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Carl A. Carlson II

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### Habits

The things which a nation or large group continue to do are called Customs. When a smaller group of people or organization continues to repeat certain activities

they become Traditions. The various actions of an individual persistently continued are said to be the peculiarities of that person, or Habits. The life of every man and woman early becomes completely wrapped up in the customs of the nation, the traditions of the various organizations in which he or she takes part, the good and bad habits which have been cultivated through the years of youth.

We are acquainted with two men who are brothers, of very nearly the same age, of similar physical size and appearance and having apparently equal mental ability. As boys, they were reared in the same home, graduated from the same academy and completed the same college course. Their success in life has not been equal. One is a very fine, successful man and the other has not made notable success nor has his character been especially commendable. The successful one continued through the years of his youth to do the best and always thinking good thoughts and doing good deeds. The other was less careful of his actions and had the bad habit of thinking selfish thoughts and other thoughts of a detrimental nature.

A few days ago an employer of two boys who graduated from the same school informed us of the successful manner in which one of the lads conducted his work and the unsatisfactory work of the classmate who was doing work of a similar nature in the same department. The successful boy, the employer characterized as willing, able, careful and responsible. The other boy, he said, was capable but unstable, irresponsible and continually

negligent. He was not able to permit the latter boy to continue in the position of trust which he so persistently violated.

This type of comparison can be made in cases without number and they all indicate that some people have acquired the habits which are instrumental in success. The others indicate the development of habits which lead to failure, unhappiness and many more serious troubles.

Too often we think from the early part of childhood through youth and adult life that the little things which we do or fail to do will have no bearing upon our future work and the happiness of life.

If we would pause to read the biographies of great men and if we would study more deeply into their lives we would find that a large part of their success was due to the well trained good habits which they possessed. We would find that the failure of men and woman could be traced in most cases to the lack of good habits.

There are many thousands of good and bad habits. A few of the good habits which we should strive to possess are, reverence, honesty, faithfulness, obedience, sincerity, courtesy, diligence, tidiness, thought, judgment, charity.

It is very important that we adopt a standard by which to live and continue to cultivate all of these good habits continuously throughout life. Each good habit well formed is much more valuable than a large sack of gold. Success, happiness, pleasure and many other good things in life can be attained without gold but without these good habits success is not possible with any amount of money.

Let each of us every day continue to insist upon right habits and continue to reject everything which by thought or by action leads us to the habits which are detrimental to ourselves and the people about us.

## Topics in Brief

The Boys enjoyed a very early Friends' Day, the affair taking place April 22nd. 278 relatives and friends came on the Nantasket Steamer, which was provided for the purpose.

Our Easter Concert was given April 17, 1927. The Concert was prepared under the general direction of Miss Marcia Winslow who was assisted by Miss Ella Warren and Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom. The program was very well arranged and was very finely done.

The Second Class gave an exceedingly interesting musicale at Grade Reading during the latter part of the month. Carl A. Carlson, George E. Hamilton, Otto Kohl, Chester P. Lindgren, William VanMeter, and William L. Young took leading parts.

On the same evening Mr. Walter B. Foster '78 talked to the boys. At the close of the talk he read Robert B. Malone's "OPPORTUNITY."

New Baseball uniforms have been presented to the School by the Alumni Association. These uniforms are very much appreciated by the boys.

In one of the preliminary games of the baseball season the Seniors defeated the Second Class by a close score.

## April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 89° on the 20th.

Minimum Temperature 20° on the 24th.

Mean Temperature for the month 35°

Total Precipitation .14 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .8

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

April 2. Dull, rainy. Sowed grass seed and tried the boat with steam on. She worked well.

April 3. Messrs. Elliot, Deblois, Stores and C. P. Bowditch of the Managers with Moses Sargent and Mr. Grew visited and examined the School. All passed off pleasantly and the Managers expressed themselves pleased with the progress made at the School generally.

April 9. Planted first peas. Mrs. Morse went to the city for the first time in fifteen weeks.

April 13. Planted beans and sweet corn in the garden.

April 21. Colonel Lyman visited us. Returned him on Steamer to Squantum. Carried fifty barrels to Spectacle Island, sold for \$9.50.

## Calendar 90 Years Ago 1837

As Kept by the Superintendent

April 5. Examination of the school by the directors and others. There were present Governor Armstrong, Deacon M. Grant, H. B. Rogers, Esq., Rev. L. Dwight and a gentleman from Springfield.

April 19. John D. Williams, Esq. visited the Island.

April 24. The Superintendent and some of the workers went to Quincy after forest trees.

# SPORTS

## Baseball Season Opens!

By Ross S. Lloyd

The 1927 Baseball Season was inaugurated by Teams A and B on April 23rd.

Chester P. Lindgren the winning pitcher was also the team's captain. The

opposing captain, Arthur C. Brown was behind the bat.

Lindgren started off very well holding his opponents scoreless until the third inning when one run was scored by B, Rand making the tally. Both teams had big rallies, A's coming in the sixth inning when five runs were scored. The sixth was lucky for B also; four runs being made off Lindgren's delivery.

The game developed somewhat into a pitchers' battle.

Mr. Russell officiated at the plate and Mr. Albee on the paths.

### Box Score:

TEAM A.	AB.	BH.	R.	PO.	A.	E.
Chapdelaine, ss. ....	5	4	3	0	1	3
Mende, 3b. ....	6	2	1	0	0	0
Adams lf. ....	4	0	1	0	0	0
Lindgren, p. ....	5	3	0	2	3	0
Wight, cf. ....	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton. 1b. ....	4	2	1	4	0	0
Butts, 2b. ....	5	2	1	2	0	1
Belham, rf. ....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Dow, c. ....	3	1	2	0	0	0
H. Hallman, rf. ....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals .....	41	14	9	8	4	4

TEAM B.	AB.	BH.	R.	PO.	A.	E.
Rand, 1b. ....	5	4	1	5	0	0
Newton, cf. ....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Herman, 2b. ....	5	0	0	0	0	2
West, 3b. ....	4	1	1	0	0	0
G. Baxter, rf. ....	4	0	0	0	0	0
G. Taylor, ss. ....	5	2	1	0	2	0
A. Brown, c. ....	5	2	2	1	0	0
W. Young, p. ....	4	2	1	0	1	0
Roy Towne, lf. ....	3	1	0	0	0	0
Allen, rf. ....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	40	12	6	6	3	2

### Score by innings:

A—1	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	9
B—0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	6

### A Fire Boat

One day when a group of boys were working on the Wharf a fire boat was seen coming down the harbor. We watched it for awhile. About a half-hour later we saw it coming back again. It came up close to our Wharf and then the Lieutenant asked if he could land.

After they made it fast the Lieutenant said that the boys could go aboard. We went aboard and began to look it over. We went up to the Pilot's cabins and he told us how everything worked. We were shown how the siren worked. First he turned a brass wheel once and then he pulled a little box on the ceiling. We heard a shrill blast outside. He said that when he turned the brass wheel he could make it any tone he wanted to. He told us how the Engineer and Pilot communicated with each other.

After that we went up on another deck and looked at the water gun. There are two wheels on it. One is for turning it to the sky and the other for making it go from side to side. Then we went down to the engine room. They have two propellers which require two engines. Some of the boys wanted to see how they got their water out of the ocean. In the engine room there are two huge pumps. The Engineer started these going and in a little while a rush of water came down on both sides of the deck.

Then the Lieutenant said it was time to go so we thanked him and went off.

As they were leaving they made the siren go twice.

Arthur C. Brown III

### Moving the Float

One day after school our Supervisor told the boys of the Second Class to go to the beach. When we got there we saw that we were going to try to move the float into the water. This float has been on the beach for repair.

Previous to our arrival a few boys attempted to jack it up with little or no success. It was necessary for us to pry it up with boards. When we had it raised high enough we put it on rollers and put a rope on each end.

We tugged first on one rope and then the other. A pair of horses came to assist us but made matters worse by breaking the rope. However we managed to move it somewhat and the next day we commenced operations again and moved it much farther. The next morning the entire School went to the beach and launched it successfully.

George E. Hamilton II

### Taking Down the Flag

At night the band boys bring their instruments to the Elm and prepare to march.

At 5:10 P. M. we line up and a report is taken of both band and school. Then we start marching around the playground or wherever we are told and halt near the flag pole. One boy plays 'Retreat' and then the band plays the 'Star Spangled Banner.' The flag is then lowered.

This method of taking down the flag inspires us in marching and playing.

Warren N. Pratt II

The boys enjoyed their first swim of the season April 20.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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WALPOLE

Clarence H. DeMar, '03 won the B. A. A. Marathon on Patriots' Day. This is the fifth time that he has won the gruelling contest and he has been rightfully called, "America's greatest marathon runner."

Mr. Tom McCabe in the BOSTON HERALD writes regarding the race:

"All records were pushed into the background yesterday when Clarence H. DeMar of Melrose Post, 90, American Legion, raced home three-quarters of a mile ahead of the pack in the 31st American marathon conducted by the Boston Athletic Association. It was the fifth time the 39-year-old veteran paced the procession, which to lead just once is considered the feat of a superman.

### Sets New Record

Clarence H. DeMar brought back to America, to the United States, to Massachusetts, the distance running championship when in the blistering heat, he wore down perhaps the finest field that ever faced a starter in a similar race."

### Has Interesting Life Story

Clarence H. DeMar entered the School in 1900. He graduated in 1903, and in August Superintendent Bradley secured a place for him with Mr. T. L. Kinney of South Hero, Vermont. Mr. Kinney was very well pleased with him and his many letters described the boy as "more than satisfactory." Mr. Kinney also said in his letters "In some ways Clarence is the brightest boy I ever knew."

At this time he was going to School in preparation for college. He earned \$140 in these days of college preparation. Incidentally, the money was given to Mr. Bradley to be saved for the boy.

September 1907 found the boy a student at the University of Vermont.



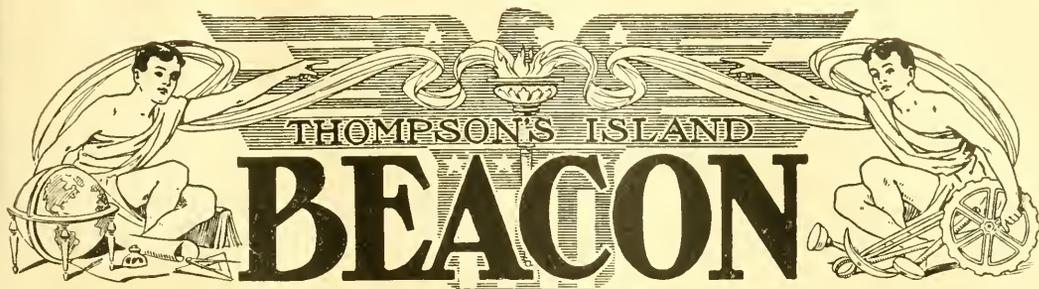
Clarence H. De Mar, A. A. F. T. S., 1903

Clarence De Mar achieved fame in 1910 when he won the Armory Athletic Association ten mile run. To further his fame he won second place in the Boston Athletic Association Marathon race in April.

In 1911 he won the great marathon race in Boston. During this year he studied for the degree of A. A. from Harvard University.

For the past fifteen years, or thereabouts, he has been engaged in the printing business.

His greatest achievement came in the years 1922 1923 and 1924, when for three years in succession, he won the gruelling race. In years 1925, 1926 he finished second and third respectively. This month he won for the fifth time. His objective is the coming Olympics and to that end we extend our sincere wishes for his success.



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Trees greatly help to make our Island beautiful.

Carl A. Carlson II

About sixty boys had the opportunity of attending the Metropolitan Theatre to hear John Philip Sousa and his band. It was a very good concert. Several of the pieces played were The Stars and Stripes Forever, El Captain, Washington Post. A Cornet Solo by John Dolan was especially good.

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### Habits

The things which a nation or large group continue to do are called Customs. When a smaller group of people or organization continues to repeat certain activities

they become Traditions. The various actions of an individual persistently continued are said to be the peculiarities of that person, or Habits. The life of every man and woman early becomes completely wrapped up in the customs of the nation, the traditions of the various organizations in which he or she takes part, the good and bad habits which have been cultivated through the years of youth.

We are acquainted with two men who are brothers, of very nearly the same age, of similar physical size and appearance and having apparently equal mental ability. As boys, they were reared in the same home, graduated from the same academy and completed the same college course. Their success in life has not been equal. One is a very fine, successful man and the other has not made notable success nor has his character been especially commendable. The successful one continued through the years of his youth to do the best and always thinking good thoughts and doing good deeds. The other was less careful of his actions and had the bad habit of thinking selfish thoughts and other thoughts of a detrimental nature.

A few days ago an employer of two boys who graduated from the same school informed us of the successful manner in which one of the lads conducted his work and the unsatisfactory work of the classmate who was doing work of a similar nature in the same department. The successful boy, the employer characterized as willing, able, careful and responsible. The other boy, he said, was capable but unstable, irresponsible and continually

negligent. He was not able to permit the latter boy to continue in the position of trust which he so persistently violated.

This type of comparison can be made in cases without number and they all indicate that some people have acquired the habits which are instrumental in success. The others indicate the development of habits which lead to failure, unhappiness and many more serious troubles.

Too often we think from the early part of childhood through youth and adult life that the little things which we do or fail to do will have no bearing upon our future work and the happiness of life.

If we would pause to read the biographies of great men and if we would study more deeply into their lives we would find that a large part of their success was due to the well trained good habits which they possessed. We would find that the failure of men and woman could be traced in most cases to the lack of good habits.

There are many thousands of good and bad habits. A few of the good habits which we should strive to possess are, reverence, honesty, faithfulness, obedience, sincerity, courtesy, diligence, tidiness, thought, judgment, charity.

It is very important that we adopt a standard by which to live and continue to cultivate all of these good habits continuously throughout life. Each good habit well formed is much more valuable than a large sack of gold. Success, happiness, pleasure and many other good things in life can be attained without gold but without these good habits success is not possible with any amount of money.

Let each of us every day continue to insist upon right habits and continue to reject everything which by thought or by action leads us to the habits which are detrimental to ourselves and the people about us.

## Topics in Brief

The Boys enjoyed a very early Friends' Day, the affair taking place April 22nd. 278 relatives and friends came on the Nantasket Steamer, which was provided for the purpose.

Our Easter Concert was given April 17, 1927. The Concert was prepared under the general direction of Miss Marcia Winslow who was assisted by Miss Ella Warren and Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom. The program was very well arranged and was very finely done.

The Second Class gave an exceedingly interesting musicale at Grade Reading during the latter part of the month. Carl A. Carlson, George E. Hamilton, Otto Kohl, Chester P. Lindgren, William VanMeter, and William L. Young took leading parts.

On the same evening Mr. Walter B. Foster '78 talked to the boys. At the close of the talk he read Robert B. Malone's "OPPORTUNITY."

New Baseball uniforms have been presented to the School by the Alumni Association. These uniforms are very much appreciated by the boys.

In one of the preliminary games of the baseball season the Seniors defeated the Second Class by a close score.

## April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 89° on the 20th.

Minimum Temperature 20° on the 24th.

Mean Temperature for the month 35°  
Total Precipitation .14 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .8  
Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

April 2. Dull, rainy. Sowed grass seed and tried the boat with steam on. She worked well.

April 3. Messrs. Elliot, Deblois, Stores and C. P. Bowditch of the Managers with Moses Sargent and Mr. Grew visited and examined the School. All passed off pleasantly and the Managers expressed themselves pleased with the progress made at the School generally.

April 9. Planted first peas. Mrs. Morse went to the city for the first time in fifteen weeks.

April 13. Planted beans and sweet corn in the garden.

April 21. Colonel Lyman visited us. Returned him on Steamer to Squantum. Carried fifty barrels to Spectacle Island, sold for \$9.50.

## Calendar 90 Years Ago 1837

As Kept by the Superintendent

April 5. Examination of the school by the directors and others. There were present Governor Armstrong, Deacon M. Grant, H. B. Rogers, Esq., Rev. L. Dwight and a gentleman from Springfield.

April 19. John D. Williams, Esq. visited the Island.

April 24. The Superintendent and some of the workers went to Quincy after forest trees.

# SPORTS

## Baseball Season Opens!

By Ross S. Lloyd

The 1927 Baseball Season was inaugurated by Teams A and B on April 23rd.

Chester P. Lindgren the winning pitcher was also the team's captain. The

opposing captain, Arthur C. Brown was behind the bat.

Lindgren started off very well holding his opponents scoreless until the third inning when one run was scored by B. Rand making the tally. Both teams had big rallies, A's coming in the sixth inning when five runs were scored. The sixth was lucky for B also; four runs being made off Lindgren's delivery.

The game developed somewhat into a pitchers' battle.

Mr. Russell officiated at the plate and Mr. Albee on the paths.

### Box Score:

TEAM A.	AB.	BH.	R.	PO.	A.	E.
Chapdelaine, ss. ....	5	4	3	0	1	3
Mende, 3b. ....	6	2	1	0	0	0
Adams lf. ....	4	0	1	0	0	0
Lindgren, p. ....	5	3	0	2	3	0
Wight, cf. ....	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton. 1b. ....	4	2	1	4	0	0
Butts, 2b. ....	5	2	1	2	0	1
Belham, rf. ....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Dow, c. ....	3	1	2	0	0	0
H. Hallman, rf. ....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals .....	41	14	9	8	4	4

TEAM B.	AB.	BH.	R.	PO.	A.	E.
Rand, 1b. ....	5	4	1	5	0	0
Newton, cf. ....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Herman, 2b. ....	5	0	0	0	0	2
West, 3b. ....	4	1	1	0	0	0
G. Baxter, rf. ....	4	0	0	0	0	0
G. Taylor, ss. ....	5	2	1	0	2	0
A. Brown, c. ....	5	2	2	1	0	0
W. Young, p. ....	4	2	1	0	1	0
Roy Towne, lf. ....	3	1	0	0	0	0
Allen, rf. ....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	40	12	6	6	3	2

### Score by innings:

A—1	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	9
B—0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	6

## A Fire Boat

One day when a group of boys were working on the Wharf a fire boat was seen coming down the harbor. We watched it for awhile. About a half-hour later we saw it coming back again. It came up close to our Wharf and then the Lieutenant asked if he could land.

After they made it fast the Lieutenant said that the boys could go aboard. We went aboard and began to look it over. We went up to the Pilot's cabins and he told us how everything worked. We were shown how the siren worked. First he turned a brass wheel once and then he pulled a little box on the ceiling. We heard a shrill blast outside. He said that when he turned the brass wheel he could make it any tone he wanted to. He told us how the Engineer and Pilot communicated with each other.

After that we went up on another deck and looked at the water gun. There are two wheels on it. One is for turning it to the sky and the other for making it go from side to side. Then we went down to the engine room. They have two propellers which require two engines. Some of the boys wanted to see how they got their water out of the ocean. In the engine room there are two huge pumps. The Engineer started these going and in a little while a rush of water came down on both sides of the deck.

Then the Lieutenant said it was time to go so we thanked him and went off.

As they were leaving they made the siren go twice.

Arthur C. Brown III

## Moving the Float

One day after school our Supervisor told the boys of the Second Class to go to the beach. When we got there we saw that we were going to try to move the float into the water. This float has been on the beach for repair.

Previous to our arrival a few boys attempted to jack it up with little or no success. It was necessary for us to pry it up with boards. When we had it raised high enough we put it on rollers and put a rope on each end.

We tugged first on one rope and then the other. A pair of horses came to assist us but made matters worse by breaking the rope. However we managed to move it somewhat and the next day we commenced operations again and moved it much farther. The next morning the entire School went to the beach and launched it successfully.

George E. Hamilton II

## Taking Down the Flag

At night the band boys bring their instruments to the Elm and prepare to march.

At 5:10 P. M. we line up and a report is taken of both band and school. Then we start marching around the playground or wherever we are told and halt near the flag pole. One boy plays 'Retreat' and then the band plays the 'Star Spangled Banner.' The flag is then lowered.

This method of taking down the flag inspires us in marching and playing.

Warren N. Pratt II

The boys enjoyed their first swim of the season April 20.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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WALFOLE

Clarence H. DeMar, '03 won the B. A. A. Marathon on Patriots' Day. This is the fifth time that he has won the gruelling contest and he has been rightfully called, "America's greatest marathon runner."

Mr. Tom McCabe in the BOSTON HERALD writes regarding the race:

"All records were pushed into the background yesterday when Clarence H. DeMar of Melrose Post, 90, American Legion, raced home three-quarters of a mile ahead of the pack in the 31st American marathon conducted by the Boston Athletic Association. It was the fifth time the 39-year-old veteran paced the procession, which to lead just once is considered the feat of a superman.

### Sets New Record

Clarence H. DeMar brought back to America, to the United States, to Massachusetts, the distance running championship when in the blistering heat, he wore down perhaps the finest field that ever faced a starter in a similar race."

### Has Interesting Life Story

Clarence H. DeMar entered the School in 1900. He graduated in 1903, and in August Superintendent Bradley secured a place for him with Mr. T. L. Kinney of South Hero, Vermont. Mr. Kinney was very well pleased with him and his many letters described the boy as "more than satisfactory." Mr. Kinney also said in his letters "In some ways Clarence is the brightest boy I ever knew."

At this time he was going to School in preparation for college. He earned \$140 in these days of college preparation. Incidentally, the money was given to Mr. Bradley to be saved for the boy.

September 1907 found the boy a student at the University of Vermont.



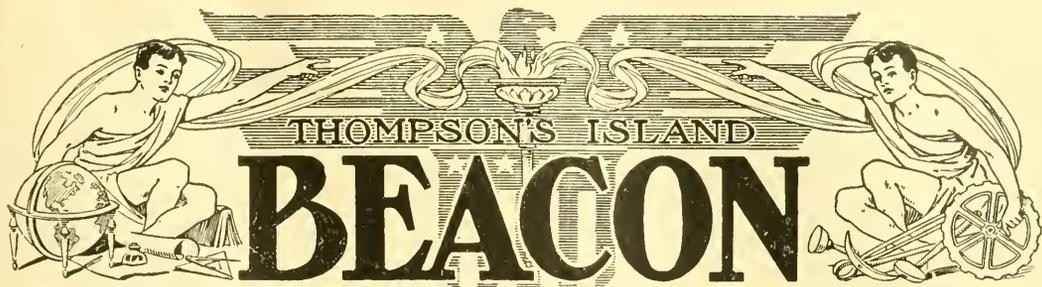
Clarence H. De Mar, A. A. F. T. S., 1903

Clarence De Mar achieved fame in 1910 when he won the Armory Athletic Association ten mile run. To further his fame he won second place in the Boston Athletic Association Marathon race in April.

In 1911 he won the great marathon race in Boston. During this year he studied for the degree of A. A. from Harvard University.

For the past fifteen years, or thereabouts, he has been engaged in the printing business.

His greatest achievement came in the years 1922 1923 and 1924, when for three years in succession, he won the gruelling race. In years 1925, 1926 he finished second and third respectively. This month he won for the fifth time. His objective is the coming Olympics and to that end we extend our sincere wishes for his success.



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## The Band Contest

Saturday morning May 21 the band boys were very happy as we were expecting a great time that day. We were to enter in a contest of school bands of New England. As soon as we got out of bed we dressed and went down to the Locker Room and changed into our uniforms. We did as much as we could before breakfast. After breakfast we went to the Band Hall got our instruments and went to the Wharf. We boarded our steamer the "Pilgrim." Four extra boys carried the colors and also a sign telling about the school and announcing that we were the first boys' band in America. When we arrived at the South Boston Yacht Club we got aboard a bus which was waiting for us. We were taken directly to Boston Common, where we waited until our bandmaster came. From there we went to the bandstand on which we were to play. We were in Class B. There were two other bands besides ours one was the Carbiou Maine Band and the Waterville Maine Band which won first prize in our class. Each band played fifteen minutes on the bandstand.

We played the trio of the "National Emblem," "The Triumphant March" and the "Princess of India" After the bands were through playing their concert they formed on the Common where Commander John Philip Sousa led them

in three marches, "El Capitan," "Boston High School Cadets" and "Down Main Street."

At noon we had a box lunch and a pint of milk. We formed in a column a mile long. We marched up Huntington Avenue to the Arena where the Bands massed and played a program directed by Commander Sousa.

As the trophies were being awarded hundreds of drums made noise for applause. The House of the Angel Guardian Band won first prize in Class "A." This band was directed by LeRoy S. Kenfield, a graduate of our School. In our class which was "B", we received second prize, a silver cup being the trophy awarded. This is the first time our band has ever entered a contest of this kind. Everybody had a good time and we wish to thank the people who made it possible for us to go, including Mr. Fred Blakely, who arranged to provide a bus for our use.

Burton Dorman I

## The Power House

The Power House is a three story building on the East Side of the Island. On the first floor there are the Boiler and Engine Rooms besides a Forging Shop. On the second floor there are Carpenter and Machine Shops. The third floor contains a Band Hall and a Sloyd Room.

The Boiler Room contains a boiler made by the Hodge Boiler Company

in 1909.

The Engine Room is 33 feet 6 inches long, 14 feet wide, 11 feet, 2 inches high. It contains a steam engine and a gasoline engine. The gasoline engine is used only occasionally, the steam engine being used about all of the time. There is also a switch board on the north wall, equal distances from each side of the engines and it is supported by galvanized pipes. On this switch board are the switches that control the power of the Island. Near this is a small switchboard, which charges the batteries from the steamer and launch, also the radio batteries.

In the Forging shop there are five forges, four of which run by power and one that goes by hand.

In this shop the boys are taught to forge and are given diplomas in this work after they have finished a certain number of models, and have received a passing mark.

On the second floor there is a Carpenter Shop and Machine Shop. The Carpenter Shop contains a circular saw, jointer and band-saw, all of which are run by power. There are also two long benches on each side of the room. On the north side of the room there are some cupboards in which the tools are kept. In the north-east corner, there is a bench which the cobbler uses when he taps the shoes.

The Machine Shop contains a lathe, drill press, milling machine and fine and coarse emery wheels; on the north side there is a bench that runs along the side of the room. On the opposite side are some closets where the tools are kept.

On the third floor there is the Sloyd Room and Band Hall. The Sloyd room has sixteen benches one for each boy who

is taking the sloyd course. There are also two lathes for turning wood and some cupboards that run along the west and north walls, which hold the models and the tools.

The Band Hall contains a piano, and along the south side of the room is a row of cupboards in which the instruments are kept. Each boy in the band has a chair and their chairs are formed in concert ensemble.

The Power House is one of our most useful buildings.

Carl A. Carlson II

### A Baseball Game

One Saturday afternoon I had the privilege to go over town with our minister Mr. Litchfield. In the afternoon he took me to Braves field where the Boston Braves and the New York Giants were to have a game of baseball.

Before the game the teams went on the field to practise. After a while a gong rang and all the players retired from the field. Two men then came on the base-lines with a heavy canvas carpet. They went around the base lines dragging it in back of them to smooth out the base lines. When this was done the men came off the field. A little while later the players came on the field and the game began.

New York was at the bat first.

