead of them which was an encounter with buffaloes. He showed us pictures of all the animals which they had killed. They also had exciting times with the natives who were not wholly civilized and had many peculiar ideas. He ran across many giraffes and rhinoceroses. The giraffe are not dangerous.

They had about 100 natives and several horses, mules and oxen to carry their food, tents, etc.

We were very glad to hear Mr. Curtis's fine lecture and we all enjoyed it very much. This is the second time he has told us of his hunting trips. He had a trip some time ago which he told us about.

Jack H. Hobson

### Motion Pictures

One of the things which the Boys enjoy weekly, is motion pictures. We see them every Thursday night. Mrs. Mason, a good friend of the School, and wife of one of the Managers, provides for this weekly entertainment.

She also gave us our motion picture machine, which is run by one of the Boys. We all appreciate Mrs. Mason's kindness very much.

Thomas Hall

### A New Amusement

The other Saturday the Supervisor said that the boys in the first and second grades were going to have a new amusement. If it worked out all right, the third graders would have a chance to enjoy it. The amusement was to give the Boys the freedom of the Island on Saturday afternoons and holidays. The Boys may gather valuable pieces of wood on the beach and collect different kinds of rocks to save as specimens.

Francis Floyd

### Work in the Barn

The other day the Farm Instructor told me to whitewash in back of the horse stalls. I got a pail, two barrels and a brush, also a plank. First I put the plank on the barrels and started on the ceiling. Then when the ceiling was painted, I did the outside and inside of "Doll's" stall.

When this was finished, the Farm Instructor told me to do the barn work. This consists of letting the cows out in the baryard, cleaning the cow drain, sweeping out the mangers, bedding the cows letting the cows in again, and feeding them beet pulp, grain and corn meal. Next I got the hay for the horses and cows. Then it was about time for the bell to ring.

Wentworth A. Chittenden

### Getting Grain

Every few months the stock of grain has to be renewed. This morning I was told to report to the Steamer. I went down to the Wharf and got on board the Steamer. In a few minutes we started, and at City Point we found a truck load of grain waiting for us. We brought that load to the Island and went back for another. We had all the grain unloaded in time for dinner, and we were all very hungry by that time. I like this work and hope to go again.

Warren Burriss

### Pruning Fruit Trees

Many of the trees in the Orchard need pruning. One morning the farm boys started pruning them. In doing this, we saw off the dead branches and the small suckers which grow out on the trunks of trees. We also cut off the little ends on the branches that are diseased. We all like pruning very much because it is interesting work.

Howitt Warren

### Admission Day

\* Friday morning, April 4, which was Admission Day, three other boys and I were told to get ready for town. We washed up, shined our shoes, and put on our uniforms.

We then went up to the office where we waited until we were told to go down to the boat.

About 8:00 we landed at City Point. We then went into town to the Kimball Building where the committee rooms were. We arrived there about 9:00 o'clock. I was told to go with the mailboy and help do his errands. We then returned to help at the meeting. About 1:00 o'clock the boys who were to enter the School began to get their suitcases and packages

together. We reached the Island at 2:00 o'clock. It is considered a privilege to be one of the group picked to attend an Admission Meeting and to be able to represent the School.

The boys who were admitted are as follows:

Frederick Austin, Robert Julian Dunshee, Alex Gorbunoff, Clarence Herbert McLenna, Theodore Lee Vitty.

Clarence F. Hobson

### Recharging Fire Extinguishers

The fire extinguishers were collected and taken to the Power House. Here they were inverted and all the charge emptied. They were then scrubbed and filled with water to within five inches of the top and 1½ lbs. of bi-carbonate of soda put in and thoroughly dissolved. The acid bottles, which are in a small wire cage at the top of the extinguishers were filled half full of sulphuric acid, of 1210% specific gravity and replaced in the tanks. After this the extinguishers were washed off and returned to their places in various parts of our buildings.

Jay S. Vining

### How I Spend My Playtime

Practically all of the Boys have their playtime from twelve to one o'clock at noon, and from six until seven in the evening. During my noon hour, I usually go to the gymnasium or band hall. If a boy is in the first or second grade he may go to the sloyd room, or go skating, every day. I try to practice in the band hall three hours a week. The rest of the time I play in the gymnasium or go sliding. We are allowed to go on the playgrounds and on Cottage Row. This noon hour I played marbles. I enjoy my playtime very much.

Albert Cheney

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ments either at work or play, our attention to the welfare of others and to their comfort and happiness marks us as gentlemen. Lack of consideration shows either carelessness or a selfish disposition. Mr. Cunningham of the Boston High School of Commerce has written a pamphlet on "Good Manners and Conduct" for his boys. In it he says, "Manners are the way in which a boy expresses himself in his association with other people; they depend partly upon the way he is brought up, but even more vitally upon what he essentially is, upon his outlook on life, upon his fashion of regarding others, upon what he is trying to accomplish with himself."

And the only way we can have any consideration for other folks is to look at things from their point of view. If your Instructor has had a long hard morning, try to lift a little and make things run smoothly when you come in, in the afternoon instead of creating a disturbance or entertaining your neighbor. Remember that your Instructor wants to help you, but in turn, needs your help.

Finally, then, let us take for our motto Mr. Cunningham's fourfold injunction; Be honest. Be kind. Have courage. Work hard.

## Calendar

April 1 Pruned grape vine, worked in orchard.

A change of work was made among the Boys.

April 2 Whitewashed interior of the Barn and repaired corn planter.

April 3 Worked on silo.

We live much by ourselves in our world on Thompson's Island and, since we are all boys, we should learn to stand on our own feet and take care of ourselves. Nevertheless, if we fail to be considerate of others and are not careful of the little courtesies of every-day life, we shall not be fine, unselfish men later on. In the classroom, on the playground, in all depart-

April 4 Hauled brush to South End. Mason is here making minor repairs.

Admission Day. Five boys were admitted to fill vacancies, they are: Frederick Austin, Robert Dunshee, Alex Gorbunoff, Clarence McLenna, and Theodore Vitty.

April 5 Cleaned Old Barn.

Boiler inspector here.

Norman Howes, '23, here for the week end.

April 6 Started incubator with 125 eggs.

April 7 Cleaned farmers' room and worked on Beach Road.

April 9 Repaired hen yard fence, ploughed portion of field by Observatory.

Gordon Bible College was defeated by the School team at Basketball in the School gym 20-15, tonight.

April 10 Worked on the gasoline engine and harrowed piece by Farm House.

The scow, John Alden, was launched this morning and the launch Winslow was taken to Lawley's shipyard for the installation of a new engine.

April 11 Uncovered strawberries today.

April 12 Weeded blackberries and worked in hot beds.

Band began outside practice today

Manager Charles P. Curtis who has been traveling in Africa gave the Boys an interesting talk on his experiences.

April 13 President and Mrs. Nathan R. Wood and son of Gordon Bible College were here for the afternoon. President Wood gave the Boys an interesting talk in Chapel at the afternoon service.

April 14 Blacksmith here today.

April 16 Finished ploughing piece by cottages and picked stone from North End.

George Larsson, '17, here for the afternoon.

April 17 Worked on silo and also killed a pig.

Trading Company opened tonight.

April 18 Mixed spray and worked on hand sprayer.

Roger Smith, '23, was here for the afternoon.

John Schippers, '21, left the School to begin work as an oiler on the W. L. Douglas yacht.

April 19 Sprayed the orchard and harrowed at South End.

Leo Whitehead, '23, and Alexander Davison, '23, are here to spend the week end.

Charles Duncan, '71, is here to tune the pianos.

April 20 Our usual Easter program of music and recitations was given in the Chapel this afternoon.

April 21 Twenty-five bags of seed potatoes arrived today.

April 22 Disposed of a number of cases at the Cottage Row trial this evening.

April 23 Cultivated rhubarb and set posts for fence.

April 24 Graded and made ready the baseball diamond.

Brought the launch Winslow back from Lawley's where she has been for the installation of a new engine.

April 25 Worked in Colony House and hauled gravel.

April 26 New hand seeder came today.

The first baseball game of season was played between Teams A and B. Team B defeated Team A, 18-3.

The Winslow was beached today to be cleaned and painted.

April 27 James H. Graham, '73, and Mrs. Graham are here for over Sunday.

April 28 Sowed grass seed on piece by Root Cellar and made ground ready for strawberries.

April 29 Sowed millet at North End and set out strawberries.

April 30 Hauled brush and dirt for silo.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

April 1 Mercury at 20 this morning, too cold by half for the season.

April 8 The First Class worked out for the first time this Spring.

April 15 Warm and spring like. Two painters and two plumbers here.

April 16 Rough and cold. Took out First and Second Classes and dug around trees, fences, etc. Ploughed and carted.

April 17 Went to City to settle with Treasurer and to purchase various articles. Difficulty in getting home because of the snow storm.

April 21 Man came to prune trees in garden.

April 22 Two painters here setting glass and painting the boat Lyman.

April 23 Got lumber from Dorchester for run to floating wharf and made the most of it this A. M.

April 25 Snow storm. Sowed four bushels of oats for fodder, and put in first planting of peas which were covered with snow before they could be covered with dirt.

April 27 Fitted Boys to new clothes.

April 28 Mr. and Mrs. S. G. De Blois visited us today

## April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 65° on the 14th and 28th.

Minimum Temperature 20° on the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 45°.

Total Precipitation 1.29 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.00 inches on the 6th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 17 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, May 1, 1924

## RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 223.88           |
|                             | <u>\$1501.46</u> |

## LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 413.17        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1088.29          |
|                    | <u>\$1501.46</u> |

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## A Trip To Spectacle Island

One afternoon when we went over to City Point we were told that we were going over to Spectacle Island that afternoon.

After Mr. Swasey came aboard we started back and to our surprise we found we were going direct to Spectacle Island. It took us fifteen minutes to go over. When we got over there we tied up and Mr. Swasey went up to the office to talk with the foreman of the plant. About ten minutes afterwards he came back and told us that if we wanted to go and look at the process of making soap, a man would go with us. So our Captain, and another boy, and I went through the whole plant. The first thing we saw was a large barge full of refuse out of which they make the soap. We then saw an endless chain of conveyors in which the refuse is taken up to the top of a large building and there dumped into a large steam boiler. After it is full it is closed, and steam kept at 60 pounds pressure for about 3 or 4 hours. It is then taken out and put through an extractor and all the water and grease taken out. This is put into large vats and an iron rod like a dasher is pushed against it and makes it into a soft sticky mass. Next it is taken into another building,



where it is strained and the sticks etc., are taken out. The strainings are made into fertilizer and sent South. The sticky mass is taken into another building, and cut into cakes, and put into a room where it is purified and kept until it is ready for shipping. After we had finished looking around we left and arrived at the Island at about 3:30 P. M.

James A. Paley

### Choosing Teams for Baseball

Sunday April 13, 1924, the Boys chose the four teams that will compete for the Crosby shield and cups this summer.

First the four captains were elected by the usual form of the School team electing four candidates and the student body doing the same. Then these eight were voted upon and the four who were chosen were assigned their respective teams; A, B, C or D according to the number of votes they received.

The four thus honored were Ivers Winmill, A; Charles Claggett, B; Seymour McFayden, C; and Howard Sturtevant, D; these boys then chose their teams from the rest of the Boys.

We are anticipating a very successful season as the teams are very evenly matched and most of them will not suffer the loss of star players by graduation as in past years.

The schedule:

|       |    |          |     |
|-------|----|----------|-----|
| April | 26 | Saturday | A—B |
| May   | 3  | "        | C—D |
| "     | 10 | "        | A—C |
| "     | 17 | "        | B—D |
| "     | 24 | "        | A—D |
| "     | 31 | "        | B—C |
| June  | 7  | "        | A—B |
| "     | 14 | "        | C—D |
| "     | 21 | "        | A—C |
| "     | 28 | "        | B—D |
| July  | 5  | "        | A—D |
| "     | 12 | "        | B—C |

|        |    |   |     |
|--------|----|---|-----|
| July   | 19 | " | A—B |
| "      | 26 | " | C—D |
| August | 2  | " | A—C |
| "      | 9  | " | B—D |
| "      | 16 | " | A—D |
| "      | 23 | " | B—C |

Kenneth E. Kearns

### Stoning a Gutter

A few days ago I was told to get some planks, two by four inches, and lay a form for a gutter. After I had layed the form, it was filled with sand to set the stones in. Then I took the mallet and trowel I had for setting them, and began laying the stones. It took me two days to lay the gutter. After it was laid I tamped down the stones and filled the cracks with sand.

Howard S. Costello

### Pulling Down A Tree

One day during vacation some boys were told to dig around a tree in the front grove. After the roots were cut and all the sods were in a pile they put a block and tackle on another tree and about twenty boys caught hold of the line.

We started to pull on it and the tree bent over very easily. Then the Supervisor told the boys to line up near the gutter on the Front Avenue. He asked the boys if they wished to do anything in particular. If they did, and were in the right grade, he let them do it. I went around the beach with two other boys.

John A. Arkerson

There's so much bad in the best of us,  
 And so much good in the worst of us,  
 That it hardly behooves any of us,  
 To talk about the rest of us.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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ATLANTIC

The semi-Annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on the 14th of the month at Young's Hotel. Although the attendance was not as large as expected the necessary business was taken care of and preliminary plans were made for the Annual Field Day to be held in June.

CHARLES A. FORD, Sr., '90, has recently communicated with the School and has given a brief but interesting account of his experiences. Immediately upon leaving the School he joined a party going West where he has since resided. He is at present located at Boise, Idaho, address R. F. D. 1, and is the father of four boys and three girls.

WILLIAM G. CUMMINGS, '98, has completed his first novel, "An Island Chronicle" and it is now in the hands of the publisher. The book is descriptive of a Portuguese Colony on the New England coast. Cummings had previously portrayed his literary ability in an article, "The Farm and Trades School Revisited" which was published in pamphlet form soon after his visit here in March 1917. His present address is 109 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey.

Cadet RALPH L. LANGILL, '20, was

### Baseball

One of the sports which nearly all the boys at the School like is baseball. It is our national game. Now that spring has come again boys may almost always be seen on the playgrounds, either playing in a game or playing catch.

The School has a very good lot of baseball material. Sometimes boys receive

graduated this month from the Massachusetts Nautical School which school he entered upon leaving here April 22, 1922. We were notified that Langille stood second in his class of twenty-six members. He is now serving on board the United States Lighthouse Tender Anemone at Woods Hole.

HAROLD E. BRENTON, '90, with a group of Symphony players was recently pictured in the rotogravure section of the Boston Herald. Mr. Brenton is general Treasurer of the American Federation of Musicians.

CLARENCE H. DEMAR, '04, with his success in the marathon in April has scored himself the four-time winner of the Boston Marathon. This qualified him as an "H" man at Harvard and it was announced on May 9th that DeMar had been awarded the varsity track insignia. He attended Harvard for three years and was a special student from 1913 to 1915 which brought him the degree of associate in arts, the equivalent of bachelor of arts.

ERIC O. SCHIPPERS, '21, who left the School last November is employed by the Greenough Publishing Company.

gloves and balls from home. To make our baseball more interesting, Manager S.V. R. Crosby has awarded, for a number of seasons, a shield to the team winning the largest number of games. He also gives cups to the boys who play the best in their respective positions. We are looking forward to the coming baseball season with much enthusiasm. Clarence E. Stevens



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### Memorial Sunday

Memorial Sunday we observed the day with services in Chapel. We usually all march to the cemetery and hold our services there, but this year rain made it impracticable.

The services began at about ten o'clock a. m., with Mayor Beeman presiding. Our short program was executed very well. At the end of the exercises, a drum sounded the roll and taps were played three times in succession, one bugler after another.

When the services in Chapel were over, Company A, the Color bearers and four drummers formed ranks in front of the Main Building. Followed by Mr. and Mrs. Swasey and several guests they marched to the cemetery. While one of the boys read concerning those buried, three other boys placed flags in front of the graves as they were named. Taps were played once more and then we marched back to the Main Building.

The exercises in Chapel were as follows:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Hymn       | <i>America The Beautiful</i><br>School      |
| Invocation | Mr. Paul E. Burhoe                          |
| Address    | Mayor Archibald Beeman                      |
| Recitation | <i>How Sleep the Brave</i><br>Howitt Warren |

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Recitation | <i>The New Memorial Day</i><br>William Young                                  |
| Hymn       | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i><br>School   |
| Recitation | <i>In Flanders Field</i><br>Anton Ericsson                                    |
| Recitation | <i>Our Country</i><br>Albert Gardner  |
| Hymn       | <i>Lead Kindly Light</i><br>School  |
| Recitation | <i>Is It Worth While</i><br>Thomas Hall                                       |
| Recitation | <i>The Children's Song</i><br>James Libby                                     |
| Hymn       | <i>Rock of Ages</i><br>School   |
| Recitation | <i>Lincoln</i><br>Carl Kuphal   |
| Recitation | <i>My Captain</i><br>Clarence Stevens   |
| Taps       |   |
| Hymn       | <i>Nearer My God To Thee</i><br>School<br>Gilbert M. Collins John A. Arkerson |

### The Coming of the Coast Guard Station

One morning, while coming up the road by the Root Cellar, I saw a large white boat being towed by a tug. I asked the boy who was with me what it was. He said it was the coast guard station, which anchors out by City Point all summer. Both of us were very happy, because the coming of the coast guard station shows us that time for swimming is nearly here.

Clarence McLenna

### An Interesting Subject

Just opposite the southern end of our Island, on the mainland, is a huge structure which is called the Victory Plant. At the time of the World War, it was used for making destroyers and other implements of warfare, and afterwards was vacated. It is now used as a school for aviators. It is very interesting to watch the hydroplanes rise from the water then drop back again. Once in awhile the aviators do stunts high in the air, such as the falling dive, tail spin, nose dive, volplaning and others. The Boys enjoy watching the planes and it is one of the opportunities that a boy has at the School, to see them fly around the harbor.

George W. Hartley

### Mosquito Inspecting

The mosquitoes are very disagreeable pests and there are plenty of them on the Island in the summer time. In order to rid the Island of them, we put crude oil on the low marshy sections. The oil spreads, forming a thick coating over the water, so the larva or "wrigglers" cannot come up to breathe, and they suffocate. It is very interesting to go mosquito inspecting.

Howitt R. Warren

### Trying To Save Monticello

A strong effort is being made to add Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, to the nation's collection of historic shrines. This grand author of the Declaration of Independence has been honored by a few statues. He founded the University of Virginia which is regarded as a memorial to this Revolutionary patriot and statesman. Outside of these few memorials this truly great man has not been recognized as is his due.

This lack, and the fact that Jefferson's

home would make an excellent memorial, started the project of saving Monticello.

A campaign is now being waged in the state of Virginia and other sections of the country to raise funds by public contribution with which to buy the estate.

Monticello is well worth saving for it is one of the most outstanding colonial residences in the United States. The house is situated in a beautiful spot in the mountains near Charlottesville, just a little more than 100 miles from Washington. The view includes the Rivanna River, the University of Virginia and the Blue Ridge mountains. For almost 100 years the estate has been owned by the Levy family. Mr. Levy, who died recently, is said to have spent a great deal of money in restoring the place to its old time perfection.

Approximately \$100,000 of Jefferson's souvenirs were presented and these have also been preserved. To buy the house and 650 acres of land, a sum of \$500,000 is necessary. If another \$500,000 can be raised, Monticello will be permanently endowed.

Carl H. Kuphal

### A Trip to Town

One Saturday the Supervisor told another boy and me to get ready for town. We put on our uniforms and then went down to the Steamer, where we met the Instructor who was to take us over. On the way over, he asked us where we wanted to go. We said we wanted to go to a museum, so he took us to the Museum of Fine Arts, which was very interesting. We saw many strange musical instruments that the people had many years before America was discovered. Long ago the people thought there was a river to cross before they could go to Heaven, so they made boats and put them in the tombs with the dead kings. We saw several of these boats

and there were slaves standing beside the boats with paddles in their hands. We also saw some books which were made before they had any printing presses. They were written in Latin, and it took a year to write some of the smaller ones.

After we had left that Museum we went to the Museum of Natural History where we saw all kinds of stuffed animals and birds. We saw a big skeleton of a whale hanging from the ceiling. We saw fish of all kinds, and many specimens of insects. We certainly had a good time and thank the Instructor very much.

Richard M. Cameron

### Bookkeeping

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, for an hour and fifteen minutes, the second class has bookkeeping periods. The first class has bookkeeping in the morning.

Our course is taken from Miner and Elwell's "Principles of Bookkeeping." Besides the text book, we have a box of business forms with each book.

When starting our course at the beginning of the year, we first learn the difference between the debits and credits, the meanings of the journal, ledger and the different statements.

After learning the preliminaries, we copy and work from the text book, a model set. The set copied covers the period of a month. There are four minor sets that we work out, similar to the first. They are called, the January, February, March and April sets.

After these preliminary sets are done we start a series of six more, using our text books and a box of business forms as mentioned above. The box contains material such as the check book, bill heads, bank statements, deposit slips, and other business forms. With these sets are added, with each new one accomplished, addition-

al forms, new statements, etc.

In this way, with each set, we learn a little more, and when our course is finished we have a good knowledge of bookkeeping.

Ivers E. Winmill

### Horse Boy

One night the Farm Instructor told me to stay down at the barn as I was going to take care of the horses. When the milkers and the other two horse boys came the Instructor gave each horse boy, including myself, two horses each to take care of. I got Tom and Jean while the other two boys got Dick and Doll, and Jim and Jerry.

At night we go down to the barn at five o'clock and give hay to our horses and take them out, one at a time, and clean them. First we currycomb them and then we go over them with a card and brush. We then grain and bed them. In the morning we get up at 4.45 and do the same thing, except for bedding them.

Charles L. Claggett

### Early Catt'e Trails

Just recently I was looking through a magazine and came upon a topic that interested me. It was "Early Cattle Trails in the West".

Texas was a great cattle country before the Civil War. There were many brought to markets in the East. When the war was over the cattle began to go northward where they could go across the Kansas prairies. Regular trails sprang up. The first was, "Old Shawnee", then the "Shawnee", the "Chisholia", and finally the "Pecos", in New Mexico. The cattle took these trails. Day by day the "cowboy" of song and story rode beside them. Night by night he kept watch over them. Pretty soon towns began to be developed along these trails, and then railroads. These were the famous cow-towns of the early West.

Edward L. Floyd

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"The happiest business in the world is that of making friends." Gradually, almost unconsciously in our daily association we weave ourselves into the lives of our friends and it is only in leaving them that we realize how much a part of ourselves they are. The boys who have worked beside us in the school-room and shop, played be-

side us on the field, shared our joys and cheered our disappointments and discouragements, who have believed in us and made us do our best, these boys are really our friends, these are the ones whom we shall always count upon. But there are two sides to friendship. Emerson says, "To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult. Friendship depends not upon fancy, imagination, or sentiment, but upon character." *The only way to have a friend is to be one.*

The author of the following lines is unknown but his poem "The Heart of a Friend" still lives:

### THE HEART OF A FRIEND

A heart that is glad when your heart is gay,

And true in the time of cares;

That halves the trials of a fretful day

And doubles the joys that it shares.

A heart that can cheer your heart with its song

And comfort your hour of need;

A heart that is brave and faithful and strong,

Wherever misfortune m

A heart that is yours when the way seems dark,

And yours in sunshine, too;

A heart that cares not for rank or mark,

But only the heart of you.

A heart that will shield when others abuse

The name that it knows is clear,

That would rather miss fortune and fame than lose

The love of a friend that is dear.

A heart that will hear no ill of you,

But is ever quick to defend;

A heart that is always true, steel true-

Such is the heart of a friend.

## Calendar

May 1 Set out strawberry plants and harrowed in orchard.

Mr. Crabtree, warden of a boys' school in West Barrington, Rhode Island, visited here this morning.

May 2 Sowed millet at North End and harrowed piece at South End.

Went to Weymouth this morning for fifteen tons of fertilizer.

Planted Scotch elms by Beach Road.

May 3 Second baseball game of the season was played this afternoon between teams C and D. The latter won 3 to 2.

May 4 Eric O. Schippers, '21, and Harold B. Buchan, '21, were here for the week end.

A concert by the Boys' Band was greatly enjoyed this afternoon.

May 5 Sowed oats in orchard, planted vegetables in garden.

Screens were put on windows in the Main Building today.

May 6 Worked on silo and hauled brush to incinerator.

Blacksmith was here for the afternoon.

Steamer Pilgrim was given a new coat of paint today.

Foundation for fountain to be erected in Boys' gardens, was begun this morning.

May 7 First Friends' Day of the season. Two hundred sixty-six relatives and friends of the Boys here during the afternoon.

May 8 Mr. Parker, secretary of the City Missionary Society, accompanied by Doctor W. B. Bancroft visited the School this afternoon.

The Boys enjoyed a talk on "Posture" this evening given by Mr. Fradd, of the physical education department at Harvard.

May 10 Repaired corral fence.

May 12 Cleaned Root Cellar and pig pens.

May 14 Marked potato ground and

prepared for planting.

May 15 Plowed land for mangels.

Four tons of lime were brought over today.

Nine first grade boys, through the efforts of Mr. Warren, our Band Master, were given the opportunity of attending a National League baseball game this afternoon.

May 16 Planted potatoes and spread lime on piece at South End.

Set out maples by Old Barn.

May 17 The graduating class of the Sloyd Training School of South Boston accompanied by Principal Sanberg, a former instructor at this School, enjoyed an outing here this afternoon. George G. Larsson, '17, is a member of this class.

May 18 Boys' Band gave a concert this afternoon.

May 19 Finished planting garden.

May 21 Superintendent Scully and Principal Getchell of the Brockton high school were visitors here today.

May 23 Spread lime on piece by Farm House and cleaned beach.

Second Friends' Day, there was an attendance of one hundred and seventy-two.

May 24 Finished planting potatoes.

William Alcott, '84, Mrs. Alcott and daughter are here to visit over the week-end.

Team D defeated Team A 25 to 1 this afternoon.

May 25 The 101st Engineers' Band of Boston came over this afternoon to give the Boys a concert. Our School Band also rendered a few selections with the visiting band.

The usual Memorial Sunday exercises were held this morning in the Chapel and cemetery at the South End of the Island. Mayor Beeman of Cottage Row Government was in charge of the exercises.

May 26 Year's supply of soft coal of 450 tons arrived today.

Killed one hog weighing 285 pounds.

May 27 Planted corn by Farm House.

Secretary Tucker Daland spent the afternoon at the School.

Representatives of the Boston Continuation School were also visitors today.

Plumber was here making minor repairs.

May 30 Memorial Day. The Boys enjoyed their usual water sports in the morning and their field races in the afternoon. These were followed by beach supper and tug of war in the evening.

Merton P. Ellis, '97, and Mrs. Ellis were here for the day.

May 31 The boys who won prizes in the Memorial Day sports were given the opportunity to see the intercollegiate track tryout at the Harvard Stadium this afternoon.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

May 3 Lovely and cool, one of the pleasantest days of the spring.

May 4 Plumber here fixing the pumps.

May 10 Mr. S. G. DeBlois officiated at our service today.

May 11 Sowed beet seed. The farm work is going on as fast as possible.

May 13 Several painters and masons and a blacksmith are here.

Superintendent went to Dorchester for lumber.

May 15 Put ballast in the Lyman. Mr. Perkins came to drill the Band.

