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### The Easter Concert

The Easter Concert was held on April 5th. Our Chapel was beautifully decorated, our Sloyd Instructor assisting the teachers with this work. The Concert took place in the evening, and was very well done. Much rehearsing of the Pageant and the Choir resulted in a complete success.

The Program was as follows:—

#### PROGRAM

HYMN Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain  
School

#### RESPONSIVE READING

Henry M. Caswell

BRASS QUARTET Selected

Charles D. Hallman, Harold F. Bent  
Kenneth B. Johnson, Thomas W. Easty

SOLO Open the Gates of the Temple  
Harold F. Bent

PAGEANT Through Darkness to Light

#### BENEDICTION

Mr. Robbins

The Pageant consisted of four scenes. The first told of Peter's Denial of Christ. In the second scene we were told about the crucifixion. In scene three we saw the sealed tomb, and in the last scene the Lord had risen and there was much rejoicing.

Those taking part in the Pageant were:—

Clyde W. Albee  
Walter A. Bishop  
Lloyd W. Blanchard  
George F. Carr  
Darwin Chapdelaine  
Richard W. Crowley  
William W. Fish  
Walter G. Fitzgerald  
Harold W. Howley  
Thomas E. Killeen  
Stuart E. MacDonald  
John E. Magee  
Robert W. Mitchell  
Douglas T. Phipps  
Arthur H. Pickard  
Donald L. Searles  
George A. Stockton  
Dexter V. Woodman  
Donald R. Wright

The Choir was an important factor in the success of the concert. It was a big part of the Pageant, and also led the congregation in singing.

The boys in the Choir were:—

#### SOPRANOS

Bertrand Allen  
Harold F. Bent  
Albert H. Figon  
Robert L. Whitman

#### ALTOS

John A. Bailey  
Elwin C. Beau  
William F. Gleisman  
Edward L. Searles  
Frederick S. Very

#### TENORS

Stanley V. Burlingame  
Leon L. Bickford  
Robert H. Erwin  
Albert H. Thompson

#### BASSES

Thomas W. Easty  
Kenneth James  
Ralph W. Milliken

William E. Nelson 1

### Basketball Cups

At the end of the basketball season the best player in each of the positions is awarded a beautiful silver cup. A silver shield is also awarded to the team winning the most games. These cups and shield are presented by Mr. Sears, one of our managers. This year Club B won the shield and the following boys received cups.

Center - George G. Hamilton  
 Right Forward - Benjamin F. Middleton  
 Left Forward - Paul L. Hamilton  
 Left Guard - John D. MacGregor  
 Right Guard - Henry E. Hallman  
 Sub. Forward - Henry M. Caswell  
 Sub. Guard - Walter K. Pratt

All the boys take the best care of these cups and are proud of them.

Paul L. Hamilton III

### An Impressive Afternoon Service

On April 26, Charles L. Keller '29, together with his pastor, Mr. Campbell, and a group of young people from his Sunday School Class came to take the afternoon service.

This was the first time that Mr. Robbins, our minister, and Mr. Campbell had met, although they are both taking courses at Gordon College of Theology.

Mr. Campbell's subject was "What are you making of your mind?" His talk was very fine and impressive.

We hope Mr. Campbell will come again next year.

Karl R. Adams I

### Baseball

Baseball is a sport that is played by nearly all the boys. On Tuesday evenings we have a game between the Instructors and boys. There has been two games played thus far this year: the two teams splitting even, each winning one game. Saturday afternoon there is a game be-

tween Club A and Club B. During our playtime we have ball games too. As the older boys play on the regular diamond the smaller boys use the little diamond.

John A. Fitzgerald III

### Boat Reports

Every time the steamer makes a trip, it is necessary for the bow deck-hand to make out a boat report.

On each report is noted the time the steamer left the Island, the time it left to return to the Island, the passengers, freight, and names of the crew, both going and coming.

Carl E. Harden IV

### The Vermont Sugar Party

A number of the boys had the privilege of attending the Vermont Association sugar party, held in Mechanics Building on April 11. They acted as waiters for the party.

On arriving at the Mechanics Building we set up the tables and put everything in readiness. When everything was ready, the dining room door was opened and the guests entered.

After the dinner was over the tables were all cleared off and we ate.

An invitation from several friends to dance was received. After dancing a short while we started for the Island.

We all enjoyed the evening.

Henry E. Hallman I

### Working Saturday Afternoon

One Saturday afternoon another boy and I went to the Poultry House to take the pullets to the range. We first got a good size crate and attached it to a wheelbarrow. Then we put several chickens in the crate and took them to the range. That afternoon we transferred about three hundred from the house to the range.

Everett K. Bowbly III

### A Visit to Braves Field

Last Tuesday noon, the Supervisor told me to get ready to go to town. I changed into my uniform. Then with eight other boys, I went to the steamer. When I arrived at the steamer, I was informed that an Instructor was taking us to see the doubleheader between the Boston Braves and the Cincinnati Reds.

When we arrived there it was the second inning of the first game. The score was in favor of the Braves. Berger of the Braves hit a home run, and so did Cullop of the Reds later in the game. The final score of the first game was four to two in favor of Boston. The final score of the second game was three to two in favor of Cincinnati. We all appreciate going to the ball game.

Kenneth C. Caswell III

### Recent High Tides

During March after we had just finished building the dikes there were some very high tides which washed out many of the repaired parts. On the east side nearly the whole dike was washed away. During these high tides much wood has been washed upon the beach and will be used for bakery wood. Some of the wood we find is Mahogany which the boys use to make articles in Sloyd.

The beaches will have to be cleaned and raked, and the seaweed taken to south end where it will be burned.

Charles J. Hardman II

### The Dormitory Work

I like to work in the dormitory, where we learn to make beds, and do all kinds of housework. We sweep stairways and clean some of the Instructors' rooms. I work in the afternoon dormitory.

Carl C. Ellis VI

### The Jester's Comments

—After having tried the Cross County several times Everett Stone chose to do

the run sucking a lemon. "Brickey" did worse on that attempt, and has now decided to give up Cross Country, and is in training to become a pitcher.

—AN ATHLETE'S DIET:- one loaf of rye bread, four cans of sardines, package of cheese, one can of tuna fish, and choice of drink. Eat just before meals. ¶The athlete's duo, Mitchell and Hardman, find the Bradley cottage an ideal dining room, and have, until recently, enjoyed above bit between meals.

—Many records are made but Harry Dow gets the grand prize. While unloading coal an Instructor told him to get the Record from a coal man. On his next trip Harry insisted on putting as much coal on the cart as possible. He had a record in weight. The record he was to get was the Boston paper by that name.

—The steamer boys have a laugh at Arthur Pickard's expense. It seems that the "Black Douglas", the latest addition to the steamer boy's entertainment equipment, has made various trips about the wharf, and had, until Arthur Pickard's escapade proved seaworthy enough. Art found it necessary to leap for safety, missed the float, and was thoroughly drenched. We are not certain, but understand that Richard Crowley has the speediest method of paddling the boat.

—Elwin Bean took his friends to the barn last Friends' Day to show them a freak cow, one that "has no horns, and is bowlegged". It happens that the animal is dehorned, and has sprung shoulders.

—Robert Mitchell, not long ago, was told to substitute on the steamer. Some of his work included washing windows. Robert applied Steam Cylinder Oil to his first window. He is still wondering why it took him half an hour to wash the one pane window. Our Engineer is wondering where five gallons of oil went to.

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This issue of the BEACON marks the beginning of its 35th year and as we think of this event our thoughts turn to other traditions and features of this venerable school. One hundred and seventeen years of continued service to society with no idea of financial remuneration but only the single thought of helping, giving, assisting boys to develop into real men and pouring into the community a tiny stream of manhood is reason enough to be proud of its accomplishments.

We need not outline nor enumerate the development, pioneer activities and other outstanding events experienced by our school. Our friends, the many thousands of ardent supporters of The Farm and Trades School, are familiar with these achievements. We can be justly proud of our school and its features of education, training, home, and process of character development but after all, these are only the tools of our trade. Our boys and our men, the substantial graduates, hundreds of them, constitute our real center of pride and satisfaction.

Who made all of this glorious work possible? And who has continued, through more than a century, to carry on, always giving, with no thought of reward but ever endeavoring to make life just a little brighter for others? We catch glimpses of them now and then. We see their names, we know of their presence at every important function of the school and many of them we feel that we know. And still, do we know much of the time, money, thought, and trouble to which they go in order that this great school may

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continue to do its bit?

Our thoughts of their leadership and guidance go deeper than can be expressed in words. It is impossible to measure the good they have done and are doing but we can pause and think about their value to the school and what would have happened and what would now happen should these men not be interested.

In view of all that they mean to the school, its very existence, let us pay proper tribute to their great service and let us all strive to show our gratitude to these men, our Board of Managers.

### Topics in Brief

Physical drill has been held each morning for a half hour for those boys not members of the Band. This training includes marching formations, setting-up exercises and other drill maneuvers.

New farm equipment purchased this month included a sulky plow.

The boys have all chosen their flower gardens for this year, and the garden area is looking splendidly. The boys care for an individual garden, in which they plant what they choose. Those that achieve the best results are given prizes by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby.

New forms have been printed, and are now in use, for the record of each boys' height and weight. These records are kept monthly, and serve an important use in checking up the physical condition of each boy.

Our Easter Concert took place on Sunday April 5. The Chapel was appropriately decorated and the program was executed in a splendid manner. A list of

those taking part will be found in one of the boys' articles.

Cottage Row Government held its quarterly election this month. Paul L. Hamilton is the new Mayor. Every three months the citizens elect new officials and an entirely new administration takes care of the government affairs.

The Brass Quartette visited Gordon College on Wednesday, April 8, and played at the Chapel exercises there. After the Chapel program the boys were shown about the college, and visited nearby places of interest.

On Saturday April 11, thirty-five of the boys went to Mechanics Building where they waited on table for the annual Vermont Association sugar party. The boys enjoyed themselves immensely.

Nine of the boys have had Chicken Pox during this month. The disease attacked the boys in mild degrees of intensity, and none of the boys were very ill.

The First Class held its annual dance April 17. The event, planned and looked forward to for some time, proved to be a happy occasion for everyone.

Two coal barges, bringing our yearly supply of coal, were unloaded this month. A total of about 700 tons of coal made up the shipment.

Charles L. Keller, '29, brought a group of people to the School on April 29. This group assisted with our Sunday afternoon service.

We will be glad to send back issues of the BEACON to subscribers. State year and month in which number was printed.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 30, 1931.

RESOURCES

Savings Bank . . . . .	\$694.87
Securities . . . . .	500.00
Cash . . . . .	250.45
	<u>\$1,445.32</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$693.63
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	420.21
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	45.95
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	95.59
Surplus . . . . .	189.94
	<u>\$1,445.32</u>

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 78° on the twentieth.

Minimum Temperature 33° on the seventh and eighth.

Mean Temperature for the month 49.4°.

Ten clear days, twelve partly cloudy, eight cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

17. Mr. Grant with Messrs. Hawkins and Wright from Baltimore visited the Institution.

25. Warren Bowker arrived.

26. Charles Williams and Joseph Kitteridge returned to their friends.

27. George A. Galilee and Caleb McLennen returned to their friends.

28. James M. Lugarder returned to his mother.

29. Messrs. Grant, Kuhn, Goulde, and Bowditch visited the Institution. Frederic Blake came to the Institution.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, April 1881

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. A lovely day. We launched the steamer successfully. On account of

not having rollers was unable to launch in time to take advantage of the morning tide. So had to sit up and float her off in night.

2. A regular gale, cold and bad, a blizzard surely. Got steamer inside of wharf, put in ballast etc. and steamed up, but it was so furiously rough that we concluded to let her lie at wharf all night.

7. Pleasant with fresh breeze. Went for visitors at 10. Present were 35 graduates and four others making in all 39 persons besides our own family to provide for. Had a band contest in A. M. and band concert in P. M. The contest consisted of selections played by the "Eureka" and "Dirego" bands. A prize to the leader of the "Eureka" for best playing but honorable mention for the "Dirego" with a recommendation that the leader be presented same as the other.

28. Nice day. Dry wind. Set raspberries, currants, received from Mr. Lyman. Mr. S. G. Deblois visited us today. Mr. Parker leaves farm to go home to Vt.

Sloyd

I am very much interested in sloyd, and I think that all of the boys ought to be. When the Sloyd Course is finished one knows how to make very beautiful things such as tables, lamps, trays, bowls, and so forth. On Friends' Day the boys are proud to show their friends the things they have made.

Walter G. Fitzgerald IV

A Rainy Morning's Work

One Friday when I went to the farm it was raining, and my Instructor told two other boys and I to go into the hay barn and mix fertilizer. First we mixed it and then screened it. At that time it had stopped raining and we planted some vegetables.

Gerald P. AuClaire IV



### Baseball Season

Every year we have a baseball series between clubs A and B. The team which wins the most games is given a shield at the end of the season. We have a schedule with a game every Saturday.

Last year Club B won the shield but I think Club A will win it this year, as they have won the first two games. I am a member of Club A.

William L. Littlejohn VI

### Our Flower Gardens

The boys of F. T. S. have flower gardens of many different shapes. In fact each of the hundred gardens are different in shape.

The boys first stone their gardens, then till the soil, and plant their seeds.

The boys enjoy the gardens, and put a great deal of their time working on them. Prizes are given at the end of the season for the best gardens.

Frederick J. Campbell IV

### A Short Time In The Infirmary

Several weeks ago a number of boys had the Chicken Pox. I was one of them. We were not very sick but we had to stay in the Infirmary for more than two weeks. We were glad when we could go into our regular schedule again.

Reginald A. Burlingame V

### The Class Dance

Each year the Senior Class gives a dance. Each member of the class invites a boy to attend from one of the lower classes.

Much careful decorating was done by the committee of Seniors this year making our Chapel look very attractive. Much time was devoted in decorating the hall.

The dance was held in Chapel Friday evening, April 17, 1931. The dance was started by a grand march which was led by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. The selec-

tion played for this was "The Stars and Stripes Forever". After the grand march a series of 13 dances was held. These included waltzes, fox trots, two steps and a tag dance. We danced until 9:30.

We then went to our dining room where a banquet took place. We had a delectable menu consisting of chicken salad, egg and deviled ham sandwiches, rolls, cake, peanuts, candy, coffee and punch. When we finished we left the dining room and went back to resume dancing. We continued our dances until 11:30 P. M. At the end of the dance we went happily to bed.

Edward W. Nelson I

### Coal

Two week ago we finished hauling the coal from the barge to the coal pile. Our coal supply comes once a year, and is about 700 tons. The barge made two trips in order to bring our coal and it took eight days to unload it. Most all of the boys helped on the coal at different times.

Harold W. Howley IV

### Ancient History

In the third class we have just started to have Ancient History in place of the American History that we have been studying. It requires a little more work than the other but it is quite interesting. The period being studied now is of Babylonia and Assyria about 3000 B. C. It is a very interesting book.

Howard E. Taylor III

### Band Practice

As the time for Graduation draws near the band is very busy. We practice the difficult pieces which we shall play. Our leader, Mr. Warren, has been ill and we are progressing under the direction of our assistant leader, Mr. Albee.

George G. Hamilton I

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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LUKE W. B. HALFYARD, '21, and Miss Marion Teagle were united in marriage at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea on March 5. Rev. John H. Quinn officiated at the service, which was the double ring ceremony. IVERS WINMILL, '25, was best man. Halfyard has done splendidly in all he has attempted, and we hope that the future has nothing but joy and happiness for Mr. and Mrs. Halfyard.

The couple enjoyed an extended honeymoon, and are now residing at 7 Gilmore Street, Everett.

JOHN H. SCHIPPERS, '21, has been married for some time and is living at 309 Huntington Avenue. He is in the employ of the Edison Company.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN, '21, is now employed by a Boston bank, he having gone there from the Boston Music Co., where he had been for the past few years. His home address is 9 Kimball Road, Watertown.

CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21, has been with the Boston Globe for some time. He is now in the Dramatic department, working on reviews of theatrical openings in Boston theatres. His home address is 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  Buffum Street, Salem.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '22, has been at Wolfeboro, N. H. for the past few months. He has recently finished an enlisted term with the Marines.

JAMES M. LIBBY, '26, after having been a stellar player on the Brown Uni-

versity freshman football team, is now a star catcher. He is doing well in all departments of his collegiate work.

We are happy to announce the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence P. Hobson, on April 23rd. Since his graduation from here in 1925, Mr. Hobson has studied drafting and has been lately with the Stone and Webster Co. At this time he is in New York on a business trip. It is possible that he will reside in New York City in the near future. His present address is 171 East Squantum Street, Atlantic, Mass.

LEROY S. KENFIELD, '82, has achieved considerable success with the House of the Angel Guardian Band of Boston. He has directed this band since its organization, and has developed the band to the foremost rank of school bands. The annual spring concert of this band was of a high enough calibre to warrant attention from newspapers and from a national musical journal.

JOHN BELHAM, '28, is at present employed by the steamship company which runs the boats to Nantasket Beach in the summer.

JOHN W. BAXTER, '27, and his brother GORDON K. BAXTER, '30, are employed by the Mass. Gear and Tool Company of Woburn. Their home address is 3 Bowline Place.

News of the Alumni will be greatly appreciated. EDITOR



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### Memorial Sunday

On Memorial Sunday, May 31, we had a service at our little Cemetery. The service was led by Paul Hamilton, Mayor of Cottage Row Government.

Led by the Band, the boys marched to the Cemetery about ten o'clock. The order of the service was as follows:

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

- |                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| HYMN                 | America the Beautiful          |
|                      | Brass Quartet and School       |
| INVOCATION           |                                |
|                      | Mr. Robbins                    |
| MAYOR'S ADDRESS      |                                |
|                      | Paul L. Hamilton               |
| RECITATION           | Memorial Day                   |
|                      | William E. Nelson              |
| RECITATION           | A Knot of Blue and Gray        |
|                      | Arthur C. Rouse                |
| RECITATION           | Crosses                        |
|                      | Lloyd W. Blanchard             |
| RECITATION           | The Flag's Message             |
|                      | Harold F. Bent                 |
| HYMN                 | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go |
|                      | Brass Quartet and School       |
| RECITATION           | The Debt                       |
|                      | Robert W. Mitchell             |
| RECITATION           | A Patriotic Creed              |
|                      | Bertrand Allen                 |
| RECITATION           | My Country's Flag              |
|                      | Warren E. Bates                |
| REMARKS              |                                |
|                      | Mr. Meacham                    |
| DECORATION OF GRAVES |                                |

### ROLLING OF DRUMS AND TAPS

HYMN

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee  
Brass Quartet and School

Richard L. Bolingbroke II

### Repairing the Ford

One day when I reported to the farm the Instructor told me I was to help him repair the Ford truck. We scraped the carbon from the cylinders and valves and also ground them. Soon the engine began to take shape. As we had to leave we covered the important parts as a guard against rain.

The next afternoon I also helped. This time we hoisted the engine onto the frame. As the fenders were rusty and broken we left them off. This makes the truck look much speedier. The following morning the Ford was running. The driver said it was better and had more power.

The work fascinated me, and the experience will probably come in handy some time.

Karl R. Adams I

### Getting Beacons Ready for Mail

When the BEACONS have been printed they are brought to the office where it is the office boy's work to get them ready for mail.

First I go to the kitchen and ask the

Kitchen Instructor to make some paste. When the paste is being made I go to the attic and get about 900 wrappers. I then go to the kitchen and get the paste. I put the paste in a trough that has a hole in the bottom, and is mounted on a wooden base. I put the wrappers under the trough and as fast as I take one out another one is ready.

When all the BEACONS have wrappers around them I address them with the addressograph. When this is done I put the stamp on them and they are put in the mail.

Dexter V. Woodman III

### The First Friends' Day

On the eighth day of May this year, we had our first Friends' Day. It was a new experience for me because it was my first Friends' Day here. At one o'clock we got ready to greet our friends. We followed the band down to the wharf and waited for our friends who were coming on the Nantasket steamer. When it arrived we marched up the avenue to the Front Lawn. The band played and Mr. Meacham spoke. After that we showed our friends about the school. I took my parents everywhere. We all enjoyed the day.

Arthur C. Rouse IV

### Rolling the Lawns

Each year the lawns are rolled with a heavy roller. This rolling takes out all the high spots on the lawn and makes the lawn look well cared for.

The roller we use is supposed to be operated and pulled by horses, but horses tramping on the lawns would soon ruin them so it is pulled by a dozen boys. Ten boys push it and two steer it.

The lawns are looking very well this year and we all plan to keep them that way.

Henry E. Hallman I

### History Essays

One Monday our teacher told us we must write an essay on some topic about history. Each boy or sometimes two boys, had one topic. It must be four or five hundred words long or over. We are to look them up in reference books or biographies. Some of the topics were Life of Thomas Jefferson, Life of Lincoln, John Brown's Rebellion, and so forth. We have until the end of the term to do this work.

William S. Wilson IV

### Instructors vs. Boys

The boys baseball team won from the Instructors in a well played game lately by the score of 8-1. Both teams played hard and Chapdelaine pitched a very good game for the boys. In the second game the Instructors won 7-2. The teams for the game were as follows:

SCHOOL	POS.	INSTRUCTORS
G. Hamilton	C.	Mr. Thomas
D. Chapdelaine	P.	Mr. Baird
R. Mitchell	1st B.	Mr. Albee
W. Pratt	2nd B.	Mr. Meacham
P. Hamilton	3rd B.	Mr. Matthews
B. Middleton	S. S.	Mr. Litchfield
C. Albee	L. F.	Mr. Kitching
G. Granger	C. F.	Mr. Scott
W. Wight	R. F.	Mr. Boyce

All the boys enjoy these games, and hope to play many more games in the future.

Paul L. Hamilton III

### A Pleasant Trip

It was the privilege of our brass quartet to visit Gordon College, and play for the students there. We had been informed of our trip and had practiced several pieces to play at the College.

We left the Island early in the morn-

ing and Mr. Meacham took us direct to the College. Upon arriving there we were greeted by President Wood. Shortly after this a gong was sounded and we went into the Chapel.

Although the service was not very long it was interesting. We played many pieces, both before and after the talk from Mr. Meacham. He told the students what the boys did at the school, and especially what the members of the quartette were doing.

Mr. Robbins, our minister, invited us to stay for dinner. We visited the Museum of Fine Arts, until it was time for dinner.

After dinner a Gordon student took us to City Point in his car, bringing to an end a very pleasant trip to Gordon College.

Those in the quartet were Thomas W. Eastty, Kenneth B. Johnson, Harold F. Bent, and myself.

Charles D. Hallman II

### Painting

During the last few weeks considerable painting has been done inside and out of the Main Building. We started with the office hall and have done the reading room, billiard room, three rooms on the second floor, the back hallways and a room on the first floor.

We will paint the barns inside and outside, besides several more places in the other buildings.

This work is being supervised by an experienced painter and is fast changing the buildings into things of beauty and color.

Thomas W. Eastty I

We will be glad to send back issues of the BEACON to subscribers. State year and month of number you desire.

### The Jester's Comments

—Frederick Very has been convinced that John Paul Jones did not sign the Declaration of Independence.

—Gerald AuClaire visits the Battery Room occassionally. It is noted that he sometimes goes there Monday evenings.

—John A. Fitzgerald would like to know how long the mile run is.

—Darwin Chapdelaine enjoys going over the hurdles. Or rather he likes to "run around" them, his bow-legs making this practical.

—The story is told of Donald Wright who felt hungry one night and decided to investigate possible food sources. Walking sottly and through infrequented hallways he almost reached one of his destinations when an Instructor espied him. Donald gave a very good imitation of somnambulism, good enough to cause the Instructor to follow him back to the dormitory, to see him in bed and perhaps chuckle. All would have been well had not another voracious boy come on the scene to demand a part of the spoils. Thus the truth of the event was told to the Instructor.

—Henry M. Caswell thought he would rest his sore ankle last Sunday by having his meals brought to the dormitory and remaining away from Church. He found both diversions impossible but his ankle healed in a remarkably short time. He plays fine baseball as he demonstrated only a day or two after "resting" his ankle.

—The Senior Dormitory boys request, through this column, that Albert Thompson train his vocal organs especially when he is sleeping. He snores too loudly.

—Harold Bent finished the cross country course in the recent track meet, thus eliciting the unstinted praise of the on-lookers. He was only a half hour late, but we will not be surprised to see him win the race in the next few years.

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As the end of the school year approaches, with all its bustle of activity, and planning for the many events of graduation, thoughts are filled with ideas. We make a mental inventory of the year's work and accomplishments and we say to ourselves, "What have we done for these boys who are graduating, and what has each boy accomplished toward the goal of life?"

We are gratified with our inventory. We feel a just pride in our accomplishments. We are giving to society a product which cannot be surpassed in quality. We are passing on to infinite time, the efforts and ideals of honest living, through these fine young men. Our individual efforts are comparatively small, each of us has done very little indeed towards making this a better world in which to live, but, combined by concentrated and harmonious effort we have pulled a load worthy of our highest ambitions.

Our graduates have learned how to live and have developed their several characters with a well rounded realization of true living. They have built foundations on solid rock and the rest of the structures of their lives will withstand the rigorous waves of obstructions and selfish worldliness. Each boy has already added much to the structure of life on this solid foundation. His house is yet incomplete—do we ever completely finish our houses of life? But each boy has constructed his foundation and much of the work of the of the ground floor of life.

We will watch with admiration, wonder and expectancy for the further

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development and the beautiful mansion of life that each boy will complete. We thrill with enthusiastic hope for the future of these boys.

### Topics in Brief

The First Friends' Day was held on May 8. A large number was present, including many parents and friends who were here for the first time. Although the weather was not ideal, the day was a most happy occasion for everyone.