During the first inning New York made two runs. In the third inning the Boston Braves had a rally which put them ahead by one run which made the score 4-3. When we left the game to come home the New York Giants were ahead by one point 5-4. The part of the game that we saw was very interesting,

We then took a taxi to City Point. I had a very nice time and I am grateful to Mr. Litchfield.

Charles L. Keller III

## Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a day which we boys look forward to with eager anticipation.

Previous to Memorial Day this year the weather had been very uncertain, but this year we awoke to find all indications pointing toward a perfect day, as far as the weather was concerned.

It has been the custom, especially in recent years to hold on this day a general track meet. The School was divided into two groups, called the "Seniors" and the "Juniors". Naturally the Seniors composed the larger boys in the School. These boys are divided into three groups and compete for a wooden shield. The Juniors do not compete for any prize.

The main event of the sports program was a cross country run around the South end of the Island. Francis E. Floyd won the run for the Seniors while Theodore L. Vitty for the Juniors.

The various races were run off as scheduled and after the points had been compiled, Howard S. Costello was found to be the captain of the winning team among the Seniors. He led John Arker-son's team by a scant margin of one-half a point, with the team captained by Cecil A. Morse not far in the rear.

William L. Young led his team to victory over William H. Van Meter and Roger L. Holton. Van Meter's team finished a little better than Holton's.

In the evening a splendid beach supper was enjoyed. The menu consisted of frankfurts, rolls, doughnuts, peanuts, marshmallows, and punch.

The day was one which we will long remember. Perfect weather prevailed throughout the day, and the competition among the teams was consistently close enough to hold our interest until the end.

Ross S. Lacyd I

## Memorial Sunday

It is the custom of the School to hold memorial exercises at our little Cemetery located on the south end of our Island for the boys and instructors who are buried there. The service is conducted by the Mayor of Cottage Row.

This year on Sunday May 29, at nine o'clock we marched over to the cemetery with the Band playing and the boys marching in the rear.

A brief history of the boys and instructors buried in our cemetery was read and several recitations were given. The School sang three hymns with a brass quartette accompaniment. Next was a selection by the Band.

Roll call was sounded by the drums and taps was played three times.

The service, under the direction of Miss Ella J. Warren was very well prepared. Our minister Mr. Parker H. Litchfield offered the invocation.

The service was closed with a hymn after which we marched up to the house.

Chester P. Lindgren II

## The New Mellophones

About a month ago Mr. Frank L. Warren, our band master brought down four mellophones to take the place of the alto horns which we have had for years.

The Mellophone has some of the tonal qualities of a French horn and is practically the same in shape. It has a different pitch, also a larger mouthpiece.

John A. Arker-son I

Dr. Thys Hsieh (The Teddy Roosevelt of China) spoke at the Sunday afternoon services May 8th. He told us particularly about the Christian religion in China and many other worthwhile facts about the Chinese people. We were also privileged to hear at this time Mrs. Ruth Bowditch Templeman who rendered some very fine violin selections.

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### Friends

Two of the biggest and most enjoyable events of the year have passed, Friends' Days. It is impossible to describe or to tell in words of the happiness and enthusiasm which comes to us on these grand

and glorious days, It is then more than any other time that we realize the real, and true value of friends.

Each of us has many friends both in the school and outside. Our daily pleasures are shared by our friends. They make us happy and we make them happy. To be without friends would be like being a man without a country. Life would be empty and futile.

We obtain friends in three ways. Some friends are born to us, our relatives. Some friends are earned by personal contact and our own true worth. Others come to us because of their desire to share with us their more fortunate possessions.

A middle age man recently said while speaking at a banquet of college alumni that one of the biggest things which he got at college was the friendships which he made. He said that a friend that was lost was one of the greatest tragedies in the world.

It is very much worthwhile and valuable to make many friends. Success in life is impossible without friends and the only way to be rich in friends is to be a friend and to earn the privilege of friendship by consistent hard work and honest endeavor.

The place to make friends is where you are. The people whom we should have for our friends are the people around us. Each of us should study our good qualities and failings with the view to so guiding our lives that others will have joy in our presence. Hard work, good judgment, cooperation and unselfishness are elements which make for great and lasting friendships,

In the years to come we will look back upon our days at F. T. S. and think of the friends whom we made there. Friends are our most valuable possession and too many times we fail to recognize this fact

until it is too late and time has robbed us of the opportunity to make future friendships. Be a friend to every person whom you come in contact with and you will have a wealth of friends to assist you in success and the fullest happiness in life.

### Topics in Brief

Perhaps the biggest event of the month took place Sunday, May 22, when Major Frank L. Warren Bandmaster of the 101st Engineers' Band and our School Band, brought his Engineers' Band, together with a large number of government workers to the Island for a visit. Mr. Warren directed individual concerts by each band and concluded the concert by a spirited march by both bands.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held at the Hotel Bellevue, May 11. More about the meeting will be found on the Alumni Page.

President and Mrs. Nathan Wood of the Gordon College of Theology and Missions were among our very fine Sunday speakers during the month.

Under the capable supervision of Mr. William L. Randall our farm begins to show great promise for this year's crop.

Manager Walter B. Foster spent the afternoon and evening of May 18th with us and at that time presented to the school a song which he had arranged for the graduating classes.

We were very fortunate in having Mr. Clarence De Mar '03 visit us during the month. Mr. De Mar talked to the School on Marathon Running.

A group of boys were privileged to attend the Metropolitan Theatre during the early part of the month.

The Second Friends' Day occurred May 20. Two hundred and sixty

relatives and friends of the boys together with Managers Thomas J. Evans and Alden B. Hefler were present.

We feel very proud of the fact that our School Band won honorable mention in the New England School Band Contest held on Boston Common May 21. Our band was bested only by the Waterville High School Band, of Maine.

### Calender 90 Years Ago 1837

May 7. Mr. Weeks [firm of Weeks and Jordan] came down and addressed the boys.

May 14. Mr. Bumstead came down and performed services. Wm. S. Tolman went away having been apprenticed to Mr. Theo. Dupee, farmer of Barnstable.

May 18. John D. Williams, Esq., with several other gentlemen and about one hundred-twenty relatives and friends of the boys came down in the General Lincoln and stopped two hours. Rev. F. T. Gray being present addressed the boys and made a prayer. George H. Ham entered the institution.

May 24. Deacon Grant, Mr. Rogers, Rev. G. Haskins and several other gentlemen from Boston visited the institution.

### May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 72° on the 29th.

Minimum Temperature 39° on the 10th.

Mean Temperature for the month 55°

Total Precipitation 5 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .9

Fourteen days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 2 clear days, 22 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy.

### A Tribute

Everyone regretted the fate that Noel Davis and his companion Wooster suffered recently. They were planning to attempt the New York to Paris flight.

While making a test flight from the Langley field near Newport News, their plane became unmanageable and crashed to the ground.

Noel Davis once landed on our Island to replenish his supply of water.

Some boys talked with him and he wrote his autograph in some of their books to be remembered by.

William H. Thompson III

### How Driftwood is Used

When the tide rises, wood and many other things drift upon our beach. Once in a while a team from the farm goes to the beach and collects all the useable wood and takes it to the woodpile.

The wood that is too large to burn in the bakery is sawed and put in neat piles in the wood cellar. When wood is needed in the bakery the baker goes down to the wood cellar for it.

Boats and such things that come to the island which are not claimed by anyone are also burned. At the southern end of the island is an incinerator which is made from cement. Here all the rubbish is taken to be burned. Many times when we go around the beach we find splendid pieces of wood such as mahogany and black walnut.

George E. Hamilton II

May 29th K. Paul Yphantis was the speaker for the afternoon service. Rev. Yphantis told us in a very vivid manner of his escape from the Turks and the connection between this and the Christian religion.

### Recording Temperatures

My duty on the observatory staff is to record the temperatures. I read the thermometers as follows;

The maximum thermometer: First carefully disengage the pin or pawl that holds the thermometer in place. Then slowly lower it, bulb end down. It must not be lowered suddenly because it will cause an erroneous reading. The maximum temperature is the scale reading at the top of the column of mercury.

In reading the minimum thermometer the instrument must always be read while it is still in its horizontal position. The reading is obtained by noting the number of degrees on the scale opposite the end of the index farthest from the bulb. A reading at the other end will give the current temperature. In recording maximum and minimum temperatures the following should be borne in mind; the maximum temperature cannot be lower than any of the other readings and the minimum cannot be higher than any of the other readings.

Immediately after the thermometers have been carefully read they should be set. The maximum should be whirled and set first, and the minimum next.

John Belham II

### Plowing

One Saturday afternoon, our supervisor asked for boys to volunteer for the farm. Another boy and I raised our hands and we both went to the farm for work. Soon after our Instructor told us to harness "Tom" and "Jean." We did this and started to the place where he told us to wait until he came. When he came I was told to plow. I did this all afternoon.

Paul C. Butts II

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

May 4. Charles Dana Fuller discharged and sent to his father, Derby Line Vermont. (Discharged means he had finished the course.)

May 12. First visit by friends and patrons of the school for this year. A good number present.

May 19. A hard day of boating. Planted an acre of potatoes on Cemetery hill.

One hundred and sixty tons of coal received from Chelsea. Unloaded all and took one hundred and thirty under cover at old barn with our three teams. A large day's work.

"Decoration day." Had several visitors. Gave the boys a ride around the Island in boats strung out one behind the other, making quite an imposing sight. Gave the boys a swim.

## SPORTS

## Baseball!

By Jack Hobson

Two games were played this month, Team A defeating Team C 8-1, and Team B defeating C 11-6.

## A 8 - C 1

Teams A and C met for the first time on May 7 and before the fifth inning was over Lindgren's team had earned an eight run lead, which was too overwhelming for Morse's team to overcome, although Team C secured one run on three hits in the sixth inning.

Lindgren pitched excellently for the winners, while H. Taylor and McElroy got five of the losers nine hits.

Morse had nine strike outs, pitching for Team C.

## B 11 - C 6

Teams B and C opposed each other for the first time on May 28. Arthur Brown's team managed to play exceptionally good ball in the first four innings and scored nine runs, in the meantime holding their opponents down to three runs. The final score was 11-6 and the result of the game was never in doubt after the fourth inning.

A feature of the game was the first home run hit of the season made by George Taylor off the pitching of Cecil Morse.

## A Band Concert

On the twenty-second day of May the opportunity to hear Mr. Frank L. Warren and his 101st Engineers Band was offered to us.

After hearing a very good sermon by President Nathan Woods of Gordon College of Theology we passed to the lawn to hear the Band Concert.

Mr. Warren, who directs our School Band, led our boys in a short concert. The most noted numbers which our band played were "El Capitan" and an overture entitled "The Princess of India".

The 101st Engineers Band then took their places. One number which was very good and was rendered equally as well was a selection from the Comic Opera entitled, "Mlle. Modiste" by Victor Herbert.

A novelty piece "That's Why I Love You", featured Mr. Gaughn, a former member of the Faculty on the bass drum. He handled two sticks very dexteriously.

After the concert a short time remained, so those people who had not seen the Island, improved the opportunity.

Ross S. Lloyd I

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### The Semi-Annual Meeting

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Association was held at the Hotel Bellevue on Wednesday evening, May 11. The Meeting came to order at 8:00 with President Ellis in the chair. The regular order of business followed. Plans for the Field Day on the 17th of June were discussed.

We hope there will be a large attendance on this day.

Those present at the meeting were:

Frank H. Machon	'09
Chester W. Buchan	'22
Will F. Davis	'79
Merton P. Ellis	'97
David E. Long	'22
Elwin C. Bemis	'16
George G. Larsson	'17
Clarence O. Norrby	'13
Clarence P. Hobson	'23
John H. Schippers	'21
Alfred H. Ladd	'02

FRANK H. MACHON '09, is employed as teller of the First National Bank of Boston. His home address is 63 Bernard Street, Dorchester.

Manager Walter B. Foster '78, visited recently and talked to the student body at Grade Reading. Mr. Foster closed his short talk with the poem "Opportunity," which is so good that we are taking the liberty of reprinting it.

### OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no  
more

When once I knock and fail to find you  
in;

For every day I stand outside your door,  
And bid you wake and rise to fight and  
win.

Wail not, for precious chances passed  
away,

Weep not for golden ages on the wane;  
Each night I burn the records of the day,  
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have  
sped;

To vanished joys be blind and deaf and  
dumb;

My judgements seal the dead past with its  
dead,

But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire wring not your  
hands and weep:

I lend my arm to all who say "I can."

No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep  
But he might rise again and be a man.

Dost thou behold thy lost youth lla aghast?  
Dost reel from righteous retribution's  
blow?

Then turn from blotted archives of the  
past

And find the future's pages white as  
snow.

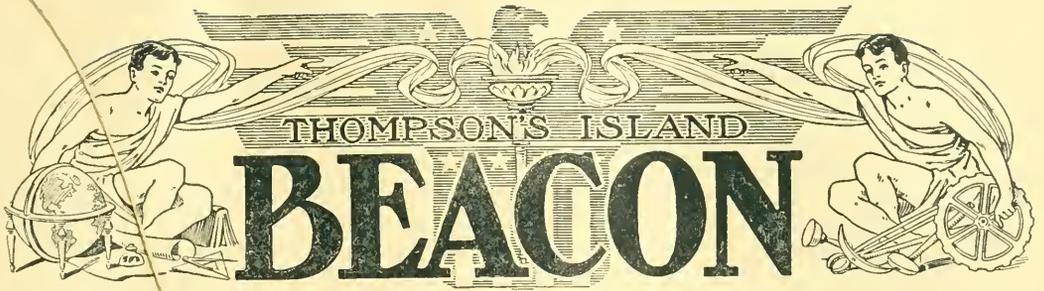
Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from the  
spell!

Art thou a sinner? Sins may be  
forgiven.

Each morning gives thee wings to flee  
from hell,

Each night a star to guide thy feet to  
heaven:

*Robert B. Malone.*



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## Graduation

Graduation exercises of the Class of 1927 were held on June thirteenth. The large platform, which was used for the first time this year, was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers. Perfect weather conditions prevailed throughout the afternoon, and the entire scene was one of much beauty.

Bishop Lawrence gave the address to the graduating class and the talk was one which will long be remembered. The speaker based his address on Colonel Charles Lindbergh, describing the many traits of character which the young man possesses and urging all to strive to attain those things, which, as they made Colonel Lindbergh the man he is, will also make us the men we want to be.

The different parts of the program were very well given and President Adams congratulated all those who had assisted with the preparation of the exercises.

A feature of the exercises was the Class Ode "I Go to Prove My Soul." This ode was presented to the School by Manager Walter B. Foster '78. It is planned to use the ode at each graduation, and the beautiful number will always continue to be a valued part of graduation.

Fourteen boys received Academic diplomas, fourteen boys received Sloyd diplomas, and ten boys received Forging diplomas.

The program follows:--

## PROGRAM

- OVERTURE—The Princess of India *Kine*  
Band
- INVOCATION  
Reverend Howard A. Morton
- SALUTATORY *Jack H. Hobson*  
The History of the F. T.S. Printing Office
- CLASS SONG *I Go to Prove My Soul*
- CLASS PROPHECY  
*George Otis Poole*
- SELECTION—Air Varie *Harlow*  
Band; William M. Hall, Trombone Soloist
- CLASS WILL  
Thomas Augustus Hall
- PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BANNER  
Howard S. Costello, First Class  
William N. West, Second Class
- VALEDICTORY *Ross Summers Lloyd*  
Washington, The City Beautiful
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER  
President Arthur Adams
- ADDRESS  
Bishop Lawrence
- PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS  
Superintendent William M. Meacham
- SCHOOL SONG  
School
- MARCH—The Regiment's Return *Crosby*  
Band  
Ralph H. Martis I

### Farewell Reception

On Graduation Day night the Class of 1928 gave a farewell reception to the Class of 1927. The affair had been carefully planned and careful preparations had been made to make the reception the best ever held on Thompson's Island.

The Entertainment Committee of the class planned very elaborate decorations and for a week previous to the event spent the greater part of their time working out their ideas. As a result the committee decorated the hall very prettily, using the the School colors, gold and blue, as the basis of their work.

Music for the event was furnished by the courtesy of Mr. Arthur Dearing and his Entertainers, a group of seven splendid players, who have been on the stage, and in vaudeville. Mr. Dearing and his players gave us a sample of good dance music for which we are very grateful.

Refreshments were served during the intermission and consisted of ice cream, cookies and punch. At this time Sandy MacGregor, who is a great friend of the School sang two of his Scotch character songs.

Everything so carefully planned for the evening was very well done, and we feel that the farewell reception was in every way a huge success.

Chester P. Lindgren I

### The Alumni Field Day

Alumni Field Day is an annual event at our School. This year the event took place on Friday, June 17. Incidentally Bunker Hill Day is a day set apart for the Alumni frolic.

The School steamer, "Pilgrim", and

the "John Alden" left City Point about ten o'clock. It was necessary to make three trips to accomodate the large number of alumni who came to spend the day at the School.

The remainder of the morning was spent in renewing old friendships and retelling stories; the older graduates with one another, and the younger graduates with us boys.

Dinner was, as is the custom, in the form of a basket lunch held on the North Lawn. The boys were very busy at this time, as several of the Alumni were scrambling all kinds of candy and peanuts.

After dinner a meeting of the Alumni Association was called at which time Superintendent Meacham, President Merton P. Ellis, of the Alumni Association, and Mr. James Graham '79 spoke.

The afternoon was packed with fun and entertainment. Various games and races were played by the boys. Cash prizes were awarded by the association. At this time several of the Alumni were busy playing baseball. The game was very interesting until the fifth inning, when the affair became a joke; however those playing seemed to enjoy it more.

Later in the afternoon the group went to the Assembly Hall and there a dancing party was held. Sandy MacGregor obliged with a few of his famous Scotch songs, which we all appreciated a great deal.

After awhile the boat signalled for passengers and the Alumni left for the Wharf. Everyone had a good time and I think the day was enjoyed by all.

William H. Van Meter I

### Broadcasting

In view of the fact that our Band won second place in our class, at the recent scholastic band contest Station WEEI extended us an invitation to broadcast. For this we were especially indebted to "Big Brother" Bob Emery, who is a graduate of our school.

We left the school about six o'clock June 1 for City Point where we boarded a car for the studio. Eventually we arrived at our destination where Mr. Emery greeted us.

It did not take us very long to set up our equipment and get ready to broadcast. Meanwhile Big Brother was making us feel at home. Our band master, Mr. Frank L. Warren saw that we were ready and soon Mr. Emery announced the first number on our short concert. The first number was "The Princess of India," a semi-classical overture. A selection followed, "Air Varie" a trombone solo, well played by William M. Hall. Our concert was ended when we sang the School Song accompanied by the band.

Many communications were received complimenting the boys on their excellent musicianship. These compliments are very much appreciated by the band members and offer inspiration for greater results in our School Band.

William L. Young I

### Current Events

During one of our study periods each week we have Current Events.

Current Events is a condensed newspaper, used in schools both public and private. It is said to have the largest circulation of any school paper in the world.

It is published once a week and contains many interesting subjects and photographs of different events. One interesting event lately was about the French

fliers who failed in their brave undertaking to fly from Paris to New York in a non-stop flight. In the latest issue of the Current Events we have read nothing about the two fliers being found, but it is probable that they landed and were picked by some fishing schooner.

On the second page it has two columns called the 'Question box', so that the teachers of the different schools who subscribe for the Current Events may have the privilege of writing and asking about puzzling questions. We usually have an interesting period reading Current Events.

George E. Hamilton I

### Constellation Excursion

Through the courtesy of Mr. Herbert Sears, brother of our Manager, Mr. Philip Sears, the School was invited for an excursion on his yacht "Constellation."

The outing took place June fifteenth, and we left the Island about ten o'clock in two of our School boats and boarded the Constellation, which lay a short distance from our wharf.

As we walked up the gang-plank to the yacht Mr. Sears and his brother shook hands with each of us. Shortly after we were all aboard, the anchors were hoisted, and the sails were put up. Soon we were on our way down the harbor.

The trip was very beautiful and we enjoyed the sail. We were on the water about three hours.

We returned and anchored a short distance from our wharf. Refreshments of sandwiches, lemonade, chocolates, ice-cream and cake were served. Our boats arrived at the yacht and we thanked Mr. Sears for the fine time we had and left for our Island.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Sears for this treat which he annually has in store for us and we take this occasion to thank him sincerely for his kindness.

George E. Hamilton I

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The following article was published in "The Brewster" a publication issued by Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

### The Margin of Time

Our lives are like a huge manuscript, which may be thought of as our biography, written as we live. There are margins at

the top of the pages and besides each day's events. These margins of leisure hours vary with our daily work. Sometimes wide and sometimes narrow, but, however narrow, they are wide enough to shape our future characters.

At the beginning of our biographies is a continuous wide margin. This is our infant stage of life. We are inexperienced and young, but yet old enough to begin the greatest of all adventures, life. Thus the first chapters of our biographies begin.

Next are the chapters of young man and young womanhood. The width of our margins of time vary; one day wide and the next day narrow. Shaw said "Time is like money; the less we have of it to spare, the further we make it go." No margin of time is too narrow to use.

During this phase of life we are forming our characters and fighting temptation. "Some temptations come to the industrious, but all temptations attack the idle." Our main duty is to be industrious twenty-four hours each day, except for the eight or nine hours when we are sleeping. Being industrious doesn't necessarily mean being occupied with hard manual labor. We can be industrious when reading an interesting story or when busy at some hobby of different trend than our daily work. If we see a person fooling away his time, hanging around stores and street corners, and associating with bad companions, we immediately know that he is putting himself into danger and that, if he continues this course, his character will be ruined. To a great extent our future life depends upon our character. A young man's or a young woman's life tends toward good or towards evil according to the good or bad use of the margins of time.

A great many men believe that "he is a good man whose intimate friends are all good" and that leisure hours should be

put to good use. Charles Dickens was poorly educated but he worked in a lawyer's office and in his leisure time studied shorthand in order to become a newspaper reporter. The experience gained later in writing the daily articles enabled him to write literature that made him famous. Some men who are now squandering time might be as famous as Dickens. Agriculture was a hobby of George Washington. He is always spoken of as a great general and the leader of the Revolutionary War. However, he was as great a leader in his hobby as he was in the war and managed a large farm at Mount Vernon where he tried many agricultural experiments to better the existing conditions. An elevating hobby is one inlet to our lake of knowledge.

It is what we do in our margin of time that determines our standing with the rest of the world. Our personalities are formed and people either shun us or seek our company. A respected man isn't one that wastes his spare time. People say, "What an interesting man Mr. Jones is! Always busy at something." Because he is industrious people are interested in him and respect him. But who is interested in a loafer? No one, except a few policemen. And who respects him? Not even his fellow-loafers.

There are many different ways by which we may benefit ourselves and our fellow-men during our margin of time. If an architect studies in his leisure time he will improve his business and thereby help other men as well as himself. Some times a person can develop his hobby so that he may become dependent upon it, and gain more fame by the change. Longfellow wrote literature in his spare time while he taught languages at Bowdoin and later at Harvard. He became so successful that he was able to give up his

teaching and devote the latter part of his life entirely to writing. However I might add here that many noted authors wrote their best books in leisure hours. There is one thing we must avoid and that is excess. The ordinary daily work of life is monotonous. If we do nothing but eat, sleep, and attend to our daily work, we shall be very uninteresting to ourself and more so to our friends. It is variety and not excess that makes people respect a man or woman. Let us suppose a certain man enjoys hunting and fishing. Very soon he finds that he is spending all his leisure time enjoying these sports. He becomes narrow minded through excess, and his friends tire of him. Likewise a woman may become intuated with dancing and become uninteresting in the same manner. To be broad minded we should be good listeners as well as good talkers. Through our ears we become acquainted with the views of other people. This is the key to popularity.

One of the greatest problems that a young man or young woman has to face all through life is that of choosing acquaintances. A person is known by the company he keeps. We naturally judge neighbors by their steady company. You may say "Well I think Jimmy, (or Alice) is a very nice person." But it isn't what you think; it's what other people think. If they think of Jimmy, or Alice, as undesirable, then you must decide whether you are willing to be associated with him or her in other people's minds.

Our reputation depends upon the reputation of our companions. We should take a lesson from the piece of clay that sought the company of a beautiful rose and thus was filled with all its essence. We, as the men and woman of tomorrow must not waste our margins of time, "for time is the stuff life is made of."

### Topics in Brief

We were especially fortunate to have Bishop Lawrence as the speaker at our graduation exercises which were held on the South Lawn June 13, 1927.

The Constellation Excursion, which is an annual treat of Manager Philip Sears and his brother Mr. Herbert Sears, took place June 15, 1927.

The Class Excursion, which is made possible through the generosity of President Arthur Adams, was held June 14. The graduating class enjoyed a trip to Provincetown on the steamer "Dorothy Bradford."

The Alumni Field Day was, as usual, a great success. A large number of the alumni came to the Island for the occasion. Mr. James H. Graham was in charge of the program.

The Class of 1928 gave the Class of 1927 a farewell reception on June 13. The affair was very successful. Excellent music was furnished by the courtesy of Mr. Arthur Dearing,

Secretary Tucker Daland visited the School June 27.

June twenty-seven, sixteen boys were accorded the privilege of attending the base ball game at Fenway Park.

The F. T. S. Trading Company is now operating a canteen where the boys may secure light refreshments at a very moderate expense.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago 1837

June 5th. Artillery Election. Mr. F. S. Benson of Boston and his Sabbath School scholars from Mason S. S. being out upon a sailing excursion called here to see our boys and sing to them.

June 10th Charles A. Branting left, indented to Deacon Brown of Waltham, Mass.

June 18th The friends of the boys came down in the steam-boat.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

Fri. 1. A hot sultry day, 82 in the shade. Boys picking potatoes bugs from vines- a discouraging job.

Sun. 3. We have had so much annoyance from the landing of boats that we now have special police here on Sundays. Officer Maxwell is here today. It is having good effect.

Tues. 5. Monthly report. Number of boys in school 99.

Tues. 12. The second friends day for the season. Managers Lyman, Young, Deblois, Eliot, Bowditch, Emmons, Dexter were present.

### June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 88° on the 24th.

Minimum Temperature 29° on the 11th.

Mean Temperature for the month 67°

Total Precipitation 4.10 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.

Ten days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 11 clear days, 1 partly cloudy, 18 cloudy.

### Power House Notes

By Roy V. Towne

#### Steam and its Uses

To make steam we must first have water. What is water? Water is formed by the union of two gases, oxygen and hydrogen. These two gases are simple bodies, formed by the creator in the beginning, which are found in different forms. When alone, both are invisible.

take one volume of oxygen, mix it with two volumes of hydrogen and the two will chemically unite and form water by measure. By weight water is composed of 8 parts oxygen to 1.11 of hydrogen.

When water is expanded 1.700 times by heat it becomes steam just as ice is hardened water. What is steam? Steam is an invisible vapor caused by the application of heat. No two steam boilers steam exactly alike though they both may be absolute duplicates. Like every steam engine each boiler has an individuality all its own.