May 16 A wet day and most unfortunate for us as it is our first Visiting Day of the season. Managers Bacon and S. G. DeBlois were present.

May 18 All busy on farm planting potatoes, making fence, picking up stone, etc.

May 19 Five went with Mr. DeBlois, Col. Lyman and Mr. Bush to visit West-

boro Reform School.

May 20 Fine. Sowed mangles in A. M.

May 23 Mr. Gleason from Newton Theological Institute visited here today.

May 25 Planted potatoes in A. M., P. M. too wet to work outside, wrought in cellars.

May 26 Planted potatoes and sweet corn.

May 29 Planted one acre of field corn, squashes, etc.

May 30 Mr. DeBlois came at noon, gave him a sail in the Lyman which he enjoyed very much.

May 31 Thomas Hills Esq., city assessor and chairman came this morning. Mr. Hills conducted our religious services today.

### May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 72° on the 14th.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the 10th.

Mean Temperature for the month 55°.

Total precipitation 2.97 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .74 inches on the 10th.

Eight days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 9 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 14 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 1, 1924

#### RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 270.09           |
|                             | <u>\$1547.67</u> |

#### LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 420.01        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1127.66          |
|                    | <u>\$1547.67</u> |

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### Animated Cartoons

One of the more recent developments of the movies, that has well become established, is the animated cartoon. There is almost no limit to the ideas that may be worked out in this way.

These cartoons are made by taking photographs of a series of drawings. One drawing is placed before a camera and a picture taken of it, and then another drawing and other pictures taken.

This is continued until pictures have been taken of all the drawings. The pictures made from these exposures, are shown rapidly on the screen. A series of drawings as seen by an audience, takes an artist five weeks to make.

In order to produce a half a reel (500 ft.) of animated cartoons, about 2000 drawings must be made.

Some idea may be gained by explaining that in Mutt and Jeff cartoons, it takes four drawings to show Mutt withdrawing his hand from his pocket and three drawings to show him winking his eye.

In order to make Mutt and Jeff cartoons, sixty assistants are employed to help the head artist who has general charge of the work. These pictures are sometimes shown at the School and we like to see them.

Raymond H. McQuesten

### Conduct Chart in Third Schoolroom

In the third schoolroom we have a chart kept as a record of the behavior of the boys in the fourth and the sixth classes. If a boy commits some minor offence and the teacher thinks it should not be overlooked, he gets one mark against his name. If a boy gets three marks, he gets a check, usually for disorder. It all depends upon the offence. We have another chart also, called the seal chart. If a boy does not get any marks through the week he has a

chance for either, the gold, blue, or red seals. The gold seal counts twenty-five points, the blue, fifteen, and the red, ten points. At the end of each week in each class the boys, vote for the boy, whom they think should have the gold seal, and the boys who receive the blue and the red seals, are chosen according to the second and third largest number of votes. When a boy gets one hundred points, he gets a reward from the teacher. The boys like and respect this system which has been in use during the school year of 1923 - 1924. According to the seal charts of the two classes, Jack Hobson has the largest number of points to his credit in the fourth class, and William Warnock in the sixth class.

James A. Brain

### Making Paper Bales

Lately, it has been my regular work in the morning to make bales of waste paper in Gardner Hall.

First I put a piece of cardboard in the bottom of the baler, then I fill the baler with paper. Another piece of cardboard is put on top, and the machine is clamped. The bale is then wired, and sent down to the Storage Barn.

Raymond E. Regan

### Going After the Launch

A few days ago the Steamer boys were told to get ready for a trip to Lawley's Shipyards, to get the launch. It had been taken up there for a new engine. When we got there we waited while the engineer explained the principles of the new engine, and its good points. Then we got the Steamer ready to return to the Island Mr. Swasey told me to get into the launch and he allowed me to pilot her back. The engine is a new three cylinder Scripps. It ran nicely and will be of great use to us in the future.

William M. Hall

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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ATLANTIC

WALTER D. NORWOOD, '04, remembered the Boys at the School again this year and through his efforts a number of them were given the privilege of attending the automobile show. Mr. Norwood's address is 1529 Beachman Street, Brookline, Massachusetts.

ALFRED W. JACOBS, '10, who for several years has been employed by the American Telephone Company and doing a great deal of work on batteries, visited the School recently and with a representative of the Exide Battery Company looked over our storage batteries. Mr. Jacobs's address is Main Street, Hingham, Massachusetts.

GEORGE G. LARSSON, '16, with the graduating class of the Sloyd Training School of South Boston and of which he is a member, spent the afternoon here on Saturday. This has been the custom of the class since Mr. Sandberg, a former instructor here, has been principal of that school. Larsson's address is 216 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

ANTONIO V. MACIEL, '16, writes to the School occasionally. He is at present employed as a manager by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company in Cleveland, Ohio. His address is 1434 Clearaire Road.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN, '21, we were pleased to learn stands next to the highest in his class at Mechanics Art High School. Buchan completed our Advanced Course in June 1923 and in September of the same year entered third year at Mechanics Art. His address is 44 Worcester Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

JOHN H. SCHIPPERS, '21, who remained at the School to take the Advanced Course left in April to become oiler on the Yacht Machigonne owned by W. L. Douglas. This same position was filled by one of our boys last year. Schippers's address is care of the Machigonne, Marion, Massachusetts.

### Making a Mallet

Recently, I have been making a mallet on the lathe. We have the mallet as one of our regular models, in our Sloyd Course. The wood from which it is made is maple or hickory. The head is made from a square block of wood 4" x 4" and is turned down on the lathe to a cylinder

3½" in diameter at the center, which is the largest part. It is then tapered from the center to each end, which is 3" in diameter when finished. The handle is 13½" long and 7/8" in diameter at the largest places.

I enjoy working at the lathe very much and hope I may have the opportunity to work on it again.

Joseph G. Wasson



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### Graduation

One of the most important days of the year is Graduation. It is the goal for which the boys of the Graduating Class have worked for a whole year. In order to receive a diploma a boy must have satisfactorily passed the examinations and have proved himself worthy in his conduct and work. This requires much effort, preparing essays, taking examinations and doing many other things that go with Graduation.

This year Graduation was on Tuesday June 10, it was a clear day as all of the Boys had hoped it would be. The Nantasket boat arrived about 2:30. All of the boys except the Graduating Class went down to meet the guests.

The Graduating Class remained in concealment until our guests were assembled on the lawn where the exercises were to be held. Then the Band played while the Class marched to its place led by the Class President who gave the signal to be seated. This year the speaker of the day was Reverend Charles E. Park of the First Church in Boston. His advice was to be considerate of others and not to fear life, but to trust the latent resources of our hearts. He said "You may not be rich or famous, but you will have God's better blessing of peace and contentment in your own heart." Reverend Park was introduced by President Arthur Adams. Reverend Howard A. Morton was here

and gave the invocation. Graduation Day was a great success. The program follows:

- OVERTURE--Magneta *Will Huff*
- Band
- INVOCATION
- Reverend Howard Morton
- SALUTATORY
- Edward Valdemar Osberg
- CLASS PROPHECY
- Charles LeRoy Claggett
- THE CALL TO DUTY *Arthur Hadley*
- School
- ESSAY The Americanization of Edward Bok
- Archibald Van Ness Beeman
- CLASS WILL
- James Arthur Paley
- AWAY TO THE WOODS *Johann Schrammel*
- School
- VALEDICTORY The Farm and Trades School
- George Leslie Langill
- SELECTION "Press On" *Park Benjamin*
- Class of 1924
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
- President Arthur Adams
- ADDRESS
- Reverend Charles E. Park
- PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
- Mr. Swasey
- SCHOOL SONG
- School
- MARCH--Thunderer *Sousa*
- Band
- William R. Holman

### The Graduation Dance

According to custom, the class of 1924 held their graduation dance in the Assembly Hall the evening following graduation, June 10. The hall was prettily decorated with blue and gold crepe paper.

In one corner of the room was the orchestra, which was composed of a piano, trumpet, trombone, drum and a banjo. At the back of the room was a large banner with F. T. S. on it in large letters. In smaller letters underneath the F. T. S. was our class motto, "Press On".

The dancing began at eight o'clock. The program consisted of fox trots, one steps and waltzes. The first was a grand march led by our teacher and our class president. At intermission we were served cookies, cake, punch and ice cream. These were served by the entertainment committee. We all went to bed at the close of the evening very happy, as it had been an eventful day.

Henry E. Gilchrist

### The Class Ride

Each year through the kindness of Mr. Arthur Adams, President of our Board of Managers, the Graduating Class is given a ride. This year it occurred June twelfth, the day following the Constellation Ride. We anticipated it eagerly, for we had heard from graduates of this good time. We began to get ready at about twelve o'clock. At one o'clock we went down to the boat and were taken to City Point. There was a White Star automobile waiting for us. There was room for twenty persons in it. After we were all seated we started off and went through Cambridge, Lexington, and Concord over the Paul Revere route. The man that went with the driver, told all about different historic places as we passed

them. We stopped at the Hancock and Clarke house which we went through. We signed our names in a book. Then we went to the battle grounds in Concord. At the Minute Man's statue the Class and our teacher had their pictures taken. We went to see the Sleepy Hollow cemetery where Emerson, the Alcotts, Thoreau and Hawthorne and other famous people were buried. We returned to City Point. That night we went to bed tired but happy and grateful for the pleasant time we had.

Raymond Thomas

### The Constellation Ride

One big event in Graduation Week to which the Boys look forward, is the Constellation Ride. The Constellation is a two-masted auxiliary yacht owned by Mr. Herbert Sears, brother of Mr. Philip Sears, who is one of our Managers. This year the ride came on June 11. The Boys worked until 9.00 o'clock in the morning. We then washed and filed downstairs to the east basement, where we changed into our uniforms. As the deck is white and clean all the time, we wore sneakers. We filed down to the Wharf and were taken by groups to the Constellation in the launch. As we went on board we shook hands with Mr. Herbert Sears, Mr. Philip Sears, and Mrs. Sears. The anchor was then hoisted by the windlass and we started moving by engine power. The sailors put up the sails and we sailed in the vicinity of the Boston Light House, and then turned around towards the Island. We anchored off the shore of our Island at about 1.30 P.M.

Ice cream, cake, sandwiches, and lemonade were served to us. We then left the boat. As we left the Constellation we each received a box of chocolates and shook hands with our hosts and hostess.

After we had landed on the Wharf

at the Island we gave three good cheers and a tiger for Mr. Sears. We had a fine time and we wish to thank Mr. Sears for his kindness to us.

James M. Libby

### The Alumni Field Day

Each year, on the seventeenth of June the Alumni of the School, with their friends return for a Field Day which is a pleasant time. This year it rained and the games were held in the gymnasium. The races were: sack race, three legged race, pie race, blind boxing, pony boxing, crab race, and obstacle race.

The sack race is one in which the boys each have a bag. The contestants each get in the bags with the closed end on the floor. They then form a straight line. When the word is given they all start. They go down to the other end of the gym around a chair and back. The first to return to the starting point wins.

In the three legged race, two boys bind their legs together and run around the gym.

The pie race is about the best race. Each boy has a small blueberry pie in front of them. The boys numbered about twelve. They then put their hands behind and ate the pie without touching it. The first one through gets a prize.

Blind boxing is a lot of fun too, from the side lines. Two boys put on the gloves and are blindfolded. They are then told to shake hands and begin. They wander all over the gym, trying to box each other. They continue for about ten minutes. Pony boxing is about the same. One small boy gets on a larger boy's shoulders and then takes a stick, which is padded on the end, and tries to knock off his opponent.

The crab race is great sport. The boys get down on their backs and put their arms and legs out and race backwards.

The obstacle race was the last race and the best. In the center of the room there was a bench, a ladder, some canvas, a chair with a bowl of water and several spoons. Twelve boys formed in a line for the race in front of the bench. They went under it, through the rounds of the ladder, under the canvas, took off their shoes, took a spoonful of water and went around the chair without spilling it. While they are doing this their shoes are mixed. Then they come back, put on their shoes if they can find them, go under the canvas, through the ladder, under the bench, eat a cracker and the first one to whistle wins. These were all of the races.

After supper the first three classes attended a dance. After the dance, we went to the boat with the graduates and friends. We had a fine time and many guests.

Stanley W. Higgins

### Making Blue prints

In the Sloyd room we have a set of blue prints of the models that we make in the Sloyd Course. As the blue prints had been used several years and had become badly worn it was my duty to make a new set. In order to make a blue print it is necessary to first make a tracing. The tracing is made from a pencil drawing on tracing cloth with India ink. This tracing takes the place of the negative in photography. When making a blue print the tracing is first placed in a printing frame with a piece of blue print paper on top and the back of the frame clamped in place. This is now exposed to the sun. The blue paper is then taken out of the frame and washed in water. If the lines don't come out sharp a solution of potassium dichromate is applied. After this, the blue print is washed in water for ten minutes, and then hung up to dry. The blue prints are then mounted on cardboard to strengthen them.

Philip H. Young

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As Graduation Day approaches, with all its joy, enthusiasm and interest, we now and then pause for a serious thought.

With all the eager anticipation of the event and its significance there come mingled feelings of appreciation, regret and wonder. We find feelings take possession of us, whose existence we hardly realized.

We think with more than usual appreciation of the advantages, which have been ours. We regret the separation from our classmates. But the wonder and dreams about the days ahead, almost overshadow all else.

We dream about the other studies and schools we hope to enjoy. Some of us dream of the new work we are going to do. We make resolutions about the things we hope to accomplish. In our minds we see new fields to explore, new doors open, all of which present to us a challenge. We long to commence something new.

For the first time, we realize why Graduation is often called Commencement. It affords opportunity to commence something more advanced. It is not a completion as we had always thought. It simply marks one step in life. We have been told again and again that life is a progression. Those who achieve success never cease to learn. Whether we eventually become farmers, printers, engineers, or carpenters, we wish to be progressive.

We have been trained here at The Farm and Trades School to work and do the duty at hand. The ability to do something well, because it is the thing to do, justifies existence. Those who provided this School for us builded wisely. With all our planning, dreaming and thinking, it is impossible for us to tell just what fate holds for us.

With The Farm and Trades School as our background, we meet Graduation with eagerness and confidently face the future determined to follow our class motto, "Press On".

"In Life's small things be resolute and great  
 To keep thy muscles trained; know'st thou when  
     fate  
 Thy measure takes? or when she'll say to thee,  
 'I find thee worthy, do this thing for me!'"

### Calendar

June 2 Planted corn in old garden, harrowed South End, finished ploughing piece by playground and sprayed orchard.

June 3 Planted corn by Compost Shed, harrowed piece by playground and old corral and cut rhubarb.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the School this afternoon. The Managers present included President Adams, Secretary Daland and Messers Brooks, Sears, Wiggins, Wigglesworth, and Foster.

June 4 Worked in garden and killed hog weighing 303 pounds.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, came over today to look over some work on the roofs.

June 5 Planted corn at South End, cultivated potatoes and worked on silo.

A registered Guernsey heifer was received today, a gift of Ernest B. Dane of Brookline.

June 6 Moved chickens to colony house.

Plumber is here to make minor repairs today.

June 7 Flower seeds arrived today and were distributed among the Boys.

Team A defeated Team B this afternoon, 11 to 1.

June 8 The boys in the graduating classes attended baccalaureate service at Phillips Church in South Boston this morning. Reverend Morton officiated.

June 9 Carpenters are here repairing the roof.

Ploughed pen for the pigs and repaired door to Root Cellar.

June 10 Graduation Day. Rever-

end Charles E. Park, pastor of the First Church in Boston was speaker of the day. Six certificates were given to those boys having completed the Advanced Course, also eight grammar school diplomas, twelve Sloyd diplomas and four forging diplomas were presented. The guests included President and Mrs. Adams, Managers Mason, Daland, and Sears. A dancing party for the graduating class was given in the assembly hall in the evening.

June 11 Planted beans and sprayed orchard.

The Boys and a number of the Instructors with Mr. and Mrs. Swasey enjoyed a sail on the Constellation today. We are grateful to Manager Phillip Sears and his brother Herbert Sears for this pleasure.

June 12 Planted cucumbers and cultivated potatoes.

Blacksmith was here.

Members of the graduating class and school teachers were given a ride to Lexington and Concord, an annual gift to the graduating class by President Adams.

June 13 Instructors' Day. The Instructors enjoyed the day together at Nantasket Beach.

June 14 Alumni Day. About eighty members and friends of the Alumni Association were here to enjoy their annual Field Day. The inclemency of the weather made it necessary to hold the various sports in the gymnasium. These were followed by dancing in the assembly hall and a picnic supper.

June 15 Services conducted by the members of the graduating class were held in Chapel this evening.

John Goodhue, '21, is here for over the week end.

June 16 Cultivated potatoes and corn, hauled gravel for silo and killed a heifer for beef.

Controlling fixtures for Launch came

today.

Edward V. Osberg and Kenneth E. Kearns both of the class of '22, left today to begin work for the Greenough Publishing Company during the summer vacation.

June 17 Planted melons and squash.

Team C won from Team A this afternoon with a score 16 to 1.

Howard E. Keith, '22, left today and will work this summer for his uncle in West Acton.

June 18 Planted onions, beets and beans, weeded potatoes and worked in garden.

June 19 Cultivated corn in old garden.

Alexander McKenzie, '22, and Arthur Paley, Paul Reid, Howard Sturtevant and Stanley Willmore, all of the class of '24, left today.

June 20 Team C was victorious this afternoon winning from Team A, 45 to 2.

Wentworth A. Chittenden and Russell Scott, both ex '24, and Alex Gorbunoff, ex, '27, left the School this afternoon.

Five boxes of plants were received this afternoon from R. & J. Farquahar Company. These were distributed among the boys having gardens.

June 21 Set out tomato plants, cultivated corn and cleaned Root Cellar.

Grover Ridlington, '24, has gone to live with relatives in New Hampshire and George Hartley, ex '25, left to join his mother in Panama.

Russell Long, ex '26, will live with his father and work this next year.

June 22 A concert was given this evening by the Boys' Band.

June 23 Planted mangels.

Theodore Hadley, '21, is here to spend a portion of the week.

Glenn Furbush, '19, is visiting the School for a few days.

June 24 Cultivated corn and toma-

atoes, hoed potatoes and sowed oats at South End.

An aeroplane from the training school at Squantum experienced engine trouble and took the water near the South End. It was towed to the Island for salvaging.

June 25 Planted turnips, cultivated corn and cleaned mowing machine.

All baled waste paper was loaded and taken away today.

Willard G. Schroeder, '24, who will enter Tilton Seminary in the fall, left today.

June 26 Mowed orchard and worked on silo.

Towed President Adam's sail boat from Lawley's today.

Fifteen boys slept out in tents tonight.

June 27 Peonies are in full bloom and add much to the attractiveness of our gardens.

June 28 Finished planting vegetables.

Robert Carney, '24, is leaving today to join his father, brother and sisters in Noble, Ohio.

Game this afternoon, B, 20 and D, 8.

June 30 Mowed piece by Power House and grape vines. Hauled sand and gravel for silo.

Osmond Bursiel, '20, came today to begin duties as night watchman for the summer vacation.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 1, 1924

#### RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 63.97            |
|                             | <u>\$1341.55</u> |

#### LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 420.01        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 921.54           |
|                    | <u>\$1341.55</u> |

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### June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 90° on the 24th.

Minimum Temperature 43° on the 11th.

Mean Temperature for the month 65°.

Total Precipitation 1.36 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .50 inches on the 21st.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

June 1 Number of boys in School at date eighty-six. Managers Bacon, Lyman and S. G. DeBlois were visitors today.

June 4 Dull day, sheared our sheep.

June 7 Manager A. S. Wheeler present to officiate today.

June 8 Planted cabbage, set plants, etc.

June 9 Planted two lots of sweet corn.

June 12 Wrought on Wharf all day putting on caps, and etc.

June 13 The second Visiting Day of the season, and a pleasant one. Managers Eliot, Emmons, Weld, DeBlois and Storer present.

June 14 Doctor B. A. Codman officiated today.

June 16 Went to city with the Lyman leaving here at 3.20 and returning at 6.30. A favorable and pleasant trip.

June 18 Very windy, cool and cloudy. Wrought on fence and did some planting.

June 19 Prizes were awarded to boys for best essays on the "Seasons".

June 20 Commenced mowing.

June 24 Painters and carpenters came over this morning.

June 25 Manager DeBlois came over today. Two masons, two painters, and one carpenter are here.

June 27 Visited the Everett school today.

June 29 Started mowing this morning at 5 o'clock. Visited Lincoln School exhibition in P. M.

June 30 The graduating class of the Everett School to the number of forty-four with Master Hyde, Messers Cruft, DeBlois, Page, Learned, Merrill and others visited us today. They came in the Rose Standish and left at eve via City Point. Got in seven loads of hay today.

### The 101st Engineers Band

On Sunday May 25, the 101st Engineers Band came to the School to give us a concert. Mr. Warren, who is also our bandmaster, is the leader. Everybody assembled on the Front Lawn. Among the selections they played were, "Orpheus in Hades" and "Indian War Dance". After a while our Band took their places and played the "Show Boy" and "Magneta". Later both bands united and played "Old Comrades". After this the visiting band played a few more selections, including a fine cornet solo. Then the band dispersed and our Band showed the visiting band around the Island. We enjoyed the concert very much and hope to hear it again sometime. We thank Mr. Warren for coming with his band.

James M. Libby

### Weeding Beans

One morning during vacation, I was told to go to the farm and work until play time. When the boys reached the barn, we all formed a line to be assigned our work. The Instructor told some other boys and me to go with one of the other Instructors. We were told to get hoes and report by the piece near the playgrounds. When we arrived each boy was given a row of beans to weed. I finished my row and did two rows of cucumbers, before we were dismissed for our vacation play time.

Hildreth R. Crosby

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### ALUMNI FIELD DAY

The Annual Alumni Field Day was held on June 14th. As the day was rainy the members and the guests gathered in the Assembly Hall, where a brief business meeting was held. Pres. Will F. Davis presided. The contribution to the Alumni Fund which is made at this time every year amounted to \$440. This brings the total to \$7748. A hat collection brought an additional \$41.25 which was presented to Supt. Swasey to be used for the Boys. Following the meeting, games and contests were held in the gymnasium. The latter part of the afternoon was devoted to dancing. Those present were as follows:

|                           |                            |                          |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alcott, William           | Mrs. Helen Robertson       | William Long             |
| Louise M. Alcott          | Mrs. Edith M. Robertson    | Loud, Clarence W. & Mrs. |
| Marion Moore              | Edith Robertson            | Edith Loud               |
| Bell, Richard & Mrs.      | Louise Robertson           | Ruth Loud                |
| Alice M. Bell             | Halfyard, Luke W. B.       | Clarence W. Loud, Jr.    |
| Miss Nellie B. Brewster   | Hanson, Richard H.         | MacPherson, Donald S.    |
| Barbara Dix               | Haskins, Mrs. M. D.        | Arthur Smith             |
| Bemis, Elwin C.           | Ruth Haskins               | Malm, Alfred C.          |
| Beeman, Archibald V. N.   | Mae Swift                  | MacFadyen, Seymour C.    |
| Bennett, George           | Mrs. Harry Glidden         | McKay, Robert            |
| L. B. Sullivan            | Howes, Norman T.           | McKenzie, Alexander      |
| Bryant, Francis G. & Mrs. | Holman, Solomon B.         | Nelson, Jackson C.       |
| Mr. & Mrs. Victor Wood    | Mrs. N. Mattson            | Mary F. Whiteacre        |
| Thelma Wood               | Miss Emmie Mattson         | Noble, Herbert E.        |
| Russell Wood              | Hynes, Frederick S. & Mrs. | Osberg, Edward V.        |
| R. L. Willis              | Joyce Hynes                | Peterson, Albert A.      |
| Buchan, Chester W.        | Robert Hynes               | Mrs. M. W. Peterson      |
| Clark, Robert L.          | Kearns, Kenneth E.         | H. W. Peterson           |
| Frank A. Brunton          | Mrs. Beatrice Fuller       | Plunkett, Geoffrey E.    |
| Davison, Alexander Y.     | Isabel Bigelow             | Robbins, Frank A.        |
| Davis, Will Frank & Mrs.  | Grace Folsom               | Robertson, Edward J.     |
| Mrs. George H. Crowell    | William A. Hankard         | Schippers, Eric O.       |
| Mrs. Edward C. Poole      | Kendall, George F. & Mrs.  | Mrs. Clara Aspelin       |
| Eleanor Gordon            | Clayton Hardy              | Schippers, John H.       |
| Phyllis Gordon            | Keith, Howard E.           | Shaw, Charles C.         |
| Charles Gordon            | Lammi, Aldevin A.          | Smith, Daniel E.         |
| Duncan, Charles           | Leary, Philip F.           | Smith, Roger K.          |
| Ellis, Merton P. & Mrs.   | Levis, John M.             | Smith, Willis M.         |
| Goodhue, John, Jr.        | Lochrie, Howard F.         | Thompson, Robert F.      |
| Graham, James H. & Mrs.   | Long, David E.             | Whitehead, S. Leo        |



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### The Fourth of July

During the first week of July, all but fifteen boys were away on their vacations. The boys who were here, either had enjoyed their vacations or were yet to have them. The Fourth of July was a fine sunny day. We did the work that was required. About 10:00 o'clock a.m. the Supervisor called us together and gave us all boxes of torpedoes. For awhile we made a lively noise with them. The noise subsided quickly when the time for dinner came, for we always have a fine dinner this day. After dinner we put on bathing suits and went to the Wharf for our swimming contest. The first race was a dash from the float to the shore. This was followed by numerous other swimming and diving contests. The contestants were cheered and encouraged by the Instructors and other boys, making a very interesting and lively time. These races were followed by a 100 yard dash on the shore near the Wharf, and a ball throwing contest. After changing into our clothes, we returned to the Main Building, where the tennis court and croquet ground are located. The Supervisor had arranged a croquet tournament and a tennis tournament, including all the boys. Archibald Beeman won the croquet tournament while Charles Claggett became tennis champion after overcoming several hardy competitors. At supper time, we

were all glad to find that our meal was to be a picnic supper on the beach. We had a fine supper of frankfurts, pickles, bacon, bananas, cookies, lime-juice, and other good things. After our meal we chose sides for a tug of war. One side won after a short struggle, and then the men Instructors opposed the boys. The boys won the match. This event was followed by fireworks. We enjoyed firecrackers, roman candles and sparklers, and when they were all gone we realized we were all very tired after our glorious Fourth.

Ivers E. Winmill

### Vacation

July 1, 1924 was the beginning of my annual vacation. After we finished our regular work which was about 8:30 a. m., we filed down to the east basement. There we had our packages done up and we put on our uniforms. We then went down to the Wharf and got into the barge "John Alden," which was towed over by the steamer. The trip over to City Point seemed very slow, but when we reached there, we saw our friends smiling at us. Mr. Swasey read the boys' names in alphabetical order, and the boys went up the gangplank to go home with their mothers, fathers, or other relatives and friends.

William J. Long

### Instructors vs. Boys

Tuesday evening, July 22nd, there was a game of baseball between the Instructors and the Boys. We always anticipate a game with the Instructors because we have so much fun.