The baseball season is well under way. In our scheduled series Club A has won the two games played to date. An interesting series is being played between the Instructors and Boys. These games ordinarily take place on Tuesday nights, and neither team has the advantage at this time.

The boys had a splendid opportunity to view the maneuvers of the army planes, more than 600 in number. This event took place between our Wharf and City Point. It was one of the most successful exhibitions which the army is giving throughout the country.

The annual track meet took place on Memorial Day, and was without question, the finest one which we have had. The final score was Club B 68, Club A 67. In the evening a picnic was given on the beach, after which the Instructors and Boys played a baseball game.

On Sunday May 31, Cottage Row Government conducted a Memorial service at our little cemetery. This event is described in one of the boys' articles.

Rev. William F. Robbins preached

his farewell sermon here on May 31. He has conducted our Sunday services during the school year.

Our band entered the New England Band Contest. Rain prohibited all outdoor contests, in which our boys do so well, and thus we failed to earn a prize.

One of our rowboats, the STANDISH has been completely rebuilt in our wood-working shop. A fine job was done, and the boat is now in first class condition for various work which our rowboats perform in the summer.

We have done much so far this spring in exterminating the mosquitos. This work includes the draining or oiling of all lowlands, which is a considerable task in itself.

Our gasoline launch ILYBIUS has been overhauled, cleaned and painted, and is now giving excellent service. This boat will be used for most of our transportation during the summer and fall.

We have renewed a number of the smaller concrete forms used about the grounds. The walk leading to the Power House has been repaired and new concrete used where necessary.

On May 23 the Metropolitan Water Commission installed a meter on our water supply. Henceforth our water will be purchased by the gallon, instead of the flat rate we have been having.

A quantity of lumber suitable for use on our dikes has been purchased and transported to the Island.

Two rabbits and two kittens are the newest pets on the Island.

**The Farm and Trades School Bank**

Statement, May 31, 1931.

RESOURCES

Savings Bank . . . . .	\$694.87
Securities . . . . .	500.00
Cash . . . . .	253.97
	\$1,448.84

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$743.74
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	420.21
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	57.39
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	34.47
Surplus . . . . .	193.03
	\$1,448.84

**May Meteorology**

Maximum Temperature 90° on the twenty-ninth.

Minimum Temperature 37° on the first.

Mean Temperature for the month 58°.

Eight clear days, fourteen partly cloudy, nine cloudy.

**Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1841**

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Mr. C. C. Felton came to the Institution as temporary Superintendent.

15. Thomas Russell left on a visit.

11. Mr. Grant visited the Institution. James A. Turner was discharged

George F. Gould, Levi Stearns and Richard A. Robertson returned to their friends. O. Austin returned to the Institution.

20. William S. Fruen left.

21. The Directors of the Institution and 150 or 200 of the parents and friends of the boys visited them. After the visitors left, 48 boys filled two boats and took a sail of 4 hours going as far as the outer light and all pleased and happy.

22. Jas. McCarty, John Farrell, Frederick Brown and Wm. Grugin

returned to their friends. Except the last none returned.

23. Sabbath. No one down. Spent the day in reading the Bible and other books. After 4 o'clock the Sup't., Teacher, and boys walked around the northend of the Island and then went to the Grave Yard and Bar. All pleased and happy.

30. Mr. Bailey, one of the Directors came and performed the services of the Sabbath. No. of boys present 87. Department good.

**Calendar 50 Years Ago, May 1881**

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Planted first sweet corn. Ploughed for potatoes, peas, etc. Two painters and two plumbers here. Charles Duncan one of our best graduates got married this eve to Miss Marion Getz of Manhattan. Mrs. Morse and self attended the wedding which was a very pleasant affair.

5. Two plumbers and two painters here. Day fine but windy, farmers busy. Sent out boys letters to friends appraising them of Friends' Day.

7. One plumber and two painters here. Miss Colling our very nice art teacher leaves today to take a position in a school near home. We are sorry to have her leave.

14. The first Visiting Day of the season, and a very pleasant occasion. The day was perfect, and all seemed pleased. There were present of the managers Messrs. Lyman, Bacon, Eliot, Deblois, Emmons and Parker.

17. A heavy north east wind prevails with a heavy sea and rain. The tide very high last night, washing over our wharf, carrying away our gang way etc. Am unable to go to town to meet appointments and Managers as desired.

20. We commenced on cellar of new building, taken off loam. All teams



employed.

21. Miss Littlefield from Newton came to try as teacher.

31. Fine day. Boys, King and Mansfield admitted.

### About Bees

When the hives of Italian bees were opened, we discovered that they had built eight new frames of honey comb and filled it with brood. In addition to worker and drove broods there were eight queen cells.

The queen cells are three times larger than worker cells. They are the size of a peanut.

The queen develops quicker than either the worker or drone. It takes three days for the egg to hatch and then about six days in the larvae stage. After the larvae stage she enters the pupae stage, and in seven days becomes a virgin queen.

Lloyd W. Blanchard II

### Launching the Swimming Float

When we came from dinner a few days ago we were told to march to the beach. When we got there we found we were to launch the swimming float. It already had rollers under it so we pushed the float until they came out. Then we lifted the float up and put more rollers under it. Finally we got it in the water and some of the boys swam around to the south side of the wharf with it.

James E. Douglas II

### Unusual Happenings

One night about five o'clock as I was looking over towards City Point I saw a large plane, which I thought was a flying boat. A short while after I saw that the plane had taxied quite near the beach and soon I saw that it was an amphibian, that is, the plane could alight on water or land. There were two men in the cockpit, one

was a mechanic, the other was the pilot. They told us that the hull had sprung a leak while they were taxiing around in the water and when they had taken off the plane was too heavy to manage. The plane had dual controls side by side. Directly in back of the cockpit was the motor which was a nine cylinder Warner make. After they repaired the leak we swung the tail of the plane around. They waved goodbye and in a few minutes took off and went to the East Boston Airport, which is not far from our Island.

Charles J. Hardman II

### Cottage Row

Cottage Row consists of twelve cottages, which are used by the boys during the summer. The boys spend their play time in them when they choose to do so.

They have radios, and books to read. The cottages must be kept clean and in good repair. Cottage Row Government has charge of everything. Shares in the cottages are owned by different boys.

Douglas T. Phipps VI

### A Trip for Lumber

One morning one of the Instructors told me to go down to the boat and help get lumber. When I got there, I joined some other boys. The first thing we did was to fasten the barge to the steamer with heavy lines. We then went over to the long pier at City Point and tied up along side. Some men loaded heavy planks on the barge and we put them in place. After we had a load we came back to the Island and unloaded them.

These planks are to be used on our East Side dike which was washed away by the tide that caused so much damage recently.

George F. Carr II

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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WILLIAM ALCOTT '84, Librarian of the Boston Globe and President of the National Association of Special Libraries is receiving nation wide recognition of his ability to organize and maintain a newspaper library.

In connection with this work, Mr. Alcott recently spoke before the Special Libraries Association and his address was given more than a column of space in the Boston Evening Transcript. Space does not permit copying the entire article but we are glad to give our readers an idea of the recognition which Mr. Alcott is receiving by printing the introductory paragraph.

"One of the most efficient newspaper libraries in the country is that of the Boston Globe, which has not only reference books of all kinds, a clipping file, and collections of photographs, but trained attendants as well. At the recent meeting of Special Libraries Association, Mr. William Alcott librarian of the Globe, gave an interesting and informative address on the Outstanding Reference Tools of a Newspaper Library in the course of which he described his own well-stocked domain in a manner which showed its practical value."

DANIEL E. SMITH, '20, and RICHARD H. HANSON, '21, are members of the First Corp Cadets band. The former lives at 56 Fairfax Street, Somerville and the latter at 205 Holland Street, Somerville.

The annual Alumni Field Day will be held at the School on June 17. Particulars will be mailed to members of the Association.

Miss Josephine L. Pinkham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Pinkham of Wolfeboro, N. H., and HOWARD E. KEITH '22, were united in marriage on May 17. Rev. Orman T. Headley performed the ceremony. After a honeymoon in Maine Mr. and Mrs. Keith will reside in Wolfeboro.

CHESTER F. WRIGHT, '30, is a frequent visitor to the school. He is living at 150 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge.

PAUL A. TURNER, '30, has been placed on the Honor Roll of the Boston Trade School. This is an honor bestowed upon only a very few students at this school.

THEODORE L. VITTY, '29, is attending Wakefield High School and is a member of the track team of that school.

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, '29, has until recently, been employed as a carpenter. His address is 7 Thurlow St., West Roxbury.

SEYMOUR C. MCFAYDEN, '24, has a good position in Hartford, Conn. He is foreman in a special department of a machine shop in that city.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, '25, and RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN, '25, were visitors at the School on Memorial Day. Both have been successful in their chosen work.

News of the Alumni will be greatly appreciated. EDITOR



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### Graduation Exercises

Although the weather was not ideal, the exercises this year possessed the usual brilliance of former years. About four hundred persons were assembled in the Gymnasium. The speaker was Eliot T. Putnam, Jr., a Harvard graduate, starring in every sport while at the college. He was introduced by President Arthur Adams of the Board of Managers. Mr. Putnam's topic was "Unselfishness", and was well delivered. Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, our former pastor, gave the Invocation. The class valedictorian, Darwin Chapdelaine, and Albert H. Thompson, salutatorian, each presented his speech well. The presentation of the school banner, Ralph W. Milliken, and Richard L. Bolingbroke was impressing. The Seniors sang the class song accompanied by a quartette from the band. Thomas W. Eastty played a baritone solo, "Prismatic Polka" accompanied by the band.

Three numbers on the program have become a permanent fixture of our Graduations. The Class Song and the Presentation of the School Banner are gifts of Manager Walter B. Foster, '78. The closing band piece, "Second to None" is a composition by Leroy S. Kenfield, '82.

The program was nicely planned and presented, and is a credit to those responsible.

### PROGRAM

OVERTURE—Festival	<i>Otis Taylor</i>
INVOCATION	
	Rev. Clyde W. Taylor
SALUTATORY	Modern Photography
	Albert H. Thompson
CLASS POEM -To Our Class	
	William E. Nelson
CLASS SONG—I Go to Prove My Soul	
CLASS PROPHECY	George G. Hamilton
BARITONE SOLO—Prismatic Polka	
	Thomas W. Eastty and Band
CLASS WILL	Kenneth B. Johnson
PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BANNER	
	Ralph Milliken, '31 Richard Bolingbroke, '32
VALEDICTORY	Athletic Influence
	Darwin Chapdelaine
AWARD OF SPECIAL PRIZES	
	Superintendent William M. Meacham
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	
	President Arthur Adams
ADDRESS	
	Mr. Elliot T. Putnam Jr.
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	
	Superintendent William M. Meacham
SCHOOL SONG	
	School
MARCH—Second to None	<i>L. S. Kenfield, '82</i>
	Band
	Robert W. Mitchell II

### A Band Concert

On Sunday June 7 our Bandmaster, Mr. Warren, brought his 101st Engineers Band to the School and gave us a fine concert. Our band escorted our visitors from the wharf to the Gymnasium, where the concert took place. It was planned to have the concert outdoors but rain made this impossible.

Our band played a concert and then the Engineers Band got ready to give its concert. They played a beautiful concert and we all enjoyed their very fine music. They played many pieces that we have in our band.

After the concert both bands assembled outdoors and played the march "Shrine of Liberty." Following the mass band numbers our band gave a fancy drill exhibition.

We feel very grateful to Mr. Warren and his band for coming to the Island and playing such a fine concert.

Clyde W. Albee III

### Our Forging Class

Each year seven boys in the Senior Class take a course in Forging. Our first model was "drawing out" a piece of wrought iron to a certain dimension and making a ring. After a few lessons we began welding which is quite hard for some to understand and to do. Later we had steel models such as nail set, center punch and cold chisel which we all had to grind and temper.

We usually have our class every Friday afternoon.

Karl R. Adams I

### Care of School Lawns

During the spring and the summer months much care is taken of the lawns about the school. When there is a considerable amount of dandelions on the

lawns, they are dug. The lawns are mowed carefully, each being done about once a week. Two new lawn mowers have been purchased besides four older ones which we already have. In the summer we water the lawns that need it. Grass seed has been sown around the trees where the grass did not grow thick.

Our large, well-kept lawns make the Island much more attractive.

William E. Nelson I

### The Jester's Comments

—John Bailey summered at Nantasket. He met many schoolmates as he strolled along the beach nattily clad in his cadet uniform.

—Bill Randall certainly made progress during the few days he substituted as a boat boy. He learned that gasoline is needed to operate a gasoline engine, although he cranked for some time before he realized his error.

—"To dive or not to dive" has been decided in the negative by Webbie Goodwin. His diving methods result in rather rough stomach massages.

—Little Mike Crowley and Little Peanut Allen were having a wordy dispute and Mike suddenly called Peanut a "little runt." This gave everyone a good laugh, as Mike forgot he had been the school baby, and that there are about eighty of his schoolmates taller than he is.

—One of the boys writes: "Mitchell, the Greek lost the Cross Country run because MacGregor the Scot and Middleton, the Jew wouldn't let him pass by them." America isn't in the League of Nations either.

—We would like to know who the boy was that was told to go to the Infirmary and get a turkish towell went, instead, to the Observatory and got a weather map.

### Our Last Grade Reading

Our last Grade Reading took place on June first. The Band assembled as usual and the class program was carried on by the sixth class. Following the band concert the members of the graduating class, who are all band members, played a band piece. Mr. Meacham then called the class to the front of the room and gave an inventory of the accomplishments of the class, collectively and individually. Undergraduates were then selected who were most near our height and weight when we entered the school. This was most interesting, and showed how the class had grown physically during the years it has been at the school.

Albert H. Thompson I

### Memories

The last few week before graduation are weeks that every Senior remembers. There are the weeks that each one looks back to the day when he entered the school, and recalls all the pleasant times he has had at the school in the years past. Then he begins to realize how foolish were the mistakes he made, and can readily appreciate the help that his teachers have given him. He realizes how he has grown during his years at the school, and how his knowledge is greater than the average boy because of his training at F. T. S.

Henry E. Hallman I

### Memories

Many are the memories of an F. T. S. boy who is about to graduate. Some are pleasant, some are not. There are memories of his early life at the school, and the little mistakes and foolish wrongs that he did. There are memories of the athletic teams he has played on, perhaps only a substitute at first, and later perhaps

the bulwark of the team. Then there are memories of Cottage Row, our Band, dances and parties. His thoughts go to the departments when he did his bit five or six years ago, his promotion from the smaller jobs to the bigger ones.

These memories upon which the Senior Class can look upon will be their most prized possessions, which no amount of money can buy. We hope that our associates will be able also, to look back with pleasant memories upon the Class of 1931.

Ralph W. Milliken I

### Senior Thoughts

As the days draw near to graduation the members of the Senior Class are discussing many subjects. Some of these are What shall we do after Graduation? Where shall we live? Shall we continue in school or work? How much did we get out of F. T. S. compared with the effort we expended? These topics always draw much argument, and much interest, as we all passed our final marks and will graduate. We talk about our experiences on the Island, and feel sure that we shall miss the school and its associations even more than other graduates in years past.

Kenneth B. Johnson I

Each of the boys enjoyed a vacation this year extending from one to three weeks. The length of the vacation each pupil enjoys is decided wholly upon the effort and good conduct pursued during the year.

President Arthur Adams invited the graduating class on an outing on June 8. Each year the graduating class enjoys a similar excursion, through the kindness of President Adams.

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The new school year is about to start, our 118th. We look forward to the possibilities of this new year with visions of useful endeavor and successful achievement. Our aim is to build into the lives of 100 boys, a part of the foundation of character and ability which will be used throughout their lives. Our school has stood all these years for high standards of attainment. It expects much of its students and of graduates in the way of superior citizenship and rugged character. To reach this goal it is necessary that the work of the school be carefully organized and planned for the coming school year.

One of the important problems, uppermost in our minds at the beginning of a new school year, is the selection of boys to fill the vacancies caused by graduation. Our aim is to do the greatest good for the greatest number possible, within the facilities of the school. With this in view, certain restrictions and limitations are made and policies established and final selections made in order that the boys most worthy of entrance may be selected.

About 200 letters of inquiry are received each year. Nearly all of these would, no doubt be candidates for admission but because of various requirements of age, grade, physical and mental as well as excellent character, only about half of these become active applicants. From this group approximately the best twenty are selected for admission.

Having selected the boys to be educated, there are many problems of administration and thousands of details

which require constant attention, all of which must be handled with efficiency and dispatch, keeping constantly in mind that our product is the most important. Nothing can surpass in importance the molding of character in youth and so guiding and leading young adolescent boys through this critical stage as to develop the maximum ability, integrity and character in each individual.

### Topics in Brief

Graduation exercises of the Class of 1931 were conducted on June twelfth. The Class numbered fourteen members, and as a group, averaged an attendance of five years at the school. Each of the boys excelled in many phases of the school life. Each member of the class played in the School Band.

Inclement weather made it necessary to hold the exercises in the Gymnasium, and we were happy that the choice was made. There were seats for the attendance of nearly four hundred that were present, and the acoustic properties of the hall were splendid.

The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Eliot T. Putnam Jr. He was introduced by President Arthur Adams, of the Board of Managers. Rev. Clyde W. Taylor delivered the Invocation. Fourteen boys were graduated and presented diplomas. Diplomas were also awarded to twelve boys who completed the Sloyd course, to six boys who completed the Forging course and to those who completed the course in Agriculture, five in number.

Darwin Chapdelaine was the Valedictorian of the class, and Albert H. Thompson the Salutatorian.

The Annual Field Day of the Alumni Association took place on June 17, as is

the custom each year. Most of the activity was conducted indoors, although the weather became clear in the afternoon, and permitted some outdoor festivities. Sports were played in the gymnasium and on the campus. Dancing was enjoyed in the Assembly Hall during the afternoon. Although the weather was not ideal a large group was present, and all enjoyed the holiday.

The weather made it impossible to enjoy the ride on the yacht Constellation this year, as it did last year. Mr. Herbert M. Sears, brother of our Manager Philip S. Sears invited the School, as he does each year. The refreshments which were to be served on the yacht were brought to the Island and lunch was enjoyed in our gymnasium. The kindness and generosity of Mr. Sears is greatly appreciated by the boys.

The Class of 1932 bade the Class of 1931 adieu at a dancing party held on June ninth. The event was well planned, and the class is to be congratulated on its splendid work. An orchestra at the school furnished the music.

During the month the stock barn, cattle barn, boat houses, and wharf, besides several other smaller places, have been painted. We are now having carpentry work done on both of the barns, the wharf replanked in places, and other smaller jobs accomplished.

The farm has shown sufficient progress during the month to indicate a fine season this year. We have had a large amount of fresh vegetables, strawberries, and cherries to date. A quantity of farm produce has been canned. Crows and pheasants have bothered us considerably, so that we now keep a constant guard at some of our fields.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 30, 1931.

#### RESOURCES

Savings Bank . . . . .	\$694.87
Securities . . . . .	500.00
Cash . . . . .	28.67
	<u>\$1,223.54</u>

#### LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$510.41
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	431.58
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	53.70
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	34.82
Surplus . . . . .	<u>193.03</u>
	<u>\$1,223.54</u>

#### June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 105° on the twentieth.

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Mean Temperature for the month 75°.

Ten clear days, eight partly cloudy, twelve cloudy.

#### Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Mr. Grant Esq. visited the Institution. E. Bowkes left to visit his friends in Chelsea. John Maddison Chandler was received as a scholar. Brought by Mr. Grant Esq.

3. Gen. T. Lyman Jr. President of the Board of Directors visited the Institution.

8. The Sup't. returned and took his leave of the Institution. Gen. T. Lyman and Mr. Morrison of Portsmouth, N. H. arrived at the Institution having been appointed Superintendent.

11. Mr. Morrison assumed the performance of his duties.

12. Received a visit from Messrs. Moses Grant and John Ball.

14. B. A. Gould Esq. visited the Institution and performed religious services after which the scholars recited their Sabbath School lessons,

15. Went to the city for my trunk. Finished planting potatoes.

17. Removed coal from wharf.

19. Moses Grant and F. O. Watts Esqrs. with about fifty friends of the scholars visited the Island in the steamboat Gen. Lincoln.

Mr. C. L. Whitmore read a sermon from Greenwood's Sermons to children. Miss Lucy T. Bigelow left the Institution. I accompanied her to the Railroad depot where she took the cars to join her friends at Natick.

30. Mr. Whitmore with Mr. Webber and Perkins and thirty-six boys went down the harbor on a fishing excursion.

#### Calendar 50 Years Ago, June 1881

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Six laborers, two masons and two plumbers here today. Messrs. Bowditch and Storer and Mr. Bean, the builder, came this P. M. They decided to put cellar under the whole of the new building. Mr. Haley discharged to go to Hingham to Mr. Elisha Clapp.

3. A very windy cold day from the east. 7 men were on cellar. Had a very rough time getting them over at night—dangerous. The steamer rolled fearfully.

6. Six men on cellar today. Mr. Bean came over at night to pay men, etc. I got over a load of plank and horses for staying. Planted beans, hoed beets, carrots, etc.

8. Seven laborers and two masons here today.

9. Seven laborers and two masons here. Went with steamer to get a load of cement and lime from J. E. Piper's wharf. When I went up it was real calm



but when I returned it was very windy from East and so rough that I had much difficulty in getting my load home.

11. The storm has abated somewhat but is still severe. The tide was very high last night, washing over the wharf. No workmen here.

14. Preston Lewis was discharged to go with Mr. M. L. Baker, East Weymouth in a store. Went for another large scow load of lumber, nails, etc. for the new building. Commenced making mortar for walls. Managers Lyman and Bowditch came home with me in P. M.

15. Went for still another load of lumber.

16. Nine men here today. Commenced to lay brick for foundation of new building. Started three corners.

25. The second Friends' Day of the season. The John Romer brought a goodly number of boys' friends and patrons of the school. Messrs. Lyman and Blanchard of the Board of Managers were present. Mr. Henry Harden and family, Mr. Jas. A. Page of Dwight School and others came. A very pleasant occasion.

27. Went this A. M. and got a load—a perch and a half of stone from the ledge at Squantum to use about our new building—this is in conformity to rights vested in due to the Institution. In P. M. went for potatoes, etc. from city. Plowed, planted fodder corn, cultivated, carted brick, sand, etc.

We will be glad to send back issues of the BEACON to subscribers. State year and month of number you desire.

In the next column is printed the full name of the members of the Graduating Class, together with a list of those completing courses designated.

### Diplomas Awarded 1931

The Graduating Class was:

Karl Richard Adams  
Henry Milton Caswell  
Darwin Chapdelaine  
Thomas William Eastty

Robert Henry Erwin  
Henry Ernest Hallman  
George Granville Hamilton  
Kenneth James

Kenneth Belmore Johnson  
John Donald MacGregor  
Ralph Wilson Milliken  
William Edward Nelson

Albert Horace Thompson  
Willis Middleton Wight

Those receiving Sloyd Diplomas were:

Royl Marsh Augustine  
Warren Earl Bates  
Lloyd William Blanchard  
Richard Leroy Bolingbroke

Stanley Veranous Burlingame  
Thomas William Eastty  
Charles Daniel Hallman  
Ellsworth Ensign Hills

Kenneth James  
John Daniel MacGregor  
Benjamin Franklin Middleton  
William Edward Nelson

Those awarded Forging Diplomas were:

Karl Richard Adams  
Henry Ernest Hallman  
Kenneth Belmore Johnson  
John Daniel MacGregor

Ralph Wilson Milliken  
Albert Horace Thompson

Those completing the Agricultural Course were:

Karl Richard Adams  
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We list below those present at the Alumni Field Day on June 17. The addresses which appear are of members not present at the Dinner in March.

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| 1873 | James H. Graham<br>Walter Herman  |      | Alton B. Butler,<br>80 East Concord St., Boston, Mass.  |
| 1883 | Frank L. Washburn   | 1927 | Hildreth R. Crosby<br>337 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.   |
| 1884 | William G. French<br>210 Roslindale Ave., Roslindale, Mass.   |      | Henry E. Gilchrist<br>Raymond Thomas  |
|      | Frank G. Bryant   |      | John W. Baxter<br>Howard S. Costello  |
| 1895 | George Bennett  |      | Burton Dorman<br>621 E. 5th St., So. Boston, Mass.  |
| 1897 | Merton P. Ellis<br>Clifford M. Pulson<br>15 Border Road, East Natick, Mass.                           |      | Francis Floyd<br>James E. Hughes<br>George C. Poole<br>Ralph I. Swan, Jr.<br>66 Appleton St., Brockton, Mass.   |
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| 1900 | Alfred C. Malm  |      | Carl P. Herman<br>John A. Paley<br>121 Glendower St., Boston, Mass.   |
| 1905 | Robert MacKay   |      | Henry A. Schramm<br>William Thompson  |
| 1916 | Herbert L. Dudley<br>Joseph L. Pendergast   | 1930 | Gordon K. Baxter<br>3 Bowline Pl., Woburn, Mass.  |
| 1917 | G. George Larsson   |      | Frank J. Dow<br>Box 1486, Boston, Mass.   |
| 1918 | Weston S. Gould   |      | Samuel Hall<br>Eugene R. Lurchin<br>7 Cressey Pl., Lynn, Mass.  |
| 1920 | Donald W. Ellis<br>103 Hollingsworth St., Lynn, Mass.   |      | Alan B. Scott<br>Roy V. Towne<br>Almon H. Whitmore<br>115 Francis St., Everett, Mass.   |
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| 1922 | Charles C. Shaw<br>Willis M. Smith  |      |   |
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| 1925 | William F. Anderson<br>219 So. Whitney St., Hartford, Conn.   |      |   |
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### Photograph Collections

A collection of F. T. S. photographs is one of the choicest possessions of a boy here at the school and even more treasured by graduates.