## SPORTS

There were five games played this month and our schedule is about one-third completed. The last five games provided many surprises. Team B stepped ahead of Team A to lead the other teams in the contest for the shield.

Team B won two games June 4. The pitching of William Young who pitched both games was one of the features of the games. Young struck out twenty-seven men during the afternoon.

B-8 A-7

In the first game between teams A-B Lindgren's team got away to a good start scoring six runs in the first four innings. Arthur Brown's team, however, played a steady game and scored their runs over a period of nine innings, winning the game 8-7. Lindgren pitched an excellent game for the losers, striking out thirteen.

Arthur Brown captain of the winners hit safely four times.

B-9 D-8

In the second game team D got away to a good start, scoring three runs on three hits and a base on balls. Team B evened it up in the second and went ahead 6-4 in the third. They held their lead until the

sixth but D tied it up in the seventh inning. In the eighth inning, a three base hit by Brown, followed by a single by West brought in the run which proved to be the winning tally. Young struck out three batters in a row in Team D's turn at bat

A-4 D-2

Teams A-D played the best game of the season so far June 17. Lindgren's team held Team D 4-2. Lindgren's pitching was a little difficult to solve with men on bases, and he pitched a very steady game. Eighteen strikeouts were credited to him. Martis pitched well enough to win almost any ball game, but was given poor support. He held his opponents to eight hits and struck out thirteen.

The finish was full of excitement. Lindgren hit safely with one out and came home on a double which Butts hit to right field. The next two men were easy for Martis, but the damage was done. Team D went out one, two, three order in their half of the inning.

C-7 A-1

After losing two straight games Team C defeated Team A 7-1. Morse, captain of Team C, let Lindgren's team down with four hits.

Wight made two of the loser's four hits. Morse, Keller, and Kohl each hit three safe hits for the winners.

Undoubtedly the absence of Frank J. Dow from the lineup of Team A partly explains the poor showing made by the losers.

D-24 C-8

Seven runs made on four hits, three bases on balls, and a few errors gave Team D an overwhelming lead in the first inning of the C-D game played June 18. Hits, errors, bases on balls, and more hits led to a 24-8 victory, the first that the team has experienced. Martis pitched a fine game for the winners.

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The Alumni Field Day took place June 17. and was as usual a big success. An article about the event is printed on page two. The registration follows.

Alcott, William and Mrs.

Louise M. Alcott

Hazel M. Walker

Marion D. Alcott

Albee, Clifton E.

Austin, Frederick

Arkerson, William C.

Mrs. W. C. Arkerson

Bemis, Elwin C.

Bennett, George and Mrs.

George Bennett, Jr.

Lester V. Sullivan

Blakemore, Edric B. and Mrs.

Bradley, Charles H. Jr. and Mrs.

Charles H. Bradley, 3rd

Mrs. Charles H. Bradley

Nellie B. Brewster

Charles J. Mansell

Brasher, Sherman G.

James H. Brasher

Mrs. Jane Murch

Brenton, Harold E.

Butler, Alton B.

Calkin, L. Martin

Cameron, Malcolm E. and Mrs.

Crosby, Hildreth R.

Darling, Normon W. and Mrs.

Mrs. Rena E. Darling

Mrs. Rena D. Parker

Charlotte Parker

Davis, Will Frank and Mrs.

Herbert Smith

Dudley, Herbert L. and Mrs.

Dudley, Robert E.

Ellis, Merton P. and Mrs.

Evans, Thomas J.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wambold

Bernice E. Wambold

Virginia Norris

Marion E. Shurtleff

Foster, Walter B.

Silchrist, Henry E.

Grace Folsom

Betty G. Hughes

Gove, Herbert E.

Graham, James H.

Walter W. Robertson

Edith Robertson

Gregory, Robert W.

Gunning, Franklin E. and Mrs.

Marguerite Gunning

Dorothy Gunning

Franklin Gunning, Jr.

Herman, Walter

Mrs. C. E. Thrasher

Hobson, Clarence P.

Grace Follet

Alice LeBlanc

J. H. Paton

Dorothy Erwin

James H. Vitty

Howard, Otis M.

Hynes, Frederick S. and Mrs.

Joyce Hynes

Robert Hynes

Harold Morse

Kuphal, Karl H.

Jacobs, Alfred W.

Larsson, G. George

Elna Nelson

Lewis, Preston W.

R. M. Keating

Libby, Waldo E.

Mrs. E. F. Libby

George Libby

Lombard, Frank I. and Mrs.

Long, David E.

William J. Long

Richard H. Long

Norman MacCuspide

Loud, Clarence W. and Mrs.

Edith Loud

Ruth Loud

C. W. Loud, Jr.

Dorothy Hills

Machon, Frank H.

Frank H. Machon, Jr.

MacKenzie, George A. C.

MacPherson, Dona'd C.

Marshall, Earle C. and Mrs.

Barbara Marshall

Earle C. Marshall, Jr.

McAllister, Joseph E.

Margaret McAllister

McKay, Robert

McQuesten, R. H.

Morrison, William P.

Evelyn MacBride

Dorothy Madden

Morse, Harold D.

Moses, Stephen R.

Moss, Norman

Murphy, Laurence A.

Helen Austin

Norrby, Clarence O.

Norwood, Walter D. and Mrs.

Marjorie Norwood

Constance Cutter

Peterson, Albert A.

H. and H. O. Peterson

Reeve, William

Anne Reeves

Mrs. N. L. Greene

Schippers, John H.

Shaw, Charles G.

Slocomb, Ernest E.

George Hilton

H. Hilton

Smith, Daniel E.

Smith, Willis M.

Swasey, Paul F. and Mrs.

Johann Swasey

D. Kimball

Thayer, Frederick P. and Mrs.

Thomas, Raymond

Van Duesen, Karl R.

Karl R. Van Deusen, Jr.

Van Meter Robert H.

West, Elbert L.

Juliet S. West

Herbert West

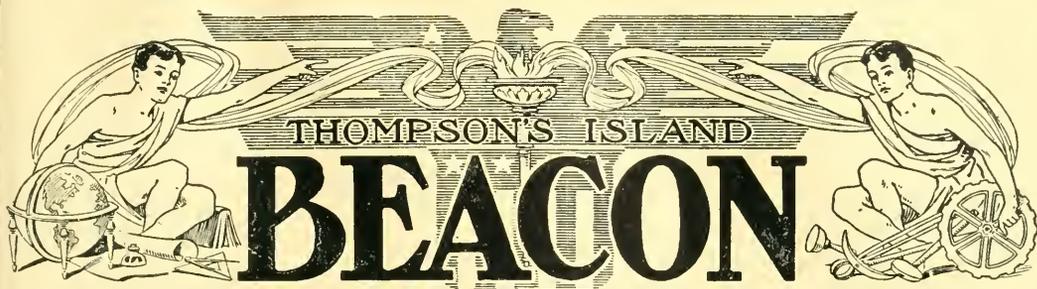
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Edward Young



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### Fourth of July

Most of the boys were on their fur loughs and observed the Fourth of July at home. However those who remained at the School had a very enjoyable day, and the program included fun for everybody.

After breakfast we did the necessary duties until about nine o'clock. Shortly after this time a picked team of nine boys played the faculty team. Although there was no official scorekeeper, it was generally conceded that the boys' team won the game.

We had a real Fourth of July dinner, with the conventional fresh salmon and green peas. The dinner was greatly enjoyed by all.

It was planned to take the group to the Charlestown Navy Yard on the steamer PILGRIM, but the weather was quite cold and windy, prohibiting a pleasant sail into the harbor. However the boys found plenty to do; ball playing and victrola concerts were very popular all the afternoon.

In the evening we had our supper by the shade of the "Old Elm." The menu was composed of frankfurts, rolls, sandwiches, cookies, punch, peanuts, pop corn, and marshmallows.

A little later the group adjourned to the beach for a swim. Shortly after the swim we waited about the "Old Elm,"

for darkness, so that we could display our fireworks. Each boy was given a splendid supply of fireworks and we enjoyed displaying them until about half-past ten.

At this time we got ready to go to the dormitory, thankful for the good time we had had.

Richard L. Bolingbroke V

### Unloading Coal

Our coal supply for this year came during the middle of the month, and I was one of the boys selected to help unload the the barges which docked at our Wharf.

We used every horse and cart available to unload the coal, as we desired to get the job done as soon as possible. In all we had five carts which carted the coal to the grounds near the Boat House, where the coal is stored until needed.

The barges docked at the extreme end of our Wharf, at which place our carts were loaded. Each cart was driven to the scales where the coal was weighed. The loads were then taken to the coal pile near the Boat House.

In all we carted about six-hundred tons of coal, two grades of coal for our Power House, and stove coal for the kitchen range.

It took about six days to do the job, and we were indeed fortunate to have none of the accidents which sometimes occur.

Gordon K. Baxter III

### Vermont Association

Saturday July 9th the Vermont Association of Boston held their annual outing on the Island. As we had expected they had a baseball team. After dinner we began to prepare for the game. The game was very interesting and the boys came in with the victory winning by a score of 14-7.

After supper we were each given a brick of ice cream for which we thanked the Vermonters. Later in the evening a dance was given which some of the boys enjoyed. After dancing awhile the boys went to bed.

Cecil A. Morse I

### Getting Freight

One afternoon while several boys and I were harvesting beans we heard our steamer's signal, which signified that wagons were needed to carry freight which the boat was bringing to our School.

My Instructor asked me to go with him and we found, after arriving at the Wharf, that there was more freight than we anticipated.

More boys were sent for, and as we were taking the last of the freight it began to rain and we hurried to finish the task.

We got rather wet, but we enjoyed the experience.

Roger L. Holton III

### Our Rabbits

When the boys came back from their vacation one of them brought back two rabbits. They were put in a small pen in the poultry yard.

I am poultry house boy and part of my work is to feed the rabbits. They are good eaters.

I enjoy taking care of the rabbits, and they have become my favorite pets.

John W. Russell II

### New Boys

I was one of the new boys admitted to the School in July.

When we came over on the Steamer we went inside and saw the engine. The boy engineer was oiling his engine. As we came near the Wharf the boy had to do a lot of work. He listened for a bell. When he heard it he would stop the engine. When he heard the second one he would start it again. It was interesting watching him because we had nothing else to do. When we arrived an Instructor showed us around. He took us down to the farm and showed us the cows. We then came to the playground and saw the cottages. The last thing we saw were the bee hives. We saw other things the next day.

Richard W. Crowley VI

### Beacon Article

I am a new boy at this School. I have been here a month already. I like this School as all the boys do.

In the morning we begin work at quarter of eight and we work until nine o'clock. We then go to school. In the afternoon I work in the kitchen. We wash the dishes, wipe them, and scrub the floor and the tables.

I hope I may stay in the School until I graduate.

Richard L. Henderson VI

### The U. S. S. Leviathan

On July 20th the Leviathan came to Boston to be put into dry dock for repairs and a general over-hauling. It comes in here twice a year for this over-hauling.

It is very interesting to watch it come into the Harbor. When it arrives in the Harbor the engines are stopped and it is moved by tugs.

Gordon L. Whalen III

## An Old Home Dance

While on my vacation I had the pleasure of attending an Old Home Dance, the type of which is fast disappearing except in rural districts.

The dance was held in a large spacious room of one of New Hampshire's typical farmhouses. The room was brilliantly illuminated by a kerosene lamp which sat upon a mantelpiece at one end of the room. The floor was made of very beautiful pine wood but having seen many ages of service it was a perfect description of a choppy sea.

We entered the hall and the orchestra struck up a very popular number entitled, "Turkey in the Straw". The orchestra was so very good that it attracted my attention. I looked in the corners of the room for it but it was not to be found there. But it was not long before I discovered it in an adjoining closet. On looking closely I found it to be a one man orchestra consisting of a banjo and harmonica. The harmonica was held to the players mouth by a wire brace which encircled his neck. Very shortly after the orchestra started an elderly gentlemen came out to the middle of the floor and issued commands which were followed by the couples assembling in two lines up and down the center of the floor. Then the excitement started and the couples began to run around and execute nimbly the commands of the one who was leading.

After a short time the room became heated and the boys took off their coats and went into it with a vim, keeping time with their suspenders.

After several dances such as Virginia Reel, Boston Fancy, Paul Revere, Paul Jones and other square dances, the orchestra began to get exhausted after playing many well known pieces, such as "Little Brown Jug," "Irish Washerwoman," "Old Zip Coon," and a few others which

escaped my attention at the time.

At the close of the dance refreshments were served. First paper plates were passed out and the food came along shortly afterward on trays. The refreshments consisted of coffee, cake, cookies and sandwiches, and were very good.

The dance ended by the whole party adjourning to the sitting room and gathering around the organ. A few songs were sung and then the crowd gradually drew away.

The dance was a great credit to the town and judging by the compliments the hostess received, it was greatly appreciated by all.

Ralph H. Martis I

## Moving a Boat

One morning our Supervisor showed us a boat that was too near the water. He told us to move it further up the beach. We took some rope from the Boat House and tied it to the boat.

We tried to move the boat several times, but without success. We then went up to the barn and, after getting permission from a farm instructor, took two horses. When we reached the boat we attached a chain from the horses to the boat. The horses easily moved the boat to the desired place.

George E. R. Hamilton I

## My New Work

At the last change of work I was assigned to the Paint Shop. Some of the things I have to do are setting glass, fix window cords, paint and other odd jobs.

I enjoy this work more than any other work I have had.

Theodore L. Vitty II

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Did you ever take a walk about the farm and garden all alone, if for no other reason than to detract your mind from your everyday routine, which occasionally becomes more or less tiresome?

A walk around our farm in the early morning or evening makes one think differently. One becomes changed from the noise of machinery and brought closer to nature. One sees life springing up everywhere all about him. Two lines of verse are recalled at this time which are very true and appropriate to enter here. Where they were heard, I do not know, but that is immaterial.

“He who plants a seed beneath the sod,  
And waits to see it push away the clod,  
he trusts in God.”

Though it is not quite so much in evidence here at the School, this is truly the age of machinery. Everywhere there is a tendency to hustle and keep up with the times. In farming great changes have been made with machinery. Nevertheless at our School we occasionally see again the old time figure of the boy or man with the scythe. It is a pleasing picture to remember, this common use of the old time method with the early morning dew not quite dissipated by the sun, and the invigorating air which makes labor a delight before the heat of the day.

The mower grasps with sturdy hands what looks to be the most awkward of implements and begins his toil in the ancient form of many generations. The rhythmic sound of falling grass before the sharp blade makes the awkward implement seemed transformed into a thing of grace. What an expert our friend who wields the scythe is in his toil. What poise! What superb co-relation of muscular action of the foot, arm, leg and chest. His progress has the rhythm of a poem. Here is the

beauty of toil worthy of exaltation of labor in terms of glory. His genius is not born of the Schools, but comes from long practice and life-long heritage of the soil. May he of the scythe long live to wield his ancient tool. The picture of a noble past, quaint and beautiful. He helps us keep our complex age of machinery from entirely exterminating the beautiful things of man's early life and toil. Thus, in some degree, we are brought back from machine driven days to the sweet and restful mother earth.

Contributed

### Topics in Brief

Sixteen boys were accepted for admission to the School at a meeting of the Admission Committee held July 6 in the Kimball Building.

The Vermont Association of Boston had a field day here July ninth. About one hundred members of the association were present. Lawn games and sports, together with a lawn supper, followed by a dance, completed the activities for the day.

It took about six days to unload our annual coal supply, which numbered about six hundred tons. The shipment arrived during the middle of the month.

Our School year began July 19. The practical training classes were re-organized, and the majority of the boys have been placed in a department different from the one which they were in during the past year.

The Academic faculty includes Supt. W. M. Meacham, Miss Marcia Winslow, Miss Lelia Wallace, and Miss Arleen Brownlee.

As many of our readers are aware, the Board of Managers of this School recently decided to build a cattle barn. This building is nearing completion and a description of the structure, with possibly a photo, will appear in an early issue of the "Beacon."

We would not be too generous if we considered our present School Band fully as capable as the band which scored a triumph on Boston Common last Spring. The members of the Band should feel proud of the fact that they have indeed developed quite rapidly during the summer months. We look for one of our finest School Bands this year, and Bandmaster Frank L. Warren, and Mr. Elwin C. Bemis are quite pleased with the results obtained thus far.

Henry A. Schramm, was elected mayor of the Cottage Row Government, at their election held this month. A capable staff was elected to assist the new mayor.

A general inspection of the lighting and heating plant of our School was made recently.

The interior of the Boiler and Engine Rooms in our Power Plant has been painted.

Baseball was the chief sport of the boys this month. Although the season is drawing to a close each team still has a chance to win the Shield, which is given to the team winning the most games.

Several members of the Class of 1927 visited the School during the month.

The Felice, which has been a prominent cottage on Cottage Row for a score of years has been demolished and a new cottage is being built in its place.

## Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

Wed. 4th. A gala day— Flowers in morning— But few visitors—Our program was extensive and well carried out. Keeping the boys busy nearly all day— Mr. J. R. Morse orator of day. Procession at sundown— Little Ruth Morse personated the Goddess of Liberty drawn in a chariot by two pretty Jersey calves— Everybody made happy.

Wed. 11th. Edward Winrow admitted. Miss Gamuel left on her vacation. Mrs. Morse came from Dublin. Mr. Dunbar and Clark went to city on steamer. The second visiting day. Dr. Homans and C. P. Bowditch present.

Thurs. 19th. The carpenters commenced work on new chambers in new part.

## Calendar 90 Years Ago 1837

As Kept by the Superintendent

July 4th. Independence The scholars at home and celebrated the day on the Island by marching about, playing, fireworks in the evening, etc. In the P. M. Mr. Lauriat made an ascension in his balloon passing directly over the Island. Thus the day passed pleasantly and was enjoyed very much by the boys. They will long remember the 4th of July 1837.

18th. Tuesday The steamboat Gen. Lincoln called here with friends of the boys, visitors, etc. Dr. Tuckerman, Dr. Alcott, Deacon Grant, and others to the number of about 200 present.

30th. Sunday Mr. Curlew a S. S. Superintendent came down and talked to the boys.

## July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 88° on the 24th.

Minimum Temperature 29° on the 11th.

Mean Temperature for the month 67°

Total Precipitation 4.10 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .1

Ten days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 12 clear days, one partly cloudy, 18 cloudy.

## Power House Notes

By Roy V. Towne

## Energy

The source of energy comes from the sun, which causes our plants to grow and furnish food. It also raises our water from the sea to the mountains, thus giving us energy to turn water wheels and do other useful work.

We cannot change energy, but we can transmit it. A bushel of coal, for instance has a certain amount of energy in chemical form. We burn the coal and get the equal amount of pounds of heat. This heat we use to raise steam pressure. Thus the steam has an equal number of pounds in pressure, less what was lost going up the boiler stack.

The steam is then taken into the engine, and allowed to expand. This expansion causes the piston to turn the crankshaft. The crankshaft gives up its energy, less what was lost in friction, to the dynamo which transforms the energy into electric energy.

When we transmit energy from one form to another we must be as careful as possible and thus waste just as little energy as possible. We must realize the tremendous value of energy.

### My Work in the Clothing Room

Every afternoon, when the shop line is dismissed I go to the clothing room. I first take all the soiled clothes over to the laundry. If there are any clean clothes the laundry boys bring them over and leave them outside the door. I take them inside and put them in their proper places.

I then clean the clothing room, locker room, and banking room. After this is finished, I go to the sewing room and get the socks, shirts, and night-shirts.

I usually finish about half past four. I then report to the Supervisor. He usually dismisses me or gives me other work until five o'clock.

Chester F. Wright III

### Haying

The word haying to some people means just getting hay from the field and storing it in the barn. That is not the right sense of the word. To me it means happiness. It makes me feel warm.

It reminds me of the squirrel who stores his food away for the winter. The barn seems bare without great piles of sweet smelling hay on either side.

Hay is not just dried grass. It is the food for the cows and horses through the winter. In return for the hay that the cows eat we get milk which after a while becomes a part of our everyday food.

Therefore when we store hay we are not storing just dried grass, but life for the animals, and they in turn furnish us with many necessities of life, including milk, our most perfect food.

Darwin Chapdelaine IV

### Gardens

About every boy at the F. T. S. has a flower garden. Every year Mr. Bemis shows us how seeds should be planted. Everybody plants his seeds the same day.

Every day the boys water them and keep watching them to see whose plants grow first. When they come up we weed them each morning before the heat comes. When the flowers begin to come we pick them and give them to the Instructors. When our friends come to see us we give them flowers

In early autumn each garden is judged according to merit for prizes. These are given out by the Superintendent on the last Friends' Day. I like to have a garden because it is a lot of fun caring for it and weeding it.

Willis M. Wight IV

## SPORTS

Only two games were played this month.

### A-17 B-4

Team B was no obstacle to Team A, on July 18. Lindgren's team took advantage of many misplays by their opponents and some good hitting gave them a total of seventeen runs.

Rand and Young hit safely twice for the losers, making four of the seven hits made by the team. Young scored three of the team's four runs.

### A-17 C-4

Team A easily won from C on August 31, 17-4. There was nothing especially interesting about the game except the splendid teamwork by the winners.

Pratt and Keller played well for the losers, while Wight and Dow featured for the winners.

### B-31 D-24

Team B defeated Team D 31-24 in a wild game played August fifth. It took almost three hours to play the game. The win placed Team B in a position to win the Shield.

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### The First Settlement in Boston Harbor

By Frederick E. Munich '20

David Thompson was the first settler in Boston Harbor. He came from England with Myles Standish and their boat landed on the Island afterwards known as Thompson's Island, the first land touched since leaving England.

This Island was given to David Thompson by the King of England in payment of a debt, instead of money. David went back to England shortly after he had begun to explore the New England shore and the Island, he got his wife and brought her over here to America and to his Island. He built a log cabin with a cellar made of bricks brought from England.

A son was born on the Island, and David died shortly afterwards, so Mrs. Thompson and her son went back to England, after burying David on the Island. During his lifetime he was always friendly with the Indians and always tried to give them a fair deal, which not many whites did in those days.

After David's wife and son returned to England, no one seemed to care about the Island except for digging clams, so the city of Boston took over the Island, and rented it out for five pounds a year, which paid for the teacher in the first free public school in Dorchester, and nearly the first in the United States.

After fifteen or sixteen years, David's son returned to America, and brought credentials with him showing that the Island belonged to him. He sold it to the City of Boston shortly and the trustees of The Farm and Trades School bought it shortly after that. It is still owned by them, and I graduated from there in 1920, having attended since 1917.

The Island has had nearly fifty feet of shoreline washed away in the past hundred years, and the sea has encroached so far upon the Island that half the foundation of David Thompson's cabin has been

washed away. The bricks of which the cellar was made are strewn around on the beach. In 1916 a small number of coins of ancient vintage were found on the beach below the cabin; probably they were hidden in the cellar and forgotten, until the seas encroaching upon the land washed them out of the hiding place in which they had been for over a hundred years.

The Island is about a mile and an eighth south of City Point, South Boston, and is reached by a small steam launch operated by the School. The cabin stood on the south side of the Island, about the southernmost island, as at that time the Island was seven small islands. They now make one island, half a mile across by over a mile and a half long.

The material for this article was obtained from talks given by the former Superintendent, Mr. Bradley, who intended to publish a historical book on the subject.

DESMOND ANDERSON '21 is now employed here as Night Supervisor. In September he will attend his second year of a five year course at Keene Normal School, Keene, New Hampshire.

JAMES E. LIBBY '26 is employed at the Wolfeboro Press, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. James has received many compliments on his handicraft which he was taught in the F. T. S. Printing Office. This fall James will be a Junior at Brewster Academy, beginning his second year there. Incidentally he was a valued member of the Academy baseball team last spring.



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### Our Program

It is a custom in grade reading for a different class each week to give a short program on some topic.

This week was the week that our class gave the program. Our topic was "The Future of Aviation."

The program was as follows and consisted of a variety of poems, interesting data on aviation and a playlet.

Russell Bent recited a poem in memory of the French fliers called, "The French Aviators." Following this there were some historic events in aviation given by different members in the class. Next on the program was a poem "Our Lindbergh" recited by William Freeman. A written reproduction, "How Lindbergh Learned to Fly" was read by Almon Whitmore. Frederick Manning next recited, "Lindbergh's Speech before the microphone in Washington."

A brief sketch followed which had been written by our teacher called "The Aviators Welcomed to Thompson's Island." The characters were as follows;

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|----------------|----------------|
| Horace Taylor  | MAYOR          |
| John Taylor    | COL. LINDBERGH |
| Chester Wright | COM. BYRD      |
| Waldo Waters   | CHAMBERLAIN    |
| Ramsey Allen   | HEGENBERGER    |

At the conclusion of our playlet the Mayor invited the guests to visit Cottage Row and review a parade of the famous

twenty-six division. We then took our seats and Whalen then announced the last piece on the program. It was a poem named "The Winners" recited by Frank Dow.

The program received much applause and we got compliments the next day because the boys thought it was so original.

I thought it was very fine of the teacher to arrange such a good program.  
John C. Taylor III

### Fixing the Steamer's Lights

Recently a new twelve volt storage battery was purchased for the steamer. Our Supervisor undertook the work of overhauling the Steamer lighting system.

The battery was installed in the bow of the boat and connected. The lights would not go on because the switch was corroded. After another switch was installed and the bulbs were renewed the lights worked perfectly. The boat is completely wired.

These lights will be of great assistance when we find it necessary to make trips during the night. We have heretofore been using kerosene lanterns while the new parts for our electrical system were being replaced. The great difference between the dull kerosene lamps and the brilliant electric system which we now have is easily discernible. A searchlight is also available with our electric system.

George E. R. Hamilton I

### Repairing the Baseball Diamond

One afternoon four other boys and I, with an Instructor, repaired the baseball diamond.

The first thing we did was to mow the infield. We then used a tape measure to determine the exact position of the bases and lined out the base paths.

The pitcher's plate and home plate were in bad condition, and we found it necessary to spend a great deal of time repairing these important parts of the diamond. When we had completed the infield we roped off portions of the field to keep the spectators from crowding near the playing field.

We enjoy playing on our re-made diamond.

Chester P. Lindgren I

### Boats on the Beach

During the month of July three boats have floated in, one a sailboat which is in fairly good condition, and two rowboats. One of the rowboats had been on the beach sometime and when we took it in water the seams opened and it sank. The other was a small flat bottomed boat built for one person. It was not a very well balanced boat and tipped easily, so it was disposed of. The sailboat is high and dry by the old Chilton house where it will remain until plans have been made for its disposal.

Otto Kohl I

### Lincoln's First Political Speech

In looking through a book I recently found this speech as given by the great Abraham Lincoln.

"Gentlemen and Fellow Citizens; I presume you all know who I am. I am the humble Abraham Lincoln. I have been solicited by many friends to become a candidate for this State's Legislature.

My politics are short and sweet, like an old woman's dance. 1. I am in favor of a national bank. 2. I am in favor of the international improvement system. 3. Of a high protective tariff. These are my sentiments and political principals. If elected I shall be thankful, if not it will be all the same."