The School Team won by the score 16 to 6. For the School, Russell, McKenzie, Winmill and E. Floyd made good hits. Higgins our pitcher did not do much at bat but made up for it in the pitcher's box. Russell, McKenzie and Floyd each got three-baggers. Winmill was tagged out at home trying to stretch a long hit but otherwise did good playing. Mr. Bursiel, Mr. Burke, Mr. Smith and Mr. Swasey starred for the Instructors.

The two teams were as follows:

| SCHOOL      | POS.   | INSTRUCTORS |
|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Higgins     | P.     | Mr. Bursiel |
| Russell     | C.     | Mr. Beebe   |
| Winmill     | 1st B. | Mr. Smith   |
| Adams       | 2nd B. | Mr. Burke   |
| P. Young    | 3rd B. | Mr. Abele   |
| McFadyen    | S. S.  | Mr. Bemis   |
| E. Floyd    | L. F.  | Mr. Zaboy   |
| D. McKenzie | C. F.  | Mr. Swasey  |
| Wasson      | R. F.  | Mr. Randall |

Edward L. Floyd

### The Chilton Crew

Last Sunday some other boys and I were told to report to the wharf. When we arrived, our ten oared boat, the Chilton, was there. We got in and at the words "up oars", "lower oars", and "give way together", we were off. We rowed all around the Island, practicing and taking different commands. This was for practice so that our Instructor could choose a crew for the Chilton.

There are twenty-five boys in the crew. Eight boys row in the Chilton at a time. I am trying my best and hope to make the crew as bow oar.

Howard S. Costello

### My Farm Work

When I came back from my vacation I was told that my regular work was to be on the Farm. This morning when I reported to the head farm Instructor, he told me to harness Dick and hitch him to the drag. After that was finished we went down to the Old Barn and got some garbage, which we took over to South End. Then I was sent over to the beet patch to weed for the rest of the morning. William L. Young

### Getting on the Boat Crew

After all the Boys returned from their vacations they were assembled for the purpose of picking new boys for the boat crew, to fill the vacant places created by boys who had gone. In all there were fifteen vacancies. In order to get a place in the boat crew a boy must have been here two years or more and be in one of the upper classes. He also has to know how to swim. When all the vacancies were filled each boy in the crew was given a white sailor hat which he is to keep clean. He was instructed to wear it whenever he makes a trip in the Chilton. The Chilion crew is to be made up of the boys who rank highest in the boat crew.

|    |            |                   |
|----|------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Blackwell  | Captain           |
| 2  | Winmill    | Junior Captain    |
| 3  | McFadyen   | First Lieutenant  |
| 4  | Higgins    | Second Lieutenant |
| 5  | McQuesten  |                   |
| 6  | McKenzie   | 16 Burriss        |
| 7  | Anderson   | 17 Wasson         |
| 8  | Adams      | 18 Hall, M.       |
| 9  | Russell    | 19 Claggett       |
| 10 | Wright, H. | 20 Hughes         |
| 11 | Priest     | 21 Thomas         |
| 12 | Stevens    | 22 Crosby         |
| 13 | Hobson, C. | 23 Costello       |
| 14 | Vining     | 24 Young, P.      |
| 15 | Floyd, E.  | 25 Gilchrist      |

Charles L. Claggett

### Making a Drain Pipe

One morning another boy and I were told to get some tile about five or six inches wide for a drain. We went down to the Stock Barn and got twelve pieces of tile and made a trench about two feet deep, and fifteen feet long. Then we laid the tile in the trench. We got some bricks and put them around the tile to hold it in place, and cemented the tile together. The trench was left for a few days to harden.

Anton C. Eriesson

### An Unusual Party

One Wednesday night as we were going in to supper, the first graders were told to stay out of line. We then went into the kitchen, and each boy carried something in the line of food down to the beach. When we got there, Mr Swasey said that each boy could make a fire and cook his food, if he wished. I made my fire and then went up to the table and took a frankfurt, a piece of bacon, a pickle, and a cucumber. We were then given a long pointed stick to cook our food on. After we ate this, one of the teachers passed around fudge, which was very good. After that, marshmallows were passed to us. When we were through eating, we spent the rest of the time in sports. The games were pony wrestling, three-legged race, boxing, and cock fighting. We then gave three cheers and went up to the Main Building, feeling very happy for this enjoyable and unusual first graders' party.

William N. West

### Fixing the Launch Engine

One day the Captain called me over to the launch. When I got over there he said I could help him fix the launch engine. I began to take the nuts from the engine head. After I had them all off, I took off the head of the engine. Then I

scraped the carbon from the valves and pistons. After I had them all cleaned I put the head of the engine back and put the bolts in. Afterwards I helped fix the spark plug connections. Then the Instructor started the engine and we found that it ran much better than before.

James E. Johnson

### Taking Office Duty

One afternoon I was told to go to the office to take duty. I reported to the Office Instructor, and I was told to straighten up the Boys' reading room. When I finished that, I ran errands, stamped envelopes, dusted and washed windows. When I finished, I was told to wait until mess call before I went down to get ready for supper.

William R. Reeve

### Work in the Dormitory

This morning I was given work in the dormitory. The first thing we did was to make the beds. In the early morning, when the Boys get up, they pull the clothes over the head of their beds. We strip the beds, turn over the mattresses and make up the beds again. Then we sweep the floor and scrub it. That usually concludes our morning work.

John W. Baxter

### Franklin Park

While I was on my vacation I went to Franklin Park. I went into several large buildings.

One had a lot of lions and tigers in it. Some other buildings had monkeys of all kinds and many different kinds of birds. One house had a lot of flowers in it. Another had a small restaurant and refreshment booths. I had a fine time.

Alton B. Butler

3/24

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Work that is play is work well done.

In order to be successful in business or any undertaking you must enjoy the work you are doing. If you look upon it as something very disagreeable, you will not be able to give the best that is in you towards accomplishing your task to the best of your ability. If, on the other hand you receive some pleasure in doing your work

you will do it well, and you will not be satisfied to get it over with just as soon as possible, but will study every detail to see that it is the best you can make it. The results that will be accomplished through interest in your work will be amazing.

As an illustration, let us take the slave of past years. He was chained to an oar and made to work under penalty of punishment. He did not work because he wanted to, but because he was driven to it, so he did as little work as he possibly could, and with little regard as to whether or not he did it well. On the other hand we have the college oarsman who is competing with a rival school. He puts his heart and soul into his work and strains every muscle to outdistance his rival. He is enjoying his work and is doing it well.

If anything is worth doing it is worth doing well. You cannot do a thing well if you dislike to do it. Get interested in anything you do and look upon it as a pleasure and not as a hardship. The manner in which you do your work either makes for your success or failure.

### Calendar

July 1 Worked on driveway to Barn, picked cherries and hauled lumber, cement and shavings.

Seventy boys left today on their annual furlough of seven days.

New hive of bees came today to take the place of the bees that did not survive the winter.

July 2 Cultivated corn and hauled hay.

July 4 Holiday. Program of sports with beach supper was enjoyed by the few

boys here and Instructors. Fireworks interspersed the activities of the day.

Luke W. B. Halfyard, '21, and S. Leo Whitehead, '22, were here for the day.

July 5 Raked piece by grape vine and cultivated corn

July 7 Mowed piece by farm house path, worked on potato sprayer and mixed spray.

July 8 Boys returned from furloughs this afternoon.

George L. Langill, '24, left today and will spend the summer with his father on the Cape.

July 9 Hauled four loads of hay, weeded garden and cultivated corn.

Fifteen new boys were admitted today: Charles Carr, Raymond Chamberlain, David Chapman, Arthur Chase, Ralph Davis, Arthur Dawson, Frederick George, James Goulding, Charles Keller, Otto Kohl, Chester Lindgren, William Sainte, George Taylor, and William Thompson.

Loaned scow, John Alden, to South Boston Yacht Club for use as judges' stand in their races this afternoon.

July 10 Mowed part of Observatory Hill, mixed concrete for Silo and weeded corn.

Steamer Pilgrim on blocks today to be painted.

July 11 Sprayed potatoes, hauled hay and put concrete in foundation for silo.

Boys are given a change of work beginning with today.

The Boys and Instructors enjoyed the annual clam bake on the beach tonight.

July 12 Hauled three loads of hay, cleaned farmers' room and sprayed potatoes.

Archibald V. N. Beeman, '22, who finished our Advanced Course in June, left today for Rhode Island where he will attend school in the Fall.

Howard Lockrie, '16, and Howard Sturtevant, '24, are here for the week end.

Team C defeated Team D, 8 to 6 this afternoon.

July 14 Sixteen small pigs arrived today. Mowed by root cellar and hauled three loads.

Flagpole is being repainted.

July 15 School work was resumed this morning after a vacation of one month.

July 16 Cleaned grain room, Old Barn and poultry yard.

Team C was again victorious today winning from Team B, 6 to 5.

July 17 Cleaned hen house and carriage room.

July 18 Worked on silo and hauled three loads of hay.

Manager Charles Wiggins, 2nd, was here for the afternoon.

July 19 Put in three loads of hay and finished mowing piece by Farm House.

Team C by a large margin won from Team A this afternoon.

Edward E. Albee, Ex. '30, left today to live with his father in Everett.

July 20 A number of boys and Instructors were taken on a ride to the navy yard this afternoon.

Eric O. Schippers, '21, and Raymond S. Metcalf, '19, are here for the day.

July 22 Finished wall for silo.

Ten boys were given the opportunity this afternoon to attend a Red Sox game.

The Boys and men Instructors met on the baseball diamond this evening. The Boys were victorious 13 to 5.

July 23 Hauled four loads of hay and mowed part of Oak Knoll.

July 24 Weeded beets and set out cabbage plants.

July 25 Cable splicer here to repair cable.

July 26 S. Leo Whitehead, '23, Pau'

Reid, '24 and Kenneth Kearns, '22 and '24 Advanced Course, are here for the week end.

Ball game this afternoon.

July 28 Mowed piece in rear of cottages. Man came today from Craine Silo Company to erect silo.

Painting of New Barn was started today.

July 30 Thinned mangels and weeded garden, worked on silo.

Thirty-six new chairs for Boys' dining-room came today.

July 31 Ernest V. Wyatt, '13, is here for the week end.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

July 1 Went to the exhibition of the girls' high school.

Lunched with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. DeBlois.

July 4 The glorious fourth. Wind east, dull but still favorable for the boat races which took place off City Point; four classes, a beautiful sight.

July 7 Sent in my monthly report. Mr. Perkins here to drill the Band.

Number of boys in School, eighty-three.

Last evening by invitation from the City Point Protective Association the Band, under the leadership of Mr. Perkins, went to Professor Smith's home at City Point to furnish music for a strawberry festival.

July 14 Third Visiting Day. Present of the Managers Messrs. Bacon, Weld and S. G. DeBlois.

July 20 Went to Dorchester to get lumber for repairing house.

July 22 Messrs. Perkins, Brackett and C. P. Bowditch visited us and dined here.

July 23 Received a visit from Col. Lyman.

July 24 Two carpenters at work on

east end of house, furring.

July 27 Another lovely day. Mowed rye and got most of it in. Mowed marsh.

### July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 94° on the 16th.

Minimum Temperature 58° on the 3rd and 5th.

Mean Temperature for the month 76°.

Total Precipitation 1.70 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .56 inches on the 27th.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 6 partly cloudy, 12 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Aug. 1, 1924

#### RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 117.42           |
|                             | <u>\$1395.00</u> |

#### LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 420.01        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 974.99           |
|                    | <u>\$1395.00</u> |

CLARENCE E. STEVENS

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### The Silo

It was decided last winter to add a silo to our barn. Accordingly the foundation was started. "Two by fours" were driven in a double circle one foot apart. Upon these, on the inside, one-half inch boards were nailed. These were re-enforced by boards nailed on the outside and across the top.

The cement was made of a mixture of two wheelbarrows of gravel to three wheelbarrows of sand and three bags of Portland cement. This was mixed dry and water



added afterward.

It was then poured into the form. Bricks and rocks were dropped in to take up room and iron rods were embedded to prevent cracking. It took about three days for one mixture to harden. Each layer is about eight inches deep around the circular form. After the form was filled and the cement dry the boards making the form were knocked off.

A carpenter came down to assist in erecting the wooden part of the silo. Boards were put up vertically around the foundation for a height of thirty-two feet. These were all drawn together by a chain and bar. Tarred paper was put on and horizontal boards bent around over the vertical. Tin squares were put over the joints in the boards. A ladder runs up to the top where the doors are. The silo is thirty-two feet high from the foundation and has an inside diameter of five feet nine inches. After all this was done, three large and six small anchors were fastened to the bottom. It was given a coat of white paint. The roof is yet to be put on.

J. Sumner Vining

### The Leviathan

The U. S. S. Leviathan came into drydock a short while ago for a few minor repairs including a broken propeller. When she came in, she had only a few feet of water under her keel, so she had to go slowly.

From our Island we can see the whole of one stack and the tops of her other two stacks while she is in drydock at the Army Base in South Boston.

The two boats, the Leviathan and Majestic are considered the two largest boats in the world. Both boats attract much attention when they come into Boston.

Ralph H. Martis

### The New Diving Tower

The new diving tower is one of the things that the Boys like very much. It is about fifteen feet from the water at high tide, and it gives us a chance to dive from a greater height than before.

About three weeks ago two of the boys asked if they could build it. After they had been given permission the boys got the wood and kept on working on it until it was finished. The Boys have lots of fun diving from it.

Thomas Hall

### Fishing

On Saturday afternoons we have the privilege of going fishing. One of the boys writes out a list for the Supervisor, of those boys who would like to go fishing. We give the list to him and he asks us if we can all swim. The boys who cannot swim are not allowed to go. We then get our fishlines and go down to fish from the Wharf. We fish until the bell rings at five o'clock. We catch crabs, flounders, and sculpins which the Boys call "scullies".

Richard M. Cameron

### My Vacation

I went home on my vacation July 1 and returned July 8. I had a pleasant time, taking an automobile trip through Vermont, and New Hampshire. We went over the Mohawk Trail. As this was the first time that I had been over this road it was of interest to me. We started on the trip Wednesday morning and returned Saturday evening. In all we rode over 420 miles. I visited Middlebury College. It was a very pleasant trip and I hope to go up there next year.

Clarence E. Stevens

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WILLIAM (DAVIS) WARREN, '96, salesman, has returned to Boston and visited the School during the past month. Warren's address is 65 Maxwell Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

FREDERICK F. BLAKELEY, '98, manager of the White Line Tour, has moved from 98 Hemenway Street, to 85 Audubon Road, Boston 17, Massachusetts.

HOWARD B. ELLIS, '97, roofer, recently changed his business address from 497 Broadway to 494 Broadway, South Boston.

EDSON M. BEMIS, '13, we recently learned is now residing at 54 Glendale Street, Everett 49, Massachusetts.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19, who has been employed by an electrical concern in Stoughton, Massachusetts, since leaving the School has started in business for himself. His address is 242 Pleasant Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts.

BARTON N. SLADE, '22, has enlisted as a private in Battery C 7th Field Artillery, and for the summer is located at Camp

Devens, Mass. The winter quarters of the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, is at Fort Ethan Allan, Vermont, but due to the fact there is no artillery range in Vermont, it summers at Camp Devens. They make the change by horse back and Slade wrote us an interesting account of his trip. At the time of his writing he was battery clerk.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER, '24, is at Camp Wamego, Corinth, New York, for the summer. Schroeder will enter Tilton Seminary in Tilton, New Hampshire, at the opening of school. He writes of a hike to Lake George which is but twenty miles from the camp and also tells of his classes in woodcraft, photography and astronomy.

ROBERT H. CARNEY, '24, who left the School July 8th to join his father, his brothers and sisters in Noble, Ohio, writes that he is already busy earning his expenses for high school this winter. He and his brothers have the largest newspaper route in suburban Cleveland and average over nineteen dollars a week profit from just the sale of their papers. His address is Noble, Ohio, Box 114.

### My Dormitory Work

The last time that we had our work changed, five other boys and I were told to report to the instructor in the dormitory. First we were shown how to make beds. I was told to make half of those in the east dormitory, while another boy did the other half. After we made all the beds, we swept the floor. On Tuesday we scrub the east dormitory, on Wednesday the west dormitory and on Friday we scrub the north dormitory. On Saturday we scrub the halls and stairs.

Howitt R. Warren

### Taking Cows to Pasture

One afternoon I went down with the farm line, which is a line of boys assigned to work on the Farm. I was told to take care of the cows, so I drove them over by one of the cornfields for pasturage. It was hard work to keep them away from the corn, which seemed much more tempting to them than the grass. At 4:30 I drove them back to the Barn and by 5:00 o'clock I was ready to go to the house for supper.

Harold Goulding



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Marching up Front Avenue on Friends' Day

#### Fourth Friends' Day

On Wednesday afternoon, August 6, the Boys marched in uniform down to the Wharf to meet the friends who were to arrive on one of the Nantasket steam-boats. When they landed, we marched back again to the front lawn with our friends strolling on behind us, laden with bags and bundles. After a selection was rendered by the Band, Mr. Swasey gave the Shaw and Temple consolation prizes to the various boys who had the best averages in conduct for the last six months. The list is as follows:

#### Shaw Conduct Prizes

| Name             | Rank | Marks | Weeks | 1st Prize Grade |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Jack Hobson      | 1st  | 14    | 22    | \$5.00          |
| William Warnock  | 2nd  | 15    | 21    | \$3.25          |
| Archibald Beeman | 3rd  | 20    | 21    | \$3.00          |
| Clarence Hobson  | 4th  | 23    | 20    | \$2.75          |
| Philip Young     | 5th  | 48    | 14    | \$2.50          |
| Edward Floyd     | 6th  | 56    | 14    | \$2.25          |
| George Russell   | 7th  | 57    | 16    | \$2.00          |
| Raymond Thomas   | 8th  | 59    | 16    | \$1.75          |
| Robert Carney    | 9th  | 71    | 14    | \$1.50          |
| Clarence Stevens | 10th | 73    | 11    | \$1.00          |

#### Temple Consolation Prizes

| Name          | Rank | Marks | Weeks | 1st Prize Grade |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Ivers Winmill | 11th | 80    | 14    | Book            |
| James Johnson | 12th | 84    | 14    | "               |
| George Adams  | 13th | 95    | 12    | "               |
| William Hall  | 14th | 96    | 9     | "               |
| Alton Butler  | 15th | 101   | 12    | "               |

## Honorable Mention

| Name             | Rank | Marks | Weeks 1st Grade |
|------------------|------|-------|-----------------|
| Arthur Blackwell | 16th | 110   | 12              |
| George Knott     | 17th | 113   | 10              |
| Ralph Martis     | 18th | 127   | 8               |

After the prizes had been given out, we went to our friends. My mother brought me some cake and other good things. I was very happy to see her.

Charles L. Keller

## Cleaning My Instrument

Every other day I take my cornet up to clean it. The first thing I do is to take all the slides out and put them in cold water and put the valves in hot water. After this I run hot and then cold water through the instrument and dry it out. After putting lard on the slides, I put them back again, put the valves in, and then shine it. When this is finished, the instrument looks better and blows better than before.

Clarence H. McLenna

## My Work in the Sewing Room

When in line one morning, I was told to report to the sewing room. A boy had left the School, who had worked in the sewing room and I took his place.

I began darning, and succeeded in learning very quickly. The second week there, I darned fifteen pairs of pants in half an hour. I am still working there.

Otto Kohl

## The Barge Ride

On Sunday afternoon, August 3, the Band went down to the Wharf. Soon after, all the Boys formed in squad formation and marched down to the Wharf, also. The Band was first to be seated in the barge. Then the other boys followed.

Some Instructors rode in the barge and others on the Steamer. After the barge was roped fast to the Steamer, we started on our trip down the harbor. We went past Moon Head, out around Long Island, and near a shoal with a black and white conical shaped monument on it. The true name of this spot is Nix's Mate, but it is sometimes called "Hangman's Island Monument." There are several interesting stories connected with this.

According to the best known story, a man was once accused of killing another man on this spot, which at that time was an island. The accused man pleaded not guilty to the crime. He said that to prove his innocence, the land would sink out of sight after he was executed. It has nearly done so and the monument has been erected as a warning to ships coming in and out of the harbor as well as a memorial. We passed a Nantasket steamer and proceeded on our way back to the Island to be in time for supper. We enjoyed our trip very much and hope we will have the pleasure of going again before the summer is over.

William A. Blake

## The Trial

On Tuesday evening, August 19, our Cottage Row Government held a trial in the Assembly Hall. The Judge was Ivers Winmill and the Clerk was Russell Metcalf. The Judge called the prisoners up, and the clerk read the offence and said, "guilty or not guilty?" If the defendant was found guilty, there was a sentence or a fine given by the Judge. Sometimes the prisoner pleaded "not guilty" and the case was handed over to the jury which gave the final verdict. The prisoners sometimes appeal to higher court with Mr. Swasey as Judge.

John W. Baxter

### Painting the Flag Pole

One morning I was asked if I would like to paint the flag pole. After I gave my answer "yes" I was told to begin at once. I first went to the basement of Gardner Hall and got some canvas to spread over the cement at the base of the flag pole. I then went to the barn to get the block and tackle, which I used last year. Another boy was assigned to help me, so he brought the paint from the paint shop. I then put on a pair of over-alls and a jumper and got a piece of inch rope about two feet long and a boatswain's chair and started for the flagpole. We untied the flagrope and made a loop and put one block in it, we pulled this block to the top of the flagpole. Then we arranged the boatswain's chair on the lower block and I sat in it and took the two foot rope up with me. The boy who was helping me, pulled me to the top of the pole. When I reached there I had to stand up so as to tie the two foot rope around the top. I then lifted the block and tackle in the loop in the two foot rope so I would be safer on a stronger rope. I then went down to the ground and got my paint and was pulled up again. First I was to paint the ball so I took up the Aluminum paint and painted the ball silver. I had the white paint pulled up to me and the Aluminum sent down. I then began to paint the white part on the pole. As I painted I was lowered.

From the time I started it took about three hours to do the length of the flagpole. I finished at eleven-thirty that morning, and then I put away the canvas. The block and tackle and halyard were made fast to a post in the hedge and the pole left to dry. Two days afterward I attempted to take down the block and tackle. When I reached the top I found the paint was not dry. I waited a few more days.

After two days had passed I went up, and before I came down for the last time I took some pictures of the whole island. Then I transferred the block and tackle to the flag-pole and untied the two foot rope and dropped it to the ground. On my way down for the last time I put the finishing touches on the pole. It was left to dry and I took care of the material we had used.

Raymond H. McQuesten

### A Big League Game

On Monday afternoon I heard that the first graders were to be allowed the privilege of attending a baseball game on the following day. I was very happy to hear this for I was a first grader. About noon on Tuesday, the first graders got ready for town. Soon we were all aboard the steamer "Pilgrim" and on our way to Fenway Park, where the game was to be played. When we arrived at City Point Mr. Warren, our band master, was in his automobile waiting for us. A few boys jumped into his car, while the rest of us waited for the street car, there being 21 boys and 3 Instructors, including Mr. Swasey, in the party. When we arrived at the Park, we shook hands with a player by the name of George Sisler, who is first baseman for the St. Louis team. Shortly after, the game started.

For the first and second innings St. Louis could not score but the Boston Red Sox scored about five runs. Then the game began to get exciting. The final score was 11 to 5 in favor of the Boston Red Sox. "Ike" Boone caught the last ball and threw it among the crowd that rushed onto the field after the game. It was an interesting game and we had a fine time. We thank Mr. Warren very much for inviting us to the game.

William H. Thompson

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What is it all about? Is it any more than a round of work and play, with a greater part of the emphasis laid on the work? Is there anything back of it all, and through it all, that influences in any definite way the lives of every boy who comes here? If not, the years that this School has been in existence have all been in vain.

What is it that makes Thompson's Island dear to the hearts of hundreds of men today, that draws them back year after year to the scene of what you may regard as one merely of long hours of hard labor? Is it not, after all that here boys have learned the trade of Being Men, and that it is for their manhood that alumni thank Thompson's Island?

Few boys go through school today with any idea of what their future work may be—It seems to be of slight importance to them, and school and work are merely drudgery that are imposed upon them by the powers that be—But is it not our task to work each day for that manhood that will be ours, no matter what our future employment may be? No task is too trivial, no lesson is too unimportant that it can be slighted. Each day we lay one brick in the foundation of that structure which we must eventually claim as ours, and shall we be proud of that completed structure, or shall we wish that we could begin anew and replace that first foundation that was laid when we were boys at Thompson's Island?

One day at a time is all we can live—Yesterday has gone, tomorrow will never come, but today is ours and we can either build to our advantage with it or lay a brick that will deface the whole structure. Take your task as it comes, give to it the best that is in you of your strength and enthusiasm, live each day to the full, forgetting the success of yesterday and the promise of a bright tomorrow, and build today for the man you will someday become.

## Calendar

Aug. 1 Mowed part of North End, hauled hay and sprayed potatoes.

Weather vane from top of Barn was taken to Lawley's shipyard this morning for new covering of gold leaf.

Class in Forging was begun today.

Aug. 2 Raked hay and finished erection of silo.

Alfred C. Malm, '00, was here for the afternoon, and Edward V. Osberg, '22, and Advanced Course, '24, is here for the week end.

Dancing party in assembly hall this evening. Wallace A. Bacon, ex '19, was here for the dance.

Aug. 3 All Boys and a number of Instructors enjoyed a barge ride about the harbor. The Band played during the trip.

Aug. 4 Classes in bookkeeping were started today.

Glenn R. Furbush, '19, and who graduated from Colby Academy in June, is here for a few days.

Aug. 5 Put concrete in bottom for silo and hauled hay.

Aug. 6 Fourth Friends' Day. Large number of relatives and friends here to visit the Boys.

Aug. 8 Mowed oats by Power House and started repairing cable.

Aug. 9 Hauled hay from North End.

Ball game this afternoon.

Clifton E. Albee, '21, and Advanced Course, '23, is here for the afternoon.

Aug. 10 Concert by Boys' Band this evening.

Aug. 11 Carpenter came this morning to put roof on silo.

Mowed oats at South End and raked oats by Power House.

John W. Bridges, '70, of University Place, Nebraska, is here for the night.

Aug. 12 Cleaned Root Cellar and Old and New Barns.

Aug. 13 Turned hay. Coal barge, with the balance of our winter's supply of fuel, came today.

First Graders' party was held on the Beach during the evening.

Aug. 14 Made concrete steps for Poultry House and graded by silo.

Aug. 16 Finished haying at North End and hauled oats from South End.

Ball game this afternoon.

Arthur Paley, '24, visited the School during the afternoon.

Aug. 18 Blacksmith here today.

Aug. 19 Mowed second crop of hay near Power House.

Twenty Boys had the opportunity of seeing the game at the Fenway field this afternoon.

A number of the Instructors with Mr. Swasey went to East Boston to register this evening.

Aug. 21 Worked on corral and repaired barn door.

Twenty-three boys were taken to Tremont Temple this afternoon to see "Abraham Lincoln." Their admission was a gift to the School.

Aug. 23 Killed ten chickens.

Last baseball game of the season.

S. Leo Whitehead, '23, and Howard Sturtevant, '24, are here for the week end.

Aug. 25 Worked in strawberry bed. Man here to repair telephone.

Aug. 29 Repaired cow stanchions.

Aug. 27 New ensilage cutter and blower came today.

