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The Annual Spring Concert

An enthusiastic audience of more than 500 heard the annual spring concert given by our Band on April 28, Mr. Frank L. Warren, conducting. This concert was given in Faneuil Hall. It was the third successive year that the boys have given a spring concert in this historic hall. The band this year is composed of 55 members, the largest band we have ever had.

Several prominent musicians attended the concert, and two were introduced to the audience. Mr. George Lawrence Stone, nationally known percussionist and Mr. Archie Smith, one of New England's finer trombonists heard our band for the first time and both were visibly impressed with the musicianship shown by our fifty-five piece band.

The concert opened by Bagley's famous "National Emblem" March which was followed by the Weidt Overture, "Glorianna". These were played with sparkle and zest, and were particularly enjoyed. They are feature numbers on our spring program, and we were happy that Mr. Walter Jacobs, head of the publishing house which publishes these pieces, was a member of the audience.

Our former bandmaster, Howard B. Ellis, '97, was given a fine reception as he led the band in a rendition of Bigelow's "Our Director" March. Mr. Ellis had many fine bands at F. T. S., and his interest in the boys never wanes, although business interests have demanded that he relinquish much of his music work.

A splendid tribute was given the band by Mr. George Lawrence Stone, as he spoke of the manliness and musical ability of our band, and the drum players in particular. Mr. Stone, generally conceded by musicians everywhere to be America's premier drum instructor, has weekly instructed our drum class of eight pupils during the winter months. Mr. Stone has done this voluntarily, because he enjoys teaching our boys. His very kind remarks in the interest of the drum class and the band are indeed very much appreciated. The drum section is of tremendous importance to any band, and the success of our band at this concert is due in a large measure to the excellence of the instruction given by Mr. Stone. An exhibition of drumming, such as few in the audience have ever heard, was given by Mr. Stone and he received tremendous

applause for his artistry.

Four boys rendered solos, and were warmly applauded. Robert J. English played the cornet solo "Wanderer", and William N. Dodge also played a cornet solo, the "Flocktonian" polka. Myron A. Pratt played a trombone solo "Naukeag" and Francis S. Sheldon played a fantasia for clarinet entitled "Delecta."

Four ensemble groups presented a series of short compositions. These groups included a clarinet trio, trombone quartet, brass quartet and junior brass quartet made up of four of the younger players.

The song so popular here four decades ago called "The School of Jolly Boys," was given with a zest. The singing and playing of the boys during this piece brought home to all the great pleasure which every member of the band gets from his participation with the group.

The program was nicely balanced with feature overtures, selections, novelty numbers, military marches, and popular melodies of the day. The audience was generous with applause and every effort of the boys was warmly greeted.

Following the concert the conductor, Mr. Warren, was surrounded by members of the audience who wished to congratulate him and the Band. We are deeply indebted to all who so kindly thus personally paid their compliments. We are proud of our boys, and proud that the concert was such a grand success.

Dancing Lessons

During the past few months the high school classes and eighth graders have been fortunate in having dancing lessons, given by Miss Helen Gresty, who is a Social Secretary of the First Church of Malden. There are two classes, each class session being held for three quarters of an hour. Miss Gresty brings several

girls from her young peoples' groups in her Church, who assist her in teaching.

As most of the boys had done little or no dancing Miss Gresty commenced with fundamental instruction. Now we can do the fox-trot, waltz, two step, one step, Lambeth Walk, Corrigan Hop, and the Virginia Reel.

After the classes there is a social period and each of the boys has his turn at being an escort to one of the girls.

We all look forward to Tuesday evenings, and the dancing lesson.

Murdock C. Moore

The International Friendship League

During this school year we have joined the International Friendship League. Mrs. Ronka, one of our teachers, realizing the benefits to be obtained from our association with the League arranged for the boys of the upper four classes to become members. Those who joined the League each were given the privilege of writing to six girls and boys of high school age who live in foreign lands. It is a very good way to learn about the customs of foreign countries. The "pen pals" are very prompt with their correspondence, and every major country in the world is represented in the League. Some young people in European countries write in their native language and we or one of the teachers translate the letters into English. However, they have the same difficulty, as we write all our letters in English.