Russell E. Bent III

### Hoeing Potatoes

It is the work of the farm boys to hoe the potatoes and other vegetables when they need it. Each boy hoes out the weeds in one row and if there are weeds which cannot be taken out with the hoe they are pulled by hand. When the weeds are hoed out, we hill the potatoes by hoeing the loam around them. This is done to keep the weeds from growing and to cover the potatoes so they won't get sunburned.

John Belham I

### My Cornet

Every day after dinner all the boys except those in the fourth grade are dismissed for an hour.

Some boys go to the play grounds and some go to the cottages, and others go to the band hall for practice on their instruments. I go there to practice on my cornet.

A musical journal called the "Metronome," which has just been added to our library, helps to keep us interested.

Mr. Warren our Bandmaster said that the best band teacher and pupil would get prizes of five dollars for pupil and ten dollars for the teacher. Of course, the teacher has to be in the Senior Band.

My teacher is William Young who is in the First Class. Every boy is trying his best for the prize. I am interested in the Band very much.

Charles D. Hallman V

### Lindbergh's Message

At Grade Reading the other evening I recited Lindbergh's words as he gave them over the radio in Washington after his great New York to Paris flight.

We boys are greatly interested in what he has done. This was his message;

"On the evening of the 21st. of May last I arrived at Le Bourget field in Paris. During the week I spent in Paris, the day in Belgium, and the short period in England, the people of France and the people of Europe requested that I bring back with me one message from them.

At every gathering, at every meeting I have attended were the same words. 'You have seen the affection of the people of France to the people of America demonstrated to you. Upon your return to your country take back with you this message from France and Europe to the United States of America.' I thank you."

Lindbergh, being the hero of the day is respected by every boy at the School.

Frederick C. Manning III

### Beacon Distribution

As I am office boy I help to prepare the BEACONS to go out.

First we make some paste which we use on the wrappers. Second we put them in the Addressograph and type them. The names are on plates in special drawers for them. After that we stamp them and tie them up and send them to the post-office in the city. From there they are sent to the different people to whom they are addressed.

I like this work very much.

William H. Freeman III

### Beacon Preparation

One morning when I went to the printing office my Instructor told me to

fold BEACONS. They are first folded, and then stitched. I also help to feed the stitcher. After they are stitched, they are collected into piles approximately 50 each, in which manner they are cut.

In cutting the BEACON there are three sides to trim. This is necessarily a tedious job and requires patience.

They are then folded lengthwise, so as to fit the BEACON wrapper, which carries them through the mail.

Richard L. Bolingbroke V

### A Clipping

I observed a clipping on the bulletin board one afternoon. It told about the Victory Plant re-opening in a short while.

The Victory Plant is located in Squantum, Massachusetts. During the recent World War destroyers were built there. They will dredge the channel in front of our wharf so that the largest of freight ships can go into the plant.

I think it will be very interesting to watch them dredge the channel and to see the ships go by.

Howard W. Sanborn V

### A Spooky Knife

One night, I thought I would have a game of jack-knife by myself. In order to take out my knife from my pocket, I had to take out my handkerchief. I did this and then took my knife. I threw the knife on the ground and put my handkerchief in my pocket.

When I had my handkerchief in my pocket I started to look for my knife. Just then the bell rang and I had to go. When I was getting undressed for bed I found it in my pocket. How's that?

Vincent D. Woodman VI

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The general public seems able to sense anything which is provided for it, in terms of sincerity on the part of the donor. As a matter of fact insincerity has never been successful. Anything which we want to be a permanent work, must be genuine and real, and must be the best which we are able to offer.

One instance of insincerity is readily recalled to my mind. In a large New Hampshire Preparatory School a student handed an excellent article to the editor of the school paper. The article, which was later printed in the paper, because of its excellent text and clear composition received much praise from those connected with the school. However, the matter did not stop there. A short time later the discovery was made that the composition was a direct copy from another school paper. Thus the memory of that episode of insincerity will always linger in the memory of that student, and must always recall unhappy thoughts.

"Nom de plumes" are very often used by many persons because those people do not wish others to know that they have written this work. Of course, in many cases the motive is sincere. Nevertheless many times cases of insincerity have been provoked upon the public. These cases are quite common, and it is believed that most of them are discovered. Of course, many of the insincere are purely forgeries of one or another.

Sincerity! That one word to me is one of the noblest words in our language. It embodies the finer points of character. Genuine — real. One hundred per cent true. —that's sincerity.

There is still a worse kind of insincerity, which we call, "Insincerity of purpose." To illustrate this we tell the story of a present day great composer who de-

cided to enter the popular song field. He composed several tunes which were given great prophecy and were extensively advertised. The composer felt that popular songs were so crude that he would not condescend to attach his own name to the compositions. Neither of his songs were a success, even though they had a bigger and better impetus to be a real success than other songs which attained real success. The lesson to be gained is to give the world the very best you have whether it be writing a huge opera or writing a little six-line song. There must be nothing tainted in what we do; day by day, deed by deed must be pointed directly at the achievement of real sincerity.

As Farm and Trades School boys let us always give our companions the very best in us. Let us be truly sincere and let us carry on to the world the translation of our school colors, a good definition of sincerity, --"TRUE BLUE AND AS GOOD AS GOLD." Contributed

### Topics in Brief

The Third Friends' Day of the season of 1927 took place August 2. A large number of relatives and Friends of the Boys were present, 208 in all.

On Saturday August 6, Major Frank L. Warren, our Bandmaster, and his assistant Mr. Elwin C. Bemis organized the School Band for 1927. Many new members were admitted.

As we speak of the Band we might mention the fact that a subscription to the "Metronome" a musical journal, published semi-monthly, has been secured. The paper will be placed so that each boy may read it and profit by its contents.

Among our recent visitors are numbered the following graduates:- John A. Robertson '22, Alexander Mc Kenzie '22, Jack Hobson '27, Burton Dorman '27, Thomas Hall '27, John Baxter '27, Marshall Hall '27 and George Russell '23.

The seating arrangement of the Dining Room has been changed from the use of the five large tables to fifteen smaller tables, with eight people to a table.

### Alumni Notes

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We have received a fine letter from BARTON N. SLADE '22. Barton is working on the Standard Oil Company Steamer Socony which plies between San Francisco, Oakland; Portland, Ore. and Seattle. He is sailing as an oiler, being promoted from a wiper to a fireman and from a fireman to an oiler.

His home address is S. S. Socony, Gen. Pet. Corp. Terminal Island, California.

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, has recently been elected President of the American Library Association. Mr. Alcott is the Librarian of the Boston Globe. He has proved of great assistance to the School by research work which he has done and his manuscripts are of great historical value. Mr. Alcott is always glad to meet any of the graduates of the School and many graduates call on him at his office in the Boston Globe Building on Washington Street, Boston.

### Aeroplanes

One day, when I was near the gymnasium apparatus I saw an aeroplane flying low. It looked like one I saw at the Atlantic Airport. The body is green, the wings gray, the tail gray, and the propellor green. We see many aeroplanes and I never get tired of watching them.

Neil B. Berboth VI

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

Wednesday, August 1st.--We have had carpenters, masons and painters here since the 19th of July. The carpenters and masons finish today but there is some painting to do yet.

We have now two nice hospital rooms ready for any emergency, high up, airy and pleasant.

Thursday August 9th.--The 4th. visiting day. Managers Bowditch, Dexter, Thomas and Lyman present.

Edward Forest Brasher and Sherman Grant Brasher were this day discharged to their sister.

Edward Mains was discharged to go to Lowell with his mother.

Frederick Capin was admitted.

Friday, August 10th.--James Irving Davis and Edward Everett Davis, twins, were admitted and came home with me, also Litch Waterman Taylor.

Monday, August 13th.--Frank W. Wright admitted.

Calendar 90 Years Ago 1837

As Kept by the Superintendent

Thursday, August 9th.--A party of about 125, composed of the Directors and Patrons of the Institution visited the school and stopped for about two or three hours. Among the invited visitors were Chief Justice Shaw, Mr. Elliot, the Mayor of Boston, J. Mason, Esq. and a number of other strangers.

Sunday August 5th.--Dr. Harris came down and preached.

August 23rd.--A party of about 130 Directors and invited guests came down on the Kingston. Gen. H. A. S. Dearborn made an address. Dr. Tuckerman made the prayer.

August 30th.--The friends of the boys came for the last time this season.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 80° on the 8th.

Minimum Temperature 55° on the 8th and 26th.

Mean Temperature for the month 60°

Total Precipitation 4.6 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.6

7 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, one clear day, ten partly cloudy, 14 cloudy.

My Bakery Work

When I go into the Bakery in the morning the first thing I do is to cut the dough for the bread pans to the correct weight. As I cut each piece I place it in the pans and wait for the correct time to put the bread in the oven. When the fire has gone out I put the thermometer in the oven to test the heat.

We have a brick oven and it holds the heat for a long time. At the end of five minutes it usually reads about three hundred and fifty which is just right to bake our bread supply.

Thomas W. Eastty. IV

Goodness

"Goodness moves a in larger sphere than justice. The obligations of law and equity reach only to mankind, but kindness and beneficence should be extended to creatures of all species."

A good man will take care of horses and dogs not only while they are young but when they become old and past service. We will find that kindness to the animals will repay us in many ways.

Joseph A. Crowley V

# SPORTS

D-22 C-8

Team D defeated Team C decisively enough August 10, at a score of 22-8. Team D piled up a ten run lead in the second inning. Warren and Martis led the batting for Team D, the former getting a triple, two doubles and a single. Martis came through with a home run and two doubles.

D-7 A-6

Team D continued its winning streak by defeating Team A 7-6 on August 13. Although Team A secured eight hits and D only seven, Team D managed to bunch their hits in the fourth inning which, together with three errors gave the winners five runs.

C-15 B-14

Team C continued their winning by defeating Team B, 15-14 on August 14.

Team B upset the winners plans by scoring eight runs in the ninth inning but Morse struck out the last batter and it was all over. The score indicated that the game was a free hitting affair.

Rand, West, A. Brown, Morse, and Keller hit solidly during the contest.

C-6 B-5

Team C defeated Team B 6-5 on August 16. The game was splendidly played, and provided many thrills for the spectators. The lead changed several times. In the last inning Team B got two men on bases but was not able to produce the hit to score the winning run. Morse starred for the winners, getting three hits, besides pitching an excellent game. Rand got three hits for the losers.

## Raking Hay

One afternoon I went to the farm to work, and the Instructor in charge told me to hitch one of the horses to the hay-

rake. After having been told where to rake I went to work.

First I let the rake down and when it gets full of hay I press a lever with my foot. This operation lifts the rake and by pressing another lever it stays up until we are over the windrow and then I loosen the levers so it will lower to the ground again.

I like to rake hay very much in spite of the troublesome mosquitoes.

Roger L. Holton III

## A New System of Work

Some time ago at Grade Reading Mr Meacham explained a new system of work. It is as follows.

The boys in the Fifth and Sixth classes are to work in the Sewing Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, and Dormitory. The boys in the Third and Fourth classes are to work in the Clothing Room, Stock Room, Farm, Office, Laundry and bakery. The boys in the First class and Second class work in the Shop, Power House, Printing Office, Steamer, Launch, Paint Shop and Mail Boy.

I am on the Farm and I enjoy it. I am in the Third Class.

Eugene R. Lurchin III

## A Clam Bake

Monday evening August 8th, we had a clam bake on the beach. Preparations for the affair had been made in advance and everything was ready when the time came.

The Boys and Instructors gathered on the beach about six o'clock and shortly afterwards the supper began. The menu consisted of clams, rolls, frankfurts, cookies, potatoe chips, pickles, and doughnuts. Of course the main dish was clams, cooked on the beach.

Almon H. Whitmore III

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

GEORGE C. ADAMS, '17, is employed at the Granite State Nurseries, Newfield, N. H.

LESLIE H. BARKER, '13, is working at the carpenter trade in New Bedford. His home address is 333 Reed Street, New Bedford.

FREDERICK F. BURCHSTEAD '01, is a machine designer, employed by the United States Machine Co., Beverly, Mass. Mr. Burchstead is married and has two children. He lives at 16 Story Street, Beverly, Massachusetts.

ROBERT H. BOGUE, '04, is Director of Chemical Research, of the Bureau of Standards at Washington. Mr. Bogue is married and has two children. His home address is 3224 Oliver Street, Washington, D. C.

FREDERICK J. BARTON, '09, is owner of a printing office at 435 Broadway, Farmington, Maine. Mr. Barton was for some time in charge of the Printing Office at the School.

EDSON M. BEMIS, '13, is at present Manager of the Frost and Adams Company's store at Arch Street, Boston.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTION, '25, is Assistant Supervisor at the School. He plans to study art in the near future.

ROBERT W. ALLEN, '81, is at present in the employ of the Boston Elevated Company as an Inspector. His present address is 26 Wakullack Street, Roxbury, Mass.

RANDALL G. THORNTON, '22, is employed as a travelling salesman having New Hampshire territory.

MARSHALL W. HALL, '27, together with CLARENCE P. HOBSON, '25, and JACK H. HOBSON, '27, are enlisted as members of the 101st Engineers Band and were at Camp Devens during the summer.

JACK H. HOBSON '27 writes an interesting account of his activities since he left the School on July 20. He was a member of the 101st Engineers Band, and went to Camp Devens with that unit this summer. After returning from Camp he secured a position in a printing plant in Attleboro, where he is now employed. His address is 34 Summer St.

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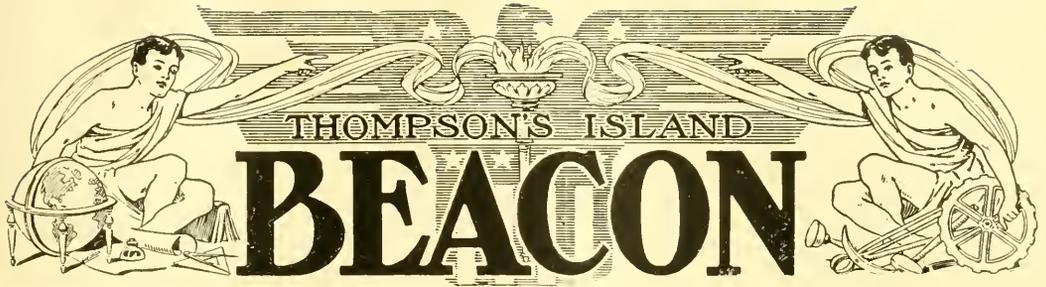
ALFRED CULLINGTON '95 is at present employed by the Sprague Hatheway Company in West Somerville, Mass. Mr. Cullington's home address is 32 Burnham Street, West Somerville, Mass.

WILLIAM T. MARCUS, '20, is employed in the printing business in Portland, Maine. Billy has taken rapid strides in his chosen vocation, which he has followed since leaving the School some time ago.

ERNEST V. WYATT, '13 has visited the School a number of times. Wyatt is an officer on the U. S. C. G. Bonham.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '22 enlisted in the Marines some time ago. During the recent trouble in China, Howard was one of those present in that country.

WILLIS B. DRAKE, CHARLES L. WHEELER, and HENRY E. GILCHRIST, of the class of 1926 and GEORGE O. POOLE '27 have visited recently.



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### Choosing Foot Ball Teams

One night all the boys assembled in the Assembly Hall to choose foot ball teams for this season. We were asked for eight nominations for captains. The boys nominated eight boys for captains, and finally elected Ralph Martis, Team A, Arthur Brown, Team B, Bradbury Rand, Team C, and William N. West, Team D.

Each captain chose his players directly after his election. Team D had the first choice, Team C next choice and so forth. Every boy in the School was chosen on one of the four teams. As a result of this method of choosing players the four teams are well matched.

We played our first games Saturday September tenth. Team A defeated B in the first game by a score of thirteen to six. In the second game Team C and D played to a score of six to nothing with Lindgren scoring the lone touchdown for Team D.

On Saturday, September seventeenth Teams A and C played the third game of the season. Team C won the game by a score of twenty-seven to nothing.

We expect to have a most enjoyable and interesting football season. The teams are practicing every day, and everything points to a lot of fun and pleasure during the football season of 1927.

We have a regular schedule and play

one game every Saturday. There are twelve games played.

A silver shield and individual silver cups presented by our Manager S. V. R. Crosby offer an incentive for our best playing.

Allan B. Scott III

### Cleaning up the Power House

The first thing that I do when I go on duty is to look at the engine and switch board. Then I go to the boiler room, blow the gauge cocks and water column. Later I look at my fires and fix them.

After this I start cleaning up. First I take a broom and sweep the floors. I then take a brush to clean off all the pipes and the front of the boiler, the tool cupboards, racks and so forth. After this I wipe off the pumps with kerosene. I also do the same to the oil tanks.

After I have done this I go into the engine room and clean there thoroughly. I straighten out all of the books on the table, wash out the ink well and sweep, clean the engine and shine brass. I also wipe off the switch board, desk, and other equipment. Of course while I am doing this I have to look after my fires, the steam engine and the water.

I am certainly pretty busy when I first go on duty.

Roy V. Towne III

### My Beacon

At Grade Reading, Monday Aug. 29, the Fifth Class gave the program. It was a radio program. The announcer was Arthur Whitten. It was a little play. Crowley took the part of John Littlefield from Skowhegan, Maine who was visiting his son Harry in New York City.

The scene was laid in Harry's room in New York. Mr. Littlefield noticed a box in the room, Harry told him it was a radio and tuned in.

They heard a program from station W. F. T. S. Thompson's Island, Boston. There was a poem given by Forest Haskell called *Fathers Way*; Richard Bolingbroke next played "Roses of Picardy" on his Mellophone. Then we had a few news flashes from Thompson's Island. Next Reginald Randall recited a poem, "The Biggest Fish," three boys sang, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," then George Carr recited a poem, "Where Mother Is." Then the announcer signed off asking all to stand by for a concert by the F. T. S. Band.

Ernest D. Newton V

### Verse

One day for English we learned two verses about Courage and Opportunity, I like them and here they are.

#### COURAGE

"Stand upright, speak thy thoughts declare  
The truth thou hast that all may share,  
Be bold, proclaim it everywhere:  
They only live who dare.

#### OPPORTUNITY

Though deep in mire, wring not your  
hands and weep;  
I lend my arm to all who say "I can!"  
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep  
But yet might rise and be a man."

*William B. Malone*

Aaron G. Mellor IV

### Mixing Bread

One night. I came up from Sloyd and I soon heard a boy say that he needed a boy to help him mix bread. I said that I would like to help him. When I got in the Bakery he said that the machine had broken down, so we had to mix it by foot power on the motor shaft.

We took off the belt and took turns pushing with our feet. Finally we got it done. Then we took it out of the mixer and put it in the trough to rise. We then washed out the mixer and went into supper. I like to mix bread, but not by foot power.

Willis M. Wight IV

### Cutting Corn

We began cutting corn recently. We put up the blow pipe and started feeding the cutter. First we cut the corn in the field and then it is loaded on dump carts and brought to the silo. Here it is put on a table and fed through the cutter. There are fans inside the cutter which blow the ensilage up the blow pipe.

We find it necessary to take the blow pipe down often, because it gets clogged. During the winter the ensilage is shoveled into a cart. The cart is pushed into the barn, and the ensilage fed to the cows.

Frank J. Dow III

### Mail Boy

At the last change of work I was put on the job of mail boy. After two weeks of teaching I was told to go over town alone. I thought it would be difficult but it wasn't, I did the errands I was supposed to do and returned to City Point. When you are mail boy you learn a lot about Boston and you know just where you are in town. At the Post Office you learn how to insure packages, how to make out money orders, and so forth. You also come in contact with many friends of the School.

Henry A. Sohrann II

**Ratting**

The rats have become very numerous lately, so the Supervisor selected six boys as ratters. That means that we try to reduce the number here on Thompson's Island. He gave us two dozen traps.

First, we went to the kitchen to get some old bacon scraps or some pieces of pork for bait. We then tied the bait to the traps so that the rats can't get it off. We set traps around and in the Main Building, barns and at the north and south ends of the Island. We average about fifty-two rats a week or about eight or nine a day. We have a dog for ratting. Her name is Ace. She is a very good ratter at times. Some nights we have great luck and other nights the rats are too smart.

Allen B. Scott III

**Our Play**

It is the custom for each class to give a program for Grade Reading night every Monday. Last Monday Sept. 5, our class which is the sixth class gave the program. The name of our play was the Discover's Party. We were all in costume. The players were:—

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Christopher Columbus | Dexter Woodman    |
| Queen Isabella       | Neil Berboth      |
| Isabella's Maid      | Donald Wright     |
| Ponce De Leon        | Richard Crowley   |
| Sir Carteret         | Aaron Mellor      |
| John Cabot           | Wallace Allen     |
| Amerigo Vespuccia    | Kenneth Caswell   |
| Henry Hudson         | Richard Henderson |
| Balboa               | Clyde Albee       |
| Lief Ericsson        | Walter Pratt      |
| Indian Chief         | Paul Hamilton     |

Columbus came out and told the people about the players and made a speech. Then Queen Isabella came out with her maid of honor. Queen Isabella shook hands and talked with Columbus. Then all the discoverers came out but Indian Chief. He came last.

Kenneth C. Caswell VI

**New Spelling Charts**

In the second and third schoolrooms we have spelling charts. Every time a boy gets a perfect spelling lesson he receives a star. The charts are about three feet long and about a foot wide. Each chart contains a picture. There are four charts, two in each schoolroom. The second schoolroom has charts for the third and fifth classes and the third schoolroom fourth and sixth classes.

The teachers thought this would be a good plan so when Friends' Day comes our friends can see how well we are doing in spelling. I am sure that the boys like the idea too.

Karl R. Adams IV

**New Seating Arrangement**

Last Christmas the Boys and Instructors commenced eating together. At this time the seating arrangement consisted of five large tables.

Recently this system was changed to fifteen small tables with eight people at a table.

This arrangement makes it possible to seat the boys according to their grade. The first graders have any extra niceties.

The fourth graders being the lowest in grade very seldom have any of the desserts or extra fine dishes. Thus the boys try to avoid the fourth grade.

Waldo L. Waters III

**New Band Selections**

Recently a new book called "Popular Selections" was added to our band music. In this book we place current song successes. Occasionally we are fortunate to get the song slides which are shown in the larger theatres.

We enjoy playing popular songs very much.

Ramsey C. Allen III

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Nathan Hale's parting words as he stood on the gallows to be hung as a spy were: "I regret that I have only one life to give for my country." That is all any of us have, one short life of a very few years

to live for God, our country and our fellowmen. It we could just look into the future or get just one fleeting glance of the great beyond it seems as if we would have more courage to do our daily tasks and to make the most of every opportunity. But we must live by faith, constantly climbing each hill and mountain, never knowing what is at the top or over the crest. To descend the hill is easier than climbing but never as satisfactory. And when we reach higher elevations we have the satisfaction of looking down and gazing upon all the beauty of the surrounding country.

It is only by faithful and honest hard work that we can attain the heights which will permit us in the latter years of life to sit and ponder and recall the joys of the days of our youth.

A graduate of F. T. S. gives us a hint of the fond recollections and the satisfaction one feels after climbing the heights and looking back over the days of youth.

"Through the years which constitute a lifetime there are many bitter pills to be swallowed--many happy hours to pass--and lastly comes memories, memories of boyhood days, how far away they seem, yet how close they are brought by one touch. Memories--how can we describe them? Pleasant memories of happy days at the dear old Farm and Trades School.

"My thoughts drifted to the Sponsors or Managers of this school and I wondered as I have often before what great longing came to them;--what hopes and desires they must have had which prompted them to found and continue this fine school. Where did they get the fine inspiration?

Perhaps it is best answered in the following poem."

"Like the tides on the crescent seabeach  
 When the moon is new and thin,  
 Into our hearts high yearnings  
 Come surging and swelling in.  
 Comes from the distant ocean  
 Who's rim no foot hath trod,  
 Some of us call it longing  
 Others call it—God."

### Topics in Brief

Our farm has given us an abundance of crops this year. Our tables have been plentifully supplied with fresh vegetables for the past eight or ten weeks.

The Fifth Friends' Day took place September 30, with 130 in attendance.

As our garden crops have been very successful, so has our hay crop. The Stock Barn is well filled and we undoubtedly have hay enough to carry us along until the 1928 crop is ready.

Twenty boys were given the opportunity of attending the Boston and Brooklyn game at Braves Field, September 3.

The silo has been thoroughly cleaned and made ready for use.

Charles W. Russell '02 overhauled the engine and boiler of the PILGRIM. Mr. Russell has done this work for the School for a number of years and his services are appreciated.

Team A, captained by Chester P. Lindgren won the Crosby Shield, as the champion baseball team for this season.

### Timepieces

Clocks are a present day necessity. The history of this important invention is

very interesting to us all.

The first "timepiece" was what is now called a sundial. Of course this method of telling time was of no use when the sun failed to shine. King Alfred of England then discovered a method of telling time by candles. The candles were marked with black lines, each one indicating that an hour had passed. However candles were too expensive for the peasants, and they discovered another way of telling time by the use of a jug and some water. The jug had a tiny hole in the bottom and the length of time that it took to empty the jug was ascertained. While this scheme was quite successful during the spring and summer it met its Waterloo in the winter. The water froze.

The sand glass then came into use. This was based on the water principle, and was successful as a crude timepiece.

As a rule the first clocks in each locality were introduced in churches and monasteries. No clock was much of an improvement over the water glass at this time. Gradually, however, a mechanical timepiece came into being. The first inventors are not known, but it is presumed that the early clocks were designed by monks who had plenty of time in which to experiment with the mechanical clock.

Horace A. Taylor III

### My Kite

One day a boy and I were flying my kite. It did not seem to go very high, but it went far out over the water. All of a sudden it took a nose dive into the water. We then began to pull the kite in. We had a hard time pulling it in for we had to untangle very many knots in the string. We finally got it out of the water. It was badly broken so we made another one.

Clyde W. Albee VI

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

Tuesday, September 4th—Report for August.

Number of boys admitted 9

Number of boys discharged 6

Number of boys in school at date 96

Friday September 7th—Visiting day. Managers Bowditch and Storer present.

Saturday September, 15th—Charles J. Stilling admitted to school.

Tuesday September 18th—Chester Howard left today to go and live with his aunt in Milford, N. H.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago 1837

As Kept by the Superintendent

September 10th—Mr. B. H. Green, bookseller of Boston, came down and addressed the boys.

September 23rd—Pinchas Allen went away having been apprenticed to Mr. Samuel Langley of Newton

September 29th—A party of about 60 ladies and gentlemen came down to visit the Farm School.

### Work in the Dormitory

In the morning I work in the Dormitory. The first thing we do is to make the beds. We strip off the bed clothes, turn the mattresses and make up the beds again. Then we sweep the floors and later in the morning we scrub. This usually concludes our mornings work.

Charles J. Hardman V

### Hill Dill

Almost every night before going to bed we have a game of Hill Dill. First every boy playing runs from one goal to the other.

The test is not to be caught by the boy that is in the middle of the playing field.