Frederick R. Metcalf, '23, who remained at the School for one year of advanced study, left today and will enter Tilton School in the Fall.

Aug. 28 Moved motor to silo today.

Aug. 29 Cleaned beach.

Kenneth E. Kearns, '22, Advanced Course, '24, is here for several days and

will assist as night watchman until the opening of Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, N. H.

Aug. 30 Arthur G. Dawson, Ex.' 30, left today and will live with his father and mother.

John H. Schippers, '21, Advanced Course, '23, and Paul F. Reid, '24, are here for the week end.

Aug. 31 The boys whose birthdays occurred during the past month, with a number of the Instructors, were given a ride up the Charles river this afternoon.

### August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the 9th.

Minimum Temperature 56° on the 1st and 15th.

Mean Temperature for the month 70°.

Total Precipitation .69 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .51 inches on the 26th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 6 clear days, 15 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Sept. 1, 1924

#### RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 155.77           |
|                             | <u>\$1433.35</u> |

#### LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 420.01        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1013.34          |
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### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

Aug. 4 Report for July shows the number of Boys in School eighty-four. Visitors during the month included Managers C. P. Bowditch, Bacon, Brackett, Weld, S. G. DeBlois, and Perkins.

Aug. 13 The 4th Visiting Day of the season and wet. Managers Brackett, and Weld were present.

Aug. 25 Three gentlemen from the University of Virginia came from the City with me to visit the School. They were Prof. Charles S. Venable, Prof. F. H. Smith, and Judge John L. Codman. They were accompanied by Prof. Gaetano Lanzo and E. L. Zalinski both of the Institute of Technology. I took them to Deer Island in the Lyman.

Aug. 26 Two masons here plastering in the new attic.

Aug. 28 A fine day which we improved by going to Downers Landing to pass the day.

Aug. 29 Self and Boys seeding down fields.

### The Yacht Sialia

Last Sunday afternoon, August 17, a beautiful private yacht anchored near our Wharf. We afterwards found out that it was the Sialia of Detroit, owned by Henry Ford. The interior of the boat is built of mahogany, and she carries a crew of twenty-five men. She was built in Wilmington, Delaware in 1913, and during the War, was used by the government. The father of a boy here named Austin was chief engineer on the Sialia at one time.

According to the newspaper the Sialia left here for Marblehead on Monday, and proceeded to Portsmouth, N. H. From there she will cruise to Bar Harbor,



Maine, while Mr. and Mrs. Ford pay a visit to their son, Edsel Ford. Then they will sail down the St. Lawrence River to Montreal, and thence to Detroit.

While Mr. Ford, Mr. Edison, and Mr. Firestone were on their annual summer vacations, they paid a visit to President Coolidge at his father's home in Plymouth, Vt. President Coolidge gave Mr. Ford a sap bucket which had been in the Coolidge family for one hundred and twenty-five years. President and Mrs. Coolidge and their guests wrote their names on the bottom of the bucket.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison are both going to vote for Coolidge next election day, because they think he is the right man to have for our President.

Christopher McFadyen

### The Great Stone Face

High up on a mountain in New Hampshire there is a curious freak of nature, formed by three separate ledges which jut out from the perpendicular side of the mountain. These ledges are formed in such a way that from below they resemble exactly the profile of a man's face. This is known as, "The Old Man of the Mountain." Hawthorne has written a story called, "The Great Stone Face," about which he weaves a pretty legend. He pictures a little boy named Ernest who grew up near this mountain with its stone face ever within sight. To him the face with its expression of nobility and benevolence represented an ideal. The face and the character it seemed to represent were an ever present factor in his thoughts and life. Finally when Ernest had become an old man, it was seen that he himself had become a likeness of the great stone. By constant contemplation, he had acquired the characteristics which he read hidden in the face-like mass of stone, and

these characteristics in turn showed forth from his own countenance.

For us at the School, ideals may have a very practical value. We are learning how to do things younger, perhaps than many boys, and we are learning to believe in work. Many of us already think we know along what line our work in life will lie. Most of us are ambitious. We wish to make something worthwhile of ourselves. We expect, of course, to live well and work well. Just what characterizes good living we probably have thought little of.

For this very reason that we are starting in to play the game early, lest our efforts be wasted, we should begin early also to develop definitely a high ideal of the kind of work we want to do.

J. Sumner Vining

### Lincoln

One afternoon some boys' names were read to get ready for town. We soon found out that we were going to Tremont Temple to see the picture "Abraham Lincoln." The mother of one of the Boys provided the entertainment for us. The picture was very interesting and showed Lincoln's life from the time of his birth to his death.

Although he was poor, he always found time to do something for someone. He loved children. He would not see an animal in discomfort. One day when wearing his best suit, he got off his horse and pulled a pig out of the mud by the roadside. Afterwards he said he would not have slept soundly if he had not rescued the pig.

We all enjoyed the picture, and thank the people who gave us the opportunity of seeing it.

William N. West

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JAMES H. PARTRIDGE, '55, at the age of 79 has retired. Mr. Partridge took up leather tanning upon leaving the School and for the past thirty-one years has been employed by Winslow Bros. and Smith of Norwood. He also has a son employed by the same Company. Mr. Partridge visited the School a few days ago and appeared in excellent health. His address is 103 Vernon Street, Norwood, Mass.

JOHN W. BRIDGES, '70, was among the visitors during the past month. Mr. Bridges came east from Nebraska via Montreal and down through Vermont, stopping en route to visit the birthplaces of his ancestors. His trip east is for the purpose of accompanying home his daughter who is attending summer school at Columbia University. He was a student at The Farm School for seven years, entering in 1863. His first occupation was that of farmer but for the past thirty-five years he has been engaged in carpentry. His last visit east was in 1885. Mr. Bridges's address is 405 W. 19 University Place, Nebraska,

HAROLD D. MORSE, '12, is engaged in auto painting and is living at 75 Montvale Avenue, Stoneham Mass.

ERNEST V. WYATT, '13, who for the

past eight years has been employed on a tanker of the Standard Oil Company leaving New Jersey, visited the School the first of the month. He has risen to First Mate and has passed the required examinations for Captaincy. Wyatt's address is 26 Broadway, New York City.

THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21, Advanced Course, '23, was a recent visitor. He has successfully completed his Sophomore year at Bridgton High School, Bridgton, Maine, and will return to enter his Junior year in the Fall. His address is Bridgton, Maine, care of Doctor Bennett.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE, '21, Advanced Course, '23, has completed his Junior year at Brewster Academy. He is working as reporter for the Boston Globe in Wolfeboro, N. H. during the summer vacation and will resume his studies at the Academy in the Fall.

WILLIAM H. WARING, '22, stopped briefly at the School en route from camp where he has been in training during the summer vacation. He will resume his studies at Montclair High School in the Fall where he will enter his Junior year. Waring lives with his aunts at 9 Bradford Place, Montclair N. J.

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### A Busy Afternoon

Last Saturday I went down to the farm with some other boys. We reported to the Farm Instructor and he put me to work treading hay in the barn. It was very hot up in the top of the barn. After

the first load had been treaded down well, the Instructor told me to go over behind the Observatory to pick some string beans. At five o'clock I reported to the Instructor that I had finished my work and he sent me up to the house.

Gilbert M. Collins



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### The First Football Game

Saturday, September 13th, was the first game of that popular sport, football. The game was played between Teams A and B. After an exciting game of loosely played ball, Team B, captained by Seymour McFadyen, emerged the victor. As it was the first game of the season, not many tricks were used. Team B had her own way for practically the whole first half, when she scored five touchdowns. The third quarter opened with both teams fighting hard. At one kickoff McFadyen of Team B ran the length of the field for a touchdown, but that was as far as B's scoring got that afternoon. The next quarter started with a rush. In four successive rushes A got the ball over the line for a touchdown. Quickly the goal was kicked and both teams lined up again. Team B got the ball, but lost it on downs. Again Team A hammered their way toward Team B's goal and across the line for a touchdown, and again the goal was kicked. And with great satisfaction to Team B's boys, the final whistle blew for the end of the contest. The final score was Team A, 14, Team B, 42. It was a regular game of give and take. Team A played a punting and passing game, while Team B played a rushing game. The score may not show it, but it was a fine game of football for a season's opening game.

James M. Libby

### Choosing Football Teams

One noon we were asked for nominations for captains for the football teams. The Boys nominated eight captains. Then they voted for the four best of the eight. They turned out to be: Raymond McQuesten, Team A, Seymour McFadyen, Team B, Edward Floyd, C and Stanley Higgins, Team D. Team D was given the choice of first men, C next, etc. We could not finish the choosing in our noon hour, so we finished that evening. The teams appeared well matched when all were chosen. The following Saturday the first scheduled game was played.

Willis B. Drake

### The Baseball Season of 1924

This year our baseball, though not a great success was fairly much so. At the beginning of the season Team D, which had most of the larger boys, won their first three games from the other teams. After Graduation however, six of their nine players left the School. This left Teams B and C the most promising teams, as it proved later.

At the end of the season Team B was in first place having won seven games out of nine, Team C was second, Team D third and A last. This has been a fairly good season and many new boys showed excellent fielding and all around playing. The Boys are now looking forward to the football season which will soon be coming.

Hildreth R. Crosby

### The Gold in the Orchard

Once there was a farmer who had three sons, and they lived out in the country. They owned a small farm and raised olive trees. When harvest time came around, they sold the fruit that the trees bore.

One day, as the farmer was getting old, he called his three sons and told them that there was a pot of gold hidden in the olive orchard. The sons kept asking in what part of the orchard the gold was buried; but he would not tell them.

Soon the farmer died, and his three sons started digging in the orchard for the gold. They despised farm work, but they wished to become rich quickly. They made an agreement that they would start from one end of the orchard and dig to the other end, until one of them should find it. They started digging all around the trees and under the roots, but they did not find the gold. At last, as they had dug up all the orchard and had not found the gold, they gave up hope. They were angry and said their father must have been wandering in his mind.

Finally harvest time came around, and the farmer's orchard bore more fruit than it had for years. The three sons sold the fruit and got a whole pot full of gold. Their work in cultivating the soil in the orchard had been responsible for this, and they now understood their father's words. Thereafter the sons never despised farm work and were industrious for the rest of their lives.

Richard M. Cameron

### Our New Dog

One Saturday afternoon, Mr. Hallowell, one of our Managers, brought a dog to the Island. The dog is a full blooded, wire-haired fox terrier, and his name is Dodger. They let him loose for several

days but he and "Pick," a Chow dog, got into several fights. I was told to fix up a little shelter for him in back of the Poultry House. First I cleaned it out, put in fresh hay, and made a board walk, up to the house. Then I made a wire fence around the front of the house and got a flat board to put his food on, and got him some water. I take care of him at night and after breakfast. I like the dog very much.

Anton Ericsson

### Return of the World Fliers

The Boys were all very interested in the return of the World Fliers. We were disappointed when we heard that they were obliged to stop at Portland, because of the fog. Saturday afternoon, while we were having a game of football we sighted the World Fliers. They were escorted by several other airplanes. The Fliers' planes looked very large flying with the other planes. They circled over Boston several times and then landed. We heard the twenty-one guns fired in greeting, and a great roar came from Boston's whistles and sirens. I was very glad that I had the chance to see the Fliers.

Alonzo G. Day

### A Launch Ride

One Sunday afternoon, August 31, the boys who had birthdays in August were taken on a launch ride up the Charles river.

There were fourteen persons in the launch when it started—8 boys, 5 Instructors and Mr. Swasey. We passed Castle Island and followed the main channel, passing the many wharves and docks and the Charlestown Navy Yard. There were several destroyers and battleships moored there, including the "Florida." We also saw the frigate "Constitution."

After that we had a hard time getting

into the Charles River, as the tide was very high and we had to find our way under several railroad bridges. We finally came to a lock. While in the lock we rose ten feet. When the lock opened we passed into the Charles River.

We saw many interesting sights along the river, including the Technology buildings, the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Esplanade. In the distance we could see the gilded dome of the State House, the Custom House Tower and the steeples of several Boston churches. We passed under several bridges including Harvard bridge, and the Cottage Farm Bridges. Many people were in bathing by the beaches along the river.

We went as far as the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, and then we turned back and started for the Island. We went into the same lock again, the water was lowered about ten feet, and then we passed into the ocean. We appreciated the ride very much, and hope that other boys will be given the same opportunity to take a similar ride later on.

William H. Thompson

### Cranberries

Cranberries grow in low swampy land and are about the size of large marbles. They grow on vines that crawl along the ground. They are picked in the fall. The people who pick them are generally paid according to the amount they pick. They are picked with scoops. These are about a foot wide and about a foot and a half long. They have long teeth just far enough apart so that when they are scooped up they will not fall between the teeth. They then fall back into a sort of a square canvas box at the back of the scoop. The scoop is used something like a plane.

One pushes the scoop and then brings the point up and lifts it. Picking cranber-

ries is good fun. We usually have cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving and we like it very much. Before I came to the Island I used to pick cranberries near my home.

Thomas A. Hall

### Ratting

Every night there are a number of boys who go ratting. We have four groups, two boys in each group. Each has twenty-five traps which they bait with bacon rind and cheese. They are set about the Island. Each group has a certain part of the Island on which to set traps, and they set them in rat trails and holes. The campaign started July 26, 1924 and so far all the groups together have caught 225 rats. A prize is promised the group that gets the most rats.

Burton Dorman

### The Corn Roast

For the past few years it has been the custom at this School to have an annual corn roast on the Beach. This year we had the corn roast on September 12th.

When the bell rang at five o'clock, the Boys assembled on the beach. While the Instructors were arranging the food and the tables, the Boys carried the things down from the kitchen.

About a half hour later everything was ready and we were told what to do. Each monitor was to build a fire place, while the other boys of his table carried wood. After the fires were going well, we all formed a line for the "eats." We were given bacon, "hotdogs" and corn which we roasted over the fire. We also had coffee, pickles, cookies, etc.

About dark the fires were put out and we assembled to go to the house. Three hearty cheers were given for the corn roast and the Instructors. We then went up to the house.

Warren J. Burriss

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There is probably no F. T. S. boy who has not at some time resolved to be a great man who will bring credit to his Alma Mater. But I expect that few of us realize that the path of greatness lies through faithfulness in little things. "He who is careful in doing little things will soon find big things coming to him to be done." Nothing worth doing is too small, no ob-

ligation too slight to demand our faithful attention.

Not long ago, one of our graduates asked his employer for an hour off and the man gave it to him gladly, saying that he could make it up the next week. The boy had his hour and spent it for his own pleasure but he did not offer to pay it back the next week, and, when his employer reminded him of his obligation, he replied that he could take it out of his pay envelope. He was willing to borrow but not to pay. Money could not fill that obligation and the employer never trusted the boy so fully again. Was it carelessness? Was it selfishness? Was it lack of responsibility? Perhaps all three, but the boy paid a high price for his hour in the loss of his employer's confidence. No, before we can do really big things, we must prove that people can rely upon us to fulfill small obligations and take responsibility.

After all, it is the busiest people who find time to do the little things. I know a college president who never fails to spend some time each evening reading and playing with his small daughters. He is not willing to pay someone else to do it; he gives of himself and finds time from all his other duties.

Ruskin says: "It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there."

Let us, then, no matter where we may be, resolve to be faithful in little things.

## F. T. S. Needs

The Farm and Trades School is in urgent need of typewriters for its Advanced Course

Last year the class was small and by dividing it into two groups we were able to get along with the three typewriters on hand. This year the number of boys wishing to remain for our Advanced Course has increased to such an extent that it is impossible for us to teach them typewriting without additional typewriters. Twelve more typewriters are needed if we are to continue this subject in our Advanced Course.

We wish to give our Boys this training. Have you a machine, an old one will do, or do you know of someone who would be willing to donate a typewriter to The Farm and Trades School?

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 Calendar

Sept. 1 Cleaned beach and Old Barn, also worked on motor. John L. Slinger, '17, and William Waring, '22, are here for a few days.

Half holiday, all the Boys went in for a swim during the afternoon.

Sept. 2 Cut corn by Farm House.

Norman T. Howes, '23, is spending a few days of his vacation here.

Sept. 3 Friends' Day, there were one hundred and eighty people here for the afternoon.

Sept. 4 Started to fill silo.

Superintendent and Mrs. Powers of Kurn Hattin Homes, Westminster, Vermont, are guests for over night.

Sept. 6 Played cancelled preliminary games this afternoon.

Roger K. Smith, '23, and Donald W. Ellis, '20, are here for a brief visit.

Sept. 7 All Boys enjoyed the afternoon at North End.

Sept. 8 Took Pilgrim to Lawley's for repairs to engine.

Four teams for football were chosen tonight.

Sept. 9 Ten Boys had the opportunity to see the Red Sox play today.

Sept. 12 Annual corn roast tonight and supper on Beach.

Sept. 13 Pulled beans.

First football game of the season. Team B defeated Team A, 42 to 14.

A seaplane from the training station at Squantum, because of a minor accident, was forced down off the North End of our Island and the Boys had a good opportunity of a near view of the machine.

Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell and sons N. Penrose and Alfred Bowditch Hallowell were guests this afternoon. They brought with them "Dodger" a wire-haired Fox Terrier which is a gift to the School.

Sept. 15 Ten Boys attended the National League game in Boston this afternoon.

Sept. 17 The Launch "Winslow" towed the "Dolphin," President Adams's sailboat, to Lawley's shipyard this afternoon.

Sept. 18 Cement walk was completed today by Gardner Hall.

Sept. 19 Beached the "Winslow" to clean and paint her.

Sept. 20 Repairs were made to float at City Point this morning.

Team D won from Team C this afternoon, 26 to 24.

Sept. 22 Edward V. Osberg, '22, and Advanced Course, '24, returned today from a visit with relatives in Philadelphia and will work for a week with Mr. James H. Graham, '77, preparatory to entering Brewster Academy next week. He visited the School briefly this after-

noon.

Sept. 23 Repaired roof of pig house at the corral.

Sept. 24 Carpenter completed work on silo today.

Sept. 25 Painted silo and front of stock barn.

Sept. 26 Busy filling silo.

Ten boys attended another baseball game in town this afternoon,

Sept 27 Eugene S. Ramsdell, '18, and Edward V. Osberg, '22 and '24, are here for the week end.

Sept 28 The members of the 101st Engineers' Band came over this afternoon, accompanied by their families and friends, to give the Boys a concert.

Sept. 29 Removed the staging from silo.

Manager Walter B. Foster, '78, is here to look over the breakwater which is to undergo repairs.

Sept. 30 Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '99, came over to examine Power House roof this morning.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

Sept. 1 Report day. Number of boys in School, 79. The smallest number in a long time. Self left on 10:33 train for Providence to attend the "New England Fair".

Sept. 10 Weather lovely and warm. A good boat. Managers Perkins, Weld, G. L. DeBlois, Emmons, Nomans and Storer were present.

Sept. 12 Another day to suit anyone. Wrought in garden in A. M. and received visit from Mr. Veasy, teacher of music in the schools of Chelsea, Mr. Hill, Principal of the Chelsea high school, in the afternoon.

Sept. 13 Mr. and Mrs. S. G. DeBlois

came very unexpectedly and greatly to our delight. Mr. DeBlois officiated all day and self went to Point with them after service.

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 89° on the 1st.

Minimum Temperature 47° on the 11th.

Mean Temperature for the month 64°.

Total Precipitation 4.64 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 3 inches on the 10th.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 10 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, 13 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, October 1, 1924

RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
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| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 157.53           |
|                             | <b>\$1435.11</b> |

LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 420.01        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1015.10          |
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Pulling up Our Float

One noon hour our Instructor told us to fall in drill formation and march quickly to the beach. We ran down there double at quick time and found out that we



had to pull our swimming float upon the beach.

We had a hard time keeping it on the rollers but we finally succeeded in getting it on the blocks. Then we went back up to the house and played the rest of our noon hour.

Ralph H. Martis

### A Reading Book

The fourth class teacher selected the titles of six story books and our class voted for the book they liked best to read in school.

The books were: "Bob, Son of Battle," "Penrod," "Call of the Wild," "Men of Iron," "Two Years Before the Mast" and "The Story of a Bad Boy." The majority of the class voted for "Two Years Before the Mast" by Dana. This is a very interesting sea story, telling the experience of a young student at Harvard College (the author himself) who made a two year cruise as a common sailor on a brig named "The Pilgrim."

Paul C. Butts

### Good Books

Among the many other things a boy likes is a good book. There are many ways to determine a boy's character, and one is judging by the books he reads. When a boy is still in the lower grades of grammar school, it is hard to determine what he aims to be. His books may not seem very good to those who are in the higher classes. But as a boy prepares himself for high school his reading matter should also advance.

It has been said: "Be careful of the books you read as of the company you keep, for your character will be as much influenced by the former as by the latter." If a boy reads books which are not wholesome and clean he is apt to also be a companion to those whose characters are in doubt. A book is not only a

book, it is a stepping stone to success; that is, if the books are of the right quality. Many men owe their success to the books they read. Lincoln learned to be patient through the hardest of things, not only by his own will-power, but to a book he had read when a boy. Today books are more easily obtained than they were years ago. But we cannot say that all are of the same clean, wholesome character. We can make it so by reading good books, and the more the public clamors for books of good standing the less we will have of books of poor standing. George D. Russell

### Repairing Telephone Line

One morning when I came to work, I was told that we would go over to South End and repair the telephone line. When we got there we tried to telephone along the line with the phones we had. We soon found the trouble to be a short circuit so we took all the wire down and repaired all the little places where the wire covering had worn off. We put tape on them and in some places we had to do a little soldering. After we had this done we pulled the wires up tight with wire stretchers and tied them onto the poles with little strips of wire. After this was done we tried the line and found it in good condition.

Charles L. Claggett

### A PRINTER'S PRAYER

*Author Unknown*

O great master type-setter, set me straight upon my feet that I may have strength in my body, lock me up in the form of the world that I may fit well with my fellow types to become the good word, plane me down that I be not conceited, preserve my face that I may make a good impression for thee, and when I have served to the utmost, let me at last go into the melting pot in content that I may be recast into a new and better type.—Amen.

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ATLANTIC

T. L. BROWN, '70, was among the visitors on our Fifth Friends' Day, September 3rd. Mr. Brown for the past twenty-five years has been employed as a stationary engineer. His address is 29 Milwood Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

GEORGE BENNETT, '95, is now living at 62 Dundee Street, Suite 3, Boston 17, Massachusetts.

ROBERT H. MAY, '11, whom we have not heard from since he left the Flinstone Farm in Dalton, Massachusetts, in 1913 and went to Connecticut, has written briefly to the School. He did not state what he is doing but his present address is 67 Congress Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

EDMUND S. BEMIS, '13, has moved from Lexington Ave., West Somerville, to 156 Morrisson Avenue, West Somerville. Bemis has been employed for the past ten years as mechanic at the State House in Boston, Mass.

FAY I. BLOOD, '16, we have learned is living at 476 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

OSMOND W. BURSIEL, '20, has resumed his studies at Lyndon Institute, Lyndonville, Vermont. He is in his Junior year and is captain of the school football team.

WALDO E. LIBBY, '22, who left in July 1923 after remaining for a year of our Advanced work, has decided to continue his education and at the opening of school in September entered Keene, New Hampshire, High School. He had been working in Keene during a portion of the past year. According to newspaper reports Libby is starring on the school football team.

EDWARD V. OSBERG, HOWARD E. KEITH, and KENNETH E. KEARNS, all of '22, and of the Advanced Course, '24, have entered as Juniors at Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. HOWARD STURTEVANT, '24, entered as a Freshman and C. E. ALBEE, '21, and Advanced Course, '23, completed his Junior year at Brewster in June and began his Senior work at the opening of the Academy in September.

### Feeding the Pigs

Every morning when I go down to the Farm, the Instructor tells me to feed the pigs. I take one of the horses and hitch him up to the box cart. I then go to the house and get milk, or water if there isn't enough milk. Then I drive over to where the pigs are kept. I feed them five pails of middlings and the rest clear water (or

milk).

We keep a barrel of grain over there. When the barrel is almost empty I take over a bag of middlings and a bag of cornmeal. I then mix the cornmeal and middlings together. Sometimes I take apples and other things for the pigs to eat. I like the work very well.

Raymond H. Fitch



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## Hallowe'en

This year, our annual Hallowe'en party took place in the gymnasium. The Boys began decorating a few days before by bringing corn and pumpkins from the farm and putting corn around the walls and on the stairway. Jack-o-lanterns made from pumpkins were suspended from the beams. These formed the lights.

The refreshment stand was prettily decorated with black and orange paper.

About 8:30 our fun began with the Ghost Walk which was enjoyed by the boys not in costumes. The boys to be dressed in costumes began to change into them about six-thirty. When they were ready, they assembled in chapel. From there they marched over to the gymnasium. Here each were given a ticket for the games and refreshments. When the boys in costumes marched over from chapel they went by pairs and passed the judges who awarded prizes for the best costumes. The boys who were not in costumes were given masks representing dogs, monkeys, pigs, etc. They also were reviewed by the judges. The prizes were given to the boys dressed up as Martha and George Washington. Warren Burriss and Paul Turner were given prizes for the best masks. After this a ghost story was told. One of the Instructors dressed like a ghost stood on a box and told us the story. The lights were all put out except the flashlight that the In-

structor used. As the story ended she gave some shrieks like a ghost.

There were some shadow pictures, which were acted by different characters. These pictures were of a school teacher who did not believe in Ghosts. An Instructor read the story. The teacher was taken by the witch to her place, where she had a cat. A recitation, "Little Orphan Annie," was spoken by Stevens. After that there was a sketch by the "Watermelon Coons" viz Higgins and E. Floyd, which consisted of jokes and songs, harmonica and clapper solos. A sketch was given by Kuphal and Martis, dressed as coons. After this the Boys went about getting in different games by presenting their tickets. There were pumpkin tennis, throwing the dart, ducking for apples, ducking for marshmallows, doughnut and pie races. For refreshments we had pumpkin pie, pickles, doughnuts, apples and cider. We stayed until eleven o'clock. Then we went to bed, tired but happy and thankful for the merry evening.

Raymond Thomas

## Hallowe'en Ghost Walk

This year at Hallowe'en I was dressed as a ghost. Some other boys and I were told to go up to the east loft. We were told we were going to be ghosts.

First we were dressed up in sheets which were wrapped around us and then pinned securely. Several of us had white

masks which helped conceal our identity.

We went down to the west basement and were told where to go. Three of us went across the front lawn and waited for the Boys to come by. They were to file down Back Road, through the Stock Barn cellar, up the Rear Avenue, through the Main Building basement, and into the assembly room. Of course none of the above places were lighted.

Soon we saw the Boys approaching in a long file. We tried our best to imitate ghosts as the line went by towards the Barn. We then ran into the Barn cellar where the Boys were going through. Bags filled with shavings and hung from the ceiling served their purpose as buffers, while a pail filled with water let out a stream through a nail hole in the bottom upon the heads of those going up the stairs on the way out. Ghosts were everywhere.

The Boys filed out of the Barn and up the Rear Avenue, into the west basement, through a roped passage into the east basement, and up into the assembly room.

We all took off our sheets when the line was passed and hurried to the Main Building, for the fun in the gymnasium was yet to come.

George Libby

### A Kind Deed

Last Wednesday night, an old man dressed in ragged clothes came to the Island. He asked us if we would show him the way to Squantum.