Those who belong to the League are greatly enthused over it, and it will continue year after year with even increased interest.

William J. Evans, Jr.

Baseball

I like to play baseball, because to play the game well demands much practice before very much skill is acquired. Practice is fun, and a player can readily see that he is improving. I am on Charles Pecce's team, and I play centerfield. The weather has been so bad that we have not played any games yet, but hope to very soon. I play baseball during my spare time, as do most of the boys in my class. After a few years I hope to be able to play a very good game. As soon as the schedule is begun our teams will be playing evenings and on Saturday afternoons.

Walter W. Smith

Opening Our Cottage

Last Saturday I purchased a share in the Crescent Cottage for \$.25. Five other boys own in the cottage. We gave the cottage a good spring cleaning by scrubbing and cleaning it, inside and out, and by raking the area around it.

There is repairing which must be done, and we are going to do this just as soon as we can. We are going to have a flower garden in front of the cottage. We hope to have one of the best cottages on Cottage Row.

James J. Macdonald

Jitterbug

Frances Sheldon and I have recently made a model airplane called the "Jitterbug." It will take off the ground under its own power. It flies better than one would think it could. This model is mine, but Sheldon has begun putting one together for himself. We have experimented with this model, and it is the best we have had. The propeller breaks once in a while, but we can repair it. I like airplanes, and I hope to pilot one when I become old enough.

David A. Wilson

Class Election

The members of the eighth grade held an election the other day and officers were elected. After many speeches ballots were passed out, and we voted for our class leaders. Ralph Pratt was chosen president, William Klaila was elected vice-president, Frank Anderson Secretary, and Kenneth Walley, Treasurer. The new officers assumed their duties that day.

William C. Bassett

Re-Dedication

During this year we have had programs in which we have re-dedicated ourselves to the principles of Americanization. This is a national movement, sponsored by the many large national organizations. The "American's Creed" which follows, states vividly many of the benefits which we all enjoy, and our duty relative to the support of these benefits. It was written by Mr. William Tyler Page when he was Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

"I believe in the United States o America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution; to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

When the Flag goes by those in uniform salute; if not in uniform hold hat in right hand over heart and stand at attention.

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Mr. George L. DeBlois

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Mr. George L. DeBlois died Thursday morning, May 4, at the Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital. He was 72 years old. He lived at 62 Chestnut Street, Boston and in Ipswich.

Mr. DeBlois was born at Newton on August 17, 1867, son of George L. and Amanda Fuller DeBlois. He graduated from Harvard College in 1885.

He soon became active in the management of real estate and a member of many boards of directors.

Mr. DeBlois was best known to us as an able and kindly member of our Board of Managers. He served in this capacity over thirty-three years. His keenest interest seemed to be in the selection of boys for admission. He was active in the duties of this work for many years. If he appeared stern this was only in appearance because there was always a warmth of kindness and frequent expression of human sympathy. He was always interested in the boys of the School and their welfare and pleasures.

Mr. DeBlois' father, George L. DeBlois was secretary of the Board of Managers from 1851 to 1890. His uncle, Stephen G. DeBlois was a member of the Board from 1850 to 1889.

On November 25, 1889, Mr. DeBlois was married to Mary Bartlett Brooks of Boston, who survives him, with one daughter, Doctor Elizabeth DeBlois.

Topics in Brief

An especially fine program was given on Easter Sunday. A play "The Burden Bearers" by Dorothy Clark Wilson was the feature of the program. Several of the boys gave recitations and others gave musical selections. The Choir was excellent.

