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The Senior Class Dance

The Senior Class gave a Dance on April 15. The First Class members invited the Instructors and each member invited a friend. The dance started at eight o'clock and at half-past nine we went to the Dining Room where a table spread with many nice things to eat was awaiting us. The banquet was enjoyed by all and when we finished eating, the toastmaster introduced the first speaker. Many others were called upon to speak. After this we returned to the Assembly Hall to resume dancing.

The Assembly Hall was prettily decorated with the school colors of Gold and Blue and the windows were hung with white and blue crepe paper.

Each member of the Senior Class had a dance dedicated to him and the orchestra played his dedicated song. The Seniors picked each other's names and chose a song which fitted. Each member wrote a verse to go with each dance. The verse was read before the orchestra played. Everyone went to bed happy. It was a fine party and enjoyed immensely.

Reginald D. Randall I

Band Concert

The Band recently had the privilege of playing a concert for the Boston Commandery. Mr. Warren, our bandmaster

and also a member of the Commandery, made possible this favor.

On Wednesday, April 20, the Band left the Island at 4:15 P. M., and crossed to City Point on the "Pilgrim." From there we went to the Masonic Temple by bus, arriving there about five o'clock.

In the Temple we enjoyed a banquet until quarter of six. At this time the band set up and got ready to play. About six o'clock the members came in as we played the "Boston Commandery" march. While they were eating, the Band played its concert. During the two hour period that followed, twenty selections were played. After this, Mr. Meacham gave a short talk about the School. Following this an entertainment of dancing and singing was given. When this part of the program was over, the Band played a few more numbers and at eight o'clock we closed with the "Grand Commandery" march.

Robert W. Mitchell I

The Vermont Sugar Party

On the night of April 9, I was one of a group of thirty boys who were invited to the Vermont Sugar Party to act as waiters. We left the Island directly after supper and were soon taken to our destination, the Mechanics Building. Our first duty was to set the tables and put the food on

Soon the people came in and we waited on them. After the eating and speeches were over, the people left and we cleaned up the tables. We then had maple sugar and other things to eat. Some of the boys danced afterwards. We left for the Island about half-past eleven.

James E. Douglas I

School Life

I came to Thompson's Island Feb. 21, 1932. That was the day before Washington's birthday. I came just in time to play in the Rocker Ball game.

My work at present is in the morning Dining Room. I go to school in the afternoon. We study six subjects. In my class there are fifteen other boys. I like living on Thompson's Island. I think this is a splendid school for boys. Sometime I hope to be a member of the band. I shall try to do my best in every thing as I want to learn all I can while I am here.

W. Chester Parsons V

Office Boy

My work is morning office boy. I go to the boys reading room directly after breakfast. It is my duty to clean that room and arrange the papers and books. I also clean the main office and the Superintendent's office. I do errands and help with whatever work the office Instructors or Superintendent wish me to do. I like to be office boy.

Raymond L. Beck V

Cleaning the Washroom

Every morning our Supervisor gives us certain work to do. Sometimes he tells me to clean the washroom. The floor must be swept and cleaned, the brass tops and rods shined, the sinks washed and when necessary the windows cleaned.

William L. DeLorie VI

The Jester's Comments

—We have been trying a new brand of shoe polish. Larry West noticed the boys using it and said, "Why use stove polish on your shoes?"

—In beginning our war against mosquitoes Clay Cheever recommended the building of a fence around the Island. Do good mosquitoes climb fences?

—Royl Augustine will please stop singing "For we'll kill the old dead rooster when she comes."

—Bunker Bean had his general education enlarged not long ago. He always believed that when coal was put on the steamer fire it was to blow the freight whistle.

—North gets the Coleman and steamer mixed up. He can recognize each of these boats because the steamer has a chimney.

—A remarkable remark by Biff Albee, "I will have to rest, my heart is beating."

—Jasper Hardman is still trying to get Africa on his short wave set but so far he is still getting(chilly).

—Harry Dow has been hunting pearls in clam shells. He expects to be lucky.

—Don Wright asks a baffling favor, "Will you please build the bottom down a little higher?"

—Our faithful horse Jerry has a tremendous appetite. He has added egg shells and coffee grounds to his diet.

—Bertha Bent inquires if the steamer's windows are really waterproof.

—Jimmy Douglas asks if a certain ball club was always ahead when the game went 13 innings.

—Lewis Glenn is in training for the cross country run. He is attempting to cut down the Incinerator rest period.

—Walter Fitzgerald on becoming acquainted with the heat of an iron in the laundry found unpleasantness. He wet a finger tip, and then put the wrong finger on the iron.

Aldermen of Cottage Row

At each Cottage Row election five aldermen are elected. There are three share holding aldermen and two non-share holding.

These officials govern Cottage Row and determine all its policies. There are several meetings during each term and all business questions and suggestions must be submitted to the aldermen.

Next to the Mayor the aldermen are considered the highest office holders and boys that are aldermen are proud of their position.

The present Board of Aldermen is:

Share Holding

Walter K. Pratt (Chairman)

John W. Proctor

Clyde W. Albee

Non-Share Holding

Paul L. Hamilton

Leonard O. Pierce

Paul L. Hamilton II

Boat Work

During the Easter week of vacation the boat crews have been working hard on our gasoline launch. The white paint has been burnt off the hull and the hull was smoothed with sandpaper. The cabin was also smoothed with sandpaper. When this was accomplished we started painting. The cabin was stained and the hull and water line were given one coat of paint. The boat will be launched very soon.

Richard W. Crowley II

Razing the Ionic Cottage

Recently the Board of Aldermen of Cottage Row voted to tear down the Ionic Cottage. This was because the cottage was old and it was thought not worthwhile to keep it in repair.

The Aldermen supervised the work of removing the cottage. Materials which

could be used were sold or given to other cottage owners. Other old lumber will be used for the kitchen and bakery fires.

Just what will be done to replace the Ionic has not yet been decided upon.

Walter K. Pratt II

Washing the Presses

After constant use, the presses in our Printing Office become gummed with grease and oil. Frequently the Printing Office boys wash them. We first scrub the grease and oil off with soap and hot water. We then wipe them with kerosene. This prevents them from rusting and also takes off much of the "hardened on" grease. After this we oil the presses and then they are ready to be used again. The presses run very smooth after being cleaned.

Clyde W. Albee II

Painting the Flagpole

On April sixteenth Mr. Campbell came to the Island and put a new rope on our flag pole. After that was done he climbed back to the top and as he descended he painted the pole. When it was finished, it looked very good and will probably not be painted again this year. The boys enjoyed watching Mr. Campbell climb the pole and work on it. While he was here he told the boys that at the top of the pole, the wind was so strong that it made the pole sway about four feet.

William H. Parlee II

Getting Seed

One morning Mr. Baird told another boy and I to go to the boat and report to help get seed. We went to City Point where 38 bags of seed potatoes, 2 bags of seed corn and 2 bags of seed beans were stored in the locker. We put them on the steamer and brought them to the Island where they were stored in the root cellar.

Donald R. Wright II

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The value of an agricultural education is especially apparent in these times. In boom times we are considerably inclined to forget that agriculture is the very basis of life and international prosperity. The source of all material production is the ground and water. A very large part of all production is by the small farmer. Most business, big and little, is the assembling and distribution of the product of the soil. We, therefore, prosper according to the prosperity of our farmers.

In spite of the large number of homesteads taken up in the west in the past 10 years there are now 400,000 less farms operated by owners in the United States than in 1920. Thirty two states show a large reduction in farm land acreage from 1910 to 1925. The percentage of decrease in farm land acreage in New England since 1910 varies from 16% in Vermont to 39% in New Hampshire, an average of 27% for New England. There are 5,500,000 less acres in farm land in New England than used in 1910. The population of the United States has increased 17,000,000 in ten years. In the same period of time the farm population decreased 1,200,000.

A very large factor in the return to prosperity will be the "Back to the farm movement." Of course we cannot send men to operate farms without proper training but the man who knows the fundamentals of farming can at least get the necessities of life from the soil and that is considerably more than many are earning in cities and towns to-day.

The school that supplies agricultural training is going to be recognized in the next few years more than in the last decade for the valuable training it gives its youth. We can be happy in the knowledge that we are doing our bit towards economic stability by preparing our boys to earn an honest living regardless of depressions.

Topics in Brief

The Senior Dance took place on April 15 and was a very successful party. The Seniors planned the event very carefully and the various parts were executed in a very fine manner. Many novelties in decoration and entertainment made the dance very pleasant. During the intermission a banquet was served in the Dining Room. Mr. Carl Swanson, violinist, assisted our School orchestra, a favor which the Seniors greatly appreciated.

Mr. & Mrs. Meacham are the proud parents of a baby daughter born on Easter morning March 27, 1932. Feeling that the beautiful Easter present which they received deserved recognition, the baby was named Joyce Easter. Joyce was welcomed to the Island with a surprise party given by the instructors. Although she condescended to make a personal appearance at the party, she made it known that such rude awakenings should not be allowed. She received many fine and useful gifts for which she appeared grateful. Every one was very happy to welcome her and to offer their best wishes for the future.

The boys have been refitted to uniforms during the month. Seven new uniforms will be made for the larger boys in the School.

The spring term of school started April 4. Previous to the opening of school the boys enjoyed a week of vacation from classes.

The boiler in our Power House was shut down on April 9 so that two new globe valves on our heating system could be installed. Many other valves were re-packed. The piston on one of our pumps has been packed recently.

Eight boys visited the S. S. Leviathan

lately, and upon each occasion were shown the more important parts of the vessel. The boat is in drydock at the Army Base in South Boston. The boys made several fine pictures of the boat. The trips were arranged by two Instructors.

Four pounds of Caucasian bees were shipped from Bolling, Ala., together with a new queen reaching the Island on April 19 and were added to our present hives.

Work on the farm has been progressing in good shape. 45 acres are already under cultivation, including some vegetable garden work. We have set 150 rhubarb plants, and 36 apple trees. One half acre of peas and four acres of oats are well under way. 2000 tomato and cabbage plants are well started in the hot beds. The asparagus is also started. Fifteen tons of commercial fertilizer and six tons of lime were used this spring. There has been considerable work done on the orchard, including much grafting and spraying. Three new cow pens have been built in our barn in preparation of new advanced register work. The new poultry range is being constructed and a water line laid. We hope to get the pullets out soon.

A group of boys attended the Sugar Party of the Vermont Association of Boston on April 6 at Mechanics Building. The boys acted as waiters for the Association, and afterwards enjoyed refreshments and dancing.

Our Band had the privilege of playing before the Boston Commandery on April 20. The event took place in the Masonic Temple. Mr. Frank L. Warren, our Bandmaster, is a member of the Commandery and arranged the trip. The boys did splendidly and received considerable praise.

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 75° on the twenty-fifth.

Minimum Temperature 30° on the twelfth.

Mean Temperature for the month 37°.

Nineteen clear days, four partly cloudy and seven cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

29. About 8 o'clock this morning as the day appeared favorable for the purpose, Mr. Thomas T. Peabody, teacher, Mr. Joshua G. Oakes, boatman, and twenty-seven of the boys of the institution went down the harbor in the Farm School sloop on an excursion of pleasure which had been previously promised to the scholars as a reward for their good conduct. They had caught a few fish and were returning. The Superintendent saw and recognized the boat as she passed the East End of the Island, and soon after went down towards the wharf to meet the boys on their return. While waiting there a boy came running and informed him that the boat had capsized and sunk.

With the assistance of D. D. Cate and J. Shannon he hastened in a small canoe to near the place where the boat had sunk and following the direction which the waves would be most likely to carry those who might be able to swim, they succeeded in saving Jeremiah Lynch who was floating upon the water but insensible; and three fourths of an hour afterward found the dead body of Patrick Shean.

Three of the boys, Geo. F. Gould, Wm. E. Wallace and Frederick S. Simonds saved themselves by clinging to a box and were taken off by a boat from the schooner "H. B. Foster" before our canoe could reach them and were carried

to the city.

At the time of the accident which was about 2 o'clock P. M. it was nearly high water and the wind was blowing fresh from the N. W. As the boat passed up near the East End of the Island she stood off towards Castle Island in order to make a tack, which would have brought her to the wharf. As soon as she had made that tack, a squall struck her, when she capsized and sunk.

In this melancholy disaster the following persons were drowned: Joshua G. Oakes, boatman; Thomas T. Peabody, a beloved teacher; Chs. H. Austin; Henry A. Burnham; Thomas F. Blake; James M. Chandler; Wm. A. Clark; Geo. W. Chase; Thomas Daland; Samuel D. Decastro; James S. Fillmore; John Hall; Henry H. Lucas; Henry C. McLane; Peter Pastrovich; Isaac Major; Abraham L. Spence; John H. Johnson; Patrick Shean; James Tracy; Stephen P. Vose; Richard G. White; Robert S. Walker; and Samuel F. Walker (brothers), and James Walker. 23 were lost.

Messrs. Grant & Bowditch hearing of the fatal accident came to the Island.

30. At low water this morning the Capt. of the steamboat "Gen. Lincoln" discovered the top of the mast of the sloop lost yesterday. The boat was raised and taken to the wharf this forenoon, but no bodies found in her. Several person engaged in grappling for the bodies of those drowned. The bodies of James Tracy and John Hall found.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, April 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

6. "Fast Day." Pleasant. Between forty and fifty graduates and friends of one and another came to see us. Among them Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Evans, Sam'l Simmons. We had a trial of skill

between two bands led respectively by B. B. Keyes and Chas. McCullin. Both did remarkably well. Master Keyes was presented with a fine E flat cornet by his many friends here, which he well deserves for good conduct, persistent practice, and good playing.

10 Geo. N. Kerry, Chas. Seaver and Geo. Sampson were discharged to go-the 1st two to Rye, N. H. to Messrs. J. J. Goss and Alvin Rand, the last to his mother in West Brookfield, Mass.

11. A fair spring day. Went up in the steamer which went nicely, but while at the wharf in the city a flue burst so she had to be taken to East Boston for repairs. Came home in the "Willie" boat.

17. A fair but windy day from west. Wrought again all day on steamer. Mr. Bibber came to caulk the "Lyman." Whitman to paint. Dug parsnips, prepared ground for beets. Ploughed, etc.

18. To city in steamer. Mr. Lyman came back with me. The painter and blacksmith here. The steamer injured her piston on the way home.

19. Carried piston to Atlantic Works to be repaired. Rough from East but changed to South.

25. To city with steamer. Messrs. Bowditch & Gardiner came home with me. Took them back to the city and got meat, boys' clothes, etc.

28. To city with boat. The feed pipe burst and we put in a new one while there. Got flour, potatoes for seed, shoes for boys. Planted second planting of peas.

29. G. W. Berry, blacksmith, came. Dr. Draper came to see Barnard, 1st, who has inflammation of the bowels.

Changing Towels

Each boy has a towel which hangs on a hook in the washroom. The towels are changed on Wednesday and Saturday.

The soiled towels are collected and sent to the Laundry and clean towels are brought from the Sewing Room, where they have been mended. Changing towels is my work as I am Clothing Room boy.

John A. Bailey V

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 30, 1932.

RESOURCES

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Savings Bank | \$694.87 |
| Securities | 500.00 |
| Cash | 64.20 |
| | <u>\$1259.07</u> |

LIABILITIES

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Boys' Deposits | \$498.13 |
| Trading Co. Deposits | 492.95 |
| Cottage Row Deposits | 45.02 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 42.73 |
| Surplus | 180.24 |
| | <u>\$1259.07</u> |

Scrap Books

Some boys in the school enjoy making scrap books. Airplane and automobile pictures are used more than any other kind.

We get the pictures from newspapers and magazines. During the winter months this is a favorite pastime, as the library periods give plenty of time for the work on evenings and Sundays.

James T. Ritchie V

Bradbury Allison Rand

Word has been received of the death of Bradbury Allison Rand on April 29. He was a 5th U. S. Infantry bandsman stationed at Fort Williams, Maine. Death was due to injuries sustained in a collision of his motorcycle with a truck on April 28. He was a student at the School from October 1922 until March 1928.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Hyde Park, Mass.

We are sorry to report the death of one of our younger graduates, Alexander Y. Davison, '23, on February 4th, at the Rutland Sanitorium where he had been for six years. He was greatly interested in radio while at the School, and was one of a group of three boys who constructed the first receiving set on the Island. Davenport, Iowa, over 1000 miles distant, was heard by Davison, which gives some idea of the success of the radio enthusiast.

GEORGE G. NOREN, '02, was recently elected Vice-President of the Hour Glass Club, composed of Masons employed on the Boston Globe. George has recently moved and is now at 1 Summer Street, Melrose, Mass.

LESLIE R. JONES, '06, a newspaper photographer of note has made many beautiful pictures which appear from time to time in the Boston Herald-Traveler. He is a staff photographer for those papers.

GEORGE F. KENDALL, '15, visited the School April 2nd. He lives at 27 Irving Terrace, Cambridge, a window trimmer by occupation, married and has five children.

KENNETH JAMES, '31, is a student at Wentworth Institute. His home address is 467 Pleasant Street, Melrose, Mass. He was a recent visitor here.

ARTHUR C. BROWN, '29, has recently joined the Musicians Union and is a member of the 101st Engineers' Band, of which Mr. Frank L. Warren, our School Bandmaster is director.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '22, of Wolfeboro, N. H. is actively engaged in the Boy Scout movement in that town. He is married and is employed in a garage there.

The following paragraph relating to his commission in the Reserve Officers Corps is reprinted from the Granite State News of Wolfeboro.

"The 97th Division Headquarters at Manchester recently announced that Howard Keith had been awarded a reserve commission for the rank of Second Lieutenant. He is appointed to the infantry division of the Reserve Officers Corps. Keith, 22 years old, distinguished himself in 1929 during his service in Nicaragua with the United States Marines. For conspicuous bravery under fire of rebel guns Keith was cited by the War Department and received a medal of merit from the Nicaraguan government. Howard Keith graduated from Brewster Academy in the Class of 1926 and at the present time is employed at Hart's Garage."

CLARENCE P. HOBSON, '25, is employed as an insurance agent. He is married and has a daughter, and lives at 171 E. Squantum Street, Atlantic, Mass. ROBERT H. ERWIN, '31, his brother-in-law is living with him.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, of 621 E. 5th St., So. Boston was a recent visitor. He attends Mechanics Arts High School.

GORDON K. BAXTER, '30 is employed by the Mass. Gear and Tool Co. of Woburn, Mass. He lives at 30 Nashua Place, in that city.



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The State Band Contest

On May 21, a contest to decide the best school bands and orchestras in the state was held at Norwood. There were five different classes in which the bands were entered, based on the age, ability and experience of the boys in the band. Several bands were entered in each class, each band playing three pieces: a march, the required selection and a selective piece.

Five halls were used by the contesting organizations. They were: Senior High School Auditorium, Norwood Theatre, Guild Theatre, Armory and Fire House. Our band played in the Guild Theatre, a very fine building, and one in which the band could play at its best.

The music for the contest included two overtures and a march. We opened with Colonel Miner's March, then played the Home Circle Overture which was required, and closed with the Wanderer Overture, which we chose from a list of selective numbers.

After we played our contest music we walked about the town. Many of our friends were there and for some time we went sight seeing. Before one o'clock we had lunch and shortly after this time we went to the Junior High School where the parade was to commence. We were

the fourth band in line. In charge of the outdoor activities was our Band Director, Mr. Frank L. Warren.

The parade took us through the principal streets of the city and to the Senior High School Athletic Field. We assembled here with the other bands and waited until the parade was concluded. At this time we took places in the grandstand and prepared to play a massed band concert.

Threatening skies caused the massed band program to be shortened considerably. We played under the direction of Mr. Lee Lockhart the Minuet in G and When the Grand Old Flag Goes By. Then Mr. Edwin Franko Goldman led us in his "Columbia" March and a Sousa Memorial march, the Thunderer, which was immediately followed by Taps, sounded from the High School tower. This was very impressive.

The prizes were awarded after this concert and we were very happy to receive first prize in our class. Waltham High School won second place.

Bob Emery, '12, who announced the events, then called our band to execute a fancy drill which we did for the other bands and hundreds of visitors. This was a fitting way in which to end such a fine contest.

The contest was a great success, and Norwood a fine town to hold it in. We

were very thankful to have had the privilege of attending and wish to thank those who made the trip possible.

Benjamin F. Middleton I

A Pleasant Trip to Town

A few weeks ago an Instructor took four other boys and myself in town to spend the day. In the morning we went to the new Paramount Theatre and saw the "Miracle Man". This picture was very good and was enjoyed by all. Then we went into a restaurant and had a very fine dinner. We then took a taxi and went to Boston Garden, where the circus was being held. We first went into the sideshow and saw all the freaks and the different animals. At two o'clock we went to our seats and watched the various acts of the circus. After the show we took a taxi and went to City Point, where we boarded our boat. We all thank our Instructor for his kindness in giving us such a good time.

Kenneth C. Caswell II

Tree Surgeons

Every morning at ten o'clock after we get out of school another boy and I have been working on the trees around front lawn and the buildings.

We saw off all dead branches as near the tree as possible and then paint the bare wood with asphaltum to prevent any diseases from starting. In a few cases we had to chisel out the dead wood and then fill the cavity with cement.

We have just finished fixing the Acasia trees on front lawn and are now working on the old elm between the Main Building and Gardner Hall. There are many large limbs to be cut off, and then painted. We hope to get many more trees attended to before graduation. I like this work very much.

Stanley V. Burlingame I

What Graduation Means

Graduation is always one of the most important moments in one's life. It marks the beginning of a life work. Graduation from The Farm and Trades School may not mean this as many of the F. T. S. Graduates continue school in other places. This is true of many of the boys in the class of 1932 as nearly all of them have college aspirations.

Our completion of the course at this School is the result of years of study and work. That which we have learned must be put into immediate and constant use.

Graduation means carrying the mark of our Alma Mater upon us so that it becomes a distinction among the other people.

Our class is going to uphold the old statement that, "The Farm and Trades School is always proud of its Graduates."

Ernest S. Armstrong I

Scrub

Scrub is a lowly word but it means much in baseball. It is a game in which two boys bat and the others play the rest of the positions. The batters stay up until they are thrown out and then everyone moves up one position. For example the pitcher becomes catcher. When a batter hits a fly ball to another player and the ball is caught the two players swap positions. All the boys like and play this game very much.

Walter K. Pratt II

Our First Swim

On May 16 the boys had their first swim of the 1932 season. However the water was very chilly and the swim only lasted a few minutes. Most of the larger boys enjoyed the duck but it was not so with most of the smaller. We are all looking forward to swims during the summer.

Paul L. Hamilton II

Ball Game

May 12th, eleven other boys and myself were surprised when we were told to change up and get ready to go to town. When we got to City Point, it was a little early, so we visited the City Point Aquarium. After staying there a while we took a street car to Fenway Park where Boston was playing Cleveland. Soon the teams started playing and it proved to be an interesting game although Boston lost 5-4. There were a number of fast plays by Boston and also a home run and a triple by Boston players. It was a great game and we all enjoyed it very much.

George F. Carr I

The Honey Crop

At the beginning of this year we decided to produce extract honey instead of comb as in the previous years. Each colony was given two supers except the Italian which was given three. A super is a shallow box in the hive where the surplus honey is stored. In each super there are ten frames each holding about four pounds of honey. Each hive is expected to produce eight pounds of honey except the Italian which are supposed to produce over a hundred pounds. The total crop will amount to two hundred and sixty pounds. If all is sold the income would amount to forty dollars.

Lloyd W. Blanchard I

Current Events

Each week Current Events comes to the School. This is a small paper having four pages of news about different parts of the world. We learn about some very interesting events by reading these papers. The boys in the Fifth and Sixth classes keep all of their papers in the schoolroom. Their names are written on them and at

the close of the school year each boy makes his into a book, which is kept for reference.

Russell G. Jones VI

The Jester's Comments

—Georgie Carr, alias Freddie the Freshman, has a task explaining jokes which he attempts but which go wrong. Two days after the Band Contest he inquires as to who won. Later he was busy explaining he meant who won some ball game.

—Harry Dow learned not long ago that circus zebras are really not horses in bathing suits.

—Stan Burlingame writes in his graduation essay: "Black walnut is very scarce. It is found in abundance in South America."

—North presumes that sheep grow so old and then magically become transformed into goats.

—The principal crops of Norway and Sweden, according to Weston Page are horses, cattle and hogs.

—In a history class Biff Albee was asked who the great generals of the Napoleonic Wars were. He thought a moment and answered "Napoleon and er er- oh yes, Bonaparte. They were the two principal generals." So was Bunker Bean.

—Peculiar facts and fancies of Ma Bailey who found a sign saying "Out of Order," and tied it to his head.

On Memorial Day, May 30, the annual track meet was held at the School. The weather was ideal, and the various activities provided plenty of thrills, excitement, and entertainment. Club A won by a score of 63-52. In the evening a beach supper was held.

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As graduation approaches we are prompted to take annual inventory and, so far as possible, evaluate our product. Our product is young men. We started with this group of young graduates about six years ago with the avowed purpose of well rounded development, to teach these boys how to live and how to get a living. The latter must not be neglected but after all "learning how to live" is the essential goal of all education. The basic lesson of this study is *character*.

There are twelve boys in the class that graduates this year. Nine of them have received the complete six year course. The other three have been here four to five years each. Their average gain in weight is 54 pounds and in height 11 inches. Their academic average is 84. The valedictorian has an average of 93 and the foot of the class 78. These marks are on a basis of 100 for maximum and 70 as passing.

The practical training of these boys has been diversified and complete. There are 18 working departments at the school and each boy has been in from five to nine of these, averaging seven departments per boy. Each boy has worked from two to three years in the major department of his choice. These major departments of practical training are: agriculture, carpenter shop, printing office, painting, steamer engineer, and heating engineer.

There are three sets of minor diplomas in addition to the graduation diploma. These represent special and more extended work in the three branches of instruction, sloyd, iron forging, and agriculture. Twenty-three of these extra diplomas are to be awarded, 12 sloyd, 7 forging, and 4 agriculture. Eleven of the boys will receive special pins indicating that they have completed the course in our weather observatory. One boy has

become expert in bee culture for which no award is provided but the knowledge gained certainly justifies his special effort.

Seven of the twelve are members of our prize winning band, this band having won first prize in Class C in the state band contest this year and this school had the first boys' band in America.

Eight of this class have won 15 garden prizes while at the school and one boy established the unique distinction of having won for five consecutive years.