These photographs are bought from the school photo company which is run by two boys who develop, print, and sell them. The photos are of different happenings which occur on the Island, such as the landing of an aeroplane, a strange boat or something which interests the boys. Many pictures are taken of the boys.

We are sure that nothing can tell a story as well as a photograph.

Clyde W. Albee II

### Repairing a Boat

One of our rowboats was damaged while it was being hoisted onto the wharf. This impaired the boat so that it was necessary to take it to the shop to be renewed.

As I am one of the shop boys I helped to repair the boat. We made new ribs, repaired the side of the boat, and replaced much of the original hull. Two new seats were made, also new floorboards. We then filled the seams with plastic wood, and painted it. It looks almost like a new rowboat now.

Stanley V. Burlingame I

### Result:- Beach Supper

During the winter months four groups contested for the best Sunday night song service. The group winning was to have a beach supper.

One side would use slides to illustrate their service while another group would present interesting lectures. In one of the programs, a little microphone was connected to the chapel radio, and the meeting was led from another room. The boys, through their competition, often provided most colorful services.

The judges of the contest found the teams so evenly matched that it was decided to give all the boys a beach supper.

Royl M. Augustine I

### Vacations

Each year during the summer vacation the boys leave the Island for a week's vacation with their friends. All of the boys are given one week, but some extend this period by good conduct.

About half the boys went from June 22 to June 29. The other half went on June 30 and returned July 7. The boys enjoyed their vacations and upon their return to the Island began working hard to earn extra days for next year. It is possible to extend the vacation period from one week to more than three weeks.

John W. Proctor II

### First Steps in Paper Making

The best papers are made from rags and the first step in paper making is to have the rags delivered to the rag room of the paper mill. In this room women are employed to cut from the rags buttons, hooks, and other like objects. Old rags might carry disease and the women wear an outfit to protect themselves, including gloves. When the rags have been looked over they are taken to the tank room where they are boiled. This process takes from twelve to twenty-four hours. They are later cut into fine pieces. They are also put in a "duster" machine which removes lint and dust. They are then boiled once more.

This work is all very necessary if the finished paper is to be of the best quality.

Richard L. Bolingbroke I

### Being a Horseboy

Every July we have a change of work and sometimes during the year. In the July change of work I was changed from the office to the farm. From the farm line three boys are chosen to be horse boys. I was one of the boys selected. My duty is to get up at half past five in the morning, feed the horses, get down hay for the cows, and clean the horses. I go to the barn at five o'clock at night and do the same work. I also bed down the horses I clean. I like this work very much.

Dexter V. Woodman II

### Change of Work

Monday night most of the boys had their work changed. Some of the boys received the work they wanted and some didn't. Not everyone can have the same

work so the work was distributed to those who are most capable.

My work was changed to the morning farm which I like much better than the afternoon farm as it is much cooler.

Everett K. Bowlby II

### Flower Gardens

The boys each have a flower garden that they take care of. They are situated below the hedge.

The school gives the boys the seeds which they order. The boys also receive seeds from home.

The gardens are spaded and stone borders placed around them. When the seeds are planted, the weeds are kept out to let the plants grow.

At the end of the season prizes are awarded for the twenty best gardens.

Lloyd R. Morrison II

### Vacation

I was one of the group of forty eight boys whose vacation began on June 30. We left the island at ten o'clock in the morning. My brother was waiting at the point to take me home. When I arrived home I changed my clothes. I went to a theatre in the afternoon. During the week I went to Revere Beach, Braves Field, different theatres in Boston, and for long automobile rides. I came back to the Island July seventh happy that I had had such a fine time.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

### Listening In

Many of the boys have radios in their cottages and they listen in during their playtime. I have a four tube battery set and I enjoy listening in.

Most of the boys like to listen to the baseball games, band music and mystery plays. We are near several of the

larger broadcasting stations and the various programs always come in very clearly.

I think the radio is a most wonderful invention because it is so instructive and entertaining.

Reginald D. Randall I

### My Work

For the past month and a half I have worked in the power house. The work is different than anything else I have done.

The work that I do is not very hard but it is interesting, and I do not get tired of doing it.

My ambition now that I work in the power house is to study and pass a test for a fireman's license. If a boy gets a license I think it helps him to get a job after he leaves school.

William H. Parlee II

### Haying

This year there has been much hay put into the barn, and lately a crop of oats has been cut. The hay is cut by a mower and then it is left to dry in the sun. It is turned over a few times so that it will dry thoroughly. It is then loaded on a hay rack and hauled to the barn where it is stored in the haymows.

Frederick S. Very II

### Change of Work

Every year during July there is a change of work in the departments. Not all of the boys are changed. They are transferred later. There is a feeling of great anticipation among the boys when time for the change approaches. Everyone likes new work and new responsibilities.

Howard E. Taylor II

### The Jester's Comments

—Ellsworth Hills furnishes a choice bit for this column. He thinks that a stag is a horse. He quotes, "After the hunter chased the deer all day, his gallant stag fell dead."

—Some of the boys noticed that Larry West's hands were terribly sunburned. Upon questioning, Larry answered, "Well I was talking business with a friend."

—Reginald Burlingame maintains that Christopher Columbus was born in Egypt.

—Bill Randall didn't use a razor blade to scrape the spar bouy,— he used a plane blade. He soon began work with a hoe.

—Archie Pickard works on the steamer and is endeavoring to live the life of the rough and tough old seaman. He has begun war on the Seniors whom he maintains are "two-sided" whatever that is. Archie has a mind to be a regular bully, but hasn't the strength.

—On the poultry range braces were put inside the fence to support it. The hens now walk up them to longed-for freedom.

—"Red" Peard proves an enthusiastic listener to Jim Richie's baseball lingo. The former is invited to the ball field to pitch to the latter. The latter hits the ball and adds an apt expression such as "Webb's 51st double." An unseen audience enjoyed a recent demonstration.

—Larry "Tom Oliver" Dole made his first official error last Saturday. He misjudged a drive off the bat of slugger Parlee.

—During the absence of his bass horn, Jimmy AuClaire, versatile musician, has been filling in the depleted alto section. He operated various instruments during this period, but his genius failed recognition.

—The Fifth Class members enjoyed a recent leisure period. They were sent to pick beans, got as far as the ball field where the bean business was forgotten.

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The new athletic field is not finished but a level area sufficiently large for regulation junior base ball diamond has been made. This is a temporary arrangement until time permits the completion of the project.

This new athletic field is directly north of Cottage Row. The cottages have been moved to the west side of the play ground. Work on the grading of the field was started about two years ago and when completed it will provide a regulation base ball diamond, foot ball field and cinder track.

In the meantime the junior base ball diamond provides an excellent opportunity for the younger boys to derive much more pleasure and athletic training than is possible on the large diamond.

All boys at the school are members of one of the two clubs. These two clubs retain their members as long as the boys are enrolled at the school. The first team of each club competes against the other first team. The two second teams play a series of games and as many more pairs of teams are organized as there are boys to participate.

The system of athletics at The Farm and Trades School permits every boy to have this physical, mental, and moral training and in this respect it is ideal. Our boys are fortunate in having this opportunity rather than having the athletic program centered around one school team of five, nine or eleven boys.

All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been, is lying in magic preservation of books.

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### Topics in Brief

The school year commenced on July 14. One change, that of the Agricultural Instructor, was made in the teaching staff. With few exceptions, all the boys were promoted, and the new classes began at this time.

Mr. William Casey, a swimming instructor from the American Red Cross was sent to us for two weeks by the Massachusetts Humane Society through the efforts of Manager Charles P. Curtis, a director of the latter organization. All the boys were members of Mr. Casey's classes. Instruction was given to the more advanced swimmers in life saving, and several completed this course, receiving appropriate insignia from the Red Cross. At the close of the period every boy could swim and many were awarded pins and medals for outstanding progress.

Tennis has become one of the most popular games here this year. We have a fine court, and it is in use practically all of the time. The boys are now in preparation for a tournament which will be held soon. This latter event will include more than thirty of the boys.

Departmental changes were made on July 13. The work is graded according to the age of the boys, and consequently at the opening of school most of the boys are assigned advanced work.

The band was unfortunate in losing most of its best players at Graduation. However, our new band is slowly rounding into shape and we expect our band this year to be fully as capable as those we have been so proud of in years past.

During the summer months, there has been considerable landscape gardening accomplished including pruning of

trees, spading, and trimming of shrubbery.

Cottage Row Government held two elections this month. One was for the purpose of electing two judges, who will serve as long as they are members of the school. The other was the regular quarterly election. In addition to those elected several additional offices are appointive.

#### Superior Court Judge

Richard L. Bolingbroke

#### Lower Court Judge

Benjamin F. Middleton

#### Mayor

John W. Proctor

#### Aldermen

Robert W. Mitchell

Clyde W. Albee

Paul L. Hamilton

George F. Carr

Dexter V. Woodman

#### Assessor

Stanley V. Burlingame

Although they have held office for a very short period the new officials have done much in the way of improving Cottage Row.

The following boys were admitted to the school during the month:

Clayton Ellsworth Cheever, Spencer  
 William Elbert Cline, Malden  
 Richard H. Kollen, Cambridge  
 John Raymond Macdonald, Weston  
 Charles Maurice Mason, Everett  
 Weston Osgood Page, Melrose Hlds.  
 Norman John Peard, Wakefield  
 Ernest Frederick Peterson, Boston  
 Howard Eldridge North, Dorchester

The school has purchased a quantity of lumber which will be used to rebuild our dikes. The lumber has been transported to the Island from time to time during the past few months.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 31, 1931.

### RESOURCES

Savings Bank . . . . .	\$694.87
Securities . . . . .	500.00
Cash . . . . .	43.47
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	\$1238.34

### LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$539.34
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	431.58
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	54.10
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	27.29
Surplus . . . . .	186.03
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	\$1238 34

### July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the twenty-eighth.

Minimum Temperature 57° on the second.

Mean Temperature for the month 74°.

Eleven clear days, two partly cloudy, eighteen cloudy.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago, July 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

18. Messrs. Smith and Bates of Hingham came and spent the Sabbath with us. The former gentleman performing the religious services of the day.

19. This day Messrs. Gould, Grant, Kuhn, Bartol, Bowditch, Bemis and Hooper of the Board of Managers and about sixty friends of the scholars of the Institution visited the Island in the steamer Gen Lincoln. In the evening the boys amused themselves in firing whirls and sky rockets.

26. Edward M. Cooper discharged to go to his mother who resides in Liverpool, Onondage Co., N. Y. By order of the Managers furnished him with a railroad ticket \$6.00 to Albany, and cash \$5.75 to pay his passage from Albany to Syra-

cuse. Went to the depot with him and saw him leave in the cars.

30. Finished haying excepting the marsh. Cradled rye and cut the oats. Messrs. Geo. S. Morris and Hur from Baltimore visited the Institution, the former gentleman being about to establish a similar school in Baltimore.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, July 1881

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Working on the building goes on well.

4. The glorious Fourth but saddened by memories of the fate of our beloved President. (President Garfield was assassinated July 2, 1881). Quite a number of visitors were present. The usual number of attractions for the boys were had such as tub, wheelbarrow and other races, cat-boat rides and lastly fireworks.

9. Warren Connell admitted to the school.

17. Mr. Wm. Morrison officiated all day very pleasantly.

19. Mr. Thomas Hills and family called this P. M. when all took a sail to "Long Island" and was kindly shown the lenses by the light-keeper. Abraham Lincoln Gorham was discharged to-day and will go to Oak Park near Chicago Ill. to work with his father at upholstery.

26. "Visiting day" and a most unfortunate one for us and the friends of the boys as it rained almost all of the time.

### My New Work

Last Monday night my work was changed, and to my surprise, to the steamer.

I am the bow deckhand. I shine the brass in the pilot house veneer the wood-work, and so forth. On the outside of the boat, I scrub the decks and shine the brass. Although there is a great deal to do, I like the work.

Everett W. Stone II



### New School Year

On July 14, we started our new school year. As I enter the Senior Class I have many new subjects. They are Geometry, French, English II, and Biology.

In Geometry we have had our first proposition. We are studying nouns and definite articles in French. Our English consists of reproductions of various narratives and in Biology we study about the cells, tissues and organs of plants.

Although our studies are new and interesting, they are also much more difficult.

Robert W. Mitchell I

### Senior Dormitory

Each year after vacation the first class occupies Senior Dormitory. This is a small dormitory in which the first class sleeps. It is one of the many privileges the boys strive for when they first come to the school and the privilege is appreciated very much.

There are nine eight by eight foot sections with two boys in each section. The boys decorate these with pennants and other things in accordance with their individual taste.

The boys in this dormitory have special privileges such as listening to the radio and reading until nine o'clock.

Benjamin F. Middleton I

### New Studies

When school began on July 14, our class had three new studies in addition to English which we had already studied. The most interesting of the three I think is French. From the talk of other classes we understood it to be quite hard but on the contrary it seems to be very easy. As we have just started we have not gone

much farther than to learn two vocabularies and do short tests in each. Each step involves the last in addition to the new step.

For outside credit we may read short stories from a French story book. We are all glad to be able to read these stories, especially as only a short time ago they seemed far beyond us.

Ernest S. Armstrong I

### Milking Test Cows

At 4:45 A. M. the night supervisor calls another boy and I to milk.

After we don our overalls, we take our milk pails and cans down to the cow-barn. We weigh the grain and feed the cows giving them each different rations according to their ability to produce milk. When this work is finished we do our milking.

We do the same work again at 10:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M. At these times we bring the cows in from the pasture. We usually milk four cows each, but just now I am milking five.

Charles D. Hallman I

### Power House Notes

Many odd jobs have been done during the last month such as fixing electric lights in various parts of the main building. At the power house a new float has been put in the return tank between the pumps as the old one had a small hole in it.

All the valves on the radiators have been packed.

Royl M. Augustine I

### Baseball Schedule from August 15th:

Sat. Aug. 22. 1st & 2nd teams; Sat. Aug. 29. 1st & 3rd teams; Sat. Sept. 5. 1st & 2nd teams; Mon. Sept. 7. A. M. 3rd teams; P. M. Boys & Instructors; Sat. Sept. 12. 1st & 3rd teams; Sat. Sept. 17. 2nd & 3rd teams.

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The school is in receipt of Volume 11 of the American Bibliography, by Charles Evans, '66. The frontispiece explains the work as "A Chronological Dictionary of all Books, Pamphlets, and Periodical Publications printed in the United States of America. Volume 11 carries the work from 1796-1797. The first volume commenced with the year 1639.

This work is of international scope, and is subscribed to by all important libraries in this country, Canada, Australia, Cuba, South America, Japan, and every country in Europe. This bibliography is recognized by leaders in the literary field as a great accomplishment. The work has been eminently successful and is a recognized authority in the vast field of literature. Its success stamps Mr. Evans as a genius.

He began his career as an assistant in the old Boston Atheneum. It was in this capacity that his interest in literature was strongly marked. During the years following the Civil War he came in contact with nearly every famous American writer. This decade, America's golden age of scholarship and literary accomplishment, started Mr. Evans on his way to his well deserved international recognition.

Mr. Evans remained with the Boston Atheneum from 1866-1872. At this time he went to Indianapolis where he was engaged to organize the public library.

His next position was in Baltimore where he organized the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and four of its branches. He next went to Omaha where he reorganized the public library. Later he classified the Newberry Library of Chicago. He also organized the Virginia Library of the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago.

He is the founder of the American Libraries Association, an honorary member of the Library Association of United Kingdom, member of the Chicago Historical Society, in which organization he has held office.

Mr. Evans has kept in constant touch with the school. He regrets that distance will probably not allow him to visit here for some time. Although well over seventy years old he enjoys good health, and gives credit for this to Thompson's Island where he passed many happy boyhood years.

The school is deeply grateful to Mr. Evans for his kindness in making it a gift of these volumes. They are kept in the school library and the magnitude of the work never fails appreciation of visitors. The volumes furnish substantial evidence of the work this graduate is doing, and portray vividly the brilliant success which Mr. Evans has attained.

Mr. Evans has lived in Chicago for years. His address there is 1413 Pratt Avenue, Rogers Park, Chicago.



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### Steamer Boiler Inspection

One day Mr. Meacham told me that the boiler inspector was coming to examine the steam boiler, and to get it ready. The first thing I did was to take the fire out and then the grates. The other engineer and I then cleaned the fire box. When the boiler was cold we drained out the water.

When the inspector came he told the engineer to remove certain handholes. When this was accomplished he looked in with the aid of a small light. He then examined the tubes, and tapped several of them. He looked about the boiler and then told us to wash it out and replace the the handholes.

James E. Douglas I

### Raiding a Chimney

In the early spring of 1926 a hive of Italian bees swarmed and mysteriously disappeared. In the winter of 1927 this swarm evidently had died, and we had no bees until 1930. At this time more were purchased and I took charge of the hives.

A few days ago some of the boys brought to my attention the fact that bees were flying in and out of a chimney of the Main Building. I watched and was sure that the bees were the last swarm.

A day or two later another boy and I raided the chimney. It was hard work getting the comb out of chimney. We

finally got this job done and received only five stings for our trouble. The honey did not have a very good flavor because it was crystalized and we melted it. The chimney did not yield as much honey as we thought it should. Our total harvest was about ten pounds.

Lloyd W. Blanchard I

### Second Class Work

The Second Class has accomplished much work during the summer term. In General History we have finished the chapters on Greece, and have started the study of Rome. In Science we covered three units called "How to Control Our Environment", "Air and its Services to Man", and "Foods and How We Use Them." In English we have completed Scott's "Lady of the Lake," besides doing much work in Grammar. In Algebra we have studied addition, subtraction, multiplication, and removal of parentheses.

John A. Fitzgerald II

### A Trip to Town

A few days ago an Instructor took two other boys and myself to town to see the picture "Huckleberry Finn." We left the Island about one o'clock and at City Point we took a car and finally arrived at the Metropolitan Theatre.

There was a long waiting line at the theatre, and after waiting some time the best seats we could get were in the balcony. We enjoyed the show very much. The picture was very good, and the vaudeville also. When we left the theatre our Instructor got each of us a pound box of chocolates. We took the car back to City Point and got there in time for the five o'clock trip.

William W. Fish III

### Cottage Row Improvements

Cottage Row Government has been very active lately. A new cinder street has been made, which looks very well. All of the cottages are being painted, both inside and out, and many repairs are being made. Lawns have been established, and much gardening done. Also the area in back of the cottages has been graded somewhat. Cottage Row is a very busy place nowadays.

Frederick S. Very II

### Swimming

We have all enjoyed the swimming season, and it has been the best for many years. We have two and sometimes three swims a day. All the boys can swim for during the month of July, an Instructor spent two weeks teaching the beginners and helping the older boys to perfect their strokes. He came here through the efforts of our Manager Mr. Charles P. Curtis. The swimming Instructor told us many things to practice, which we do. Sometimes the water is very rough, which adds to the fun. We swim from either of two places, according to the depth of the tide.

Ernest S. Armstrong I

### An Unusual Sight

Not long ago, while making a trip to City Point, I saw an amphibian flying overhead. It circled around and did

many maneuvers, and then glided down until it came to a stop at the side of a boat which sells gasolene. One of the pilots then spoke to a man on the gasolene boat. I could see the salesman putting the gasolene hose into the tank on the plane. He then put some oil into the engine of the plane. After the flyer had paid for his fuel he started the motor and soon was flying overhead.

Reginald D. Randall I

### Power House Notes

Much in the way of repairs has been done during the past few weeks. Minor repairs have been made in the laundry machinery and piping. A new water box has been installed in the boys' toilet. New liquid has been put in the refrigerator so that the ice freezes very well now.

We are preparing the boiler for inspection which will be very soon. This work includes the scraping of the inside of the boiler, and cleaning dirt and soot from the outside. This is done by climbing in the firebox and washing the boiler with water. All valves around the boiler will be repacked.

New walls for the firebox, and new grates have also been ordered and will be installed very soon.

Royl M. Augustine I

### The Jenney Concert

Every Sunday night a concert by Walter Smith's band is broadcast from station WEEL. All the Seniors look forward to this concert and as soon as church is over the concert is tuned in. I like the trumpet solos best, especially the very high and low notes and technical playing. The band usually plays some pieces which our band plays and we enjoy these very much.

Charles D. Hallman I

### The Jester's Comments

—Ignorance may be bliss, but Larry Dole realized it didn't help school marks to say "I don't know." In history class he was asked where President McKinley was assassinated. He replied "In Alaska." Also, in a late class Brickly Stone factored three into nine once, and was positive he was correct. But the young man taking a college intelligence test who said that the pitcher was the most important member of a football team gets first prize.

—Harry Dow was brought a basin of warm water with disinfectant in which to soak a sore foot. When the basin was handed to him he inquired wistfully, "You want me to drink it?" Harry is also responsible for another fine story for this column. He inquires as to who won the draw between Walker and Sharkey.

—Norman Peard has been anxious to join Charlie Hallman's Air Corps. Norman was informed of the corps upon his arrival at the school, but has not been able to gain admittance.

—Tommy Killeen takes pleasure in introducing to the uninitiated Rabbit Maranville's method of making the vest pocket catches.

—Bunker Bean helped in the poultry house a short time ago, and thereby increased considerably his knowledge of hens and roosters, and the difference thereof. The main thing which Bunker has learned is that roosters do not lay eggs.

—One day not long ago Maggie Magee sent the office boy on a hunt for his instructor so that he could get a key to the clothing room where he was to work. The instructor was making a boat trip at the time, and the office boy was sent everywhere to find him. After much time had been spent in the hunt the Instructor came to the Clothing Room and called for Maggie. The latter was then hunting

for his Instructor. Finally the two met and the Instructor asked Maggie to let him see his key ring. Sure enough there was the clothing room key which Maggie had carried with him for some time.

### The Tennis Tournament

A few weeks ago one of our teachers posted a tennis notice. It was an announcement of a tournament, and thirty-two boys asked to participate. Then a schedule was arranged showing the program of games on a large chart. After the first round of the tournament there were only sixteen boys left. The second round has just begun. To keep his place in the following round each player must win two out of three sets. Our teacher has offered an athletic sweater to the winner of the tournament.

Charles J. Hardman I

### A Fall

One day during my playtime I went to the playground and began playing on the apparatus. I thought I would try to walk across the top. I stood on the top balancing myself, then I started to walk slowly across. Suddenly, I lost my balance. I tried to take hold of the bar, but I missed it and fell to the ground. I shall never try to do that again.

William E. Cline VI

### Football Prospects

Although the season is still some time away the boys are already discussing the merits of the football strength of the two clubs. Most of us believe that the clubs are very evenly matched, and that the football season will provide many exciting well-played games.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

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Wars are fought because a nation or part of a nation thinks it is being wronged and it proceeds to defend itself. The opposing nation or section retaliates in kind and before we know it a merciless onslaught has come about. If a similarly vicious fight were between two individuals we would call it "assault with intent to kill" and the State would severely punish one or both of the combatants. We contend that war is just as wrong as individual fights and endeavor to so teach the youth of today.

Our differences of opinion come largely from misunderstandings, what we had thought the other fellow had in his heart. We thought he meant to hurt us. We are oversensitive. We do not tolerate nor strive to befriend as we should. Summer residents in a small sea shore village find difficulty in making friends of their new and strange neighbors. City dwellers and country folk have little in common and because they are strangers each belittles the other.

We on Thompson's Island find ours a rather unique situation. We are residents of the city of Boston and as such "rub elbows" with city folk. But ours is a large farm, 157 acres of land, 40 Guernsey cows, 600 hens, etc., therefore we are farmers. And yet again we are an educational institution, a complete academic unit, an extensive trade school, and a thorough agricultural school. We also have the distinction of living on an island and our residence is the envy of all—a year round home at the seashore. May we ever put service above self and con-

tinually strive to understand our neighbors and strangers.

### Topics in Brief

The Third Friends' Day of the season took place on August 3. Ideal weather prevailed, and the day was enjoyed by a large number of the boys' relatives and friends. A feature of the occasion was the presence of Mr. LeRoy S. Kenfield, '84. Mr. Kenfield directed our school band and was warmly received by those present.

The main sport during the month was the continuance of the baseball series. Club A has won the necessary number of games to win the coveted Crosby Shield. Six teams are playing a regular schedule of games, and we are using two playing fields.

The boys in the paint shop have done a fine job on the washroom. The interior has been painted, steam pipes bronzed, and minor repairing accomplished.

Major repairs were made on our steam boiler during the month. The work included the installation of new fire brick walls and rocker grates. Following the completion of this work the boiler was tested and found to be in good condition. The inspector found the steam boiler in our steamer PILGRIM also in good condition.

Cottage Row Government has made several notable improvements during the past few weeks. A new street has been laid. The street is made of cinders, and is the first step toward the zoning of lots since the Row has had its new location. Most of the cottages have had a coat of paint, both inside and out. The courts have been busy, too, having conducted several trials in the past month.

One of the Instructors, whose hobby is keeping bees, bought several hives and has placed the management in the care of one of the boys, who, in turn, has an assistant. There are two hives of Caucasian bees totaling 120,000, and one hive of Italian bees numbering eighty thousand. This year the Caucasians produced 28 pounds of honey while the Italians gave 50 pounds. The Caucasians swarmed this spring but the Italians were prevented from so doing. One hive of the Caucasians has been queenless for three months, and the bees are slowly dying. Two attempts have been made to replace the queen but both were unsuccessful. The hive is going to be destroyed and a new hive is planned for. The boys have taken a great deal of interest in all the phases of bee-keeping and it is indeed a valuable training for those who participate.