Charles D. Hallman V

### September Meteorology

Mean Temperature for the month 55°

Total Precipitation 4.2 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.34 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, six clear days, twelve partly cloudy, 12 cloudy.

### Getting Breakfast

In the morning at halfpast five I get up with another boy and go down to the kitchen. The first thing I do is to take the ashes out; then I clear the table off. When this is done an Instructor usually comes in and then we get breakfast. We have some kind of fresh fruit for breakfast, and at this time we prepare the fruit for the tables. When the fruit is ready we take the cereals to the Dining Room. The last thing we do is to bring the cooked food, such as eggs to the Dining Room. Our part in getting breakfast ready is then completed.

Frederick H. Hutchings II

### My Work in the Laundry

At the last change of work, I was placed in the laundry. Here the work has to be done fast and well. The first day I worked there our Instructor showed me how to run the mangle. This machine irons the sheets, tableclothes, towels and napkins, When the articles come through they are ironed and ready to fold.

The next machine I was taught to run was the washer. Before putting the clothes in here they are sorted. Each kind is placed in a basket and then put in the extractor which takes the water out of them. Before starting the extractor it has to be packed so it will balance evenly. This is a very delicate machine. After the clothes come out of the extractor they have to be put into the dryer. This machine dries the clothes by hot air.

Samuel O. Hall III

### Football

In the year of 1865 to 1868 the game of football really started. There were twenty five players to a side and the goal posts were twenty five feet apart. The ball could not be carried but only kicked and six goals were necessary to win a game. This form of play started between Princeton and Rutgers. In the following years the game was slowly developing from the English form of Rugby to a less strenuous game. With the development of the forward pass, football has become more of a scientific game.

William N. West I

### i The "Four Winds"

A short time ago a large four-masted yacht from England came in the harbor and anchored near our Island. She has a Chinese crew. Her name is the "Four Winds."

The yacht is very beautiful. Her cabin work is painted white. Near the foremast is a large binnacle stand made of mahogany. Her hull is painted black. She is flying her own ensign and also the South Boston Yacht Club pennant. This yacht has already been around the world twice.

Otto Kohl I

### Anticipation

The boys always look forward to vacation week which occurs at the end of every school term. There are many things we can do. We can play football go fishing, swimming, read, and quite a few other things. We don't do these things so often when we have school, because we don't have time.

Some boys who are building a new cottage expect to have much done by then. Many of the boys are making some wooden automobiles in the Sloyd Room. They usually have quite a lot of fun racing

them down the slide of the gymnasium apparatus. About every one is busy and all are planning to have a good time vacation week.

Kenneth P. VanMeter III

### Our School Flag

Our school flag is a beautiful silk banner of gold and blue which means "True blue and as good as gold." On the field of blue is the school seal.

We use our flag on Friend's Day and and on Graduation Day also on other important occasions.

We appreciate our flag very much.

Ernest L. Armstrong V

### Sayings by Marcus Aurelius

One day when I came into the school-room, there was a sentence on the board which read "Nothing should be done without a purpose."

A few days later I came into school and found another sentence on the board which read "If it is not right do not do it, if it is not true, do not say it."

Gordon L. Whalen III

## SPORTS

The football teams are captained by the following boys.

Team A Ralph Martis  
Team B Arthur Brown  
Team C Bradbury Rand  
Team D William West

The standing of the football teams so far this season.

Sept. 10	A-B	13-6
Sept. 10	C-D	0-6
Sept. 17	A-C	0-27
Sept. 24	B-D	6-40
Oct. 1	A-D	12-20

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RALPH H. GILBERT '16 is in the employ of the Harry L. Fuller Lumber Company. Mr. Gilbert's home address is 50 Main Street, Randolph, Massachusetts.

CYRUS W. DURGIN '21 is employed in the Boston Globe Office on Washington Street, Boston. "Cy" lives at home with his mother at 70 Washington Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

JOHN A. ARKERSON '27 is employed in the Roxbury Carpet Mills at Saxonville Massachusetts. In addition to his work in Saxonville, John is now playing in the Framingham Rotary Club Band and he anticipates a trip through New Hampshire with this organization.

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## Hallowe'en

On Monday evening, October 31, we celebrated our annual Hallowe'en party. In the morning we had our usual routine and in the afternoon we enjoyed our last Friends' Day.

After supper we first had the ghost walk. We walked down the rear avenue. There were many ghosts continually jumping out from behind trees or bushes. We then went through the Storage Barn, next the Stock Barn, and returned to the Storage Barn, and finally up the stairs in the Storage Barn.

On our walk many jokes were played on us including the throwing of wet leaves, chaff and seaweed upon us. We returned to the Main Building, and from there we passed to the gymnasium for the fun there.

As we passed up the gymnasium stairway we were each given a strip of tickets. When we were located here the fun began by a costume parade. After the parade we went to the various booths where our tickets entitled us to one admission. Among the stunts were bobbing for apples, ducking for marshmallows, pickles, fortune telling, and flying doughnuts. Besides these was the Hall of Horrors. It was a very exciting place. We saw the Siamese twins, and a very old mummy that was supposed to have been dug up from an Egyptian tomb. We also saw the rarest snake in all the world. We shivered as

we saw a skeleton jump about. There were also many other stunts here including Bluebeard and all his wives and an electric chair.

After we had visited the various places in the gymnasium or "Ghost's Hall," we passed to the Assembly Hall to enjoy an entertainment of amateur theatricals. On this program were Carl Herman and Carl Wijks in "Joshing the Janitor," Second, Arthur Brown and Carl Carlson in "Bernstein and Firestein," Third, Raymond MacQuestion, '25, in a "Chalk Talk," Fourth, Leslie Brown, who was dressed in Scotch kilts, sang the Scotch song "Roaming in the Gloaming," Fifth Bradbury Rand and Howitt Warren in their impersonation of the "Two Black Crows."

We enjoyed the evening very much and we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, Sandy MacGregor and the Instructors for the fine time they gave us. It was a splendid party.

Frank J. Dow III

## Football

Today the American game of football is recognized as one of the leading sports in the United States. Football is a game for men and boys with stamina as well as courage. It tests one as to his personal bravery more than anything else. It is on the gridiron where men rise from obscur -

ty to heights of fame among their fellow students not only as to their athletic ability but it soon shows one that he is not a bravo and is not afraid of getting hurt. Many spectators who watch a football game and see a brilliant "end run" where a man gets off for a number of yards fail to realize just the time it took to bring that one play to a stage of perfection. Each man had to do some one thing; if he failed to do it this "machine" of eleven men would fail to function. When the game of football was originally started it was all a kicking game with the goal posts twenty-five yards apart. After a number of years when it began to be played more, a rules committee was formed and made up some regulations which made the game more interesting. The game today is not so crude as it originally was but has developed into a running, passing and kicking attack and wholly looked upon as the foremost collegiate and school sport in the United States.

William N. West I

### Movie Night

Movie night is always looked forward to by the boys here. Comedy pictures are well liked, but a good fighting picture is better liked, and gives us something to talk about for the next two or three days.

Sometimes the picture and its cast are posted on the board for us to look at.

Rin-tin-tin's pictures are very popular with us as we have a police dog here on the Island and she is a great friend of the boys. We have had three or four of Rin-tin-tin's famous pictures in the last few months. The School provides this pleasure every Thursday evening and we are very grateful for the opportunity of seeing them.

Thomas W. Eastty IV

### Shocking Corn

The other day, when I went down to report for my work on the farm, I was told to go out in the corn field for my morning work.

When we arrived at our destination one of the Instructors asked me to help him. I was told to gather the corn into bundles of "shocks" so that someone could tie them together, with twine that had been brought for the occasion, and set them in stacks.

As I gathered them together, the Instructor would tie them and we were on our way to another pile. This way we got along very well and soon found that we were doing more than the others who had no system to their work.

I think that the best and fastest way to work is to use some system, so that you know what you are doing.

Carl G. Wijks II

### An Experience

Last week as I was coming to the Island in the launch the motor faltered and then stopped. Our Instructor tried to fix it but to no avail, so we had to row. While he tried to fix it we had been drifting. Two of the boys grasped the oars, but on account of the size of the boat, our progress was not very fast. At this time we noticed a boat approaching. As it came nearer we noticed that it contained only one man. This man had a raincoat on and a cap with the word "Chief" on it. He asked us if we wanted a tow. Our leader said yes, and so he hitched a rope on to our bow and towed us to the Wharf.

As he started to leave he said, "You can tell your friends that you were towed home by a Fire Chief."

Leslie E. Aldridge II

### A Baseball Game

Saturday while the boys were practicing football a fellow came up to the football field and told us to change our clothes for town. We hustled to the clothing room at once. We put on our uniforms and went to Braves Field in Boston. The game had just started when we arrived.

A double-header was played by the Boston Braves and the Brooklyn Robins. When the first game was over the Braves led their opponents by one run. The score was 4-3.

It was also Doc Gautreau's day, who is a splendid player on the Boston team. He was given an automobile.

The second game was then played, the Brooklyn team having the advantage. Before the game was over we had to get ready to go to City Point where the boat was awaiting us. Brooklyn won the second game.

Henry E. Hallman IV

### My Work In The Bandhall

At first I go to the Supervisor and get the key. I then go down and sweep the floor and clean off the top of the cupboards. Next I clean out the cupboards and sweep down the stairs. Next I dust off the piano. Soon I close the windows and lock the door and then get ready for school.

I enjoy my work in the Band Hall. It is good work.

Walter K. Pratt VI

### My Costume

At Hallowe'en we had a fine time. I wore a funny costume. It looked like a rabbit. Another boy and I dressed alike. We were painted, too. It was all right for Hallowe'en, but I wouldn't like to be a rabbit all the time.

Several other boys wore costumes which amused us greatly.

Donald Wright VI

### Burning of the Steamer

One night the Power House Instructor and myself came from the Power House and were on our way to bed when we discovered a light down on the Wharf. We thought it was strange so we investigated and found that the Steamer was on fire. We awoke the Superintendent and Supervisor. We received instructions from them. The fire was extinguished. The steamer cabin was badly burned and it has not been used since. On calm days we use the launch and when it is rough the Coleman Disposal Company, our neighbor on Spectacle Island, make our trips.

John Belham I

### Laying Floors in the New Barn

After the dairy barn had been completed it was decided to rip up the old cow stanchions and floors and replace them with a new floor.

The floor is laid now and we are going to tear up the horse stalls and put in new boards.

This work will be easier as there are not so many boards in which to cut joints as there were in the other part of the barn.

Warren N. Pratt II

### Cleaning the "John Alden"

One afternoon the Supervisor found a leak in the barge "John Alden". As he was going to use it the next day he told me to let all the water out and repair the leak. The barge happened to be on blocks at the time and it was a very simple process to let the water out. The way this was done was by knocking out one of the plugs in the floor of the barge. When the water was drained and the plug put back I started to place the floor boards back in their places. After the boards were put in and swept off the barge was ready for use.

George Hamilton I

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*"I would be true, for there are those who trust me."*

The last Friends Day of the season has come and gone. It was a day to which

we looked forward during the entire month. To some it meant the last sight of friends and relatives until the First Friends' Day of next season. We thought of seeing, for the last time this season, the ones whom we love best. We knew that they would bring with them various home made goodies, and other little treats such as come from time to time to all who are away from home at school.

At last the boat arrived and what pride we showed as we marched with our Band up the avenue and to the graveled area where we formally received our friends. What a joy it was to know that our loved ones were watching us receive prizes and honors which we worked so hard to attain. And when the time came how good it was to meet with outstretched hands those who have done so much for us. And what a lot there was to say and talk about.

This is all very fine, but there is another side of the Friends' Day which we must take into consideration. Those who think so much of us do not come merely to look into our faces once again. They are coming to learn of our progress and development; not what we are today, but what we hope to be. They realize that much more is to be desired than merely to see us once again.

So let us think about this between our last Friends' Day of this season and the first Friends' Day of 1928. Let us try and live up to all the hopes which our friends place in us; let us make them happier and let them feel that this confidence and trust in us has not been placed in vain. Let us

all strive for greater development and progress, so that when our friends visit us next Spring they may fully realize that we are gradually developing into that type for which they have hoped and prayed.

Selected

### Topics in Brief

The School suffered a severe loss early this month when the steamer "Pilgrim" was damaged by fire to the extent of several thousands of dollars. The boiler was being made ready for State inspection, and it is thought that some live coals fell beneath the iron plates about the boiler. The Board of Managers are contemplating upon having the vessel repaired, or purchasing another steamer, the expense of a new boat being well over twenty thousand dollars.

The Sixth and last Friends' Day of the year was held on October 31. Two hundred and seventy eight friends of the boys were present. This was the largest number of the season.

The Annual Hallowe'en party was held appropriately on the eve of the last Friends' Day, Oct. 31. The affair was most enjoyable and the boys enjoyed every minute from about seven o'clock when the party was started until its conclusion at eleven o'clock.

The stanchions on the first floor of our barn have been removed and a new floor has been laid. It is expected that our new dairy barn will be put in use very soon.

Twenty five boys enjoyed the privilege of attending the Harvard-Indiana game at Cambridge on October 29th. Connected with the game was the appearance of the Indiana College Band of ninety-six pieces. The manoeuvres of this

band were a wonderful sight. Quite naturally our boys enjoyed the band and the marvellous exhibition it gave.

The School recently purchased a number of books to be added to our library. Many of these books are popular fiction, and include the works of the best writers of the present day.

The Crosby Shield and Basketball Cups for the recent basketball season have been awarded, as have also the Grew Garden Prizes.

The names of the donors, and of the boys who received the prizes are in another article.

The annual State inspection of our Steam boilers was made and our plant was pronounced to be in good condition.

Football was the chief Sport here during October. Our regular Schedule is almost completed and the boys are already planning special post-season contests.

Sandy MacGregor, the Scotch Comedian, who is heard on the radio quite often was a guest here during the latter part of the month.

At the meeting of the Admission Committee held on October twentieth, ten boys were admitted. We now have one hundred and six boys enrolled in the School. This is as many as we can possibly accommodate at one time. The names of those boys admitted last month are as follows:-

Leslie Edward Aldrich  
 Harry Belham  
 Lloyd William Blanchard  
 Everett Keith Bowlby  
 Fred Everett Coburn  
 Harry Hutchings Cole  
 John Donald MacGregor  
 John Malcolm Porter  
 Thomas Samuel Stewart  
 Everett Wilbur Stone

### Calendar 50 Years Ago 1877

As Kept by the Superintendent

Monday, October 1. Mr. Chute and her mother came to see her boy. Chute has typhoid fever.

Friday, October 5. James H. Graham came down with fever.

Saturday, October 6. Dr. Draper came and pronounced Graham's case scarlet fever.

Monday, October 15. Fine day, digging potatoes, got in mangels, pulled beets, etc.

Monday, October 22. Very rough and raining from the north east. Crossed in morning to carry Willie to school and get Miss Gomwell. Had a hardtime and was glad to get safely back.

Tuesday, October 23. The last visiting day of the season. The Governor Andrews went up Quincy Bay on Point with friends and boys. A most delightful sail of eighty minutes.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago 1837

As Kept by the Superintendent

October 3, Pinchas Allen was returned to the Institution by Mr. Longley, his master, under the pretense of taking another but he has not taken one.

October 5, Charles Adams left the Institution apprenticed to his uncle, Mr. Jepson, Jeweler, Elm Street, Boston.

October 9, Mr. Jona Dennis, Jr., of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, one of the society of friends visited the Farm School.

October 15, About fifty of the boys went up to the city this day and attended meeting all day; in the morning at Mr. Barnard's chapel, Warren Street, in the afternoon at Mr. Gray's, on Pitts Street.

### October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 75° on the first.

Minimum Temperature 39° on the thirtieth.

Mean Temperature for the month 50°.

Total Precipitation 2.1 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .06

4 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, fifteen clear days, two partly cloudy, fourteen cloudy.

### Cleaning the Grain Rooms

One Friday morning, November 4th we cleaned the grain rooms. First we brushed all the cob webs from the ceiling. We then straightened up the north grain room. We next carried all the grain in the south grain room to the north grain room. We straightened and arranged them in neat piles. After this we swept and cleaned up. When this task was done we were dismissed for dinner.

William E. Nelson VI

### A Good Time

Through the kindness of my Instructor I was allowed to attend the Metropolitan Theatre. We saw an excellent show. On the stage was a large orchestra and many actors took part. The picture was "Shanghai Bound," which was excellent. I enjoyed the performance very much.

Paul L. Hamilton VI

### Tuesday

Tuesday in the Sewing Room is a very interesting day. On this day we put the Boys' socks in order and sort them first and afterwards mend them. We have a machine called the "darn'er" which darns very well. We like to do this work.

Chester A. Young :V

A good formula to follow;—

*"Information, plus inspiration, multipliea by perspiration, equals, consummation."*

### Garden Prizes

Each year we are very fortunate to receive garden prizes. These are given to the boys who have the very best gardens. There are sixteen prizes awarded in all amounting to twenty-five dollars which are given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby. The first prize amounts to five dollars.

The boys start their gardens in early spring. The boys that give their best attention during the season usually receives one of the sixteen prizes.

The prizes that were awarded this year are as follows:—

The prizes were awarded in the order given below.

Gordon L. Whalen  
 Richard L. Bolingbroke  
 William L. Young  
 Howitt R. Warren  
 Henry A. Schramm  
 Henry E. Hallman  
 Charles D. Hallman  
 Carl A. Carlson  
 Willis M. Wight  
 Almon H. Whitmore  
 Charles L. Keller  
 Theodore L. Vitty  
 Carl O. G. Wijks  
 George A. Taylor  
 Ramsey C. Allen  
 Royl M. Augustine

The boys appreciate the kindness of Mrs. Crosby in giving us these prizes and we wish to take this opportunity to thank her.

Gordon L. Whalen III

### My Walk around the Beach

One afternoon an Instructor asked three other boys and me if we wished to walk around the beach. We all wanted to go. We went towards North End. On the way we saw many things that had drifted in on the shore. There were many large and small pieces of wood. When we came to North End we started

for South End. On our way we saw the site of David Thompson's cabin and the dike. When we came to South End we saw Squantum and Moon Head. We next started for our Wharf. On the way we looked at the Observatory. We walked to the Wharf and came up the Front Avenue to the house. It took us two hours and thirty minutes to walk around the Beach. It was the first time that I have been around the beach and I enjoyed it.

Kenneth Caswell VI

### A Lesson

We had an interesting reading lesson the fourth of the month. There was a verse which was a good lesson; It was—:

Then none was for the party;

Then all was for the State;

Then the great man helped the poor,

And the poor man loved the great:

Then the lands were fairly portioned;

Then spoils were fairly sold:

The Romans were like brothers

In the brave days of old.

Douglas C. Taylor IV

### Morning Work in the Kitchen

In the morning I get up at five-thirty. After I wash, I get a wheelbarrow from the rear of the Power House. I then bring it to the kitchen and take the ashes out, carrying them away in it. I next clean off the table and wait for an Instructor to come in. We then get the fresh fruit and bring it in the dining-room. The cereal is next put in the dining room. After this the other three boys come down and carry milk and other food to the dining room.

George G. Hamilton IV

The new barn has been completed and it is now ready for occupancy. The herd will be gradually built up to about thirty head.

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We wonder how many of the Alumni and friends of the School know that CLAIRE R. EMERY '12, the "Big Brother" of the Radio Broadcasting Station WEEI is a graduate of this School. "Big Brother" repeatedly commands our attention by the various work he does before the public. A short time ago he, together with his broadcasting band, the "Joy Spreaders," were in Keith's Theatre in Boston for one week as the leading vaudeville attraction. His radio work has been of great value to his thousands of child members for whom the "Big Brother Club," was inaugurated.

One of the most successful musician who has graduated from this School is LEROY S. KENFIELD, '82. Mr. Kenfield, for many years, has been connected with the finer class of symphony orchestras. At present he is a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. In addition to his orchestra work Mr. Kenfield teaches and directs musical organizations. He, it will be remembered, directed the House of Angel Guardian Band of Boston, which won first prize in the New England Band contest last spring. Mr. Kenfield comes to our attention at this time through the publication of a musical journal which contains his picture and the picture of his size band.

EDWARD V. OSBERG '22 entered his freshman year at Brown University last September. Eddie has been successful in his college work so far. He is a member of the University Band, playing the tuba. Various dance orchestra engagements help him to materially defray his numerous college expenses.

Speaking of orchestra work reminds us that WALDO E. LIBBY '22 is touring the Loew Circuit with a vaudeville act employing an orchestra. Waldo plays trumpet in this organization.

JAMES M. LIBBY '26 and GEORGE D. RUSSELL '25 are at Brewster Academy at Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Both are members of the Junior Class three. They are star members of the Brewster Academy football team of Wolfeboro. "Jimmie" is the quarterback and George is playing left end. These two boys make a splendid forward-pass combination.

Among other students from here at Brewster are GEORGE LIBBY '26 and ROSS S. LLOYD '27.

ROLLINS FURBUSH '19 captain of the Middlebury College football team has been unfortunate enough to have two or three accidents which have hindered his football playing. However Rollins is now in good condition and we expect to read excellent reports of his athletic work during this month. Thus far his team has had a successful season.

WILLIAM M. HALL, '27, is a Sophomore at the Medford High School. Marshall has been quite successful in his school work thus far. Incidentally, it is reported that Marshall has been made the Bandmaster of the Medford H. S. Band.

JACK HOBSON, '27, is attending the Mechanics Arts High School of Boston, Mass.

Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.



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### Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day this year came on November twenty-fourth. It was a day to which we looked forward for some time, for it is a day of happiness and fun for us.

Reveille was sounded at 6:15 and we awoke to find the weather giving us signs of a splendid day. We soon went into breakfast and found the Dining Room beautifully decorated for the holiday. After breakfast we did the necessary work until about nine o'clock.

At this time the smaller boys began getting ready for the annual Thanksgiving morning football game. Roger L. Holton captained a team called the "Navy" and Darwin Chapdelaine was the captain of the "Army" team. The game was well played and was very interesting to the spectators who gathered to watch the game. The Army team was victorious, the score being 25-0.

After the game we began getting ready for the Thanksgiving Dinner. At twelve o'clock we passed into the Dining Room. The heavily laden tables contained the roasted turkey and the other things which go to make up the typical dinner. Mr. Litchfield, who is a friend of the School, gave the prayer of thanks after which we repeated our School Grace. Mayor Ericsson of Cottage Row Government read his Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Just before we commenced eating Mr. Meacham told us of the kindness of Manager Leverett Saltonstall, who presented the turkeys for the dinner, and our Bandmaster Frank L. Warren for his gift of the nuts and fruit. The menu for the dinner follows:

	Celery	
	Roast Stuffed Turkey	
	Gravy	
	Sweet Potatoes	
Marrow Squash		Cranberry Sauce
	Bread and Butter	
	Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce	
	Cider	
Apples	Oranges	Bananas
Raisins		Grapes

After the dinner we began getting ready for the one major football event of the season. The game is an annual Thanksgiving Day happening and is anticipated with pleasure by the boys. This year the teams drilled for weeks before the contest and speculations as to the winning team were great.

Captain Bradbury A. Rand of the Harvard team and Captain Anton C. Ericsson led the two teams

The lineup;

YALE	HARVARD
W. Young, r e	H Warren, l e
G. Tylor, r t	G. Hamilton, l t
R. Towne, r g	H. Schramm, l g
P. Butts, c	W. Van Meter, c

K. Johnson, l g  
 J. Paley, l t  
 A. Scott, l e  
 A. Ericsson, l h b  
 C. Lindgren, r h b  
 R. Martis, f b  
 C. Morse, q b

W. Pratt, r g  
 G. Baxter, r t  
 O. Kohl, r e  
 A. Brown, r h b  
 C. Carlson, l h b  
 B. Rand, f b  
 W. West, q b

were fox trots, two steps, and waltzes. The dance was a complete success. The Class are very grateful to all those who had anything to do with the evening's entertainment.

William N. West I

#### SUBS

T. Eastty  
 J. Hallowell  
 J. MacGregor

L. Brown  
 H. Floyd  
 G. Whalen

Although the game was predicted to be very closely contested the Yale team had little difficulty in overwhelming the Harvard eleven by the score of 38-0. The Yale team was stronger in every department, and had little difficulty in defeating its opponents. Harvard must be given credit however, for its fine fighting spirit.

Richard L. Bolinbroke I V

#### Thanksgiving Dance

On the night of Thanksgiving a dance was given by the First Class in honor of the two football teams which played that afternoon. The dance was held in the gymnasium which was very prettily decorated in the colors of red, white, and blue. At one end of the gymnasium was a large poster on which were the words "The Class of 1928 Greets You". Above these words was a picture of the class and beside this were printed the names of the Officers of the Class. Directly below this poster the orchestra was seated. It was made up of the boys of the Band, and consisted of a piano, two trumpets, a trombone, clarinet and drums. On each side of the orchestra was a cozy corner. On each side of the room were benches and at the other end of the hall was a table on which the refreshments were to be served. The refreshments consisted of ice cream, cookies and candy.

The dance began about eight o'clock with a grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. All the rest of the dance

#### Our New Books

A short time ago the School bought about fifty books. These were placed in the Assembly Hall. There are many good stories.

The teachers are in charge of the books and the boys may have those which they desire to use during their playtime.

We are glad to be able to read these new books.

John A. Paley II

#### A Big Fish

Saturday morning the Supervisor returned from City Point with a very large cod which a man caught near our wharf. The fisherman did not want it because his market was silver hake. It weighed about fifteen pounds. I carried it to the house. The Supervisor soon came with his camera and took several pictures of it. I then cleaned and washed the fish and carried it to the kitchen where it was cooked. It was a very interesting morning indeed.

Theodore L. Vitty II

#### What I Am Thankful For

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:—

There are many things for which I am thankful.

I am thankful I am at this School where I can receive an education and good

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training. I am thankful for the Board of Managers, Superintendent, and Instructors who provide these opportunities for us.

I am thankful I can play in the Band and participate in the sports. I am thankful for my father, sisters and friends.

And last of all I am thankful I am alive and well.

Chester P. Lindgren I

I am thankful that I am living and have good health. I am grateful for what Mr. and Mrs. Meacham and the Instructors have done for me since I have been at this School. I am thankful for the good times I have had this year.

Carl P. Herman II

I am than'ful that God has kept me alive during the past fifteen years. I am thankful that I am learning a trade that I intend to make my future profession. Also I am glad that I have a good Superintendent, Board of Managers and Instructors. I am thankful for the good times that I enjoy so often. I am thankful that I am strong and healthy and can indulge in sports. And that all of my relatives are safe and comfortably situated.

Warren N. Pratt II

I am thankful for a kind mother and a good brother and sister.

I am thankful I can go to school.

I am thankful I am in a school where my mother does not have to worry about me.

Paul A. Turner III

I am thankful that I have a mother, a brother, and plenty of friends. I am thankful for this good school of which I am a member. I am thankful that we have a new barn built and we are getting cows or it and will have good milk.

I am thankful that I am in the band. I am thankful that we have moving pictures every Thursday night.