Nine of the graduates have won 27 athletic cups. Nine have won 15 Shaw conduct prizes, 7 Temple consolation prizes and 10 honorable mention.

This class has also held the usual percentage of other distinctive offices such as Cottage Row Government officials, team captains, class officers, and club officers.

What about *character*? That most important part of this broad development has been woven into every branch of the training—vocational, avocational, and academic. One cannot faithfully cultivate a single flower in the garden without gaining character training. It is impossible to make a piece of wood-work accurately and well without gaining in self discipline and character. Every bit of work, study and play presents a real opportunity for the expert instructor to cultivate character within the boy. Our religious services are complete and thorough but in reality this Christian work on Sunday is only a small factor in the everyday character building process which goes on daily at our school.

Topics in Brief

Our band entered the Massachusetts High School Band Contest held on May 21 at Norwood. The boys played in the Guild Theatre in that city and won first place in Class C. It was especially gratifying, inasmuch as bands from some of

the larger city high schools opposed our boys. It was a most successful contest in every way.

The young people of the Wollaston Congregational Church invited thirty boys to attend a Church service on a recent Sunday. The boys were met at City Point and were driven to Wollaston. A very interesting trip and fine service were enjoyed by the boys.

The old paint has been burned off the PILGRIM and ILYBIUS and both boats are repainted and otherwise repaired and refinished. The barge has been painted. Our floating equipment is all in the water except the swimming float which will be in use very soon.

The Brass Quartette played a concert in the chapel at Gordon College recently. Our Sunday Services are taken care of by students at Gordon and it has become a custom for our minister to invite the quartette to visit there at least once a year.

Memorial Sunday Services were conducted on May 29. Cottage Row Government had charge of the exercises, with Mayor Herbert A. Rokes in charge.

The First Friends' Day was held on May 10th. Beautiful weather prevailed and a large number of relatives and friends of the boys were present. Pres. Arthur Adams of the Board of Managers and Mr. Merton P. Ellis, '97, Secretary of the Alumni Association were here.

Mr. Alfred B. Hallowell, son of our Treasurer, Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell, gave an illustrated lecture on a trip to Admiralty Island, Alaska on May 27. We are very grateful to Mr. Hallowell for his kindness in coming here and to Manager Dr. Henry Jackson who arranged for the entertainment.

On Sunday May 29 our school Bandmaster brought his 101st Engineers' Band to the Island to give its annual concert. A number of friends of the bandmen came to the Island to enjoy the day. LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82, a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra was present and enjoyed "looking on and listening." The Engineers' Band played a concert, after which our boys played. Guest soloists helped make the afternoon very pleasant. Following the band concerts Antonio V. Tramonte, nine year old son of a visiting bandsman gave a piano recital in the Gymnasium. The little chap played beautifully and thrilled his listeners with the following program:-

- Sonatine in C Major by Charles Dennee
- Albumleaf by Beethoven
- Scherzo by Hummel

A group of twelve boys enjoyed a Boston-Cleveland ball game at Fenway Park recently.

Baseball is enjoying great popularity now with the boys. The scheduled series of club games has started, and each club has won one game.

Rev. Clarence Downing preached his farewell sermon on Sunday May 22. He has conducted our services during the entire year.

Much painting is being done just now. Some woodwork inside the Main Building has been refinished. The barns and poultry houses have had considerable attention.

Work on exterminating the mosquito has been in progress for some time. We have, it seems, done everything possible to prevent breeding of this pest.

Admiral Richard Byrd, Mrs. Byrd and their four children spent Memorial Day at the Island.

The calendar for Graduation Week has been announced as follows:-

- Sunday, June 5 Baccalaureate Sermon at the Phillips Congregational Church, South Boston.
- Monday, June 6 Class Outing.
- Tuesday, June 7 Meeting of the Board of Managers at the School.
8:00 P. M. Graduation Dance.
- Wednesday, June 8 School Sail on Yacht "Constellation".
- Thursday, June 9 3:00 P. M. the Graduation Exercises.
- Friday, June 17 Alumni Field Day.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

- 14. Admitted Isaac Jackson
- 15. John Ball, Esq. of Boston performed the religious services of the day. Admitted John H. Hunting of Boston.
- 19. Fred S. Simonds returned. Wm. Haley of Boston admitted.
- 21. Admitted Milton S. Robinson. James Brant left.
- 26. The steamboat Gen. Lincoln came to the island. Visitors George H. Kuhn, Esq. and about thirty of the friends of the boys.
- 28. Geo. A. Turner went to live with Capt. Fred'k Bolles of Rochester.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, May 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

- 2. A very disagreeable day. Cold high wind and showers. Went to city to get suspenders, clothes, etc.
- 4. The season's first visiting day. Steamer Gov. Andrew brought the boys' friends and Managers Bacon, Bowditch, Emmons, Eliot, DeBlois, Gardner, Storer and Pres. Lyman with seven ladies. All took lunch. A pleasant time every way. The Managers appeared well pleased with everything.

5. Dr. Draper came to see Barnard again. Left the island for a few days.

11. Returned to the island, from Dublin, N. H. where there was plenty of snow.

24. Manager Gardner and daughter visited us today.

30. Decoration. Gave boys play. Changed the old thick clothes for new thin ones.

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 89° on the twenty-sixth.

Minimum Temperature 32° on the sixth and seventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 65°.

Seventeen clear days, seven partly cloudy, and seven cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, May 31, 1932.

RESOURCES

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| Savings Bank | \$694.87 |
| Securities | 500.00 |
| Cash | 36.09 |
| | <u>\$1230.96</u> |

LIABILITIES

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| Boys' Deposits | \$474 15 |
| Trading Co. Deposits | 481.22 |
| Cottage Row Deposits | 44.82 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 33.12 |
| Surplus | 197.65 |
| | <u>\$1230.96</u> |

Being a Milker

At 5:30 A. M. the watchman wakes the milkers. The first one dressed takes a milk can to the milk room and one of the boys takes a cream pitcher with him. After we finish milking each milker brushes off the cows he milks. Then we bring up our pails and a boy carries the

milk and cream to the kitchen. We milk again at 4:45 P. M. but do not separate the cream then. This routine is for the twice a day milkers. Boys milking cows on test, milk three times a day and get up earlier in the morning.

Donald S. Glenn II

The Brass Quartette

The Brass Quartette has enjoyed many special privileges this year. It is made up of two cornets, trombone and baritone, and began practicing last fall for the first trip which was to a church in Brookfield.

A minister at the school a few years ago asked us to play at his Church in Dorchester and we enjoyed this trip very much.

Later we went to the Hotel Statler where we played for the Boston Rotary Club. This was a great treat for us.

The last occasion for which we played in town was at the Chapel Service at Gordon College. We go there every year at the invitation of our minister.

The members of the quartette are:

Charles D. Hallman Harold F. Bent
Richard L. Bolingbroke Walter K. Pratt

Charles D. Hallman I

Painting

During the past few weeks there has been a painter here at the School. He has four boys to assist him, two in the morning, and two in the afternoon. I help in the morning.

The stanchions and the other iron work in the cattle barn has been painted. The hay barn and the poultry houses have been painted. Much work is being done around the Main Building.

Frederick S. Very II

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Mrs. Jennie Mason Foss passed away on March 23rd. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Mason and lived with her folks at the Farm House on Thompson's Island. With her brothers Appleton and George she attended the classes with the boys of the School and was a member of the class which graduated in 1897. Before graduating she left and attended school on the mainland. Graduating from the Somerville High School and Miss Simonds' Kindergarten Training School she went to work for the J. L. Hammett Company, dealers in school supplies. Later she became the first woman town clerk of Carlisle, Mass. Besides her husband, William Foss, Jr., she leaves seven children. Her father and George died some years ago. Her mother still resides in Waverly and Appleton is connected with Columbia University.

ROBERT W. ALLAN., '81. Died on April 16th. Funeral services were held at his late home at 245 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale. For some years he had been connected with the Boston Elevated Railway as an inspector.

The semi-annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on Wednesday evening, May 11th, at 40 Court Street Boston, with President Edwards in the chair.

Voted to hold the Field Day at the School on June 17th.

The following were admitted as members:

Armstrong, Ernest S. '32
Augustine, Royl M. '32
Blanchard, Lloyd W. '32

Bolingbroke, Richard L. '32
Burlingame, Stanley V. '32
Carr, George F. '32
Douglas, James E. '32
Hallman, Charles D. '32
Hardman, Charles J. '32
Middleton, Benjamin F. '32
Mitchell, Robert W. '32
Randall, Reginald D. '32
Tierney, Thomas W. '04
Wight, Willis M. '31

Meeting adjourned at 8:15, and the following were present:

Gordon K. Baxter, '30
Chester W. Buchan, '21
Will F. Davis, '79
Herbert L. Dudley, '16
Harold W. Edwards, '10
Howard B. Ellis, '99
Merton P. Ellis, '97
James H. Graham, '79
G. George Larsson, '17
William E. Nelson, '31
Frederick W. Pearson, '78
S. Leo Whitehead, '23

We are in receipt of a letter from RALPH S. BLAKE, '23, who tells of his experiences in California. He is located in the desert, a short distance from Death Valley and "loves the desert." He has been prospecting for gold in the Panamint Range, until lately when he accepted a contract to move 3000 tons of overburden from a mine there. He has homesteaded 320 acres of government land and after one more year will be deeded the land. Mail addressed to Room 431, Southwest Bldg., 130 So. Broadway, Los Angeles will reach him.



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Graduation

Graduation occurred this year on Thursday, June 9th, and the exercises were held on the Front Lawn. As usual, the day was also a Friends' Day, and more than 250 were present.

The address to the Graduating Class was delivered by the Rev. William G. Thayer, D. D., for many years the Headmaster of the St. Marks School. The Rev. Mr. Thayer in his excellent address pointed out that this country must realize that it is merely a part of the world, and not a world in itself; and that we as a country must take an active interest and participation in the world's affairs if we are to achieve world peace, happiness, and understanding.

Two numbers on our program have become traditional parts of Graduation. Our beloved Manager, Walter B. Foster, a graduate of our School in the Class of 1878, has been responsible for both. The presentation of the School Banner from the president of the graduating class to the president of the second class symbolizes the passing of the School's honor and traditions to the Second Class for preservation. The banner was given the school by Mr. Foster. The Class Song "I Go to Prove My Soul" was arranged especially for our Graduating Classes by a friend and was also given by Mr. Foster.

Twelve boys were awarded diplomas.

Special diplomas were also given those who completed the courses of Forging, Sloyd, and Agriculture.

The program, together with the names of those receiving diplomas follows:

PROGRAM

- MARCH**—The Ambassador E. E. Bagley
Band
- INVOCATION**
Rev. Frederick B. Richards, D. D.
- SALUTATORY** James E. Douglas
U. S. Navy in the World War
- CLASS SONG**—I Go to Prove my Soul
- CLASS PROPHECY** Benjamin F. Middleton
- TROMBONE SOLO**—The Wanderer
Richard L. Bolingbroke and Band
- CLASS WILL** Lloyd W. Blanchard
- PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BANNER**
Richard L. Bolingbroke, Class '32
Paul L. Hamilton, Class '33
- VALEDICTORY** Robert W. Mitchell
Short-Wave Radio
- INTRODUCTION** of Manager Philip H. Theopold
President Arthur Adams
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**
Manager Philip H. Theopold
- ADDRESS**
Rev. William G. Thayer, D. D.
- AWARD OF DIPLOMAS AND PRIZES**
Superintendent William M. Meacham
- SCHOOL SONG** School
- MARCH**—Second to None L. S. Kenfield '82

CLASS OF 1932

Ernest Stephen Armstrong
 Royl Marsh Augustine
 Lloyd William Blanchard
 Richard LeRoy Bolingbroke
 Stanley Veranous Burlingame
 George Frederick Carr
 James Ellis Douglas
 Charles Daniel Hallman
 Charles Jasper Hardman
 Benjamin Franklin Middleton
 Robert Ward Mitchell
 Reginald Daniel Randall

SLOYD

Ernest Stephen Armstrong
 George Frederick Carr
 James Ellis Douglas
 Charles Jasper Hardman
 Robert Ward Mitchell
 Reginald Daniel Randall

FORGING

Lloyd William Blanchard
 Richard LeRoy Bolingbroke
 Stanley Veranous Burlingame
 George Frederick Carr
 James Ellis Douglas
 Charles Daniel Hallman
 Robert Ward Mitchell

AGRICULTURE

George Frederick Carr
 Charles Daniel Hallman
 Charles Jasper Hardman
 Reginald Daniel Randall

CLASS OFFICERS

Richard LeRoy Bolingbroke, President
 Robert Ward Mitchell, Vice-President
 Benjamin Franklin Middleton, Secretary

Alumni Field Day

The Alumni Association holds an annual field day at the School on June 17. Although it was raining a large group attended this year. They came on the motor ship Francis, and arrived a little before eleven o'clock.

One of the older graduates scrambled candy, which began the fun of the day. After this the band boys assembled in the Gymnasium and played for the guests. There were some speeches made, after which the boys went to dinner. The graduates and their friends ate in the Gymnasium, and three of the boys acted as waiters.

After dinner an indoor baseball game took place. Everyone played and had a good time. The game would have gone on for a much longer time, except that organized races and games were scheduled at two o'clock. At this time the floor was cleared and the events began. There were very many contests, and three prizes were given in each race. The most interesting contests were the blind boxing, obstacle race, and pie contest.

The funniest contest was the pie race. The boys kneeled before a bench upon which a blueberry pie was placed for each boy. Without the use of hands the pies were consumed. Prizes were awarded the first one finished, and the one who finished with the cleanest face.

The weather cleared up a little and everyone went outdoors where more races were held. There were scrambles for peanuts and candy, and many foot races.

This ended the program for the day, and the guests went to the wharf. The boys all had a fine time and are looking forward to the next Alumni Day.

Walter G. Fitzgerald II

Constellation Ride

On June eighth the School was invited to a sail on the yacht "Constellation." Commodore Herbert M. Sears, owner of the boat, invites us every year. Mr. Sears is a brother of our Manager Philip Sears.

We assembled on the wharf and our school launch took us to the Constellation which was anchored a short distance away. On boarding the boat we were greeted by Commodore Sears and Manager Philip Sears.

Most of us went to the bow of the vessel and watched the sailors hoist the anchor. One of them had a hose and washed the seaweed from the anchor as it was coming up. The anchor was pulled up by an engine and put on its cradle on the side of the boat.

In a few minutes we began our trip down the harbor. We sailed for about two hours, and we passed the principal islands and points of interest. Upon our return a fine lunch was served. This consisted of all the sandwiches we could eat, as much lemonade as we could drink, and plenty of ice cream and cake.

After lunch we thanked Commodore Sears for the wonderful time he had given us. Meanwhile our launch had arrived and as we left the yacht we were each given a box of chocolates.

Arthur C. Rouse II

The Jester's Comments

—Ellsworth Hills is now an engineer. His duty is to turn the lights on or off, according to his classmates' desire in Senior Dormitory.

—Howard Taylor patronizes those 'strength-building' foods so often lectured about on the radio. Some day he hopes to be a strong man.

—Francis Curtin, after several attempts to learn a band instrument, has decided

to try again, this time an alto horn.

—Jerry Macdonald, during a recent ball game, tried to go in two directions at once and his legs got twisted. Crutches resulted, and helped Jerry avoid duties, but did not prevent him from setting them aside and playing ball when he so desired.

—A conversation between Ma Bailey and Haddock Fish:-

Ma:- Gee, Haddock, you talk in your sleep like nobody's business.

Haddock:- You're dreaming, it wasn't me.

Ma:- If you don't believe me stay awake tonight and listen to yourself.

—Billy Wilson, we suspect, spent some part of his vacation on the flying horses at Revere. Next year he'll tackle the kind that go up and down.

—The new boys will be glad to know the exact location of:-

The Peanut Store

The Aviation Field

The Pony Races

The Rifle Range

—When a boy helps in a department new to him he usually makes amusing blunders. For example Horace Fader, while helping in the barn asked, "Is silage made of chips of wood?"

—Johnny Sears thinks flour comes by the yard. When asked to get some he prepared to do so with the help of a yardstick.

—When asked to repeat a bit of reading in his own words Stuart Macdonald said "It was a dark night, and the moon was shining brightly."

My Work

Monday evening when Mr. Meacham read the change of work I was changed from the dormitory to the farm. I like to work out doors, as I have been in the various household departments since I came to the school. I like farm work.

Russell G. Jones V

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The many very favorable reactions and highly complimentary remarks from boys, graduates and parents add zest and inspiration to the work which we are doing at the school.

The new boys just entering the school very quickly become adjusted and enthusiastic rooters for the school. One boy had been here less than a week and, because of unfortunate adverse conditions within his family, had been changed from one school to another. He said to his mother, "This is the best school yet. I have my own flower garden, a regular job in the dining-room and school a half day." This boy, like most of the pupils here, is proud of the fact that he is considered sufficiently important to have his own garden and to be entrusted with the responsibility of a regular duty and at the same time receiving adequate academic instruction.

The job of our school is to foster the development of the complete boy, spiritual, mental, and physical. Our well rounded and busy program under the guidance of a staff of twenty-five trained and experienced men and women insures a well balanced and thorough course of development for every boy.

Our school is not just a place for boys to eat and sleep nor just a school house for the education of the mind. It is a real home-school where every latent talent of each boy is pushed to the surface and cultivated. The "weeds" are dug out and finally the graduate blooms forth in all the glory and eagerness of a well balanced young American.

Our new school year is just beginning and we are looking forward to the 119th consecutive year of successful operation of this glorious old school, first to have printing in its educational program, first to have a school band, and a pioneer and leader in many important phases of

modern education. Our school continues to march on through the years, outliving generation after generation, a perpetual memorial to Boston's far-seeing and philanthropic old families.

Investments may shrink to the zero mark, business may cease, lives terminate and our money used only during our life time but invested in this work it goes on year after year, and generation after generation. It is perpetual. It lasts forever. The income from money given nearly a century and a quarter ago is still being used for the beneficial development of worthy boys and the number of boys thus helped runs into the thousands. *Imagine* helping 2000 and more boys with a few hundred dollars of investment. The individual might have spent the money on a passing fancy or invested it in losing stock or just saved it for the comparatively few years of a life time but given to this school it would go on doing real good, real work, actually century after century. There is positively no investment equal to it. What an investment!

Topics in Brief

The Graduation Exercises of the Class of 1932 took place on June ninth. More than 250 were present. The address to the Class was given by the Rev. William G. Thayer, D.D. The Rev. Frederick B. Richards, D.D. gave the Invocation. Twelve boys received diplomas. Six diplomas were given for completion of the Sloyd Course, seven for completion of the Forging Course and four for completion of the Agriculture Course.

Commodore Herbert M. Sears, brother of our Manager, Mr. Philip Sears, invited the School to a sail on his yacht, "Constellation" on June 8th. This is an annual treat, and very greatly appreciated.

President Arthur Adams invited the graduating class on a motor excursion to Lexington, Concord and surrounding historical places on June 13. President Adams has for years generously invited each class on a similar trip.

The Alumni Association held its Annual Field Day on June 17. Very unfavorable weather failed to prevent a large group from coming. The new president, Harold W. Edwards, '10 was introduced to the Association by Merton P. Ellis, '97. Mr. Ellis was in charge of the program and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by everyone.

The Graduation Dance took place on June 14. This was in the nature of a farewell party given by the Class of 1933, in honor of the Class of 1932.

The boys have had their vacations, which range from one to three weeks, according to individual conduct and effort maintained throughout the year.

The boys have been busy working on their gardens, and the plot of 100 flower gardens presents a most attractive appearance.

The framework of the windows on our brick structures has been painted. The barns and poultry houses have had much necessary painting done. We are now shingling and otherwise repairing other buildings.

The Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1932 was given at the Phillips Congregational Church in South Boston. The Rev. Frederick B. Richards, D. D. gave the address.

The members of the Class of 1932 left the School on Graduation Day. Some had positions, while others went on a vacation. Most of the boys will continue school work in the fall.

The Shaw Conduct Prizes, and the Temple Consolation Prizes were awarded on Graduation Day. The Shaw Prizes are given by Former Manager, Francis Shaw, and the Temple Consolation Prizes are given by Manager N. Penrose Hallowell, in memory of Mr. Thomas F. Temple, who gave them for many years. The prizes were given in the order listed below, the first ten being Shaw Prizes, and the last five being the Temple Consolation awards.

Carl Harden
 Faul Hamilton
 Kenneth Caswell
 James Douglas
 Everett Bowlby
 Arthur Pickard
 George Carr
 Clyde Albee
 Lloyd Blanchard
 Ernest Armstrong
 Everett Smith
 Charles Hallman
 Stanley Burlingame
 Royl Augustine
 Benjamin Middleton

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Admitted Abner T. Gray and James M'Carty both of Boston.

3. Received a visit from Messrs. Watts, Bailey, and Grant of the Board of Managers and Mr. Smith of Boston. Admitted George Haines of Boston.

12. The religious services conducted by Deacon Grant. Admitted Samuel Carson and Francis Brown.

13. Admitted Abraham Bradley and Alfred Bradley.

18. Admitted Edw. F. Roberts, Geo. F. Lawrence, Geo. Lilley, and Geo. W. Smith.

24. Received a visit from B. Gould, J. T. Bowditch, and Geo. Bemis, Esqrs. of the Board of Managers.

26. The religious services of the day were conducted by B. H. Green, Esq., of Boston. Geo. H. McDuff admitted.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, June 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. The second "Visiting Day" for the season. Pres. Lyman and Manager S. G. DeBlois present. Exercises in the new hall. A pleasant time. A lovely day. Sent a jersey heifer calf to Col. C. H. Pierson, Pride's Crossing, Manchester, Mass.

3. Overcast most of the day. Started for the city with Steamer. When off City Point a flue burst so had to return.

8. Two painters came and wrought on bunks in the Long Room.

13. A lovely day. The "Protector" came and took myself and Harry Perkins to the city. A carriage met us and took Harry and self to the hospital. The boy, real sick and I am very anxious about him. His case is water around the heart. I have written his father all about him. He lives in Chicago, Illinois.

14. On Steamer in A. M. To city in P. M. Called on Harry. Went to see the Manager of "Barnums" in relation to taking our boys to see "Jumbo."

15. Towed steamer to Atlantic Works, East Boston, to have boiler overhauled. A rough disagreeable day.

17. A lovely day. Took all boys to see "Barnums" and "Jumbo." Mr. Russ kindly towed us over and back. The So. Boston R. R. Co. conveyed us over and return free of charge. The boys enjoyed the trip much and all conducted well.

19. To Amherst to attend the graduating exercises of our son at the Agricultural college.

27. To city to meet Executive Committee and get supplies. Returned early and went into the hayfield.

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 88° on the twenty-eighth
 Minimum Temperature 42° on the eighth.
 Mean Temperature for the month 67°.
 Eight clear days, fifteen partly cloudy, and eight cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank
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| Cottage Row Deposits | 48.12 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 35.30 |
| Surplus | 197.65 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1230.71 |

Potato Spraying

The spraying of potato plants is very important. It kills the bugs which eat the leaves of the plants. The solution we use consists of 3 pails of arsenate of lead, 1 pail of blue vitrol and the balance of the 35 gallon tank is filled with water. The spray is put on by a gasolene engine. One or two boys hold the hose above the plants, so as not to injure them. An instructor directs the spray. If we did not do this work we would not have many potatoes.

Thomas E. Killeen II

My Work

This year I was promoted to the fifth class. My work was not changed. Last year I worked in the sewing room in the

afternoon now I am in there in the forenoon. I shall try and do my best because then I will be promoted to a higher department.

William D. DeLorie V

Swimming

At the present we have a Swimming Instructor who will be here two weeks, teaching the boys to swim. Those who prove to be the best swimmers are given pins and emblems. I hope that I shall be able to swim well before he goes away.

Clifford M. Hutchins V

Earning Extra Vacation Days

Many boys try hard to earn extra days for vacation. To do this a boy must have a good grade. If he conducts himself properly his grade will go up one plus every day. When he gets twenty-five plus he is given a credit. His grade then drops to eleven plus and he tries for another credit. When he has seven credits he begins to earn extra vacation days. Every credit over seven means one more day of vacation. Earning extra days is not easy but the reward is well worth the effort.

Everett K. Bowlby I

Tennis at F. T. S.

Tennis has become one of the most popular games at the School. It has been a sport here for only a few years, and very keen interest has been taken in it by the boys. The school champion, Stuart Macdonald, will have a hard job to retain his title in the tournament this year.

The school has a very fine tennis court, which is kept in the best possible condition at all times.

William S. Wilson II

TIME—The only difference between the difficult and the impossible is that the impossible takes more time. *Selected*

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The Annual Field Day was held at the School as usual on June 17. Although rain fell steadily until late afternoon a large number availed themselves of the day's opportunities. Transportation to the Island was by a public boat.

The Alumni and friends assembled in the gymnasium where greetings were extended by Superintendent Meacham. Introductions of new officers were also in order, and after this business the School Band entertained. Howard B. Ellis, '99, former bandmaster, was prevailed upon to lead the band once again and was enthusiastically received by his former band boys, and the others present.

Lunch followed the band concert, after which the program of games, stunts, and races was begun. These provided all the fun one could wish, even though the weather made it impossible to hold them outdoors. In addition to the regular prizes, graduates offered special prizes for additional races, all of which made the afternoon one pleasant event after another.

The weather cleared up enough so that outdoor activities could be undertaken and the scrambles for candy and peanuts resulted without casualties, and the boys all winners. Some association members wished more races and offered prizes for foot races of various distances.

Meanwhile a few enjoyed dancing in the Assembly Hall. Others visited the departments and buildings seeing again places dear to their boyhood days.