Seven cows were recently sold to a farmer in New Hampshire. Six of them were registered and one was a Guernsey grade. They were all transported to City Point on the scow and then went by truck to Warner, N. H. This sale was another step in our program of herd improvement. Only the best are kept and the others are sold or butchered. There are now thirty-six Guerneys in the herd. Many of the young heifers are about to freshen. Our milk supply is still over a quart per person per day. There will soon be more cows for sale.

We have had a series of Sunday Evening Church Services, which have been conducted almost wholly by the boys. The meetings have been varied, and have been well prepared. They resemble in many respects the type of the service conducted by Christian Endeavor societies.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Aug. 31, 1931.

### RESOURCES

Savings Bank . . . . .	\$694.87
Securities . . . . .	500.00
Cash . . . . .	59.43
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	\$1254.30

### LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$529.26
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	444.63
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	58.79
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	37.59
Surplus . . . . .	184.03
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	\$1254.30

### My Cottage

Last Friends' Day, when my friends came I had nothing to show in my cottage, except the new door step which was the beginning of a good cottage.

During the next few days the appearance of the cottage changed greatly. A new window was put in, new curtains made, clapboards replaced, one window hinged, and the trimmings inside and out painted. The outside is painted gray and white, while the inside is light blue and white. The bookcase and snail bench were both scraped and painted. Two camp chairs were made, pictures hung up, pennants hung, and a table added. We also have a victrola and a two tube radio set.

William F. Gleisman III

### Poultry House Work

Every morning John Fitzgerald and I go to the Poultry House. He gets hoes and pails and I get a wheelbarrow. We clean off the roosts. When they are clean we lift the roosts up. Late in the after-

noon they are let down.

During this week we have been cleaning the pens which were used by hens which we have culled.

Reginald A. Burlingame IV

### Dining Room Work

In the Dining Room we have races to see who can finish his work first. This includes taking the dishes to the dishwasher, getting clean dishes for the tables, brushing the crumbs from the tables, and sweeping the floor. I work on the dish washer and take care of the store room.

Howard E. North V

### A Printer's Prayer

A few days ago I was reading and discovered a printer's prayer. I like it very much, as do all the Printing Office boys. It is as follows:-

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

Clyde W. Albee II

### Taking Care of Cows

One morning when I went to the farm the Instructor told me to drive four cows to a field near the vegetable cellar. I watched them until eleven thirty, then I drove them back to the barn.

I like this work very much.

James T. Ritchie V

New khaki suits have been given each boy to wear in the classrooms.



### August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the sixth.

Minimum Temperature 58° on the thirty-first.

Mean Temperature for the month 76°.

Sixteen clear days, none partly cloudy, fifteen cloudy.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago, Aug. 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

12. Received a visit from Messrs. Gould, Bowditch, and Bayley of the Board of Managers who brought with them thirty-seven suits of new clothing designed for the Sabbath.

26. Went on a fishing excursion with thirty boys, about four miles below Boston Light. The day was fine and all seemed to enjoy the sail very much.

27. Received a visit from a small party from Braintree, consisting of Mr. B. V. French, lady and father, J. Thayer, lady and sister, Chas. Haywood and lady, and Geo. Daniels. Daniels was formerly a pupil at this institution but for about three years past has been an apprentice to B. V. French, Esq.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Aug. 1881

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. The "Lyman" towed the scow to City Point for a load of slate for the new roof. But seven men here today.

2. The steamer brought the scow home with the slate. A. H. Barnard admitted to-day—from "Church Home."

3. Weather and work the same as yesterday. The farm work and building goes on well. The boy Geo. Bell had an adventure to-day which came near proving serious. Being engaged in carting

wood from the shore, on shoving a plank on the cart, the horse took fright and ran to the barn with the cart and Master Bell clinging on to horse on cart. We hardly know how but he escaped injury.

5. The steamer went for cement, drain pipe, etc. for the cellar.

8. Cooler. Twelve men of various trades here to-day. The new building is slated and looks very nicely.

13. This P. M. Mr. John Evans came and drilled our band. He is leader of the Hingham band.

24. The "Rose Standish" brought the friends of the boys to-day and the "William Harrison" came for them.

31. The steamer beached and scraped for painting. This is the birthday of Mr. J. R. Morse who is 47 years old.

### Calves

On our farm we have twelve healthy purebred Guernsey calves. Their ages range from a few weeks to a year. It is my job to feed the calves each morning and night.

During the first month a calf is fed whole milk. After that age she is gradually changed to skim milk made by dissolving powdered milk in water. This mixture is made up of three quarters of a pound of powder mixed with four pounds of warm water. This is gradually increased as the calf grows older.

After a year of this diet, the milk is taken from the calf and it is fed whole grain and hay. The calf has been given grain and hay with the milk during the first year. Each calf is given a pound and a half of calf grain and as much hay as she will eat. The grain is composed of bran, cornmeal, ground oats, cottonseed meal and salt.

The calves are sometimes put in the barnyard for exercise.

George F. Carr I

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A short time ago a valuable band composition was found carefully stored with other music. This composition called "Post 68, G. A. R.," was written by the celebrated composer, Mr. E. E. Bagley and published by the Brenton-Bagley Music Company. The former, HAROLD E. BRENTON, '90, now has a most important position with the American Federation of Musicians.

"Post 68, G. A. R." march is a band composition known to all bandsmen, and the name will recall many memories to older members of our school bands. The number was dedicated to Mr. John A. Morse, our bandmaster for about fifty years. Mr. Brenton was his successor.

The following letter was found with the composition and we feel sure will be read, especially by the older graduates, with much interest.

Mr. Morse:

This march written at my suggestion by Mr. Bagley for your Post was in compliment to you. Not knowing of your likes or dislikes in regard to using name we did not use . . . . at sight of name you would instantly realize we meant it for you. It is one of Mr. Bagley's best marches, and well liked by all bands. Please accept with compliments of us both.

Harold E. Brenton

ROGER L. HOLON, '30, was a recent visitor at the school. He is employed at the Fillmore Farms, at Bennington, Vermont. He would like to hear from any of his classmates and mail addressed as above will reach him.

SAMUEL O. HALL, '30, is working

on a milk truck. He lives at 168 Washington Street, Medford. He is a frequent visitor at the school.

CHESTER F. WRIGHT, '30, has visited the school recently. He also subscribed to the BEACON. His address is 115 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge.

JACK HOBSON, '27, has returned from Union City, Indiana where he was staying with relatives. He is now living at 171 E. Squantum St., Atlantic, Mass.

BURTON DORMAN, '27 is recovering from a serious illness. He was confined at the City Hospital for some time, but is now at his home at 621 E. 5th Street, South Boston.

A number of the graduates went to Camp Devens this summer for the various training periods. Many were with detachments of the National Guard, while some were members of the C. M. T. C.

WALDO E. LIBBY, '22, remains on the R. K. O. circuit. His ability as a musician, and natural stage showmanship have kept him in the business, even though vaudeville has been largely supplanted by the talkies. His friends were glad to see him in a large Boston theatre recently.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, was employed during the summer at a drugstore in Wolfeboro, N. H. In September he will return to the University of New Hampshire for his second year of college work.



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### Cottage Row Dance

Cottage Row Government planned a dance for Labor Day evening, and began getting the Assembly Hall ready some days before. Decoration schemes were tried, and the best one was chosen. The result was a very colorful and prettily decorated hall.

The dance started at half past seven and the Instructors, First Class, Cottage Row Officers and Shareholders were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Meacham led the Grand March. During this dance streamers were given to each dancer and they were thrown about the hall. The many colors of the streamers added much to the dance.

A schedule of dances followed the Grand March. There were Fox Trots, One Steps and Waltzes. Many of the Waltzes were danced under the light of a large harvest moon which one of the boys made. All those present got into the spirit of the party and everyone had a fine time.

When the dance was about half over there was an intermission. Refreshments were served consisting of chocolate ice cream, cookies and punch. The punch was served from a very large bowl, which was placed in a corner of the hall.

Following the intermission the dancing was resumed. It continued until half

past ten when a moonlight waltz ended the party. As we left the hall we realized what a great success the dance had been.

John W. Proctor II

### Labor Day

Labor Day was observed at the School as usual, but the events during the day were much different than they have been during the other years I have been here.

In the morning there was a baseball game between the third teams of each club. Club A won the game by one run.

In the afternoon the Boys and Instructors played their last game of the season. The boys had lost more games than they had won during the summer when they played the Instructors, and were anxious to win the last game. The game was very well played, and except for a few lapses the score would have been much closer. The boys won the game 8-6. There was much cheering during the game, as all of the Boys and Instructors came to watch it.

In the evening Cottage Row Government gave a dance which was very much enjoyed. The school orchestra supplied the music which was very fine. The dance ended at half past ten at which time we went to bed, happy that the day had been so pleasant.

Dexter V. Woodman II

### Taking Care of the Lawn Mowers

Considerable time has been spent this summer in caring for the lawn mowers. We have many large lawns to cut and to do this well we must have our seven mowers in perfect condition.

For a short time it was my duty to keep them in repair. This included sharpening, adjusting the knife, oiling, and seeing that they were cutting correctly. I also had to fix the gears and keys which keep the blades in motion.

We use two methods with which to sharpen the mowers. The first being by removing a wheel and inserting a crank in the end of the axle of the blades. A small amount of grinding compound is put on the knife and as the crank is turned the compound grinds down both the blades and the knife. Two kinds of compound are used. The first is coarse, which takes off the roughness, and the second is a fine composition which finishes the job. The second method to sharpen a mower is to change the gear in the left wheel with the gear in the right wheel. With the gears changed the blade action is reversed. Grinding compound is then applied to the knife and the mower is pushed upside down, thus sharpening it.

I find repairing the lawn mowers very interesting and I am always glad to have the job when I can.

Clyde W. Albee II

### Football

Baseball season is almost over and the thoughts of football are entering our minds. Since Club A has won the shield for baseball, Club B has decided to put up a good fight for the football shield.

Club B has been trying to find some boys to fill the places in the line and backfield and so far we have very successful. The boys who have gone out for the

team have all had their chance and it remains to be seen whether or not they are good enough for the team.

I hope that Club B gets the shield in football.

Stanley V. Burlingame I

### Baseball Season

The baseball season is drawing to a close. Twenty-six games have been played. The results are as follows:

First teams—Club A, 5; Club B, 4.

Second teams—Club A, 3; Club B, 2.

Third teams—Club A, 2; Club B, 2.

Extra teams—Instructors, 4; Boys, 2.

The first team of Club A has won the Crosby shield by taking five games out of the scheduled nine. Club A's second team has won three games to Club B's two. In the third teams, the clubs are tied, two all.

Robert W. Mitchell I

### Cutting Corn

Not long ago the boys on the farm started cutting the corn for the silo. When the corn is cut, it is put in piles, then loaded on the dump carts and taken to the silo. There the corn is cut up into small pieces and blown up a pipe to the top of the silo, where it falls down inside the silo. The boys in the silo spread it around and tramp it down.

Everett K. Bowlby II

### Examinations

At the end of each school term the classes have examinations. The Summer Term tests begun September 25. In our class our first test was in Biology. The second test was in French, a subject which we all like. On the next day we had an English examination and the last test was in Geometry. The boys all feel happy when their tests are over, even though some of the marks are not very high.

Richard L. Bolingbroke I

### An Aerial Combat

One morning when I was working on the farm I heard the drone of an airplane motor. I looked up, and saw a plane clearing the trees of our island. As it gained altitude, another plane came into view. This was one of the new Army planes. The two planes were up in the clouds for about five minutes. Again they came chasing each other, doing every trick they knew. At last one of the planes got under the opponent's tail, and the pilot then glided to the airport. The other did a few loops and flew away.

Bertrand F. Allen IV

### A New Feature

There is a comparatively recent addition to our BEACON, a column called "The Jester's Comments." It has been a great success, and has proved worthy of becoming a permanent part of our paper. The column is made up of humorous incidents in which the boys are concerned. The boys report incidents which they believe might make good material for the column. The best are selected each month and published so that we may all enjoy them.

William S. Wilson III

### The Jester's Comments

—Larry Dole was told to feed the cattle some grain, and a few minutes later his Instructor found him rationing out a basket of sawdust. Larry will make a good farmer . . . someday.

—Larry West and a few other boys were washing a schoolroom the other day. Larry suddenly burst into poetry, reciting the "Village Blacksmith." The other boys being human, cut shot the inspired Larry with a few well placed scrub clothes. A brilliant scuffle followed in which Larry kicked his bucket, and spent the rest of

his time wiping the water from the floor.

—Leon Bickford thinks a mountain chain is a group of peninsulars.

—Rouse, Littlejohn, and Bickford are sure that all necessary vitamins are found in apples. They are known to say that apples found in their pockets came not from the orchard but from the Band Hall and Sloyd Room. Perhaps they grow on music racks and sloyd benches.

The results of inquiries pertaining to some nicknames:-

—"Bear-Hunter" Burlingame. His exploits in the wilds of Canada earned this title.

—"Beadie" Armstrong, erstwhile player of the "Beadiephone," a certain kind of clarinet manipulation.

—"Fisherman" Douglas. His chatter of ocean business of all description is responsible.

—"Scully" Pratt's nickname was willed him by his older brother.

—"Dan" Howley's name comes directly from the gentlemen of the same name widely known in sporting circles.

—"Bunker" Bean's name comes from a movie character of the same name.

—"Varsity" Beck - a small boy with big athletic ambitions. His inability to keep out of the older boys' sports earned this nickname.

—"Bertha" Bent. You should see her strut.

—Dow's nickname is "Hank" - and he likes it. A Vermont exile, together with his Yankee speech and talent for farming earned his title.

—"Red" Peard. is so called because of his flaming red hair. "Red" is also quite a scrapper, and it is possible he may earn a more distinguished title. His last fistic encounter resulted in a clean victory over "Bunny" Mason. The latter's nick name was brought to the School by him.

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## Editorial by a Boy

"On my word of honor" is an expression which we hear and use very often. It means little or much, depending upon who uses it. To a great many it is just another shop-worn phrase.

In order to clearly understand just what this expression should mean we must first stop and decide what we mean by honor. Is it just a word to be played with and flung around at will? It is not. Real honor goes hand in hand with respect. It is something which directs us to always do what is right.

If one can say "I will do this thing on my word of honor" and do it, he automatically demands and gets respect. On the other hand if this expression is used merely as a method of persuasion, he will lose, and deservedly so, the respect and confidence of those who would be happy to trust him.

In olden times many deeds and transactions were founded on honor. A man's word was a binding note. If he broke his word of honor he was considered an outcast. He lost his self-respect and the respect of his friends and business associates.

It is the same today. A man who uses his word of honor without regard to its true meaning is regarded with much mistrust by those who know him. On the contrary select an older person whom you respect. Consider his dealings with you. Has he ever been untrue to the accepted code of honor? Doesn't he live an honorable life? Without doubt, otherwise he would not command respect.

Let us then, the coming generation of the world, think more about honor, and its true meaning. Let us refrain from making promises we cannot fulfill, or doing things that will reflect upon our honor. Let us consider our pursuits so carefully and with so much thought and discretion that we will always have the respect of our friends and associates.

### Topics in Brief

The Fourth Friends' Day was held on Friday September 4. The day was ideal in every way, and the group present greatly enjoyed the pleasant occasion. Several members of the Alumni Association were present and renewed acquaintances.

Labor Day was celebrated, as is our custom, with athletic events. Two baseball games were played, the first game being played between two club teams and the second between the Boys' team and the Instructors. In the evening a dance was given by Cottage Row Government.

The baseball competition for the Crosby Shield and Cups ended this month. Club A won the Shield by defeating Club B five games to four. Six teams played a regular schedule and our new athletic field was used for many of the contests. The boys' attention has now been given to football, and the first scheduled game in this sport will take place soon.

The tennis tournament has closed and Stuart Macdonald won the trophy. He defeated John Fitzgerald in the deciding match. The tournament was a success in every way. It was sponsored by Mr. Walston, one of our academic teachers, who also donated the prize which was awarded the winner.

Our Bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren has drilled the Band regularly each week and much progress has been made. A concert is played each Monday night at Grade Reading, and many standard compositions have been played by the boys. A feature of the Band is the Brass Quartet which plays for special occasions. There are about forty members in the Band. A Beginners' Band is also maintained and consists of twenty-two members.

We have begun work rebuilding the dike on the east side of the Island. This will be a long task because we must do it at those times when other work will not be affected. We have made a good start on this job, however, and plan to get it completed just as soon as possible.

The Summer term of school will end soon. The boys will enjoy a vacation period of one week from school work. During the Fall term Agricultural classes will be in session.

Seven rabbits were born here this month and are the latest pets. They are owned by one of the boys, who has been busy for the past few days making a shelter for them in our Storage Barn.

The Farm and Trades School Trading Company has been open several times lately. It is here that the boys buy the little luxuries that they need. It is run on general business principles, so that the experience of those boys in charge is a valuable asset.

The wharf rail has been repaired where needed. One of the floats has been beached for the winter. Other necessary work has been accomplished about the wharf and boats.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago, Sept. 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Went to city again with Austin and Carpenter who were permitted to join the Navy, the latter as an apprentice. Wm. H. Kennedy returned from Conway and was also permitted to join the Navy as an apprentice. Mr. J. H. Locke visited the institution.

10. Mrs. Morrison set out on a visit to Montpelier, Vt. Geo. W. Chase returned. Received a visit from Geo. G. Channing, Esq. of Boston, who performed the religious services of the day.

15. Mary Driscoll left. Paid her bill to date \$16.00. Received a visit from Messrs. Grant and Gray of the Board of Managers. Samuel Decastro admitted. Born in Boston August 12, 1831, son of Domingo Decastro, labourer, who lives at No. 720 Washington Street. The boy has a step-mother, his own mother being dead. Wm. Brett admitted, born in Hallowell, Maine, August 17, 1834. His mother, Mrs. Belindy Brett lives at No. 6 Hawkins St. and his aunt Mrs. C. Tucker at No. 2 Carney Place. Captain Moore of the Apprentices brig visited the Island.

20. A boat from the "Columbus" with thirty apprentices came to the Wharf with a view of visiting the island, but having no permit from the Managers for that purpose it was thought not advisable to grant their request.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Sept. 1881.

As Kept by the Superintendent

7. The hottest day of the year. 100° in the shade. The Superintendent went to Worcester to attend the New England Agricultural Fair. Pres. Garfield carried to Long Branch. Poor man—how he suffered—Why is it thus! Samuel L. Taylor discharged to his mother who has a place

for him in the Herald Office. The new hall completed and the carpenters left. We are not sorry. Since May 24th on every pleasant working day our boats have crossed to the "Point" and met the builders at 7 o'clock or earlier and returned them at 6 P. M. When the tides favored the steamer was the boat—at other times the "Lyman"—"Emma and Willie."

The boat boys have been as follows.  
James H. Graham, Captain and Engineer  
Abraham L. Graham, Mate and pilot  
William H. Haley, Deck hand  
Chas. H. Perry, Deck hand  
Chas. Green, Deck hand

All have done nobly and have my warm commendation for the faithful performance of their duties. Several other boys have assisted in the boat from time to time—all of whom have done well. The building just completed is a fine one. It is to be used for industrial purposes.

8. To-day is set apart by the nation as a day of prayer for our dear martyred President. That it may please God to so bless the means used for the restoration of his health that they shall prevail. Agreeably to the Proclamation of Gov. Long as well as to our own feelings—we assembled in our school room at eleven o'clock and engaged for an hour in appropriate services. The occasion was solemn and I trust made a suitable impression on the boys, who have constantly shown a deep interest in the condition of the wounded President. Boys commenced work in new shop, sawing and planing—on fencing material—the first workers were John Burns, Eustace H. Grout and Charles Seaver.

9. Chas. H. Perry discharged to his uncle, Herbert H. Perry, who has a position for him in Oliver Ditson's Music Store.



The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Aug. 31, 1931.

RESOURCES

Savings Bank . . . . .	\$694.87
Securities . . . . .	500.00
Cash . . . . .	59.43
	<u>\$1254.30</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$529.26
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	444.63
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	58.79
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	37.59
Surplus . . . . .	184.03
	<u>\$1254.30</u>

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 90° on the tenth and eleventh.

Minimum Temperature 37° on the twenty-fifth.

Mean Temperature for the month 66.5°.

Twenty-three clear days, one partly cloudy, six cloudy.

Bees

It is surprising to know how many people do not know the least thing about bees. Some people think that the queen is the only survivor of the winter, and I have heard many other suppositions. Here are the facts about bees wintering over.

When it comes fall and the flowers stop bearing nectar, the drones or males are driven out and killed. When the temperature falls lower than 57°, the bees form a cluster with the queen in the center. The cluster is made up of a hollow ball of bees with those on the inside making heat by muscular activity, The bees on the outside change places every few minutes so that no bees suffer from the cold.

Lloyd W. Blanchard I

Building Dikes

For the past few weeks the farm boy have been rebuilding the east side dike. New posts have been put in and all the planking has been renewed. The posts are very heavy and will last a long time, as they are railroad ties.

The planks are about four or five inches thick, a foot wide, and weigh about three hundred pounds apiece. Clay has to be scraped up from the beach for filling in the places between the dike and the bank, as great gaps were washed away. This work will probably take quite a long time as there are many other jobs that must be done on the farm.

Charles J. Hardman I

Football

Next Saturday, the first teams of Club A and B will play the first football game of the season of 1931. For the past two weeks, both teams have been practicing very diligently. The teams are quite evenly matched and both teams expect a hard game. The field has been marked off and the goal posts have been put up. Everything is ready for the opening game. I hope Club A wins the shield.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

Piano Lessons

Mr. Khilstrom, our sloyd instructor, is teaching me to play the piano. Every Sunday afternoon he gives me a new lesson. I practice from 4:30 P. M. until 5:30 P. M. every afternoon.

I started in June and can play a few hymns and exercises. Mr. Khilstrom devotes much of his time and I am grateful for the opportunity to study. I like the piano and hope to play quite well before I leave this School.

Charles D. Hallman I

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The records at the school give the following information regarding the members of the Class of 1931.

Karl R. Adams is attending the Hopedale High School. His address is 20 Oak Street, Hopedale, Mass. He has visited the school recently.

Henry M. Caswell is employed at the Meredith Farm, Topsfield, Mass., where, in return for his work, he is given necessary high school expenses. He attends the Topsfield High School.

Darwin Chapdelaine is a student at Newton High School. His address is 375 Newtonville Ave., Newtonville, Mass. He was a recent visitor here.

Thomas W. Easty has commenced his studies at the Boston Trade School. His address is 19 Benton Street, Roxbury.

Robert H. Erwin is attending East Greenwich Academy, Greenwich R. I. Mail addressed to that school will reach him.

Henry E. Hallman is living with relatives in San Jose, California. He is a student at the high school there. His address is 4 Rutland Ave., that city.

George G. Hamilton is living at 120 Hudson Street, Somerville and is attending high school in that city. He visited the school recently.

Kenneth James is a student at Wentworth Institute. His address is 467 Pleasant Street, Melrose, Mass.

Kenneth B. Johnson is living at 48 Harvard Street, Whitman, Mass. He has been doing band and orchestra work this summer, and plans to continue.

John D. MacGregor is living at 57 Prospect Street, Waverly, Mass., and is attending Waltham High School.

Ralph W. Milliken is living at Greenwich Village, Mass., and is attending the Belchertown High School at Belchertown, Mass.

Edward W. Nelson is living at 32 Alexander Street, Dorchester. He is at present employed in a market, and expects to begin a course in Advertising soon at a leading Boston school.

Albert H. Thompson is employed by a theatrical concern. His address is Rosemary Street, Wellesley Hills, Mass. He was one of our recent visitors.

Willis M. Wight is living at 62 Norton Street, No. Weymouth, Mass. He visited the school recently and was undecided at that time as to just what he would do this winter.

The Alumni Editor would be happy to receive any additional information regarding the class members of 1931, or any other class. Why not write and tell us of your present work and special interests so that we may pass it on to your friends through this column?

WILLIAM H. WARING, '22, visited the school recently for a few days. He spent his time here in the Sloyd Room gathering information regarding our Sloyd Course. He is to teach this subject in a school in New York, and has already commenced this work. His home address is 9 Crestmore Road, Montclair, New Jersey.

HOWITT R. WARREN, '27, is employed at the Brookdale Fruit Farm at Hollis, New Hampshire. He visited the school a short time ago.



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### Hallowe'en

This year we had one of the best Hallowe'en parties that we have had for some years. The Gymnasium was gayly decorated with the Hallowe'en pictures, corn, and other things.

About half past seven we formed and went on the "Ghost Walk." This was in charge of the First Class. We went down the Back Road to the barn where there were a number of ghosts running around trying to scare us. Water and sawdust was in abundance, and every boy in the walk was treated liberally. Next we went through a box which had some sort of an electrical charge. The Seniors led us through the barn, around the boat house, and finally back to the house.

After we had been at the house for a while we went to Hallow's Inn, which was a name given to the Gymnasium for the occasion. As soon as we were all seated the Costume Parade was staged. Among the many characters in the parade were a Chinaman, a Jew and Jewess, Clowns, Irishman, a rabbit, and many others. They marched around the Inn and then came the awarding of prizes. The judges were the boys, and first prize was given to Leon Bickford who wore a Chinaman's costume. Bertrand Allen received second prize, having a Jew's costume.