The boys told the Supervisor, and then the old man was taken to the boys' reading-room, until Mr. Swasey talked with him.

As it was a cold night, Mr. Swasey decided to let him spend the rest of the night on the Island. He was given a bed to sleep in and food to eat the next morning. He thanked us for the kindness we had shown him, and went his way.

He might have been an escaped prisoner from Deer Island, a tramp or a beggar wandering around the world, but still it was our duty to take him in and give him food and a shelter for the night. As our teacher read to us this morning the words of Christ which were: "In so far as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." This teaches us a lesson to be kind, and by being kind we are trying to be true Christians.

David M. Chapman

### A Game at the Stadium

Saturday, October 25, some of the boys went over to Harvard Stadium to see the Harvard-Dartmouth football game. We started in the morning, so that we might reach the Stadium before the crowds came.

When we arrived Mr. Swasey gave us some usher badges and lunch tickets. He then divided us into groups.

We then went into the Harvard baseball cage where lunch is served. After we had finished our lunch we went to the top of the Stadium, where we were stationed by different seats. When the people came it was our job to show them to their seats. We waited in the colonnades for quite a while before any excitement started. After a while the Dartmouth football squad came out on the field and started kicking the ball around. They practiced kicking and passing for about twenty minutes.

Then the Harvard football squad came out on the field and went through the same kind of practice. They did not practice as long as the Dartmouth team. When the Harvard players started to go off the field the Dartmouth band came on the field and played a few Dartmouth songs. They formed a large H and a D before they took their seats in the stands.

Then Harvard's band came on the field and played a few of their songs.

Later the two teams ran out on the field and went through some signal practice. Just before the game started the umpire tossed up a coin. The Dartmouth captain won the toss, and Harvard kicked off to Dartmouth.

The game was exciting all the way through. Neither team scored during the first period. Dartmouth's attack on the Harvard line in the second period gave them a touchdown. They failed to kick the goal. There was no more scoring the rest of the game. The final score was Dartmouth 6 Harvard 0. After the game all the Dartmouth rooters went out on the field and lined up behind the band. As they marched under the goals they threw their hats over the goal posts. It was a hard job to get through the streets there was such a crowd. We all wish to thank Mr. Tibbetts for giving us this privilege. We appreciate it.

Donald McKenzie

### "Listening In"

One Saturday afternoon I went down to the cottages to "listen in." At about two o'clock W N A C began to broadcast the first game of the World Series. It was between the New York Giants and the Washington Senators. Each were trying for the Championship of the world. The Giants are in the National League and the Senators are in the American League. The game was very interesting, Walter Johnson pitched for the Senators. The game was won by the Giants in the twelfth inning, the score being 4 to 3.

Several boys have radio sets and other boys are building them.

Henry E. Gilchrist

### A Study in Banking

Several days ago Mr. Swasey took three other boys and me to town.

We went into the New England Trust Company to observe banking methods.

Mr. Pierce, one of our Managers, showed us around the bank. Of great interest to me were the vaults where the money is kept. On the big doors there are clocks which tell the time when the doors may be opened when they are once closed. One of the men told us that once the doors were closed they could not be opened till sixteen hours have past. We all appreciate Mr. Pierce's kindness in showing us around. We learned much to practice in our School Bank.

Burton Dorman

### Vacation Week

All the Boys look forward to vacation week at the end of every term. There are many things that we can do. Some are to play football, and go fishing, go out in the rowboats and many other things that we don't have time to do during school days.

Some boys who are building a new cottage planned to make much progress. Several boys are making small boats and are going to sail them. Almost everybody is busy and having a good time.

Alton B. Butler

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

He was noble, great and true  
Who? Abraham Lincoln.  
From a humble birth he grew  
Who? Abraham Lincoln.  
Grew to be our Country's sire  
Strove to raise our nation higher,  
For he knew 'twas God's desire  
Who? Abraham Lincoln.

He was patient, tender too  
Who? Abraham Lincoln.  
Oh the sadness he lived through  
Who? Abraham Lincoln.  
How he fought to free a race  
And a nation's foul disgrace,  
Now he fills a martyr's place  
Who? Abraham Lincoln.

*Written in Le Maus France in 1919 by Joe Lorraine*

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Psychologists tell us that very early in life we become mere walking bundles of habits. When young we perform the ordinary activities of life with difficulty. Walking is an important accomplishment for the two-year-old; by the time the child is four it is comparatively simple; and soon he walks mechanically. We do a

thing with difficulty the first time, but gradually it becomes easier, and finally we can act almost unconsciously. A track is made in the brain cells each time we perform an act, becomes deeper with each repetition, and eventually we follow the track without effort. Fortunately this is true of good as well as bad habits, and habits may be our friends instead of our enemies.

It is well for us to realize that it is difficult but not impossible to break bad habits and form new ones.

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Some of the old habit usually remains when we try to tear it down. It is better to train yourself in some new habit which will be your ally. William James has given the following suggestions to be used in acquiring new habits to replace bad habits: (1) Make a strong and decided beginning in the right direction. (2) Never allow an exception to occur until the new habit is securely rooted in your life. (3) Seize the first possible opportunity to act on every resolution you make. Better not to resolve at all than to resolve without acting. And in the end James suggests that a boy who keeps busy each hour of the day need not worry about the result.

Let us "think on these things."

## Calendar

- Oct. 1 Gathered pumpkins.
- Oct. 2 Joe Lorraine, Y. M. C. A. entertainer, who visits the School annually, was here for the evening and gave the Boys a good program of songs, stories and imitations.
- Oct. 3 Friends' Day, there were about one hundred and forty-five relatives and friends of the Boys here for the afternoon.
- Oct. 4 Team D was victorious this afternoon defeating Team B, 45 to 6.
- S. Leo Whitehead, '23, is here for the afternoon, and Robert J. Giese, '21, came to spend Sunday.
- Oct. 6 Dug potatoes and picked apples and pears.
- Painted boathouse.
- Vacation of one week starts today to mark the end of our Summer term.
- New Grade System put into effect beginning with today.
- Oct. 7 Mr. Harper, Secretary of the Massachusetts Guernsey Breeders' Association, was here to make an inspection of our herd this morning.
- Repaired float at South Boston.
- Oct. 8 West end of Stock Barn is being repainted.
- Oct. 9 Cleaned and tarred south-side float.
- Oct. 11 Changed and re-painted channel marker at South Boston.
- Football game this afternoon, score Team D 19 and Team A 13.
- Oct. 13 Half holiday in celebration of Columbus Day.
- Mr. Britton, the bee man, was here this morning to inspect and prepare our bees for the winter.
- Choose-up game in football this afternoon, Harvard beat Centre, 7 to 6.
- Dancing party in the evening.
- Oct. 14 Earl Ericsson, '23, was here

for the afternoon.

Oct. 15 Mowed millet, hauled two loads of second crop and got in some of the pumpkins.

Oct. 16 Finished picking apples and completed painting Stock Barn.

A swan came today, a gift to the School.

Oct. 17 Friends' Day, last of the season. There were two hundred and twenty-one people here for the afternoon.

William A. Blake, Ex '30, left today to live with his mother.

Oct. 18 Finished gathering pumpkins and squash.

Painted Seed House and Granary.

Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '99, came over this morning to repair roof over the runway to the Barn.

Paul F. Reid, '24, is here for the afternoon, and John and Eric Schippers, both '21, and Advanced Course, '23 were here for the week end.

Oct. 19 Mr. Charles Duncan, '71, and Mrs. Duncan were here for the afternoon.

Oct. 20 Cleaned up the Incinerator and transported the cows that re-acted to the tuberculin test.

Oct. 21 Carted onions to Root Cellar.

The F. T. S. Bankers were given the opportunity this afternoon to be shown about the New England Trust Company, and the officials of the F. T. S. Trading Company, also went to town to place orders for new goods.

Oct. 22 Fertilized piece by Compost Shed and started ploughing. Four new cows were brought over this afternoon.

Oct. 23 Finished digging potatoes.

Oct. 24 Doctor W. B. Bancroft was here for the afternoon.

Began shingling Storage Barn.

A formal reception of new Banking and Trading Company officers was held in drawer room tonight preceding the Fall

opening of the F. T. S. Trading Company.

Oct. 25 Thirty-six boys, acting as ushers, attended the Harvard - Dartmouth game.

Oct. 28 Pulled beets.

Doctor Rowley, president of the M. S. P. C. A., gave an interesting talk to the Boys this evening.

Oct. 30 Gathered turnips today.

Oct. 31 Usual Hallowe'en celebration in the gymnasium tonight preceded by a Ghost Walk. Sixty-three boys were in costume.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

Oct. 6 Carried in monthly report, boys in School, 80.

Oct. 10 A dull day with much rain. Several of our people visited the Mechanics Fair at Faneuil and Quincy halls.

Oct. 22 A lovely day, fine for harvesting. Mr. S. G. DeBlois visited us.

Oct. 23 Dr. Nomons and the Matron of the Children's Hospital visited us.

Oct. 28 The last Visiting Day for this season. The Rose Standish took the Boys and friends all down the harbor as far as the "Graves." We had a delightful sail. Managers Emmons, Brackett, Weld, Storer, Homans and S. G. DeBlois were present.

### October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 70° on the 2nd.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the 23rd.

Mean Temperature for the month 53°.

Total Precipitation .6 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .6 inch on the 8th.

One day with .01 or more inches precipitation, 23 clear days, 2 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, November 1, 1924

#### RESOURCES

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$500.00  |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58    |
| Cash . . . . .              | 294.73    |
|                             | \$1572.31 |

#### LIABILITIES

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$420.01  |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1152.30   |
|                    | \$1572.31 |

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### Columbus Day Game

A few days before Columbus Day, the Boys were asked for nominations for captains for a football game on that afternoon. The captains were, Russell and McQuesten. Russell took the name of Centre for his team and McQuesten chose to represent Harvard.

When the teams began to line up it looked as if Harvard was to be the underdog, but the unforeseen happened and Harvard won by the score of 7 to 6.

Centre won the toss and chose to defend the northern goal. The kickoff was received by Captain McQuesten on his 15 yard line. A fake cross buck with Drake carrying the ball brought Harvard her scoring position on the 20 yard line, an off tackle run brought 5 yards. An end run by the Harvard quarterback netted the first score, captain McQuesten booted the goal.

As the game progressed Centre worked herself into a fine scoring position but a fumble resulted and the ball changed hands, Holman of Harvard recovered the ball.

One center rush resulted in a 12 yard



gain by Harvard's fullback.

In the last quarter, Harvard's quarterback intercepted a forward pass but was downed by the plucky Centre quarter 20 yards from the goal line, which put Harvard out of the danger zone as the periods changed.

In the second period brilliant end runs by Russell, Centre's quarterback and Winmill, fullback, gave Centre the score. Winmill carried the ball over. The only thing to mar the game was a temporary injury to Russell. He put up a good game in spite of it.

The men who starred for Centre were Russell, Winmill, Floyd and Young and for Harvard McQuesten, Drake, Blackwell, and Thomas did brilliant work. In fact everybody on both teams played an excellent game.

The score was 7 to 6 in favor of Harvard. The line up.

| HARVARD         |          | CENTRE           |
|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| Thomas          | L. E.    | Brain            |
| Wasson          | L. T.    | McKenzie         |
| Vining          | L. G.    | Johnson          |
| Hobson          | C.       | A. Turner        |
| Holman          | R. G.    | Priest           |
| M. Hall         | R. T.    | Crosby           |
| G. Libby        | R. E.    | E. Floyd         |
| S. McFadyen     | Q. B.    | Capt. Russell    |
| Capt. McQuesten | L. H. B. | Higgins          |
| Drake           | R. H. B. | P. Young         |
| Blackwell       | F. B.    | Winmill          |
|                 |          | Seymour McFadyen |

### Making Signs for Hallowe'en

One afternoon, while I was helping decorate the gymnasium for Hallowe'en an Instructor asked me if I could draw. I told him, "fairly well." He then asked me to make some signs for the games the Boys would play. McQuesten, made the hardest sign of all. The others were left for me to do the best I could with them.

The first one I made was for "Pumpkin Tennis," with a large pumpkin on one side and a tennis racket with balls on

the other. The second was for the "Dart Game," I printed the words, "Try Your Skill at the Dart Game," on one side I colored a target, on the other I made some darts flying through the air. The third and the last of those which I made was for the "Bing-Em-In" with designs about them. They were all made with artists' chalk and looked very attractive. I like to make signs very much and hope to make some more.

Carl H. Kuphal

### Pie Contest

One of the best stunts of our Hallowe'en party was the pie contest. There were twenty boys who entered. The pies were small pumpkin pies, a great treat to us. We were told to lie down on the floor with our hands behind our backs.

Then a pie was placed in front of each boy. There were two prizes awarded. The idea was to see who could eat his pie first without touching the plate. Although I did not finish first or second. I enjoyed the pie very much.

Ralph M. Cheney

### The Season's Last Friends' Day

The last Friends' Day was October 17th. The boat came at 2:15 and left at 4:30 P. M. Followed by our friends the Band and Boys marched up to the front lawn. After the Band had played several selections the Crosby baseball cups and shield were awarded. The Grew and McKenzie garden prizes were given out. After the Band played another selection we had the rest of the time with our friends. Some of the small boys played a game of football for the benefit of our friends. We all made the most of our last Friends' Day.

Robert J. Dunshee

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Walpole

SHERMAN G. BRASHER, '77, has moved from 2 Ramsey Street, and is living at 12 Rill Street, Dorchester 25, Mass.

OVE W. CLEMENSON, '94, the last we heard was Chief Engineer of the S. S. Corozal, N. Y. & P. R. S. S. Co., and his address was 25 Broadway, New York City. Clemenson, it will be remembered, was one of the two boys who survived the accident of 1892 when eight of our boys with our sloyd instructor were drowned as the result of the capsizing of a sailboat. Clemenson is now the only living survivor of that accident.

GLENN R. FURBUSH, '19, was the victim of an automobile accident October 9th when a heavy truck which he was driving skidded and overturned down an embankment off Lafayette Street in Salem, Mass. He was taken to the Salem Hospital but was found to be suffering only from minor cuts and bruises. Furbush graduated in June from Colby Academy and is working this year as salesman for Cobb, Bates and Yerxa, preparatory for college. He is living with a sister at 27 Hawthorne Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

ROLLIN A. FURBUSH, '19, and a graduate of Colby Academy, '23, entered Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, in September. Furbush started in at Dartmouth last fall but found it neces-

sary to leave college and go to work. During the past year he has been salesman for S. S. Pierce and Co.

LUKE W. B. HALFYARD, '21, has secured his first class fireman's license and is employed in that capacity at the Y. M. C. A. on Huntington Avenue in Boston. His address is 61 Audubon Road, Boston, Massachusetts.

ROBERT J. GIESE, '21, has returned from Nova Scotia where he has been employed as electrician by the N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company during the past year. At present he is working for the United States Rubber Company on Summer Street and is living with his uncle at 80 Oakwood Avenue, East Lynn, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM E. ERICSSON, '23, who is following up cabinet making, was a recent visitor. He had just returned from a motor trip to Canada and was enroute to West Cheshire, Connecticut, where he has employment.

PAUL F. REID, '24, is taking up woodworking at night school in Roslindale and working during the day in the Forest Hills Laundry. He is living with his mother at 63 Archdale Road, Roslindale, Massachusetts.

### Chapel Boy

Every afternoon after I am dismissed from school I have regular work to do which is in the assembly hall. This is the largest room in the building where we meet for such purposes as moving pictures, trials, grade readings and church services.

The first things that I do are, to sweep the floor and dust. Then I arrange the benches which are in sections A, B, and C. After this is finished I do other tasks such as washing windows, watering the plants etc. I like my regular work very much.

William L. Young

## Christmas Greetings



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### Thanksgiving

This year Thanksgiving came on Thursday Nov. 27. It is a day to which we look forward eagerly. The morning was very enjoyable. The weather was just right for the day. At 5:45 the Boys were awakened by the bugle, dressed and went down to the washroom. At 6:30 we formed in line and went into breakfast. When we returned to the Assembly Room we were given work to do. Some boys worked in the laundry, steamer, shop, kitchen, etc. At 9:00 o'clock the bell rang as a signal to stop work and we were dismissed for the day. At 9:30 the smaller boys who were to play in the Dartmouth vs. Yale football game changed into football togs and went on to the field.

The game was a very exciting one while it lasted. At the end of the game Dartmouth was the victor with the score 19 to 13. When this game was finished the boys who played changed into their everyday clothes and washed up for dinner.

We lined up at 11:45 and passed into the dining room. The dining room was prettily decorated with orange and green crepe paper. Before Grace, the Mayor of Cottage Row read the proclamation which he had written. At each place on the tables was a little booklet menu. On the front of each one was the picture of two turkeys. The menu was as follows:

### Celery

|                            |                  |         |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Roast Turkey with Dressing |                  |         |
| Sweet Potatoes             | Squash           |         |
| Cranberry Sauce            |                  |         |
| Oranges                    | Apples           | Bananas |
|                            | Pumpkin Pie      |         |
|                            | Nuts and Raisins |         |

Mr. Swasey was in the dining room and told each monitor how to carve the turkeys. All the Boys enjoyed their dinner. There was a turkey for every six boys and the fixings to go with each. When the Boys had finished their dinner they passed out into the assembly room. The boys who were going to play in the afternoon football game were told to go and change into their togs.

This game started about 2:30 and was a great game all the way through. When the whistle blew it was found that Harvard had won by the score of 26 to 13.

When we lined up for supper most of the boys who had played football were all hungry again. When supper was finished we used our night hour as we wished. When the bell rang the Boys came in and washed up for the dance that was to be held in the assembly hall that evening. When the dance was over and we had passed to the dormitory we were all glad to climb into our beds and call it a very successful and happy day.

Hildreth R. Crosby

### Our Thanks

In accordance with our custom each boy at Thanksgiving time writes his particular reason for being thankful. The articles are varied in thought and are selected with the idea of having each class represented:—

#### First Class

Each year as Thanksgiving comes around we Boys have a chance to express our thanks for the many things that have been done for us, and go on day after day. I am grateful for the help and the guidance that Mr. and Mrs. Swasey and the Instructors have given me during the past year. I am thankful that we have a minister who tells us of our loving Father above and of His Son who died that we might be forgiven. I wish to express my thankfulness to Him who has guided our nation through another year. Also I am thankful for the sports that we have that help us to be better men. Last but not least I am grateful for the many schools we have in which we may study and learn of the larger things of the world.

George D. Russell

I am thankful that I have a mother and a sister at home who are always doing things for me. I am thankful that I have two brothers here at the School with me. I am thankful for the School, Instructors, Superintendent and Managers, who make things pleasant for me here. I am also thankful that I can take part in the School's activities.

Edward L. Floyd

I am very thankful that I have a good home in which to live and a good aunt and uncle to look after me. I am also thankful that I am in a good School where I can get a good education to give me a good start in life. I am thankful for the Bible that we may learn more about God.

I am thankful that the United States is a peace-loving nation, and that we have a great President who attends to the affairs of the nation.

Clarence E. Stevens

When starting to write on the things for which we are thankful, we seem to naturally turn toward the biggest things to express our gratitude. After a moment's thought however, we find that the big things we are writing our thankfulness about are made up of numerous little things. We are thankful for our friends at home. Yet it is the little things they always have done for us that make us feel so grateful. We are thankful for health, warmth, food, shelter, and numerous other things which fill our lives day by day. Thinking again, we find that these little every day necessities turn us with grateful thanks to our School.

Ivers E. Winmill

#### Second Class

I am thankful for a mother and father to care for me, and a good school to go to. I am thankful for the Instructors that teach other boys and me to do right. I am thankful for my health and that I live in a clean place and have fresh air. I am thankful that I can go to the sloyd room and learn to make different models.

Herbert E. Gove

I, as one of the Boys of The Farm and Trades School, am thankful for my friends, my health and for my being allowed to go to a School with so many advantages.

Charles L. Wheeler

I am thankful that I have a good mother, brothers and sisters. I am thankful that I had a chance to come to this School. I am thankful that we have good Instructors to teach us what is right and what is wrong.

Robert F. VanMeter

## Third Class

After the passing of this short eventful year I have many things for which to be thankful. I am thankful mostly for the good God that has taken care of my mother, brothers and sister and all my friends. I am thankful because I am in a good School, where I am under patient, helping Instructors and a Superintendent who are helping me.

Howard S. Costello

I am thankful that I have a father and mother. I am thankful that I am on this Island and have so many opportunities for an education. I am thankful that we have a day set apart for Thanksgiving.

John W. Baxter

I am thankful for a good mother, sister, and brother. I am very thankful for the chance to study music. I am glad I live in a free country. I am thankful for the excellent opportunities offered at this School, so when I am ready to leave I will be prepared to do some kind of work.

Albert H. Gardner

I am thankful that I have a good mother and father. I am thankful for the good education I receive at this School. I am thankful for my good health and the good fresh air on this Island. I am thankful for the good teachers and Instructors at this School.

James A. Brain

## Fourth Class

I am thankful that I am at The Farm and Trades School, and that I can get a good education. I am thankful that I have a grandmother who helped me before I came here. I am thankful that the Instructors are teaching and helping me to become a better boy, so that I may later go out into the world and be able to succeed in the tasks and problems, which will confront me from day to day. Otto Kohl

I am thankful for the privilege of attending this School, for the opportunities it offers, and the help it gives. I am thankful for my friends and relatives. I am also thankful for the kind Instructors, who who are always willing to help a boy.

Ross S. Lloyd

I am thankful for the help this School has given me. I am thankful for the Superintendent and Instructors who help me with my work. I am thankful for my friend Mr. Warren, who is helping me in the Band, also for my mother, step-father, sister, brother and other relatives. I am thankful for the games and sports in which I can take part.

William R. Reeve

I am thankful for my mother and father, all my relatives and friends. I am thankful for the good School that I attend, and the Instructors that help me to do right. I am thankful for the food that I have to eat and the bed that I have to sleep in. I am thankful for all I have.

Walter Parker

## Fifth Class

I am thankful that I have a mother and two good sisters who are very good to me. I am thankful for all my friends and relatives. I am thankful that we have a day set aside for Thanksgiving. I am thankful that we have a true God and know how to worship Him.

Raymond E. Regan

I am thankful for the School and its Managers, Superintendent, and Instructors who help us to do what is right. I am thankful for the training that I get here as the School. Not every boy has the training that we receive. We are thankful for health and our outdoor sports. We are thankful for a God to guide us in our work and play. I am thankful for a minister who helps us to know God better.

William R. Warnock

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### Cottage Row Government

BY HIS HONOR

WILLIAM M. HALL

Mayor

### A PROCLAMATION

For a day of

### THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

It is fitting that we observe an annual day of Thanksgiving and praise, thus

following the honored custom of the Commonwealth.

Accordingly Cottage Row Government with this in mind and in keeping with the tradition of our forefathers, sets apart such a day of gratitude, and thanks to God.

We are mindful of our numerous blessings, which we enjoy constantly. It is well that we pause to consider them.

We are thankful for health, friends and our wholesome surroundings. We are thankful for the knowledge and training we receive each day.

We are grateful to those who carry the burdens of the School. We take special pride in the peace, prosperity and inspiration of our great country.

As our forefathers returned thanks to God on the shores of Massachusetts, we shall do likewise.

Therefore, I, William M. Hall, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to the Almighty for the blessings He bestows on us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and one hundred and tenth year of our School, and thirty-sixth year of Cottage Row.

WILLIAM M. HALL

By His Honor the Mayor of Cottage Row.

Edward L. Floyd, *Clerk*

God Save the Government of Cottage Row

### Note of Thanks

As the result of our article published in the last Beacon asking for typewriters, we have received two machines of the ten needed for our course. We wish to extend our thanks to Doctor Cutler and Mr. Cunard who helped us in this way.

### Calendar

Nov. 1 Team C defeated Team D this afternoon 25 to 13.

Alfred W. Jacobs, '10, and Mrs. Jacobs are here for the afternoon. Alexander McKenzie, '22, and Advanced Course '24, Private Barton N. Slade, '22, and George L. Langill, '24, have come to visit over the week end.

Nov. 4 Election Day. Many of the Instructors went to East Boston to vote.

Work on repairing the breakwater and wharf was begun today. Two new registered cows were added to our herd this afternoon.

Nov. 5 Mr. Charles Duncan, '71, was here to tune the pianos this afternoon.

A bass drum and other musical equipment were received this afternoon, a gift through the efforts of Manager Evans.

Finished bringing in root crops. The last brings the cabbages to about 600 head and the parsnips about 22 bushels.

Nov. 6 Manager W. B. Foster, '78, came over to review the work on the breakwater this morning.

Nov. 7 Started plowing fields above Pine Grove.

Nov. 8 Nineteen boys acted as ushers at the Harvard-Princeton game this afternoon.

Nov. 10 The annual exterior inspection of the boilers in the steamer Pilgrim

and at the Power House took place this morning.

Nov. 11 Mr. Bridgman, clerk of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, gave the Boys an instructive talk this evening on the procedure of a bill in becoming a law.

Classes in Agriculture were resumed today.

Nov. 13 The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at Young's Hotel this evening. Officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

George Owen with two Harvard students entertained the Boys this evening and Owen showed slides of the Harvard-Yale game in which he took part.

William Marcus, '20, here for the afternoon.

Nov. 15 A double header this afternoon, Team D won from Team B, 34 to 12 and Team C defeated Team A with a score of 34 to 13.

Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, and Mrs. Malm are visitors for the afternoon. Mr. Merton P. Ellis, '98, and Mrs. Ellis, Robert J. Giese, '21 and Advanced Course '23, and Paul F. Reid, '24, are guests for the week end.

Nov. 16 Mr. Alfred Jacobs, '10, and Mrs. Jacobs and son came this morning to spend the day.

Nov. 17 Miss Crosby, a reporter on the Boston Herald spent the afternoon here.

Several hens and a rooster were selected today as possible exhibits at the Boston Poultry Show which takes place late in December and January.

Nov. 18 Blacksmith came over today.

Nov. 19 Repairing of the breakwater and wharf was completed today.

Nov. 20 Ten boys, officials of Cottage Row, with Mr. Swasey and an Instructor attended a session of Municipal and Sup-

erior courts in Boston this morning.

The scow, John Alden, was beached for the winter today.

Nov. 21 The steamer "Pilgrim" was beached for cleaning and re-painting.

Nov. 22 A one sided game this afternoon, Team D won from Team A. The new clipping machine has been set up and clipping the cows is under way.

Waldo E. Libby, '22, visited the School briefly this morning. Glenn R. Furbush, '19, came over tonight to spend Sunday.

Nov. 24 The launch "Winslow" was beached for the winter and her engine removed to the shop.

Twenty-four turkeys were received tonight a gift from Manager Leverett Saltonstall for our Thanksgiving dinner.

Nov. 26 Harvard and Yale teams with their cheer leaders met tonight, in preparation for the game tomorrow, Thanksgiving day afternoon.

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day. Football game in the morning among the younger boys, Dartmouth 19, Yale 13. The older boys played in the afternoon, Harvard won from Yale 26 to 13. Fine games, well worth seeing. Festivities ended with dancing party in the evening. Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '99, and family were guests for the day. Kenneth E. Kearns Advanced Course '24, and Clifton E. Albee, Advanced Course '23, were here for the evening.

Nov. 28 Started re-laying floor near watering trough in New Barn.