Samuel O. Hall III

I am thankful for the privilege of attending this School. I am grateful 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 are always willing to help a boy.

Allen B. Scott III

I am thankful for God and his teachings which have been passed to us through centuries. I am thankful for my mother and grandmother who have thought wisely enough to put me in a good school where I can get a good education. I am also thankful for our Superintendent and Instructors.

Karl R. Adams IV

We have many things to be thankful for. I am thankful for a God, mother and an education. I am thankful for many friends and relatives. I am thankful to be here. I am thankful for my food, clothes and shelter. There are many things to be thankful for and I think we should all be thankful for the things done for us.

Kenneth James IV

I am thankful that I am at a school where I can receive an education.

I am thankful we have a good Superintendent. I am thankful we have plenty to eat. I am most thankful my mother is well and strong and that she is a good mother.

Howard W. Sanborn V

I am thankful for all the nice times we have. For food and clothing. I am thankful for opportunities we have at this School and for the Superintendent and Instructors.

Charles J. Hardman V

I am thankful for a good Superintendent and that I am in this School. I am thankful that we have an opportunity to learn the trades and have such good times.

Ernest D. Newton V

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## Cottage Row Government

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### A PROCLAMATION

The custom of our School, as well as the Commonwealth is to set apart a day known as Thanksgiving Day.

We give thanks to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us; for keeping us well, strong, and happy.

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

We are thankful for the Managers Superintendent, and Instructors who provide entertainments and good times.

We are thankful and especially grateful at Thanksgiving time this year, because we are safe and happy, our barns and storehouses filled, and our School intact, while in different places in New England, people are suffering from floods, with houses and possessions in ruins. Because we feel grateful we wish to make this day one of happiness and good cheer.

Therefore I, Anton C. Ericsson, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, as a day of

### THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

for the many blessings he has given us.

Given at the Farm and Trades School this nineteenth day of November, in the

year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven, the one hundred and fourteenth year of our School, and the fortieth year of Cottage Row.

ANTON C. ERICSSON

By his Honor, the Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.

Henry A. Schramm, Clerk

**God Save the Government of Cottage Row**

### Topics in Brief

A Merry Christmas to you.

Although Christmas is not here yet everywhere on the Island one sees many reminders of the Spirit of the time. In every department where it is possible to do so, boys are making articles of one kind or another to give their friends for Christmas gifts. Preparations for the Christmas Concert have begun.

The Board of Managers of this School voted at a recent meeting to repair the steamer "Pilgrim" which was partially destroyed by fire sometime ago. The boat was taken to Lawley's ship yards where it will be completely overhauled and made ready for general use.

We expected to print a resume of the football season at this time. However, it has been contested to such an extent that we are unable to do this. On November twenty-sixth two teams, which are tied for the Shield, played to a tie. This game will be played in the near future to determine the championship eleven.

President Arthur Adams, and Manager Thomas J. Evans were recent visitor at the School

He who thanks but with lips  
Thanks but in part;  
The full, the true Thanksgiving,  
Comes from the heart.

Thanksgiving was as usual, a most enjoyable day. Our dinner, two football games and a dancing party in the evening were the main events of the day. The Spirit of Thanksgiving, as well as the jollity and good time were manifested throughout the day. Descriptions of the activities of the day may be found in other parts of the paper.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Manager Leverett Saltonstall who supplied the turkeys for our Thanksgiving Dinner; and to Mr. Frank L. Warren for his gift of nuts and fruit.

Our beaches have been cleaned this month. Much valuable driftwood was collected, sorted, and made ready for use.

One hundred of the "Hymnals for American Youth" have been purchased for use at our devotional services.

The Storage Barn has been given a thorough cleaning and some farm machinery repaired. In the Main Barn a new sliding door is being installed. Also on our farm the fall ploughing has been completed.

### Thankful Beacons

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We have many things to be thankful for. I am thankful for my mother, and a fine School to be in with fine Instructors. I am thankful for all our Managers, Superintendent, and Instructors do for us. Also for good times provided for us. I am thankful that I have such a wonderful time in this School. Last of all I am thankful that God has kept me in good health all this past year.

Ernest T. Armstrong V

### My Experience with a Bear.

When I was in Nova Scotia I used to go hunting with two trained dogs. I used to set about fifty traps at night, and visit them in the morning.

One day as I was going around my route I heard a growl, I looked back and saw a huge black bear. I was afraid but I knew I would be safe with the dogs. I stood there for about three minutes and then I saw one of the dogs sneak off into the underbrush. I thought he was going to leave me. Instead he crept around behind the bear and gave a mighty leap onto the bear's back and buried its sharp teeth into its neck. At last the bear became exhausted and fell on the ground unconscious.

I called the dogs off, and then I tied the bear to a tree. I ran home and told my grandfather. He got his gun and went with me to the spot. When we arrived the bear was coming to, so he shot it, skinned it and kept the meat. That winter I had a bearskin overcoat for myself.

Stanley V. Burlingame V

### The Smoker

On the night before Thanksgiving a "Smoker", or football rally, was held in the Assembly Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to convince the audience that either Harvard would defeat Yale, or that Yale would defeat Harvard. Each team had speakers and a few of the Instructors spoke for the team they thought would win.

At the conclusion of the smoker the group divided, according to their beliefs and formed into two cheering squads, one for each team. The Yale team won the game.

Chester P. Lindgren I

### Pets

We have on our Island several small pets. These include a canary, parrot and a cat. The canary and parrot are in the Boy's Reading Room. The cat stays in the barns and does not enjoy coming to main buildings.

We are very fond of these pets.

Charles J. Haruman V

### Helping in the Clothing Room

One day the Supervisor told me to help the Clothing Room Boy. After I had finished my work for the Superintendent I reported at the Clothing Room for work.

I was told to measure trousers and put them neatly in order. When I had done this I was dismissed.

James E. Douglas V

### Band Practice

Every evening except Saturday the Regular Band goes to the Band Hall to practice. If there is no Band rehearsal, the boys practice difficult parts in their music.

In June our Bandmaster Mr. Frank L. Warren started a contest to provide interest for the Band boys and organized a new Beginners Band. A prize of ten dollars was offered to the best teacher and a prize of five dollars to the best pupil.

Every Saturday morning the Regular Band rehearses all morning, and sometimes the Beginners go out until nine o'clock. Also the Regular Band sometimes practices marching as we need this very much for we march on Friends' Day and at Band contests we enter in town.

We broadcast once every year and take part in several contests away from home. We appreciate the kindness of our Bandmaster in coming down here to teach us very much.

I play the trombone and I enjoy it.

Thomas J. Easty IV

**Calendar 50 Years Ago, Nov. 1877**

As Kept by the Superintendent

Friday 2nd. A wild wet day. Charles Wallace discharged to his mother. In P. M. went in boat to get Dr. Codman and the brothers Cobb but the weather was so bad that they dared not come. I had a fearful ride home but the little steamer behaved nobly and came safely through. In the eve there was a perfect gale from the South.

Monday 6th. Went where Willie went to school to meet my mother at brother Frank's school. Came home with her. In P. M. went to get Mr. DeBlois, Dr. Codman and the Cobb brothers who gave a very fine entertainment in drawing and singing. All left in the evening.

Thursday 15th. A really nice day, wind fresh S. W. A plumber and mason here. Whitewashed the new hospital room. We close the month Nov. with 93 boys in school. Nothing of unusual interest has occurred since last writing except our usual Thanksgiving joy with a large number of graduates to participate therein. The school is going on nicely.

**Calendar 90 Years Ago, Nov. 1837**

As Kept by the Superintendent

No record kept for this month.

**October Meteorology**

Maximum Temperature 68° on the seventeenth.

Minimum Temperature 30° on the twentieth.

Mean Temperature for the month 48°

Total Precipitation 5.1 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .05

4 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, eleven clear days, three partly cloudy, sixteen cloudy.

**The Pierian Sodality Orchestra**

One evening Mr. Meacham announced that the Pierian Sodality Orchestra, of Harvard University, was going to entertain us on the following evening. This orchestra is the oldest musical organization of its kind in the country.

The next evening we gathered in the Assembly Hall to enjoy the concert. There were several guests present including former Superintendent Paul F. Swasey and Mrs. Swasey.

The concert was a wonderful success. The organization of about thirty musicians was directed with artistic ability which was an inspiration to our band boys.

The concert opened with a march "Our Director". Other numbers on the program were "Finckelskaof," an overture by Mendelssohn; Beethoven's "Egmont;" and Selections from the musical show "Hit the Deck," the music of this latter number arranged from the compositions of Rudolph Friml.

The Orchestra completed their programme with the Harvard University song "Fair Harvard."

We wish to thank the Orchestra for providing us with this excellent entertainment.

Warren N. Pratt II

**Cleaning Schoolrooms**

One morning during vacation our Supervisor took six boys up to the First Schoolroom with material for scrubbing. When we all had taken out the desks we started our scrubbing. Each boy took a strip of about one and a half feet wide. As soon as the strips were done we changed our water and then continued. When we had finished, the floor looked very clean.

George G. Hamilton IV

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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WALPOLE

Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

### The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the Parker House Wednesday evening November 9.

The meeting came to order at eight o'clock with President Ellis in the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Reports of the Treasurer, Auditing Committee, and Entertainment Committee were read and accepted.

President Ellis recommended a vote of thanks to Will F. Davis for contribution in the City Directory relative to advertising the School.

A brief review of the year at the School was given by the Secretary. The excellent health and general atmosphere of happiness among the boys was commented upon. Other items mentioned included the construction of the new cattle barn, and the damage to the Steamer by fire.

The Secretary also stated that fifty graduates have visited the School during the year. Also, on June eighth, Clarence De Mar visited the School and gave the boys a splendid talk.

The Transportation problem for the Field Day in June was discussed. No definite action was taken. It was explained that the School could not handle the large group in safety and convenience.

President Ellis requested that information be obtained regarding Solomon

B. Holman, '50. Following this Mr. Walter B. Foster made the motion that greetings of the Association be sent to Mr. Richard Bell, who is recovering from serious illness at his home.

The Nominating Committee reported the following nominees who were duly elected to office.

Merton P. Ellis---President  
Alfred C. Malm---Vice President  
Elwin C. Bemis---Secretary  
Augustus N. Doe---Treasurer  
Geoffrey N. Plunkett---Historian

A motion was made and passed that the Superintendent of the School, William M. Meacham, and former Superintendent Paul F. Swasey be invited to join the Association as honorary members.

The meeting was attended by the following:

Robert H. Blanton  
Elwin C. Bemis  
James A. Brain  
Clifton E. Albee  
Merton P. Ellis  
Walter B. Foster  
Augustus N. Doe  
Robert J. Dunsbee  
Francis E. Floyd  
George O. Poole  
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Robert H. Van Meter



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## Christmas Day

This year we celebrated Christmas Day on Saturday December twenty-fourth, instead of Christmas Day, which came on Sunday. By doing this we were fortunate to have President Arthur Adams visit us and be the leader in our fun and frolic.

Christmas celebration officially commenced Friday evening when a selected choir sang carols about the building. The custom of throwing coins to the singers prevailed. After the last carol was sung Mr. and Mrs. Meacham invited the singers to their apartments for refreshments. At this time the money was counted and divided among the singers.

About midnight Mr. and Mrs. Meacham and the Instructors came to the dormitories to wish us a "Merry Christmas." We heard them coming and wished them a "Merry Christmas" first. Later in the night our stockings were filled with candy and fruit.

The boat left for Santa Claus about nine o'clock. At ten o'clock the boat returned bringing this personage. With drum corp and carriage we met Santa and escorted him to the Main Building. At half past ten Santa came into the Assembly Hall and was promptly given many cheers. Santa looked about and noted the appearance of the Assembly Hall which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A stage setting in the front depicted a New

England home on Christmas Day. After his casual glances he commenced giving out the presents. The gifts were stacked about a large Christmas tree. Every boy received a gift from the School and most of the Boys received two or three gifts from their relatives and friends. Mr. Adams, our President, explained that he was here to have a good time and that he wanted everybody to have all the fun and pleasure possible. Mr. Adams led several cheers for some of the Instructors and for Santa Claus.

In the afternoon we had an entertainment which Mr. Adams provided for us. The entertainment was called "Sue Hasting's Marionettes." The entertainment played about an hour and a half and was greatly enjoyed. The marionettes gave two plays; the first one being "Jack and the Beanstalk,"—and the second one being "The Follies of 1928."

In the evening we played a basketball game. The School team played a team selected from the Faculty and won easily. Everybody who attended the game seemed to enjoy it very much. At nine o'clock we were in bed, with many pleasant memories of the day that had passed.

Charles L. Keller II

### Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert was held on Sunday December eighteen. The Chapel was beautifully decorated, the scene in the front of the Chapel being the living room of a New England home at Christmas time. About the Chapel were many expressions of the Christmas Spirit. The program of the Concert follows:

Song, Hail the King Choir

Prayer, Mr. Wallace

Responsive Reading George E. Hamilton

Song, The Song of Love Choir

Recitation, December Paul L. Hamilton

Violin Trio, O Little Town of Bethlehem  
 Ramsey C. Allen, Roger L. Holton  
 John S. Walter

Recitation, Why I Speak  
 William M. Meacham, Jr.

Exercise, Christmas in Many Lands-Six Boys

Recitation, The Stone Watch Tower  
 George F. Carr

Song, Let the Bells Ring Out Choir

Recitation, A Christmas Tree Farm  
 Walter K. Pratt

Brass Quintet, Come all Ye Faithful

Recitation, An English Christmas  
 Ernest S. Armstrong

Quartet, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
 Waldo L. Waters, Carl A. Carlson, Bradbury A.  
 Rand, William L. Young.

Recitation, God Bless Us Every One  
 Richard W. Crowley

Recitation, Willie's Christmas Prayer  
 Robert H. Erwin

Song, Hark, the Heavenly Voices Choir

Recitation, A Child's Christmas Prayer  
 John C. Taylor

Cornet Solo, Glory to Thee-My God this Night  
 Arthur C. Brown

Playet, Santa's Plight Nine Boys

Song, From Far Away Choir

Reading, St. Francis' Sermon to the Birds  
 Frank Dow

Baritone Solo, O Holy Night Otto Kohl

Selection, The Christmas Carol  
 William H. Thompson, Carl O. G. Wijks

Song, Hail to Thee Choir

Remarks, Mr. Meacham

Song, Holy Night Choir  
 Joseph A. Crowley V

### Singing Carols

On Christmas Eve a group of Boys sang Christmas Carols about the building. We began about nine o'clock in the court. We sang many carols there. Here as in the places we later sang, money was thrown to us which we divided. We next sang near the north end of the building. Then we sang under Mr. and Mrs. Meacham's window. We then returned to the court. The last carol sung was "Silent Night" which we sang in the main corridor.

Mr. and Mrs. Meacham invited us to there apartments for refreshments. Here we divided the money given us. Each boy got about one dollar and fifty cents.

Aaron G. Mellor VI

### Carting Coal

It is the work of the farm boys to haul coal to the Power House. We do this work about one afternoon each week.

We sometimes have three teams carting coal, although the greater part of the time we only use two.

Two boys work on the team, and one boy stays near the Power House to help the other boys unload. We cart the coal from the coal-pile near the Wharf to the Power House.

Paul A. Turner III

### Cleaning the Chapel

At times my work is to clean the Chapel and get it ready for Church.

The first thing I do is to sweep the floor. Sometimes I have another boy to help me and we wash the floor.

Next I dust all the furniture and woodwork. This usually takes a long time.

The last thing I do is to distribute the Hymnals and Bibles. I enjoy cleaning Chapel.

John C. Taylor III

### A Co-incident

A short time ago the Woburn High School paper THE REFLECTOR was sent to be exchanged for our BEACON. The paper was placed in the Reading Room so that we all could read it.

While reading the paper we noticed a photo of one of our graduates who is in the military department at Woburn High School.

Theodore L. Vitty II

### A Visitor

Christmas day we had a very welcome visitor. He was Mr. Arthur Adams our School President.

When we filed into Chapel to get our nice gifts he was sitting by the piano.

When the gift for Mr. and Mrs. Meacham was given he got up and led us in three hearty cheers. He made the boys happy by saying funny things and he got a lot of fun going around looking at all the gifts the boys received.

In the afternoon he had a very nice entertainment for us. It was called "Sue Hasting's Marionettes." We all enjoyed Mr. Adams gift and hope to see him again soon.

Horace A. Taylor III

### Making Wreaths

One Saturday our teacher took the first and second graders in the sixth class to North End to get pine cones to make wreaths with. When we arrived some boys climbed the trees and threw the pieces of pine down. The others gathered them and put them in bags. When we got back we went up to our Schoolroom and put them together. I think some of the boys made very good wreaths. I think it is very good fun to make wreaths.

Paul L. Hamilton VI

### Christmas Vacation

After each term of school is finished the boys have a weeks vacation.

The last vacation we had was our Christmas one. In the morning the first, third, and sixth Classes are dismissed at nine o'clock. In the afternoon the three other Classes are dismissed at three o'clock. The boys in the Fourth grade are not allowed to have any playtime.

The skating was very good and we had many exciting hockey games. Some of the boys played basketball, while others went to the Sloyd Room and Band Hall.

The week seemed to pass very quickly. We enjoy these vacations very much.

Roger L. Holton III

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The beautiful article printed below is reprinted from a periodical which is used in our English classes. Let us make every endeavor to follow the sentiments it expresses.

### The Christmas Spirit

What is the real Spirit of Christmas?

It is the spirit which brings a smile to the lips, and tenderness to the heart; it is the spirit which warms one into friendship with all the world, which prompts one to hold out a hand of fellowship to every man and woman, to every boy and girl everywhere.

For the Christmas motto is "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," and the Spirit of Christmas demands that it ring in our hearts and find expression in kindly acts and loving words.

What a joyful thing for the world it would be if the Christmas Spirit could do this not only on Christmas Day, but on every day of the year. What a beautiful place the world would be to live in! peace and good will everywhere and always. Let each of us resolve that so far as we are concerned peace and good will shall be our motto every day, and that we will do our best to make the Christmas Spirit last all the year round.

ANON

### BECAUSE

*Because a lonely star above a town stood still,  
Because some angels sang upon a lonely hill,  
Because the little Christ is here, - our King,  
O FATHER, TAKE TODAY, THE CHRISTMAS LOVE  
WE BRING.*

## Topics in Brief

Our Christmas celebration took place this year on Saturday, December twenty-fourth. Mr. Litchfield acted as our official Santa Claus. President Arthur Adams was with us during the day. In the afternoon a fine entertainment was given. This entertainment was called, "Sue Hasting's Marionettes." This entertainment was provided by President Arthur Adams.

Our Christmas Concert was given Sunday, December 18. The concert was under the general supervision of Miss Marcia Winslow, assisted by Miss Arleen Brownlee and Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom. The program was very ably presented and did great credit to those who took part.

The Boys have chosen their teams for the coming basketball season. The four captains are as follows;— Bradbury A. Rand, Team A; Howitt R. Warren, Team B; Cecil A. Morse, Team C; and Arthur C. Brown, Team D.

We wish to express our sincere thanks at this time to President Adams who supplied our Christmas entertainment; to the Alumni Association and Mr. Frank L. Warren for the gifts of candy; and to our good friend who wishes his name withheld, for his gift of six fine toboggans.

We have had no snow as yet. Cold weather however, has made excellent skating possible.

After two tied games had been played to determine the championship football eleven of the School, it was decided to award a double shield, containing the names of the players of both teams. This silver shield together with individual silver cups are given to the Boys by Manager S. V. R. Crosby.

Mrs. Ruth Tempema visited us recently, and entertained with violin selections and stories. Mrs. Tempema's solos were excellently given and greatly enjoyed. Her stories included most interesting descriptions of the British Isles and the Continent. We wish to thank Mrs. Tempema for her visit, and Mr. Parker Litchfield, through whose efforts the entertainment was made possible.

A number of the boys have been given the privilege of attending many theatrical performances in town.

A clarinet class of three pupils go to town each Monday. Lessons are given by Mr. T. G. Pullen, for which the School is indeed grateful. This arrangement was made possible by Mr. Frank L. Warren, our Bandmaster.

The Assembly Room mail box has been repaired.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Gannon, who was matron of the School for some years prior to Superintendent Bradley's administration.

Our good friend Sandy MacGregor is with us for the holiday season and has been of valuable assistance in many ways.

The final work of making our School ready for the winter has been done. Hydrant covers, storm windows and other equipment have been installed. Incidentally our power plant is operating day and night insuring steam heat at all times.

A beautiful selection, "Peer Gynt Suite," by Grieg, has been added to our library of band music.

Insignias for the uniforms of the Band Boys have been given by Mr. Warren.

### Greeting Santa Claus

On Christmas morning every year we greet Santa Claus. Santa arrives on our School boat. As was the custom we gathered on the Wharf and waited for the boat.

Shortly after ten o'clock the boat arrived and Santa was escorted to a carriage. A number of boys pulled the carriage to the Main Building. On the way groups of boys were in hiding places waiting for their opportunity to wish Santa a real "Merry Christmas."

Santa's true identity was kept from us until later in the morning. We found out that he was Mr. Litchfield.

Richard L. Bolingbroke V

### Practical Training Slips

At the close of each term our Instructors in the Practical Training courses give us our term mark.

Our mark for the term is based upon a "Practical Training" form. This form includes fine general headings, Speed, Accuracy Workmanship, Attitude and Aptitude. Each heading is divided into six divisions, each division being equal to a certain percentage. A boy may receive from fifty per-cent to one-hundred per-cent.

William H. VanMeter I

### Lessons on the Violin

Two other boys and I have violins, and an Instructor who knows the violin gives us lessons.

We practice scales and pieces, and enjoy playing. At the Christmas Concert we played "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Our teacher arranged the piece for three violins.

We appreciate the opportunity of learning to play the violin very much.

Roger L. Holton III

### Clarinet Lessons

Mr. Warren, our Bandmaster, arranged for two other boys and myself to go to Somerville for clarinet lessons every Monday. We leave the Island at one o'clock and get to our teacher's studio at half past two o'clock.

Mr. Pullen our teacher is usually ready for us and we commence on the lesson. We play our lesson and he gives us a new one. He explains the notes and how to get the tones. He teaches us for about one and a half hours.

We greatly appreciate Mr. Pullen's kindness in giving us instruction. We hope to become good players.

Gordon L. Whalen III

### The Change of Duties

A short time ago a few boys had their Practical Training duties changed.

I have been working in the Paint Shop, and I asked if I might continue there. My work was not changed.

Most of the changes took place in the Kitchen, Dining Room, and other places where the work is not as congenial as it is in the Shops and the Farm. The house duties such as named above are changed more often than the work in the shops.

Theodore L. Vitty II

### A Christmas Present

This Christmas I wanted to give a friend a gift and did not know what to give him.

Before Christmas two of the Printing Office boys started a company and printed name cards and stationery for Christmas gifts. I decided that I would give my friend a pack of name cards for a present. This was one of the Christmas presents I gave.

Robert H. Erwin IV

**Calendar 90 Years Ago, Nov. 1837**

As Kept by the Superintendent

Monday 31st. At the commencement of this month there were in school ninety-three boys. At its close there were ninety-six boys, Stevenson, Wilson, and Parmenter having been admitted. There has been no sickness. Miss Gamwell has obtained leave of absence for three months to recruit her health and Miss Emma J. Vose has been appointed as substitute. The school goes on very pleasantly and profitably. The weather for the month has been fine for the season. No ice to prevent frequent crossing. The last of the month was especially fine: On the 28th Mr. and Mrs. Deblois came via City Point crossing in our row boat. Mr. Deblois has made two visits during the month. The only Manager who has been here.

**Calendar 50 Years Ago, Nov. 1877**

As Kept by the Superintendent

December 31st Rules and regulations be observed both by teachers and scholars at The Farm School on Thompson's Island.

1st The bells will ring for school precisely at one quarter before nine o'clock A. M. at which time the boys will immediately assemble in the shed back of the house preparatory to moving in procession. They will move in five minutes from the time the bell first strikes.

2nd The school will close as near twelve o'clock noon as is convenient for the teacher.

3rd In the afternoon the bell will ring twenty-five minutes past one o'clock. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  one the procession will move into the school room.

4th The school will close as near  $\frac{1}{2}$

four in the P. M. as is convenient for the teacher.

6th As a general rule the boys will retire at eight o'clock, P. M.

11th Boys that stand in the third or fourth grade shall be deprived all privilege of coasting or skating for the month next succeeding and shall be kept constantly at work when out of school.

**December Meteorology**

Maximum Temperature 68° on the seventeenth.

Minimum Temperature 30° on the twentieth.

Mean Temperature for the month 48°

Total Precipitation 5.1 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .05  
4 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, eleven clear days, three partly cloudy, sixteen cloudy.

**A Fine Calendar**

Our Instructor recently secured for our Printing Office a calendar issued by a large paper manufacturing concern.

Each of the thirteen sheets of the calendar was printed in a New England Printing Office. The calendar illustrates the general work of the New England Printer.

Each sheet is printed on a different kind of paper, and as a general thing the type includes the most approved styles.

Each sheet contains a picture of a very rare print, chiefly of New England during the Revolutionary period.

We are glad to have this example of printing to study.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

### The Richard Bell Candy Fund

#### Report of Committee 1927

Last year the Alumni was given the opportunity of contributing to the Richard Bell Candy Fund for giving the boys at the School their Christmas candy. The response to the appeal for contributions was great.

This year the committee, with Will F. Davis as chairman, sent an announcement to each member of the Association. This note reminded the members of the fund and asked for their continued support of the movement.

The success of the movement is excellently portrayed in the following note written by the chairman of the committee.

"We set our mark very high this year as we were anxious to make a good showing. We have already gone "over the top,"— with more contributions to be received.

"Your committee wishes they could share with you the pleasures received while reading the notes accompanying the donations from the different members, as we feel you would be well repaid for the time you put into such an effort. One of our members was so anxious that we receive his donation in time he sent it by Air Mail. We have asked the Editor of the Beacon to publish some of the letters which we have received in one of the next issues.

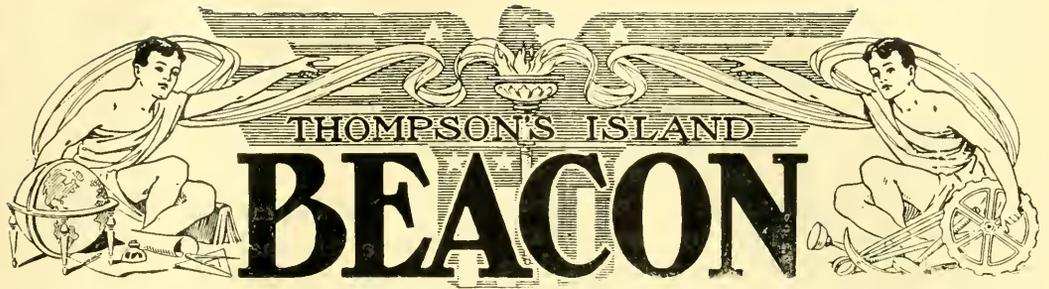
"We take this opportunity to thank those members who assisted us in this movement. The list of contributors to date is as follows;—

Albee, Clifton E.  
Alcott, William  
Avery, J. E.  
Bemis, E. C.  
Blakemore, E. B.  
Bridges, J. W.  
Buchan, George  
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Davis, Will  
DeMar, Clarence  
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Fearing, F. P.  
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Morse, W. A.  
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"Further news regarding this fund will be printed in an early issue of the Beacon."