Following the Costume Parade was an entertainment. This was commenced

by short readings and songs, followed by two skits. The first skit was given by the First Class, and was called "The Trial of Reuben Cornstock." A song by six ghosts was sung during the evening which was very much enjoyed. The entertainment closed with a fine skit, well presented, called "Mr. Snecherivitze's Hallowe'en." The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by both Boys and Instructors.

Tickets for the various attractions had been distributed and as soon as the entertainment was concluded we began to make use of them. There were many games including Darts, Frolic Hall, Bowling Alley, and so forth. There was Bobbing for Apples and Ducking for Marshmallows. Refreshment booths were busy all evening serving cider, pie, doughnuts, popcorn and other things to eat.

We visited the various booths in Hallow's Inn until it got to be after ten o'clock. The party was then terminated. I am sure that everyone had a very fine time.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

### The Douglas Game

On October 31st our school team played East Douglas on the latter's football field. We left the Island about eleven o'clock, boarded a bus, and rode fifty miles to East Douglas.

Mr. Thomas, our coach, is a graduate of Douglas. Therefore we had no trouble

finding the clubhouse. We changed into our football outfits, and went to the field to practice.

The referee called the two captains together. Douglas won the toss and chose to receive. We kicked and the game was on. Douglas scored twice in the first period, and once in the second. We had a rest between the halves. At the start of the third period the Douglas team scored a touchdown on the first play. During the last half the play was quite steady, and neither team was able to score after the first scrimmage.

The members of the squad are listed below. Most of them took part in the game. Reginald Randall is Captain, and Edward West is Manager.

Lloyd Blanchard    Richard Bolingbroke  
Stanley V. Burlingame    George F. Carr  
James E. Douglas    Charles J. Hardman  
Benjamin Middleton    Reginald Randall  
Clyde W. Albee    Kenneth C. Caswell  
Everett K. Bowlby    Paul L. Hamilton  
Walter K. Pratt    John W. Proctor  
Carl E. Harden    Stuart E. Macdonald  
John E. Magee    Arthur H. Pickard  
Leonard O. Pierce    Herbert A. Rokes  
Edward F. West    Gerald P. AuClaire

Good sportsmanship prevailed at all times. It was a hard fought, clean game. We lost 26-0, but enjoyed the game and the trip.

Richard L. Bolingbroke I

### "Political Promises"

At Grade Reading the First Class gave a short play called "Political Promises." It was based on the fact that most political candidates are eager to promise anything for a vote. If they are elected, they find that it is not possible to live up to many promises.

The play was enjoyed by everyone, and the boys acted their parts well. Those taking part in the play were:

John Beet, Candidate for Mayor  
Lloyd W. Blanchard

Willie, his Office Boy  
Robert W. Mitchell

Adolphus Spiegleburger, a German  
Royl M. Augustine

George Washington . . . Brown, a Negro  
Stanley V. Burlingame

Giusippi Bacagalupi, an Italian  
Ernest S. Armstrong

Isadore Cohenstein, a Hebrew  
Reginald D. Randall

Ernest S. Armstrong I

### Repairing the Silage Cart

A short time ago one of the farm instructors brought the silage cart from the barn to be repaired.

We removed all the old boards from the frame and then made new sides, ends and bottom from  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch oak. These were nailed to the frame. The floor boards were put in next. A small space was left between each board to allow for swelling. We put a bumper on each end of the truck to prevent damage.

The truck is now in use on the farm.  
Stanley V. Burlingame I

### Fourth Class Work

The boys in the Fourth Class have accomplished very much during the term. In Arithmetic we have studied board feet, ratio and proportion, and percentage. In English we have studied the parts of speech. In Geography we have taken up South America, and map study of Europe. In Spelling we have covered all that we should have.

Edward E. Andrew IV

## Flower Gardens

The flower gardens, one of the many attractions of the Island, have been judged and the winners picked. The gardens have been kept exceptionally well this year and much work has been put into them. Seeds and plants, for the most part, were furnished by the School.

Money for prizes was given by Mr. H. S. Grew, and since his death the annual garden prizes have been given by his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, in memory of her father. This is the 44th year these have been awarded.

The winners this year are:

Frederick J. Campbell  
 Carl E. Harden  
 Dexter V. Woodman  
 Ernest S. Armstrong  
 Charles D. Hallman  
 Clyde W. Albee  
 Jesse Mann 3rd  
 Herbert A. Rokes  
 Everett K. Bowlby  
 C. Jasper Hardman  
 Royl M. Augustine  
 Elvin C. Bean  
 Roy M. Dole  
 William S. Wilson  
 William W. Fish  
 Harvey H. Davis

Robert W. Mitchell I

## My Work

At the beginning of the school year, I was changed from the farm to the bakery. I like my new work very much. I make bread three times a week, and take turns with the morning boy getting up at five o'clock and rolling the dough. Sometimes we make rolls or rasin bread.

Harold W. Howley III

## The Jester's Comments

—Professor Davis has arrived at F. T. S. with his prize telescope. He is an astronomer of first rank. Already he has successfully found the big dipper. Mr.

Downey is his first pupil, and the professor expects to commence instructing Mr. Meacham very shortly.

—Larry West decided that the horses were not strong enough, and suggested feeding them onions. The act was frustrated.

—Carl Harden was happy to assist some of the third class boys. They were presenting a negro program, and were talking of getting black paste for the faces. Carl remarked that "there is plenty of flat black paint in the Sloyd Room."

—A new football star, Minnie Hutchings, has little trouble running wild against Dole, Mason, Rouse, and Fish.

—Tiny Jones is so small that the school had to have his uniform made to order.

—Tommy Killeen pondered much on the best method of laying a railroad over a hill. He finally decided that it would "go around the hill until the top was reached, and then down the hill on the other side."

—Joe Sadoski, who impresses people with his strength, has been advised to get a bottle of Listerine so he wouldn't get musclebound.

—Walter Fitzgerald examined his flashlight very carefully, but not in the right place. It wouldn't work. Eventually he realized the bulb was in his pocket.

—The gem of this month is the story of the pupil who had ambitions. Knowing that new plants were made by crossing two plants, he decided to cross fodder corn and pansies so to improve the looks of the corn field.

—Johnny Fitzgerald when asked what the levers, and other controls on the searchlights of large steamers were for, answered "probably run shower baths to keep the captain cool."

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### Topics in Brief

The following boys were admitted to the school during the month:

John Philip Davis, Laconia, N. H.  
David Ray Harris, Waltham  
Clifford Manly Hutchings, Brockton  
Russell Gilbert Jones, Spencer  
Joseph Frank Sadoski, Boston  
George Robert Sears, Somerville  
Everett Alfred Smith, Littleton

Cottage Row Government held its regular quarterly election this month. Clyde W. Albee is the new Mayor. The citizens also elect five members comprising the Board of Aldermen, the Assessor and the Treasurer. Several other offices are filled by appointment.

Hallowe'en was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The Gymnasium and Dining Room were decorated in gay Hallowe'en colors and the usual pictures of ghosts and witches were in abundance. The Ghost Walk, and the party in the gymnasium were the important items, but the other activities helped to add to the happy occasion.

Columbus Day was observed, as is our custom, by athletic contests. Two football games were played. In the morning the game was between two picked teams, while the afternoon contest was a scheduled club game.

Our boys went to East Douglas to play the high school there in football. It is the first time in years that we have played an outside team in this sport. The game was marked by clean, hard playing and fine sportsmanship. We lost the contest 26-0, but the fine game the boys played and the general good fellowship, evident on both teams, makes the score negligible. Our boys lacked the experience

and failed to take advantage of scoring opportunities.

We were glad to have the East Douglas players compliment our team. They considered our boys a very fine group of sports in every way. We are sure that our team had the same friendly attitude toward the East Douglas players.

About sixty of the boys had the opportunity of witnessing one of the Harvard football games at the Harvard Stadium recently.

Our brass quartette has made two appearances recently. The boys played at the Brookfield Baptist Church, and also later at the First Free Baptist Church of Roxbury.

The annual award of the Grew Garden Prizes was made at the Last Friends' Day. Sixteen boys received recognition for the fine work they have done this year. These prizes are given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, daughter of our former Vice-President Mr. Henry S. Grew, who gave them for many years. Mrs. Crosby gives the prizes in memory of her father.

Without doubt the readers of the BEACON understand the club system by which our athletics are conducted. We are trying to find appropriate names for the clubs. Suggestive names from any of our readers would be appreciated.

Work on the east side dike continues very satisfactorily. The hardest part of the job has been done. We are now busy filling in behind the dike.

We would be happy to send back issues of the BEACON to any of our readers. Kindly state month and year of number wanted.

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Cash . . . . .	114.28
	\$1309.15
LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$606.60
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	456.69
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	52.59
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	15.24
Surplus . . . . .	178.03
	\$1309.15

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 80° on the fifth.  
 Minimum Temperature 36° on the nineteenth.  
 Mean Temperature for the month 70°.  
 Twenty-two clear days, none partly cloudy, nine cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Oct. 1881

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Number of boys in school ninety-six. Admitted in Sept. Joseph E. and Wm. D. McAllister. Discharged, Chas. M. Perry, Frank Anderson and Samuel Taylor.

A pleasant morning much to the joy of all here. At 8:45 the whole school with its officers stepped on board of the fine steamer "Nantasket," Capt. Good—and were landed in Boston at 9:10. Forming we marched to Faneuil Hall where we spent an hour with our friends—partook of refreshments—then marched through the market—Commercial—State—and Court Streets to Scollay Square where cars were provided by the Metropolitan R. R. for us to go to the "New England," and

"Mechanics" Fairs now being held in their new building on Huntington Ave. Passing our allotted time in each of these we took So. Boston car at the corner of Columbus Ave. and Berkeley Streets for City Point where our own boats were in waiting to take us home where we arrived safely at 6 P. M. Having had a very nice time not withstanding some rain in the middle of the day. The boys covered themselves with honor by their good behavior everywhere. They were allowed to roam at will in both buildings, but at the sound of the drum all came promptly to line. Dr. Wm. M. Bryon, a past graduate and dentist, kindly volunteered to drum for us, which he did well.

10. Chas. P. Davis admitted to-day from Boston.

12. Went to "Point" with steamer and got a Grand Piano from Chickering's which was safely deposited in the school room by the men in charge. We shall have music now which can be heard. We are glad of this great acquisition. Much credit is due Mr. S. G. DeBlois for it.

23. Dr. Cadman officiated to-day.

24. The last visiting day of the season. There were present Managers Bowditch, S. G. and G. L. DeBlois, Dexter, Emmons, and Parker. John Burns, Chas. S. Lovel and Eddie and James Davis were discharged to their friends.

28. This P. M. brought home in the scow 25 bbls. flour, 8 bags of meal, printing press, etc.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Oct. 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Messrs. Grant, Gould, Bowditch Gray and Watts of the Board of Managers and about one hundred others visited the island in the steamboat "Gen. Lincoln." Lawrence Creely and Chas. Holbrook withdrawn by their friends.



3. A severe N. E. storm commenced this morning which continued through the night and next day.

8. Geo. W. Howe admitted.

19. Messrs. Needham and Haskell with about forty naval apprentices from U. S. ship "Columbus" visited the island.

21. Went to the city for supplies, etc. Shepard Robinson admitted.

22. Left on a visit to Portsmouth. Messrs. Bowditch, and Bailey of the Board of Managers visited the institution.

### Repairing the Dike

Late last winter we had several very high tides which washed away some of our dikes, and did much damage to the others. The farm boys repaired as many as possible in the spring, and this fall we are working on the east side dike, which was practically washed out.

We are using railroad ties for posts. These are set deep in the ground, and large, heavy planks are nailed to them. We are doing the work in sections, leaving a space here and there for the horses to get through. The lumber is very heavy and the dike should be in use for years and years.

The dike must be filled, that is, gravel and clay must be hauled from the beach and put in back of the dike, which will give much additional strength.

Carl E. Harden III

### Power House Notes

Our boiler passed inspection this year. As we installed new grates and fire walls, it took more time and the boiler was shut down longer than it ordinarily is for the inspection. The new grates are of a different type than we have had before. The fire can be shaken and dumped, and will mean a saving in coal.

Caustic soda was put into the boiler to remove oil. This made a little trouble as the scale went into the blow-off pipe

and plugged it. Steamfitters came from the city and remedied this trouble.

All the valve stems have been packed in the boiler room. The steam heating system has been started.

Royl M. Augustine I

### Raking Leaves

Now that fall is here and the leaves are falling from the trees, our chief job around the house is to rake up these leaves and then put them in bags. They are then carried to to the pig pens where they are stored. The leaves are used during the winter for bedding for the pigs.

John E. Magee III

### Making Sweet Pickles

I have been helping to make sweet pickles lately. The first thing we do is to cut off the ends of the cucumbers. Then we cut them in half, scrape out the seeds, and peel them. They're then boiled in water for two hours, after which they are put away to cool. Later they are put in a barrel of sugar and vinegar which has been boiled.

After a short time they are ready to put on the table.

Leonard O. Pierce III

### The Shoe Sewing Machine

For the past few weeks I have been repairing shoes. There is an old sewing machine in the shop and I decided to try and make it work. The machine has been considered worthless and has not been used for some time. The first thing I fixed was the belt, which was very loose. Then I cleaned the dirt and rust from the outside of the machine.

The next step will be to clean the smaller parts, and oil the sewer thoroughly. Then I hope it will run. Even if it don't I will have learned a great deal about it.

Fredrick J. Campbell III

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On October 10th, President Alfred C. Malm, '00, with Mrs. Malm and John Malm; Secretary Merton P. Ellis, '97, and Mrs. Ellis, motored over the Mohawk Trail to Williamstown, Mass., then to spend the week-end with Frank B. Harris '00, and Mrs. Harris in Middlebury, Vermont, the home of Middlebury College from which Mr. Meacham, Superintendent of the School graduated. Theodore B. Hadley '23, is a senior at Middlebury College. Glenn R. Furbush '19, was captain of the football team and graduated from that college in 1929. On the way home a stop was made at Keene, N. H., long enough to say "Hello" to Daniel W. Loughton, '01, and replenish the gasoline tank at Dan's garage. From there the trip continued through Dublin, New Hampshire, the birthplace of former Superintendent William A. Morse and former Principal and organizer of the School Band, John R. Morse. The car used on the trip was sold by Walter D. Norwood, '05.

JOHN D. MACGREGOR, '31, is now working for his uncle, and attends Franklin Union in the evening. He is taking a course which will prepare him for examinations given those who desire admittance to the state school-ship Nantucket.

ROBERT H. ERWIN, '31, may be reached at 424 Newport Ave., Rumford, R. I.

Friday September 25, John Paley arranged for the members of his class of 1929 to have a supper together. The following members of the class were present:

Leslie Aldrich  
Harold Floyd  
Carl Herman  
Charles Keller  
John Paley  
Nelson Pratt  
Henry Schramm  
Thomas Stewart  
Carl Wijks

This supper meeting was held at the Square and Compass Club and it was a most enjoyable evening of reminiscences and future plans of the class. The boys plan to have another meeting about the first of November and they expect to have a basket ball team.

HENRY M. CASWELL, '31, wrote a fine letter about his school and work. He works at the Meredith Farm and attends the Topsfield High School. His work limits his recreation periods; still he has time to play on the high school football team. He works about six hours a day on school days, all day Saturday, and most of Sunday.

HENRY E. HALLMAN, '31, has also written from San Jose, California, where he is attending high school. Although he has been there a comparatively short time he is very enthusiastic about everything. He tells of the buildings, people, his special hobbies and his high school work. He plays saxophone in the school orchestra and hopes to get into the band there.

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# COTTAGE ROW GOVERNMENT

BY HIS HONOR

CLYDE W. ALBEE

MAYOR

# A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF  
THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

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It is the custom of our School as well as that of the Commonwealth and National Government to set apart at this season of the year a day known as Thanksgiving Day.

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for keeping us well, strong, and happy.

We are thankful for the many friends we have made at this school and elsewhere.

We are thankful for our School, and its Managers, Superintendent, and Instructors who provide for our welfare, entertainment, and good times.

We are especially grateful at Thanksgiving season this year because so much has been done to relieve the unemployment situation, and that our country will see that the winter brings no hardships upon the poor. For this reason let us make this day one of happiness and good cheer.

Therefore I, CLYDE WESTON ALBEE, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the most Honorable Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday the twenty-sixth day of November as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

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

CLYDE WESTON ALBEE

By His Honor, the Mayor of Cottage Row

Walter Kenneth Pratt, *Clerk*

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God Save the Government of Cottage Row





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### Thanksgiving Day

The different events which took place on Thanksgiving Day were planned some time before the holiday and we were all happy when the day finally came. We did the necessary work after breakfast, and then the players on the Army-Navy teams got ready for their big game. These teams were made up of the smaller boys. The game was well played, but the Army team was better trained and won 25-0. Nearly everyone watched the contest and it was very much enjoyed.

At twelve o'clock as we passed to the Dining Room, we were given a copy of the Mayor of Cottage Row's Proclamation. We then said Grace, and the Mayor read his Proclamation, after which we began a very wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner. A souvenir containing appropriate printing for the day was put beside each plate. The menu was as follows-

- Celery
- Roast Stuffed Turkey
- Gravy
- Sweet Potatoes                      White Potatoes
- Marrow Squash                      Cranberry Sauce
- Bread and Butter
- Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce
- Cider
- Mince Pie                              Pumpkin Pie

In the afternoon the big game of the season took place. This was played by the best players in the School. The teams had been chosen some time before and were very well-drilled. The Harvard team scored seven points the first quarter, and three points in the second, which made the final score Harvard 10, Yale 0. Cheering sections were well organized and added much zest to the contest.

The day ended by an informal lecture given by one of our Instructors. This lecture had to do with experiences on Navy vessels during the World War. The talk was enjoyed by all.

Thanksgiving Day, as a whole, was one which we will not forget very easily. I am sure the boys are very grateful for all that was done for them.

Clyde W. Albee II

### The Harvard-Yale Smoker

The players on the two Thanksgiving Day football teams are anxious to have as many rooters as possible. Therefore on the night before the game the School attended a "Smoker" in the Assembly Hall. At this meeting some of the players on each team gave a short talk and endeavored to influence the listeners to cheer for his team. When the talks were concluded the School divided into two groups. One group, those cheering for Harvard, went

to the Gymnasium and the other group, the Yale rooters remained in the Assembly Hall.

The two groups then began to rehearse and learn their cheers and songs for the game. Each group spent some time doing this. Both sides learned many fine cheers which added a great deal to the contest on Thanksgiving Day afternoon. The boys rooting for Harvard organized a band which proved to be a great success on the afternoon of the big game.

Walter K. Pratt II

### The Akron

On the 25th of November at three o'clock the Akron, the largest dirigible of the United States Navy and of the world, crossed Thompson's Island headed for Boston. At this time the recess bell rang and the boys went out doors to watch this giant dirigible as it sailed across the Island. The Stars and Stripes were attached to the stern. The Instructors watched and were as interested and surprised as the boys, as there was no notice in the papers that the Akron would be here. We watched until it went out of sight. It was a very interesting sight.

David R. Harris IV

### My Work

I work in the dining room with three other boys in the afternoon. We have races to see who will do his work the best. Usually we have extra boys to help. Our instructor gives us work each meal. One boy runs the dishwasher, another wipes dishes, another does sink work, and the other boys clean and set up the tables. We have most of the afternoon for play.

Arthur C. Rouse III

### Good Old Turkey

You can have the ice cream  
You can have the pie,  
But! shinny first on the turkey,  
Or else you'll hear me cry.

You can have the lollypops  
And other candys too,  
But! shinny first on the turkey  
Or I'll begin to boo-hoo.

You can have the cranberry sauce  
You can have it all,  
But! shinny first on the turkey,  
Or I shall surely bawl.

Harold F. Bent IV

### Putting the Steamer on Blocks

Some time ago the boat boys were told that the steamer was to be put on blocks, cleaned, painted, and have the winter sheathing put on.

As the tide was high at five o'clock in the morning the two crews got up at four to get up steam and at five o'clock the steamer was taken around the wharf and lashed to the stone pier. We then placed planks between the boat and pier to hold it off about a foot so that work on that side of the boat could be done more easily.

After the tide had dropped sufficiently we placed two bilge blocks under the boat, and then started to clean the hull. As fast as it was cleaned the sheathing was put on. When the sheathing was all on a coat of copper paint was put on the bottom and a coat of yacht white on the sides. At five o'clock in the afternoon the steamer was floated and tied up at her berth.

James E. Douglas I

### Thanksgiving Beacons

I am thankful for my mother and friends. I am thankful that I am well and able to walk, see, hear and talk. I am thankful for the many things there are to do, and many advantages we have over some of the city boys. I am thankful that we have good teachers and Instructors.

Edward E. Andrew IV

I am thankful for my mother. I am thankful for the many things she has given me, and for the plans she has for me when I leave the school.

William H. Parlee II

I am thankful that I have a fine home on this Island where I can be taught so much. I am thankful for my parents, also the Instructors, Superintendent and Board of Managers who make it possible for all the good times that we have had and the many more to come in the future

Howard E. Taylor II

I am thankful that I have good friends to care for me. I am thankful I have a good bed to sleep in. I am thankful that I can play football and that I have an opportunity to play in the band. I am thankful we have a good Superintendent and Board of Managers. I am also thankful for my health and strength.

Edward F. West III

I am thankful that I am at such a fine school where I can get an education. I am thankful also that I have my mother who has done so much for me.

I am grateful for my friends, who have placed me in this School and so prepare me for my future life.

Richard W. Crowley II

I am thankful for this school and the

opportunities that it offers. I am thankful for the Instructors at this school and for what they do for us. I am thankful for the good times we have at the school, for the friends that we have here at the school and at home. I am thankful that I am in good health.

Walter A. Bishop IV

I am thankful for all God has given me during this year. I am thankful that my family is happy and in good health. I am thankful for a home to live in and for my good health and that of the other boys during this year.

John W. Proctor II

I am thankful for the opportunities which I have received while at this school. I am thankful for the Instructors and Superintendent; for the many things they have done for me. I am thankful that my friends are all well and that they have such an interest in me. I am thankful for my school teachers and the effort they have made that I might go ahead. I am thankful for the many necessities which are afforded while at this school.

Reginald D. Randall I

As the season of Thanksgiving draws near, we should be thankful for the many things that we have.

I am thankful that I have a loving Father in heaven to whom I can go in time of trouble and ask for help. I am thankful that I have a mother and father who are striving to give me the best opportunities of life. I am thankful for the many opportunities and kindnesses that Mr. Meacham and the Instructors have shown me during my short stay at the school. I am thankful that I have good health and that I am able to enjoy all that life gives to one.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

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The holiday sees us again in a mixed situation and attitude. The financial depression which is world wide and the rumblings of unrest making itself manifest in outbreaks of war in spots on several continents gives us a feeling of uncertainty for the immediate future.

In the meantime we are "carrying on" continuing our constructive program of education, preparation for the future, and so far as possible assuming an air of optimism. The world of tomorrow will need men, men with a firm foundation of character, decision, leadership, and with a thorough education to cope with the complex problems of civilization. In most cases the present generation of men and women are making definite progress and in some fields of endeavor very marked progress but there still remains plenty of work to be accomplished. A few of the needs of humanity are: Christian stability, political efficiency without graft, medical control of such diseases as cancer, polymyositis, tuberculosis, and other physical afflictions. The field of aviation still needs much careful thought and keen experimental work. The next twenty years will see a tremendous industry in air transportation. Television is the most recent child of science, and its growth, development and practical adaptation will depend largely on the boys of to-day, who will be the men of tomorrow. Neither must we forget that there is a tremendous financial problem to face, proper distribution of resources in order that each individual may have the necessities of life with some of the

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luxuries, such international trade balances that there will be no incentive to war on neighboring nations.

What better time to attack our job of training youth for these stupendous tasks? The more important holidays seem to be very appropriately arranged and give us a proper setting for our stage in this "play of life." This holiday season is very appropriately ushered in by the master of ceremonies "Columbus Day". We open with a light comedy which we might call the prelude "Halloween." A serious note is injected on "Armistice Day." We celebrate in earnest and give our annual thanks for life, health, and the safety of our loved ones on "Thanksgiving Day." Then we have a considerable intermission to recall and recount the preceding events and to anticipate and prepare for the two last acts. "Christmas" is the big act, the climax, the episode that should be filled with all the power of human endeavor, the celebration of the birth of our maker and giver, rightfully a grand and glorious event. Then we have a little sort of postlude, a ringing out of the old, ringing in the new, an act filled with resolutions, a starting point for all things good, "New Year." May the New Year, 1932, be a happy and prosperous one filled with health, joy and all the good things in life for all of our friends.

### Topics in Brief

Armistice Day was observed at the School as is the custom each year. An Armistice Day program was given in the chapel by the members of the Fourth class as part of the Grade Reading for that week. On the holiday two football games were played, one in the morning and another in the afternoon.

Cottage Row Government gave an

Armistice Day party and dance on Friday November 6. Flags of the Allies during the late war were hung around the hall. Motion pictures were shown during the evening. The school orchestra furnished the music.

Thanksgiving Day was, as usual, a day not to be forgotten quickly by those at the School. The Dinner, and two very fine football games occupied the greater part of this most eventful day. The Army-Navy football game played in the morning was won by the Army team, captained by V. Dexter Woodman. His team defeated the Navy team, captained by Edward F. West 25-0. The afternoon contest was won by Harvard, captained by C. Jasper Hardman, which defeated the Yale team, captained by Richard L. Bolingbroke, 10-0.

We have been getting ready for the winter months for some time and this month we put our hydrant houses and window pocket covers in place. These have been repaired and rebuilt where necessary. We shall soon haul our barge, gasolene launch and other light boating equipment high on the beach. The steamer has been painted and winter sheathing put on.