A valuable activity which has been inaugurated during the school year has been the membership in the International Friendship League of many of our boys. This membership, sponsored by Mrs. George R. Ronka, enables our boys to write to young people in foreign countries. The purpose of this personal correspondence is to promote better understanding among the youth of the world. On April 29 our boys, who were members of the League, attended a showing of "Denmark in Color", the prize winning motion picture made by John V. Hansen. Mr. Hansen lectured as the picture was projected.

On Tuesday evenings sixty of our boys are organized in classes and are given dancing instruction by Miss Helen Gresty. Miss Gresty brings several girls from her church in Malden who aid in the instruction. The boys have found the classes most enjoyable, and it is a pleasure to note how quickly the various dance steps are learned.

Our Church Services have been conducted all winter on a high plane of excellence. Mr. Lloyd Perrigo, a member of the graduating class at Gordon College, provides us with inspirational messages and members of the faculty assist with special musical selections. Very often student soloists aid, and groups comprised of band members perform special religious music.

The weather has been cold and wet, retarding much of our work. It has been impossible to use any of the playgrounds, and the boys have had to confine most of their recreation to games in the gymnasium. This is the first year that we can recall when our baseball season has not been underway in April. Teams have

been chosen and the sport will begin as soon as the baseball field is ready for use.

On April 28 our Band gave its annual concert in Faneuil Hall. The event was most successful in every way. Among the guests present were George Lawrence Stone, outstanding drummer, and our former band director, Howard B. Ellis.

The boys have had several showings of moving pictures during the month. These films have dealt with a variety of subjects, most of which have proven most worth-while.

The Class of 1939 conducted an Arbor Day observance on April 29. A sugar maple tree was planted as two class members read appropriate selections including Governor Saltonstall's Proclamation and Joyce Kilmer's "Trees".

On April 24 the seventh grade gave a program at our Assembly meeting. The boys illustrated the fundamentals of arithmetic. There was music by a band of seventh grade pupils.

On April 19 a Court of Honor was held for our Scout troop. A number of the boys were awarded Merit Badge certificates.

On April 20 Mr. Allan Gunning of the U.S. Navy visited us with a program of sound motion pictures. This is the first time we have had sound pictures at the school. The program was interesting and worth-while. Each of the boys received a book listing the important historical events in American history and a leaflet giving the history and forms of respect to be shown our Flag.

Nine of our boys were privileged to see the motion picture "Huck Finn" at a Boston Theatre on April 15. Many of the boys have attended other events in town during the month.

The First Aid class gave a program on April 17. Various first aid practices were shown. A motion picture also aided in teaching the correct first aid principles.

Each member of the class was presented with a certificate for completing the prescribed course of study of the American Red Cross.

Alumni Jottings

LEANDER E. DOREY, '23, has written a fine letter from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands where he is stationed with the Base Air Detachment. In writing he spoke of the forthcoming concert by the band, and requested that invitations be sent to certain of his friends who live in suburban Boston. Mr. Dorey spoke of the many compliments which he has heard regarding the band in its Faneuil Hall concerts. He hopes to be home at Wellfleet, Mass., next spring, so that he may attend the 1940 concert.

There were in the audience at Faneuil Hall on April 28 a large number of graduates, and the interest they showed as our Band was giving its annual spring concert was most gratifying. We hope that more and more of our former pupils will find it possible to attend this and other Band activities which take place during the year. It is surely a great pleasure to have young and old F. T. S. boys in attendance.

Raymond M. Bean, '38, has commenced work at the Fore River Shipyard. His home address is 34 Lisle Street, East Braintree. Our sincere best wishes go to this graduate, who will, during June, marry Miss Mabel F. Pratt of Braintree. Miss Pratt is a sister of Myron, William and Ralph Pratt, all members of our present student body.

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 69° on the twenty-second.

Minimum Temperature 26° on the thirteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 44°.