WILL FRANK DAVIS, Chairman.



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## January

We generally consider January as a month of snow, very cold days, and some blizzards. But this year we were quite surprised to have warm weather and very little snow.

January at the F.T.S. we play basketball and enjoy entertainments. Usually we have coasting and skiing but this year we had to be satisfied without it.

One of the pleasures we enjoyed was when our School Team played the East Douglas High School. The visitors won 21-19. An entertainment we had was the visit of Joe Lorraine the noted Y.M.C.A. entertainer. He told us many funny stories. We also have moving pictures every Thursday night.

So you can see we have many good things in spite of the weather during the month of January.

Ernest S. Armstrong V

## Changing Gangways

There was nothing to do in the sewing room this morning, so the Instructor told us to report to the Supervisor. He told us to go to the Wharf.

First we had to let the gangway on the South side down into the water. We then had to get it off the float.

When that was done we let it float under the Wharf. Part of the railing broke, and some of the boards came loose otherwise we got it through safely. It was

pretty hard getting it on the North side float. It took us about a half an hour to get it set in the right place. We then went up and had our dinner.

Ernest D. Newton V

## Grade Reading Programs

Every Monday night when we have Grade Reading, the Classes give some kind of a program. Each Class takes its turn each week to give its program.

The program usually consists of poems, plays, dialogues, readings, and reading of Current Events or musical numbers. The First Class gave its program last week. It was a musical one and we all enjoyed it very much.

As each Class has its turn we try to make our program better than the one before us.

Almon H. Whitmore III

## A Walk

One Sunday afternoon our minister, Mr. Wallace, asked us if we wanted to walk around the Island. We all wanted to.

We began at the East side and walked toward South End. We kept on and walked all around the Island, back to our starting place.

On our walk we saw many interesting things on the beach, including ducks and pheasants.

Benjamin F. Middleton II

### A Skating Party

One evening, the Supervisor asked the boys if they would like to go for a skating party. He told them they could go. When we got to the ice we started to skate around. The moon was full and most of us had flashlights, so we could see very well. After awhile a bonfire was lighted.

We enjoyed the night very much.

James E. Douglas V

### Special Studies

One day when the teachers changed periods our history teacher told our class that each boy was to take a certain person in the history lessons and study all about him or her. On Friday he would tell it to the class. I was first to start this.

She told me to study about Columbus in Spain. I have learned a great deal about him. We always have something interesting in all our periods.

Benjamin F. Middleton V

### Where We Find Our Mail

The mail box in the Assembly Room has been repaired. Metal partitions replaced the pressboard ones. I think it was a splendid idea to repair this in this way as it will be permanent.

The mail box is divided into one hundred and six boxes, one for each boy. This box hangs on the wall in the Assembly Room.

Kenneth P. VanMeter III

### The Toboggans

At Christmas, the boys received six toboggans from a friend of the School. There are three small ones, and three large ones. The boys are very thankful to this friend. We are afraid there will not be enough snow to use them this

winter. We are sure they will receive good care and be ready when the snow does come.

Paul L. Hamilton VI

### An Afternoon's Work

One day there was no school. As they needed some extra help on the farm we were told to report to the head farmer who told us to go to the wood-pile. We were then given different work. Some had to pile wood, some sawed wood, and the others gathered wood to be sawed and cleaned up. I sawed part of the afternoon and cleaned up the rest. At five o'clock I went to the Band Hall to practice on the trombone. After supper we had a basketball game.

George F. Carr V

### The Lexington

One day as several other boys and I were hauling coal, we noticed a group of boys on the play-grounds looking out to sea. We were interested to know what they were looking at. Soon we saw a huge battle ship and from our knowledge of the Lexington we recognized it as that vessel. It surely looked like a huge aviation field. I am sure our Navy has something to be proud of in such a fine ship as this.

Roger L. Holton III

### The Beginners' Band

Recently, the Beginners' Band was reorganized. The Instructor in charges of it takes out one section every night between five and six o'clock. For example the trombones may go out Monday the cornets out Tuesday, the horns out Wednesday and so forth.

Once a week the whole band meets. I play the cornet and I like it very much. In the future we hope to play at some Grade Reading.

Chester F. Wright III

## Calendar 50 Years Ago, Jan. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

Saturday 5th. Charles Henry Green and Henry Leroy Mullett have been admitted for the "Church Home."

Thursday 17th. Mr. S. G. DeBlois came at noon.

Thursday 31st. Managers Lyman, DeBlois and Stockton visited the school. The school number is now one hundred boys, William Alcott and John Burns having just been admitted.

## Calendar 90 Years Ago, Jan. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

21st. Thomas Mann aged seventeen years returned from Yarmouth his master being deceased. He was indented from the Old Asylum several years since. Does not appear to have received many advantages. Number of boys in the institution, one hundred eight, two being in Massachusetts Hospital in the city viz. George Bugnon and Artemat Hyde. Remainder in good health.

## January Meteorology

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Mean Temperature for the month 35°

Total Precipitation 3.8 inches.

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6 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, fourteen clear days, three partly cloudy, fourteen cloudy:

## Exchanges

We are pleased to receive and exchange papers from other Schools.

THE REFLECTOR, Woburn High School, Woburn, Mass. A splendid paper. The Class Notes are very interesting. We were pleased to see the photo of one of our graduates in your paper.

## My Work

After I come out of school in the afternoon I clean the second schoolroom. I first clear off the desks, then I sweep, dust, clean the erasers, erase and wash the boards, and clean the book-shelves off. Every other day I put some liquid veneer on the desks and tables. I like this work very much.

Charles D. Hallman V

## Skating

Our Christmas vacation took place the last week of December. Some of the boys practiced on their musical instruments, and others played basketball and other games.

Skating however, was the predominating recreation. The South End meadow near the tide gate, froze over very splendidly and gave us a week of good skating. Toward the close of our vacation we experienced much warm weather and the ice melted. We are trying to make a rink near the Main Building, but as yet have not been very successful.

Gordon K. Baxter III

## My Work

A few weeks ago I had my work changed from the Bakery to the Farm. I like the Farm much better. For a while Roger Holton, Leslie Brown and I have been working on a dike at the South End of our Island. The road is near the beach and the dike keeps the road from washing away.

Gordon L. Whalen III

Manager Roger Pierce was recently elected President of the New England Trust Company.

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SOLOMON B. HOLMAN '50, who was our oldest living graduate died at the Soldiers Home, Chelsea, January 29 1928.

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Extracts from the speech of Superintendent W. M. Meacham which was given at the annual banquet and printed at the request of the President of the Alumni Association.

The change in the eating plan whereby everyone at the Island eats the same food in the same dining room together with the adoption of a modern and standard diet has worked out very acceptably and I am sure that it will materially act toward better physical and social development of the boys and show its value as the years go by.

The average number of boys during the past year has been ten per cent higher than during the preceding years. In 1927 eighty-five applications were considered by the Admission Committee from which thirty-three boys were admitted.

Definite progress has been made to eradicate tuberculosis and other bovine diseases from our Guernsey herd. All diseased animals have been disposed of and twelve pure bred Guernseys have been procured from some of the finest breeder's herds. A new cow barn has been built during the year which is modern in every way.

A new range and other much needed equipment have been added in our kitchen department.

The Board of Managers has voted to connect the Island with electric lines from the mainland and definite arrangements are being made to this end.

Another change which I consider very valuable to the boys is the addition of a man who is a college graduate to teach the first two classes of school work.

These improvements during the year have cost slightly more than \$30,000. The operating expenses for the year have been about \$2,000 less than for the previous year, amounting to about \$60,000.

The school is in its one hundred and fourteenth year of successful accomplishments and it would not be amiss at this time to consider the ideals and purposes of those who, through unselfish devotion and

self sacrifice originated and instituted this fine home school which is now called The Farm and Trades School. I believe the ideal of its founders was to give a home and to provide education and training to as many worthy and needy boys as possible. They continued to foster this ideal and worked it out in a few practical and valuable ways. They have passed down the responsibility of this great work to their descendants, relatives and friends. These men who have kept the work progressing through the years without material reward have made it possible for you men and hundreds of your brothers to obtain the rudiments of an education and practical training which I am sure has been very valuable to you.

The quota of the school has continued to be about a hundred boys. The fundamentals of the education and training at the school have continued to be the same with some additions and improvements from time to time. The Academic education, commonly thought of as school work, has gone through a constant evolution of changes in keeping with the ideas of the age. The practical training and the adoption of various trades has progressed even more rapidly than the academic. Our school can truly be called a pioneer in some of these activities. Perhaps largely through the emphasis given the practical training and probably more directly because of the lack of finances the school work has not advanced to the standard which we should adopt and maintain.

How many of you graduates have wished that you had had the opportunity of more school work? Is it not a decided asset to obtain in the early years of one's life a maximum amount of the fundamentals of education? Wouldn't it be an advantage to accomplish this and to divide the school into groups of fifteen or twenty boys, each group having a separate cottage for living

quarters under the direct supervision of a man and having a motherly matron for each cottage? Would it not also enrich the boy's life to be given the opportunity to mingle with other boys and in inter-scholastic athletics, debates, etc? Would it not also be worth while to make definite provisions for follow-up work among the graduates, particularly endeavoring to guide the lives of the younger members of the Association.

All life is divided into two parts. The first consists of the growth of the plant or animal and acquiring the tools of life, and in this connection don't look too much on Latin, French, History and other academic studies as unnecessary tools just because they can't be taken into our daily work. The carpenter does not take his grindstone onto the roof to assist directly in the laying of shingles but, nevertheless, is this not an important part of his equipment? And then, as a plant spends fully half its life in raising seeds, so we, as the highest class of animal life, spend the latter part of our existence on earth raising and nurturing our young. The boys at the school may be thought of as brothers, the younger graduates as older brothers and those who graduated in the latter part of the nineteenth century and in the early years of the twentieth century as fathers of these boys and there are a few of the older graduates, whom we can be thankful to have among us, who might even be thought of as grandfathers of these boys. Would you let your brother, son or grandson wander about alone unassisted at this age? Isn't it your duty and your privilege to materially help everyone of these boys? There are about six hundred living graduates and if each were to give one hundred dollars a year, which is indeed far less than the expense of rearing a son, would amount to \$60,000 a year. This would not mean that

the Managers would give up their interest in the school nor discontinue to contribute toward its expenses nor would their position in relation to the school be altered in any way but it would make possible even more adequate education and training for these boys as well as provide facilities for the accomodation of many more boys who are needy and worthy of the opportunities which this great institution provides. A material increase in the funds would make possible more ideal home conditions, a better education, a fuller development and more constant guidance for every boy that leaves the school. You are proud of those boys who go on to high shool and college and all the men among you who have made notable success, isn't practically every boy capable of these things? Could not we do more to stimulate and develop the latent abilities in each boy? But it takes money for equipment and personnel. Practically every change, improvement and addition costs a considerable amount of money and I feel certain, after more than a year as Superintendent of The Farm and Trades School, that everything possible is being done for the boys with the present amount of available funds and annual contributions. Isn't ours one of the finest schools in the world? Doesn't it deserve the best? It takes money to run a home or school. Practically every private school and college in the country is highly endowed, largely by its group of graduates. Shouldn't the Alumni Association of our school feel the same responsibility which the Alumni of other schools feel for theirs.

Then one other suggestion. I wish it were possible for the Alumni Association to sent out to its members blanks for the information regarding the activities of each member and to see that so far as possible one hundred per cent of these were returned and the information tab-

ulated. It is my hope that in the near future the history of Thompson's Island and the Farm and Trades School which was compiled by our late beloved Superintendent, Mr. Charles H. Bradley, will be published and in this publication I think it would be valuable to record a summary of the activities and accomplishments of our graduates.

I have no definite ideas regarding my hopes for the school for the coming year other than the suggestions which I have intimated in this talk. It is my constant aim and endeavor to maintain the ideals of the past, uphold the traditions and customs with whatever changes may seem valuable to the boys and the school. To me this is the home, church and school of these worthy boys who are unfortunate financially and most of them have been deprived of a father or mother or both and it should be made in every way as nearly ideal and as complete as possible. The school should do as much for as many boys as available funds will permit.

Now graduates of F. T. S. or Farm School, brothers of our boys, older brothers and fathers, grandfathers, if there are any among us who would prefer to be called thus, let's all work for the glory of this grand old institution represented by the Bullfinch front mansion sitting high on the hill of David Thompson's historic island in the harbor. Let's spread the gospel of its wonderful work, let's do everything possible to inspire these boys to high ideals and noble achievement. The Managers, with Lieutenant Arthur Adams in command, are at the helm of a wonder ship far more powerful and valuable than the good ship "Lexington" which so majestically rode into port a few days ago. Let's man the deck and "heave ho" in support of these managers who are giving more than time and money, their very souls to this great work.

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their age, and gave credit for this condition to the craftsmanship and materials with which the pyramids were made. He then compared them with our Alma Mater, telling that the continued success of the School is due briefly to the solid foundation upon which the School is built.

Those present at the dinner included:

**MANAGERS**

Arthur Adams	
George L. DeBlois	
Walter B. Foster	'78
Alden B. Hefler	'87
Dr. Henry Jackson	
Charles Wiggins, 2nd	

**GUESTS**

W. M. Meacham--Supt. from the School
Francis A. Morse--former teacher
Charles Littlefield--former teacher
Sandy MacGregor--Scotch Comedian

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

Clifton E. Albee	'21
William F. Anderson	'25
Elwin G. Bemis	'16
Burton Dorman	'27
Chester P. Lindgren	'28
Raymond H. McQuesten	'25
Ralph H. Martis	'28

**GRADUATES**

Robert H. Blantener	'97
Chester H. Buchan	'21
Alton B. Butler	'26
Ernest M. Catton	'11
Harry M. Chase	'04
Robert L. Clark	'19
Will F. Davis	'79
Augustus N. Doe	'75
Rebert E. Dudley	'16
Robert J. Dunshee	'27
Merton P. Ellis Pres.	'97
Arthur D. Fearing	'84
Raymond W. Fitch	'26
Francis E. Floyd	'27
Henry A. Fox	'79
Ralph H. Gilbert	'16
Herbert E. Gove	'26
James H. Graham	'79
W. Marshall Hall	'27
Walter Herman	'97

Howard L. Hinckley	'03
Clarence P. Hobson	'25
Jack H. Hobson	'27
Walter R. Horseman	'13
Otis M. Howard	'67
Alfred E. Jacobs	'10
Kenneth E. Kearns	'22
Howard F. Lochrie	'16
Clarence W. Loud	'96
Alfred C. Malm	'01
Earle C. Marshall	'10
Clarence H. McLenna	'27
William P. Morrisson	'76
William A. Morse	'76
Walter D. Norwood	'05
Edward J. Robertson	'22
John H. Schippers	'21
Roger H. Smith	'23
Howard H. Sturtevant	'24
Raymond Thomas	'26
Robert H. VanMeter	'26
Leo S. Whitehead	'23
Ivers E. Winmill	'25
Ernest V. Wyatt	'13

**Topics in Brief**

The twenty-second annual banquet of the Alumni Association was held in the Hotel Bellevue Wednesday evening, January 11, 1928. There were sixty-two members and guests present. Speakers for the evening included Arthur Adams, President of the School; W. M. Meacham, Supt. of the School; Merton P. Ellis, President of the Association; former Instructors; Frances A. Morse and Charles Littlefield; and Manager-Graduate Alden B. Hefler. Elwin C. Bemis, '16, Clifton E. Albee, '21, William F. Anderson, '23, Raymond H. MacQuesten, '23, Burton Dorman, '27, Chester P. Lindgren, '28, Ralph H. Martis, '28, attended from the School.

Competive physical drill for the entire school was resumed January 18.

The quarterly election of Cottage Row took place January 18. Anton C. Ericsson was re-elected Mayor.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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CLIFTON E. ALBEE '21, Historian  
THOMPSON'S ISLAND

Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

### The Annual Banquet

The twenty-second annual banquet of the Alumni Association was held at the Hotel Bellevue, Wednesday evening January 11, 1928. There were sixty-two members and guests present.

After the banquet President Merton P. Ellis '97, presided and introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. Adams President of the Board of Managers.

Mr. Adams spoke in an interesting manner about the general activities of the recent graduates. He stated that from 1917 to 1927 inclusive fifty-six graduates had continued school after leaving F.T.S.; that twenty had received their high school diplomas; and that eleven boys had gone on to college. He emphasized the fact that the activities of the graduates compare favorably with their training received at the school. Mr. Adams concluded his talk by telling of the temporary loss of the "Pilgrim" by fire and the possibility of being seriously handicapped for transportation had not the Coleman Disposal Company on Spectacle Island generously placed their boat at our convenience. President Adams requested that the Alumni Association express its appreciation to the Coleman Disposal Company.

Superintendent W. M. Meacham summarized the school activities for the past year and suggested possible ways in which the graduates could be of greater assistance to the School.

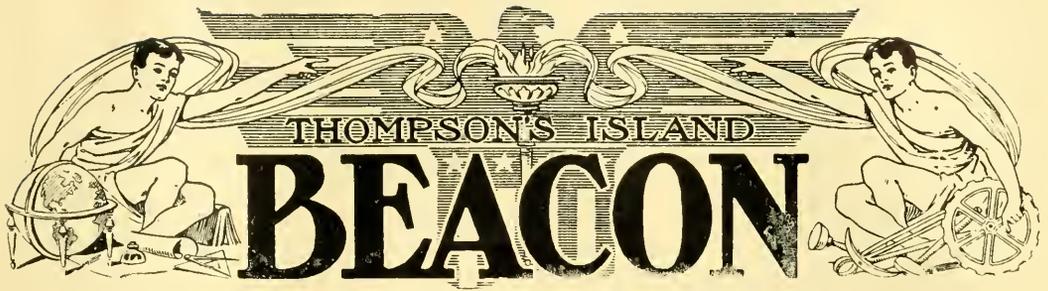
Mr. Francis A. Morse, brother of the former Superintendent William A. Morse was the third speaker. Mr. Morse was an instructor at the School from 1864 to 1872.

His reminiscences at the Island proved very interesting. He told of the many parades in Boston with the Band leading the procession. One of his most impressive remarks was his description of the Jubilee Celebration at which time the School Band played in a massed band under the baton of the famous musician Johann Straus. At this time our band played Mr. Straus' "Blue Danube" waltzes and were led by the composer.

President Ellis gave an account of the service which a few of our graduates have given their employers. Most notable among these were Chief Henry Fox of the Boston Fire Department; William Alcott, Librarian of the Boston Globe; Leroy S. Kenfield of the Boston Symphony Orchestra; James H. Graham, Supt. of Scollay and Fiske Buildings; William Morse, Jr. and Clarence Loud both of the Ingersoll Bowditch office.

Remarks were made by former Sloyd Instructor Charles Littlefield who is now Instructor in the Machine Tool Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He spoke of his activities while at the School and of his great interest in the younger graduates.

Manager-graduate Alden B. Hefler, '87 was next introduced and commenced a rapid-fire speech of humorous stories and anecdotes. Those present will remember Mr. Hefler's remarks concerning the "Pullet's tail," and the "Revolving bookcase." Not all of Mr. Hefler's remarks were humorous however. We can all profit from the theme of his talk on the pyramids. He commented upon the remarkable condition of the pyramids, despite



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### King Phillip's War

February 22nd, Washington's birthday is commemorated in a different manner here than the boys in the city celebrate it.

The Farm and Trades School boys always have a Snow-ball Battle or King Phillip's War. This year as well as last year it was a King Phillip's War.

We elected two captains who in turn elected their officers and helped choose the two sides. Anton C. Ericsson was elected captain of the Indian side and given the name, "King Phillip." Bradbury Rand was elected the other captain and was called, "General of the Colonists."

At first it looked as though there was not going to be any snow for the battle but about a week before the war a heavy snow-fall gave us about ten inches and in some places more than two feet.

In the morning we were dismissed from our work at nine o'clock and set to work making everything ready for the war.

When dinner was over, about twelve o'clock, we got dressed warm but not too heavily, after which we were painted war-like and went to the gym to inspect the bags and talk about the rules and penalties.

A newspaper reporter took some pic-

tures and we then went to the Observatory which was the starting point. Ten boys from each side stayed at the Observatory and the others went to their restraining line. The restraining line is an imaginary line which all the boys must keep behind until a runner or scout comes from the Observatory to release them.

Ten boys from each army were dispatched to the Observatory to fight for first supplies. One boy from each of these groups ran for assistance as soon as the war started. Soon a large part of each army was gathered near the Observatory.

From this time on fighting was heavy. The war waged from one field to another. Each army apparently was well led and directed. Until the very end no one knew who would win the game.

We fought for an hour and a half when the battle was declared ended. One by one our points were scored by the referees and we found that the Indians had beaten the Colonists 635 to 495.

After the victors had been declared we had a feast in the gymnasium. Candy, cookies and fruit were on menu. All in all "King Philip's War" was most successful.

Warren N. Pratt II

### Our Valentine Party

On Valentine night the first graders were invited to a party which was given in the Assembly Hall.

The first game we played was called the "Musical Rug." Music for marching was played and we marched around in a circle. We had to cross a rug. If we stepped on the rug and the music stopped we were automatically put out of the game.

Another game we enjoyed was called "Rueben and Rachel." A boy was blindfolded and we formed a circle around him. Then another player went into the ring. The blindfolded player called "Rueben, Ruben, where are you?" The other player answered "Here." The blindfolded player, Rachel, would have to chase and catch Rueben. This was very funny, especially at one time when our Supervisor was Rueben and our Superintendent was Rachel.

We played other games which were much fun. After the games refreshments were served. We had ice cream and cookies. We are very grateful to those who made it possible for us to attend this party.

John C. Taylor III

### The Old Elm

The old Elm is one of the largest trees on our Island. It is situated between Gardner Hall and the Main Building. It is an old tree and the older graduates remember many good times they had in its shade.

Around the base of the tree is a concrete foundation for a seat where we may talk and read during the warm months. In the fall electric lights are placed on the lower part of the tree so that we can play after dark.

Henry M. Caswell IV

### Learning to Play the Bass Horn

Learning to play the bass horn is not very easy though I am trying to do so. I go to the Band Hall a part of my playtime daily. My teacher thinks I am doing quite well, considering that I have been playing for only a short time. I hope to learn to play the bass real well, so that I can play with the band.

Everett Stone V

### Mr. Shore and Mr. Frederickson

Thursday evening, February 16, Mr. Edward Shore the so called "Bad man on the ice," of the Boston Bruins hockey team came to visit us. He talked to us concerning interesting points regarding the game of hockey, and concluded his talk with a little of his life as a boy. He spent his boyhood on his father's ranch in Canada. Mr. Shore said that he always played to win.

The Thursday before Mr. Shore came, Frank Frederickson, the center player of the Bruins visited us. Mr. Frederickson watched us play a basketball game, went to the Band Hall and heard the Band, and then talked to us in the gymnasium.

These players were induced to come through our friend Mr. Litchfield. We enjoyed having them here and wish to thank them very much.

Gordon L. Whalen III

### An Interesting Picture

In my classroom there is a large picture which reminds me of the history I have studied about Egyptian days and manners of living that the people have in the east.

The river Nile is the chief part of the picture. Near by are three pyramids. A man is seen standing there with two camels.

The river Nile is frequently referred to in our Sunday School lesson. It was on that river that Moses was found.

Wendell Combie IV

### Our Class Program

Monday, February 20, our class gave the Grade Reading program. Richard Crowley was the Announcer. The program was as follows.

The first selection was a mellophone solo, "Old Black Joe," by Walter Pratt. The second was a selection by Aaron Mellor called "The Cherry Tree Hero." The third selection was an exercise by six members of the class. The fourth was "Some Maxims of Washington." Next came a recitation "Another Washington," by Clyde Albee. Walter Pratt next recited, "Our First President." "Washington's Rules of Conduct," was recited by Neil Berboth. The last number was a cornet solo, "America," played by Harry Cole.

Paul L. Hamilton VI

### Tobogganing

A toboggan slide was built on the Front Lawn. When we start on the slide we go slow but then we go much faster. There are big jumps at the bottom of the slide. I went down the slide several times. I like to go tobogganing very much.

Wallace C. Allen VI

### Friends

An animal we have on the Island is Trixy, a collie dog. She is a handsome dog and loves snow.

Frieda is another dog. She is a German police dog and a good ratter.

Ace has a black ace on her back hence her name. She is a fox terrier, and also a good ratter.

The horses are Jim and Jerry, Tom and Jean, and Dick and Doll. Jerry is the strongest but Tom and Jean are the best pair.

Buster is a saddle horse owned by Mr. Bemis, our Supervisor. He is a dandy

horse, and we like him.

Mike is our cat. He is a gray barn cat. I love animals.

George Carr V

### Coasting

Every afternoon I go coasting when there is enough snow on the front avenue. I go speeding around the curve. Father down there is a good jump. Once I jumped too far and my sled went into a snow bank. I turned a somersault in the air.

Dexter V. Woodman VI

### Drill

Recently compulsory physical drill for the boys was started. We learn proper position, such as attention, at ease, and so forth. We also have regular squad formation and do such formations as "squads right," "squads left," and so forth.

Richard L. Bolingbroke V

### Shining a Boiler

One day as we were working in the kitchen another boy and I decided to shine the boiler which is over the stove. We got two ladders, and a quantity of brass polish. We began at the ends of the boiler and worked toward the center. We worked all that morning and much of the next morning getting the boiler shined. It looks very good now.

Joseph A. Crowley V

### Our Scales

On the west side of our barn, and near the silo, are our Fairbanks scales. These scales are used for weighing coal, hay, cattle and other such uses. The scale is located on the road so that teams may drive onto the scales without much inconvenience.

Ramsey C. Allen III

*"Our purpose should not be to make a living,  
But to make a life worth living."*

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vancement has, without doubt, far exceeded the expectations of its nineteenth century fathers.

If some of the old masters were privileged to visit one of our American cities how they would marvel! Bands everywhere, in the School, in the Theatre, in the Church. For music has no longer become a luxury, it has become an educational necessity, and so recognized by the greatest educators of the day.

School music is the greatest single factor for the betterment of the masses taught in our schools today. From its humble beginning in 1857 by the organization of The Farm and Trades School Band, and the course of singing introduced by Lowell Mason in the Boston Public Schools five years later, the growth of school music has been sensational. Every school has its band or orchestra, its choral or glee clubs. Almost every child has the opportunity of receiving musical education in some form.

Self-created music has progressed tremendously in our schools. This is natural enough, for all growth is through self-expression. All children want to produce music of some form or another, even tho it be a crude form of rythm. As these children grow into school age the school course of music, with its band or orchestra gives each child an opportunity to grow musically. The opportunity is met with eagerly.