A large drain has been built and is located opposite our barn yard, across the back road. This drain will take care of excess water in our barn yard. We are also building a special yard for our bulls. An incubator room is being built under our brooder house. This room will be of cement construction.

We will be glad to send back issues of the BEACON to any who desire the same. State month and year of number wanted.

The Crosby Shield and Cups were awarded this month for the Baseball season. The Shield was won by Club A and the names of the members of the team are engraved on the shield. Silver Cups were given the best players. These trophies are given each baseball and football season by Manager S. V. R. Crosby and are greatly appreciated by the boys.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago, Nov. 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Gen. Theodore Lyman visited the Island.

14. Religious services performed by the Superintendent.

15. Messrs. Grant, Gray, and Barnstead of the Board of Managers and Mr. Robinson of the city visited the Institution.

17. Mr. H. Vose of Boston came to the Island with his son Stephen P. Vose who has been admitted a member of the Farm School.

27. Received a visit from John J. Dixwell, Esq. of the Board of Managers.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Nov. 1881

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Rained nearly all day. Dr. Draper was called this P. M. to see Frederick Leiber who has a fever. Pulse 120. Respiration 40. The number of boys in the school to-day is ninety-one. There have been discharged during the month—John Burns, Chas. Ford, John F. Gould, Richard Audess, Ed. E. and John I. Davis. Admitted Chas. F. Davis.

3. Dr. Draper again visited Leiber, who is very sick with some delirium.

10. A rough cold day. Took Robert Allan to his mother who has a place for him in the Hotel Vendome as errand boy.

14. Willie Ray Arth discharged this day and will live with his brother-in-law at No. 4 Albion St., Dorchester and work with him at carpentry. Men came to in-

spect the new building according to city ordinance.

15. To city with boat to meet the Executive Committee. Eddie and Howard Littlefield discharged to their parents at No. 4 Crescent St., East Somerville.

16. A lovely day in marked contrast to yesterday. A man came to set up the furnace in new Building and another to set up the printing-press. A good deal of boating to-day.

17. The furnace man completed his job. I went to the city with boat, taking a scow load of rye straw to the Car Stables at So. Boston and leaving it to be unloaded while I ran to the city.

21. Got a load of lumber from Dorchester. Then went to the city for boots, turkeys, etc. Graduates Frank and Chas. Murray and Pierce came to see us.

22. John Evans and friends came from Hingham and gave us a musical treat, returning at 10 P. M.

24. Thanksgiving day. A large number of graduates present. In the afternoon all assembled in the schoolroom and listened to concerts by two rival bands composed of present members of the school—under the leadership of Masters B. B. Keyes and Burton Lewis respectively. Both bands performed remarkably well and the whole entertainment was very pleasing. At its close Master Keyes was presented with a very fine Eb Cornet in token of his appreciation by his friends at this school and elsewhere.

### November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 75° on the eighth.

Minimum Temperature 26° on the twenty sixth and thirtieth.

Mean Temperature for the month 39°.

Twenty-four clear days, four partly cloudy, two cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Nov. 30, 1931.

RESOURCES

Savings Bank . . . . .	\$694.87
Securities . . . . .	500.00
Cash . . . . .	85.85
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	\$1280.72

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits . . . . .	\$552.98
Trading Co. Deposits . . . . .	477.07
Cottage Row Deposits . . . . .	47.14
Photo Company Deposits . . . . .	23.50
Surplus . . . . .	180.03
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	\$1280.72

The Origin of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was founded over 300 years ago by the Pilgrims. They were among the first settlers of America and the very first to establish a festival and give their praise and thanks to God for all the things for which they were thankful. They had much trouble with the Indians before that day of thanks and feasting, but they forgot this and invited all the nearby tribes to their great festival of thanksgiving. They had prepared for this great feast by shooting wild turkeys and pheasants, and harvesting crops from the fields. They then gathered all the food, cooked it and prepared the greatest feast in history. The Indians and the Pilgrims said their grace and sat down to the table to share in the delicacies. Every year it has been the privilege of the President of the United States to proclaim the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

G. Robert Sears IV

Winter at F. T. S.

This year at Thompson's Island the winter season is not what it should be. We do not know what to call it. Instead of cold, snappy weather, with snow and

ice, we have had unseasonably warm temperatures. Usually at Christmas time the boys look forward to skating and sliding but this year it seems more as if swimming would be in order.

Here it is the day before Christmas. No heat is turned on in the schoolroom it is so warm. When we go outside instead of stepping on frostbitten ground, we step on the muddy soft ground of spring.

All the boys of F. T. S. hope to have skating and plenty of snow for tobogganing and sliding before the winter is over.

John W. Proctor II

The Jester's Comments

—Professor Davis, having been chosen to play on a football team, requested his position to be either in the line or back-field. He stated however, that he would play anywhere else for the good of the team.

—Don Wright has found that sleeping long hours is good for anybody, except when part of those hours come from school hours.

—Harry Dow enjoys hearing the band sing.

—The story is told of Bolingbroke and his waiting experiences. He being a Senior, waiting on table is a little below his dignity. The last time he waited on table was four years ago, and he stated he never would again. That night Brooks was one of the waiters chosen for the next month's duty.

—Georgie Carr, Agricultural expert recently asked this question: "Which is the preferred kind of poultry to have, thoroughbreds or Chester Whites?" Georgie had a job later explaining that he was merely attempting to trap another expert in agricultural pursuits. His plan failed.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Hyde Park, Mass.

### Annual Meeting

The Thirty-second annual meeting of the Association was held on Wednesday evening, November 11th, at 40 Court St., Boston, with President Malm in the chair.

Annual reports were received and the total of the Alumni Fund to date is \$10,208.00. The Secretary reported progress on the World War list and stated that so far 134 names are on the list. The death was reported of James H. Partridge, '57 one of the oldest known graduates, which occurred on October 16th. It was voted to change the date of the annual dinner in 1932 to a later date. This was left to the Entertainment Committee and will probably be in March. The following were elected officers. President Harold W. Edwards, '10, Arlington, Mass. Vice President Henry A. Fox, '79, Allston, Mass. Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97, Milton, Mass. Treasurer, Clarence W. Loud, '96, Newton, Mass. Historian, G. George Larsson, '17, Hyde Park, Mass.

The following members were present.

Chester W. Buchan, '21  
Will F. Davis, '79  
Harold W. Edwards '10  
Merton P. Ellis '97  
Robert H. Erwin '31  
James H. Graham '79  
Clarence W. Loud '96  
LeRoy S. Kenfield '82  
Alfred C. Malm '01  
William E. Nelson '31  
Frederick W. Pearson '78  
John H. Schippers '21  
Frank L. Washburn '83  
Waldo L. Waters '30

### Committees for the Year 1931-1932

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Merton P. Ellis '97  
Clarence P. Hobson '25  
LeRoy S. Kenfield '82

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### The Christmas Concert

Each year we have a Christmas Concert. This year a pageant called "The Lost Star" was given. It was the best I have ever seen here. The boys who took part rehearsed the play for three weeks and as a result the performance was very good.

The play opened showing three Magians before a Parthian Temple. These kings determined to follow a star which shined very brightly, for in so doing, they would find the Saviour. After they had been on the desert Balthasar, the principal character, stopped at a Bedouin tent and became very deeply interested in worldly matters. The other Magians went on their mission, refusing to stop before their Saviour was found. Balthasar eventually realized that his greed had been his undoing, and he commenced repenting and did deeds of kindness for those in need. He had lost sight of the star when he bargained on the desert, but after his great many kindnesses, the star appeared again in the heavens. He then followed the star, and in the last scene, the three Magians are shown bringing gifts to the new born Saviour.

The Program was as follows:-

#### PROGRAM

BRASS QUARTET

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Charles D. Hallman

Harold F. Bent

Richard L. Bolingbroke

Walter K. Pratt

INVOCATION

Mr. Downey

LORD'S PRAYER

VOCAL QUARTET

Silent Night, Holy Night

PAGEANT

The Lost Star

The characters were

BALTHASAR-A Magian

Robert W. Mitchell

ASHTAR-A girl of the Parthians

Donald R. Wright

GASPER-A Magian

John E. Magee

MELCHIOR-A Magian

Walter A. Bishop

AMRAH-A Hebrew prophetess

William S. Wilson

OMAR-A wandering Merchant

Everett A. Smith

WOMAN-His wife

Douglas T. Phipps

HEMAR-An enemy of Balthasar

Harold W. Howley

VENDOR-A woman

William S. Wilson

BEGGAR-A man

Richard W. Crowley

DAVID-Jewish Captive Boy

William F. Glesman

FIRST ARAB-Captor of David

Harold F. Bent

SECOND ARAB-Captor of David

Arthur C. Rouse

MARY-Mother of Jesus

Douglas T. Phipps

BENEDICTION

Mr. Downey

Frederick S. Very II

### A Trip Over Town

One night it was announced that all those that took part in the Sunday evening church services were going to town.

We arrived in Boston about five o'clock and split up into two groups. We first had supper at a Chinese restaurant. We enjoyed eating foreign food. After supper some of the boys went to see a hockey game while the others went to the Y. M. C. A.

Arriving at the "Y" we went for a swim in the pool there. As the boys all like to swim, most of our time was spent there. After a hot shower we walked around to watch some of the different games, such as pool, ping pong, bowling and chess. We were not permitted to use the basket ball court as a college game between Northeastern and Brown was scheduled for that night.

We returned to the Island at about eleven thirty, having had a very pleasant time.

Paul L. Hamilton II

### Writing Essays

During his last year at the school it is required that each Senior write an essay. The essay must be about some outstanding person or thing and consist of two thousand words.

The boys of this year's class have chosen some interesting topics. Some of these are "The History of the Farm and Trades School Band," "Life of Thomas Alva Edison," "Life of Knute K. Rockne," "The Life of The Honey Bee," and "Russia's Five Year Plan." As there are twelve boys in the Graduating Class there will be as many essays.

At the graduation exercises the two highest students, academically, deliver their essays. This is a great honor for

them, and all the boys try hard for it. In figuring who the two highest members of the class are, marks for the entire school life of each boy are figured to the hundredth of a point.

Benjamin F. Middleton I

### Getting My First Athletic Cup

Last week the baseball cups were awarded. These are given to the best player in each position. I played short stop and received my first cup. I like this position very much. I hope to get more cups in other sports. All the boys are very grateful to Manager S. V. R. Crosby for giving these cups each year.

Stuart E. Macdonald III

### A Method of Draining

During the past year the barnyard, which is located beside our cattle barn, has been flooded almost every time it has rained, so the farm instructors decided that something had to be done. At last a method was decided upon. A cistern was constructed to drain the barnyard. Then a deep trench was dug across Back Road. At the end of the trench a square hole about ten feet wide and ten feet deep was dug and the bottom lined with rocks. A large pipe was then laid in the trench, and elevated slightly so that the water would run downhill. After this was done the trench was filled in. The sides of the small sewer were then cemented, and a cover was made. Holes were punched in the cover and the job was finished.

When the next rain falls we shall see if this project is going to repay us for the time and labor spent in its construction.

C. Jasper Hardman I

### Carol Singing

One of the customary events which is always looked forward to is the singing of Christmas Carols.

After the boys had gone to bed the Carolers, thirty in number, gathered in the Assembly Room to put on their capes. The first carols were sung in the court. When we had finished singing we picked up the money that the instructors had thrown to us. We then went to the North wing and then to the West wing. From here we went to the front of the building. When we finished singing there we went into the main hall, where we sang several more carols. When we completed our program here Mr. and Mrs. Meacham invited us to the apartments for a party. We played games and had refreshments. The money when counted amounted to ten dollars. It was donated to the Unemployment relief fund.

We enjoyed singing the carols very much, and hope those that listened got as much pleasure from them as we did singing them.

Ernest S. Armstrong I

### Being a Ratter

Last October Mr. Meacham said I could be a ratter. I like this privilege very much as I get a chance to earn money and have a lot of fun catching rats.

The best time to go ratting is at night. The rats are usually out prowling around for food. The dog goes ahead and if she sees or smells a rat she goes on the run after it. If the rat goes down a hole we dig with shovels until the rat comes out. Sometimes we find six or eight rats all in one hole. One time I went ratting on a Saturday afternoon and caught nineteen in one hole. For every rat that is caught two cents is paid.

V. Dexter Woodman II

### The Jester's Comments

—Carl Harden believes that our eggs should be kept cooler. On visiting the brooder house he noticed the new incubator, which had just been installed. "What a fine refrigerator" he exclaimed to those near him.

—Jimmy AuClaire has modern methods. He was asked to test a battery, and to determine it's immediate usefulness. Tasting a little acid he presumed that the battery was strong enough for any work.

—Jim Bailey noticed that the tide was rather low. He suggested that it would be pleasant to walk across to City Point, if the water would go out far enough. He then added that one would have to wear snowshoes to stay above the mud.

—Larry West was asked by his teacher what "Inspiration" meant. He answered "That's an overture the band plays."

—Red Peard threw a snowball into the air and watched to see it fall. It hit him in the face. His aim was a trifle poor.

—Heard in Senior Dorm:

Judy:- Last night I did not go to sleep until twelve o'clock.

Stan:- You didn't?

Judy:- No. And I woke up again at two.

Stan:- Earphones still on?

—Jack Proctor asked one of the boys to bring a magazine to him that afternoon so he could read it during his noon hour.

—Skinny Taylor has begun building a reputation as a strong man. He has written well known advertisers and hopes soon to have muscles and sinews of iron. Who knows, we may see him cavorting about the Island carrying cannon balls.

—Bunker Bean was bit by a horse. He tried to feed the horse an onion but the animal resisted.

—The Sloyd knowledge of Larry Dole is so extensive that he thinks the sugar scoop is made on the lathe.

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This remarkable and extremely unusual winter should be noted sufficiently to become a permanent record. Not in fifty years have we had such mild weather almost entirely free from snow, zero weather and hard winds.

The Superintendent, Mr. William Morse, recorded on December 19, 1881, "Remarkably warm. The ladies played croquet on the front lawn. No outside garments needed." January 1, 1882 the Diary says, "Such a lovely warm day—so bright—not a bit of ice or snow in sight. A real spring day. We know this weather cannot last long." Sure enough the following day brought forth real winter weather and all the rest of the month was severe with cold, snow, ice and sharp winds.

The year 1931 has completed its course and made an exit worthy of the month of April. January 1932 has continued mild, warm and at this writing, past the middle of the month, the mercury continues well above the freezing point. There is no ice nor snow. The ground is without frost. Plowing, harrowing and other early spring work can readily be done. We are digging parsnips for our table.

The Superintendent made a trip to the northern part of Vermont recently and saw on January 15, 1932, a team plowing, green lawns, robins, crows, maple sugar made, temperature of 65° F., absolutely no snow, streams and ponds without ice, and considerable rain.

We will be glad to send back issues of the BEACON to any who desire the same. State month and year of number wanted.



### Topics in Brief

Our annual Christmas Concert took place on December 20. The pageant "The Lost Star" was produced. It was beautifully presented and much credit is due the boys who took part, and the teachers who coached it. A vocal quartet, and a brass quartet also had a part on the program.

Christmas Day was celebrated in much the same manner as in previous years. There is no season in the year more eagerly anticipated by the boys than Christmas. The weeks of work making presents, rehearsing for special Christmas activities and decorating many places on the Island finds a most satisfactory climax on Christmas Day.

A group of carolers sang the familiar hymns on Christmas Eve. Next morning Santa Claus (Karl R. Adams, '31) with a corp of assistants distributed presents. In the afternoon a splendid entertainment provided by President Arthur Adams was enjoyed.

The winter term of school ended December 24. The boys enjoyed a week's vacation from classes.

The weather during December has been quite mild. There has been very little snow or ice, and the boys have not been able to enjoy the usual skating, skiing and coasting.

Trading Company offered the boys an opportunity to buy many Christmas articles. This company, which is run by the boys, sells the little luxuries which the pupils want. It gives good business practice too, for every purchase is made by check.

The Alumni Association helped make Christmas merry by its annual gift of candy. All those at the School greatly appreciate the kindness of the Association.

Several boys had the opportunity of attending the recent Poultry show at the Mechanics Building. This trip was provided for by two of our Instructors.

The Silver Shield and Cups for the football season were awarded during the month. The Shield was won by Club B, and a silver cup was given the best player in each position. The Shield and Cups are given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby, whose kindness is greatly appreciated by the boys.

Much of the farm machinery and equipment has been, or is being repaired. In addition a fine new cart has been built and is in service now. The poultry range has been moved to a new location.

Cottage Row Government gave a party on New Years Eve, which was attended by Share-Holders, Officers, and First Graders. This included most of the boys. The School orchestra furnished music for dancing part of the evening. Many games were played. At midnight everyone gave the New Year a good reception.

There were no scheduled athletic contests during the month. The boys used all available time in preparation for Christmas. The Basketball season began January 1st.

#### Basketball Schedule from January 21st:

Thur. Jan. 21, 4th & 5th teams; Sat. Jan. 23, 1st & 3rd teams; Tues. Jan. 26, 1st teams; Sat. Jan. 30, 2nd & 3rd teams; Tues. Feb. 2, 1st & 5th teams; Sat. Feb. 6, 2nd & 3rd teams; Tuesday Feb. 9, 4th & 5th teams; Sat. Feb. 13, 1st & 2nd teams; Tues. Feb. 16, 4th & 5th teams; Sat. Feb. 20, 1st & 3rd teams; Thur. Feb. 25, 1st teams; Sat. Feb. 27, 2nd & 3rd teams.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago, Dec. 1841

As Kept by the Superintendent

6. Received a visit from Messrs. Bowditch and Dixwell of Board of Managers.

8. Went to the city. Admitted Peter M'Kenna and George McDuff both of Boston.

11. David Webber, Patrick Donovan and Owen Harrington left.

17. Severe N. E. storm. Schooners, Lighter, Capt. Brown of Halifax, and Sarah, Capt. Allen, of Bath Maine, went ashore on the North part of the Island. Passengers Messrs. McDonough, Drake of Boston accepted an invitation to lodge at the house until Monday when they left for the city.

18. Capt. Kenna of Machias, Maine, visited the Island.

28. Warren Bowker returned to his friends at Chelsea. Messrs. Gould and Cobb of the Board of Managers visited the institution.

31. Admitted Peter Pastrovich, born in New York, January 26, 1830. His mother resides at No. 12 Bridge Street, Boston. Also Josiah Ham from Charlestown. His mother resides at Archibald Babcock's on Charlestown Neck.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Dec. 1881

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. A wet disagreeable day. Wind southeast. Went to the city. Called to see Rob't Allen at Hotel Vendome. Mr. Wm. G. Clarke from Chelsea at work on the pump at the house. Hauled the "Lyman" up by the south side of the boat house.

3. Hauled the scow out of the water. Everything in now except the floating stage.

6. To city with report for Nov. Boys in School 87. Discharged Rob't W. Allan,

William Ray Arth, Eddie and Howard Littlefield, Chas. Greene, and Bertrand B. Keyes. Admitted--Eugene Henderson, and William Gibson.

12. Pleasant but quite cold. The pond is frozen hard. Alonzo Dodge, Geo. Treadwell, and Harold E. Brenton admitted from the "Church Home," South Boston.

13. Settled with Jas. W. Graham, paying him in full for services as engineer.

26. The day we celebrate as Christmas. Everything was done that could be to make the occasion a happy one for all concerned. In the evening a very beautiful tree--laden with much to make glad the eye and heart--was unveiled and soon stripped of all its artificial beauties--which were bestowed upon the expectant scholars.

### December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 53° on the eleventh.

Minimum Temperature 14° on the eighth.

Mean Temperature for the month 19°.

Eighteen clear days, six partly cloudy, seven cloudy.

### Notes

The School wishes to thank all those who sent Holiday Greetings, either directly or indirectly. To its Alumni and other friends the School is deeply appreciative of the kindness shown.

The basketball court has been completely re-lined. Wire cages have been placed over the electric light fixtures. Other necessary work has been done in the Gymnasium in preparation for the basketball season.

### Problems in Living

Every Sunday morning the Senior Class meets in the locker room with Mr. Meacham to study our Sunday school lessons.

The book from which we get our lessons is "Problems in Living" by May K. Cowles. This book contains short stories which tells what the lesson is about, and includes references to look up in the Bible.

Mr. Meacham wants us to ask him any question that is on our mind in view of our future life or of the present.

We ask many questions about the future and always receive splendid advice. We enjoy every meeting and appreciate Mr. Meacham's advice and helpfulness.

Benjamin F. Middleton I

### Greeting Santa Claus

Christmas morning all the boys went to the wharf to meet Santa and pull him to the house in a carriage. Several hours before Santa was due, a few boys from the First Class were given the job of preparing the vehicle for its annual run. We took it to the Wharf and soon the Steamer came bringing Santa Claus. Amid shouts and cheers he climbed into the carriage. The boys then pulled him to the house. Up the back road they came and soon the trip was over until another year. In the Assembly Hall later that morning we found that Santa was Karl R. Adams, '31.

Robert W. Mitchell I

### Beaching the Ilybius

One day just after a trip, I noticed the Ilybius go by the front of the Wharf. I knew it was going to be beached, so I banked my fire and went to help. The cradle for the boat was in the water and sunk by heavy ballasts. Our captain ran the Ilybius on top of the cradle and

between two bilge blocks which were nailed to it. Some of the boys pushed the stern around so that it set squarely, and the others kept a line from the bow tight so that it would not move. We watched it until the tide had gone out. It was on in good shape and ready to pull up on the beach for the winter.

Richard W. Crowley II

### Getting A Bull

One morning I was told to go to the boat. I was to see the doctor at City Point. My attention was called to the barge which was ready to be towed behind the steamer and I found that a new bull was to be brought to the School.

We left the Island and soon arrived at City Point. As we neared the shore the lines on the barge were cast off and it drifted onto the beach. The Steamer went to the Public Landing where I saw the doctor.

I then went with the other boys to the beach. In a little while a truck brought the bull. He was led up the gangway and into the barge. The Steamer then towed the barge to the Island. The bull made no trouble, which pleased everyone.

Clyde W. Albee II

### The Astronomy Club

The Astronomy Club was organized by Mr. Downey, our minister. Those who are interested meet in the Third Class schoolroom each Saturday evening.

At our first meeting we drew diagrams of the earth, the sun and the moon. Then we made another drawing putting the planets according to their distance from the sun.

Later we went outdoors and Mr. Downey showed us the more important stars. We will have a test at our next meeting.

Joseph A. Sadoski III

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JAMES H. PARTRIDGE, '57 passed away on October 16th, at the age of 88. He entered the School in March 1855 and left in April 1857, going to Harvard, Mass. He moved to Norwood, Mass., in 1894 and remained there until 1929. Most of the time spent in Norwood until he retired was with the Winslow Brothers & Smith Company, leather tanners. He enlisted with the Union forces at the age of 12, in 1861 and was made a Corporal the second day. On June 18th, 1864 he was captured and held prisoner for some time. Was in Andersonville, Ga. Danville, Va., and Libby Prisons. When discharged he held the rank of First Sergeant. Burial was from the home of his son, Harry G. Partridge, of Peabody, Mass.

ALBERT H. LADD, '02, carpenter at "Raymond's Where U Bot the Hat" and living at 3318 Washington St., Jamaica Plain, has taken up bowling as a recreation. He leads the Central Club Candle Pin League of Jamaica Plain with an average of 98. In a recent match he bowled 108-121-121:350; while at the City Club he rolled up a string of 172 against Boston pins.

We are also informed that he has added more laurels since the above was written.

GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT, '14, has recently built a house at 92 Lewis Avenue, Walpole, Mass. When the Secretary called Geoff was on his knees painting floors. He is employed by the Lewis Manufacturing Company of Walpole, as credit man. Is married, has two children,

Peggy, aged 12 and Junior, aged 7. Is a member of the Walpole Post, American Legion, and attends the United Church.

EVARISTE T. PORCHI, '07, has been engaged in the stained glass industry for a number of years and is now employed by Charles J. Connick, 9 Harcourt Street, Boston. His home is at 19 Norman Road, Cliftondale, Mass.

A. BELDEN GILBERT, '16, recently sent the Secretary his photos taken while in the service and one taken this year, as well as a copy of a citation received for Gallantry in Action in the Argonne-Meuse offensive, while a member of the 57th Artillery, C. A. C. He is now a Publicity Director connected with the Movie industry and is located at Hollywood. In line with his profession writes a very breezy letter. He is married and has a daughter, Barabara Louise, aged nine. Belongs to the Elks, Masons, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He has a brother, who is also a graduate, RALPH H. GILBERT, '16 of 150 South Main Street, Randolph, Mass.

JOHN GOODHUE, '21, is manager of the Floor Maintenance Company, of 176 Federal Street, Boston, specializing in the cleaning, sanding and polishing large floors when made of asphalt and rubber tiles and composition. He is married, and lives at 441 Quincy Avenue, East Braintree, and belongs to Delta Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Braintree.



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### The Duties of an Observer

Our weather Observatory gives each boy an opportunity to learn how to operate recording instruments, forecast, and otherwise interpret the weather. The instruments are housed in a specially constructed building on Observatory Hill, on the south part of the Island.

Five boys are known as Observers, and readings are taken each morning, noon and night. The Observers are chosen from the higher classes, and the work is so organized that a boy finishes his course each month and a beginner is assigned to learn the work.

The Senior boy on the staff is the chief. His main duty is to teach the new boy how to change the chart on the Quadruple machine each day, and how to read the instrument. The boy next in length of service is the Deputy and his work is to forecast the weather each morning. He also records all weather conditions, such as wind velocity, wind direction, temperatures, and so forth.