Two clear days, seven partly cloudy, and twenty-one cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 30, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	69.20
	<u>\$1285.87</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$521.70
Trading Co. Deposits	631.10
Cottage Row Deposits	1.49
Photo Company Deposits	34.45
Surplus	97.13
	<u>\$1285.87</u>

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April, 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

7. Barnum Field, Esq., accompanied by J. I. Bowditch, Esq., visited the institution and addressed the school.

12. Being the day appointed for Annual Fast, a short religious exercise was read, after which the boys were permitted to go round the beach and play.

24. Moses Grant, G. H. Kuhn, B.A. Gould and Jesse Bird, Esqs., with the friends of the boys visited the school in the steamer Mayflower being the first visit of the season. The boys were addressed by Rev. Mr. Copely, an Indian.

30. Abner A. Ackerman went to live with Hiram Nash, Esq., in Williamsburg, a farmer.

New telephone wires are being laid underground from the south end to the Main Building.

Band Notes

The Band has taken part in many functions during the school year. It assisted at the pageant of the Community Federation Agencies, at a Boy Scout Music Festival, at a meeting of the Women's Republican Club, and at the Massachusetts and New England School Music Festivals. A brass quartet from the Band has entertained at various other functions.

Roster of the Band, May, 1939

Frank L. Warren, Director
Clifton E. Albee, Assistant

Cornets

Robert J. English
William N. Dodge
Charles A. Pecce
Warren M. Linnell
Robert G. Ryerson
Russell L. Letson
Percie R. Berry
Ernest Burns
Wesley C. Gustafson
George W. Hardy
Arthur L. Thibodeau
Malcolm C. Huston
William F. Etheridge
Donald L. Davis

Clarinets

Francis S. Sheldon
Eugene Proctor
Raymond L. Perry
Linwood L. Meacham
Raymond B. Harrington
Donald L. Rice
Calvin L. Wilder
David A. Wilson
Albert E. Wilder
Allan K. MacLean
David G. Haeger
William H. Britton

Baritones

George F. Connors
Douglas M. Bashaw

Trombones

Myron A. Pratt
Kenneth M. Walley
Arthur W. Chase
John Dunn
Weston O. Page
James J. Macdonald
James E. McCarthy
Axel R. Hallberg

Basses

Winthrop Davidson
William B. Pratt
William L. Schlegel
Karl G. Hulten
Charles H. Grant

Altos

Richard A. Martin
Dennis C. Reardon
Howard M. Colpitts
Stanley C. Morton
Richard J. Nelson
John H. Bonsey
Ralph E. Pratt

Drums

William J. Bevans, Jr.
Murdock C. Moore
Eugene S. Emerson
Leonard J. Scott
George J. Zevitas
Roger E. Hardy
Warren A. Danner

orderly. Credit be to them. Yet, neatness which would gladden the heart of a New England housekeeper was not enough when it was whispered about that a group of Malden mesdemoiselles were to visit the School. How the boys scrubbed and shined, straightened this and that. Never did Senior glisten so. No doubt the girls expressed their admiration for such sterling work, but if so, remarks were unheard by adult ears. Ah, in Spring, 'tis strange that young men's attention turns to housecleaning. 'Tis so.

—Our little man, Roland "Pee-Wee" Hallberg is the envy of all because of his prowess as a drummer. Someday we expect he'll be marching the band all over the Island with his stickbeats.

—Our snappy drum major, resplendent in his colorful uniform, was the center of attraction at a recent band festival. He approached a tintype operator and the girls for miles around hastened to get their picture taken with him. Ralph, (he of the Pratt brothers), was not disconcerted, but posed with one girl after another. His only fee was a free picture. He had quite a collection before he could break away.

—William Joseph Bevans, Jr., the 3rd, (Bill Bevans to you), 1939's contribution to the spirit of youth, has his troubles. His garden isn't finished, he is behind in his school work, he doesn't have time to practice his music, graduation and class activities have to be passed by. Why, WJB Jr. has hardly time to listen to his favorite radio swing bands. But youth will find a way.