Nov. 29 Manager Evans, '64, came this afternoon to spend the week end.

Mr. Arthur Beane a former Instructor with Mrs. Beane and two daughters visited the School today.

Last scheduled game was played this afternoon. Most exciting game of the season, no score, between B and C.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

Nov. 1 Doctor B. C. Codman and wife came over. The Doctor officiated all day.

Nov. 3 Number of boys in school, eighty-seven. Admitted during the past month, seven. Discharged, none.

Nov. 12 The tug "Curler" with the lighter "Aid" came with our winter supplies. Managers Emmons and Bacon came with them

Nov. 13 A cold, windy, disagreeable day.

Nov. 20 Went to the city to get various articles for the house. The steamer "Protector," the new Police boat, towed us up.

Nov. 26 A pleasant day and a large company present. Twenty-two graduates dined with us and twenty-eight visited us during the day.

The most notable event of the month was the observance of Thanksgiving. The day and evening were full of enjoyment.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, December 1, 1924

### RESOURCES

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$500.00  |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58    |
| Cash . . . . .              | 122.59    |
|                             | \$1400.17 |

### LIABILITIES

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$421.01  |
| Deposits . . . . . | 979.16    |
|                    | \$1400.17 |

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## November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 64° on the 24th.

Minimum Temperature 18° on the 17th.

Mean Temperature for the month 42°.

Total Precipitation 2.62 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.5 inches on the 23rd.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 2 partly cloudy, 15 cloudy.

## Our Thanks

(Continued from Page 3)

I am thankful that I have a mother, a brother and some sisters. I am also thankful that my mother put me in a good School with a good Superintendent and a lot of good Boys around me. I am thankful that I have a good teacher so that I may learn to be a good spirited and kind-hearted boy.

John Paley

I am thankful that I have got a good mother and good sisters, brothers and friends. I am thankful that I was put in this School so as to receive an education. I am also thankful that we have a good Superintendent and good Instructors. I am also thankful that we live in a tree country where every man has the same chance.

William H. VanMeter

## Sixth Class

I am thankful for this School. I am thankful for a shelter, friends, and a minister to teach us the word of God. I am also thankful for good Instructors, and a good teacher so that I have an education. I am thankful for a God who shows us how to do the right thing. I am thankful for life and health and all we have.

James H. Goulding

I am thankful that we have a God who cares for us all. I am thankful that I am at a good school where the Superintendent and Instructors may teach me the right way to live. I am thankful that my family will not have to worry about me, and that I am happy.

William E. Thompson

I am thankful for the education I am getting. I am thankful for the fine schools we have throughout the civilized world. I am thankful that my people do not have to worry about me. I am thankful that we have Instructors to teach us, and see that we do only the things that are right.

Charles R. Carr

## A Pleasant Evening

Thursday, November 13, the Boys had a great surprise. George Owen, formerly of Harvard, and Mr. Harris and his brother furnished the Boys a fine entertainment. George Owen, Harvard's football star a few years ago, gave us a short talk on football. He also gave us a number of useful hints about the game and then showed us some slides of the Harvard-Yale game two years ago. Some of the pictures he showed us were about the 53 yards he made against Yale. While he was showing us the pictures, he was telling us the correct way to do different things in football. I am sure the Boys learned a number of new things. Mr. Harris and his brother played some very good selections on the saxophone and piano. After this we had a dance.

As a majority of the Boys did not know about it before hand, it was a surprise and gave us a very pleasant evening.

James M. Libby

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The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held November 12th at Young's Hotel, Boston. Membership of the Association is now 249. Loss by death during the year, George L. Bell, 1892. Frederick R. Bunten, 1873 and William S. Clarke, 1873. Alumni Fund total reported as \$7748.00, contribution for this year being \$440.00. Following were elected officers for the ensuing year, President, Will Frank Davis, '79; Vice-President, Elwin C. Bemis, '16; Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97; Treasurer, Augustus N. Doe, '72; Historian, Geoffrey E. Plunkett, '14.

The President appointed the following committees to serve one year.

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### ATTENDANCE

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Bemis, Elwin C. '16       | Marcus, William T. '20    |
| Buchan, Chester W. '21    | McKenzie, Alexander '22   |
| Buchan, George '97        | Moore, Edward A. '79      |
| Clark, Robert L. '19      | Moss, Norman '20          |
| Davison, Alexander Y. '23 | Noble, Herbert E. '23     |
| Davis, Will Frank '79     | Norwood, Walter D. '05    |
| Edwards, Harold W. '10    | Plunkett, Geoffrey E. '14 |
| Ellis, Merton P. '97      | Smith, Roger K. '23       |
| Graham, James H. '79      | Washburn, Frank L. '83    |
| Lochrie, Howard F. '16    | West, Elbert L. '97       |
| Long, David E. '22        | Whitehead, S. Leo '23     |

The Entertainment Committee announce that the Nineteenth Annual Dinner will be held at the Hotel Bellevue, 21 Beacon Street, Boston, Wednesday evening, January 14th 1925, at 6 p. m. Dress informal. Tickets \$2.50.

Please help your committee to make this the best ever by interesting every graduate you meet, also by returning card not later than the date set for same. Tickets may be obtained from the following committee. Elwin C. Bemis, P. O. Box 1486, Boston 2, Mass. Howard B. Ellis, 434 Broadway, South Boston 27, Mass; James H. Graham, 89 State Street, Boston 9, Mass; Howard F. Lochrie, 427 Commercial Street, Boston 16, Mass; David E. Long, 250 Warren Street, Roxbury 19, Mass.

EDWARD CAPAUL, '05. Edward is doing a thriving business as Proprietor of the Swiss Fancy Laundry at 4 Glenwood Place, Roxbury, specializing in curtains and laces. He is married and has one daughter, Myrtle. In response to the appeal of the Association funds he sent in a generous contribution. Others please copy.

ERNEST W. AUSTIN, '00. For the past twelve years Ernest has been located in Columbus, Ohio. Has charge of the draughting room of Snyder, Babbitt & Mathews, Architects, 16 East Broad Street, Columbus, employing fourteen men. He is married and has a daughter Vivian aged

13 and a son Ernest C. aged 11. On a recent trip East he found time to call on his brother-in-laws Charles W. Jorgensen '02, and Ernest N. Jorgensen, '08.

THOMAS MILNE, '12. Tom is happily located in charge of St. Mary's Farm, Osterville, Mass., on the Cape. The farm consists of fifty-five acres and in addition he looks out for St. Mary's Island consisting of a large estate about 200 feet off from shore connected by a railway. Tom is married and has two children, Thomas E. age 2½ and Chalmers W. age one year. Is a member of Mariners Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Cotuit and Quinobequin Lodge I. O. O. F. of Jamaica Plain.



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### Christmas Day

On Christmas morning everyone was anxious for the bugle to blow at quarter of six. As Santa had come and filled our stockings that night we were all awake and having a good time eating what he had put in them.

After the bugle had blown we went downstairs to get ready for breakfast. After breakfast, which was at half past six, the boys who were in the first grade were dismissed for play while the other grades worked until nine.

A little after nine, the Boys went down to the Wharf to escort Dr. Bancroft, a friend and doctor of the School up to the Main Building. At ten o'clock we went to chapel to receive our presents. As we were waiting, we heard Mr. Santa Claus approaching. He had on heavy boots and made quite a noise. After the presents were given out we gave three cheers for Mr. Santa Claus, Mr. and Mrs. Swasey and Dr. Bancroft. We then went down and had a dinner of roast pork, gravy, squash, nuts, raisins, etc. After dinner we did as we pleased until three o'clock. We then went to chapel where an entertainment was given by Mr. Springer and his partner Mr. Cheney. Mr. Springer did magic tricks while Mr. Cheney played selections on the piano. After the entertainment each boy received a half pound box of chocolates which are given each year by the Alumni Association. We

then filed downstairs and played until half past five when we had supper. At half past seven we went to bed tired but happy and all thankful that we had such a good time.

Thomas A. Hall

### Christmas Concert

On the Sunday evening before Christmas our annual Christmas Concert was held. For several weeks preparations had been under way.

The Chapel's decorations fitted very well with the occasion. On a stage in the front of the room was fashioned the inside of a living-room. Around an open fireplace, from which hung several stockings, chairs were placed. In the corner rested a writing desk. A small reading table stood in the center of the room. The wall facing the people was of course left open. On either side were arranged a number of lighted Christmas trees. The main part of the room, occupied by the Boys and Instructors, was in darkness, giving full light to the stage scene. The window and overhead decorations, could just be seen in the semi-darkness. The Choir sat at the front of the room near the stage, clad in vestments.

The program went very nicely. The practice of several weeks on music and pieces showed to an excellent advantage in the concert. The speaking was interesting and very good. There was included

two brass quartettes. Altogether the program was excellent. We all enjoyed it immensely and felt the work of preparation well repaid. The program follows:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Song               | Merry Christmas   |
|                    | <i>Choir</i>  |
| Prayer             |   |
|                    | <i>Mr. Batstone</i>   |
| Responsive Reading |   |
|                    | <i>James Braun, Leader</i>  |
| Song               | Starry the Skies  |
|                    | <i>Choir</i>  |
| Recitation         | Christmas Greeting  |
|                    | <i>Charles Wheeler</i>  |
| Recitation         | Merric Christmas  |
|                    | <i>Burton Dorman</i>  |
| Trio               | We Three Kings of the Orient  |
|                    | <i>John Arkerson</i> <i>Marshall Hall</i><br><i>Albert Gardner</i>                      |
| Recitation         | Good King Wenceslas   |
|                    | <i>Alton Butler</i>   |
| Song               | Glory to God  |
|                    | <i>Choir</i>  |
| Recitation         | The Children's Friend   |
|                    | <i>Roger Carr</i>   |
| Recitation         | Christmas Songs   |
|                    | <i>Albert Cheney</i>  |
| Brass Quartet      | Holy Spirit   |
|                    | <i>Ivers Winmill</i> <i>Marshall Hall</i><br><i>Albert Gardner</i> <i>William Reeve</i> |
| Song               | Welcome the Wonderful Morn  |
|                    | <i>Choir</i>  |
| Exercise           | The Flag at Christmas   |
|                    | <i>Nine Boys</i>  |
| Solo               | No Candle Was There and No Fire   |
|                    | <i>William Reeve</i>  |
| Recitation         | Bethlehem's Watchtower  |
|                    | <i>Frederick Austin</i>   |
| Recitation         | A Christmas Problem   |
|                    | <i>James Libby</i>  |
| Song               | Long Ago  |
|                    | <i>Choir</i>  |
| Brass Quartet      | Holy Night  |
|                    | <i>Ivers Winmill</i> <i>Marshall Hall</i><br><i>Albert Gardner</i> <i>William Reeve</i> |
| Recitation         | The Ideal Christmas   |
|                    | <i>Clarence Stevens</i>   |
| Recitation         | The Night Before Christmas  |
|                    | <i>Thomas Hall</i>  |

Solo      The Hush of Night Hath Fallen  
*Ivers Winmill*

Song      Starlight and Song  
*Choir*

Ivers E. Winmill

### Christmas Eve

At midnight on the night before Christmas, the Boys were all wide awake so as to get "Merry Christmas" on the Instructors first.

About one minute before twelve the Instructors dashed madly up the tower stairs and into the East Dormitory. There was surely a loud noise that night. All of the Boys were shouting "Merry Christmas" at the top of their voices.

Afterward all the Boys quieted down and in the early hours of the morning "Santa Claus" came and filled the Boys' stockings. In my stocking I found an orange a big bag of popcorn and peanuts, and a pack of dominoes.

When Reveille sounded all the Boys dressed quickly, for we were happy because it was Christmas Day

Charles L. Keller

### Decorating the Dining Room

A few days before Christmas, the dining room Instructor told us to hurry with our work. When we finished, she brought some Christmas decorations in. We started decorating the dining room. Large red bells were hung from the curtain cords and from the lights. Fancy cut paper around the light bulbs, and a sign labeled "Merry Xmas" was put up over the clock. Holly was put over all the windows and red and green streamers were wound around the posts and were also hung from the window frames. The dining room was very prettily decorated when we finished.

Cecil A. Morse

### A Good Friend

It is the custom for Dr. Bancroft to come over every Christmas morning to enjoy the Christmas tree and entertainment with the Boys and the Instructors. About 9:30 a.m. the Band boys put on old army cloaks and got their instruments. They marched down to the Wharf to welcome Dr. Bancroft on his arrival, while the rest of the boys went with an Instructor down the Back Road. He posted boys along the bushes, and around the Barn and Silo, so as to get "Merry Xmas" on the Doctor. The rest went into the Barn to get the carriage to bring our guest and Mr. and Mrs. Swasey up to the house. There was a rope tied to the shafts so the Boys could pull the carriage instead of the horse. As the Band and carriage passed the Barn, and Back Road, the boys would jump out from their hiding places and shout "Merry Xmas."

We all look forward to seeing our guest on Christmas morning.

William J. Long

### Christmas Carols

Christmas eve, when the Boys formed in line to go to bed, the Supervisor told the boys who were going to sing carols, to report in Chapel. We then went to the drawer room to get our blue army coats. From there we went to the corner of the gardens and sang one of our carols. Then we went into the court and around the building singing carols.

After each carol we stopped to pick up the money that the Instructors threw out the windows. When we were through singing Mr. Swasey invited us up to the apartments. Here we listened to the radio and counted the money we had received. We were served hot chocolate and cookies. When we were done counting the money we had thirteen dollars. Five dollars of this we sent over town

to some family for Christmas. We enjoyed the evening very much. We all thank Mr. and Mrs. Swasey for their kindness.

Albert Cheney

### Making A Christmas Present

About four weeks ago I started to make a tray for my grandmother for Christmas. I soaked some reeds and then started to weave it. Then I took a piece of cretonne and cut it the right size for the bottom. I took that and glued it to the tray and put some glass on it. Then I wove some more and when I had schellaced it I made a box for it and sent it home. It took me about a week to make the tray.

My grandmother liked the tray very much.

Raymond B. Chamberlain

### Recording Packages

Every year the Office Boys record the Christmas packages so that the Boys will know to whom to write their thankful cards. When the Steamer returns from a trip she usually brings many packages around Xmas time. It was quite a task after breakfast Xmas morning to record so many. Five or six boys took the packages in Chapel to be put around the tree. Everbody had a Merry Xmas with their packages.

Burton Dorman

### Christmas Calendars

One day our Supervisor asked for the names of the boys who could not make anything to send home Christmas. He told them to change into uniform and he took their pictures. About a week later the boys bought calendars from the Trading Company and gave them to him. He put a picture in them and the boys sent them home. We appreciated the picture very much.

George A. Taylor

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day. Our hearts are filled with a deep feeling of peace; we long to do for others and find our greatest happiness in giving—no matter how small—something which shall express the love in our hearts. And as Christ lived the love-life each day, doing for others always with no thought of himself, giving even to the end, so let us keep in our hearts each day of the year the Christmas love and feel the spirit of "peace, good will toward men,"

"Because a lonely star  
Above a town stood still,  
Because some angels sang  
Upon a lonely hill,  
Because a little Christ  
Came down to be our King,  
O Father, take today  
The Christmas love we bring."

## Calendar

Dec. 1 Wire netting has been placed around the smaller trees to protect them from rats.

Storm windows are being put on the windows in the Main Building.

Dec. 2 The pigs have been moved in to winter quarters under the Storage Barn.

The Boys began making Christmas presents in Sloyd today.

Dec. 3 The roads are being dragged and the drains cleaned.

Dec. 4 The winter sheathing was put on the Steamer Pilgrim today.

Dec. 5 Mr. William Howell Reed gave the Boys an illustrated talk on his trip to the North Cape. His talk was entitled "Beyond the Arctic Circle" and it was greatly enjoyed.

Dec. 8 Work of repairing the road beyond the Observatory is progressing and the trenches for the "dead men" are now being made.

"And on earth peace, good will toward men".

Long years ago, in the town of Bethlehem, when the Christ Child was born, the angels sang of peace and good will. In his life, Jesus lived and preached to us the message of love for others. And at Christmas time this spirit of love finds fullest expression in commemorating His birth-

A new winter covering for the Launch Winslow is being made.

Manager Wiggins of the Noble and Greenough School with three of his boys visited here this afternoon.

Dec. 9 Preparations for our Christmas Concert have been started.

Dec. 11 The class in Dairying tested milk and made butter today.

President Arthur Adams visited the School this afternoon.

Dec. 12 J. Sumner Vining, ex. '25, left today and will live with his mother in West Hanover, Mass.

Dec. 13 A number of the boys today had the opportunity of attending the Shriners Circus at Paul Revere Hall. An additional number of boys will have the same opportunity on the coming Saturday.

Norman T. Howes, '22, is here for the week end.

Dec. 17 Holly, wreaths and Christmas trees arrived today for our Christmas decorations.

Dec. 18 One of the boys' birthday was recognized by a friend who sent to him five gallons of ice cream so that all the Boys might help him celebrate.

Dec. 20 Kenneth Kearns and Howard Keith, both of Advanced Class, '24, and Howard Sturtevant, '24, all of Brewster Academy are here for the week end.

Dec. 21 The Boys gave their annual Christmas concert in Chapel this evening. The program was greatly enjoyed.

Dec. 22 Killed pig weighing 206 pounds.

Poor weather is delaying work on the road.

Dec. 23 Repairs were made to our locker at the Public Landing this afternoon.

Dec. 24 School closed today for the Christmas vacation of ten days.

Our Christmas festivities started to-

night with carol singing by a group of the boys. This was followed by a Christmas tree in the Sitting Room for the Instructors.

A gift of twenty-six plants was received this afternoon from R. & J. Farquhar Company.

Dec. 25 Christmas Day. Christmas tree in the morning, and unusually fine entertainment in the afternoon provided by President Adams.

Each boy and Instructor was given a half pound box of chocolates a gift of the Alumni Association. Doctor Bancroft was here for the day.

Dec. 26 Two masons were here today to repair fireplace.

Dec. 27 Skating is excellent. Robert Giese, '21, Raymond Metcalf, '23, Stanley Willmore, '24, Kenneth Kearns and Alexander McKenzie both of Advanced Class '24, are here for the week end.

Dec. 29 Three new boys were admitted today: George E. R. Hamilton, Cecil L. E. Wheaton, and Thomas J. Kenney, Jr.

Dec. 31 Eight boys with two Instructors attended the Boston Poultry Show.

Leo Whitehead, '24, is here to spend the week end.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

The month of December passed off very quietly, the Boys all attending school.

A change occurred in teachers, Mr. Trask taking charge of the school and Mr. Sanderson leaving for an Academy in Kingston, N. H.

The most notable event of the month was the observance of Christmas. We received no company, but gave attention to our own family and the day and evening were full of enjoyment.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, January 1, 1925

#### RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$500.00         |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 211.06           |
|                             | <u>\$1488.64</u> |

#### LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$418.03         |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1070.61          |
|                    | <u>\$1488.64</u> |

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK  
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Cashier

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Teller

### December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 57° on the 8th.

Minimum Temperature 1° on the 22nd.

Mean Temperature for the month 8°.

Total Precipitation 2.33 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1. inch on the 4th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 20 clear days, 11 cloudy.

### Choosing up for Basketball

One night we choose up for basketball. We found the captains to be George Russell, Team A; Ivers Winmill, Team B; Philip Young, Team C; and Raymond Thomas, Team D.

We were told to be ready to play a game New Year's Day. Teams A and B practiced for the first game. Team A won by a score of 31-17. The next game was between C and D, Team D won 21 to 7. As yet it is hard to say which team is the

best. Some of the boys have not played at all before, but probably will be good players before the season is over.

James E. Hughes

### The Poultry Show

One morning I was told to get ready for town. I afterwards learned that I was going to the Poultry Show held at the Mechanics Building. When we got there, we went around looking at the hens, turkeys, rabbits, pigeons, guinea pigs, and ducks. We saw some bronze, red, and white turkeys. There was a small pool filled with various kinds of ducks. We also noticed particularly that pairs of different breeds, always stayed together.

We went into a portable hen house made out of California cedar. We then looked at different varieties of hens, such as Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorns, etc. We also saw a Buckeye incubator which held 12,096 eggs at one time.

We saw a trap nest, which was very interesting. This particular kind of a nest is built for the purpose of determining how many eggs a hen lays in the course of a year.

We then started for home and reached the Island about 2:00 o'clock. We wish to thank those who made it possible for us to go.

George O. Poole

### Vacation Activities

During the week of Christmas vacation there were many activities going on. Some of the boys played basket ball in the gymnasium while others that were in the right grade went skating on the tennis court, which has been flooded, or down to east-side near the tide gate. There were also some hockey games on the court which were very good. One of the other activities was snow-skating. It is similar to skiing except that the skates are made



of metal and are a little larger than the shoe. On the bottom of the skates are two runners instead of grooves as on skis. It is a lot of fun sliding on them. We took a great many tumbles at first but after a while it became easy.

Robert J. Dunshee

### New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve was a very happy one for the Boys at The Farm and Trades School.

We were told that all the Boys who were going to the dance should put on uniforms. We were then told to go up to the Assembly Hall where we were going to dance and listen to the radio.

When we were through dancing the radio was turned on and we could hear music from Boston and New York.

We had cookies and lemonade for refreshments during intermission.

When the dance was over we went up to bed, I think all the Boys had a fine time.

Herbert E. Gove

### Repairing the Breakwater

Sometime ago a lighter came with a load of piles and planks to repair the Breakwater which was broken by the storm March 11, last. A few piles were also put in the Wharf. Altogether they put in about sixty new piles and planked over half of the Breakwater. Many old piles were removed from the Breakwater. Eight men and a foreman did the work. They had to drill holes through every pile so they could bolt them to the big stringers that run around the top, middle, and bottom. It was interesting to watch them set the piles in place and drive them. Monday, it was too cold for the men to work, so we took them back. The lighter and piles were all covered with ice. The foreman, engineer, and one of the men

stayed all day to look out for the lighter, in case it became too rough. It was also very interesting to see how the machinery ran.

Arthur R. Blackwell

### Shop Repairs

When articles from the Main Building or the Farm become broken, they are usually sent to the carpenter shop to be repaired. It is the duty of the shop boys to repair these different articles, such as chairs, tables, and kitchen utensils from the Main Building, neckyokes, whipple-trees, tip carts and tools from the Farm. If they are beyond repair we make new ones. The most common article that needs repairing is perhaps dining room chairs as rungs get broken and backs work loose.

In repairing Farm implements it is quite often necessary to do some forging for instance welding chains, and making iron hooks and staples. Farm tools such as hoes, rakes, shovels, and axes sometimes require new handles. Repair work of the kind teaches us to use different carpenter's and blacksmith's tools. It also teaches us economy by repairing broken articles at a small expense instead of buying new ones.

Philip H. Young

### Sea Wall

One afternoon, after school, some boys went to the beach at North End by the cliffs. We first cleared away the seaweed which had been washed up against the bank and then started piling in rocks against the edge of the bank. The reason for doing this was to prevent the soil, which falls down the cliffs during storms from washing out into the harbor.

Chester Lindgren

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LEON G. ANDREWS, '23, is a member of the 10th Regiment, U. S. M. Corps, stationed at Quantico, Virginia, and would be pleased to hear from classmates. His Home address is 219 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, Mass.

FREDERICK E. MUNICH, '20, is now taking a two year electrical course at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. He lives at 312 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn.

FREDERICK R. METCALF, '23, has entered Tilton School, at Tilton, New Hampshire. He will have for company WILLARD C. SCHROEDER, '24, who entered Tilton at the same time.

LEO S. WHITEHEAD, '23, is playing halfback on the Mechanic Arts High School team. He lives with his mother at 61 Audubon Road, Boston, Mass.

ROBERT L. CLARK, '19. After graduating from Milton High School Bob entered the employ of the Mattapan National Bank which was recently taken over by the Federal National Bank. He lives with his mother and has recently moved from Milton to 21 Tappan Street, Roslindale.

ROBERT E. EMERY, '13. We wonder how many of the graduates and friends who are radio fans know that Big Brother Bob Emery of station WEEI is a Farm School Boy. He has announced

this fact over the radio during his children's talks. Bob formerly was located at WGI Medford Hillside but joined the Edison forces last fall. He lives with his aunt at 28 Greenleaf Street, Malden, Mass.

ALFRED A. PICKLES, '20, writes that he is studying radio operating at the U. S. N. T. S. Newport, Rhode Island. His expectations are to make the 1926 world cruise as 1st or 2nd class radio operator. His home address is 54 Robbins Street, Waltham, Mass.

RALPH M. ROGERS, '21. Senior at Kimball Union Academy, is Manager of the football team, playing halfback and is president of the senior class. Congratulations Ralph. When at home his address is 73 Windmere Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan.

JAMES B. ROUSE, '21, is continuing his education at Mt. Hermon School, Mt. Hermon, Mass. Home is at 49 Glendale Avenue, South Peabody, Mass.

FREDERICK P THAYER, '04. Since leaving the School Fred has followed the printing industry and now is Plant Supt. of the Quincy Patriot-Ledger of Quincy, Mass. is married and lives at 170 Highland Avenue, Wollaston, Mass. He belongs to Union lodge A. F. & A. M. of Dorchester, Mass.

### My Xmas Presents

I received two bundles from home, one contained a football helmet and a harmonica. In the other was a book, some cookies, fruit and boxes of chocolates.

I received "Popular Mechanics" from

the School and a photo album, and also a pencil and a pencil box from my Instructors. I appreciated my presents very much and thought my friends were very good to me.

Raymond E. Regan



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### Eclipse of the Sun

As everyone had hoped, Saturday January 24, dawned bright and clear for the eclipse of the sun.

At four minutes past eight the eclipse began. That is, the moon's shadow began to creep across the face of the sun. Different boys took pictures of the sun in its various stages.

A little before it was at its highest point two planets came out at the right of the sun. When it was 99% covered the light it gave began to flicker. Astronomers it is said, are trying to see if they can discover some new gas. Helium, a non-inflamable gas now used in dirigibles, was discovered from the gases around a planet.

We were glad to be able to see our first and probably last eclipse as full as that one. It was very interesting and wonderful.

Thomas A. Hall

### The Grade Prizes

We were all pleased and expectant last Monday evening, when Mr. Swasey entered the Assembly Hall with the grade, or conduct prizes in his hands.

These conduct prizes are awarded every six months. Mr. Shaw, a former Manager, gives ten cash prizes. Mr. N. P. Hallowell, of our present Board of Managers, awards five books. The first prize is five dollars and the tenth prize is one. This makes a total of twenty-five dollars

divided into ten successive prizes. Following the cash prizes come Mr. Hallowell's five book prizes, known as the Temple Consolation Prizes. These are chosen by Mr. Swasey and are of interest to the one receiving the prize

We received them when the grade reading and other business had passed. It is always an interesting evening when the prizes are awarded. There were many surprises as to the boys receiving prizes. It is doubly interesting, now that we can follow our own grade by the new system.

Ivers E. Winmill

### A Trial

Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, there was a trial held in the Assembly Hall. We lined up at about 7:30 P. M. and filed down to the East Basement, where we had an election. After the election was over, the Cottage Row officers changed into their uniforms. We then went up to the Assembly Hall to the trial. We learned that Mr. Swasey was entertaining Mr. Saltonstall and Mr. Lowell who are Managers of the School and also lawyers. When the guests of the evening came in, they shook hands with all the Cottage Row officers, who were near the door. They listened to the trial procedure, and made a few suggestions now and then. They both showed a marked interest in the Cottage Row Government.