At night two Observers go to the station and record the minimum, maximum, and mean temperatures for the past twelve hours. The relative Humidity and

Dew Point is ascertained and recorded. In addition the direction and velocity of the wind is noted. A reading of the barometer is also taken.

Instead of having several separate instruments we have what is known as a quadruple register. This does the work of four instruments, and records the amount of sunshine, amount of precipitation, wind direction and wind velocity. Recording is accomplished by electrical contacts, storage batteries furnishing the power.

A thermometer shed on the Observatory roof houses standard dry and wet bulb instruments. The Barometer is in the Office. This is a recording stormograph type of barometer.

The present staff of Observers is:

Howard E. Taylor, Chief  
Reginald D. Randall, Deputy  
Arthur H. Pickard  
Stanley V. Burlingame  
C. Jasper Hardman

It takes five months for an observer to complete the work at the Observatory and I think it is time well spent.

Howard E. Taylor II

### Awarding of the Conduct Prizes

The conduct prizes for the term of June to December of 1931 were recently awarded. There are ten money prizes which are given semi-annually by Mr. Francis Shaw, a former Manager of the School. In addition to these, five books are given by the treasurer of the School, Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell, but this term, owing to a tie for fifteenth place between three boys, a friend of the School kindly gave two more books for prizes. The boys who won the money prizes are listed according to rank. They were:-

Arthur H. Pickard  
Walter G. Fitzgerald  
James E. Douglas  
Paul L. Hamilton  
Charles D. Hallman  
Carl E. Harden  
Reginald D. Randall  
William E. Cline  
Clyde W. Albee  
Raymond Brooke

The boys receiving the Temple Consolation prizes were:-

John A. Bailey  
Clayton E. Cheever  
Lloyd R. Morrison  
Lloyd W. Blanchard  
George F. Carr  
Kenneth C. Caswell  
Stuart E. MacDonald

The boys try hard for these prizes, and when they are received much satisfaction is felt.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

### Making a Bowl

Having decided to make a bowl, I secured a piece of wood seven inches square and two inches thick. After glueing a smaller piece to one side of the larger, I put on a faceplate, removed the surplus wood and was ready for the lathe.

First I smoothed up the outside, shaped it and hollowed out the inside a little. Next I made a groove, glued the tulipwood inlay in, and let it set for a night. Next morning I took a sharp skew chisel and leveled the inlay. This completed, I finished the inside, sandpapered and oiled it. After three coats of shellac had been applied, I rubbed it down and polished it. I then removed the face plate, and put felt on the bottom.

William F. Gleisman III

### Steamer Work

Each afternoon, after dinner, I go to the steamer. At one o'clock we make a trip to City Point, taking the mail boy and others there. We tie up at City Point and get whatever freight and parcel post is in our locker. When this is on the boat, and the passengers have arrived, we return to the Island. The next trip we make is at five o'clock. After this trip the boat is tied up between the wharf and breakwater for the night.

Between trips there is work to be done around the boats and wharf. Some of this is repairing the wharf, scraping sea growth from the bottom of the boat, painting, and so forth. On good winter days we work on our summer boats getting them ready for painting.

We usually get water and coal for the steamer in the afternoon. Sometimes we go over the wiring system on the steamer and make repairs wherever necessary.

Reginald D. Randall I

### Change of Work

My work has been changed from the Dining Room to the Sewing Room. We learn to mend clothes, sew on buttons, darn socks and do other kinds of sewing. I work in the afternoon.

Clifford M. Hutchins VI

### Vacations

After each of the four terms of school we have a week of vacation. We work from half past seven until nine o'clock. Then we have playtime to play games such as baseball, football, and basketball, as well as to do many other things. In the afternoon we do our usual work and have our regular playtime.

Charles M. Mason VI

### Dining Room Work

Since I came to the School in July my afternoon work has been in the Sewing Room. This week my work was changed to the Dining Room. I am working at the dishwasher at present. I also wipe dishes. I think I shall like to work in the Dining Room.

William E. Cline VI

### Taking Care of Horses

Every morning at half past five the night watchman wakes me. I get up and dress quickly. Then I go to the barn, with three other boys. We clean, feed and water the horses.

We all go to the barn again at five o'clock at night and do the same work.

Elvin C. Bean V

### My New Work

Monday evening Mr. Meacham read the changes in work. I had been in the Sewing Room six months, so I was glad to have my work changed. I now work in the Dormitory during the morning. I like the work very much.

Lewis C. Goodwin V

### The Jester's Comments

—Some markets prefer brown and some white eggs, as we all know. But Paully Hamilton, during an agricultural lesson, answered that he would rather have hens eggs.

—Jimmy Douglas has been letting his hair grow. He would like to be a modern Sampson, and thinks that long hair will give him great strength.

—Will someone tell Harry Dow who Davy Jones is?

—Bunny Mason bragged about his great bravery, and especially how great a hero he was in the dark. Later that night screams and shrieks came from the west basement. Someone had turned out the lights on Bunny.

—Tommy Killeen wandered about the Band Hall until he was asked to sit down so someone else could practice. Tommy answered that he was looking for his mouthpiece. He then discovered that the mouthpiece was in his instrument all the time.

—Whatever it was that Ben Middleton intended to say we do not know. His rather hard to interpret statement was, "I'd like to ride horseback on a mule."

—Abie Mitchell imagines himself as a noted member of the Mills Brothers. The weird tones he makes annoy those that have to listen, but he calls it singing.

—Bolingbroke thinks so much of a certain lady friend that he spelt Vice and left off the last letter, thereby spelling the name of his girl.

—During a basketball game Johnny Fitzgerald asked for the score, which was 7-7. He then inquired as to what team was ahead.

—It seems that Bill Randall has become the outstanding man around the School. For years he has been Chief of the Fire Department, last month he became Chief of the Police Department and now he is Chief of the Observatory Staff.

—Reginald Burlingame told his teacher that the Boston-New York boat goes through the Panama Canal. Well! that's one way to go.

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Muscles, brain power and character are all developed and expanded by the same general process. We make a grave error whenever we think that we can neglect and mistreat any one of these three and then by some magic chance produce a complete and fully developed set of muscles, adequate brain power, or the solid foundation of a fine character.

It is easy to realize that unused muscles get soft and practically useless. We know that to become the "strong" man requires constant physical exercise and methodical practice. The human body must be carefully fed on proper foods, poisons of every kind must be kept out and daily practice is important.

Brain development is a very similar process. We cannot forget the "brain practice" through youth and then expect some day when we need it to come forth with the mind of a genius. Most men that attain distinction in life have done so because of their constant and painstaking efforts. They have worked towards a goal and their mental power was being forever enlarged by stern effort. The greater the education, the more complete the knowledge of practical and theoretical things in general the greater is our chance of success in life.

Character is the most important of the three. Without a proper development of this essential qualification we not only handicap ourselves but we are definitely a burden to our neighbors. Character must be built within us just as surely as physical ability must be fed and trained. Character comes from a firm and well



grounded knowledge of moral right doing and proper relationship to our fellow men. Constant and never-failing exercise of this true knowledge is essential.

Very little of the success and satisfaction of life is luck. The secret of a happy and well rounded life is "hard work." There are times when we wish to play, that we must practice. Sacrifice of some of the immediate pleasures must be made in order that ultimate satisfaction may be earned.

One gentlemen of our acquaintance, who has seen nearly every "corner" of the Earth during his four-score years, continues to enjoy the satisfaction and and happiness of sound muscles, a constantly and never-ending education of the mind, and character as solid and firm as the Rock of Gibraltar. This man has not only attained satisfaction, joy, comfort and all the contentment of life but he is ever radiating this complete life like the rays of the Sun, to the hundreds and even thousands of people about him.

### Topics in Brief

New Years' Day was celebrated by three athletic contests. Club B first team defeated Club A first team 18-9. The second teams then played, and Club A won 8-6. In the evening the Instructors defeated the school team 18-8. On New Years' Eve, Cottage Row Government gave a party.

The Winter Term of school began on January 4th. At this time some departmental work was changed, affecting a number of the boys. The teachers remain the same, with but one exception.

Library was opened this month, and will continue open during the winter. This is a diversion well liked by the boys, especially at night and on Sundays.

The coal and iron necessary for our Forging course was brought to the Island a short time ago, and a class in this subject has begun.

Cottage Row Government held its regular January election on January 12. Carl E. Harden was elected Mayor. Regularly each three months an election is held and a complete staff of officers is either elected or appointed, excepting the judges who hold their office continually.

"Resolved that Gas is more dangerous than Electricity," was the subject of a debate given by the Second Class at their Grade Reading this month. Both sides had good arguments. The judges voted that the Affirmative won.

The Brass Quartet had the honor of performing before the Boston Rotary Club on January 6th. That the boys did very well was evinced by many words of praise from members of the association, and from remarks published later in a Rotary paper.

The School team played Gordon College at the Dudley Street Baptist Church Gymnasium and lost a very well played game 25-12. The Faculty team had little trouble defeating the Gordon second team, 45-15. Previous to the game the boys and Instructors were guests at Gordon College, and had supper there.

The Shaw Conduct prizes, and the Temple Consolation prizes were awarded this month. Cash prizes are given by our former Manager Francis Shaw to the ten boys who have made the best record. Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell gives books to the next five. These are given in Memory of Mr. Thomas F. Temple. The boys receive these prizes every six months.

### January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 65° on the sixteenth.

Minimum Temperature 16° on the eleventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 48°.

Fourteen clear days, five partly cloudy and twelve cloudy.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago, Jan. 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

6. Admitted John C. Armstrong.

16. Religious services by the Superintendent. P. Donovan and Owen Harrington visited the Island.

20. Mrs. Morrison went to Portsmouth and returned on the 24th.

28. Received a visit from Deacon M. Grant and the Rev. Mr. Gray of the Board of Managers. Admitted Daniel O'Connell Green, born in Boston, Jan. 8, 1830, the son of John H. Green, who lives at No. 1 Earl Street Place. and works with Mr. Nott, shoemaker, Summer Street, opposite Trinity Church.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Jan. 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. "Happy New Year" and such a lovely morn--so bright. Not a bit of ice or snow in sight. A real spring day. We know this weather cannot last long, but we enjoy it while it lasts. We commence the year with 90 boys.

2. A change has already come over the weather--This is a snowy blustering day. No crossing. Wrought in "New Hall" putting up pictures, etc. The boys went in Hall this evening.

9. To city with the boat and got 15 bags of meal for the barn and meat, coffee etc., for the house.

10. Messrs. Lyman and Dexter came this P. M. on the "Protector." Frank Orange Brown admitted.

20. Cool. Went to Neponset for a grist, carried a long time since to mill. Sending that home went to city by cars to attend to business.

24. Mercury at 10° below zero this morning. Mr. J. R. M. came to school for the first time since Friday P. M. About 3 P. M. the "Protector" came with Mr. Chapman and Mr. Barker. It being the only way they could get home on account of ice and cold.

### Metamorphosis of the Honey Bee

The eggs laid by the queen hatch in three days. The larvae of the worker bee go into a pupa stage after six days, while the larvae of the drone takes six and one-half days. The queen changes in five and one-half days. The worker emerges as an adult after being in the pupa stage twelve days, the drone emerges after fourteen and one-half days, and the queen emerges in seven and one-half days. It takes twenty-one days for the worker bee to grow from an egg to an adult, and twenty-four days for the drone. The queen takes only two weeks.

The queen is the largest developed individual in the hive and yet she develops five days quicker than the worker and eights days less than the drone. This rapid development is accounted by the difference in food fed to the queen while she is in the larva stage.

Lloyd W. Blanchard I

### An Enjoyable Day

Each year four boys from the band are selected for a brass quartette. This quartette plays once a week at the Island, and this year several trips to town have been enjoyed.

On January 6th the quartette went

to the Hotel Statler and played at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club. The other members of the quartette and myself rehearsed the pieces we were to play until we could play them well. When we played at the Rotary meeting we were well prepared, and played our concert without trouble.

We had a fine lobster dinner when we arrived at the hotel, and then we sang songs. New members were introduced and we then played our concert of four numbers.

In another hall the ladies of Rotary were having a meeting at which Mr. Walter Smith had a part on the musical program. We heard Mr. Smith play and later talked with him. We enjoyed this very much.

We are very grateful for the privilege of playing for the Rotary Club, and hope we can do so again. The members of the quartette are:-

Walter K. Pratt, Baritone  
 Harold F. Bent, 2nd Cornet  
 Charles D. Hallman, 1st Cornet  
 Richard L. Bolingbroke, Trombone  
 Charles D. Hallman I

### Sunday School

When Mr. Downing, our Sunday School teacher, began teaching us he announced that we were to have an Effort system. Each boy was given a number, and every Sunday he is marked according to the work he does in class. Mr. Downing also said that the eleven boys who had the best averages each term would win a prize. Those that won during the first term cannot win the second. This gives twenty-two boys an opportunity. Last Sunday Mr. Downing announced the winners for the first term. They were:

Howard E. Taylor  
 John W. Proctor  
 Walter K. Pratt

Arthur H. Pickard  
 Joseph F. Sadoski  
 Walter G. Fitzgerald  
 Edward F. West  
 William S. Wilson  
 Richard W. Crowley  
 John E. Magee  
 William W. Fish

Walter K. Pratt II

### Basketball Season

The basketball season commenced on New Years' Day when Club B won the first game 18-9. Club A won the second team game 8-6 in an overtime period. As there are ten teams competing, the Gymnasium is in use all the time either for games or team practice. Club B is leading for the Shield, having won one more game than Club A.

The Instructors have a team and play the boys. The Instructors won the first game of this series 22-8.

The School team will play some games with outside teams during this season.

John A. Fitzgerald II

### Notes

The weather during the month of January was exceptionally mild. In fact, had it not been very cold on Jan. 31st the month would have been the warmest in history of the weather bureau. On several afternoons some of the boys played baseball, and any outside work could be done in warm mild temperatures. Strong gales and low temperatures on the 2nd and 31st made those days the only real winter days which we experienced.

The school team played a basketball game with the Woburn Whirlwinds, a Y. M. C. A. league team. Gordon K. Baxter '30, played on the team. The game was played on January 30th and resulted in a victory for the Woburn team, the score being 36-30 in an overtime period.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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The following short biographical outlines of present Officers of the Association have been compiled by the Secretary.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10, President of the Alumni. Harold on leaving the School went to work for the General Electric Company in Lynn, remaining there for about nine years. Was a member of the Eighth Regiment, Mass. National Guard and was sent to the Border during that trouble. Enlisted in the Navy on May 17th, 1917, and served on the U. S. S. Delaware. Discharged on August 30th, 1919, with the rank of Yeoman. Is now employed by Lever Brothers Company of Cambridge, Mass., as assistant purchasing agent and has been with the company for about twelve years. Is married, has a boy Courtland W., aged 11 and a girl, Marcia E. aged 8. Belongs to the Masonic fraternity and lives at 171 Highland Avenue, Arlington, Mass.

HENRY A. FOX, '79, Vice-President. On leaving the School Henry was employed in a grocery store on Samoset Street, Boston, but soon after joined the Boston Fire Department and has been a member for 45 years. Promoted to Lieut. 1895, Captain 1900, Deputy Chief 1920, Asst. Chief 1924, and Chief 1930, also President of the Mass. State Firemen's Association. He is a lover of cats and when informed recently that his own house was on fire told them to "save the cat" and he would be there soon. Mr. and Mrs. Fox live at 11 High Rock Way, Allston, Mass. Is a member of Joseph Warren Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and Saint Andrews R. A. Chapter.

MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, was recently elected Secretary of the Association for the 27th year, making it his 31st year as an officer, having served as Vice-President one year and President three years. On leaving the School he went to work for Thomas J. Hind of Boston. He remained there until 1909, when he went with the Adams-Pond Company, also of Boston, staying with them until 1912 when he became a partner in Armington & Ellis. In 1925 he started in business alone doing concrete, asphalt, and granolithic work. Was married in October of 1911 to Miss Eleanor Louise Lyons of Dorchester. Belongs to Boston Commandery, K. T. and Aleppo Temple, Shrine. Is a Director of the Master Builders Association, a trustee of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association and a Corporator of the Dorchester Savings Bank. His home is at 18 Elm Street, Milton.

CLARENCE W. LOUD, '96, elected Treasurer for the second year. He also served as President for the years 1907 and 1908. Clarence has been one of the most active members of the Association since its formation and when not in office has always been on some committee. On leaving the School he entered the office of Alfred Bowditch, former President of the Board of Managers, and has remained there ever since, recently completing his 35th year. Is married, has a daughter Ruth, employed as a secretary, Edith, a senior in Simmons College and Junior, with the National Shawmut Bank. Is a Mason and lives at 23 Eddy Street, West Newton, Mass.



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### Rocker Ball Game

A snowball battle on Washington's Birthday is a traditional event at the School. During recent years there has been no snow on this day so other sports have been devised. These are usually between two groups, one called the Indians, and the other the Settlers. The two athletic clubs compete with each other for the honor of victory.

Whatever snow we have had has quickly melted, and we realized that a snowball battle would be impossible. We began discussing various games which we have played, and some new ones. It was finally decided to play an entirely new sport here, called Rocker Ball. This game resembled other field games, and we made our own rules which were very few. The purpose of the game was to drive a large ball through a goal area, without the use of hands. The ball could be kicked or butted with the body, and could be played in only this way.

Inasmuch as the game had never been played before, none of the boys had a playing advantage over the others. Six teams played a schedule of three games. There were three teams representing each athletic club, and were graded according to size, and athletic ability.

After the teams had been instructed by the referee of the few rules the older boys began. Everyone took a great

interest and the teams fought desperately. Finally Club B, the Indians, scored a goal on a play which gave them the ball near the settlers goal. Club A, the Settlers fought desperately to tie the score but the Indians played wonderful defense and the Settlers were not able to break through.

The second team game resulted in a victory for the Settlers, although by the same low score 1-0. This contest was fully as exciting as the first team game, and became more so when the Settlers scored their goal and finally won the game. This evened the score of the two clubs, and the result of a victory for each club was up to the third teams. Whichever third team won would mean that its club would be the victor.

The cheering and intense excitement during the third contest was greater, even, than in the two preceding games. Just as it seemed that neither team would be able to score an Indian player took a chance on a long shot at the goal and made the only score of the game.

Thus the Indians, Club B, won from the Settlers, Club A, in the King Phillip Rocker Ball Game. When things had quieted down, the victors were each awarded with a bag of "eats." Another Washington's Birthday was celebrated, and everyone felt the day was worth while.

Walter K. Pratt II

### Repairing Hot Bed Windows

Every winter the hot bed windows are taken to the paint shop and repaired. The broken glass is taken out and new pieces put in. The windows are then re-puttied and painted. This job is usually done by two farm boys and an instructor. As there are about thirty windows to do it takes many days to do a good job. After they are repaired and painted they are put away until the hot beds are ready to be used.

Benjamin F. Middleton I

### Operating the Moving Picture Machine

I was appointed to operate the moving picture machine last June, taking the place of a boy who graduated. We usually have movies every other Thursday.

When I find that there are movies I first go the office and get the machine and reels, then take them to the Assembly Hall. I then set up the machine and focus the first reel upon the screen.

Later the boys file in and the movie begins. Usually there are five parts to the picture, a reel to each part. As each reel is finished I remove it and put on the next one. The film is taken by cog rollers, and thus is controlled as it passes by the lens. After the film has been shown it is wound on an empty reel.

Clyde W. Albee II

### Sunday Evening Services

Last year a plan was inaugurated for the conduct of our Sunday Evening services. This plan divided the School in four groups, and worked with such great success that it was decided to use the same system this year.

Each group has four services on its schedule, and the groups rotate so that each has a service about once a month. The boys are distributed so that the older

boys are evenly divided among the four groups.

A prize is to be awarded those that present the most interesting services. Last year the meetings were done so well that the whole school was given a fine beach supper.

Topics for the services are taken from the Christian Endeavor World, or the boys have the privilege of using any subject, if they care to.

There is much competition and the services so far have been very interesting.

The leaders of the groups are:-

George Carr

Robert Mitchell

Lloyd Blanchard

Reginald Randall

Lloyd W. Blanchard I

### Pets

We have many pets on the Island. There are four dogs: Ace, a fox terrier; Frieda, a German police; Trixy, a collie; and Zip an English Setter. There are three goats and three cats in the barn.

There is also a parrot which is kept in one of the Instructors' rooms. It is very old and it can speak a few English words. His name is Pincho. We have a horse named Ned at the barn who has the very bad habit of working only when he has the desire to do so therefore he is used for horseback riding. He will probably be traded for another soon.

Our laundry Instructor feeds and takes care of the dogs, cats, and the parrot.

Walter K. Pratt II

### A Sunday Afternoon Walk

One Sunday afternoon, some time ago, some graduates, two other boys and myself went for a walk around the island. We started after dinner and went down

on the east side of the island and then walked along the beach. We looked out over the water and talked about the various scenes we saw. We also talked about old remembrances and of the days gone by. We walked around the whole Island and then came to the house and got ready for Church. We all enjoyed our walk very much.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

### Forging

The boys in the first class have started their course in forging. The opening lesson in the course was hammering and drawing out a bar of iron. We took a three-fourth inch bar of wrought iron and hammered it one-half inch square. We then made it round again, and finally made it into a ring. The second lesson was a staple with square points and the third lesson a staple with chisel points. They were made of quarter inch stock and were bent over the horn of the anvil. We have made beam hangers, gate hooks and now we are on the first model that is welded.

Lloyd W. Blanchard I

### The Valentine Dance

On February 12th Cottage Row Government gave a dance in the Assembly Hall to which owners, officers, and first graders were invited. The music was furnished by an orchestra composed of boys and instructors. Those in charge conducted the party very well, and we all had a good time.

James E. Douglas I

### The Jester's Comments

—McAuliffe has his politics mixed a little. He inquires if Governor Ely is Mayor of Boston.

—John Fitzgerald had the idea that a

horseboy's duty was to feed and clean out the horses.

—Skinny Taylor's books on muscle building were of no use to him. He gets strong now by eating raw onions.

—Brooks, "I got a letter today."

Ben, "Who from?"

Brooks, "My girl."

Ben, "Which one?"

—Private joke only. "Sir where do you wear your pants?" Answer, (2nd party much surprised) "Where do I wear my pants?"

—We are not in favor of mashed potatoes as a day's appetizer.

—Electric light conduits, according to Bunker Bean, contain water. Places where the line can be tapped are ideal for water faucets, he maintains.

—Ellsworth Hills made a rather baffling statement. He said, "Tomorrow morning we can go skating all afternoon."

—Philosophical Red Peard knows that international conditions are not of the best. Summarizing it all he says "It's a very cockeyed world."

—Donald Wright still thinks that the S. S. Pilgrim is run by a motor.

—Red Peard says that Moses built the ark. Perhaps he hid it in the bullrushes.

—Heard in the barn. "This place is as cold as a barn. Shut the door."

—After having been elected to the honor of preparing the class prophecy Ben Middleton thinks it was a put-up job.

—The Night Supervisor has proved to "Kiddie" Carr that reading in bed with a flashlight is not profitable.

—Larry Dole thought that the ice spray caused by skating was real dust and was worried. He had to be shown.

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Nothing could indicate more clearly the immediate success of a young graduate of the school than a letter just received from one who finished last June. The results this boy is attaining are typical of F. T. S. boys. The loyalty and appreciation of our graduates is unsurpassed. "Our product" speaks for itself in this letter.

"Dear Mr. Meacham:

You have not heard from me for so long that you probably thought that I had forgotten all about dear old F. T. S. But that is not the case as I hope that is one thing I never do.

The facts are that I have been very busy with my school life and have not had much time for writing.

My class is going to give a play next month and as I have one of the leading parts, I must have it well learned. Also, as I have wrote once before I have played on the school basketball team all season and that has taken a lot of my time. We have had a fair season. We have played 15 games and have won 7 and lost 8. Not so bad considering some of the strong teams we have played. I wish we lived nearer so that I might bring the team down to the Island for a game or two.

I suppose that your basketball season is well under way and that Club "A" is ahead for the shield. I hope so anyway.

I have been enjoying my school life very much and have been trying for good marks. On my last report card I had two B's and two C's. It might be worse.

We have been having some fine weather up here, not much snow but it has been cold enough for some fine ice. We



have had some skating and I have enjoyed it very much.

I suppose that the Senior Class is counting the days just as we did. How foolish it seems now as I look back and think how I used to count them, but then I guess it's just human nature. But then you can never stop to think how much those years mean to you until they are taken away and just the memories are left. I will always cherish my memories of F. T. S.

I had hoped to be able to come down to see you all in the near future but I don't just know when I will be able to. I hope I may soon.

Please remember me to Mrs. Meacham and give her my best wishes, also the instructors and boys and tell them I would be very happy to hear from them. Wishing you the best of luck and happiness,

Respectfully,"

### Topics in Brief

The basketball season is nearly over, and has been very successful. Five teams on each club competed for honors, and Club B won the Sears Shield. Thirty-three scheduled games were played, in addition to other non-championship contests.

On Washington's Birthday the annual King Phillip's celebration took place. This year the affair was much different than that held in former years. A contest called "Rocker Ball" was devised, in which all the boys participated. Club B won, although by the smallest score possible. The trophy of candy, fruit and cookies was awarded the victors.

Cottage Row Government invited most of the School to a Valentine Dance

on February 12. The School orchestra, assisted by Mr. Carl Swanson, furnished the music.

Fourteen tons of fertilizer were brought to the Island on Feb. 4. We were fortunate in getting it under cover before a strange storm began. Much snow, followed by rain, was accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning which resulted in a very peculiar blizzard.

We have had our bakery oven repaired, and the arches in the wood cellar have also been rebuilt where necessary.

The many fire extinguishers on the Island have been recharged.