—"Alas, alas," cried the fair young maid who lives on the second floor, third house up on P Street, as she raced to the landing to get Eugene's autograph. The boat had left a trifle early.

—Greetings, Freshmen. May you find your names often in this column. The Sophs.

The Jester's Comments

—The Senior Dorm boys are an industrious lot, and throughout the year they have kept their dormitory very neat and

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Hyde Park, Mass.

EDWARD E. DAVIS, '81, died at his home 63 Upland road, Cambridge, on March 31, in his 72d year. He was a twin, and with his brother James entered the school in 1877. For most of his life he worked at his trade of machinist and brass founder. For 30 years he was with the Crosby Steam Gage Valve Company, and for a few years afterward he was with the Wells Memorial and People's Institute in Boston. On Nov. 14, 1886, he was married to Gertrude L. Gould, a twin sister of John E. Gould '81. In 1936 the couple observed their golden wedding anniversary. Seven children were born to them, and all of them are now married. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were members of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal,) of Boston, and at the time of his death he was the oldest member. He was married in that church, as were all seven children, and they and their children, of whom there are seven, and four great grand children were baptized there. His wife and all the children survive.

An interesting letter has been received from FREDERIC R. and CHARLES W. HAFLEY, both members of the class of 1888, which said in part:

"Your interesting letter relative to the activities of the band was received. Please accept our thanks.. We will be unable to attend the concert at Faneuil Hall, but wish to contribute a small amount for the Band Fund.

"The prosperity and well-being of the school will always be close to our hearts.

"We read with delight the many fine things the boys are engaged in, and with what enthusiasm they write about them. It

must be a great satisfaction to know that so many boys are being made happy and successful.

"We read with dismay of the fire on March 1st, and were glad to learn that it was handled so efficiently.

"We are proud to sign as the old boys."

Frederic R. Hafley
Charley W. Hafley

One of our oldest graduates has written the following account which will be of interest to our readers. James D. Smith, now 90 years young, makes his permanent home in Florida, although he has nieces and nephews living in New England. His father was a member of the crew of "Old Ironsides" when she fought the English ship "Guerriere." His letter is as follows:

"Your very pleasant letter was received several days ago, but we old folks grow lazier, and the younger generations increase so fast that it becomes quite a task to keep up with the correspondence. I have several letters which I must answer, and some business letters which must be answered promptly. I have started my 90th year, and likely good for a few more. I enclose my check to help the Band, and for the Beacon. I would like to keep up with the progress of the School."

James D. Smith
Route 2, Box 223C
Plant City, Florida.

We note in the Boston papers that Eliot Bernard, '38 is a member of the Natick High School baseball team, and pitched his first game on April 28. His team won.

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Memorial Sunday Services

As is our custom every year, we held our Memorial Service on Sunday, May 28, at our little cemetery at the southern tip of our island. The program was in charge of Eugene Proctor, Mayor of Cottage Row Government.

The boys and instructors left the main building in the morning, shortly before ten o'clock. A quiet walk of about ten minutes brought all to the cemetery and the services were opened by the singing of "America the Beautiful."

Mayor Proctor spoke briefly of those who are buried in the cemetery. Each grave was decorated with an American Flag and a bouquet of flowers.

The complete program was as follows:

PROGRAM

- HYMN** School
"America the Beautiful"
- SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
School
- INVOCATION**
Rev. Lloyd M. Perrigo
- SELECTION** Brass Quartet
Robert J. English William N. Dodge
John Dunn George F. Connors

RECITATION "Raising the Flag"
Arthur Brosseau

RECITATION "The Blue and the Gray"
Milton W. McNamara

HYMN School
"Nearer My God To Thee"

RECITATION "Our Own Country"
William Britton

RECITATION "The Soldier's Dream"
Ralph E. Pratt

SELECTION Brass Quartet

RECITATION "The American Flag"
David Wilson

MAYOR'S ADDRESS
Eugene Proctor

DECORATING OF GRAVES

ROLLING OF DRUMS AND TAPS

HYMN School
"God of Our Fathers"

The Memorial Service was simple and impressive. The weather was beautiful, and the singing of the old hymns in the sunshine of a Sunday in May gave added dignity. The selection of the recitations given was fine, and the boys presented them ably. The sober rolling of the drum and the call of Taps left a lasting impression upon everyone. It was a fitting program to be held on Memorial Sunday.