The following graduates were present:

Albee, Clifton E. '21
Augustine, Royl M. '32

Baxter, Gordon K. '30
Baxter, John W. '27
Bennett, George '95
Blanchard, Lloyd W. '32
Brasher, Sherman G. '77
Bryant, Frank G. '94
Butler, Alton B. '26
Dudley, Herbert L. '16
Dudley, Robert E. '16
Edwards, Harold W. '10
Ellis, Howard B. '99
Ellis, Merton P. '97
Gould, Emerson S. '16
Gould, Webster S. '18
Graham, James H. '79
Hanson, Richard H. '21
Larsson, G. George '17
MacKay, Robert '05
Malm, Alfred C. '00
Marshall, Earle C. '10
Marshall, Edwin L. '88
Middleton, Benjamin F. '32
Murphy, Benjamin L. '15
Nelson, William E. '31
Paley, John A. '29
Poole, George O. '27
Powers, John J. '10
Powers, M. Joseph '00
Pulson, Clifford M. '97
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Washburn, Frank L. '83
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Life Saving Lessons

During the past two weeks life saving lessons were given to the best swimmers. The lessons included breaking the front and back strangleholds, breaking a double grip on one wrist, life saving by the cross chest carry, head carry, hair carry, chin carry, and under water approaches, together with many other things one must know in order to pass the tests which are given those who wish to be life savers.

There were two divisions of life savers taught, Junior and Senior. The tests for Juniors required a distance of thirty feet for the various approaches and body carries while the Senior tests required sixty feet. Except for the distance requirements water tests were the same for both Senior and Junior groups.

Instruction in the work of rescuing a tired swimmer was given. This differs from the method used in the saving of a life, as the tired swimmer is in no immediate danger and can help his rescuer by obeying orders. The rescue of a tired swimmer is an important part of the course.

One of the most important things learned was the correct method of giving artificial respiration. When a drowning person is brought ashore it is often necessary to force the bad air out of the victim's body, and induce involuntary breathing. In this work much time, sometimes

hours, is necessary before the patient is revived.

Two methods of carrying a body from the water were described and practiced. They were the fireman's carry and the saddleback carry.

Two weeks of practice was held for the work of life saving and classes were held each day. The final tests were given on Saturday, July 30. Four boys passed the requirements for Senior life saving, and twenty for Junior. Appropriate insignia was awarded those who passed the courses. Those who succeeded in passing the Senior Course were Paul Hamilton, William Parlee, John Proctor and Howard Taylor.

This is the second year that instruction in life saving has been given. Our teacher, Mr. William Casey, has been here both last year and this. Life saving was but a part of the instruction offered. Daily lessons were given in various kinds of swimming and diving routine.

Mr. Casey gave a diving exhibition his last night here. He has held both the New England and Southern diving championships and in 1936 he hopes to be able to be a member of the Olympic team.

The younger boys hope that Mr. Casey will come again next year so that they may take life saving.

Paul L. Hamilton 1

Poultry Work

When I came here last month I was assigned to the Poultry House. My Instructor first taught me how to water the setting hens and chickens. Next I learned how to fix the drop boards and roosts. I then began to take care of the hens on the range. One day I helped dress fowl.

I have been helping my father on his poultry farm, and when I go home I will know considerably more about the business than I do now.

Frederick H. White I

Ways of Earning Money

We have many ways to earn money. Rattling is the most popular. Two cents are paid for every rat caught. It is surprising how fast a bank account will grow, even though only three or four rats are caught each night.

Many of the boys earn money by making various articles in Sloyd for the Instructors. The boys are well paid, and those that like Sloyd can earn much money in this way.

On Saturday afternoon there are always odd jobs to do around the farm and those who work there get five cents an hour.

Money is also earned by having good conduct. Twenty-five dollars are given every six months in prizes of one to five dollars.

Cottage Row Government has elections every three months, and the officers are paid in money for their services. This is an excellent way to earn money.

Prizes are given yearly to those who excell in taking care of their flower gardens. These prizes are a great help in increasing one's bank account.

There are other ways of earning

money but the above list includes the most popular methods with the boys here.

John W. Proctor I

Summer Church Services

During the summer months we have a church service each Sunday evening. Mr. Meacham has been leader and they have been very interesting. We usually sing three or four hymns which are followed by the Responsive Reading and a prayer. Mr. Meacham then talks to us and usually reads articles from books and magazines. We then sing a closing hymn and go to bed.

Dexter V. Woodman I

About Bees

The other day a hive of bees swarmed. They belonged to an Instructor and myself. Neither of us were present at the time of the swarming. The bees made for the nearest tree, where they clustered. They then left and went elsewhere. We finally caught them as they were swarming again.

The reason why bees swarm is that their hive is crowded, and a new queen has been hatched. The queen takes a swarm of bees and goes in search of a new home. They usually go to an old building, hollow tree, or even a chimney.

Bees can be caught while swarming because they are in sort of a daze due to the fact that they have much honey within them.

Howard E. Taylor I

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

SELECTED

A Diving Exhibition

The best diving I ever saw was at the School on July 29, when our swimming teacher, Mr. Casey, gave a diving exhibition. He made a springboard on the south end of the wharf where he began his diving. Some of the better known and most thrilling of his dives were :- the one and one-half front sommersault, the flying dutchman, the jacknife, the swan and some especially good back dives. I think diving is a hard thing to do, but very much worth the effort.

Frederick H. White I

Canning

Every year we can a large amount of the vegetables grown on the farm. We have just begun to can beans. An Instructor and several boys do this work. The vegetables are picked early in the morning and prepared for cooking and canning. Every afternoon many gallons are canned.

Everett K. Bowlby I

A PRINTER'S PRAYER

Author Unknown

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

Senior Dormitory Privileges

Early in July the Senior Class moved into Senior Dormitory. We have many privileges that the boys in the other dormitories do not have, such as listening to the radio and playing games until nine o'clock. The dormitory is in nine sections and two boys occupy each section. We

decorate it with pennants, pictures, and other ornaments. I have been looking forward to this privilege for five years and now that I have it, I appreciate it all the more.

Kenneth C. Caswell I

The Jester's Comments

—Reginald Burlingame, like the absent minded professor, did a strange thing. He wiped his face with a slice of bread and used his napkin for chewing gum.

—The large hedge by the gardens aroused Carl Harden's interest. He inquired if it was ever small, or was it planted as large as it is now.

—Information as to where the Kentucky Derby is held is sought by Proctor.

—The teacher was explaining to the Sunday School Class about sin. She asked Johnny what must be done before sins could be forgiven. Johnny thought for a moment and replied "We must sin."

—Chucky Woodman was born very young, he says, and he was so surprised he couldn't speak for months.

—After running this column for 18 months Lewis Glenn asks "Jester's Comments? What are they?"

—The teacher had just asked an ancient history question. The student had been dozing, and misinterpreted the question. He answered "I dunno, I wasn't there."

—Instructor to small boy:- Young man, do you know how to milk a cow?

Small boy, innocently:- No, do you?

—Minnie Hutchins was told to take a shovel and put some grain in the bull pen. John Fitzgerald told him to do it. Johnny was surprised a few minutes later. The shovel was neatly placed in the bull pen and the grain was nowhere to be seen.

—Fred Very knows a joke about a man who had two dollars. He'd be glad to tell you about it.

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We know a man that has a reputation of being a liar. He seems to tell the untruth more freely than truth. He lies with and without reason; seems to prefer to make false statements to speaking truthfully. Everybody knows his word cannot be trusted and therefore no one believes him.

We were recently inquiring about another man and his success, a man we had not seen for some twenty years, since he was a boy. We were told his success was just fair and that the fact that he is rather "tricky" interferes decidedly with his progress. He was inclined that way when he was a boy. We hoped he had overcome that boyish fault and became a real man.

If we will but read history carefully and thoughtfully we can predict the trend of the future with a fair degree of accuracy. The student of economics can foresee the swing of the business pendulum if he will but believe the records. If we will study lives of men, and our own, we can tell rather closely what our future is to be and approximately our degree of success.

Our fault rests in the fact that we only retain the historical dates and the events of great battles. We fail to grasp the meaning of history. In the study of economics we learn about principles and methods but we fail to realize that the prosperous years alternate with periods of depression in rather definite cycles.

Our knowledge of the future will be greatly assisted if we will but realize that history repeats itself. Periods of plenty and years of depression will surely come

and go, including the present. Our lives will be what we make them and will not suddenly change for the better.

The fundamental object of education is to teach the rules of life, how to live. The degree of success each individual attains is dependent upon how well he learns these rules of life and his steadfast and continual practice of the truths thus learned.

Topics in Brief

The first term of the new school year began on July 11. At this time the practical training department work of the boys was changed. Very few boys failed to earn promotions. Mr. Charles L. Park will teach the Agricultural Courses this year and Mrs. Park will teach the academic subjects in the third and fourth classes.

The Third Friends' Day of the season took place on July 22. More than 200 relatives and friends of the boys were present.

Work on the farm has progressed very satisfactorily, although a long drought has retarded our crops. The haying is about finished. We have had an abundance of peas, string beans and cucumbers during the past few weeks.

Five games have been played to date in the baseball series for the Crosby Shield and Cups. Club A has won three and Club B two games.

The roof on the Compost Shed has been renewed. Minor repairs have been made on other farm buildings.

Cottage Row Government held its quarterly election during the month. Walter G. Fitzgerald was elected Mayor. The Citizens also elected a board of aldermen, an assessor and treasurer. Several other offices were filled by

appointment. The Judicial Department of the government held an election on July 27, at which time Dexter Woodman was elected Superior Court Judge and Walter Pratt Lower Court Judge.

The following boys were admitted to the School during the month. The meeting of the Admission Committee was held July 5.

Herbert Blanchard, No. Weymouth
Robert Frederick Bray, Everett
William Charters Burns, Somerville
Philip Charles Edelman, Canton
Raymond Arthur Hadfield, Bedford
Sterling Lee McCray, West Acton
Franklin Milton Pierce, Everett
Myron Alvin Pratt, E. Braintree
Frederick Henry White, Woburn
Peter Chamers Ferguson Mann, Medford
Francis Shillitto Sheldon, Millwood, N. Y.

Our work of exterminating the mosquito which we began early last spring has been continued with gratifying results. We have comparatively few of these pests, and feel well repaid for our efforts in this work.

The fountain in the boys' gardens has been repaired and now is in fine condition.

A steeplejack was here recently to release the rope on our flagpole which had become jammed at the top of the pole.

Mr. William Casey, a swimming instructor from the American Red Cross, came to the Island and conducted a two weeks course of instruction covering the more important phases of swimming. He came here through the cooperation of the Massachusetts Humane Society, of which our Manager Charles P. Curtis is a director. Nearly all the boys were members of Mr. Casey's classes, and in-

struction differed according to the ability of the boys. A number of the boys took the Life Saving tests and passed, and were given appropriate insignia from the Red Cross. At the end of the two weeks period all the boys could swim, and many were awarded pins and medals for outstanding progress.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 31, 1932.

RESOURCES

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Savings Bank | \$694.87 |
| Securities | 500.00 |
| Cash | 30.86 |
| | <u>\$1225.73</u> |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Boys' Deposits | \$497.88 |
| Trading Co. Deposits | 464.91 |
| Cottage Row Deposits | 48.12 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 29.17 |
| Surplus | <u>185.65</u> |
| | <u>\$1225.73</u> |

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 87° on the twenty-eighth

Minimum Temperature 55° on the eighth.

Mean Temperature for the month 76°.

Twenty clear days, ten partly cloudy, and one cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, July 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. The first dull day we have had in three weeks and it is very unwelcome as this is our "Friends' Day." We crave pleasant days for such visits. The only Manager present was Pres. Lyman who had for a guest Mr. Frederick Ames. They enjoyed our strawberry feast very much.

4. A cool nice day, good breeze for

the yacht race, which our family enjoyed much—every movement being plainly visible to us. We had 17 visitors during the day. Much was done to make the day pleasant to our family.

5. A very stormy day. Wind east. Took the visitors who remained overnight to City Point in the "Lyman." Went to city for mail, etc. Got the tug "Nabby C" to come and take the steamer to East Boston to receive her boiler, now done.

8. To-day at the hay getting in eight loads.

14. Frank S. Dunbar, a graduate, visited us. Sent some old potatoes to the city for which we received a good price, \$1.50 per bushel.

20. Harry Perkins has recovered so far that he returns to the Island to-day, and we are all very glad to welcome him for when the little fellow left I feared he would never recover. Walter Kirwin came to visit us. He works in the Waltham Watch Factory—a good young man. Allan Doucette went to visit his mother.

23. Mr. Wm. Merriam came to speak to the boys. Also Mr. Knight and Miss Merriman came and recited a piece. Earnest and Harry Perkins leave tonight for Chicago, with their father. Two nice boys as need be, and they have a very interesting man for father. He has a great love for his boys and it is reciprocated.

31. Visiting Day. Managers Dexter, Gardner, and Storer here. Also Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts, Sup't. and Matron of the Liversidge School in Mattapan. Geo. Peck, a graduate, came also.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, July 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. This being the anniversary of the American Independence the boys were permitted to amuse themselves during the day. They formed themselves into a

company of the Cold Water Army, and with badges and appropriate banners, marched to the East end of the Island. The amusements of the day were closed by a handsome display of fireworks in the evening.

13. Admitted Charles Gardner, Geo. W. Badger and John Walker.

14. Jonas C. M. Long admitted.

19. Received a visit from Moses Grant, Esq. and the Rev. Mr. Gray of the Board of Managers. Admitted Edward McDonald and Arthur McDonald.

20. Joseph C. Fader left on a visit.

24. The religious services of the day performed by Mr. Brackett of Boston. Thomas Cassidy and James Wood were admitted.

25. Received a visit from I. T. Bowditch and E. Cobb, Esqrs., of the Board of Managers. John Wood, Jr. of Medford came to the Island as boatman.

31. Mr. S. G. Simpkins of Boston addressed the school. Admitted Edmund A. Fuller and Bernard M'Cardle.

My Vacation

I left the Island on July 2nd for a vacation of one week. I did many things while home. I went to the movies several times, and went swimming as often as I wished. I enjoyed a trip to Canobie Lake in New Hampshire, where I went on the different amusements, such as the roller coaster and pretzel. I also went to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox play St. Louis.

Roy M. Dole II

What I Do

I am glad it was possible for me to come to The Farm and Trades School. I like it very much here. In the morning I work in the Sewing Room where I am learning to sew on buttons, mend clothes and do other kinds of sewing. In the afternoon I go to school. I am in the Fifth Class.

Walter C. Burns V

Grade Reading

On Monday evenings we have Grade Reading. Each class has an opportunity to furnish a short entertainment. I went to Grade Reading for the first time on July 11. The Band also plays a short concert. I enjoyed it all very much.

Francis S. Shelden VI

The Fourth Grade

Being in the Fourth Grade is not enjoyed by any of the boys, as there is no playtime for fourth graders. Most boys work themselves into the fourth grade by little things such as inattention, whispering and so forth. The fourth graders work while the other boys play. When they are not busy they sit in a special corner in the Assembly Room. Nearly every boy gets into the fourth grade sometime or other, but it is not a pleasant experience.

Dexter V. Woodman I

My Flower Garden

I have not been at the School very long, but I already have a flower garden. It is small and I can take good care of it. It has several kinds of flowers in the center and a border around the edge. I hope I can win a prize.

Peter F. Mann VI

Baseball

I like all sports but baseball is the one I like best. The boys here all have an excellent opportunity to learn to play the game. I hope I shall be a good player, after I have learned more about it.

Robert F. Bray V

Classroom Work

I go to school every morning. We study Arithmetic, English, Spelling, History, Geography and Reading. I like school work and I think every boy should try to do the best he can so that he will have a good education.

Myron A. Pratt VI

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CHARLES W. JORGENSEN, '01 with Mrs. Jorgenson and three of their four children visited the Island on Saturday June 18. They made a splendid gift to our band of a trombone and fine Conn baritone. In the morning Mr. Jorgenson and his family attended a rehearsal of our band at which time his daughter Ruth, played and then led the band. Mr. Jorgenson's children are all musically talented. Ruth plays trombone in the Springfield Technical High School Band. Mr. Jorgenson has been a salesman for twelve years and owns his home at 855 Boston Road, Springfield.

HARRY A. ENGLISH, '96, is a member of the law firm of English and Studwell of 233 Broadway, New York City. Soon after leaving the School Harry went to work for the Sturtevant Blower Works and also attended night school taking up law. In 1904 he entered Harvard College. Harry is married and has two daughters.

THOMAS W. TEIRNEY, '01, has been located with the City of Pasadena, California for the past eight years. Previous to that he lived at Altadena. Tom left for the West in 1909 on account of his health, later sending for his family. Now at 45 he is a grandpa. Has two sons, one 25 and the other 11, three daughters, 24, 22, and 13 and two grand-sons. His home is at 315 Winona Avenue, Pasadena, Cal.

WILLIAM M. MARSHALL, '10, since 1919 has been with the Neild Manufacturing Company of New Bedford, Mass., and is now a foreman. During the World

War he was with the 6th Regiment in France and also spent nine months in Germany. He has a son, Lawrence, age 9, and a daughter, Dorothy, age 7. His home address is 46 Roosevelt Street, New Bedford, Mass.

JAMES A. CARSON, '20, is employed by the Benjamin Chase Company, Derry Village, New Hampshire, makers of wooden labels for nursery stock. Is married, has one son Russell, aged four and another Kenneth, aged two. His home address is 29 Thornton Street, Derry Village, New Hampshire.

THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21, graduated from Middlebury College this month. He was married as soon as his college work was completed. By virtue of his work at Bangor Theological Seminary, together with his study at Middlebury he now possesses two degrees, Bachelor of Divinity, and Bachelor of Arts. He expects to take a Church immediately.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, is a Junior at the University of New Hampshire. He is earning his expenses in many ways; working in the Registrar's office, helping a professor in research work, and playing in a campus orchestra. He regrets not being able to visit the Island recently, but his work keeps him in his college town, Durham, during vacations. He is a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and mail addressed to the Lambda Chi House will reach him.

The Alumni Editor would appreciate any news of graduates or former students.



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The Eclipse

On August 31 Nature provided us with one of her great phenomenon, an eclipse of the sun. For days we had been waiting for the event. About three o'clock the boys, and some of the Instructors went to the ball field. Film negatives, smoked glass and other eye protective devices were given everyone.

Very soon a dent was noticed upon the face of the sun. Then a cloud covered the sun, but soon passed off. The dent appeared slightly larger at our next observation. A cloud then obscured the eclipse. When this passed away the dent was very noticeable. An extremely large cloud then came between the earth and eclipse and we waited for it to pass. Neighboring islands enjoyed full sunshine, although Boston was also unfortunate because of the cloud. When this cloud passed the sun was only three-quarters visible. It narrowed to a very small strip of light. Another cloud passed in front of it.

At this time there were conditions almost like twilight. The East Boston airport turned the lights on and they were easily visible from our Island. A faint star appeared in the sky. The birds on

North End flew in droves directly south. Some of the hens went to roost, while others merely stood still.

We observed that the dent had appeared on the other side of the sun. The reason for this, of course, was that the moon had travelled across the face of the sun. We watched the phenomenon as the light became brighter. Soon it was all over, but we considered it a wonderful object to watch and to know about.

William S. Wilson II

Test Milking

There are two boys who milk the test cows. There are eight cows on test. When there are more cows on test three boys milk. The first milking takes place at 5:00 A. M. Before we milk we mix grain for the cows and feed them. Then we spray the cows to keep the flies away. We are then ready to milk. The amount in pounds of milk from each cow is kept on a sheet. Milking again takes place at 10:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M.

The other cows are milked but twice a day, and do not give nearly as much milk as those on test. The test cows give from thirty to sixty pounds per day.

Lloyd R. Morrison II

Flower Gardens

Each year nearly every boy has a flower garden. He puts a stone border around it, plants seeds and takes care of it. The gardens have been well taken care of this year. They are now at the stage when it is best to see them, for they are all in bloom. There is a great variety of plants in the gardens and they look very well. Everyone hopes to receive a Grew Garden Prize, and there is much competition.

Arthur H. Pickard II

The Beginners' Band

I am learning to play a trumpet in the Beginners' Band. We have rehearsals every night. Each boy tries to do the best he can and practice as much as possible. Boys who are in the Regular Band help the Beginners. I hope I shall succeed in being able to play in the Regular Band when I am older.

Horace E. Fader V

Cleaning My Cottage

Every day I go to my cottage from half past twelve until one o'clock. I carry the rugs out doors and shake them. Then I sweep the floor and put the rugs back. I straighten the pictures and pennants on the wall or change them to different places. I cultivate the garden in front of the cottage and clip the lawn.

Clifford M. Hutchins V

Making Beds

I work in the morning dormitory, with three other boys. It is our duty to make beds. Each of us have twenty beds to make. The mattress must be in place, the sheets put on smoothly and the blankets on the outside. Both must be firmly tucked under the bottom of the mattress. The pillow must be smoothed

and put at the head of the bed. There are many other kinds of dormitory work.

Weston O. Page V

Music Lessons

I have been taking piano lessons for three years. Now I am continuing to learn more here at the school. The piano instructor is teaching me. I practice every day. On Monday evening I played a selection for the Sixth Class Grade Reading. I enjoy music and I shall try to learn all I can about it.

Myron A. Pratt VI

Feeding Calves

I get up at five o'clock every morning and it is my duty to feed four calves. I carry a pail of hot water to the milk room and mix milk with it. Then I feed the calves the milk and water, after which I feed them hay.

Lewis B. Glenn V

Working on the Farm

Yesterday afternoon I worked on the farm, and that was the first time I have worked there. I enjoyed it very much. I swept the cow barn and helped pitch hay. Then I went to the pasture and drove the cows to the barn. I watched the milkers milk the cows. When I am older I hope I shall work on the farm every day.

Peter F. Mann VI

Football

Football season is here and the boys have started to practice. The field has been marked out, the goalposts erected, and we will soon begin the series of club games.

It is hard to predict which team will win the Crosby Shield. Both clubs should have good strong teams. Club B has a good chance to win the trophy.

Frederick S. Very I

Taking a Proof

After the Beacon articles are set up in our Printing Office the first thing we do is to take a proof and correct them.

The type is put into a long galley and a piece of furniture is placed alongside the type. A steel spring is inserted between the outer edge of the galley and the furniture. This prevents the type from "pieing."

The galley of type is put on the proof press. We ink up a brayer and run it over the type. A piece of paper is layed on the type and a heavy roller is rolled over the paper. This makes an impression upon the paper.

We wash the type and make the necessary corrections which have been marked on the proof. The type is now ready to be pagged for the Beacon form.

Clyde W. Albee I

Working in the Pantry

After breakfast it is my duty to assist the kitchen Instructor who makes the desserts. I get the dishes, pans, and other materials ready for the Instructor. Then I help mix and cook, or bake, the dessert for the day. At dinner time I help serve it and carry it to the Dining Room.

Raymond Bean V

Civilization depends not only upon the knowledge of the people, but upon the use they make of it.

Money will not purchase character or good government.

Let us look to the service rather than to the reward.

Calvin Coolidge

The Jester's Comments

—Tiny Jones tried to hide behind Billie DeLorie. Figure it out.

—Bishop says, "It's a nice ride to Providence if you walk."

—Johnie Fitzgerald, aviation enthusiast, was watching stunt flyers. He said, "Look at the two wing monoplanes."

—At a Cottage Row trial Bunny Mason was asked if he wished to address the jury. He did, and his speech was, "Your honor, Gentleman of the Jury, I have nothing to say."

—Ernst thinks that plane geometry is the same as aviation geometry.

—Peterson doesn't like hard boiled eggs. He wants the hens to lay them more soft.

—Walter Fitzgerald asked his Instructor, "May I take an apple off that pear tree?"

—Instructor, "What are you eating?"

Boy, "Some mints."

Instructor, "Cement???"

—Sam Very thinks that a matinee is at night.

—Biffie Albee told one of the boys to get off the ground. Does he think we can fly like birds?

—An Irishman was viewing a frog for the first time. He said "Begorra and isn't it a sthrange animal? Whin it sets down it sthands oop and whin it walks it joomps".

—We are willing to appoint Dan Howley official greeter. On a recent Friends' Day a lady ran to him, kissed and hugged him and was evidently very happy. Following the felicitations Dan stepped back, the lady looked, then shrieked, "Why— why you aren't my boy!"

—John Fitzgerald is an occasional visitor at Senior Dormitory this year.

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The following article is one of a series called "Harbor Feasts". It was written by William U. Swan, and appeared in the Boston Globe, Saturday July 30.

Definition of a "Squantum"

Some years after 1812 a definition of what constituted a "Squantum" appeared in a Nantucket paper as follows:

"A party of ladies and gentlemen go to one of our famous places of resort, where they fish, dig clams, talk, laugh, sing, dance, play, bathe, sail, eat and have a good time. The food is generally a chowder, baked clams and fun. No one is admitted who will take offense at a joke and any man who speaks of business, except matrimony, is immediately re-proved, and on a second offense is publically chastised. Care is thrown away, politics discarded, war ignored, pride humbled, stations leveled, wealth scorned and virtue exalted. This —this is a Squantum."

Squantum continued to be a favorite spot for a day's picnic, and in 1848, James Ford of Quincy built a hotel at the foot of the hill, just across from what had come to be known as Squaw Rock.

Twenty years later William Crosby Reed, who had been running a hotel on nearby Spectacle Island, came over and took charge. He was followed by his two sons, Warren and William, the latter being know far and wide as "Uncle Billy Reed."

He was quite a yachtsman and in his catboat Crosby, with James M. Stark and Ansel M. Temple, was one of the first to sail down the coast and spend the winter in Florida. His last boat, the Gardiner, will long be remembered as one of the first yachts in the harbor to carry a colored sail.

Whole communities, church organizations and large families would set apart one day in Summer to go to Squantum and we recall hearing our aunts and uncles singing "Invitation" from the veranda of the Old Squantum House.

The Boston Jockey Club had a race track where the Victory plant was built and where Boston saw its first aviation demonstration with Graham-White winning the Boston Globe prize for flying to Boston Light and back.

Before the Revolution, the greater part of Squantum was the farm of Elijah Davis, ancestor of the donor of the Boston Light prize. Then came the acquisition by the city for the sewer to Moon Head, but not before that astute politician, Ben Butler, had secured an option on the land and reaped a substantial profit.

Even then the city had trouble with the title, for Richard M. Saltonstall, one of the trustees of the Farm School, found a clause in an old deed permitting the Thompson's Island authorities to take stone from Squantum, and it cost \$25,000 to settle the case.

The cairn on the top of the rocky summit was dedicated by Charles Francis Adams and others in 1895, while the swarthy face which greeted Standish three centuries ago still waits for another band to partake of the "fatness of the sea and sand" and drink "ambrosia," provided Dr. Bigelow and other health authorities are willing.

Topics in Brief

The Boys' flower gardens have been very well cared for this year, and the plot of gardens is especially attractive at this time.