William J. Long

### Repairing Chairs

In the shop the boys do repairing. Chairs come down from different departments. In some chairs we have to put new cane seats and in others we fit the backs and rungs, that become loose.

First, we look over a chair to see if there are any loose rungs and legs. If so we take them out and scrape the glue off them. We then heat the glue and by putting it on the rungs and in the hole we fasten it.

After this, sometimes we have to put on clamps to hold it together until the glue has set. After it is dry we scrape the glue off the outside. If it is a chair from the sitting room we stain and shellac it and then varnish it.

Raymond Thomas

### My Regular Work

Every morning when I go to the farm my regular work is to clean around the inside of the Barn. This work consists of cleaning the cows, horses, the heifers' pens and other places. After I do this I take Doll, one of our horses, and carry the manure over to the Compost Shed. When I return I brush off the cows. Then I generally mix grain. This grain is mixed in the south grain room, it consists of bran, cotton seed, ground oats and middlings. This is mixed three or four times. I then get ready to go to dinner. I like this work very much.

Hebert E. Gove

### Our Quarterly Election

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, we held our quarterly election for Cottage Row officers. First the share holders voted and then the non-share holders. The non-share holders did not vote for assessor. The officers elected are:

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Arthur Turner  | Mayor              |
| George Russell | Chief of Police    |
| Edward Floyd   | Lieut. of Police   |
| Joseph Wasson  | 1st Patrolman      |
| R. McQuesten   | 2nd Patrolman      |
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| C. Stevens     | S. H. Alderman     |
| James Brain    | N. S. H. Alderman  |
| William Long   | N. S. H. Alderman  |
| Alonzo Day     | Treasurer          |
| James Hughes   | Assessor           |
| James Libby    | Clerk              |
| George Poole   | Librarian          |
| John Arkerson  | St. Commissioner   |
| B. Dorman      | Janitor            |

The Mayor chooses his Chief of Police, clerk, librarian, street commissioner and janitor; the chief of police chooses his officers.

George O. Poole

### Our First Big Snowstorm

Last week we had our first big snowstorm. The wind blew very hard and it was a real blizzard. Some of the farm boys went over to the root cellar to sort vegetables. We had a very hard time getting over there because there were many large drifts which were hard for us to get through, also the wind was blowing in our faces and we found it necessary to help the smaller boys through.

About 4:45 when we started to return it was snowing harder and there was much more snow on the ground. There were many birds that were having a very hard time to fly, one in particular was a large owl, with about a 2½ feet wing spread. We were very glad to get up to the house and to know that we would not have to go out in the storm again that day. It kept on snowing all day

and there was much snow on the ground. We were very glad of this because this meant much coasting and tobogganing.

Albert H. Gardner

### My Work

When I am on duty as office boy, after supper I report. My duties are different at different times, but this one is steady, that is, to put all magazines and papers which come in the evening mail, in proper places. I first stamp them with the name of the room in which they belong. The Boston Herald goes in the Instructors' Reading Room and the Transcript goes in the Boys' Reading Room. Some of the magazines the Boys read are Popular Mechanics, Scientific American, Outlook, Nature, Literary Digest, Printing Art, and Motor Boating. Some of the papers we read are the Dorchester Beacon, Everett Herald, Current Events, and the Christian Science Monitor.

Burton Dorman

### A Sleigh

One Saturday afternoon one of the farm Instructors took two big planks and shaped them in runner style, and put on planks to support them. He then put boards across it to make a platform to put things on. After a pair of shafts had been put on they tested them by getting freight.

A few days later he added some more things which consisted of a dash-board, two sides, tail-board and a seat. Then he put half inch oak on the bottom of the runners. This is a fine little sled which is used to take the vegetables to the house and to get freight in.

John A. Arkerson

### Coaling the Steamer

Every morning at five-thirty two other boys and I get up to put the coal that is needed on the steamer. The steamers'

coal bunker holds about twelve cans of soft coal but we do not use it all. We put in from two to five cans each morning. First we fill the cans at the coal pile then we wheel them down to the steamer, on wheelbarrows. After we get the coal in we take out two cans of ashes and then we go to the house for breakfast.

James A. Brain

### Flooding the Tennis Court

One afternoon the Supervisor told me to help flood the tennis court. I attached the fire hose to the pipe in the washroom, and took four lengths of hose to the tennis court. We played it all over the court for about an hour. It froze at night, and the next day it was as smooth as glass. It is the best skating place we have had this winter.

Stanley C. Withrow

### How The Sea Gulls Feed

If you watch closely, you will see how a sea gull feeds. He will circle around in the air once, and then you see him make a swift descent to the surface of the water. Then the gull skims along on top of the water. He will put his head down in the water, pull out a little fish with his beak, and fly away with it. At other times the gull will wait until low tide, and then come down to the beach and get little shellfish. He then flies up into the air and drops the shellfish on the rocks, thus breaking open the shells. He comes down and eats whatever he has dropped.

Hunters are not allowed to kill these birds according to the game law. These birds are very useful, as they feed on the waste food cast up on the shores. They are called scavengers of the sea.

Richard M. Cameron

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Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
 The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
 The year is dying in the night --  
 Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.  
 Ring out the old, ring in the new --  
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow;  
 The year is going, let him go;  
 Ring out the false, ring in the true.

*Tennyson*

As the year 1924 noiselessly crept away, all regrets, if there were any, were lost in the welcome we extended the New Year, 1925. We could not keep the old year if we would, and would not if we could. It brought us unnumbered good things -- joy, work, school-days, holidays, storm and sunshine, for which we are thankful. As it passed, it also carried with it our blunders, errors, hurts, and lost opportunities. The regret they created was replaced by hope when 1925 presented herself with 365 new days, which are to be ours to live as nobly as we can.

It is as though she carried in her hand a book, with 365 clean pages, whereon she challenges us to write each day's record, without a blot. She promises to give as many good things as 1924. It depends upon each of us, whether or not we grasp the opportunities. Over that, she has no control.

Of course, there will be mistakes, reproaches and misunderstandings, but as each day dawns it brings a beautiful hope - - - that we may begin again.

We hope to cling to the challenge and make the year 1925 feel for 365 days the joyous welcome we gave her was sincere. We cannot make the days perfect, but we can make them clean, helpful and beautiful. Each day we will try to be kind, happy, unselfish and true. It is in striving we gain strength.

## Calendar

Jan. 1 Skating is fine. First game of hockey played this afternoon. Boys also opened their basketball season, Team A defeating Team B, 31 to 17. Dancing

party in the evening.

Jan. 2 Work on the wood pile was started this afternoon. Eight re-built typewriters arrived today which enables us to resume our course in typewriting with the opening of the Winter term.

Jan. 3 Work on the dike is progressing and most of the sea wall is now in position.

Clifton E. Albee, Advanced Course, '23, and a student at Brewster Academy, is visiting us briefly.

John M. Levis, '23, is here for the week end. Levis is a Sophomore at Woburn High School.

Team D won from team C this afternoon, 23-7.

Jan. 4 Kenneth E. Kearns, Advanced Course, '24, a Junior at Brewster Academy, and Theodore Hadley, Advanced Course, '23, and Junior at Bridgton High School, Bridgton, Maine, were here for over night.

Jan. 6 Managers Saltonstall and Lowell came over this evening to assist at our Cottage Row trial.

Jan. 9 Blacksmith is here today.

Jan. 10 Basketball game this afternoon between Teams A and C, score 48-9 in favor of Team A.

Jan. 12 Started to clean Root Cellar today.

Jan. 13 Team B was victorious today winning from Team D, 32-19.

Jan. 14 The Annual dinner of the F. T. S. Alumni Association was held this evening at the Hotel Bellevue. Four of the graduates who are still at the School, with Mr. Swasey, were among those present.

Jan. 15 The boys of the First Grade and the Instructors listened to a Radio Concert in Chapel this evening.

Jan. 17 Basketball game this afternoon between Teams A and D. The former won 52-13.

Roger Smith, '23, and a Sophomore in the Brookline High School, is here for the afternoon.

Jan. 20 Heavy fall of snow accompanied by gales.

Started to renew floors in rear of the horse stalls today.

Jan. 21 Boys vs Instructors at basketball tonight. The Boys won by a large margin.

Jan. 23 Temperature dropped to zero today and ice is quite thick in the harbor.

A toboggan slide has been made for the Boys over the front lawn.

Jan. 24 Eclipse of the sun. The harbor is nearly frozen over.

The School team played Gordon Bible College this afternoon at the Ruggles Street Y. M. C. A. The School team was defeated this year 25 to 21.

Jan 25 Waldo Libby, '22, a Sophomore at Keene, N. H. High School is visiting here briefly.

Jan. 26 Butchered pig weighing 207 pounds.

Jan. 28 Mr. Franklin P. Collier, cartoonist for The Boston Herald, this evening told the Boys of his experience in cartooning and made for them a number of sketches, including "Otto Grow."

Jan. 31 The recently installed drinking fountains for the cows were put into operation for the first time today.

Coasting and skating are excellent.

Team A beat team B, 27 to 14 at basketball this afternoon.

Ralph Langille, '20, and Massachusetts Nautical Training School, '24, is here for the week end.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, February 1, 1925

## RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 777.58           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 239.16           |
|                             | <u>\$1516.74</u> |

## LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 389.59        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1127.15          |
|                    | <u>\$1516.74</u> |

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Teller

## January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 48° on the  
8th.Minimum Temperature 2° on the  
23rd.Mean Temperature for the month  
11°.

Total Precipitation 3.60 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours  
1. inch on the 3rd.Five days with .01 or more inches  
precipitation, 15 clear days, 3 partly  
cloudy, 13 cloudy.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

Jan. 1 This year commences cold and windy. Mercury at ten degrees above zero this morning and at zero yesterday morn. We are ice bound. Gave the Boys play in P. M., and a good time in the evening.

Jan. 4 To the city first time since December 24th. Went with boat and got many articles for the house. Mr. S. C. Perkins came to drill the Band.

Jan. 7 A snow storm from the east.

Jan 10 Last night about seven o'clock it commenced to blow from the west

and blew hard and grew cold all night. This morning a good deal of ice in the bay, but during afternoon it passed out and left bay clear. At eve it began to be very cold again.

Jan 11 Went to city across the ice to Atlantic Station, carrying annual report.

Jan. 12 Cold and windy. Blacksmith came from Neponset to shoe horses. When he returned he got off the right track. He broke through the ice and came near getting drowned.

Gave the Boys and Girls a sleighride.

Jan. 21 Mr. and Mrs. DeBlois came via Squantum to visit us, crossing on the ice from Mr. Reeds. Self met them at South End with double sleigh and at four o'clock carried them back through a snow storm. All enjoyed the day much.

Jan. 24 Thomas Hill, Esq., walked over and conducted the exercises in the A. M., returning soon after.

Jan. 27 Went to city for the first time since the 11th.

## A Basketball Game

Last Wednesday evening the Instructors and the Boys played a game of basketball. The game started at 8:00. The first half of the game the Boys made all of the baskets. In the beginning of the last half the Instructors made one basket. It was the only basket they made through the game.

The score was 32-2 in the Boys' favor. It was a good game. The Boys are in hopes they may have another, as they appreciate playing with the Instructors.

## Line up.

| Boys           |       | Instructors  |
|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Edward Floyd   | L. G. | Mr. Jupillat |
| Ivers Winmill  | R. G. | Mr. Tibbetts |
| George Russell | C.    | Mr. Slinger  |
| D. McKenzie    | L. F. | Mr. Swasey   |
| S. Higgins     | R. F. | Mr. Bemis    |

Albert Cheney



### Basketball

Basketball is one of our country's newest games. It was first played by a team around 1900. The team divided into several organizations and played exhibition games around the country. One of these grew into one of the most famous basketball teams this country ever saw.

It started in 1901 and was forced to disband a few years back because of financial failure.

When the game first started, very few people witnessed it. As the years rolled by the game became more popular. Now one game is watched by greater numbers than all a season's game together, twenty years ago.

It was not long ago that this fine game started at our School. In recent years we have been playing outside teams. We played four outside games last year and won them all. This year we are having a fair season. We are about half through our schedule. Team A is leading the other teams, having won three and lost none. Team B is next, having won one and lost two. Team D has won one and lost two games. Team C is in last place having lost two games and having none to their credit.

Team A has scored 131 points.

|       |   |    |   |
|-------|---|----|---|
| " B " | " | 49 | " |
| " D " | " | 47 | " |
| " C " | " | 16 | " |

Basketball is a fine game, and calls for quick thinking and accuracy. It is probable that in ten or fifteen years, basketball will share honors with baseball, football and the rest, claiming the title of the nation's national game.

James M. Libby

### Tobogganing

One day after the snowstorm the Supervisor took several boys out on the Front Lawn and made a toboggan slide. It begins at the front of the Main Building, cuts across the back road, and continues down into the orchard.

It is just a little over the width of the toboggan and is banked on both sides with about two feet of snow so that the toboggan cannot run out. The slide has several humps in it and it is great fun to jump over them. We have six toboggans and we have great fun using them in our play time.

Clarence E. Stevens

### My New Home

I came to The Farm and Trades School in the latter part of December. There were two other boys who came with me. I left the Kimball Building at 1:30 P. M. I rode over on the steamer "Pilgrim" and had a very good ride. I was homesick for the first two or three days, but I got over it. I am getting to like this School very much. The other Boys call us "new Johnnies."

Thomas J. Kenney

### Coasting on the Front Avenue

The coasting on the Front Avenue is very good in the winter time. After a big snowstorm the Avenue is shoveled off. The Boys start at the top of the hill and coast down to the wharf.

We coast down the Front Avenue and walk up the Rear Avenue.

The stone posts are covered with bags so the Boys won't hurt themselves if they strike them. Some nights a few boys go coasting if they are in the right grade.

There are lights along the Avenue.

George J. Knott

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Walpole

The nineteenth Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association was held on Wednesday evening, January 14th, at Hotel Bellevue, Boston, with an attendance of 70. President Will F. Davis acted as toastmaster and called on Mr. Arthur Adams, President of the Board of Managers, who after greeting the members told them of the condition of the School during the past year. Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell spoke on the financial condition of the School, and was followed by Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm who gave a detailed account of the past year's finances. Carl neglected to make known his sudden departure into the realm of politics. He has recently been elected as an Alderman

at large in his home town of Melrose. Superintendent Paul F. Swasey was next called upon and he spoke of changes at the School and plans for the future. He stressed the importance of a new building to make room for added activities of the School. Secretary Merton P. Ellis, now serving his twenty-sixth year, gave an account of the present standing of the Association and its membership. He also spoke concerning the Alumni Fund. The business session was followed by a number of remarks by Managers and members of the Association. Among those present was Solomon B. Holman who is the oldest living graduate, having left the School in 1850. Mr. Holman spoke briefly.

ALFRED PICKELS, '20, died February third at the Ancon Hospital, Cocosolo Bay, Panama Canal Zone. He was stationed on the U. S. S. Wright, which is an aeroplane carrier. A short time ago he was seriously injured when he fell down the balloon carrier of that ship. PICKELS had been very successful in his work and was chosen with a group of six to compose the Newport News Squad.

The body will leave Panama Canal February twenty-third, and will arrive in Hampton Roads March third and in Waltham about March sixth. His father will telephone the School in ample time so that those wishing to attend the services can be present. The services will be held at the home of Mr. Robert V. Pickels, 64 Robbins Street, Waltham, Massachusetts.

### Cutting Ice

Saturday morning I was told to report to the Steamer. Upon arriving there I was told to take one of the ice chisels and cut the ice around the Steamer. After this was done the Steamer went astern and then started ahead and smashed into

the ice, cutting about five or ten feet at a time.

On the bow of our Steamer is a heavy brass sheathing which goes over a wooden sheathing to protect the Steamer from the ice. It kept us busy all the morning.

Howard S. Costello



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### King Philip's War

Every Feb. 22nd we celebrate Washington's Birthday by having a Snowball Battle, or King Philip's War.

This year we held a King Philip's War, and the outcome was very successful under a new set of rules. The lower half of the Island was used for the battlefield, and upon this field the forces of King Philip opposed the Settlers in a fight for supplies. These supplies were sacks about twelve by six inches. They were made of oilcloth and stuffed with rags. A sack counted one point. The side having the most sacks at the end of the game was victorious.

We elected captains and chose sides a few days previous to the game. The Settlers had Raymond McQuesten for leader, while Ivers Winnill represented King Philip. Plans were made as well as sacks and war paint. On the day of the battle at 2:00 o'clock the Indians were standing with the Settlers on Observatory Hill. Here the War was started.

According to the rules of the War, ten men from each side remained on the Hill. The Indians went south to a given line and the Settlers went north. Of the sacks, 19 were stocked in the Observatory path and 16 stored in the Observatory. The 19 sacks were the object of attention at the outset. With both sides (excepting the ten Indians and Settlers spoken of) at their boundaries, the War started. Mr. Swasey,

Mr. Hallowell, and his two sons, were watching the progress of the fight.

The ten Indians and ten Settlers were placed equal distances from the bags. At a given signal both sides rushed for the pile to secure as many bags as possible. A rough and tumble scrimmage ensued, while a scout from each ten ran to his camp for reinforcements. Both armies were then entirely centered upon the tussle at Observatory Hill. Both sides did nobly in efforts to secure the bags, and when it appeared that all bags were well cared for the Indians suddenly ran with their spoils from the field toward South End.

From this point the War raged all over the Island in true Indian fashion. The remaining 16 bags were supplies, 8 for each side, which were to be called for at the Observatory and guarded by each side at its own risk. Of course the points would count for that side that called for its bags and kept them safely from the enemy until the end of the War. Also that same side would be minus 8 points if it found it impossible to get its bags away safely. As it happened, each side found opportunity to call for its bags and managed to hold them. This centered the fight's outcome on the 19 original bags. As it happened the Settlers had captured 10 and the Indians held 9 of the bags. This made the final score 18-17 in the Settlers' favor.

All these facts and figures were of course unknown until the game's termination, however. This made the War the exciting sight it was.

King Philip attempted an investigation into the Settlers' territory with too small a force, and was promptly captured by a superior number.

The War became centered at the close around the Settlers' camp at North End. At the end of the game the armies were engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict.

The two forces produced their bags and they were quickly counted. The Settlers were found victorious, 18 to 17. With loud cheers the victors made their way toward the Main Building, and the "eats."

The rest of the time passed quickly in feasting and recalling incidents of the fight. Captain McQuesten very courteously invited King Philip and his officers to the feast. A parade and cheers were not out of order, as well as an impromptu band to lead the march. The day was an immense success, and a closer score could not be expected.

Arthur R. Blackwell

### The Pheasant

The pheasant is a large bird about the size of a turkey; having a short strong bill that is slightly curved. They have short wings and long tails that have their feathers so arranged as to shed the rain. The males have the most brilliant plumage with a white ring around their necks. The females have shorter tails and duller colors. There are many species of these birds, all of which originated in the warm parts of Asia.

We have many pheasants on the Island. We suspect that they flew over from Squantum. There are so many pheasants on the Island that we sometimes see them in flocks of fifteen or twenty.

We think they are pretty and we like to have them around us.

Frederick Austin

### Agricultural Classes

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the first and second classes attend agriculture. The first class attends from 7 o'clock to 8:30 a.m. The second class goes from 3:45 to 5:00 p. m. It is a very interesting study and most of the boys like it.

We learn to test milk and cream, and make butter. We study about cattle, horses, and the soils. All this may be a great help some day to us.

Arthur R. Turner

### The Gordon Bible College vs. School Game

A short time ago The Farm and Trades School basketball team, went over to the Ruggles St. gymnasium in Boston, to play a basketball game with the Gordon Bible College team. A few first graders went also.

The two teams practised a little and then the whistle blew. The game started about 2:30. It was fast and clean throughout. At the end of the first quarter the School team was leading by a few points. The Gordon team was used to the gym, which showed up to their advantage, as the game progressed. At the end of the half, Gordon was leading, 15-12. There was a short rest between the halves, and then play was resumed. First one team would get a basket and then the other, until the last quarter. Then Gordon drove steadily ahead. Just before the end of the game, the School made one last furious but vain rally. The score at the end of the game was 25-21.

This was the first time the School has been defeated at the hands of Gordon, and we hope to avenge this defeat by playing them on our own floor.

James M. Libby

### My First Model

Friday, February 6, the Supervisor told me to take a place in the sloyd line and join the sloyd class. The first morning I practiced lettering. The next time I went down, I started drawing the first three models. They were the pencil-sharpener, pen-holder, and laundry sticks. After I had these drawn, I began making the pencil-sharpener. It is entirely whittled. It is six inches long and one inch and a half wide.

The Instructor showed me the various ways of whittling, across the grain and with the grain. I have finished this now and started whittling my pen-holder. I was very glad to be able to join the the sloyd class. I like it very much.

Robert J. Dunshee

### The Ice in the Harbor

During January the harbor was frequently blocked with ice, and it was difficult for our Steamer, the "Pilgrim" to buck her way through.

Last Saturday, the ice began to break up and float down the harbor. A large motor boat from the mainland broke loose in a storm, and drifted to our Island. It was frozen in a solid mass of ice, and we could not get it out. When the cakes of ice started to float out into the harbor, the motor boat was carried along too. The crew on the Steamer went after the boat, and now the boat is beached on the shore waiting for the owner to claim it.

During the eclipse of the sun, the crew on the steamer were busily engaged in bucking ice and they said they could view the eclipse quite well through the heavy black smoke coming from the funnel of the "Pilgrim."

David Chapman

### Dancing Lessons

Wednesday, the eleventh, Miss Curtis who gives us dancing lessons came down

and gave us our first lesson. The first thing she teaches us is to stand straight, with heels together and bow. Next she showed us how a boy and a girl must stand when ready to dance. When she is through teaching us for the evening we march out by twos and bow to her as we say, "good night." We like dancing lessons and are very thankful to Miss Curtis for being so kind as to come here and give them to us.

Thomas A. Hall

### Work in the Washroom

Usually in the morning I work in the washroom. The first thing I do is to sweep the floor, wash out the sinks, pick up the scrub brushes and soap. I shine the brass and empty the waste-paper basket. At half past eight the bell rings, and I get ready for school.

Richard M. Cameron

### Judging Horses

One afternoon our Agricultural teacher told the boys of the Agricultural class to take their notebooks and go down to the Barn with him. There he brought out two horses, Doll and Dick. We were asked to tell which was the better horse and to give our reasons. We were taught to know the different parts of the horse and to tell the breed. We thought judging horses was very interesting. We will soon be judging cows.

Raymond Thomas

### Wild Ducks

Every day during the fall and winter there are many ducks on the eastern side of the Island. At night they come up on the shore and sleep. In the daytime we see them swimming around in the water. Once in a while a duck gets hurt and can't fly. One of the Boys found one and brought it to the Poultry House. Later, he allowed it to go.

Alonzo G. Day

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Two months of the year have gone by. Let us stop for a few minutes and take an inventory of ourselves and our accomplishments in the light of those resolutions that we made on January 1. I say we made them. Perhaps we did not take the trouble to write them all down, but I

doubt if any of us failed to promise ourselves that we would try to do a few things a bit differently. We were going to try a bit harder to get our work done satisfactorily, we said that we would try to keep a little better control of that temper of ours, we said we would be a little more kind and thoughtful. Oh, there were many things that we promised ourselves we would do in the year 1925.

But what does this "taking stock" of ourselves disclose? Have we worked harder, have we a better control of that temper, are we really more kind and thoughtful? Most of us admit, if we are honest, that we have forgotten all about these resolutions, and we are just about the same kind of a person that we were two months ago. Where is the difficulty? Surely our intentions were excellent when we made those resolutions. We firmly intended to keep them faithfully. Where does the trouble lie? Is it not, perhaps, in the fact that we had forgotten, that we did not take the trouble to keep at that particular weakness of ours? "Checking up" once every two months is not enough, we must keep at it every day. Only constant thought and unceasing endeavor will ever rid us of the things we are ashamed of in ourselves.

Let's look at ourselves squarely, see what is wrong, and make up our minds to keep on trying, and keep on "taking stock" until we have overcome our weaknesses. Our resolutions will mean something to us then, and we will find ourselves growing into finer and more worth-while young men.

## Calendar

Feb. 1 Started incubator for its preliminary run before putting in the eggs.

Feb. 2 Work was begun today on partitioning off a milk testing room, incubator room and a plant conservatory in the West basement.

Feb. 4 Finished repair work on the horse stalls today.

Feb. 5 Put eggs in the incubator. Dressing has been hauled to the potato and corn fields. Boys' washroom is being repainted. A skating party, first of the season, was held tonight at the East Side.

Feb. 7 Team D was victorious this afternoon winning 41 to 16 from Team C. Eric O. Schippers, '21, is here for the week end.

Feb. 9 Merton P. Ellis, '97, secretary of the Alumni Association, is here for the afternoon.

Feb. 11 Annual exterior inspection of the boilers in the steamer Pilgrim and Power House was made today.

The first of a series of dancing lessons was given this evening.

Feb. 12 Leslie E. Russell, '16, was a visitor for the afternoon.

Feb. 13 Started whitewashing the interior of the Barn and Poultry House today. Butchered pig weighing 206 pounds.

Feb. 14 Teams A and C played basketball this afternoon, Team A defeating Team C 70 to 14.

The ice left the harbor today.

Feb. 16 The Instructors were entertained at a dinner party this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Swasey.

Feb. 17 Finished numerous repairs on the Barn today and have just about cleaned up our wood pile. An exciting game of basketball this evening, Gordon Bible College vs. School Team. Our Boys lost 27 to 22.

Feb. 19 Several peices of new furni-

ture came today for instructors' rooms. Manager Edward Wigglesworth, Secretary and Treasurer of the Massachusetts Guernsey Breeder's Association, accompanied by Mr. J. E. Harper, Field Secretary of the same organization, and Doctor Hopper of New York, visited the School today for the purpose of looking over our herd.

Feb. 21 Close game this afternoon between Teams B and D. The former won 27 to 26. Manager Thomas J. Evans is our guest for over the week end. Leo Whitehead, '23, Robert Giese, '21, and Wallace Bacon, Ex. '19, came this afternoon to spend the week end.

Feb. 23 Set forcing frames over the rhubarb this morning. Our annual King Philip's War took place this afternoon between the Indians and Settlers. The play was unusually exciting and the Settlers, with much difficulty, proved victorious. Manager N. Penrose Hallowell and two sons, N. Penrose, Jr., and Alfred Bowditch, were here for the afternoon.

Feb. 26 New hay rake arrived today also several new rugs.

Feb. 28 The Apaches, a Boston Y. M. C. A. basket ball team, came over this afternoon to play the School team. The latter was victorious 23 to 16.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

Feb: 1 Fine winter weather.

Feb. 3 Morn mild and hazy. Tug F. M. Ward came and took ten pigs and carried them to Spectacle Island. She could not come to the wharf on account of the ice, but by pushing in a piece we carried the pigs out on a sled.

Feb. 4 Cold again this morning.

Feb. 8 Drove my horse and sleigh over ice to Atlantic and back, good sleighing and safe crossing. Mercury at zero this morn.

Feb. 10 Fifty-first birthday of the Superintendent. As has ever been the custom gave the Boys play all day.