The Music Festivals

On May 13 our band went to Belmont to be a part of the Massachusetts School Music Festival. There were in attendance nearly a hundred musical organizations of the private and public schools of the state. Each orchestra, band and choral group was placed in a class depending upon certain factors. Our school, having a student enrollment of less than 250 (we have 97 pupils), was automatically placed in Class CC. The larger city high school bands are in Class A.

There is no competition at these festivals, the purpose being to bring together hundreds of children of high school age to receive the inspiration and joy of playing together. The music is carefully chosen, and competent musicians listen to each group giving instruction and advice so that each group may make their best better.

A feature of the Belmont festival was the massed choral program. Patriotic songs were presented by glee clubs and choruses accompanied by band music.

Our band was given the honor, along with the Gloucester R. O. T. C. band, of performing for the spectators while the parade was being concluded, and during those periods when no event was definitely scheduled. This kept our boys, and the Gloucester boys, before the public continually.

The weather was cool, almost too cool, but every event was executed according to schedule.

A week later, May 20, the boys went to Worcester where they took part in the New England school festival. Here were assembled bands from all over New England, as well as choral groups, orchestras, glee clubs and other school music performers. It was a gala festival.

Our band played in the Mechanics

Building auditorium and the music performed included Weidt's "Glorianna" overture, and Taylor's "Prince and Jester" overture.

The boys had opportunity to listen to other bands, and it was interesting to note the whispered comments by representatives of various bands as the units performed. Young people are frank and honest, and their criticism reflected the value of the music appreciation courses being given in the schools.

The street parade in the afternoon was very orderly, as all music festival events are, although the streets were jammed with admiring throngs. The parade was a riot of color as bands from all the New England states passed.

At the conclusion of the parade at the athletic field, several units gave exhibitions of marching excellence. These drills, which lasted from eight to ten minutes for each band, were excellent, and showed results of hours of attentive practice.

Dr. Ernest Williams conducted three compositions and it was inspiring to hear the multitude of young high school musicians playing the works of Bagley, Goldman and Sousa.

The festival was concluded by a marching exhibition by our fifty-five piece band. The drill was well executed and climaxed a Festival which certainly was a grand exhibition by the young people of New England.

Our boys received many favorable comments from the judges. It would seem like boasting to list the superior ratings of our group, but most of our readers are aware of the excellence of our group. Our only fault, and that one we cannot correct at this time, is the lack of instrumentation. We are lacking flutes, oboes, saxophones, and other woodwind instruments. The

ideal is constantly being sought after, and we may sometime achieve it.

We have but one regret, and that is that all of those who made it possible for our boys to attend these festivals were not present to watch the boys perform. The band did splendidly, and indicated again why it is held in such high repute.

Thank You

On behalf of the Junior Class I wish to thank the Board of Managers and Mr. and Mrs. Meacham for making it possible for us to take this last year at F.T.S. We have greatly profited and enjoyed this final year.

To Mr. and Mrs. Meacham we have only deep appreciation and gratitude for helping us in our everyday life and solving our personal problems. Never will we be able to express our full appreciation.

To our teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Ronka, we owe a great indebtedness. Day after day they have worked patiently guiding us. Our courses have been made doubly interesting because of their personal interest. We have both enjoyed and profited from our academic work. May there be many classes to follow who will enjoy the work as we have.

To all the faculty we express our sincere thanks. Everyone has worked unceasingly to make our final year most worthwhile.