Cottage Row Government has been very active this month. Several court trials have been held. The street commissioner

has finished the construction of the street. City Hall has been painted inside and out. Several licenses for attorneys have been issued.

The farm has enjoyed a splendid season, and we are supplied with an abundance of vegetables. The orchard is showing the result of the work done on it last spring, and much fruit will be harvested. Three hundred strawberry plants were set out. The work of cutting the corn and filling the silo is just beginning.

Several inquiries have been received regarding the Roman numerals after the boys' names in the Beacon articles. The numerals indicate the writer's class. The sixth class is the lowest and the first class the highest, and corresponds to the second year of high school.

Carl Harden, a member of the second class, received a splendid pocket knife as a prize for excelling in carving. The contest, national in scope, was conducted by the officials of the Popular Mechanics magazine. We are proud that one of our boys was able to carve a model which received recognition in such a large field.

The baseball season ended on September 3rd. Club A won the Crosby Shield, winning seven of the nine games scheduled. The second teams played five games, Club A winning all. The boys are now organizing football teams, and games in this sport will be played soon.

On Wednesday August 31 the Boys and Instructors had an opportunity to view the eclipse of the sun. Conditions on the Island were quite favorable for the event, although some cloudiness existed. 99% of the total eclipse was observed here.

On the afternoon of August 20 The Field and Forest Club of Boston held an outing on the Island with about 125 persons present. Swimming and tennis were enjoyed by the guests. The band was also called out for their entertainment. Transportation to and from City Point was furnished by the school steamer, Pilgrim.

On August 27 The Womens' Business and Professional Republican Club of Boston also held their outing at the School. There were 420 members present. Boy guides were appointed to show the guests about the grounds. The Club enjoyed a picnic lunch on the Front Lawn with fifteen boy waiters in attendance. The Band played several selections for the group.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Aug. 31, 1932.

RESOURCES

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Savings Bank | \$694 87 |
| Securities | 500.00 |
| Cash | 34.23 |
| | <u>\$1229.10</u> |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Boys' Deposits | \$487.13 |
| Trading Co. Deposits | 466.38 |
| Cottage Row Deposits | 54.60 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 35.34 |
| Surplus | 185.65 |
| | <u>\$1229.10</u> |

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 84° on the sixth.

Minimum Temperature 59° on the twenty-first.

Mean Temperature for the month 71°.

Twenty-five clear days, one partly cloudy, and five cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Aug. 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. James H. Jordon and Thomas Jordon admitted. Finished haying.

2. Dr. S. G. Howe, Sup't of the Asylum for the Blind, his sister and about twenty five of the pupils with their teachers visited the Island.

6. Moses Grant, Esq., of the Board of Managers, Jos. T. Buckingham, Esq., of Boston, Dr. Jarvis and Mr. Haywood from Louisville, Ky. and about sixty others visited the institution in the boat "Gen. Lincoln." Jos. C. Fader returned.

20. Avery W. Goudy and Wm. H. Johnson were admitted. Received a visit from the Hon. Theodore Lyman, the President of the Institution. A small party of friends of Mr. G. A. Sawyer, from Dover visited the Institution.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Aug. 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Number of boys in school today -88.

Number of boys admitted since last report -2.

Number of boys discharged since last report -7.

3. The Duttons were allowed to go and see their friends.

5. Andrew Jackson Perry and Alvenas Robinson discharged to their mothers.

9. Frederick Pearson visited us.

10. William Wicket, age 12, was admitted through the agency of Rev. Mr. Stearns.

14. Augustus Doe came to see us and to remain a few days.

15. Irving J. Davis admitted.

18. Pleasant. Wind West in A. M. Mr. W. A. Morse, Mrs. J. R. Morse, Gussie Doe and Gussie Morse to city in A. M. Visited the sewer works at "Cow

Pasture" in P. M. with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hills. Wm. and Chas. McNally admitted today. The 1st Class which has been in school steadily for three weeks, gave a very interesting entertainment this evening. Nearly every member of the class had a part to perform. The salutatory was by Master Watts.

26. Celebrated the 55th birthday of Mrs. Morse, in a fitting manner. Dinner on the lawn. Mrs. M. received a fine chair from boys and others.

30. Beautiful day. The "Gov. Andrew" brought President Lyman, and Managers Bacon, Alfred Bowditch, Dexter and Gardner and a large company of friends of the boys.

31. The 48th birthday of Mr. J. R. Morse. He was presented with a baton by the members of his band. Boys Alcott, Goldspring, Bates, Carney, Mansfield and Watthers were allowed to go on a visit to their friends yesterday and they returned today.

The Baseball Season

The scheduled baseball series ended on September 3, when Club A won the final game. This was the seventh game that Club A won, and the team lost only two contests. Nearly every game was closely fought, especially in the first few innings, but Club A usually went ahead by a big margin from the seventh inning to the end of each game.

The second teams played a series of five games and Club A won all of them. With the exception of the first game, this series was played on the new athletic field. Two games were played nearly every Saturday, one on each of our baseball diamonds.

The Instructors also had a team which played a picked boys' team. Three games were played, the boys winning

two. The last game in this series was played on Labor Day and closed our baseball season.

Manager S. V. R. Crosby generously gives a silver shield to the winning team, and silver cups to the best player in each position. The players on the shield team are-

Ellsworth E. Hills, Catcher
 Arthur H. Pickard, Pitcher
 John E. Magee, First Base
 Walter K. Pratt, Second Base
 Harold B. DeLorie, Third Base
 Kenneth C. Caswell, Short Stop
 Clyde W. Albee, Left Field
 John A. Fitzgerald, Center Field
 James T. Ritchie, Right Field
 Thomas E. Killeen, Substitute
 Edward F. West, Substitute

The winners of the cups have not been announced. We know who will receive some of them, but some positions are very close and it is difficult to say who will be awarded the cups in those positions.

Walter K. Pratt I

Bugle Calls

We have very few bugle calls, because a large electric gong has replaced most of them. We have three calls, which are played each day, excepting that Reveille is not played on Sunday. The first call, Reveille, is sounded at quarter-past six, after which follows "To the Colors" at 8 o'clock, when our flag is raised. In the evening after the boys have gone to bed Taps is played.

James T. Ritchie V

The steam boiler in our Power House was inspected recently and was found to be in good condition. The boiler in the PILGRIM was also approved.

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RICHARD B. EDWARDS, '79, is now living at 20 Hall Avenue, Everett, Mass. He followed the musical profession after leaving the school, playing in theatres most of the time. Married 22 years and has one boy studying for the ministry and the other in high school.

FREDERICK I. DANA, '80, is living at 25 Brook Street, Norfolk Downs, Mass.

CHARLES H. MCCAY, '00, has been with the New Haven Railroad for many years at the New Haven car shops. He is a scale Inspector and lives at 192 Dover Street, New Haven, Conn.

CHARLES F. SPEAR, '03, has moved and his new address is 203 Trapelo Road, Belmont, Mass.

HAROLD N. SILVER, '09, for the past six years has been employed as a compositor on the Boston Globe. Previous to that he worked on the Boston Herald and New York papers. Mr. Silver is married, attends the Baptist church, and owns his home at 26 Vera Street, Revere, Mass.

WESLEY C. ANGELL, '17, is with the firm of A. Sulka & Company, Haberdashers of 512 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He is married, has a daughter 4½ years old and lives at Harmony Drive, Larchmont, New York.

BERTRAND B. KEYES, '81, may be reached at Bullocks Department store, Los Angeles, California.

JOHN BELMAN, '28, is working in a Cohasset meat market. He is a member of the Hingham Town Band.

FREDERICK E. MUNICH, '20, is editor of the Pratt Tech News, a publication issued by the Alumni of the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, N. Y.

PAUL C. BUTTS, '28, was recently seen in a parade, in which he was a member of a regular army unit. We do not know his address.

CARL A. CARLSON, '28, is employed on the United Fruit Line steamships. He visited the school recently and spoke very interestingly of his work.

Three of our graduates, Otto Kohl '28, George Hamilton '28, James Douglas '32, are employed by the Nantasket Steamboat Company.

CARL P. HERMAN, '29, is employed as a salesman by the Joseph Breck & Sons Corporation. He visited the Island not long ago. It has been only a few months since he was critically ill at a Quincy hospital. He has now fully regained his health.

BENJAMIN MENDE, '29, is an enlisted member of the Band on the U. S. S. Chicago. He would be glad to hear from his classmates. Mail should be addressed to the U. S. S. Chicago "Band" Washington, D. C. The vessel has recently been at San Diego and other western ports.

WARREN N. PRATT, '29, has been employed by the Court Square Press of Boston for nearly three years. His address is 599 River St., Mattapan, Mass.

HENRY A. SCHRAMM, '29, of 2261 Center Street, West Roxbury visited the school during the month. He is employed by a Boston mill supply house.



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The First Football Game

The first scheduled football game took place on our gridiron September 24. The game was played between Club A and Club B.

Club B won the toss and chose to receive. Shortly Club A kicked off and the battle began. Club B made a number of yards on the run back but were not able to gain their yards through the heavy Club A line. Club A taking the ball, tried bucking the line which proved successful and continued their march up the field for a touchdown. With much satisfaction Club A kicked off. With little trouble Club A broke through and kept their opponents from gaining much ground. Club B lost the ball on downs and Club A rushed the ball for long gains. During the second period Club A scored many times, and continued to do so during the third period. At this time they were leading 27-0.

In the fourth period Club A scored two more touchdowns but were unable to make the points following the touchdowns. The final score was 39-0 in favor of A.

Club A's running and passing attack was smoothly executed but Club B could not seem to get going. We all enjoyed the game and look forward to the coming games.

Clyde W. Albee I

The Senior Tennis Tournament

The tennis tournament held last year was so successful that the announcement of this year's tournament was eagerly awaited by all the boys. One of our teachers, who has sponsored both tournaments, secured the names of those wishing to enter this year's tournament and arranged the schedule of matches. The matches were played during the months of July and August. In September the championship match was played. Arthur Pickard won the championship, and was awarded a fine athletic sweater as a trophy.

A few of the best players in the Senior tournament were-

Walter Pratt, Finalist

Dexter Woodman, Semi-Finalist

Arthur Pickard, Finalist

Lloyd Morrison, Semi-Finalist

I feel sure that all the boys appreciate the kindness of Mr. Walston, who sponsored the tournament.

Arthur H. Pickard II

A Trip to Town

On Sunday September 25th the brass quartet went to play in the Baptist Church at Brookville, Mass.

We left the Island about eight o'clock and were met by the minister at City Point. He took us to the Church at Brookville. We first played at the Sunday School, and later played at the Church

Service. Mr. Meacham gave a short talk about the School.

After Church two members of the quartet and Mr. Meacham had dinner at Mrs. Wilson's house, and the others had dinner at Mrs. Day's house. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Day were members of the Church. We enjoyed a fine dinner. At 2:30 we left for City Point where we got on the boat and left for the Island.

We had a fine time. The members of the quartet are:

Harold Bent, Cornet

Arthur Pickard, Trumpet

William Littlejohn, Alto

Walter Pratt, Baritone

Walter K. Pratt I

Beach Supper

As part of the Labor Day celebration we had a beach supper. At five o'clock we went to the beach and went for a swim. After swimming for a half-hour we organized groups and got material for our fires, such as wood, paper, boxes, and things to sit on. After starting the fires we lined up for the food which consisted of frankfurts, rolls, bacon, tonic, pickles, marshmallows, and cookies. We then cooked our frankfurts and bacon over our fires. We ate until six-thirty when we went to the house to get ready for the dance which was held that evening.

Edward F. West II

Draining the Lowlands

During the winter months the lowlands on the Island are flooded so as to provide skating. During the spring and summer months the land must be drained so as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

The draining is accomplished by a system of pipes which will allow the water to flow onto the beach when the tide gates are opened. The tide gates are really

valves. Another boy and myself open the gates when the tide is half way out. After the tide has turned and is coming in the gates are closed.

There are three gates on the Island, only two of which are used. The tide gate at the South End is much larger than the one on the East Side of the Island.

William W. Fish II

Digging Potatoes

When we dig potatoes we run a cultivator through the potato hills, and then dig them out with potato diggers. They are left lying on the hills for a short time, and then put in bushel baskets. They are later put in bags and stored in the root cellar.

Thomas E. Killeen II

A Grade Reading Entertainment

The Third Class entertainment at last Grade Reading was a concert by the Slab City Sympathy Orchestra. The orchestra was made up of kitchen tools and dishes, such as, pan for drum, pop corn roaster for violin, and so forth. There were three boys who played with tissue paper wrapped around combs which gave the melody of the tunes we played. After the orchestra played a few pieces I gave a talk on "Eddication" which caused considerable fun. Our orchestra then completed the program by playing another selection.

Orlando M. Murphy III

Fishing

On Saturday afternoons the boys in the first and second grade are allowed to go fishing. We fish from the end of the wharf. Sometimes we do not catch any fish but we enjoy ourselves trying to. The fish usually caught are crabs, sculpins and perch.

Clifford M. Hutchins V

Whittling

Many people have but little respect for whittling, and think it is almost a waste of time. On the contrary the ability to whittle takes much practice, and some skill must be acquired before one can really satisfy himself with his work.

The best wood to use in whittling is a soft, straight grained kind. A straight grain is necessary.

Some of the things which can be whittled are common chains, endless chains, animals, puzzles, and an endless number of other things. All these are whittled from one piece of wood.

Patience is required in whittling. For instance, in making a chain the first two links may be shaped and when they are separated they break. Or perhaps you have the first two or three links whittled and separated, then the next one is broken. One then has to begin over again. Without patience whittling will be given up in favor of another hobby.

I have whittled many things, especially chains, and find it is no easy job, but it is very interesting and I feel that my time is well spent.

Carl E. Harden II

Learning to Play the Clarinet

Learning to play a musical instrument is very interesting. I like the piano and clarinet best. The Beginners' Band practices every day from 5 P. M. until 5:45 P. M. I am learning to play clarinet in the Band.

I think every boy should learn to play some musical instrument.

William M. Meacham Jr. VI

The Dogs

We have three dogs on the Island. The largest is named Freda. She is a police dog, but she is very gentle and likes to be with the boys. Trixie is a

white collie, and likes to stay in the house or lie in the sun. Ace is a small black and white dog. She is getting old and is not very lively. She goes with the boys and helps them catch rats. The Laundry Instructor feeds the dogs and is very kind to them.

Peter F. Mann VI

The Jester's Comments

—Hutchins thinks that the port side of a boat is the side that has all the port holes.

—Myron Pratt thinks the electric clippers can be used for most anything. They even go as far as to take the dirt from the boys' necks.

—In discussing the agricultural products of Ontario Billy Meacham's teacher asked him to name an important crop. Billy answered "Fish!"

—According to Dex Woodman cucumbers grow into watermelons if they are not squelched by pickling.

—While on a recent beach walk Jerry Macdonald ran to the swine yards and beheld the pigs. Holding aloft his arms he exclaimed "We are all brothers." The rest of us desire the pigs to have full benefit of the acquaintance.

—Peter Mann asks if the watermelon served at a recent meal was "home-made."

—Buster McCray thinks that pumpkins are used to make squash pies.

—On a recent visit to the bee hives Professor Davis petted his favorite bees. One also caressed him, closing an important eye for some days.

School Work

I am in the fifth class, that is the seventh grade. I go to school in the afternoon. We have a weekly record of our standing in the class. I am in third place. At present we are studying for the term tests which will be given next week.

Weston O. Page V

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Topics in Brief

The Brass Quartet went to Brookville on Sunday, September 25, and played a concert at the Baptist Church there. The boys assisted at Sunday School and then at the Church Service. Dinner was enjoyed at Brookville at the invitation of the parishioners.

The Fifth Friends' Day was held on September 19. Perfect weather prevailed, and the boys and their friends made the most of the occasion.

Several of the boys attended Church at Tremont Temple on September 25. This was at the invitation of one of the Instructors.

The first football game of this season was played on September 24. Club A won over Club B 39-0. Scheduled games will be played each Saturday until Thanksgiving. Games are also scheduled for Columbus Day and Armistice Day.

Much honey has been harvested this year. Two of the Instructors and several boys have become very much interested in this work and the results have been most satisfactory.

We have had a very successful season on the farm. The potato crop is now being harvested, and will probably yield 1200 bushels. An abundance of vegetables has been grown and used throughout the summer. Some of the larger crops were 75 tons of hay, 125 tons of corn silage, 4 tons of Hubbard Squash, 200 bushels of tomatoes and 4 tons of pumpkins.

Our gasolene boat ILLYBIUS has been doing most of our boat work this summer. Her engine has been adjusted recently, and repairs on the woodwork have been made.

Interest in tennis has been very great this year, and it has become almost a

major sport here. We have had two tennis tournaments this year, sponsored by Mr. Walston, one of the academic teachers. The Senior Tournament was won by Arthur Pickard, who defeated Walter Pratt in the final and deciding match. Harold Howley won the Junior Tournament, defeating Lewis Goodwin in the final match.

Labor Day was celebrated as usual. Two picked teams played a baseball game in the morning. The Instructors and Boys played in the afternoon. The Boys won this game. A picnic supper took place on the beach, after which most of the Boys and Instructors attended a dance given by Cottage Row Government. During any odd moments during the day swimming and fishing were enjoyed.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Sept. 30, 1932.

RESOURCES

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| Savings Bank | \$694.87 |
| Securities | 500.00 |
| Cash | 33.42 |
| | <u>\$1228.29</u> |

LIABILITIES

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| Boys' Deposits | \$479.23 |
| Trading Co. Deposits | 466.38 |
| Cottage Row Deposits | 59.33 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 36.70 |
| Surplus | 186.65 |
| | <u>\$1228.29</u> |

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 84° on the second.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the thirtieth.

Mean Temperature for the month 66°.

Nineteen clear days, two partly cloudy, and nine cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Sept. 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

19. The Superintendent, Matron, Teacher and all the boys, forty-five in number, went to the city, taking our own boats to S. Boston, thence by the omnibus to School Street, where we witnessed a beautiful exhibition of wax figures representing the trial of Christ; after which we visited the Rev. Mr. Gray's where we were bountifully supplied with a good collation; and then marched by way of Court and State Streets--through the New Exchange to Liverpool Wharf and returned home in the steamer "Gen. Lincoln". Deacon Grant joined us at the exhibition room and conducted us until we embarked on board the steamboat. During this excursion the boys conducted with the greatest propriety and enjoyed themselves extremely well notwithstanding we had to encounter considerable rain while in the city.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Sept. 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Geo. Berry allowed to go and spend a day with his friends.

3. A lovely day. Leroy S. Kenfield left to commence work in the office of Zion's Herald tomorrow morning.

4. Dull and warm, with some rain. Took boys and put wood from lumber yard under barn. Men on dike-carting-mowing rowen-plowing on marsh, etc. L. Graham and J. B. Cartwright came.

5. Boys in school at last report, Aug. 1-88. Admitted since, Wm. Wicket, J. Irving Davis, Wm. and Chas. McNally, and John P. Ackers-5. Discharged C. A. Knowlton, L. S. Kenfield-2. In School 10-day-91 boys. Visitors for the month: Managers Lyman, Bacon, A. Bowditch, Dexter and Gardner, and Mr. Rice.

7. A lovely day and one which our boys will long remember. By invitation

from Capt. Phillip our whole school went on a trip on the "Empire State" down the harbor "North Shore" trip- which all enjoyed very much. Our Band won for itself fresh laurels and the department of all was so satisfactory to the Managers of the boat that they gave us an invitation to take another excursion next year.

13. Pleasant, wind east. A lighter with 100 tons coal came. Col. Lyman and Mr. Leavitt came to see further about steam heating etc. Rec'd a visit from Wm. Hutchinson who left this School about 19 years ago to go to Wisconsin. He is a printer, has charge of an office in Racine. He is a fine specimen of a man. We were glad to see him and he seemed to enjoy his visit hugely.

14. Rained some. Coal all out and lighter gone, 100 tons coal—25 stove and 75 egg. In winter we keep 9 fires in stoves and three in furnaces. One furnace and one stove in new building and in summer run the steamer. Our range consumes 25 tons of coal.

20. Changeable weather. Our Band boys are anxious as they are invited to West Roxbury to play a concert at the residence of their former teacher Mr. L. A. Morse for the pleasure of his citizens. The boys left here at 3:30 and returned at 11 o'clock P. M. having a pretty bad time crossing as the wind had come up east and fresh. Their trip was however a big success. They were handsomely entertained by Mr. Morse and their music gave great satisfaction to their many listeners. This is the third or fourth time our Band has been to West Roxbury at Mr. Morse's request and expense.

21. Freddie Mason admitted.

25. Another dull day. No sun at all. James Dutton discharged to go to Mr. M. L. Baker, East Weymouth, Mass.

28. Visiting day. Very rough. Tides over wharf. Great trouble in getting

passengers on board boat. Had to lay planks to floating stage and walk on that to head of wharf. Managers Lyman, Bowditch, DeBlois, Dexter, Gardner, and Storer were present. Fred'k Perry was admitted and Geo. Parmenter, Geo. L. Bell and John F. Mooney discharged to their parents. Mr. Edward Oliver whom I have not seen for many years was present to-day.

Bakery Work

There are two bakery boys, one working in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The afternoon boy mixes the dough and the morning boy bakes it into bread.

About four o'clock in the afternoon the baker sifts forty quarts of flour into the mixer. Following this comes yeast, lard, butter, salt, sugar, and milk. The mixer, which runs by electricity, is then started and runs for one hour. The dough is then transferred to a trough where it remains all night.

In the morning, at five o'clock, the baker puts the dough in pans, where it stays until it rises. This takes about three hours. The pans are then put in the oven. It takes about one hour to bake the bread. When the bread is baked it is taken from the pans and laid on the table. After the bread cools it is put in a large box.

Francis D. McAuliffe IV

My Garden

I am trying to take good care of my garden as I hope to receive a prize. Early in the morning I water and cultivate it. If there are any weeds I pull them out. The prizes will be given soon.

William D. DeLorie V

Barn Work

In the morning I go to the barn at 5:30 A. M. and help two other boys feed, water and brush the horses. Then I pitch

hay down for the cows. When that is done we carry milk to the farm house. We do the same work at 5:00 P. M.

Russell G. Jones V

Laundry Work

Three other boys and I work in the Laundry each morning. We go to the Laundry at half-past seven and begin our work.

My work is running the washers. When the clothes come they are put in either of our two washers. They are washed for three-quarters of an hour after which they are rinsed four times. They are then put in the extractor, where the water is wrung from them. If they are not to be ironed they are put in the dryer until thoroughly dry which takes about thirty-five minutes. If they are to be ironed they are put in the dryer a few minutes, just long enough to shake them up. Then they are taken from the dryer and put through the mangle, which is a machine that irons all flat goods.

The boys that work in the morning laundry are Elvin Bean, Carl Ellis, Arthur Rouse, and William Littlejohn.

William L. Littlejohn IV

Farming

One afternoon not long ago I helped on the farm. My work was helping put corn in the silo. I had never seen how this was done, and I found it very interesting. Sometime when I am older I hope to work on the farm every day.

Raymond A. Hadfield VI

Doing Schoolroom Work

At 4:30 P. M. three boys go to the schoolrooms. It is the duty of each boy to sweep, dust, clean the boards and erasers, empty the waste basket and pencil sharpener in the room he cleans. I do the first class school room.

Robert F. Bray V

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The Alumni Association has recently completed a big brother act in locating JOSEPH B. KELLER, '07, after a search of about eighteen months. In doing this it brings together a brother and sister who have been separated for thirty-four years. On leaving the School Mr. Keller went to Woodstock, Vermont, then went West. He served in the World War and as a result lost his voice. Most of the time since the War he has been in Government Hospitals, but at present is at home and would like very much to hear from old classmates. He is married and has three children. His home address is: Packwaukee Wisconsin, Route 1.

WILLIS M. SMITH, '22, is employed by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He is Ass't. Agency Cashier of the Boston branch, a position which he has held for some time. His address is 23 Atherton Street, Somerville.

CHESTER P. LINDGREN, '28, soon after leaving the School, entered the employ of Huyler's. He has been with this firm since that time.

WILLIAM N. WEST, '28, is enrolled at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, has returned to Mechanics Arts High School. He is a member of the Senior Class. His address is 67 Romsey Street, Dorchester.

HENRY M. CASWELL, '31, will continue his studies at Topsfield High School. He was elected captain of the football team there.

THOMAS W. EASTTY, '31, is working in a chain store. He visited the school not long ago, and spoke interestingly of his work, and of his outside interests. His address is 19 Benton St., Roxbury.

KARL R. ADAMS, '31, has returned to Hopedale High School for another year. He visited the school recently. He lives at 20 Oak Street, Hopedale.

GEORGE G. HAMILTON, '31, is a member of the Somerville High School football team. He starred on the basketball team last winter, and from press reports we may expect big things from him during this football season.

JOHN D. MACGREGOR, '31, is employed by the Matson Navigation Co. of San Francisco, California. He works in the engine room of the S. S. Monterey.

KENNETH B. JOHNSON, '31, is working on a farm at Plympton, Mass.

WILLIS M. WIGHT, '31, is attending night classes at the Quincy Trade School. His address is 62 Norton Street No. Weymouth, Mass.

HERBERT E. GOVE, '26 is employed by Winfield Schuster, newly appointed member of the Governor's Council from East Douglas. Mr. Gove has been in the employ of the Schuster family for some years. Mail addressed to East Douglas will reach him.

WALDO L. WATERS '30, is working for a wholesale shoe company. He lives at 2 Morton Place, Roxbury.

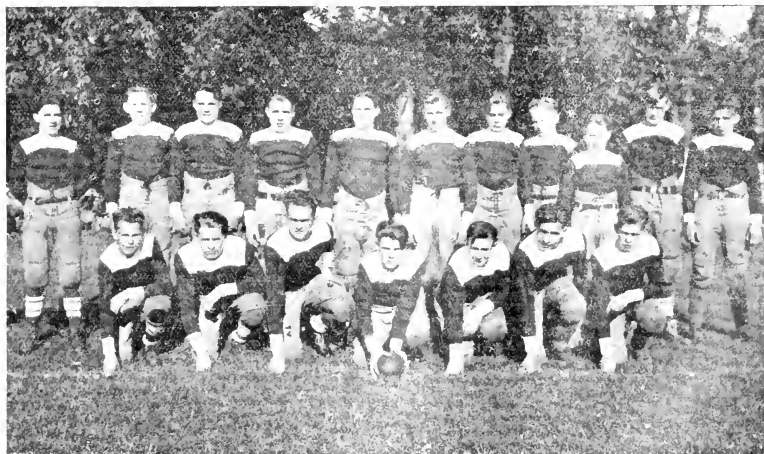


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Football Number



The School Football Team 1932

Rear, left to right,—Edward F. West, John E. Magee, Clyde W. Albee, Walter K. Pratt, Paul L. Hamilton, Arthur H. Pickard, Harvey H. Davis, John R. Macdonald, William W. Fish, Everett K. Bowlby, Elvin C. Bean. Front—Richard W. Crowley, Kenneth C. Caswell, Carl E. Harden, Leonard O. Pierce, Frederick S. Very, Donald S. Glenn, Ellsworth E. Hills.