One of our Advanced Registered cows, Roughwood Jacqueminot, died this month of peritonitis caused by a short piece of wire penetrating the wall of the stomach.

A series of interesting lectures, illustrated with stereopticon slides, have been given by our minister, Mr. Downing.

Much time and work has been devoted to our orchard during the past few weeks. The trees have been pruned, and 40 young trees will be set.

The following graduates have visited the school recently.

William Alcott, '84  
 Burton Dorman, '27  
 Carl P. Herman, '29  
 Henry A. Schramm, '29  
 Nelson W. Pratt, '29  
 Harold E. Floyd, '29  
 Gordon L. Whalen, '30  
 Samuel O. Hall, '30  
 Gordon K. Baxter, '30  
 Almon H. Whitmore, '30  
 William E. Nelson, '31  
 John D. MacGregor, '31  
 Ramsey C. Allen, '30

### February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 50° on the nineteenth.

Minimum Temperature 11° on the eleventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 25°.

Eighteen clear days, four partly cloudy and seven cloudy.

### Calendar 50 Years Ago, Feb. 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. A lovely morn--mild. A heavy snow fell last night covering the ground entirely and deeply.

10. A cold blustering day. My 58th birthday. As has been my custom gave the boys play and a treat and a good time in the evening. Mr. DeBlois came down in the "Protector" towards night and returned in the evening via City Point. I am very grateful to him for this renewed interest in me and mine. Many good and kind deeds are placed to his credit. Unfortunately I was too ill to either contribute to or enjoy the occasion. Dr. Draper came to see me as I am not gaining at all well.

13. Robert J. Anderson discharged to his father and mother to-day by order of Mr. Parker.

18. Has been a lovely winter day. Miss Belding and Kenfield went to the city.

20. Dr. Draper came this morn. Leroy Kenfield went to work in the Chaney Rubber Co.

22. Snowed considerably but it was mild and the boys were enabled to enjoy their play pretty well. Brother Frank came to see us. James H. Graham and Ralph Irwin came to see us. Sent Haley for the mail.

### Calendar 90 Years Ago, Feb. 1842

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4. Benj. W. Perkins left.

5. Joshua G. Oakes came to the Island to repair the boats, etc.

6. The religious and Sunday School services performed by the Matron. Went to the city after Mrs. Cottrill of Montpelier, Vermont and Daniel D. Cate of Portsmouth who were unable to get to the Island on Saturday on account of the weather. D. D. Cate commenced his services as foreman on the farm. (Daniel O. Green, Geo. W. Howe, James S. Kennedy and Milton S. Robinson deserted in the small boat and landed at South Boston.)

14. Received a visit from Mr. Dodge, Mrs. Cottrill and Mrs. Peck of Montpelier, Vt.

28. Rec'd a visit from the Rev. Mr. Gray and Deacon Grant of the Board of Managers.

### Skating

We have not had much skating this winter, because the weather has not been cold enough to freeze the ice. When we do go skating it is usually to the area near the East Side tide gates. Oftentimes the ice is better at South End, and we go there.

Early in the winter an Instructor and some boys attempted to flood the tennis court. This was tried several times without success, and the plan was abandoned.

Dexter V. Woodman II

### Notes

We will be glad to send back issues of the BEACON to any who desire the same. State month and year of number wanted.

The boys have been rearranged according to height, and new numbers given.

Our two sets of Hymnals have been inspected and repaired where found necessary.

### A Fish Story

Did you ever hear the story of the dancing fish? It was written as a composition by a class member. Most fish stories are exaggerated and perhaps this is.

One day a fisherman decided to teach a fish he had just caught the art of dancing. He met with some success, and finally took his fish to the wharf to perform. The fish was doing splendidly when alas, he slipped and fell between the planks on the wharf. His master rushed to his aid, but too late, the poor fish had drowned.

Charles J. Hardman I

### The Recent Size-Up

During the last two terms many new boys have entered the school and some have left. It was thought advisable to rearrange the boys according to height. The boys are each given a number, number one being the tallest boy. When the new numbers were decided, the boys changed everything that is connected with the numbering system. It is a long drawn out process, and we are glad it is now completed.

Robert W. Mitchell I

### Farm Work

The farm is a place where everyone enjoys working. In the winter if one does not mind the cold weather there is much of interest to do around the barn and stock. Farm work varies more than any other type of work. This is because there are so many different tasks that must be done.

In addition to the regular farm work some of the boys learn how to do one thing especially well, and are given that job. There is the work of feeding the cows which one of the farm boys does. Other jobs are feeding calves, taking care of the horses, and care of poultry.

John A. Fitzgerald II

### Sliding

We had some sliding lately which we enjoyed very much. We used the Front Avenue, and everyone made the most of the opportunity because we had no snow before this. We made a toboggan shute on the Front Lawn, but we could not use this because of the warm weather. Now that the snow has gone we are hoping for the good old cold weather so that we can have skating.

Howard E. Taylor II

### Second Teams

Each club had five basketball teams this season. I played on Club A's second team. We had a fine season, winning five and losing two games. The lineup of the team was as follows:-

John A. Fitzgerald, Left forward  
Lloyd Blanchard, Center  
Ellsworth Hills, Right forward  
Carl Harden, Right guard  
George Carr (Captain), Left guard  
Donald Wright, Substitute

Ellsworth E. Hills II

### Band Notes

After Graduation last year the Band lost many of its best players. Since then new boys have been given opportunity to get along in the Band, and some have succeeded, while others have returned to the Beginners' Band.

The Band plays a concert each Monday night at Grade Reading and tries to make them as interesting as possible. We have a large library of music which includes a number of novelty pieces which are played at Grade Reading from time to time.

We have begun working on music which we will play at the school band contests this spring. Soon marching drill will begin, and with the coming of Friends' Days and Graduation our Band will be very busy.

Paul L. Hamilton II

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### Special Alumni Notice

The entertainment Committee announce that the annual dinner of the Alumni Association will be omitted this year.

James H. Graham, Chairman.  
Merton P. Ellis, Secretary

G. GEORGE LARSSON, '16, Association Historian, is an instructor in Shop Work at the Phillips Brooks School, Dorchester. His father organized the Sloyd system at F. T. S. In 1921 George took a trip to Sweden to visit different schools. Is married, has a daughter, Marie, age 2. Belongs to Hyde Park Lodge of Masons, Vestryman of St. Ansgarius Episcopal Church of Roxbury, and past President of the Swedish Gymnastic Club. His home is at 190 Thatcher Street, Hyde Park, Mass.

FRANK W. HARRIS, '00, is a supervising salesman for the Burlington Grocery Company of Burlington, Vermont. They are the distributors for the Independent Grocers Alliance of America, and when visited recently Frank and the local grocer had won prizes for going over the top in sales. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers and of the Central Lodge, F. & H. M. of Irasburg, Vermont. Is married and lives at 60 Seminary Street, Middlebury, Vermont. They have a daughter teaching school in Connecticut and a son employed at Burlington.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '22, of Wolfeboro, N. H. is assistant Scoutmaster of

the Boy Scout troop in that town. Local papers tell of the good work he is doing with the scout troop. At a recent meeting he appeared in his Marine uniform and told the boys something about his experience with the Marines.

CLARENCE P. HOBSON, '25, is employed as an insurance agent. His home is 171 E. Squantum Street, Atlantic. His younger brother Jack has gone to Indiana to live with relatives.

ROGER L. HOLTON, '30, is now in California, and plans to work there. He planned to visit his brother, who is in the service, but his brother was called to China.

GEORGE G. HAMILTON, '31, has developed into a schoolboy basketball star, and we are all interested in the items the papers have of his work. He is a student at Somerville High School.

WILLIAM H. FREEMAN, '30, has sent a souvenir card from Florida. He expects soon to return to his home, 12 Eleventh Street, Old Orchard, Maine.

GEORGE LIBBY, '26, is now in California and has decided to remain there.

GORDON L. WHALEN, '30, whose address is 42 Clovelly Road, Wellesley, and ALBERT H. THOMPSON, '31, are both employed at the Community Playhouse, Wellesley. The latter's address is Rosemary Street, Wellesley Hills.



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### Easter Concert

After many weeks of preparation, a splendid concert was presented on Sunday evening, March 27. The outstanding part of the program was the pageant "Magda".

Magda, a young Greek woman, resides in Jerusealem with her father Simonides. She falls in love with Thomas, disciple of Jesus, who tells her many tales of the Messiah whom he follows. In the opening scene, Magda sends a message to Thomas, who is in the city, to come quickly if possible as she wants to see him. After Hannah, her maid, departs to send the message, Magda's father enters and tells her of an unexpected trip to Greece, and asks her if she wishes to come. She refuses the offer and Thomas becomes the subject of their conversation. The scene closes with the departure of Simonides on his journey.

The second scene is opened by the arrival of Peter, a fellow disciple with Thomas. Thomas arrives shortly after, and preparations for Christ's entrance into the city were related to Magda. She told them of her opportunity to see Jesus that evening in Bethany.

The next scene was after Magda had seen the Christ and her enthusiasm knew no bounds as her talk with John early in this scene shows. During this scene,

Magda's cousins Philip and Thades arrive from Greece. They too are seeking Jesus and enjoy a talk with John about Christ.

In the fourth scene, Magda, having realized the true mission of Christ, tries to explain these things to Thomas. He cannot understand and leaves discontented and angry.

The following scene is after the betrayal of Christ, and the disciples enter the garden of Magda seeking peace and rest. Midway through the scene Thomas enters upset and flustered. He tries to persuade Magda of the vainness and deceitfulness of "this Nazarene."

The sixth scene is wholly about the Meditations of Thomas. He seems to live his life with Christ all over again in thoughts. Near the end of this scene he has a vision and sees the real Christ.

In the last scene he and Magda recall former incidents and finally unite in the common love of Jesus.

Other special features of the concert were the Choir and the Brass Quartet. The Choir sang several numbers, and also furnished music during the pageant. The Brass Quartet played "Cavalry." These two units added much to the succesful presentation of the play.

Robert W. Mitchell 1

### The Gordon Games

About a month after the basketball season had begun, Mr. Thomas, the coach of the school team, posted a call for candidates for the team. Changes were necessary for the best combination of players. At last the team was selected, and our first game was with Gordon. This was played in the Dudley Street Gymnasium. Gordon College won 25-12. About a month later a return game was played at our own Gymnasium. The latter was the better game.

At the start of the game, the school team rolled up a comfortable lead, but Gordon quickly overcame it and tied the score. It remained tied until about two minutes were left, and then a player on our team scored a basket. This proved to be the winning basket. The final score was 34-32 in favor of the school. We enjoy playing these games very much.

The teams were as follows:

GORDON		F. T. S.
Buzzell, Libby	R. F.	Pratt
Downing	L. F.	Hamilton
Ladd	C.	Bolingbroke
Nickerson	R. G.	Crowley
Mack	L. G.	Middleton

Walter K. Pratt II

### Kitchen Work

My work has been changed from the Sewing Room to the Kitchen. Already I have washed and wiped dishes. I shall probably do all the different kinds of work before I finish my period of time here. Sometimes we finish our work at one o'clock in the afternoon, then we play until five o'clock when we go to work again until supper time. We have about a half hour of work after supper.

Weston O. Page VI

### A Musical Fable

On February 29th the Second Class presented for their Grade Reading program, a musical fable. The title was "Goldilocks," and the class was assisted by the Band.

This was somewhat different than the past programs and proved to be very successful. The characters of the fable were represented by different instruments in the Band, according to the tone of the character's voice. Everyone knows the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. However, this story was quite modern, compared to the original. The reader was Dexter Woodman. Goldilocks was represented by the clarinets and the three Bears by the bass, baritone and trumpet.

Paul L. Hamilton II

### Working in the Poultry House

My work is in the poultry house and I find this work very interesting. We begin our work after breakfast. First we get pails and hoes, and clean the dropboards. We then fill the mash boxes and sweep the floor. After filling the pails with drinking water, we collect the eggs. I enjoy this work very much.

J. Henry Warnook V

### My School Work

I like school work more than anything else. I am in second place in my class. I hope I shall be in first place sometime later. We study Arithmetic, English, History, Geography, Reading, and Spelling. Everyone should try to do the very best he can in school because it will help him so much in acquiring a good education.

William D. DeLorie VI

### Our Class Basketball Team

The Second Class recently organized a basketball team. The best players of the class were chosen for the team and we soon began practicing for our first game.

Our first game was with the strong team of the First Class. The Second Class started the game off by scoring four points. Soon our opponents began piling up a score of baskets. We fought hard to stop their attack, which we did somewhat. Finally the game ended with the score standing 40-17 in favor of the First Class.

Shortly after this game we played our second game. This game was played with the powerful team of the Third Class. Our team was quite well trained and did much practicing for the game. In the opening quarter we got off to a good start, scoring many points. In the second quarter many baskets were made by both teams. We were very successful in the third and fourth quarters, although the Third Class played a very good defence. The game ended with the score being 53-21 in our favor.

The lineup of our class team is as follows:-

Paul L. Hamilton—Left Forward

Walter K. Pratt—Center

John A. Fitzgerald—Right Forward

Richard W. Crowley—Left Guard

Kenneth C. Caswell—Right Guard

Substitutes

Ellsworth E. Hills      Clyde W. Albee

John W. Proctor

Clyde W. Albee II

### Playing Marbles

Marble season has started at the school. First we make a large ring, then we put two or three glassies in the ring. We try to shoot the glassies out of the ring. Each boy tries to see how many he can win. All the boys enjoy this game.

Raymond L. Beck V

### Saturday Afternoons

On Saturday afternoons the boys are allowed to do what ever they wish, providing they have had the right conduct. Some of the things the boys can do are to go to the Band Hall, play marbles, go to the gymnasium, play basketball, and some go ratting, as the School pays two cents per rat caught.

About six of the boys go to the farm, and earn money to buy things in Trading Company. Some of the boys have to work for the Supervisor, cleaning the rooms, scrubbing the floors, and sweeping gutters.

William H. Parlee II

### The Jester's Comments

—Misunderstandings sometimes lead to humorous situations. Ask Donald Glenn who thinks that one and one makes eleven.

—Ma Bailey washes windows so clean that he says "they'll think this is just a plain piece of glass, not a window."

—Pop-eye Augustine works very hard in the Power House. He became provoked at the Seniors for criticising his work and defended himself by saying that he "blows tubes on Monday and cleans up in general the rest of the week."

—Bill Randall wonders why Johnny, the pet turtle, don't get waterlogged.

—It's no joke to become seasick. Ask Red Hills. (He's a boat boy.)

—In studying Mammalia Charlie Hallman inquired if a "cat didn't smell by his fur."

—George Carr was listening to a discussion about horns. He inquired what musical instrument was being discussed. The truth was that the group was talking about the different parts of an anvil.

—Professor Davis finds that furniture polish is not so good a lubricant for trombone slides.

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"Don't count your chickens before they hatch" is an old saying and right. We had about 2000 eggs in our incubator at one time this season. 637 of these were lighted (inspected) on the eighteenth day and found to be 86% fertile. On this basis we estimated that three days later, the twenty-first day, there would be about 525 chicks, or 83% of the eggs would hatch. Instead, 456 chicks hatched, a percentage of 71.

A seventy percent hatch of Rhode Island Red eggs in modern day incubation methods is considered very good so we should not be too disappointed because our yield was not nearer 100%.

We can, if we will, learn from nature. We can compare life to the growing plants and animals about us. If we study carefully the life of any group of plants or animals we can estimate our own prospects in a similar manner.

The philosopher differs from the expert herdsman or gardener only in the type of life he studies and very frequently the diligent farmer is found to be an excellent judge of human nature.

The facilities for the study of life are abundantly provided by a kind providence. It is our fault if we neglect the opportunities of studying the ways of nature.

The lover of roses strives for perfection in the cultivation of this beautiful gift of nature. The poultry fancier must have a bird of exactly the right size, shape and carriage, plus feathers of perfect coloration. The cattle breeder must have animals of just the right shape of body at



every point plus production of plenty of exactly the right kind of milk.

Should we strive less diligently for the perfection of our own lives?

### Topics in Brief

Our Easter Concert took place on March 27. The Biblical play "Magda" was presented in a very fine manner. The Choir and Brass Quartet also had a part on the program.

The Gordon College basketball team played our team on March 9. The contest was well played, our boys winning 34-32. A group of Gordon rooters came to cheer their team and the evening was enjoyed by everyone.

The scheduled games for the Sears' Basketball Shield and Cups have been played, and Club B has won the Shield. During the past few weeks class teams have been organized and have played a series of interesting contests.

An area on our Front Lawn has been plowed, cultivated and made ready for seed. This area is shaded, and we have tried, without much success, various other methods. We hope to have this work result in a good lawn.

Cottage Row Government has begun its spring activities. The Board of Aldermen voted to open the Row recently, and the boys are busy cleaning and getting the cottages ready for summer.

The boys have commenced work on their flower gardens. Each boy assumes full responsibility for his garden and prizes are given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, a daughter of our former Vice-President Mr. Henry S. Grew, who gave them for many years. Mrs. Crosby gives the prizes in memory of her father.

The usual spring work on our boating equipment is progressing satisfactorily. We expect to launch our gasolene boat and summer floating equipment very soon.

Our heating plant was shut down on March 26, so that minor repairs could be made. A new lubricator has been installed on the pumps.

The mangle, or flatwork ironer, in our laundry was stripped, and a new apron and covers put on. The extractor and drying tumbler have also been repaired recently.

The regular spring work has begun. The hydrant covers and window pocket covers have been removed and put in storage. The reseeding of lawns and gardens is under way. The lawn settees are being made ready to put on the lawns. There is considerable to do, and with good weather we hope to accomplish all that we have planned to.

We have hatched 1413 chickens in our new Petersime electric incubator. This shows the very favorable percentage of 72. The first hatch was begun on February 24th, and since then a new lot was put in the incubator once each week. At the present time we have a special lot of 110 eggs hatching. These eggs were purchased with the purpose of improving our flock.

The incubator is modern and we are proud of the results attained. The eggs are turned three times daily, by turning the drum by an outside connection. It has a capacity of more than 2500 eggs.

The Senior Class had the privilege of visiting the various departments of the Wentworth Institute recently. The trip was planned by one of the Instructors.

**Calendar 90 Years Ago, March 1842***As Kept by the Superintendent*

14. John Sherman, Jr. of Portsmouth, came to the island to work. Admitted Isaac Major born in Liverpool, Feb. 16, 1830. John H. Johnson, Jr. born in Boston, Apr. 26, 1829, Thamoas Daland born in Roxbury, April 2, 1829.

19. Admitted James Tracy born June 19, 1831.

20. M. Grant Esq., and son and Rogers visited the institution. The religious services of the day were conducted by Deacon Grant. Thomas Burns discharged to go to Plainfield with a farmer. Admitted James H. Nickerson, 9 years old.

26. Geo. H. Gould discharged to return to his mother.

31. Received a visit from Gen. Theodore Lyman and Geo. H. Kuhn, Esq. Admitted Jeremiah Lynch.

**Calendar 50 Years Ago, March 1882***As Kept by the Superintendent*

1. Wind South. Rained nearly all day. The carpenter working on steamer and making new posts for side of boiler room. No one to city.

7. Carried in monthly report. There have been no admissions since the year commenced and but one discharge, Robert J. Anderson.

13. Wind west. Rough and cold. Went to city. Called on Mrs. Kenfield at 102 West Brookline St. to see about her boy. Called on Mr. Arthur Dexter on same business. Got type, books, etc. The carpenter and printer came this morning at 9 o'clock. Bought books on wood-working for shop.

16. Carried a part of smoke stack to East Boston to Mr. Killileo to be repaired. Got meat and fish for house. Joseph Partridge and Charles E. Brown came to work on farm bringing a pair of oxen to

City Point, which it is too windy to get over. Mr. Barry came to blacksmith.

19. The gale has broken so that we can cross and I feel it my duty to go for the oxen as an act of mercy to them and have done so.

24. Fred'k. Learing discharged to go to his friends in So. Boston who have a place for him.

31. A very cold windy morn. Took things belonging to the steamer in the "Emma," went to Spectacle Island and got Ward's steamer to tow me up to city, as we could not go against the wind and waves.

**March Meteorology**

Maximum Temperature 65° on the thirtieth.

Minimum Temperature 9° on the sixteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 37°.

Nineteen clear days, one partly cloudy and eleven cloudy.

**Fifth Class School Work**

Next week we begin reviewing our work for the third term tests. In History we have studied the Mexican and Civil Wars. In Geography, Plateau and Pacific States, Alaska, Panama Canal Zone and Porto Rico. Our English work has included Parts of Speech, kinds of Sentences, Clauses and other English forms. In Arithmetic we have had Insurance, Interest, Commissions and Areas. We also study Spelling and Reading. The Reading is selections from American and English Literature.

Raymond Brook V

Fourteen small pigs were purchased and brought to the Island lately.

### Heating the Root Cellar

Near the southern part of the Island there is a large root cellar, built of stone, where vegetables are stored. On cold winter days we keep the vegetables from freezing by keeping an oil stove going. One of the boys starts the stove and waits for the cellar to warm to the desired temperature. He then turns the heat off and returns to the barn.

James T. Ritchie V

### Letter Writing

On or about the tenth of each month the boys write letters to their relatives and friends, or on business. Each boy makes sure his letters are correct. When the letters are written correctly they are mailed. We have letter writing days from October to May. During the summer our friends visit us, and we go home for a vacation. Because of this we don't write many letters during the summer months.

Donald S. Glenn II

### Skating

When the ice suitable for skating had formed, I thought it would be a good time to try the skates I received at Christmas.

As it was the first time I had skated this year, I fell several times. After awhile I began to get used to being on skates. Now I can skate about without much difficulty.

William E. Cline VI

### Flag Boy

At eight o'clock in the morning I go to the flag-pole and put up the flag. Sometimes it is very difficult to open the clasps as they are frozen and covered with ice. Once I had to use a hammer to open them. When the wind blows hard, the flag is nearly unmanageable. I like to do this work.

Charles M. Mason VI

### Grade Reading

The name "Grade Reading" comes from the fact that, until eight years ago, the Superintendent read the standing in conduct of each boy every Monday evening. The Conduct System is composed of four grades, hence the name "Grade Reading." The Grade was computed weekly at that time.

The Grade is now made up each day and kept on a chart in the Assembly Room. The Grade Readings have been changed considerably. The usual method is to open with a song, after which one of the classes gives a short program. The band then plays three or four pieces, and Mr. Meacham follows with school information and other remarks. The Dining Room plan which is changed weekly, is read. The meeting is then closed by the School singing the "School Song."

Howard E. Taylor II

### A Picture

Recently, after one of our class basketball games, we decided to have a picture taken of our team. As we were already in our basketball uniforms, we lined up on the walk in front of Gardner Hall. As soon as we were ready the camera was clicked. The next day the picture was developed and printed. Then it was brought down and shown to us. The picture came out very well.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

### Birthday Parties

Once each month Mr. and Mrs. Meacham invite those who have birthdays in that month to have supper with them. A special meal is provided and the dessert usually consists of a beautiful cake made entirely of ice cream. The birthday tables are liked by everyone, even though each of us sits there but once a year.

Frederick S. Very II

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### Abraham Lincoln Graham

Entered the School, Nov. 1872, left July 1881. Deceased January 30th, 1932. From Columbus (Montana) News:

"A. L. Graham, 66 years of age, a resident of Montana since he was 18 years old, died Saturday evening after an illness of some duration. Mr. Graham had been in ill health for some time, suffering from an ailment of the heart.

"Friends from all sections of Stillwater county and neighboring towns attended the funeral services at the Congregational Church, Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. M. H. Terry, pastor of that church, delivered the funeral sermon. Active pallbearers included, H. J. Calhoun, J. T. Annin, M. D. Mandeville, J. E. Steinman, Arthur Anderson, and Ira McClure. Honorary pallbearers were W. L. Kyle, L. C. Heicksen, O. L. Heckenlively, H. I. Grant, Don Rosner, and A. J. Galirneau of Billings.

"Born March 15th, 1865, the son of James and Susan Graham, at Canton, Massachusetts, Mr. Graham when 18 years old came to Montana and for many years was interested in ranching. In 1903 he was united in marriage with Clementine Penman Schug and to this union was born three children. Mrs. Graham died in 1927.

"He is survived by three children, James of Columbus, Lester of Mankato, Minn., Marjorie of Columbus, a step-son, Harry Schug of Harlowton, and a brother, J. H. Graham, of Boston, Massachusetts.

"Having been a merchant in Columbus about 30 years, Mr. Graham could count among his friends all the pioneers in this part of Montana. His many friends, young and old, attribute to him qualities of

friendliness and courtesy that were endearing; a quiet but consistent interest in the welfare of the community where he had made his home these many years, and a remarkable affection and devotion for members of his family circle.

"The confidence and respect with which the people of Columbus regarded Mr. Graham was best indicated by the years he served on the aldermanic board and during his tenure of office as mayor. At a meeting of the City Council Tuesday the following resolutions were passed:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Almighty God has removed from our midst A. L. Graham, and

WHEREAS, A. L. Graham was for years Mayor of the Town of Columbus and faithful to his trust, honest and conscientious in the administration of the Town's affairs and rendered invaluable services to the Town administration and was a valuable asset to municipal affairs and took an active part in the community life and civic welfare, and

WHEREAS, his counsel was timely and good and will be long remembered and appreciated and esteemed by all residents of the Town of Columbus, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this present Town Council extend to the family on behalf of the citizenry of the Town of Columbus, heartfelt condolences and sympathy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family, and spread upon the minutes.  
C. S. Swanson, Mayor    C. H. Glenn  
George N. Cardozo    Paul Rosean  
John C. Calhoun    G. J. Nystul."