Not so many years ago music was considered a luxury. Just as the younger arts, television, aviation and the others have advanced, so has music. Its ad-

It is true that not many of our student musicians become professionals. It is not expected that they should. Nevertheless the influence of music on the lives

of our students is of a far reaching nature. The students are educated in music, they learn to appreciate the really fine things in music. They learn to appreciate the performances of great musicians.

We quote the following paragraph from an article called, "The Progress of Music," which appeared in a current number of a musical journal.

"This great development of student music-makers has a lasting influence not alone on the life of the individuals who play, but on the whole of our civilization. Culture is primarily the capacity to appreciate the better things of life. The study of music brings a corresponding ability to appreciate music at its true worth. And a nation of cultured individuals is certain to be a cultured, happily progressive nation."

We are very proud of the fact that our school was the first to institute this great movement. Too much credit cannot be given those early pioneers, those whose foresight has been of immeasurable benefit to our people.

### Topics in Brief

We had our traditional battle of "King Phillip's War" on Washington's birthday. The battle was one of the best which has been fought here. After an hour and one-half of fighting Anton C. Ericsson as "King Phillip," bested General Bradbury A. Rand of the Colonists. The victors, with the officers of the vanquished army enjoyed their usual trophy of fruit, candy and cookies after the battle.

Mr. Stanley Batstone, who was our Director of Religions Education 1922-23 visited the School on Sunday, February 19.

Mr Batstone gave a splendid talk to the boys on "Self Control." Mr Batstone is at present located at the First Baptist Church of Boston.

Our steamer, the "Pilgrim" has been back from Lawley's shipyards and in our service for about six or seven weeks. Its partial destruction by fire caused us to purchase many new parts and much new equipment. This new equipment has given us excellent service during the "experimental" stage and we feel confident that the boat is once again in first class condition.

### In Appreciation

While the boat was undergoing repairs the Coleman Disposal Company placed at our service the "William J. Coleman." The use of this boat enabled us to carry on our work in much the same manner as though our own boat was in condition. The School is greatly indebted to the company for the use of their boat during this emergency.

We were fortunate to have Mr. Frank Frederickson and Mr. Eddie Shore, both star players on the Boston "Bruins" hockey Club visit our School during the month. Both players spoke interestingly on the game of hockey and interpreted many of the rules for our boys. Their visit was greatly appreciated by the School.

Their visit was made possible by Mr. Parker Litchfield our ex-director of Religious Education.

The storage batteries which run our meteorological instruments have been repaired.

We have decided to enter our Band in the National School Band Contest. The New England competitive contest will be held on Boston Common sometime in the early spring.

We were privileged to have four members of the Cecil W. Fogg Post 73, American Legion entertain us recently. The quartet are members of the military band of that Post and presented a program of songs, instrumental novelties and stories.

Extensive construction work has commenced on our dikes about the Island. These dikes are extremely important in so far as they protect many of our cultivated fields. The work is being directed by John L. Slinger, '17.

We have always had more or less difficulty keeping the rats from over-running our Island. We have had experts visit our School from time to time to help us get rid of these pests. The rats come from the mainland and we can not expect to entirely rid our Island of them. We endeavor to have a continuous war on the rodents to keep their growth checked as much as possible.

#### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Feb. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

Monday 18, Were visited by one of the Board of Health who thoroughly investigated our drainage system to see if he could find any cause for our sickness. Failed to find any defect.

Thursday 28, Nothing of moment has occurred during the month. Five boys have been put in hospital for diphtheria, all of whom are doing well. Drs. Homan & Draper have investigated the cases and grounds. The first they think are doing well & the last furnishes no clue to the disease.

#### Calendar 90 Years Ago, Feb. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

February 9. Artemas Hyde returned. Oliver W. Barrett entered the Institution as pay scholar.

No one came down this month to preach owing to the inclemency of the weather.

February 25. The bay between the Island and S. Boston frozen so hard as to permit passengers to cross on foot.

February 28. No. of boys present 110, all in excellent health.

#### February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 52° on the twenty-sixth.

Minimum Temperature 0° on the twenty-sixth.

Mean Temperature for the month 30°

Total Precipitation 3 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1".

9 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, thirteen clear days, four partly cloudy, twelve cloudy.

#### F. T. S. Alumni vs. Gordon

The second basketball team of Gordon College played the F. T. S. alumni team a short time ago. The alumni won, the score being 9-6. It was a splendid game. It was well played, clean and fast.

Almon H. Whitmore III

#### A Visitor

One day I asked our minister, Mr. Wallace, if he would invite Rev. Evarts to visit and talk to us some Sunday afternoon. Mr. Wallace said he would try.

On Lincoln's birthday Mr. Evarts came. His talk was chiefly about Lincoln. He told of Lincoln's trials and the many difficulties which he had to overcome. His talk was very fine and we appreciated his message.

I hope Mr. Evarts will come again sometime. I attended his church, the Christ Church, in Cambridge, near my home.

Horace A. Taylor III

### Practicing on the Drums

Almost every noon hour I go to the Band Hall to practice on the drums. My teacher sometimes comes down with me and teaches me different things. I enjoy playing the drums. I am a member of the Beginners' Band.

James E. Douglas V

### My Farm Work

Every morning half the School is dismissed to some department for work. I go to the farm every morning. The first thing I do is to clean the cows and water the calves. When the barn work is completed I help some of the boys get the hay down from the lofts.

Sometimes I have time left over. I usually work outdoors when I do. I enjoy working on the farm.

Charles L. Hixon V

### Alumni Notes

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Trustee for the New England Home for Deaf Mutes and was one of those who was instrumental in providing a fine home and more adequate conditions for that institution.

The following article is reprinted from the Boston Globe of January 31, 1928

"Delegations from Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 68, G. A. R. of Dorchester, the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Dorchester, the Boston Congregational Club, and the Alumni Association of the Farm and Trades School, assembled with relatives and friends at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea on January 30, to pay tribute to SOLOMON B. HOLMAN.

"Mr. Holman had been a resident of Dorchester for more than half a century, and was senior deacon and honorary deacon of Pilgrim Church, where he also served as treasurer for many years. Until six months ago he had continued to

live in Dorchester, but failing faculties made it desirable to go to the Soldier's Home, where he died January 28. He had passed his 90th birthday anniversary only four days before.

"He was a native of Dixfield, Maine and attended The Farm and Trades School on Thompson's Island, where he was graduated in 1850, and at the time of his death, was the oldest living alumnus of the school. He went west as a young man, settled in Wisconsin, and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment which was a part of the famous "Iron Brigade" which distinguished itself at the battle of Gettysburg. Mr. Holman came back from the war with a lieutenant's commission.

"Returning to Boston he soon engaged in business on his own account as a master teamster, which he carried on for many years, with an office at 33 Hawley Street. His home was 33 Pearl Street.

"He is survived by a sister and four grandchildren.

Rev. Charles W. Dunham, pastor of Pilgrim Church officiated at the funeral services, the Grand Army rituals was read by members of Benjamin Stone Jr Post, and taps was sounded by a staff member of the home. Burial was at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

"Following the funeral service the commander of the Grand Army post presented Mr. Holman's grandson, William Rollin Holman, (F.T.S. '24 Ed.) a silk American flag with the compliments of the Post."

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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### More about the Candy Fund

The January number of the Beacon told in detail the success of the Richard Bell Candy Fund for the year 1927. The names of the subscribers were printed and to that list we wish to add Howard B. Ellis, Alfred C. Malm, and Howard L. Hinckley.

The committee wishes to thank the contributors who made this fund so much of a success

The letters which came with the contribution were of great interest, particularly as some of our members had not kept in active touch of the association. We print below bits of information and other notes taken from the letters.

Mr. H. F. Edmands, is Assessor of Incomes at Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Thomas U. Follansbee is on the Board of Public Welfare of Chelsea, Mass. Mr. Follansbee mentions that he and Richard Bell were "old Schoolmates."

Manager-Graduate Alden B. Hefler who writes from his home at 75 Central Avenue, Hyde Park, Mass., says, "hope the fund will be so large that all the stockings will overflow."

Leroy S. Kenfield, sent his little 'mite' from the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh.

Mr. George Mayott, 6115 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, writes with his contribution, "Will try to go to Boston this summer and see my old home where I spent the best part of my life."

Among our more recent graduates we were pleased to hear from Clarence Colburn, '21. Clarence writes, "I am most willing to help the boys in return for the education and kindness shown me while I

was at the F.T.S." Clarence is a student at the University of New Hampshire.

There were over forty letters received with contributions, and although we would like to print more of the letters we cannot because of the lack of space.

A letter from one of the older graduates to the President of the Board of Managers.

Boston, Mass.  
Feb. 7, 1928.

Mr. Arthur Adams, President,  
The Farm and Trades School.

My dear Mr. Adams:

I spent the week-end of February 4-5 at The Farm and Trades School, the 4th being the fiftieth anniversary of my becoming a Farm School boy. It was on February 4, 1878 that I first stepped foot on Thompson's Island and it was a great treat to be able to return to the dear old school and to see it on my fiftieth anniversary.

It seems to me that the school is doing well. I was much impressed with the new diet which was spoken of at our Alumni Dinner, but I did not, until I saw it, realize the wonderful stride forward which it means. I think it is one of the greatest steps the school has taken and I hope it is something that will always be retained.

Very truly yours,  
William Alcott.

Mr. Alcott, '84, was formerly night city editor of the Boston Globe and has been for five years librarian for that paper. He has been for nearly twenty years a

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### A Memorable Afternoon

On Sunday afternoon March 25th we had the great pleasure of having Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell and other well known people visit us and take part in our regular Sabbath day service.

Dr. Tehyi Hsieh of Brookline and China introduced the speakers who were here for the afternoon. We were privileged to hear Dr. Hsieh last winter and considered ourselves fortunate to be able to see and hear him again.

Other guests present beside those named above were Dr. Grenfell's Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Teppema, Mr. Parker Litchfield, who was our Sunday assistant last year, and The Keystone Bible Class of the Eliot Street Congregational Church.

On introducing Dr. Grenfell, Dr. Hsieh spoke of the books which Dr. Grenfell has written. Dr. Hsieh paid tribute to the wonderful work which Dr. Grenfell has accomplished in Labrador.

Dr. Grenfell spoke very interestingly regarding his labor in and around Labrador. Dr. Grenfell attended Medical School in his youth and the knowledge obtained there is very valuable in his present work. He is a Missionary, and the greater part of his work is doctoring the sick in the North. His desire to become a Missionary started the day he heard Dr. Moody preach. At this time he was a student in Medical School.

The Keystone Bible Class took an active part in the program. The Class

sang, "In the Garden," and the Class Quartet sang, "Somewhere, Sometime," and a religious negro spiritual.

The part in the service taken by the School consisted of the singing of three hymns, one hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," being sung alternately, a verse at a time by each section. "In Absence," a beautiful Baritone solo, was well played by Otto Kohl.

After the benediction Dr. Grenfell expressed a desire to hear our School Band. A short concert was given in Gardner Hall. The principal numbers in the Band concert were, "Gate City," "Grandioso," both concert marches and, "Auf Wiedersehn," a concert waltz.

It was certainly a fine privilege to be able to have these people visit us. I feel sure that we all greatly appreciate their kindness in coming here and we hope that we will have the privilege of having them visit us again in the future.

Ramsey C. Allen III

### My Part in the Easter Concert

A short time before Easter my teacher asked me if I would learn a poem for Easter. Of course I was pleased to, so I was given a poem named "I have seen Beauty"

"I have seen beauty in the gloom and glow, upon the earth, in the encircling air. Till deep within my heart of hearts,

I know, beauty dwells every where."

Henry M. Caswell IV

### A Motor Boat Show

One day after dinner three other boys and myself were told to get ready for town. We soon found that we were going to the Motor Boat Show being held at Mechanics Building.

We left the Island at one o'clock and arrived at the Point in a few minutes. Here we took a car and soon were at our destination. When we went through the hall we saw many flags and decorations of all descriptions. It happened that we attended the show on the first day and the men were still decorating and making stands for boats and Scripps Engines and Sterling Engines.

Johnson Outboard Motors and other outboard motors of different sizes and makes were to be seen. Also boats made for out-board motors. There were boats light enough to carry which were made for this purpose. There were boats of different lengths from fifteen to fifty feet.

Gar Wood, the maker of "Miss America" the fastest boat in the world, had two boats there. One was named "Black Beauty." It was about thirty-five feet long and cost about twenty-five thousand dollars. She had a cruising speed from fifty to fifty-five miles an hour. All her cabin was black and she looked better than any other boat in the show. There was also a Packard Cris Craft there. She cost about ten thousand dollars and had a speed of forty-five miles an hour.

On the next floor were little models of sail boats. These little models were probably three or four feet long and cost one hundred dollars each. Also on the same floor were men selling subscriptions for magazines such as "The Rudder" and "Motor Boating". There were guns of the type used on coast guard boats.

When we had finished seeing all the show we returned to the Island.

George E. Hamilton I

### Making Batteries

At the Weather Observatory there are ten batteries that supply power to run the small Station Meteorograph, or Quadruple Register which takes the records of different weather conditions each day. These batteries have to be renewed once a year in order to give sufficient power to run the machines and this year I was given the job of renewing them.

First the old coils must be removed. There are two coils, a copper coil, and a zinc coil. The soda that was put in the batteries last year has eaten away the zinc coil. Then the old sediment is taken from the jar and a new zinc coil and a new copper coil is inserted with one can of Caustic Soda and a small bottle of oil. Then you put three quarts of cold water in the jar and then put in the soda, a little at a time so it dissolves, until you have it all put in, stirring all the time. At the end of five minutes the water is hot. After that you put the coils in. They are fastened to the cover of the jar which is of thick crockery. Then when it is cool you take the oil and pour it in the jar forming a one half-inch thick layer of oil. Then to test the battery you take a flashlight bulb and attach it to the negative and positive post. The zinc coil has two small rods going through the top of the jar forming two negative posts. The copper coil has one rod through the middle of it forming the positive post. If it lights the battery is good. These batteries have a very small voltage but the fact that they last so long makes them very useful for such purposes.

Henry A. Schramm II



"A Poor memory is a positive block signal to Ambition's train. I 'forgot', a perfect automatic stop."

### Change of Work

A short time ago we had a change of work.

I was changed from the farm to the laundry. The work is quite interesting.

When I first reported I was told to help shake out napkins. After that I was shown how to run the mangle.

William H. Freeman III

### Aeroplanes and Seaplanes

We boys are very interested in Aeroplanes and Seaplanes, which are flying around our Island every day.

One Sunday an Aeroplane was out of gas and landed at South End of our Island. That afternoon we went to see it, but it flew away before we could reach it.

Over at Squantum is a School where students are taught to fly. We see them every day.

Charles D. Hallman V

### Getting Grain

One night when I got my work done in the barn I was told to go to the Wharf and help unload the grain. We took several loads to the barn and then cleaned out the barge. One bale of shavings broke open. While we were unloading the grain we saw an aeroplane doing stunts. It then went over and landed in back of the Farm House, only to "take off" again.

Charles J. Hardman V

### My Work

Last change of work, I was put in the kitchen. The first day I was cook and had to take care of the fires and food that was to be cooked. I had this work for one week. Next week I was pantry boy.

I made all the desserts and cleaned the pantry. From pantry boy I was made dish-washer and then dish-wiper.

I like to work in the kitchen very much. We have eight boys and three Instructors in the kitchen.

Benjamin F. Middleton V

### Cottage Row

There are many signs of spring. One that we enjoy is the life of Cottage Row. The Cottages are open now. The boys that own the cottages are cleaning and scrubbing the walls. Some are scrubbing the floor, some are repairing. I bought three shares in the Laurel Cottage. I am pretty sure I shall have some good times there during this summer.

Wallace C. Allen IV

### Ironing

The second day I was in the Laundry. The Instructor told me she was going to start me on the irons. When she said that, I thought it was going to be easy. As I thought all I had to do was run the iron over the article and it would be finished. I was doomed to disappointment for when I tried it behold! there was a large wrinkle, so I had to try it over. After she had shown me how, I got along fairly well. I found out that it took skill, patience and carefulness to iron well.

Robert E. Erwin IV

### Gardens

In the spring of each year, every boy that wants a garden is given one. He must fix it up and keep it free from weeds if he wishes to get a prize.

The first thing to do is to spade it up and break all large lumps of dirt. He next must stone his garden, that is make a border of round stones and get them as even as possible.

The gardens are beginning to look good now. Some gardens look as though their owners were trying for a prize.

Ramsey C. Allen III

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The objectives and opportunities of The Farm and Trades School as briefly stated by the Superintendent before the Brotherhood of Tremont Temple and broadcast from station WSSH recently.

The Farm and Trades School located on Thompson's Island in the City of Boston is a private school for worthy boys, established in 1814. Only good boys between the ages of ten and fourteen are admitted.

The school is the owner and sole occupant of Thompson's Island. The expenses of this home and school are paid by income from endowments, subscriptions and tuitions. The rate of tuition is dependent upon the financial condition of the boy's family.

The school course includes the regular academic studies from the sixth grade through the second year of high school.

Theoretical instruction and practical work is given in:

Agriculture and Farm Operation

Sloyd and general wood work

Hand Forging in Wrought Iron and Steel

Painting, Printing, Cobbling

Machine Work, Power Plant Operation

Electrical and Plumbing Maintenance

Operation of steam, gasoline, and rowboats

The boys have miniature cottages and conduct their own city government called "Cottage Row Government." They have their school bank, trading company, and athletic teams.

The school band was organized in 1857, the first boys' band in the United States. In addition to the various band instruments, boys are given opportunity of instruction in piano and violin.

In brief The Farm and Trades School is a private school where worthy boys of limited means between the ages of ten and fourteen and above the fifth grade in

school may have a home, receive an education, learn the rudiments of a trade acquire a hobby, and develop into strong, honest, and reliable christian young men.

### Topics in Brief

Our Band has progressed very rapidly during the winter months and we feel that we have as capable a band as we have had for years. There are many things to which we look forward to and the practice and rehearsal of the winter months has prepared our boys to a high excellency.

We are very busy at this time with our usual spring work. On our farm there is much to do. Work on the fields and repairs on our machinery has progressed very favorable. About the building and the grounds the necessary work has been started.

Mr. Grant of the Plibrico Jointless Fire Brick Company was here recently to supervise the repairing of the setting of the steam boiler in our Power Plant.

Formerly we have been using brick which usually needs renewing about once a year. This Plibrico is used as an experiment and if the experiment is successful we hope to completely rebuild our setting in the near future.

Mr. Grant who is mentioned in the article above was so greatly impressed with the work of our School during his recent visit that he has offered a prize to be awarded each month to the boy who has shown the greatest degree of improvement during the month. This kind action by Mr. Grant is gratefully acknowledged.

Our freight barge the "John Alden" has been given her final coat of paint and we expect to launch the craft in a day or two. We expect to commence work on our gasoline launch the "Winslow" in a few days.

We read with great interest several items pertaining to the success of the Boys Band of the House of the Angel Guardian. This Band is trained by one of our most successful musician-graduates Leroy S. Kenfield. Mr. Kenfield plays bass trombone in the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Thirty five boys attended the Sugar Party of the Vermont Association held recently at Mechanics Building in Paul Revere Hall. Our Band also entertained the guests.

Continuing with music as the principal subject. Several of our boys played in a recent radio broadcast of the 101st. Engineers National Guard band which is directed by our band instructor Mr. Frank L. Warren.

### Calender 90 Years Ago, Feb. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

March 24th. Chas. W. Gould aged 12yrs. entered the Inst. as pay-scholar.

March 25th. John Rodgers 12 years of age left the Institution indented to -- Mr. Strong of Pittsfield, a farmer.

March 30th. Des. Grant visited the Inst. one Sabbath this month. Total No. of boys present on the 3d of this month 108- all in good health.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Feb. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

Monday 4th. Two men commenced dyking the small marsh. The weather cold, windy.

Tuesday 5th. Went to city by way of Point. Tobey & self rowing over & he coming directly back. Self returning at 4 P. M. in one of Capt. Ribber's boats. Carried up my monthly report for Feb. Number of boys in school one hundred.

Tuesday 26th. Mr. Deblois came and remained a few hours -- going up to city with me in the Lyman -- I got 5 bbls. flour.

### March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 85° on the twenty-sixth.

Minimum Temperature 11° on the thirteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 33°

Total Precipitation 1.50 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1".

5 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, fourteen clear days, twelve partly cloudy, five cloudy.

### Painting the Engine Room

Several days before Friends' Day we began painting the engine room.

First we put two coats of white wash on the ceiling. After we were all through with the white wash we went around and washed up all spots of white wash that we had spilled. After this we were given asphaltum and did all the wheels and bodies of valves and lines for electric wires. This took some time as they are scattered all about the engine room. While we were doing the black we also painted the gasoline engine, that stands in the corner.

When we had this finished we were given three gallons of fireside red paint and we started painting the walls; at first we did not like the color but the more we looked at it the better it became until now it looks quite well to us.

While we were still doing this, one of the boys went up and got a can of "drop black" and started doing the generator, which he soon finished.

When we were about through painting, one of us went over and got some varnish. We varnished the switch board and gauge board.

Although we worked hard each afternoon we were not finished until the night before the proposed Friends' Day.

Roy V. Towne III

### The Fogg Post Entertainment

Through the kindness of one of our very good friends of the school the boys were entertained by the members of the Fogg Post American Legion the evening of March 2, 1928.

They were composed of four pieces, trumpet, trombone, drums, and piano which rendered some very fine music.

The pianist, Mr. O'Brien, led the party, introducing all their numbers and sang some very good solos.

Their program started out with that number so well known to the radio audiences who have heard their band playing, "The American Legion Marching Song". After the number was played Mr. O'Brien explained the composition and its origin.

It is used while marching and at concerts and was composed by a Legionnaire.

After another number entitled, "Madalon," Mr. O'Brien asked the boys if they would like to hear about the trip the American Legion took about Europe and the suggestion was greeted with high enthusiasm, so we heard about the trip that he took with the American Legion.

They toured Europe, and in France when they came to the graves of their fallen comrades it brought back memories never to be forgotten both sad and cheerful. The graves were decorated, and honor was paid to them all before the Legion men left France and where so many of their "buddies" fell.

After his very interesting story another number was played, followed by a reading given by the drummer, Mr. King, which was very humorous and had us all nearly breaking our sides from laughter.

Then they played some of the songs they sang on the march in France and some were sung in French which gave us a chance to use our knowledge of that subject.

Then request numbers were called for and among them were, "Ice Cream," "Horses," "My Blue Heaven," "Among my Souvenirs," and several other popular numbers.

After a few requests were played they played a novelty number in which Mr. King, the drummer, did some very excellent drumming.

They closed their program with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner and singing by the boys.

Ralph H. Martis I

### Summary of Basketball Season

On Monday, Jan. 2, Teams A and B inaugurated the season. Capt. Bradbury A. Rand led his team (A) to a 61-31 victory over Howitt R. Warren's team (B). On the following Saturday Team C, captained by Cecil A. Morse, defeated Team D, captained by Arthur C. Brown, by a 21-19 score. This game proved to be one of the closest and most heatedly contested games of the season.

As the season progressed, Team C. took the lead, and held it continually during the season. Team C won ten games and lost only two, winning four games from Team B, three games from Teams A and D, and losing one apiece to the same two teams.

Team A proceeded to take second place by winning seven games and losing five. Team A defeated Team B four times, won one game from Team C, and took two games from Team D. They lost three games to Team C, and two to Team D.

The next team was Team D, it won six games and lost six. Team D missed tying for second place with Team A by losing its last game to Team B by a 28-27 score. Team D won one game from Team C, two games from Team A,

and three games from team B. Team D lost three games to Team C, two games to Team A, and one game to Team B.

Team B finished in last place winning only one game and losing eleven. Team B was weak in substitutes, and had few experienced players, however they were never beaten until the last whistle, and lost a number of their games by only a few points. Team B won one game from team D, and lost three to the same team. They lost four apiece to teams A and C.

The standing:	Won	Lost	Points
Team C	10	2	425
Team A	7	5	380
Team D	6	6	347
Team B	1	11	247

Cecil A. Morse I

### An Every Day Sport

Most every day a group of boys get a good sized ball and have a game of soccer. I think that is a very good sport. Four or five large boys stand about seven or eight small boys. They play from half past twelve to one and from five to quarter of six as well as any other playtime they have. We enjoy playing soccer very much.

Ernest D. Newton V

### Opportunities

We have a great many opportunities at this school. We can learn many things the average boy has no chance to through the kindness of our Managers, Superintendent, Instructors, and friends of the school. We have the opportunity to hear men such as Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell and Dr. Hsieh, who is known as the "Teddy Roosevelt of China."

We have also our Band, Sloyd, and many other departments.

Karl R. Adams IV

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

WILLIAM E. COWLEY, '13, is employed as an elevator constructor at 295 Franklin Street, Boston. His home address is 107 Pearl Ave., Beachmont Mass.

NORMAN W. DARLING, '16, is busy at the woodworking trade. NORMAN'S home address is Lowell Street, Wilmington, Mass.

WILL F. DAVIS, '79, is president of the Greenough Publishing Company, located at 6 Alden Court, Boston. This firm are the publishers of city directories. Incidentally the School is greatly indebted to Mr. Davis for his gift of a full page advertisement of the School in his company's directories. This advertisement contains a picture of the Main Building, together with a descriptive summary of the purposes of the school.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10, is employed as Assistant Purchasing Agent for a firm located at 164 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Edwards is married and has two children. His home address is 37 Osborne Road, West Medford, Mass.

DOUGLAS A. HASKINS, '15, is at present a salesman for a concern located at 328 Taylor Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Haskins's home address is 22 Greenwood Street, Wollaston.

JOHN GOODHUE '21, was a recent visitor. "JACK" has a splendid position with the Cities Service Company, of New York. We were very pleased to hear of his good fortune and wish him continued success in his work.

"CLARENCE a'int human," wrote one of the newspaper men after Mr DeMar had won another marathon. This marathon race was sponsored by the Shepard Stores of Boston and Providence. The course lay between these two cities. Incidentally Clarence broke the worlds record for this course. We may expect a showing from Clarence in the famous Boston Marathon on April nineteenth.



### Building a Cottage

Last year, Cottage Row Government decided to build a new cottage. It was to take the place of the "Felice," which was the oldest cottage on the Row.

A prize of five dollars was to be awarded to the boy who passed in the best plans for the cottage. The prize was given to Howard S. Costello, '27.

The Government posted a notice on the bulletin board stating that a contract would be given to the lowest bidder. The contract was given to Arthur Brown, Bradbury Rand, and Harold Floyd. A little while afterwards Rand left the school and Warren Pratt took his place.

The cement posts for the foundations were put in and the beams were put on them. The framework of the walls was started, when a shortage of lumber made the work lay over until this spring.

The lumber for the cottage was ordered May 1st and work on the cottage was resumed May 2nd. It is expected that the cottage will be finished about the first part of August.

Harold E. Floyd II