Football 1932

On October 15 the School football team went to Topsfield, Mass., to play the High School team of that town. The necessary arrangements for the game were made by Henry Caswell F. T. S. '31, who is a student at Topsfield High School.

When the news of the game arrived, Coach Raymond Thomas, F. T. S. '26, called those who wished to try for the team to the playground that noon. Many of the fellows turned out and tried to make the team. After the practice our coach had the team picked and in the next session of practice we worked together as a team. After much hard practice the day of the game arrived and we were all set to go. Our squad was eighteen strong, the heaviest player weighing 150 pounds, the lightest 103 pounds. We started our trip to Topsfield about twelve o'clock noon and arrived there about two o'clock. We changed into our football togs and in a short time were on the field warming up.

Shortly the game started. F. T. S. kicked off and Topsfield fumbled on its first line play. We took the ball on Topsfield's thirty yard line and with a series of line plunges and end runs took the ball over for our first touchdown. The extra point was gained by a short reversed end run. Our second touchdown resulted from a forward pass and a line plunge, but we were not able to score the extra point. In the second period we scored a touchdown on a forward pass, quarterback to end. The dropkick for the extra point was wide of the goal post. This made the score at the end of the half 19-0. In the second half Topsfield began to show signs of life and pushed down to our 6 yard line but were unable to produce the necessary punch to score. We took the ball on downs and after two attempts at the line punted out of danger. Topsfield came back strong, but we took the ball

away again. A long forward pass from our quarterback to a halfback just missed completion as the game ended. The final score was F. T. S. 19, Topsfield 0.

After the game we were invited to have supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwell, friends of Captain Henry Caswell of the Topsfield eleven. The team deeply appreciates the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Elwell. After having supper we boarded the bus and were soon on our way to the Island. On the way back we made as much noise as was possible and when we arrived at City Point the players gave three cheers for the bus driver. We were given a hearty welcome at the Island by the rest of the boys. We all enjoyed the trip very much and hope more outside games will be played in the future.

Clyde W. Albee, Captain

A Clipping

From the Salem Evening News

TOPSFIELD, October 17. A steam roller attack of forward passes, line plunges and end runs, propelled by a sturdy bunch of little gamecocks from The Farm and Trades School of Boston, rolled up and down Proctor field Saturday, flattening the gridiron representatives of the local High school and leaving the Bostonians in possession of a 19-0 triumph when the referees' whistle trilled an end to a contest in which the superiority of the victors was never once seriously threatened.

It was a saddened and much wiser group of Topsfield gridgers who dragged themselves painfully off the battleground at the conclusion of play. They had entered the game expecting to find their lighter and younger opponents easy prey. Instead they discovered that they were stacked up against a team which coolly went about the business of scoring points with apparently effortless skill. So easily and cleverly did the Hubbites accomplish their purpose that they made their supposedly

experienced rivals seem like a ragged scrub eleven just emerging for its first practice session.

The relentless, irresistible offensive drive of the winners was not long in getting started. After receiving the kickoff, Topsfield on its first line play fumbled and the "Traders" went into action on the local thirty yard stripe. Around left end swept the initial thrust of the "Farmers" and the ball was on the twenty yard line when the beautifully protected runner was at last brought to earth. Another end sweep carried the pigskin to the fourteen yard marker. From there the Bostonians cracked the center of Topsfield's line just four times before they went over for a goal. The extra point was converted by rushing, and the invaders led 7-0 with the struggle only three minutes old.

Again the Trade boys kicked off to the locals. The dazed and disorganized Topsfield outfit could not produce a ground gaining formation and Morgan was forced to kick on the third down after two line bucks had been smeared for heavy losses. At this juncture the local lads could not seem to do anything right. The ball carriers were stumbling over their own interference, the backfield moved sluggishly and fumbles nullified even Morgan's fine runbacks of the kickoffs.

With the period drawing to a close, the visitors plowed steadily on toward their second touchdown with an assortment of deceptive shifts which had the Topsfield gridsters running around in circles trying to locate the ball totter. Abruptly the brainy Boston quarterback stopped his ground tactics and took to the air. A long pass was barely incomplete as the quarter ended. Only temporarily halted as the teams changed sides Boston inaugurated the second semester with another aerial heave which landed in the arms of a feet end and the ball was resting on Topsfields

28 yard ribbon. The third successive forward was also successful and the Hub forces were credited with six more points as the line plunge for a conversion failed.

Continuing the aerial bombardment when Topsfield yielded the ball after the touchdown kickoff, a twenty yard toss from the smart Hub signal chirper to his right end broke the latter out in the open, paving the way for a 46 yard gallop for Boston's third goal. The dropkick for the extra point was just wide of the uprights and Topsfield trailed 19-0 as the elevens went off the field at the half.

Topsfield came out fighting for the third quarter and writhing under the criticism of the sidelines unleashed an overhead game which had the opposition worried for awhile. With the Boston boys seemingly on the run, Morgan shot forwards and laterals successfully until his team was esconced on the Hub ten yard stripe. Topsfield's brief exhibition of offensive power may have been due to the fact that the visiting coach had injected five substitutes into the "Traders" lineup in the second half. The regulars were rushed back into the fray when the locals began to storm the Boston citadel. The period terminated with Topsfield in possession of the oval on the six yard Boston line. Heartened by the return of the varsity backfield and linemen, the Hubbites presented a stonewall defense as the locals tried vainly to pierce through for a score. The ball was finally lost on downs and the invaders punted out of danger. For the remaining few minutes of the tilt play stayed in midfield with the invaders obviously making no great effort to increase their margin of victory.

The only bright spots in Topsfield's third consecutive defeat of the season was the all-around defensive work of Caswell, Fletcher and Longo, and the fine running of Morgan on the kickoffs and punts.

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Athletics

Athletics are important, if not absolutely essential, in every school program. We would not go so far as to say they are the "meat" of the curriculum but athletics are certainly to the school life much more than the dessert in a well planned dinner. This form of play probably should not come first any more than it is our custom to eat our pie at the beginning of our meal and still there is a certain value in athletics as an appetizer of school life.

We all know the value derived from athletics. We are aware of the fact that through organized play the real teacher of character and right living may attain the greatest and most far reaching results. We see the fruits of development of the mind in the quick decisions and right plays of an athlete. As for body well being there is no form of physical endeavor more beneficial than well coached athletics.

It is a well known fact that the present day educator dislikes the publicity that comes to the football team while Latin, Algebra and Ancient History have little if any news value. But whether we like it or not, the fact remains that certain distinct advantages come from the publicity obtained through athletics. Is there one school or college in this great country of ours that would not like to advertise far and wide to obtain adequate numbers of the best students? And should we breathe the fact that we all need money to carry on and further develop our splendid resources? Nay, such paid publicity must not be—or at least must be confined to "minute professional" notices. If any school dared go to the public press with a half page paid advertisement, that school would be stamped and labeled by the public at large as an institution of low caste, ill-managed, and below standard. How then can the modern school tell of

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Mr. Augustus P. Loring, Jr. has been elected as Treasurer. More details will be given in the next issue.

its wonderful opportunities and fine manhood but through the free advertising of athletics?

It may be worth while for our school to "get in" on some of this "free advertising". Of course we can't say that we want more students—we already have nearly ten times as many applications as vacancies each year, although like every other educational institution, we can usually find room for one or two more outstanding youngsters. And it is hardly ethical for a school to advertise to the public for gifts of money, that savors too much of the charitable organization and too little of the endowed private school.

Our readers may recall the publicity obtained a few years ago when a very small football team from the mountains of Kentucky journeyed to our fair state and matched its wares against the best known college football team in New England. The little team won the game, and then shortly after, a little Vermont college sent a team to Boston and returned with a tie score against that same big team. Even this year a very tiny college from the northeast corner of New England held the much famed team from the "Nutmeg State" to a tie. Whatever the merits may be or the penalties paid by these little college elevens competing against forty or fifty huskies from the big universities, the publicity, the free advertising that is derived when a notable record is made, is valuable. Furthermore, we know that to match a handful of men against half an army requires more than physical perfection. It means team work, the keenest of brain power, superb courage and a strength of character far beyond the ordinary brand of present day human moral fibre.

Our glorious school hesitates to match its athletic teams against other school organizations because of our limited numbers and lower average age. We have,

through these 118 years of noteworthy progressive education of our school, become so used to the best in all our activities that to have a team less powerful than our competitors might be difficult to bear. We are proud of our beautiful Island, a campus surpassed by few if any, and the Bullfinch front of our main building has stood as a memorial to that great architect these hundred years. We rightfully boast of the first printing in any school curriculum and Sloyd was brought to our School by the man who gave this form of excellent woodworking to America and we know that our own Cottage Row Government preceded the much famed George Junior Republic. We have the best in Guernsey cattle, the finest Rhode Island hens and in other branches of our work both vocational and avocational we have rightful pride. Our School had the first boys' band in America and to this day there is no school of equal numbers that can compare in excellence with the Farm and Trades School Band.

Our present athletic program is by no means inferior, quite the contrary, it represents more than ever before the present day trend towards inter-mural athletics. We have regular schedules of organized athletics which give opportunity to every boy from the oldest to the smallest. It is quite possible however that the day is near at hand when we could well expand and maintain a school team as well as our several club teams in the various branches of major sports.

Topics in Brief

The sixth and last Friends' Day of the season took place on October 21st. At this time the Crosby baseball shield and cups were awarded as were the Grew Garden Prizes.

Mr. Vernon Tuxbury, a senior at Gordon College, has resumed charge of

our Sunday Services.

Our team defeated Topsfield H. S. in football on October 15, score 19-0. After the game the boys were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Elwell, and had supper at their home. The game was arranged principally by Henry Caswell, '31, who is captain of the Topsfield team.

Columbus Day was observed principally by athletic contests. Two football games were played, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

A group of seventeen boys enjoyed the performance at the Metropolitan Theatre on October 5.

At a meeting of the Admission Committee held October 3, the following boys were admitted to the School:

Hudson David Brenner, Dorchester
George Gardner Cline, Malden
Rupert Hollis Gould, Scituate
Paul Eric Kolman, Quincy
Vernon Wilbur Smith, Littleton.

A very fine entertainment, made possible by Mr. Edward M. Ingraham, a member of the Boston Rotary Club, was given on October 27. Assisting Mr. Ingraham were Miss Florence King, and Mr. William Walker. We are very grateful to these artists for their kindness.

Our Hallowe'en party was held on October 31, and proved to be a great success. The Gymnasium was prettily decorated and the entertainment consisted of a Costume parade, a program of vaudeville sketches, and various booths for refreshments, stunts and games.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Oct. 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

9. Dr. H. I. Bowditch of Boston visited the Island and performed the religious duties of the day.

30. The Superintendent, Teacher,

and forty-four boys went to S. Boston and attended public worship at the House of Industry. Admitted Robert White of Boston.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Oct. 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

11. Carried a load of produce to market. Got some flour. Witnessed the procession in honor of Boston's settlement and had a good sight of Pres. Arthur.

28. Very pleasant. The last visiting day for this season. Managers Eliot and Emmons were here, also J. I. Bowditch, Esq., who was for many years Treasurer and President of this School.

31. Dull all day. Went up with the steamer, got plank for drain from Roger's wharf, So. Boston. Boys in school at date 93.

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 81° on the ninth.

Minimum Temperature 38° on the fourteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 64°.

Six clear days, twelve partly cloudy, and thirteen cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

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The Jester's Comments

—In an Ancient History class a teacher asked "Who defeated the Philistines?" The student, who had been dozing, answered "I dunno, I don't follow those bush league teams."

WHO KNOWS?

—At a humorous play given at the Hallowe'en entertainment the following discoveries were made.

Raiders of the pantry, —Sam Very and Hannah Glenn. ¶Raiders of the orchard, —Biffie Albee and Chucky Woodman. ¶Making fudge out of turn, —Archie Pickard.

Without going on record, we might suggest further investigation.

Collecting Stamps

Many of the boys are collecting stamps and some have large collections from many different countries. I am just beginning mine, sometime I hope to have many kinds. It is a good way to learn about United States stamps as well as foreign countries.

William D. DeLorie V

Learning the Rules of F. T. S.

When I first came to the school I did not realize how important it is to try to do everything well and not get checked. After being in the fourth grade I have decided I shall do better and learn all I can while I am here.

George G. Cline VI

Closing the Cottages

The cottages have been closed for the winter as it is now too cold for the boys to enjoy spending time there. Each boy removes his pictures, pennants, and any other articles he does not want to leave in the cottage during the winter. Some boys send them home until spring when their

friends bring them back. The windows are covered with boards to keep out the snow and rain; also to prevent the glass from being broken. The doors are securely fastened so that storms will not blow them open. In the spring everything will be made ready for use again.

Clifford M. Hutchins V

Alumni Notes

The following items occurred in a recent issue of the Middlebury College NEWS LETTER:

"ROLLINS A. FURBUSH, '28, is the Assistant District Manager of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company located in Los Angeles. His address is Room 1105, Builders' Exchange Building, 656 South Los Angeles Street.

THEODORE B. HADLEY, '32, was married on June 15 to Thelma L. Atwood in Weybridge, Vermont, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Harrington, '91.

Mr and Mrs. Hadley are residing at Weybridge where Mr. Hadley is pastor."

Furbush graduated from F. T. S. in 1918. He was captain of the college football team during his senior year at Middlebury. Hadley graduated from F. T. S. in 1923, from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1930, and he is now doing graduate work at Middlebury in addition to his work as pastor of the church at Weybridge.

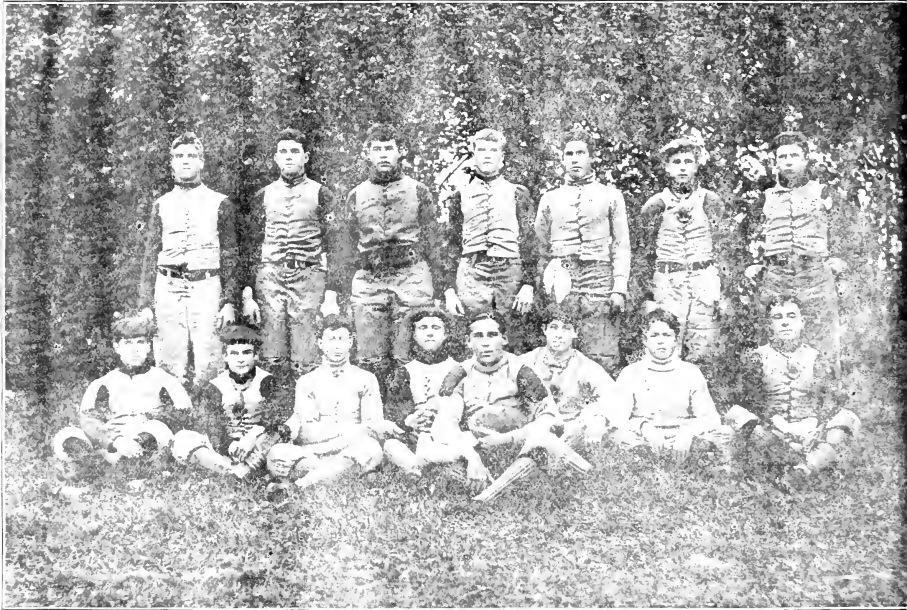
GEORGE G. HAMILTON, '31, is playing a prominent part in the success of the Somerville High School football team. He was recently given considerable publicity in the Boston papers as a result of a 70-yard run for a touchdown in the game against Cambridge High. He plays end on the High School team. Hamilton is also attaining very high marks in his academic work. He will graduate from that High School in June.

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The School Team of 1904

Left to right, Rear— Frederic C. Welch, Louis E. Means, Charles Russell, George E. Burke, Robert McKay, Charles Warner, Don C. Clark. Front— Warren H. Bryant, George A. C. McKenzie, Leslie Jones, James A. Edson, Walter B. Norwood, Barney Hill, Stephen G. Stackpole, Albert Probert.

Football thirty years ago was as popular here as it is now. As many elevens as could be, were organized, and the first teams played outside teams occasionally while the other teams played each other. The first team players' average weight was 135 pounds.

A brief football resume of the years 1901—1907 follows. In 1901 the team defeated a Somerville eleven 16-0. In 1902 our second eleven lost to Somerville H. S. 21-5. Later that year, the first team defeated Wellesley 35-0. In 1903 Dorchester lost 23-0. In 1904 Boston Latin defeated our team 5-0; the Boston Herald described the result as

"virtually a victory" for F. T. S. Later that year we defeated a Brookline team 23-0, and Wakefield also lost 10-6. In 1905 Waverly was defeated 13-5, and Glendale A. C. 40-0. Nothing of note is recorded for 1906. In 1907 three games were played, the School losing to Boston Latin 12-5, and then defeating Saugus H. S. 22-0 and Malden H. S. 5-0.

Interesting points in this era include the scoring method, which allowed but five points for a touchdown. The forward pass was in its infancy and our boys were greatly surprised when a visiting team began throwing the ball about. Peculiar names for football equipment are noted especially that of "harness", now called "helmet". President Adams was, as he is now, interested in athletics, and helped supply new football uniforms in 1905.



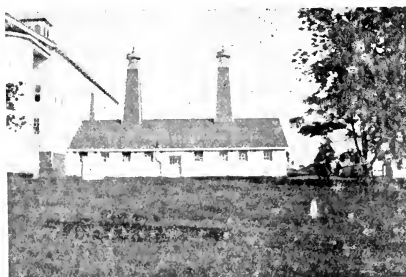
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The illustration on this page represents one of the most recent buildings on our Island. This is an addition to our main barn built in 1927 for our herd of registered Guernseys. This barn constituted a part of the school's plan to improve the whole agricultural department of the School. This modern cow barn also assisted in our plan of producing milk for our big family free from the germs of contagion and uncleanness which might lurk in this source of food supply. It is interesting to note in this connection the dates that the various buildings were constructed on the Island:

1833-Farm House
1833-Main Building
1833-Storage Barn
1861-Main Barn
1863-Boat House*
1881-Gardner Hall
1885-Poultry House*
1885-Boat House
1887-Corn Barn
1888-Cottage Row



1903-Root Cellar
1903-Addition to
Main Building
1907-W. Observatory
1907-Compost Shed
1909-Power House
1924-Ensilage Silo
1927-Cattle Barn
1929-Poultry Houses

The stone for the foundations of most of these buildings was quarried at Squantum. This was among the rights on Squantum deeded to the school by George W. Beale from whom the school purchased Thompson's Island in 1832. In 1884 more stone was quarried and taken to the beach, at the Southwest end of the Island, "to keep in force our rights to take stone from Squantum for use on our Island."

New buildings have been added as required by the progress of the times. Our school has been a pioneer in many educational features. We hope that some good friend will make it possible to add another building to our group so that the living conditions may be more adequate and the educational facilities broadened.

We are indebted to Mr. Merton P. Ellis, Secretary of the Alumni Association, for the excellent snap shot of the new barn from which this reproduction was made.

*Buildings since demolished.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is eagerly anticipated by everyone at the School, and this year was no exception. For some time before preparations for the day were being made.

In the morning the necessary work was done and about nine o'clock the smaller boys began getting ready for their football game. The two teams played a fine game, the final score being Army 6-Navy 0.

We then began preparing for dinner. At twelve o'clock we passed into the Dining Room. We were each given a Proclamation by Harry D. Dow, Mayor of Cottage Row. The Mayor read his Proclamation, after which we said Grace. A very fine dinner was enjoyed by everyone. The Menu was as follows:-

Celery
Roast Stuffed Turkey
Giblet Gravy
Mashed White Potato
Sweet Potatoes
Marrow Squash Cranberry Sauce
Bread and Butter
Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce
Mince Pie Pumpkin Pie
Fruit Cider Nuts

In the afternoon we had another football game, the classic game of the season. The contest was well played, Harvard winning 19-7.

Supper consisted of an oyster stew, which we did full justice. Nothing special happened after supper, and by nine o'clock everyone had gone to bed, happy that the day had been such a success.

Walter K. Pratt I

Thanksgiving Beacons

Each year at Thanksgiving time the boys write articles appropriate for the season. A few of these are printed below.

I am thankful that I am at this School, where there are so many opportunities. I am thankful for the Instructors who teach us the right way to do.

Thomas E. Killeen

I am thankful for a place to sleep, for food, and for the opportunities offered me at this School. I am thankful for my friends, who are always willing to help me. I am thankful that I am able to obtain an education.

William S. Wilson

I am thankful for my mother, and all she means to me. I am thankful for the men who have charge of this School, and for the privilege of being a pupil here.

John E. Magee

I am thankful for my mother and my friends. I am thankful for my clothes, health and the food I eat. I am thankful for the opportunities I have to learn.

Norman J. Peard

I am thankful that I am on Thompson's Island, where I can receive a good education and training. I am thankful for my health, clothes, food, and many other things.

Weston O. Page

I am thankful for my mother, and my good health, and for the opportunity of receiving an education. I am thankful that I enjoyed a real Thanksgiving Day at the School. I am thankful that I am not starving. I am thankful that I do not have to suffer from cold and hunger this winter, and that I have a fine school in which I live. I am thankful that I learn to cook deserts and other good things to eat.

Charles M. Mason

I am thankful for my father, sister and brothers, and what they mean to me. I am thankful that I have plenty to eat and a place to sleep. I am thankful that I have a brother here at the School with me. I am thankful that I had a good dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

William C. Cline

I am thankful that I am living and that I have a mother and sister. I am thankful that I came to Thompson's Island and that I have a place to sleep and enough to eat.

David H. Brenner

I am most thankful for the good food I get on Thompson's Island. I am thankful that I have enough money to send a Christmas present to my father. I am thankful for my brother, and sisters.

William C. Burns

Labratory Notebooks

The First and Second Classes have note books which are called Labratory Books. The members of these classes use them on agricultural field trips. In the books is noted things which we wish to remember. The field trips include all departments on the farm, and our books should prove to be of great interest and value.

Thomas E. Killeen II

The Jester's Comments

Selections from the many humorous rhymes made by Mr. Edward Ingraham and given as a part of his excellent entertainment at the School Thursday Oct. 27.

Now little Bunny Mason,
who pushed his face in,
Broke his brand new glasses—
If "Bunny" was twins,
he'd have double sins
And Lord help the teacher's classes.

Archie Pickard is your Star Athlete
He loves to study and play
He once read a book and hit a homerun
And drop-kicked a goal in one day.

Dan Howley is quite an athlete at best
He played football the other day
He ran 95 yards—the crowd howled
Poor Dan ran the wrong way.

Who spilled the red ink on that desk
That's what Mrs. Park said
That ain't red ink—said a smart chap
That's Everett Smith's head.

Harry David Dow, a dynamo and how
He runs along in torrents
He is so durn full of electricity
He eats nothing but currants.

Carry me Beck to the clubhouse
Said a boy with a broken neck—
I just bumped into a little guy
His name was Varsity Beck.

William Littlejohn is a great big John
In the school's estimation.
But this Littlejohn is no demi-john
When he's real full of—inflation,

Now little Billie Meacham
Has his dad to teachem
And if his dad can't reachem
It should beseechem
To go down on the beachem
Have dad reachem—teachem
Over the knees of a Meacham.

In Mr. Walston's class is Clyde Albee
Who never takes second place.
But Beefie went so low in a football game
Someone stepped on his face.

Mike Crowley always finishes what he
starts
If its only on the Island steamer,
Let's hope Mike
doesn't finish the boat tonight
For I am a rotten "sweamer."

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Mr. Augustus P. Loring, Jr., was elected Treasurer of the School November 1, succeeding Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell who resigned after thirteen years in that office. Mr. Loring's name was proposed to the Board by a committee elected to nominate after several months deliberation. The Board was gratified that Mr. Loring was nominated and that he accepted.

The Loring family comes down from Robert Loring, a poet, mathematician and architect, who built the Cathedral at Hereford, and was bishop there in 1279. Deacon Thomas Loring, born in or near Devonshire about 1600, was the first of this family to come to America in 1634. The family came to Hingham, later residing in Hull, and spreading out towards Plymouth and the Cape. Isaac became established in Boston about 1687 and became very prominent in the affairs of the Old South Church, a connection which still persists in the Loring family. The prominence of the Loring family in affairs of Massachusetts is too extensive to relate in this article. Mr. Loring's uncle, the late William Caleb Loring was a justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. His father, Mr. Augustus P. Loring, Sr., continues to be active in legal, political and financial affairs and became president of the Plymouth Cordage Co. in 1897.

Augustus P. Loring, Jr., was born in Beverly April 16, 1885, and graduated at Harvard in 1908. During his college days he was a member of the Institute of 1770, Delta Kappa Epsilon, the Hasty Pudding Club, and the Harvard Political Club. He was also interested in the Cambridge Boys' Club and the Cambridge Social Union. He was married on June 11, 1911, to Rosamond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bowditch of Jamaica Plain. Six children were born to them. He was elected to the common council of

Beverly while a sophomore at Harvard, has been a member of the Beverly School Committee for the past decade, and has been chairman most of the time. Since 1928 he has been a trustee and treasurer of the Boston Society of Natural History. He also holds membership in the Somerset Club, Massachusetts Automobile Club, Exchange Club, Eastern Yacht Club, Manchester Yacht Club, Club of Odd Volumes, the Masons, Elks, Odd Fellows and the Grange. Mr. Loring has been associated with his father as a trustee, with an office at 82 Devonshire St. His home is at Thissell St., Prides Crossing, Beverly, and he has a winter home at 2 Gloucester St., Boston.

It is especially interesting to note the long line of family connections, which have become traditionally associated with the affairs of the School and especially the Treasury. Our President, Arthur Adams, although not a blood relative, was associated with Alfred Bowditch in the office of the later and through this contact became deeply interested in the School. William J. Loring, Treasurer 1828-33.