Feb. 13 A number of the teachers went to the City being drawn to the Point on sleds by the Boys.

Feb. 15 At zero, cold and windy. Went to Neponset to get lumber, horses shod, etc. Crossed Neponset river at nail works with two horses, sleigh and lumber, safely. A man crossed from City Point to Squantum and back with horses and sleigh.

Feb. 16 Many people and some horses and sleighs on the ice.

Feb. 20 William E. Bell, graduate, came and brought our mail. The fog was so thick that he lost his way twice. He had a perilous passage breaking through the ice twice.

Feb. 22 A beautiful day and a perfect carnival on the ice. Hundreds of teams and thousands of people roaming about. From the fort in a semi-circle round to new Squantum House is a black line of men and teams. Teams have been to Long Island and around our Island. Twenty-two graduates visited us crossing on the ice, and twenty other people called.

Feb. 24 The fog continues and it is thawing fast. About four this P. M. a man who proved to be John Lally, a boiler maker, drove his horse and buggy onto the ice at City Point and started up the bay. When opposite the cow pasture he turned and drove towards the channel, passing on the way a company of people who warned him of the danger and tried to prevent him from proceeding further. Heedless of the warning he continued on and when in the very center of the channel between the red and black bouys, both man and team disappeared through the

ice. In a few seconds the man appeared on the ice and was saved but the horse, although help was soon on the spot, was lost. The man was said to have been intoxicated.

Feb. 26 Launched the boat the first time since the 9th of January.

Feb. 27 Snowed all day.

### The Farm and Trades School

Statement, March 1, 1925

#### RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 942.13           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 174.90           |
|                             | <u>\$1617.03</u> |

#### LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 449.64        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1167.39          |
|                    | <u>\$1617.03</u> |

William R. Warnock  
President

Burton Dorman  
Cashier

William R. Holman  
Teller

### February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 49° on the 11th.

Minimum Temperature 16° on the 3rd.

Mean Temperature for the month 35°.

Total Precipitation 2.13 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1. on the 26th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 2 partly cloudy, 11 cloudy.

### My Work in the Kitchen

I am "pantry" boy in the kitchen this week. I scrub the pantry floor also the refrigerator room and the hall. Then I hang up a few clean towels, and if I have extra time I help the other kitchen boys with their work.

William E. Thompson



### My Work in the Instructors' Dining Room

I think my work is very interesting. Every noon I go to the Instructors' dining room at quarter of twelve and put water in the glasses. I then go up and get another pitcher of water. As the Instructors come down to dinner, I wait on them. As soon as dinner is over, I carry the food that is left to the kitchen. After this is done, I set the tables. I first put a fork on the left-hand side and a knife, with the sharp edge towards the fork and two spoons, on the right. Then I put a butter plate in front of the fork and a glass in front of the knife. At the two monitors' places I put eight plates and eight glasses sauce dishes and two serving spoons. When I have the tables set, I sweep the floor, fill the sugar bowls, the salt and pepper shakers. After this I scrub the front hall. I repeat the performance at night with the exception of scrubbing the hall. It is a nice place in which to work and I appreciate the opportunity of working there.

Clarence H. McLenna

### Painting

The Boys' washroom has recently been painted. The walls and ceiling have been painted white and the steam pipes have been painted an aluminum color. The toothbrush rack has been taken out, thoroughly washed, and painted. All the chairs have also been scraped and varnished.

The Supervisor's cupboard, or office, has also been painted. All the shelves and walls are painted as well as the doors. His stand and table have been given several coats of varnish.

Everything will now look "spick and span."

George Libby

### Steamer Trips

In the afternoon Steamer crew there are three boys, one an engineer and two deckhands. When we start out, the bow deckhand casts off his line but the stern deckhand holds his line till the bow swings out. Then he casts off.

When we tie up at the Public Landing we jump off and tie our lines to two bits. We then go to the locker to see if there is freight or parcel post.

When we tie up at the Island the bow of the Steamer comes up to the float and is held there by a fender till the stern swings around. It all takes a few minutes when there is no ice around the float.

James A. Brain

### Alumni Dinner

The following Managers and Alumni were present at the Annual Dinner January 14th at the Bellevue Hotel.

#### MANAGERS

Adams, Arthur  
DeBlois, G. L.  
Evans, T. J. '64  
Foster, Walter B. '78  
Gardner, Robert H.  
Hallowell, N. Penrose  
Heffer, Alden B. '87  
Sears, Phillip S.

Hanson, R. H. '21  
Holman, S. B. '50  
Hunt, D. A. '17  
Jacobs, A. W. '10  
Larsson, G. G. '17  
Lochrie, H. F. '16  
Long, D. E. '22  
Loud, C. W. '96  
MacPherson, D. S. '17  
Malm, A. C. '00

SCHOOL  
Swasey, Paul F.  
Bemis, Elwin C. '16

#### ALUMNI

Adams, R. A. '19  
Alcott, G. J. '80  
Alcott, W. '84  
Bradley, C. H. Jr. '03  
Cameron, M. E. '19  
Capaul, E. '05  
Clark, R. L. '19  
Carr, J. A. '00  
Collins, C. H. '18  
Davis, W. F. '79  
Davison, A. Y. '23  
Dudley, H. L. '16  
Duncan, C. '71  
Ellis, H. B. '98  
Ellis, M. P. '97  
Fearing, F. P. '82  
Giese, R. J. '21  
Graham, J. H. '79  
Graves, L. W. '04

McFadyen, S. C. '22  
Morrison, W. P. '76  
Morse, W. A. '76  
Partridge, J. H. '55  
Peterson, A. A. '21  
Plunkett, G. E. '14  
Powers, M. J. '00  
Robertson, E. J. '22  
Smith, W. M. '22  
Schippers, E. O. '21  
Schippers, J. H. '21  
Sherman, J. L. '14  
Slinger, J. L. '17  
Slocomb, E. E. '14  
Thayer, F. P. '04  
White, P. W. '13  
Whitehead, S. L. '23  
Wittig, C. L. '05  
Wyatt, E. V. '13

# The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WILL Frank DAVIS, '79, President  
11 EUSTIS STREET, CHELSEA

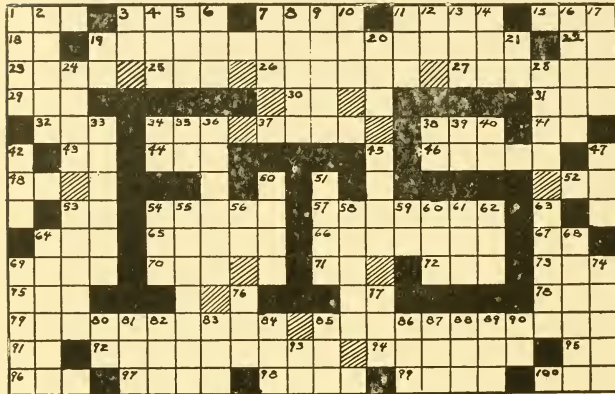
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THOMPSON'S ISLAND

MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, Secretary  
38 SPAFFORD ROAD, MILTON  
GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT, '14, Historian  
Walpole

The total amount of the Alumni Fund as announced at the Annual Dinner on January 14th is \$7748. A feature of the dinner was the distribution of an Alumni Cross Word Puzzle, a copy of which is printed below. Can you solve it? The solution will appear in the next Beacon.

The list of guests present at the dinner is printed on page 7 of this issue.



## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Definite adjective
- 3 Place of security
- 7 To incite or encourage
- 11 To accomplish by great labor
- 15 Suffix for ordinal numbers
- 18 Last two letters of name given to women graduates
- 19 Unsectarian
- 22 A Latin diphthong
- 23 To till the soil
- 25 A connective
- 26 Occupations
- 27 Place of learning
- 29 Endeavor
- 30 Location of national capital
- 31 A very high mountain
- 32 Rope for towing
- 34 Part of school cheer
- 37 A favor
- 38 Established abbr.
- 41 Tensile strength abbr.
- 42 Industrious insect
- 43 A negation
- 44 Round trip distance in miles from Thompson's Island to City Point
- 46 Our President
- 48 Near
- 52 Exclamation used to startle
- 53 Abbr. for part of South Boston, used with City
- 54 Those who have enjoyment of property

- 57 Personal, not public
- 64 American Ass. of Horticulturists abbr.
- 65 Harmony
- 66 To consider worthy to esteem
- 67 Abbr. of title used with English Admiral
- 69 Nickname of former U. S. President
- 70 Skill
- 71 French conjunction
- 72 To make ready
- 73 Independent Order of Mechanics abbr.
- 75 Reserve Corps Unit abbr.
- 78 Abbr. for Board of Naval Ordinance
- 79 Full of love and good will
- 85 An established corporation
- 91 Intersection for "Stop"
- 92 Possessive form of first man to build house in Boston Harbor
- 94 Land detached from the mainland
- 95 Abbr. for United Empire
- 96 Trustees abbr.
- 97 Orthography (First half of word.)
- 98 Quick
- 99 Important Russian port
- 100 Parched

## VERTICAL

- 1 A living Ex-President of U.S.
- 2 The seat of life and strength
- 3 Abbr. denoting time of day popular for weddings
- 4 Old Dutch Ancestry abbr.
- 5 What all graduates aspire to be
- 6 Extremity
- 7 Aggregate
- 8 Feathered friends
- 9 To record
- 10 Lincoln's son
- 11 Contraction of "it is"
- 12 Obsolete form of one
- 13 Abbr. for lineal measure
- 14 The French word meaning lake
- 16 Used in the different trades
- 17 To give assistance
- 19 Short form of prefix meaning "about"
- 20 Age of admission
- 21 Abbr. for Lord High
- 24 Made of rye
- 28 Feed for horses
- 33 Deserving
- 34 A direction abbr.
- 35 Slang prefix for "go on"
- 36 Sincere
- 38 A stream of water
- 39 A west central state
- 40 Chemical symbol for tantalum
- 42 Type of boy never admitted to F. T. S.
- 45 A banquet platform of honor
- 47 Our chief concern at F. T. S.
- 50 First half of word for vibration
- 51 Young People's Religious Endeavor abb
- 53 An Italian city
- 54 Goddess of light
- 55 The name by which our boys are called
- 56 New England State
- 58 To cover with tin a second time
- 59 Vice-president abbr.
- 60 First part of name of arm of the Mediterranean
- 61 Agent of Trading Company abbr.
- 62 Engineer Training Regiment abbr.
- 63 A boy's excuse
- 64 Part of equipment of a boat
- 68 High esteem
- 69 Abbr. form for designer of buildings
- 74 Needed by all schools
- 76 Initials of a boy's favorite author
- 77 Greek letter
- 80 Abbreviation sometimes used with Rev
- 81 Sym. derived from Greek name of Jesus
- 82 A toy easily made
- 83 Boston Public Library abbr.
- 84 Greek goddess of dawn
- 85 Prefix meaning equality
- 86 Trades School Reunion abbr.
- 87 Add. "ad" for the name of the Greek epi poem, ascribed to Homer
- 88 A running game
- 89 Feminine Latin form of one
- 90 A clay pipe
- 93 Can you solve all cross word puzzles?



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### School Basketball 1925

The 1925 basketball season closed very satisfactorily. Team A won the shield, Team B came second, Team D was third and Team C last.

Team A had a fine season, winning 8 games and losing 1. They went through the whole season without a defeat until the very last game. George Russell was captain. In all they won 339 points, which was considerably more than the nearest competitor.

Team B also had a very good season, winning 7 losing 2. Team B was greatly benefited by extra men at the end of the year, who were not eligible at first. Team B scored 200 points. They had a good captain in Ivers Winmill.

Team D finished third, winning 2 and losing 7. Team D had a hard fighting team and was not beaten, until the last whistle sounded. They were captained by Raymond Thomas. Team D was especially strong in reserves, men who had not been eligible at the season's start. Team D finished close to Team B in the matter of points, having 181. Team C finished last, having won but one game and lost 8. They sunk to last place at the start of the season and stayed there the remainder of the games. Team C was woefully lacking in team play. They were handicapped by a number of members being ineligible. They finished the season with some very

good close games. They scored 120 points which was quite good as they only won one game. They had a number of inexperienced players. They were captained by Philip Young.

In all we can count the season a good success. It was interrupted temporarily by an epidemic of the grippe among a number of the players on the teams. Team A showed her superiority by her shooting ability. Team B was good on the defensive. Basketball surely became more popular during the winter of 1924—1925 at this School.

James M. Libby

### Professor Pepp

A few weeks ago a play was given by several of the boys. It was a farcial comedy, the setting of which was in a college town in the United States. It seems that Professor Pepp was making a trip to Russia for the benefit of science. While away he leaves his housekeeper Aunt Minerva in charge of the house and surroundings.

Aunt Minerva is a woman about forty years old, a natural enemy of all men, because her fiance Chester Buttonbuster deserted her two weeks before the wedding and left her with \$60. worth of wedding lingerie on her hands, and every time she thinks of it, it makes her desperate.

While the Professor is away Betty Gardner, his ward, becomes interested in a

young man, Howard Green, who saved her life when she was drowning and Betty is desperate because Aunt Minerva will not allow any men on the premises.

Petunia Muggins is a helper around the house and a rather rustic specimen. Sim Batty the police force of the town and admired very much by Petunia Muggins, is always keeping close watch on Professor Pepp's house, spooning with Petunia and making arrests when possible.

Professor Pepp while in Russia is the victim of a practical joke by a former student, Boris Ardoff. He is scared badly by a false organization of Russian Reds, and is left a nervous wreck. He hurries back to the United States, and is always on the watch for these Russians. A one-time friend of his, Chester Buttonbuster, takes advantage of him, and finding out the password of the organization uses it on the Professor to make him consent to the marriage of himself and Betty.

Boris Ardoff writes to a lady friend of his in America explaining the joke and she tells the Professor.

Professor Pepp declares that Buttonbuster is an imposter and many years too old to marry Betty. At the point of a gun he is forced to marry Aunt Minerva, the woman he had deserted twenty years before for a "bleach blonde typewriter."

Howard Green, who is the cast off son of Chester Buttonbuster, and who had the courts change his name to Green, marries Betty. This clears up the mystery and they all seem satisfied.

The play went off fine, and everyone seemed to enjoy the acting thoroughly.

Howard S. Costello

### A Fine Entertainment

Last Monday, evening a man named Mr. Giles came over here from Boston to

entertain us. He imitated many different people, their characteristics and personalities. He was very funny.

Some of the people he imitated were two old women talking together: another time it was a young man coming home from a race telling his mother all about his experience. A funny sketch was of two girls playing dolls' funeral. They left a crepe on the door-knob and everyone thought the man of the house was dead. He told how the gossips of the town spread the news.

He dressed as a farm boy and an old lady at different times. He entertained us in other ways too. Everyone enjoyed the evening's fun. We hope he will come again sometime.

Robert J. Dunshee

### Harvard Evening

The other evening several students from Harvard came over to entertain us. Two of them sang college songs while playing the banjo.

After they were through singing, two students who were Japanese showed us how the Japanese wrestle and several tricks that go with it. They also challenged two of our boys and wrestled with them at the same time showing them how to work the tricks. One of them told us that all the boys in Japan are compelled to take either fencing or wrestling as a required part of their school course.

After these Jake Stafford, one of Harvard's quarter-backs, showed us many tricks with cards and other things. A short talk on the value of sports followed. This was given by Jimmie Coombs another player on the crimson team. We all enjoyed ourselves very much. They come every year through the kindness of Mr. Tibbetts.

Charles L. Claggett

### Mr. McKay's Lecture

One evening Mr. McKay a representative of the Canadian National Railroad, gave a talk on Canada. He showed us many slides and motion pictures of that country. They were very beautiful. Mr. McKay is a true sportsman who does not catch fish and hunt animals to show his skill, but takes what is of food value.

One picture shows Mr. Rice, a newspaper man, fishing. After he had caught a large fish, it started to squirm around and almost wiggled into the water again. He then jumped and lay on the fish. It was said that Mr. Rice had to use football tactics to hold the fish down. It looked funny to see the fish squirming and Mr. Rice holding it with all his strength.

The motion pictures showed the sports of Canada, including ski jumping, skating, dog racing, and numerous other pleasures.

Mr. McKay photographed many of the pictures.

One reel showed a picture of Mt. Edith Cavell which is named for the heroic nurse shot in the World War. In honor of her they have named this mountain, which is snow-capped all the year. The lake at the foot of this mountain bears her name also. We all enjoyed the lecture and pictures very much, and thank Mr. McKay and Mr. Gilkerson who obtained Mr. McKay for us.

William N. West

### Mr. Swasey's Birthday Party

As Mr. Swasey was away this year on his birthday, it was celebrated the 15th.

The tables in the Boys' dining room were put in a half circle while in the front of the room was placed a long table. At this table Mr. Swasey and the boys who had birthdays in March were seated. The supper consisted of salmon salad, hot biscuits and coffee after which came

the ice cream and cake. After everyone had finished eating, one of the boys went out and brought in a small box. In this box a verse called for another larger box. After it had been read another boy went out and brought in a larger box. This continued till all the boys who had birthdays in March had brought in boxes. The last and the largest contained a fine loud speaker which was given to Mr. Swasey by the Boys. Mr. Swasey then expressed his thanks to us by saying he hoped all of us would be able to listen to it. We then arose and sang the School song. We went to bed feeling very happy.

Thomas Hall

### Saving Photographs

Another boy and I are saving photographs and it is very interesting. On Sunday afternoons some of the boys go around the beach and take pictures. There are many different pictures that we can take and many of the boys are saving pictures. We can buy films of Trading Company. Sometimes we send the films over town to be developed and some of the boys do developing themselves in the dark room here at the School.

James Hughes

### Baseball

Baseball is the national sport of the United States, and many people play it. Almost every noon hour I go up and play baseball. It is a very good sport, and exercises nearly every muscle of the body. There are nine positions which all boys try to play sooner or later. If a boy does not fit one position he may fit well in another.

Many countries in the world do not know how to play baseball, and I think we are lucky to be in a country where they do.

Raymond Regan

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this down to the fact that the race is purer and the spirit of law observance is more engrained in the English than in Americans." And this is the challenge which is coming not only to the American youth of New York City but to the entire American nation.

Why are we lawless? What is the meaning of law? What is the use of it?

In a democracy, rules of conduct are not imposed by outside authorities but are formulated by the people themselves, for the good of all. Lincoln called ours a government *of* the people, *by* the people, and *for* the people. Are we falling short of this ideal?

Wherever folks are gathered together, they must show consideration for each other and observe the rights of others. Lawlessness is an infringement on the rights of other people. It is not smart to break laws. It does not require great intellect to evade the punishment of breaking the law. And your own self-respect will bring you more happiness than the knowledge that you are a skillful dodger. Furthermore it takes true manliness to understand the real spirit of law and abide by laws. If we do this, it will mean that our country will be not only safe, but happy, and that America will not suffer in comparison with other nations. Our patriotism is being weighed in the balance.

## Calendar

March 2 Cobbler is here to repair Boys' shoes.

Irving M. Barnaby, '16, is here for the afternoon.

Roland C. Sheldon, executive secretary of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters International, on his return from England made this statement: "The English boys are more ruly than New York boys and are better at observing the laws. I put

March 3 School closed for the rest of the week because of colds prevalent among the Boys.

March 4 Inauguration Day. Boys of the First Grade and Instructors "listened in" at noontime to President Coolidge's inaugural address.

March 12 The blacksmith is here for the day.

March 15 Boys and Instructors ate supper together in the Boys' dining room tonight in observance of Mr. Swasey's birthday.

March 17 The Boys and Instructors enjoyed an entertainment in the Assembly Hall this evening by an entertainer from town.

March 20 Ploughing in the corn field has been finished and the piece for the potatoes is very nearly completed.

March 21 A number of trees were planted about the grounds today.

March 22 Mr. William Howell Reed, professor at Tufts College, visited the School this afternoon. Mr. Reed recently made the School the gift of a scholarship.

March 23 Started making frames for the hot bed.

The launch Winslow was repaired today preparatory to launching her and installing the engine.

March 24 Discing the corn field by the root cellar was begun today.

An unusually fine entertainment was given in Assembly Hall this evening. It consisted of an illustrated lecture on the Canadian Northwest.

March 25 Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, is here for the afternoon.

Burned the long grass at South End. The new manure spreader is being assembled.

Repaired and tarred southside float.

March 26 The painting and repair-

ing of various rooms and corridors in the Main Building is in process.

March 27 Started discing the potatoe field and burned the long grass in the orchard.

Poultry house is being reshingled.

March 28 Outside drill by the Boys was resumed this morning.

A double-header basketball game was played this afternoon. Team B defeated Team C, 17 to 7, and Team A was victorious over Team D, 34 to 18.

Kenneth Kearns, Advanced Course '24, and Howard Sturtevant, '24, are here for the afternoon.

March 31 Hot beds are being planted today.

The play "Professor Pepp" was given by the Boys in Chapel this evening. The cast was made up of sixteen characters.

#### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

March 1 Mercury at four degrees above zero. Soon began to moderate and snow.

March 4 It has been a stormy blustering day. Much snow has fallen and many banks appear.

March 5 Crossed to the Point with sleigh and Boys, drew home a quantity of meat.

March 10 To City first time since January 9th.

March 12 Wrought on floating wharf. Day fine.

March 22 Went to City for provisions. Drew the "Willie" to the North End of the Island and rowed to the City in one and one-half hours. When we returned we landed at the wharf, the ice having gone out with the tide.

March 30 Mr. S. G. DeBlois here for the first time since January 21st.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement April 1, 1925

### RESOURCES

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| U. S. Securities . . . . .  | \$ 500.00        |
| Other Investments . . . . . | 942.13           |
| Cash . . . . .              | 199.53           |
|                             | <u>\$1641.66</u> |

### LIABILITIES

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Surplus . . . . .  | \$ 466.39        |
| Deposits . . . . . | 1175.27          |
|                    | <u>\$1641.66</u> |

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK  
President

BURTON DORMAN  
Cashier

WILLIAM R. HOLMAN  
Teller

## March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 67° on the 27th.

Minimum Temperature 20° on the 1st and 15th.

Mean Temperature for the month 42°.

Total Precipitation 4.85 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1. on the 19th.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 4 partly cloudy, 13 cloudy.

## Changes in Our Band

During the last year a few changes have been made in our band. Among other things an inventory of music has been taken. Some has been mended and new books and pieces added. A plan has been carried out whereby every boy has a March book with complete set of Marches, which meant that many Marches had to be duplicated.

The cause of having to make these changes in the music was due to the add-

dition of several instruments to the band, several instruments being personal, and a fine trombone has been given to the band. All the instruments have been repaired and put in good condition.

A date has been set for our band to broadcast and we all look forward to it and hope the event will be successful.

William M. Hall

## Preparing Cottages for Summer

At this time of the year the Boys begin preparing their cottages for Friends' Day. There are many things to do, such as; painting, scrubbing floors, trimming lawns, etc. Some of the boys paint their cottages before they begin cleaning. After the painting there are usually chairs to varnish, picture frames to repair and make. Some of the boys have radio sets in their cottages, which make them more home-like. We have the opportunity of "listening in" during our noon and night hour. There is great benefit derived from our cottages, that is; if we keep them clean. When we return to our homes we will keep them clean also.

Clarence E. Stevens

## Washing Presses

Every afternoon about 4:30 I begin to wash the presses in the Printing Office where I work.

On the large press, I first take out the rollers and with kerosene I take off the ink. There are five of these rollers. I next wash the steel rollers. When I am through with the big press I take some kerosene and pour it on the ink plate of the small press. I let the rollers run on it a few times and then I can wipe them off easily. I like to wash presses.

Ralph I. Swan, Jr.



### The Water Bowls

A new water system for the cows was recently installed in the Barn. It has long been talked about. The necessary things had to be estimated, that is, how much pipe should be used and how many couplings, etc.

After the pipe and bowls were ready the Power House Instructor cut the pipe into lengths, then he threaded the joints so that they would fit tightly.

After the pipes were made correct in length and everything was ready, we began to put the piping into place. We started at the east end of the Barn and laid a horizontal pipe across with a vertical one leading to each stanchion. The horizontal pipe was long enough to go over to every other stanchion, and the vertical reached from the horizontal to about two feet from the floor, that is about the height of a cow's nose. After all the piping was put up, the the bowls were attached. These are about nine inches in diameter and they are oval in shape. Inside of these bowls there is a lever. When a cow puts her head inside it presses the lever which causes the water to flow, the harder she presses the faster the water flows. In this way a cow can have a drink at any time.

John Arkerson

### Cleaning Fires

It is the custom in our power plant to change the fires twice a day. I work there in the forenoon. If the fire is dead enough on the side to need changing, I change it for the twelve o'clock boy.

First, I get a wheelbarrow and put some water into the bottom of it. I then begin to pull out the dead side of the fire. When I have all the loose ashes out I take the splice bar and loosen up the clinkers at the back of the fire box.

When all this is done I take the ashes to the ash pile. I then take a large bar and run it into the live side and pull it over on to the side I have just cleaned. When this is done I take a large iron hoe and pull over what coals are needed to cover the grates.

I then level off the two fires. Having cleaned and leveled the fires I put coal on them which is half screenings and half soft coal. I keep putting on coal until I have the fires built up about a foot. When this is done I clean off the ashes that have collected in front of the fire box door and put them into the ash pit.

Hildreth Crosby

### Calking the Scow

Every year the scow, John Alden, is hauled up on the beach near the boat-house. All the marine growth is scraped from her hull in the fall. In the spring all the seams are calked and filled with putty.

After this is done the hull to the water line is given a thick coat of paint.

Along the water line it is given two coats of white. The decks and the inside is painted with buff colored paint.

After this is done a new line is put on the mooring stone if needed. Then she is ready for launching.

Arthur Blackwell

### Painting the Steamer

Recently we put the Pilgrim on the blocks to be painted and have the winter sheathing removed. When we take the sheathing off we tie it in bundles, so next year they will find it in good order.

Below the water line the hull is painted with copper paint which preserves the wood. The upper part of the hull is painted white. We have to do all this between the tides as we have no marine railway. We are usually through before the tide

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

Will Frank DAVIS, '79, President

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Walpole



This is the solution of the Alumni Cross Word Puzzle, printed in the March Beacon.

is high. The steamer looks very well after it is painted.

James A. Brain

### Farm Projects

To make farming more interesting for the Boys, Mr. Swasey has introduced a farming project. Through this project two boys are given a few acres of land to fertilize, harrow, and get ready for planting. When planting time comes, the boys buy the seed, plant, cultivate, weed, spray, and do anything else that is necessary for their project.

When it is time for harvest the boys harvest their crops and sell them to the school at market prices.

The boys must pay for help, machines, horses and tools hired, and also pay for seed. The boys are paid by the hour themselves and they pay for hired help etc., after the harvest. The money which

is left from this goes to the boys' bank account.

Another boy and I have the potato project and so far we are succeeding pretty well. I like this way of farming because it gives one something to try for and look forward to.

Howard S. Costello

### Fixing the Tennis Court

One morning when the Supervisor was giving work to the Boys, he asked me to come out to the tennis court. He told me to take up the rubbish and wheel it to the rubbish bin back of the Power House. He then showed me how to get the clinkers from the fire ashes and put them on the Tennis Court, where there was not any clay to fill in the ruts. I like my work very much.

William Thompson