J. Ingersoll Bowditch, came to the Board as Treasurer 1839-51, President 1851-78.

Charles P. Bowditch, son of J. Ingersoll, Treasurer 1874-84, President 1889-93.

George A. Gardner, grandfather of Mr. Loring, Manager 1879-90, Ch. Exec. Com.

Alfred Bowditch, son of J. Ingersoll, Mgr. 1882-1918, Treas. 1884-1900, Pres. 1905-18.

Arthur Adams, became interested thru Alfred B., Treas. 1900-19, Pres. since 1920.

N. Penrose Hallowell, son-in-law of Alfred B., Mgr. since 1911, Treas. 1919-32.

Augustus P. Loring, Jr., son-in-law of Alfred B., elected Treas. Nov. 1, 1932.

Our school will join in the Boston Emergency Relief Campaign to be conducted between January 15 and March 15.

Topics in Brief

The National Election was observed at the School by an appropriate program given by the First Class, a part of which consisted of balloting for the presidential candidates. On election day many of the Instructors went to town to vote.

Important repairs on the farmhouse were made during the month.

President Arthur Adams and Manager Edmund Q. Sylvester visited the School on December 1.

Managers Charles P. Curtis and S. V. R. Crosby visited the School on Nov. 27.

Armistice Day was observed by a half holiday.

We enjoyed a very happy Thanksgiving Day. The Dinner was, as usual, a bountiful feast. The First Class football team defeated a team composed of members of the other classes. The younger boys also played a football game. Detailed accounts of the holiday activities will be found in the boys' articles.

A new drop has been constructed for removal of manure from the barn. It is a great improvement over the old one. A cement base proves of great aid, and of course, provides for greater cleanliness.

Our gasoline launch, Illybius, has been beached for the winter. Other summer boating equipment is, or will soon be, pulled above the high water mark and left until spring. The Pilgrim has had her winter sheathing put on and is ready for the winter months.

Club A won the Crosby Football Shield in a decisive fashion. A schedule of six games was played, Club A being undefeated. In addition to the regular schedule many post-season games were played.

Harvard-19 Yale-7

It is a custom each year to have the annual Harvard-Yale football game on Thanksgiving Day. In previous years the teams were made up of the best players. A different system was used this year. The First Class (Harvard) football team played a team made up of members of the other five classes (Yale).

The night before the big game the members of both teams, together with the rest of the boys, gathered in the Assembly Hall to hold a "smoker" or football rally. Each player spoke attempting to arouse special enthusiasm for his team. The Harvard team had a band and played football tunes. After the meeting the boys formed in two groups and began learning cheers for the game.

On Thanksgiving Day afternoon the big Red and Blue teams were ready for action. Although they did not know it at the time they were to play one of the best Thanksgiving Day games in years. The Harvard team won the toss, and after receiving the kickoff was stopped before much ground was gained. After a series of line plunges and end runs they scored their first touchdown. In the second period Yale was forced to punt. The ball rolled to a far corner of the field, and Harvard, failing to gain, was forced to punt out of danger. The kick was blocked and resulted in a touchdown for Yale. The point after the touchdown was scored making the score Yale 7 Harvard 6 at the end of the first half.

During the second half Harvard started fighting hard, and began to show the advantage of her more experienced players. Yale's desperate attempts to hold her slim lead were futile, and Harvard scored thirteen more points before the final whistle. The final score was Harvard 19—Yale 7.

The lineup was as follows:-

HARVARD—Ellsworth E. Hills, L. E.; Donald S. Glenn, L. T.; Frederick S. Very, L. G.; John A. Fitzgerald, C.; Everett K. Bowlby, R. G.; Kenneth C. Caswell, R. T.; Richard W. Crowley, R. E.; Paul L. Hamilton, F. B.; Vincent D. Woodman, R. H. B. (Captain); Clyde W. Albee, L. H. B.; Walter K. Pratt, Q. B. Substitute, Frederick H. White.

YALE—John E. Magee, L. E.; Herbert A. Rokes, L. T.; John A. Bailey, L. G.; Edward F. West, C.; Carl E. Harden, R. G.; John R. Macdonald, R. T.; Leonard O. Pierce, R. E.; Paul E. Kolman, F. B.; Harry D. Dow, R. H. B.; Elvin C. Bean, L. H. B.; Arthur H. Pickard, Q. B. (Captain). Substitutes, Lloyd R. Morrison, William W. Fish.

Clyde W. Albee I

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Nov. 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Ran the boat to city with a load of rye to sell and returned with 4 bbls. oil.

10. To city with scow and got 30 bbls. flour and other stuff towards winter supplies.

17. The first snow storm of the season.

27. Last night there was a flurry of snow and today it is cold enough and blustering. I went to city to get turkeys, meat, etc. for Thanksgiving. H. Bird and Co. presented us with 100 lbs. of very nice turkeys for which he has our thanks.

28. Dressed three hogs and carted sea weed to yard. The steamer to city. Pres. Lyman and Mr. Gardner came.

30. Thanksgiving day, snowy and cheerless. Went over with boat and got 28 graduates who dined with us. The time passed pleasantly. In the P. M. the band gave a concert and in the evening we had quite a performance, dramatic.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Nov. 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

5. The Superintendent, Matron and twenty-seven boys visited the Asylum for the Blind. The kindest attention was shown to the boys and they conducted themselves in such a manner as to draw

forth much praise from those who witnessed their good behaviour.

The Farm and Trades School Bank
Statement, Nov. 30, 1932.

RESOURCES

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Savings Bank | \$694.87 |
| Securities | 500.00 |
| Cash | 65.68 |
| | <u>\$1260.55</u> |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Boys' Deposits | \$519.18 |
| Trading Co. Deposits | 464.65 |
| Cottage Row Deposits | 59.33 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 35.74 |
| Surplus | 181.65 |
| | <u>\$1260.55</u> |

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 69° on the eighteenth.

Minimum Temperature 10° on the twenty-sixth.

Mean Temperature for the month 40°.

Sixteen clear days, five partly cloudy, and nine cloudy.

Saturdays

As there is no school on Saturdays we go to our work directly after breakfast. The band boys work until nine o'clock, while the others work until half past eleven. The band boys rehearse from nine o'clock until half past eleven. After dinner we go where we choose on bounds, and off bounds with permission. Some of the boys play football. Others go to the Gym, Band Hall, or Sloyd Room. Some listen to the radio and read. The time is used for stamp, or other collections. After supper we play until half-past seven.

William S. Wilson II

My Work

Every afternoon excepting Saturday and Sunday I report to the farm at one o'clock and am dismissed at five. Some afternoons I work on the east side dike repairing it. Other times I do miscellaneous jobs such as: cleaning cows, plowing, barn chores and many other such jobs. I like the farm very much as it offers many opportunities that you would not get if you worked somewhere else.

Harold W. Howley II

A Sunday in Town

One Sunday morning an Instructor invited three boys and myself to attend the morning service at Tremont Temple.

We arrived at City Point at half-past eight and went in town. We visited the Public Gardens first, and enjoyed the marvelous flower gardens.

We then walked to Tremont Temple. The Service began about eleven o'clock. The Sermon was fine. The music was especially good. There was a large congregation present.

After Church we had dinner. Then we went to the Museum of Fine Arts where we spent the remainder of the afternoon.

We enjoyed the trip very much, and hope to go again sometime.

Paul L. Hamilton I

Power House Notes

A new water end for the pump was purchased recently. The Power House boys removed the old one, and installed the new part. They put a new piston rod in the pump, replaced a worn check valve and packed the pump. It works very well now.

The boiler was shut down for a day to clean it. It is now in good shape for the winter.

Herbert A. Rokes II

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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77 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON
G. GEORGE LARSON, '17, Historian
Hyde Park, Mass.

WILLIAM A. HORSEFALL, '96, has recently written to the Secretary after a lapse in correspondence of fifteen years. Billy went to California in 1906 to continue his work as a plumber after the earthquake and has remained there ever since. He is employed by the Fire Department of San Francisco. His principal hobby has been nature and some years ago sent a set of pictures taken on hikes through California. Is a member of the Sierra Club and the Tamalpias Conservation Club, both interested in the preservation and protection of the natural beauty spots and recreational areas. His home is a cabin on the outskirts of the City, 95 Pope Street, San Francisco, California.

DANIEL W. LAIGHTON, '01. We are pleased to learn that Dan is once more on the job after an operation for appendicitis. He has been located in Keene, New Hampshire, for a number of years and is now a partner in Fairfield's Garage, 25 Roxbury Street, Keene. During the World War he was over-seas and remained there until June 1st, 1919, leaving the service with the rank of Corporal. Besides belonging to the Gordon Bissell Post of the American Legion, he is a member of the following organizations: Social Friends Lodge of Masons, Keene Royal Arch Chapter, St. John's Council, Hugh de Payens Commandery, Keene Lodge of Elks and Bekdash Temple of the Shrine. He was married July 23rd, 1930.

V. HERBERT GORDON, '15, on leaving the School went to North Adams, where he was employed as a machinist. Soon after leaving he joined the Second

Massachusetts Regiment and in 1916 went to the Mexican Border. During the World War he was a member of Company M of the 104th Infantry of the 26th Division, and was in France for nineteen months. Is now engaged in the contracting business as a member of the firm of Gordon and Sutton, 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main Street, North Adams, Mass. Is married and has three children, a boy of ten years, one girl nine years, another five years. Is a member of the Rotary Club, American Legion, Graylock Lodge, F. & A. M., Oneco Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Universalist Church. His home address is 96 Park Avenue, North Adams, Mass.

WALTER (MAHAN) HERMAN, '79. Entered Farm and Trades School, Jan. 1871. Left May 1879. Deceased Dec. 31st, 1931.

WALTER J. KIRWIN, '77. Entered Farm and Trades School, May 1872. Left June 1877. Deceased Dec. 23rd, 1931.

JOHN M. TIERNEY, '03, is now a patient at the Boston Sanatorium, 249 River Street, Mattapan, Mass. When visited recently he seemed the same old John and looked forward to leaving there, expecting to join his brother Tom in California. Would like to hear from old classmates.

CLIFFORD H. TAYLOR '15 is a student at Gordon College, Boston. Mr. Taylor was enrolled at Gordon some years ago but was forced to leave because of ill health. Mail may be addressed to Mr. Taylor, in care of Gordon College, Evans Way, Boston.



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The Christmas Entertainment

On Saturday afternoon, December 24, we had a very fine entertainment. There were two separate parts to the program, a banjo and piano duo and a juggling act.

The program opened with banjo selections. The young lady who played the banjo was accompanied at the piano by her brother. As the program continued many piano selections were heard. Whistling solos and readings were also enjoyed.

A juggler came on very soon. He started his act by juggling two tennis balls and a racquet. His assistant kept passing new objects and he continued juggling them. After he completed several juggling stunts he did several handsprings and back somersaults. He then explained the best way to practice juggling, so that if any of the boys were interested they could teach themselves.

The girl and her brother came on again to complete the show. She climaxed her whistling entertainment with two fine choruses of a popular song, the second chorus of which was an imitation of a canary.

The entertainment was provided for us by Mr. Arthur Adams, President of the Board of Managers and we are all very thankful for his kindness in providing it.

Lloyd R. Morrison II

Carol Singing

About a week before Christmas a group of boys practice Carols to sing on Christmas Eve. At about eight o'clock Christmas Eve they begin singing. They go around the Main Building, singing in several different places. After they finish singing they are invited to the apartments by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. They play games and have refreshments. Coins, that have been thrown to the singers, are counted. After this the singers go to bed, to wait for Christmas morning.

William W. Fish II

A Trip to the Atlantic Works

Not long ago the two steamer engineers and two of the deckhands were told to be ready to go to the Atlantic Works directly after breakfast. We left the Wharf at quarter of eight, and arrived at the Atlantic Works about nine o'clock. There was some trouble with our steamer which needed attention, and while we were waiting we walked around the yard and looked over the boats in drydock. There was a freighter which had gone aground, and was having damaged plates on her hull replaced. There was also a ferry boat and a trawler being overhauled and painted. We watched a number of destroyers and other boats which came in to dock.

George A. Stockton II

Cottage Row Party

On the Friday evening preceding New Year's Day, Cottage Row Government gave a party celebrating the New Year. The evening was enjoyably occupied by dancing, which started at eight o'clock, and games which were had after the refreshments and continued until eleven o'clock.

The address of welcome was given by Walter Fitzgerald, after which Mr. and Mrs. Meacham led the Grand March. Music was provided by an orchestra comprised of three instructors and two boys.

The dancing terminated at half past nine at which time refreshments were served. They consisted of ice cream, cookies and punch.

The program continued with the playing of various contests. The pool table was put in use, as were pin games, caroms, checkers, and so forth. A large number of the boys and instructors were engaged in putting together jig saw puzzles, the latest fad at the school.

William S. Wilson II

Pruning Apple Trees

Pruning is done every fall or winter. When pruning young trees the tops are cut off so that the trees will not grow tall and narrow. The tops should be cut near the place where another branch is starting, so that the sap can go into that branch, and not into the stub of the one cut. Some of the small branches are removed to give the tree a round shape, and to allow plenty of sunlight to get between the branches.

The older trees are pruned to allow sunlight and room for all branches so that they will not rub together. If two branches should rub together a raw place would be left where germs could enter and cause many diseases.

Donald S. Glenn I

Senior Topics

The members of the Senior Class have begun to prepare their essays. The first step is to get a suitable subject. The members of last years' class wrote on some of the subjects we would have chosen, hence we must choose another. Each essay must contain two thousand words. The material for the essays is ordinarily secured from libraries in town.

Richard W. Crowley I

Planting Flower Beds

One morning the Supervisor told me to put on overalls, and help him. He gave me two large bags of tulip bulbs, which I took to the beds in front of the house. The flower beds were cleaned and spaded and made ready to plant. We then began to plant one of the beds. We planted a border of red, white and yellow bulbs alternately. We then made a small circle in the center of the bed where we planted more of the same color. On each side of the circle we planted twenty-one yellow bulbs. We then smoothed the bed and spread manure and straw over it to protect it from extremely cold weather. Next spring we hope to see more than one hundred tulip plants in this flower bed.

Arthur H. Pickard II

Gifts to the Boys

Many friends of the School contributed to the joy of Christmas by giving many presents to the boys. The boys appreciate the kindness of these friends very much.

Among those who gave are included President Arthur Adams who provided the entertainment in the afternoon, and the Alumni Association, which gave a bag of candy to each boy.

Frederick S. Very I

Repairing the Dike

The farm boys have begun the work of repairing the east side dike, just below the Power House. We do one section at a time. First the dirt inside the section is thrown out, and the old rotted planks removed. We then put in planks which are fourteen feet long. As we put in the planks we fill the section with dirt. We had some exceptionally high tides during the repairing job, which caused much trouble. That which we have accomplished looks very well, and should hold for many years.

Kenneth C. Caswell I

Christmas Eve

Christmas was celebrated on Saturday, December 24, so Christmas Eve was Friday night at the School. This was my first Christmas here. I enjoyed the fun on Christmas Eve. Some of the boys and instructors sang carols about the building early in the evening. At twelve o'clock the Instructors came up to the dormitories and wished the boys a Merry Christmas. Stockings filled with candy and nuts were put on each boy's bed by the Night Supervisor. No one slept much after twelve o'clock.

Myron A. Pratt VI

Building a Toboggan Slide

One afternoon when I came from school, the Supervisor told me to go to the Front Lawn, which is on a high slope, and help build a toboggan slide. I helped pack snow on the slide. After supper we hauled water on sleds, and poured it on the slide. The water froze and made the slide very icy. Two drops or "bumps" were made by crossing the roadway at the foot of the hill. While the cold weather lasted the boys enjoyed the fun on the slide.

Charles M. Mason V

The Jester's Comments

—Larry Dole had the idea that wolves were grown for wool.

—After several weeks of agriculture classes Charlie Curtin inquires whether or not cows lie down at any time.

—Billy Wilson fooled everyone during the recent campaign. He said, "Every bank will be closed four months after inauguration." Checking up the date that day will be July 4th.

—Peterson said, "Move the goal posts back so the players won't run into them." After illustrating football points Pete learned the difference between yard markers and goal posts.

—Dan Howley wonders what the band would sound like without any instruments.

—Tommy Killeen thought, until recently, that the ring in the bull's nose was there when the animal was born.

—Dave Harris, after several weeks of feeding the cows asked what a certain animal was to be given. The instructor asked "What have you been feeding her?" Harris answered, "I don't know."

—Professor Davis was sent to get forks to pile potatoes. He returned in a short time with a cow sprayer.

—The Sunday School teacher, in discussing mob actions in New Testament days, used a modern illustration. He asked a new boy "What happens when two or three people stop and look up at a dirigible?" The boy answered, "They have their pockets picked."

Power House Notes

A new globe valve has been installed on the steam line to the pump. The old one was well worn and needed replacing. The valve is used to furnish steam to the pump when it is necessary to operate it.

Everett K. Bolwy I

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The question of Fate has been raised by a member of the First Class, apparently with the belief that all life is determined by Fate or Chance. This to a certain extent is true, although life is made up of a great deal more than incidental circumstances.

The rising of our late great national leader, Calvin Coolidge, from a farm boy in Vermont to Chief Executive of this great nation was undoubtedly partially brought about by a chain of favorable circumstances which we might call Fate. It is, however, absolutely certain that unless this wonderful man had cultivated his talents as he did and made the most of every opportunity that he had in the way of education and life work he would certainly not have been made President of this country. If Calvin Coolidge had not had the fine character, educational qualifications and ability to take responsibilities he would not possibly have attained the heights that he did.

It is always essential if we are to succeed to adopt the Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared" in order that we may take advantage of the many opportunities that may come to us throughout life. If one expects to be a leader in any industry or organization he must "Be Prepared," he must have a solid foundation, he must recognize right from wrong, and continue to write into his book and build into his character the essentials of right and proper living in order that he may become a leader or attain a responsible position in life. If one is to be a doctor he must have the proper educational qualifications. If he is to be a minister, he must be prepared.

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If he is to be a teacher he must have adequate education. If he is to be a good mechanic or a good farmer he must know his work thoroughly. Success in any line depends upon proper qualifications, education, and ability as well as a good character.

In playing the game of life we must adhere to the rules just as much as we would abide by the rules in a basketball game. Whenever we violate a basketball rule or make a foul we are immediately called to account by the referee and our team suffers the result of our foul by being penalized even to the extent of the opponents making extra points, which frequently determines the winning or losing of a game. Not only is the team penalized for the personal fouls of a player but he himself is penalized, particularly if he makes too many personal fouls, by being eliminated from the game, thus losing his opportunity to participate in that game and causing his team to lose whatever advantages of playing ability he may possess.

This rule holds in every activity in life. If we could foul all alone, this might not be detrimental to others. Whenever we are part of a team, such as athletic teams, family, school, city, state, or country and make a mistake we have our whole organization penalized.

Fate then may, and probably does, play an important part in every life but we must not go through life blaming all our faults, failures and sorrows onto fate. Nor must we boast that our successes were brought about by our own super-brilliance. More likely the reverse is true to a considerable extent. If we will constantly see to it that our talents are developed, our character kept right, and as Calvin Coolidge said, "Do to-day's work to-day," we can reasonably expect that Fate will be on our side.

Topics in Brief

Christmas Day was observed on Saturday December 24. The observance began the night before, with the singing of Christmas Carols. In the morning about nine o'clock President Adams and Santa Claus (Clarence P. Hobson, '25) arrived. The distribution of presents was done in the morning. In the afternoon an excellent entertainment took place. The entertainment is an annual gift of President Adams.

The Christmas Concert took place on December 18. The Pageant "Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" was given. Other numbers on the program included a Christmas Prayer, Readings, and a varied musical program by the Choir.

Our basketball season has started. Eight teams will compete during a schedule which calls for twenty-eight games. Manager Philip S. Sears awards a silver shield to the championship team, and individual silver cups to the best player in each position.

The Shaw Conduct Prizes, and the Temple Consolation Prizes were awarded shortly before Christmas. These are given every six months to those with an outstanding record in conduct.

The fall term of school ended on December 23. The following week was devoted to the usual vacation activities.

Work has commenced on the rebuilding of the timbered bridge which is just outside the main entrance to our barn.

Who's Who

Whoever you are be noble,

Whatever you do, do well,

Whenever you speak, speak kindly;

Bring cheer wherever you dwell.

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 66° on the seventh.

Minimum Temperature 4° on the seventeenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 39°.

Eleven clear days, seven partly cloudy, and thirteen cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Dec. 1882

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. This P. M. carried over the last of our visitors. Chas. E. Brown went home on a visit.

2. Mrs. Henry leaves to-day after a service of four years. Several of the family go to the city to-day.

4. Very cold in morn. 8° above 0° at 10 P. M. Found the steamer which we, after great exertion, had got in to wharf, for fear she would be injured at her moorings tipped over and full of water. It took us until noon to right her, working all the time in slush up to our ankles. We did not get her cleaned and secured until dark. A wretchedly hard unsatisfactory day.

5. Admitted Edward Wiley and Fred H. Dyer.

28. Mr. S. G. DeBlois and his nephew George DeBlois came and passed the day. Rev. Mr. Stearns came to take Willie Wicket to the funeral of his mother who died at the Consumptive's Home. James Allen of West Newton came to see us in relation to Horace Krause. I was kept busy. Also killed three hogs.

30. The average age of boys now here is about 12¹/₂ yrs. The 12 largest average in weight 127 lbs. Height 5 ft. 5³/₄ ins. Age, 16 yrs. The heaviest weighs 145¹/₂ lbs. The tallest is 5 ft. 7³/₄ ins. Oldest, 18 yrs. 10 mos.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Dec. 1842

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. The sloop "Caroline," Capt. Turner of Hull, came ashore on the East end of the Island but was got off the next morning without injury. The Capt., mate, and one seaman which constituted the crew accepted an invitation to lodge at the house as the storm was very severe.

8. Admitted John H. Thomas and Wm. H. Fowler.

17. John H. Thomas being considered an unfit subject for this School was sent to his mother.

27. Admitted Wm. H. Miller of Boston.

31. The number of boys at the commencement of the year was 36 of whom three have been apprenticed.

Number admitted 57

Whole number here during year 93

Number who left the School . . . 44

Present number 49

Sewing Room Work

Since I came to the School I have been working in the Sewing Room. A boy in my class works with me. We mend all the boys' clothes including socks, pants, shirts and coats. We learn to use the electric sewing machines. I like this work very much.

Hudson D. Brenner V

A Clarinet Solo

Each Monday evening the classes take turns giving a short entertainment which ordinarily consists of music, schoolwork, or a short play. Last Monday the Fifth Class had their turn. I played a clarinet solo. As I have only been at the school a year, I have not learned much about the band yet, but I hope to be a good clarinet player when I graduate.

William D. DeLorie V

Office Work

Some time ago I was given the work of morning office boy. It is my duty to sweep and dust the boys' reading room, the main office, and the superintendent's office. I do errands for the office instructors to the different departments. I also find out what the boys want when they come to the reading room and inform the office instructors.

William C. Cline V

Dormitory Work

My work in the Dormitory is making beds as I work there in the morning. Two other boys and myself have thirty beds to make. We do some cleaning work if we have time. We are dismissed at half past eleven.

Raymond M. Bean V

Skating

As the weather has been very mild, there has not been much skating this winter. I went skating once, but the ice was quite soft. If the weather is cold we have fine opportunities for skating, as there is much land that is flooded for this.

Robert F. Bray V

Cleaning the Press

The other day my Instructor in the Printing Office told Clyde Albee and me to clean the small press. This press is a Chandler & Price, and takes a chase eight by twelve inches.

First we removed the small parts and cleaned them with kerosene. The feeding tables, ink disk, and throw off levers were removed and put on a bench. Then we cleaned the main shaft and flywheel, and the inner parts of the press. As each part was cleaned it was put back on the press.

When the press was assembled we oiled and greased it. It runs very smoothly now.

Walter K. Pratt I

The Poultry Show

One day, when I was in school, the teacher told me to report to the Supervisor. He instructed me to get ready for town. There were five other boys going with me. We changed into our uniforms and went to the boat. We reached City Point about eleven o'clock, and took a street car for South Station. We first went to the Boston Theatre, where we saw a fine picture. We then had lunch and shortly after two o'clock we went to the Poultry Show at Mechanics Building. Here we saw many varieties of poultry. There were many exhibits of birds. The large grain companies and other companies dealing in poultry supplies, had booths and exhibited many interesting things. Late in the afternoon we returned to City Point.

Edward F. West II

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Dec. 31, 1932.

| RESOURCES | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Savings Bank | \$694 87 |
| Securities | 500.00 |
| Cash | 39.78 |
| | \$1234.65 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Boys' Deposits | \$571.56 |
| Trading Co. Deposits | 413.48 |
| Cottage Row Deposits | 39.66 |
| Photo Company Deposits | 28.30 |
| Surplus | 181.65 |
| | \$1234.65 |

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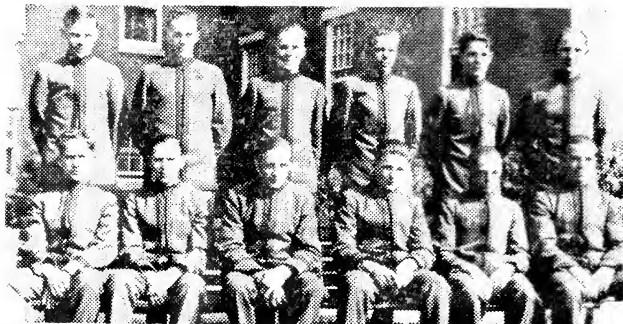
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The Class of 1932

Left to right, standing: James E. Douglas, Lloyd W. Blanchard, George F. Carr, Royl M. Augustine, Charles J. Hardman, Richard L. Bolingbroke. Sitting: Robert W. Mitchell, Ernest S. Armstrong, Reginald D. Randall, Stanley V. Burlingame, Charles D. Hallman, Benjamin F. Middleton.

Our records give the following information concerning the Class of 1932.

Ernest S. Armstrong was employed by the Boston Record during the summer months. In September he enrolled at the Medford High School as a Junior.

Royl M. Augustine is working for his uncle at Manhasset, L. I., New York. His address is 42 Linden Street.

Lloyd W. Blanchard is attending Natick High School. His address is 21 Eliot Street, Natick, Mass.

Richard L. Bolingbroke is living with his mother at 677 Dudley Street, Suite 3, Roxbury. He is doing general work.

Stanley V. Burlingame is attending school in Cambridge. His address is 86 Wendell Street, Cambridge, Mass.

George F. Carr is a student at the Jamaica Plain High School. During the summer he worked on a farm near Wareham. His address is 67 Hinsdale Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

James E. Douglas is attending the Cambridge Latin High School. During the summer he was employed as fireman on a Nantasket Beach Steamer. His address is 1619 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.

Charles D. Hallman is a student at Chelsea High School. In the afternoons he works for the Western Union.

Charles J. Hardman attends Cambridge High School, and lives at 2 Warland Street, Cambridge.

Benjamin F. Middleton is living at 8 Meander Street, Boston. He worked for Jordan Marsh Co., during the holidays.

Robert W. Mitchell is a student at Winchester High School. During the summer he was a member of the Young Peoples' Orchestra which preformed at the Metropolitan Theatre in July. His address is 132 Forest Street, Winchester.

Reginald D. Randall is living at 10 Custer Street, Jamaica Plain. He has been doing all sorts of odd jobs.



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Mr. Conohan's Lecture

A lecture accompanied by motion pictures was given on January 5 by Mr. William Conohan, who has been with the Hood Milk Company for about thirty years. The pictures showed some of the cattle and the barns where Hood's milk is produced, and explained the great care necessary in its production. Following the scenes on the farms were pictures dealing with the pasteurization and bottling at the Hood's city plants. Huge machines which can care for the daily needs of a big city were shown. The milk is touched by no one from the time it enters the plant until it reaches the consumer. It is being tested continuously, in the company laboratories, to make certain that it complies with all pure food requirements.

Additional reels illustrated the manufacture of ice cream. Immense quantities are made each day, and the pictures told how many popular iced novelties are made. Through the process of manufacture ice cream is in a semi-liquid state, and hardens by remaining in an extremely cold room for a period. It is then ready for distribution. Mr Conohan brought samples of ice cream and everyone was given this treat.

William S. Wilson II

Results of a Storm

On Saturday January 28, a high tide assisted by a heavy wind, wrought havoc all along the shores of Thompson's Island. Dikes were torn asunder, banks washed away, and rubbish knee deep was piled on the beach and wharf.

On Monday the farm boys began repairing the damage. First, all the logs, which had been washed from the dikes, were put back in place, a job well done by Tom and Jean, a pair of horses. The boys then began carting rubbish to the south end dump.

There is more work to be done yet, especially on the roads, but the most important has already been accomplished.

Paul E. Kolman II

F. T. S. 22 Gordon 12

On January 25 our basketball team defeated Gordon College 22-12, at the Y.M. C. A. Gymnasium on Huntington Avenue. The court was large, and constructed in a different way than ours. However the boys found themselves, after Gordon had taken the lead in the first quarter. At the half the boys were leading, and continued to do so. A return game will be played on our court.

Before the game we had supper in the Gordon College Dining Hall, and spent some time visiting the college before we went to the Gym.

Paul L. Hamilton I

Prizes That May Be Won

If a boy started when the school year began in July, he would have an opportunity of winning many prizes.

Manager S. V. R. Crosby gives a silver shield to the championship baseball team, and a silver cup to the best player in each position. These trophies are very beautiful, and are almost impossible to replace.

Mr. Walston, one of our teachers gives two tennis prizes, one for each of the Senior and Junior tournaments.

With the coming of football an opportunity is offered to win the trophies in this sport. The cups and shield are given by Manager Crosby.

Sometime during December and June the Shaw Conduct Prizes, and Temple Consolation Prizes are awarded. The Shaw Prizes are given to the first ten in rank, and twenty-five dollars is distributed. They are given by Mr. Francis Shaw. The Temple Consolation Prizes are given to the next five boys, and are selected books. These Consolation Prizes were first given by Mr. Thomas Temple, and are continued in his memory by Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell. These prizes are given every six months.

The basketball season commences on January 1st and Manager Philip S. Sears donates a silver shield and individual cups to the best player in each position. The basketball cups are identical with those of baseball and football, and differ only in the engraving.

Following the basketball season the boys enter the flower garden competition. Each boy assumes the responsibility for a garden, and prizes are given to those who achieve the best results. Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby gives the prizes in memory of her father, Mr. Henry S. Grew.

During each year there is opportunity for other prizes to be won, but the above list includes those which are given yearly.

Arthur H. Pickard II

A Conducting Contest

The band plays a concert at every Grade Reading, and our leader thought it would be well to have the members of the Senior Class have a contest in conducting. The program is posted for each of the boys, and he has a week to rehearse the numbers he will lead. Four of the Instructors act as Judges, and a score is kept of each boy's work. A prize will be awarded the boy who has the highest score. The results have been very good so far.

Richard W. Crowley I

A Sunday School Contest

Mr. Tuxbury, our minister, started a contest in Sunday School. He made a diagram of a race track and placed two paper men on it. One of these men is colored blue, the other red.

After the service has been opened in the usual manner the race track is set up and we are asked to identify verses from the Bible. The boys are divided into two groups, each group representing one of the men on the race track. Those who answer correctly move their man on the race track. The second part of the race is finding verses in the Bible, and the one who finds the verse first rises, reads it, and thus moves his man further in the race. Then we are asked to answer questions, going from a boy on one team to a boy on the other. Correct answers move the men on the track. The contest will take several Sundays to complete, as only a short part of the service is devoted to it.

George A. Stockton II

Basketball

The basketball season was officially opened on January 2nd, when the first and second teams of the two clubs played. In the first team game Club B won a very hard fought contest 38-36. It was the first year since the clubs were organized that B has won the opening game. The other game which was played on this day was won easily by Club A second team.

Harold W. Howley II

The Fourth Teams

On Tuesday night January 10, there was a fourth team basketball game. At quarter of eight the players and officials went to the Gymnasium and soon the game started. Club A got away to a good lead in the first half, and although Club B played a better game in the second half Club A won 11-9.

Frederick H. White I

Life at F. T. S.

I was very much excited when I left City Point to come to the Island. Everything is much different from what I have been used to. In the morning I work in the Sewing Room and in the afternoon I go to school. I am in the Fifth Class. I enjoy basketball and all sports and I hope soon I can play on one of the club teams. I think I shall like life here.

Edwin C. Willey V

The Jester's Comments

—Bent announced during a Church Service that the "quartet will now play a solo."

—McAuliffe asked his agriculture teacher "Is the Chester White a good breed of hens?"

"Name five kinds of Poultry" was a problem given the Fourth Class in Agriculture. One answer was, "Chicks, hens, chickens, pullets and roosters."

—Teacher, "Sirloin steak comes from the loin on a steer. Where does porterhouse steak come from?"

Bailey: "From the port side I guess."

—Teacher: "An example of bolting ones food would be swallowing large spoonfuls of spaghetti."

Peterson: "Everytime I see one eating spaghetti it reminds me of a football game 10 more yards to go."

—Teacher: "Where is carbon found?"

Bent: "In flashlight batteries."

—In an English Composition Ralph Luscomb concluded his article with the fact that the second class 'has some noted boys.' Going to the Dining Room he felt that more compliments were due, so after several helpings of turnip he stated that "the squash is certainly good this noon."

—Tommy Killeen said he observed a large "herd" of ducks on the beach.

—Eddie Andrew inquires the number of horses in a forty mule team.

—No matter how old Robert Young gets he will still be Young.

—"Professor" Davis has joined the ranks of popular heroes, because of his fistic victory over Peter Mann. Well, Peter dared "Professor" to dislodge the chip, and "Professor" dislodged both the chip and Peter.

—The watchman reported that the safety valve "popped off" during the night. In the morning the engineer received a request to "put the safety valve back on."

—Billie DeLorie, our new office boy, delivered this message, "The diameter needs attention." Investigation proved that he meant the barometer.

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Building Right Qualities

Among the many talents and qualifications essential to a life of happiness, satisfaction, and value to one's self and fellow men. the group of qualities that make up personality are worthy of careful consideration.

Confidence in one's own ability and judgment, together with tolerance of the judgment and opinion of the other fellow, are among the sixty-two qualities that measure our success or failure. Advice on this combination of qualities has been most aptly expressed by a man well past middle age who has been elected to public office thirty-four consecutive years in a small town. His statements which follow are brief and to the point.

"There are two qualifications one must have to be successful in town affairs; first, a confidence that you are right and a willingness to show that you are wrong. Second, to take criticism, just and unjust, and even abuse and not break under it. Keep serene, and all these things will blow over and the young man who has these qualifications is sure to get recognition. I wish to warn the young people not to be too free with criticism even if it is just. We old-timers shy at it and the young person gains nothing by it."

Could pages of words more adequately sum up the importance of self-confidence and tolerance? Would it be possible to succeed in any line of endeavor if we possessed the opposite of these qualities, lack of self-confidence, lack of willingness to be shown, inability to take criticism, lack of ability to bear up under stress, and a disposition to be critical of others and their opinions?

Topics in Brief

A tribute to the memory of Ex-President Calvin Coolidge was given in Chapel by the First Class on January 30. The program was of a biographical type, and traced his life from his boyhood days in Vermont to the Presidency.

When word was received of the death of Mr. Coolidge a thirty day period of mourning was begun, with all flags at half mast.

On January 8 a group of 27 scoutmasters from suburban Boston held a convention at the Island. They arrived about 10 A. M. and left at 8 P. M. Our band played a concert for the group during their noon recess. The Scoutmasters reported a very profitable day, and arranged for each boy to have a copy of the 1933 Scout Handbook and Diary.

For the greater part of a three day period beginning January 27 we experienced a terrific storm, of great intensity, and the worst since 1897. The tides were especially high, and were assisted by North East winds which reached gale force. Tons of debris were washed upon our west shore, and the dike along this shore was badly damaged. Shortly after the storm abated we commenced repairing the damaged areas. The most serious result was the washing away of valuable land from our south west shore line.

An agent from the Massachusetts State College was here on January 31 taking blood tests of our poultry. This is an agglutination test for the detection of the poultry disease Pollorum. No reactions were found and therefor there is none of this disease in the flock of about 600 Reds.

It has been our privilege to hear a series of especially fine talks at our Sunday

Services this winter, delivered by Mr. Vernon Tuxbury, who is in charge of our religious services.

The following boys were admitted to the School at a meeting of the Admission Committee on January 4.

Ralph Turner Luscomb, Billerica
Theodore Roosevelt Millet, Belmont
Warren Frederick Morse, Holbrook
Henry Morton Stanley, Cochituate
Richard Fred Wiggins, Cambridge
Edwin Cleve Willey, Malden
Walter Roy Nelson, Brockton

New Years' Day was observed on Monday Jan. 2. Three basketball games were played. Two of these were scheduled on the Sear's Competition series, while the other was played between the Boys' team and the Faculty.

The Crosby Football Cups and Shield were awarded on January 23. The football championship was won by Club A, and the captain, Walter K. Pratt was presented the Shield for his team. The shield is inscribed with the names of the players on the team and their positions, and is placed on a trophy board where it is kept permanently. The best player in each position is given a silver cup, which is greatly valued.

The principal sport this month has been basketball. This game has attracted most of the boys. Eight teams are playing a schedule of twenty-eight games for the Sears' Shield and Cups. In addition, as many more games will be played during the season between department, class and other teams.

Cottage Row Government held its quarterly election on January 11. Arthur H. Pickard heads the new staff.

January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 61° on the fourth.

Minimum Temperature 8° on the first.

Mean Temperature for the month 39°.

Ten clear days, ten partly cloudy, and eleven cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Jan. 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

16. The "Protector" brought Messrs. Sam'l Eliot and S. G. DeBlois to visit the School. We had a very pleasant time of it and were greatly obliged to the gentlemen for their encouraging visit. Haley and Willie Morse went over for the evening.

17. To city and home in a nasty snow storm. John B. Cartwright and Walter Foster came to see us.

18. Cartwright left. Foster left yesterday. Chas. Grimes went to see his grandparents and to look for a chance to work, returning with me at night.

26. To city. Haley and self took the small dory. Placed a sled under each end and pushed it across to the Point on the ice. During the day a tug cut a channel up to the sewer so that when we returned we had to launch our boat to cross. We however got home in safety altho' we had hard work of it.

27. John Morse went to city via Squantum again. Cut hair, combed heads, etc. Very busy everywhere.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Jan. 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

19. Received a visit from Deacon Grant and Mr. Bird of the Board of Managers, also from Moses P. Grant and a few friends of Chas. Stuart.

23. William E. Wallace left to live

with Mr. Turner of Plainfield. H. O. Hunt returned.

30. Edmund A. Fuller who had permission to visit his friends on Friday last returned to the School. Received a visit from Robert Shillaber of Portsmouth.

Mail Boy

The mail boy goes to the city each business day. After dinner he reports to the Office, where he is given instructions for the day. He takes all the outgoing mail to the postoffice and gets the mail which is in the box. He then does the errands and other business which he has been instructed to do. When these are done he returns to the Island.

Edward F. West II

Cleaning the Old Barn

Recently the farm boys cleaned the old barn. They removed all the old clothes, papers, uniforms and rubbish of all kinds to the beach, where it was burned. This barn is used for storing articles not used. In the course of time so much is collected, it is necessary to destroy those things which have proved worthless.

Russell G. Jones V

Coasting

After a recent snow storm we had some good coasting. We packed the snow down hard and after sliding down a few times the snow became very slippery. Some of the boys went coasting on the Front Avenue and others coasted on the playground. Everyone had a very fine time.

Francis S. Sheldon VI

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

SPURGEON

Awarding Football Shield and Cups

The football Shield and Cups were awarded at a recent Grade Reading. The championship was won by Club A, which won every game. Club A players earned most of the cups, receiving seven, while four were received by Club B players. The Shield and Cups are given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby, who also gives the baseball trophies.

The Shield

Those who played on Club A, and whose names are engraved on the Shield are:-

John E. Magee, Right End
 Kenneth C. Caswell, Right Tackle
 Carl E. Harden, Right Guard
 Ellsworth E. Hills, Center
 Harvey H. Davis, Left Guard
 David R. Harris, Left Tackle
 Edward F. West, Left End
 Arthur H. Pickard, Quarter Back
 Walter K. Pratt, Left Half Back
 Clyde W. Albee, Right Half Back
 Harold B. DeLorie, Full Back

The Cups

Those who received cups were:-

John E. Magee, Right End
 Kenneth C. Caswell, Right Tackle
 Carl E. Harden, Right Guard
 Ellsworth E. Hills, Center
 Frederick S. Very, Left Guard
 Everett K. Bowlby, Left Tackle
 Richard W. Crowley, Left End
 Arthur H. Pickard, Quarter Back
 Walter K. Pratt, Left Half Back
 Clyde W. Albee, Right Half Back
 Paul L. Hamilton, Full Back.

Since the clubs were organized in 1929 the total number of shields won has been equal in number. Two boys in the Senior Class have each won six cups, during the six years they have been here.

Walter K. Pratt I

The Milk Tester's Visits

Last year, in May, official production tests were started for the cows which were the best producers. Since then cows have been started on test according to their ability to produce milk.

The milk tester comes to the Island once a month. He brings bottles in which he keeps his milk samples. He is present at four consecutive milkings, and watches the milkers feed and milk the cows. Each pail of milk is taken into the milk room, which is located at the southeast corner of the barn, where it is weighed, and recorded. The milk tester makes a record of the milk produced, and then stirs the pail of milk after which he takes a sample which he puts in a bottle. A symbol is marked on the cap of the bottle so that the tester can tell which cow produced the sample.

The tester then takes the samples to the testing room in the Main Building and finds the amount of butterfat which each cow is producing. This amount is recorded in his book.

Each monthly test takes four milkings. At the first milking a preliminary test takes place, and the last three are actual tests.

Lloyd R. Morrison II

Re-heeling Shoes

When I am given a pair of shoes which need new heels I first remove the old heels, then file away any dirt that may be left on the heel of the shoe. The filing makes the surface rough, which helps the rubber cement, which I put on both the shoe and heel, to stick. This also keeps water out. The heels are nailed, by means of a nail setter, which drives the nails into the heels, where they are stopped by a metal washer. If the heels do not fit perfectly I grind them until they do,

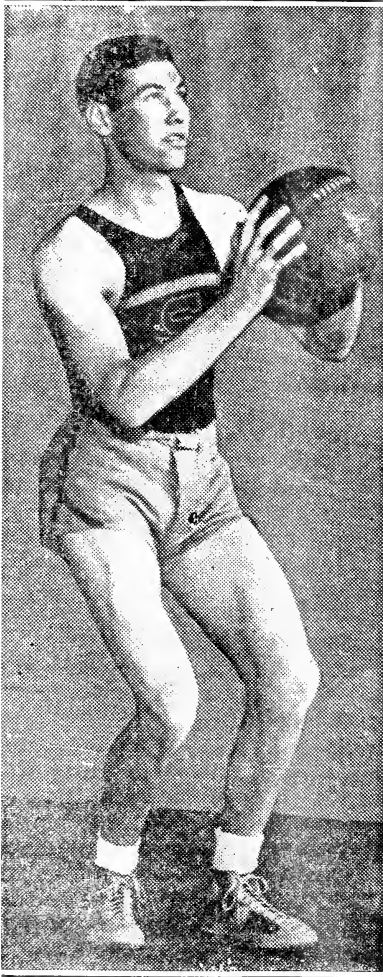
William S. Wilson II

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GEORGE G. HAMILTON, '31

GEORGE G. HAMILTON, '31, has attracted wide attention as an athlete at Somerville High School. Upon entering that school in September 1931 he at once joined the football squad, but was prohibited from participating in the games because of the three month resident rule, which nearly all schools follow. He made the most of his opportunity in the basketball season, and became prominent because of his "unerring accuracy" in passing and shooting. His next athletic assignment was in football, where he played end. Many outstanding plays were recorded in the Boston papers and much praise went to Hamilton. Perhaps his biggest single achievement took place in the Cambridge Latin game, when he intercepted a forward pass and scored a touchdown after a brilliant seventy yard run. At the close of the season he was chosen all-scholastic end by the Suburban League coaches, surely a great distinction. During this basketball season he has further distinguished himself by his stellar work, and has been a most important member of the Somerville team which has won an imposing number of games. We are happy to add that his athletic prowess is equalled by his academic work, and his school marks are even more worthy of note than his athletic ability.

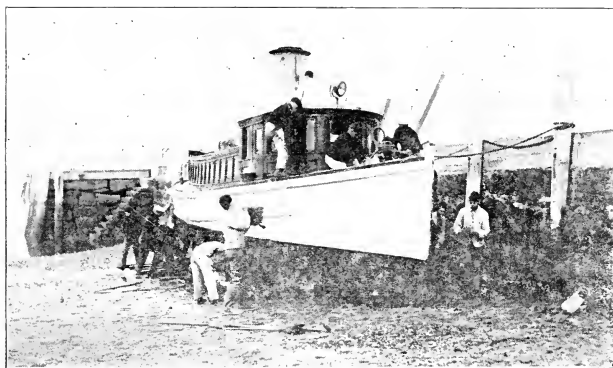
Hamilton is a member of the Senior Class. He lives at 121 Hudson Street, Somerville.

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THE STEAMER PILGRIM

The picture shows our steamer in drydock being cleaned, painted, and otherwise being made ready for the summer season.

The Steamer Pilgrim

On November 26, 1898 the coast was swept by a terrific storm and tidal wave. Many boats were wrecked, including the school's steamer PILGRIM. She sunk when the schooner "Fred A. Emerson" stove a hole in her bow. In 1899 a new boat was purchased and also named Pilgrim. This new boat was far superior, in every way, to her predecessor, and was built by George Lawley and Sons. She is fifty feet long, has an $11\frac{1}{2}$ foot beam, and draws four feet of water.

The boiler was constructed by the James Russell Boiler Works. It is a vertical tubular boiler and has 248 tubes,

$1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. It has a tensile strength of 56,500 pounds per square inch and is tested to 225 pounds pressure. It is allowed 150 pounds pressure, and is a high pressure boiler.

On the starboard side of the vessel is a circulating and air pump combined, which is operated by one steam cylinder. This pump takes care of the steam which enters the condenser from the engine. It also creates a vacuum, thus letting the steam run more freely.

The engine is the link motion type and is a compound fore and aft condensing type, with sixty-five horse power. The diameter of the high pressure cylinder

is $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches and that of the low pressure cylinder thirteen inches. The engine has an eight inch stroke, makes 160 revolutions a minute, and is capable of doing $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

Richard W. Crowley I

Stamp Collecting

I started to collect stamps about two years ago. At that time I was only slightly interested in them. Now I pay much attention and am very interested, as are most of the boys in the school.

The beginner meets with many obstacles when he begins his collection. For instance, there are three United States stamps which are identical, excepting for a small triangle in the upper corners. After awhile the beginner begins to note these differences more easily. Many people, who are not stamp collectors, believe that stamps are collected with a view to possible financial gain. The real reason is the pleasure of looking at the stamps, as one would look at a photograph album.

V. Dexter Woodman I

Rebuilding the Roads

Recently there has been quite a few high tides that have done considerable damage to the beach roads.

The water rose up over the roads and upon receding took most of the roads and dikes with it.

The farm boys have been hard at work rebuilding both roads and dikes. The bank beside the road has to be broken down so as to get the dirt to refill with. Most of this has been finished but the snow and rain has handicapped the workers. The road going around South End by way of the beach is still in poor condition and no wagons are permitted to use it.

Paul L. Hamilton I

Washington's Birthday

On February 22, we celebrated Washington's Birthday. Being no snow we could not have our annual snow battle and basketball games were planned for the day. After dinner we had what is called a grab bag. There were bags filled with candy and we were each to take a bar. In the afternoon the boys played the Instructors in a game of basketball. The boys won with the score of 46-38. In the evening there was a party for those in the first grade and the Instructors. The day was very enjoyable.

Arthur C. Rouse II

Washington's Birthday Party

On Washington's Birthday Mr. Meacham announced that there would be a party in the Assembly Hall that evening, and that the first graders and instructors were invited.

A large number of the boys and instructors were present at the party. A game called "Musical Carpet" was first on the program. This is a good game for everyone to join, and is always enjoyed. Harold Howley won the game and was given a prize.

A guessing contest was next. A jar was filled with peanuts and the one who guessed nearest to the actual number was given the peanuts. Everyone tried it, and wrote their guess on the scorecard. One of the instructors guessed only three away from the actual number, and passed the peanuts around the hall and everyone had some.

The boys played cards, pool, and other games during the evening. Many worked on jig-saw puzzles, and listened to the radio.

The party ended about half past nine. We had a fine time.

William W. Fish II

F. T. S. vs Islanders

On February 18 our school team played the Islanders, a team which N. Warren Pratt, '29, is manager. The Islanders were made up mostly of graduates of the school. The game started at 2 o'clock. From the beginning, the school team was superior in every way. The Islanders didn't score in the first period, while the school team was running up a large score. It was a clean, fast game but the Islanders were no match for our team. The final score was F. T. S. 50-Islanders 21. We hope that we can play them in a return game.

The Lineup:-

F. T. S.

Paul L. Hamilton, Left Forward
 Leonard O. Pierce, Right Forward
 Ellsworth E. Hills, Left Forward
 Harold W. Howley, Right Forward
 Walter K. Pratt, Center
 Arthur H. Pickard, Center
 Richard W. Crowley, Left Guard
 Kenneth C. Caswell, Right Guard
 Clyde W. Albee, Right Guard

Islanders

John Cameron, Left Forward
 Benjamin F. Middleton, '32, Left Forward
 Warren N. Pratt, '29, Right Forward
 Charles L. Keller, '29, Right Forward
 Henry A. Schramm, '29, Center
 Charles J. Hardman, '32, Right Guard
 Richard L. Bolingbroke, '32, Left Guard
 Stanley V. Burlingame, '32, Left Guard
 Reginald D. Randall, '32, Left Guard
 James A. Paley, '24, Center
 Eric Spencer, Right Guard

Kenneth C. Caswell I

Taking Pictures

The first day of the snow storm the landscape was very pretty, and everything was covered with snow. Another boy and myself got permission to take pictures.

We went to the wharf and took a picture of that. We then continued to use the roll of film. As the boys keep books containing pictures, every chance to get new ones is welcome.

Raymond A. Hadfield VI

The Jester's Comments

—Teacher: "Name five products mined in this country."

Boy: "Coal, Gold, Silver, Copper, Fruit."

—Teacher: "Name an important animal on modern farms."

Boy: "A tractor."

—Question: How much does this hen weigh?

Answer: Seven pounds.

Question: How do you know?

Answer: By using the scales on her legs.

What would F. T. S. be like?

If Wooly went East instead of WEST.

If William were a Big John instead of a LITTLEJOHN.

If Lewis were a Bad loss instead of a GOODWIN.

If Robert were old instead of YOUNG.
 If Jesse were a woman instead of a MANN.

If Bertha was straight instead of BENT.
 If Warren were a Clam instead of a FISH.

If Walter were a Deacon instead of a BISHOP.

If Clyde were a honeybee instead of an ALBEE.

If Harvey were Rumford instead of a DAVIS. (Baking Powder)

If Thomas were dirty instead of KILLEEN.

If Bubbles were black instead of WHITE.

If Bunker were a Squash instead of a BEAN.

If Sam were Rather instead of VERY.

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Achievement

The greatest satisfaction in life is gained by achievement. We come to this world endowed with many talents and the mechanism for achieving some worthwhile results. Our whole life should be developed towards the perfecting of these talents and the resultant achievement.

We usually like to do the things we can do well and we dislike to do the things that we cannot do well. Many of the things we can do well may perhaps add nothing to our pocket books but we can get great satisfaction and happiness if these things are approved by our fellow men. As we go along through life it is important to learn to play well and to have hobbies which we can enjoy. Our youth and school is not so much a time to learn how to get a living as it is to learn how to live.

Every boy should have many very different things to assist him to develop the habit of achievement. "Nothing succeeds like success."

The boys at The Farm and Trades School have a veritable gold mine for achievement. There are by actual count more than 100 different things at this School, ranging from the many practical departments, trades, agriculture, academic fields of knowledge, through the various forms of athletics, music, photography, bees, to the hobbies of various stamp and other collections, and the mastery of jig-saw puzzles.

One of the happiest men we have ever known, spent his entire life photographing the beautiful designs of snow flakes. He became internationally known as the World's authority on snow flake designs. Every encyclopedia has illustrations reproduced by this man who achieved success and the thrill of a most happy life with snow flake photography.

Topics in Brief

The dikes, some of which were badly damaged during the high tides and gales of last month, have been repaired. Roads have been rebuilt on the southwest beach.

Our Sunday Evening Services have been in the form of Christian Endeavor meetings, and boy leaders have directed the services.

February 8 was a peculiar day on the Island. From a mild temperature of 66° at midday the temperature dropped more than 40° during the next twelve hours, accompanied by winds of gale force, snow and hail.

The boys played the Gordon College basketball team in our Gym on February 9 and won a hard fought contest 41-36. More than forty were present in the Gordon delegation, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. The faculty team defeated the Gordon second team 31-11.

President Arthur Adams, and Managers Walter B. Foster, and Edmund Q. Sylvester were here on February 10.

Basketball proved to hold considerable interest during the month. On February 25 Club B won their fifth game which assured that club of the Sears' Shield. The games, for the most part, have been very interesting and the clubs have developed fine teams.

Sliding and skating have been enjoyed at times during the month. Although we have had considerable snow and cold weather, periods of warm temperatures cleared the snow and ice rapidly.

A lone robin was seen here on February 20.

The "Islanders" a basketball team, composed of younger graduates have been very successful this winter, and have won a good share of the games played. They have earned a reputation as gentlemen and good sports. They visited the Island on February 18 and lost to our boys 50-21.

Two of the most popular pastimes among the boys are jig saw puzzles and stamp collecting. Our Assembly Hall is taxed to capacity on rainy days and on Sundays.

Warm weather and the absolute lack of snow prohibited the annual snow battle on Washington's Birthday. Instead, we celebrated by basketball contests and a party, which took place in the evening.

The first lot of 672 eggs was placed in our incubator on February 25.

The Beginners' Band, which was reorganized last fall, gave a concert on February 27. This is the training school for our band, and as such has proved its value with each passing year.

The lawn settees are being scraped and varnished and made ready for the summer season.

A set of electric clippers for our cattle has been purchased and is giving fine service.

The Senior Class began its course in Forging early this month.

Many farm tools and wagons have been repaired during the month.

The large steam pipes in the Boys' Locker Room have been recovered with asbestos. New covering was also put on in other rooms, as needed.

Commercial fertilizer has been applied to our lawns recently. That portion of the Front Lawn which was cultivated and seeded last year has been given especial attention. The fence around this area has been removed.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Feb. 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Commenced feeding out marsh hay to the stock.

21. Deacon Grant visited the institution. Admitted Edw. M. Thurston of Boston.

22. Messrs. Bowditch and Bird of the Board of Managers visited the School. They crossed on the ice on foot a little above Squantum Point.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Feb. 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Morning pleasant and calm, but soon it began to blow from the west and blew hard all the rest of the day. Several of us went to the city taking the Emma boat to get meat, crackers, etc. Got a good load. Mrs. Hobbs came to see us.

2. A fine day. Wind west and light. Willie and Naby went to the city, rowing themselves over in small boat, to get material for curtain in school room.

3. It snowed all of this A. M. and it rained all of the P. M. Still J. R. Morse and Miss Belding went to the city and had a nasty time of it. Self took care of boys all day.

22. Washington's Birthday. No school. Miss Belding to city. No special exercises to-day.

23. The 16th snow storm for the season. We however went to the city with the boat and got meal, etc. for the house. The "Protector" came in the P. M. with Mr. Dexter.

February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 66° on the eighth.

Minimum Temperature 9° on the sixth.

Mean Temperature for the month 34°.

Eleven clear days, ten partly cloudy, and seven cloudy.

Fueling the Steamer

Every day it is necessary to replenish the coal supply on the PILGRIM. The two deckhands go to the coalpile and fill a coal can. It is then wheeled to the derrick where it is lowered almost to the float. One of the boys gets the coal chute set and the other guides the barrel until it empties into the chute, and thence into the coal bunker. This process is repeated until the coal bunker is filled.

Arthur H. Pickard II

Milking

Most of the boys who work on the farm learn how to milk and I began two weeks ago. I milk two cows twice a day. I get up at half past five in the morning and milk, then again at five at night. I like this job very much, as it is good experience and worthwhile in every way.

Harold W. Howley II

Skiing

Last Sunday we made use of the snow by going skiing. We first made a track to follow. The boys enjoyed this sport very much. The Supervisor took pictures of us while we were covered with snow. I fell down several times, as I am not used to skis.

Richard R. Wiggins VI

"The richest child is poor without musical training."

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Assembly Hall Uses

Our Assembly Hall is used for various purposes. On Sunday it becomes the Chapel for the Religious Services. During the week assemblies for Grade Reading, moving pictures and other entertainments are held there. It is used every day for a reading room, and many boys use the large tables to solve jig saw puzzles and to work on their stamp collections.

In the rear of the hall the athletic trophies are hung.

Leonard O. Pierce II

Letter-Writing Day

During the winter months letter-writing day takes place on the tenth of each month. At this time the boys write to their relatives and friends, and also to business concerns for catalogs and bulletins. We do not write many letters in the summer as the Nantasket steamers are running then, and bring our relatives to the Island.

Thomas E. Killeen II

Forging

The boys in the First Class have begun a course in Forging. The class goes to the Forging Room from 7:30 A. M. to 11:45 A. M. As the course has just begun we have not made many models. Some of those which we shall make are ring, staple, beam hanger, gate hook, and others. It is a very interesting course.

Everett K. Bowlby I

Re-Stringing the Bass Drum

The other day Mr. Warren, our bandmaster, brought some new rope for the bass drum. We first secured eight hooks and four pieces of heavy cord. Two hooks were then put on each cord and the four pieces were put on the drum and tightened as much as possible. This was to prevent the hoops from slipping away

from the drum heads. The old rope was then removed from the drum and the hooks placed on the new rope. There are twenty seven hooks in all, and they are placed so one will fit the top of the drum, and the next the bottom, until all the hooks are placed. The new rope was then put on and tightened until the heads were drawn tight. Then we put on the ears, removed the four pieces of cord, and the drum was ready for use.

Ellsworth E. Hills I

The Beginners' Band

The boys learn to play in what is known as the Beginners' Band. This band consists of younger boys.

Usually the members of this band are in the Fifth and Sixth Classes.

At present the band numbers about twenty-two. The boys like to learn to play as they know if they like music and do their best they will later be promoted to the regular band.

Peter F. Mann VI

Living at F. T. S.

I came to the school about a month ago. I am in the sixth class, and go to school in the morning. In the afternoon I work for the Supervisor. A part of each day I have for playtime. I hope to join the Beginners' Band. With all my various duties the time passes quickly. I am quite happy here.

Walter R. Nelson VI

Helping at the Barn

Sometimes I help on the farm on Saturdays and Sundays. I get down silage from the silo, then I put down hay and clean the cow barn. If there is other work that I can do I help with whatever there is to be done. I like the farm very much and I hope that I can work there every day when I am in a higher class.

William C. Burns V

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THOMAS J. EVANS, '64, Assistant Secretary of the Brockton Shoe Manufacturers' Association has been kept to his home in East Weymouth for some time with a severe cold. Mr. Evans is a remarkably keen man for his years, and makes the trip from his home to Brockton daily. He was the first secretary of the B. S. M. A. when it was organized 30 years ago.

SHERMAN G. BRASHER, '77. Died December 23, 1932.

WILLIAM M. ACKERS, '87, is now living at 539 Adams Street, Dorchester, Mass.

GEORGE F. THOMPSON, '93, operates a tourists' camp on the Federal Highway, Route 20, at Carlisle, New York. He has served in the New York State Guard from which he retired as Corporal. Belongs to White Plains Lodge, A. F. and A. M. and attends the Community Church. His brother JAMES W. THOMPSON, '93, is Sheriff of Fremont County, Wyoming. His address is P. O. Box 553, Lander, Wyoming.

JOHN EDWARD BETE has been for many years a foreman with the O. A. Miller Machine Co. of Brockton. Mr. Bete is the inventor of special shoe trees and has resided in Stoughton since leaving the School in 1896.

HARRY W. LAKE, '07, has been employed for the past 15 years by the Boston Elevated Railway. He is married, lives at 332 Fulton Street, Medford, and has four children. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and attends the Episcopal Church.

RICHARD INGALLS, '17, a ladderman in the Hingham Fire Department, was recently mentioned in the Boston papers for his rescue of three people. His address is P. O. Box 103, Hingham, Mass.

HUBERT N. LEACH, '16 has moved to 45 Marshall Street, Watertown, Mass.

WARREN F. NOYES, '19, after leaving the School, entered the Malden High School and later joined the United States Army, serving on the Mounted Police at Hawaii National Park. His travels have taken him though the Panama Canal and up the west coast to Vancouver, B. C. He has settled down with his wife and two boys in Chester, New Hampshire.

ALDEVIN A. LAMMI, '20, has moved to 432 Adams Street, Quincy, Mass.

Word has been received of the recent marriage of Miss Annie Mae Piper to SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD '23, on Nov. 24. The couple are now at home at 58 Queensbury Street, Boston.

ERIC O. SCHIPPERS, '23, is now playing trombone in the 35th Infantry Band, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii.

RALPH SWAN, '27, resides at 66 Appleton Street, Brockton, Mass. and is employed as an assistant foreman in a large machine shop.

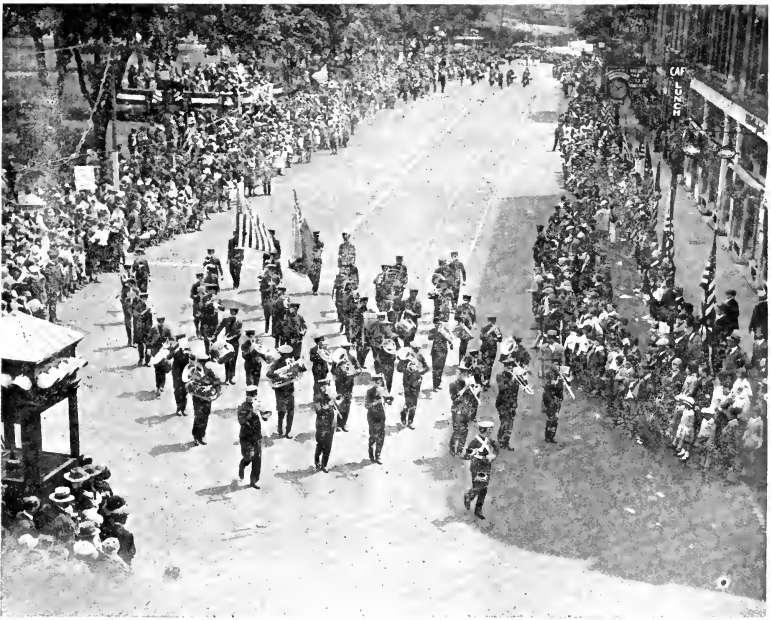
ROGER L. HOLTON, '30, is living at 303 Pleasant Street, Bennington, Vermont. He has seen considerable of the country, having been on the west coast. He has just returned from Illinois.



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F. T. S. BAND ON PARADE
WON FIRST PLACE IN CLASS C 1932

Special Notice to our Friends

Our Band will play at the BOY SCOUT MINSTREL SHOW in the Somerville High School Auditorium Monday evening April 17th. We have 250 tickets to sell at 40 cents each from which we get the entire proceeds. This money will be used to defray the expenses of the Band to the State Band Contest the following month. If you can help please communicate with the School. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Our Grade System

We have four grades of conduct. All who are not reported for misconduct are given credit marks each day. When fifteen of these have been earned a credit is given, and the boy begins over again, trying to earn another. Credits mean extra days of vacation and many other privileges.

If a boy doesn't do what he is told he gets checked, and each check counts a number of marks. The marks go against his record, and as his checks increase his grade goes from the first, which is the highest to the fourth, the lowest. More checks mean a demerit, and a demerit is just the opposite of a credit.

When a boy gets in the fourth grade he is deprived of many privileges. I have been in that grade so I know what it is like. I am in the second grade now and hope to be in the first grade by Friends' Day. That is where every boy should be.

Charles M. Mason V

The 1933 Band

The Band this year consists of thirty-eight members. We have been hard at work since last fall. Our Bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren comes to the school every Friday for a rehearsal. We also have daily rehearsals with Mr. Clifton E. Albee, Assistant Bandmaster.

The Band plays for all important events, such as Friends' Days. Many organizations come to the School for their outings and visits during the summer and the band entertains them. During the winter the band plays at Grade Readings on Monday evenings.

The roster of the 1933 Band is as follows:-

BASSES

Edward E. Andrew
Arthur C. Rouse

CLARINETS

Paul L. Hamilton
Carl E. Harden
Clyde W. Albee
Richard W. Crowley
Everett K. Bowlby
Everett A. Smith
John A. Bailey
Thomas E. Killeen
Myron A. Pratt

CORNETS

Harold F. Bent
Arthur H. Pickard
Lloyd R. Morrison
Frederick S. Very
John E. Magee
James T. Ritchie
Edward F. West

Frederick H. White
Jesse Mann 3rd
Walter A. Bishop
Horace E. Fader
Peter C. Mann

TROMBONES

George A. Stockton
John R. Macdonald
Herbert A. Rokes
William S. Wilson
Harold B. DeLorie
Orlando M. Murphy
Franklin M. Pierce

HORNS

William L. Littlejohn
William E. Cline
George G. Cline
Rupert H. Gould

BARITONE

Walter K. Pratt

DRUMS

Ellsworth E. Hills
Francis D. McAuliffe
John P. Davis
Leonard O. Pierce
David F. Hills, Band Orderly

Walter K. Pratt I

The Barometer

The Barometer is an instrument which records the amount of air pressure, and helps materially in forecasting the weather. There are two kinds of barometers, aneroid and mercurial. The weight of air on a column of mercury makes it possible to record the air pressure with this type of barometer. The aneroid barometer works on the same principle, excepting that a series of light silver springs are used instead of mercury. The instrument we have is a recording type and records the air pressure for one week. Rapid changes of the barometer usually indicate unsettled weather. When the barometer falls, it indicates unfavorable weather, and a rise indicates a period of fair weather.

Edward F. West II

Beacon Articles

Articles for the BEACON are written once or twice each month, as part of our English work. The teachers read and grade each article, and a good article helps one's English mark.

The articles are written of events of interest which happen on the Island. As there are usually more than ninety boys in the School, none of the subjects are neglected. Also each boy remembers incidents which may be included in the Jester's Comments. These are just to add a touch of humor to the BEACON. No disgrace is attached if you happen to make a humorous error and it is printed in the BEACON.

When the articles are ready they are sent to the Printing Office where they are looked over and the best ones selected for publication. It is quite an honor to have an article printed, as only about fifteen are used in each BEACON.

Arthur H. Pickard II

Change of Work

Last evening when Mr. Meacham read the change of work, I was promoted to the Dining Room from the Sewing Room. I hope I shall enjoy my work there as much as I have the Sewing Room and Kitchen. I shall do the best I can.

Francis S. Sheldon VI

The Jester's Comments

—Billie DeLorie noticed an early bee and picked it up by the wings. Billie was stung and "wondered why."

—Millett was observing the cattle at the barn and asked, "When does the blacksmith put the horseshoes on the cows and bulls?"

—In an agriculture lesson the question was "What is an egg plant?" Sam Very answered, "A hen."

—Roughhouse Pete, (Ernest Peterson) is being known locally as the strong man. He is in training now for the piano lifting contests.

—Eddie Willey became exasperated with the slow movements of "Mooney" Morse in the dining room. Eddie's job is to wash the silver, "Mooney's" job is to collect it from the tables. After waiting and waiting, Eddie spoke up "Hey, step on it." Morse obliged by putting the tray on floor and "stepping on it."

What would F. T. S. be like?

If Dave and Ned were mountains instead of HILLS.

If Hannah were a valley instead of a GLENN.

If Chucky were an iron man instead of a WOODMAN.

If Red were a farmer instead of a SMITH.

If Chester were preachers instead of PARSONS.

If Teddy were alfalfa hay instead of MILLETT.

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To the Editors:

... As for the change ... at the University of Chicago, I believe no far reaching effect will result. Much, if not all, that the writer says is being tried and amounts to a new venture in education, has been tried and either continued or dropped in other educational centers. Human nature can not be changed by changes in methods of instruction and credits received no more than laws of legislatures can bring about perfect conditions. A large majority of the American people insists that our efforts must be measured in terms of dollars, and it is the experience of educators that school results must be measured by marks.

If there are no absolute requirements of working hours and regularity most men will be irregular. Youth is made up much the same as adults, and without definite time requirements they will not be regular. To be sure, this is unfortunate. It would be wonderful if it were not necessary to measure human efforts in terms of dollars, nor make laws to regulate ourselves, nor make absolute standardized school requirements, but, alas, the weakness of humans makes necessary these regulations in every group of organized society.

It would take an excessively long article to adequately comment and give information about each point President Hutchins has raised. In a word, Mr. Hutchins has some able theories, part of which may be developed in a practical way sometime in the future. Rotary is doing much to teach men to think less selfishly and more for the common good of the greatest number and, as that idea grows, men will think less of getting money and getting credit and getting marks and more of giving of service and of self to the other fellow. Then less

laws will be required and we will be a happier people, but let's not think nor expect that such a wonderful state of affairs can come about in our generation—maybe never.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM

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Note: The above article, commenting upon a previous article by President Hutchins of the University of Chicago, appeared in the April issue of *The Rotarian*, a magazine which goes to over 106,000 members of Rotary Clubs in the United States.

Topics in Brief

Manager Charles P. Curtis visited the School on March 25. On the following day an announcement was made that Mr. Curtis had given ten dollars to be awarded the boy who showed the best qualities for future leadership. The boys voted by ballot and Clyde W. Albee was found to be the winner. Paul L. Hamilton and Carl E. Harden were tied for second place, and received honorable mention.

Spring work has begun in earnest. The winter covers for the hydrants and basement windows have been stored away. A large supply of gravel for our walks and areas has been screened. The boys have done some early work on their flower gardens. Necessary work on the lawns has been started.

The Sears' basketball competition ended on March 18, when the second teams of our two athletic clubs played their last game. The season has been very successful and constant interest has been evident since the first game nearly three months ago.

The storage battery room in the basement of Gardner Hall has been re-

modelled into a tool and work room. Since 1929 we have purchased our electric power and the worn out storage batteries have remained in the battery room. The heavy glass containers have been thoroughly cleaned and stored away, as was other material, for possible future use. A new cement floor has been made and the interior painted and otherwise improved.

Much of the material in our storage barn was destroyed during the month. A general check-up of the goods proved there were some that would not be worth while keeping. The barn was given a regular spring cleaning, and put in order.

The Westminster Boys' Club first and second teams were defeated by our boys on March 11. The games were well played, and the afternoon proved very enjoyable to everyone. Burton Dorman, '27, and Ramsey C. Allen, '30, played for the visitors.

Our Band has shown gradual, steady improvement, and the results are equal to that of any of our past groups. We are handicapped this year by having an unusual number of new players, but the boys have met their responsibility squarely, and the performance of the Band has been kept at its usual high standard.

A supply of commercial fertilizer was brought here on March 14.

The winter term of school ended March 17, and the usual week of vacation followed.

Vice-President Edward Wigglesworth, Manager John L. Batchelder and Mr. James E. Harper visited the school on March 9.

Wire cages have been made in our shop, and installed in the gymnasium to protect the electric light bulbs.

New hymnals have been purchased to replace the old, worn set. The books are named "Hymnal of Praise."

The electric light line in Gardner Hall basement has been overhauled and repaired where necessary. The exterior light switch has been renewed.

A fine mail box has been made in our shop and was placed in the Assembly Room on March 22. The box consists of 100 compartments, and is made of oak.

Court trials of both the Lower and Superior Courts of Cottage Row Government have been held this month.

On March 22 our steam heating plant was shut down in the morning to permit welding of the receiving tank. At the same time our electric supply was stopped to permit repairs on the mainland.

The boys' lavatory has been cleaned, painted, and otherwise improved. The Assembly Room ceiling has been whitened. Other painting jobs have been done during the month.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 51° on the thirtieth.

Minimum Temperature 10° on the eleventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 38°.

Twelve clear days, sixteen partly cloudy, and three cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, March 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

8. Admitted David Wood and Geo. Wood of Boston.

16. Bernard M'Cardle visited his friends and returned the 20th.

20. Jotham Odiorne and Joseph Decoff of Portsmouth commenced work as labourers on the farm.

23. Thomas Hutchinson of Boston admitted making the present number of boys to be fifty.

27. Received a visit from Mr Bird of the Board of Managers and his son. Admitted Wm. E. Remick of Boston.

31. Mr Thomas B. Clough, who had been teacher for the five and one-third months past, left. Sold the sloop boat to Thomas Tileston of Dorchester.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, March 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. A. M. dull but P. M. fine. Managers C. P. Bowditch, Storer, Mr. Gardner and daughter visited us, coming on the Protector at 2:30 P. M. We had a most enjoyable P. M.

4. We were most agreeably surprised this morn. to receive a visit from the newly elected member of the Board of Managers, Mr. Henry S. Grew, who came at about 9 o'clock on the Protector. He appeared well pleased with what he saw everywhere. He left at 4 P. M.

16. A cold rough day. Wind west. Being obliged to go to city took Haley and Grimes in big dory and rowed to Point—keeping them over. William Bainbridge came home with us. He has just got through with Mr. Passete, having been with him two years and now wishes to go to N. Y. City to work. Mrs. Bryant, mother of Wilson Bryant who is doing finely in a jewelry store, offers to board and look after him there and I think he may as well try it. The Protector, with Mr. Dexter on board came to our wharf in P. M. to see me.

19. Pleasant. The first robin and first blackbird came. Wind east and chilly in P. M.

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Making a New Mail Box

For the past two or three weeks I have been making a new mail box. The old box was worn out. The new one is much larger and will be a decided improvement over the old one.

The mail box is four feet long, and is two and one half feet in depth.

There are four rows of twenty-five boxes. The outside and the partitions that separate each row are made of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. oak. There are ninety-six pieces of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. oak used to make the individual boxes. These pieces are grooved and glued at one end and nailed with wire brads at the other. The outside framework is glued and nailed.

The boys' names will be placed under each partition, running to the right in each row alphabetically. This new mail box will be placed in the Assembly Room, where the old one is now located.

Carl E. Harden II

Office Duty

A short time ago I was given the duty of morning office boy. I clean the Main office, Superintendent's office and the Boys' Reading Room. When the office Instructors want errands done to the different departments it is my duty to go there. I sometimes do errands for other Instructors and boys after the office Instructors have given me permission. I like this work very much.

William D. DeLorie V

A Trip to the City

Last Wednesday I went over to the city with my Instructor. We went to Keith's Theatre in Boston and saw the moving picture, "Sailor Be Good" and we also saw six vaudeville acts. We had some candy to eat. Three other boys were with us. We came back on the five o'clock boat trip. I had a very nice time, and I am very grateful to the Instructor for taking me.

Weston O. Page V

Shellacking Benches

One afternoon not long ago I was told to help another boy shellac benches. We started on the back of the benches and worked around the ends and then turned the bench over. Next we shellacked the front of the benches. We shellacked eight benches in about three hours. Later the benches will be placed on the lawn for the summer season. They are now being kept in Gardner Hall Basement.

Dexter V. Woodman I

Baseball

Baseball season has started early this year. The first day that it was warm some boys went out and played catch, then some boys went out and started a game of scrub. These warm days the boys go to the playground and play scrub games. Baseball is the sport I like best.

Raymond A. Hadfield VI

My New Work

Recently I was told to take Walter Fitzgerald's place in the Power House. I reported to the engineer who instructed me what to do. I have two periods to work in the Power House, one hour at noon and another at night. I keep the steam up, watch the fire and amount of water in the boiler. My Instructor has me help him on repair jobs also. I like the work very much.

Lloyd R. Morrison II

Promoted to the Band

After playing in the Beginners' Band four months and a half I have succeeded in being promoted to the School Band. I have wished to get in the band and now my wish has come true. As the Instructor has given me a chance to try, I shall show I appreciate it by trying to do my best. I play alto horn.

George G. Cline VI

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LEANDER DOREY, '23, has been in the U. S. N. for years. He is a musician and has been stationed at Honolulu.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD, '23, is employed at the Metropolitan Theatre, Boston. His home address is 58 Queensbury Street, Boston.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, is a Junior at the University of New Hampshire and visited the School recently. It was his first visit in years and he enjoyed it thoroughly. Kearns is a member of a campus orchestra, which helps meet many of his college expenses.

HOWARD H. STURTEVANT, '24, through contact with his instructors at Suffolk Law School, has been on many trips to the larger of our southern states assisting and learning the methods employed in inter-state dealing with federal prisoners.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL, '25, would like to hear from classmates. His address is Battery I, 4th C. A., Fort Amador, Panama Canal Zone.

CHESTER P. LINDGREN, '28, has been for more than four years, employed by the Huyler Stores of Boston. He visited the school recently.

THEODORE L. VITTY, '29, is attending Bangor Theological Seminary.

We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from BENJAMIN MENDE, '29. Mende is an enlisted member of the U. S. S. Chicago Band. He has been cruising

on the west coast for the past few months. He writes that his enlistment is nearing its end, and he plans to finish high school and attend college.

NELSON W. PRATT, '29, is working at the Court Square Press. His home address is 599 River Street, Mattapan, Mass.

ROBERT H. ERWIN, '31, is with his brother at 424 Newport Avenue, Rumford, R. I. They maintain a fox farm there.

JOHN D. MACGREGOR, '31, is employed by the Matson Navigation Co., of San Francisco, California. He works in the engine room of the S. S. Monterey. In a recent letter he told of the many ports he has been in, and of the special interest he takes in his work.

WILLIAM E. NELSON, '31, has been employed by an advertising concern for some time. He lives at 32 Alexander Street, Dorchester.

Word has been received of the recent marriage of THOMAS W. EASTTY, '31.

CHARLES D. HALLMAN, '32, is a student at Chelsea High School. He continues his music study, taking a cornet lesson each week. His address is 34 Eden Street, Chelsea.

The following graduates visited the School during the month.

Burton Dorman, '27
Ramsey C. Allen, '30
George G. Hamilton, '31
George F. Carr, '32
Benjamin F. Middleton, '32.