Post Graduates
By Calvin L. Wilder

Basketball Awards

On May 15 awards which were earned for proficiency in basketball were made. The school certificate was awarded to nine players. They were:
Myron A. Pratt, Captain
Weston O. Page

Charles A. Pecce
Richard A. Martin
Eugene Proctor
Howard M. Colpitts
Charles H. Grant
John Dunn
Harold K. Malmgren

Manager Philip Sears annually gives to the outstanding player in each position in the intra-mural league a trophy. Those who received this distinction this year were:

Robert J. English
Wesley C. Gustafson
Henry S. Dixon
Percie R. Berry
George W. Jefferson
Francis S. Sheldon

The Tigers, captained by Francis S. Sheldon, won the Sears League championship, and the silver shield was inscribed with the names of the team members, as follows:

James J. Macdonald
Wesley C. Gustafson
Raymond L. Perry
Raymond B. Harrington
Francis S. Sheldon, Capt.
Richard J. Nelson
A. Robert Hallberg

Charles A. Pecce was given an individual prize, for excellence in fowl shooting, it being in the form of a gold cup. This fine award was given by Mr. Walter Bramin, of the Boy's Division, Y. M. C. A., Boston, Mass. Mr. Bramin has been interested in our school for years, and we appreciate his thoughtfulness.

—During the latter part of the month, workmen have been making minor repairs on the roofs of the buildings. Howard B. Ellis '98, supervised the work.

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Another milestone in the history of this school is approached as we complete this year a century and a quarter of service to youth.

Recently a Boston newspaper had an editorial urging boys to prepare themselves to do something before seeking a job. At our school this preparation is being made by every boy and here each boy learns by practical experience how to do things well.

Employers are demanding experienced young men. There is definitely a great shortage of able, responsible experienced young men in most lines of activity. There is a vast army of unemployed men, mostly young men, with the potential energy to raise this great Country to prosperity and general happiness.

We live in a land of plenty. There is an abundance of food supply and other materials sufficient for the needs of all. There is hardly a necessary commodity or service of which there is a shortage in this Country—except possibly experienced and responsible, unselfish manpower.

We blame the President, the government, the politicians, the men of wealth, the schools, and even our own associates but each of us is really the one to blame for most of the faults that exist.

By use of government funds (which you and I furnish) CCC camps for young men have been developed. According to the 1939 World Almanac, the fifth year showed an employment of 2,260,000 persons and cash allowances to their dependents of \$446,000,000. This report does not give the total expenditures of this branch of government service.

This vast number of young men, and other millions not enrolled in CCC camps should be provided opportunity to gain experience in useful work by which they may earn their living. In general, the youth of today have lost that privilege of doing farm chores and learning to do many other things such as our fathers were privileged to do. We must through home or school or CCC or by some other means restore to youth the opportunity to learn by experience how to do things.

Topics in Brief

Nearly all the boys have completed early work on the flower gardens and all are expectantly watching for results. A great variety of flowers will be in evidence this summer, judging from the seeds used. Flower gardening is a very popular hobby with the boys, and each pupil strives for individuality in his garden. Prizes are awarded at the close of the season to those who have shown excellence in this most worth-while hobby.

Cold weather has retarded our farm crews in their spring work, but at this time everything points to a very favorable season. The gardens and field crops have all been showing the result of careful work, and we anticipate another successful year with our farm harvest.

The series of dancing lessons closed on May 16. Miss Helen Gresty, the instructor, planned a semi-formal dance for the last evening, which resulted in a very pleasant evening. The boys have learned the fundamental dancing steps, as well as several novelty dances.

The boys who have not enjoyed trips with the band visited in town with their parents on May 6. The early Friends'

Days at the school have been held more or less infrequently during the past few years because of the inability to secure suitable transportation to the school. The Nantasket boats, which formerly operated from April 19 through a long season do not commence their schedule now until nearly the first of June. All the boys enjoyed a visit with their friends on either May 26 or May 27. Approximately half the boys went in town on each day.

The summer season of Cottage Row was formally opened on May 6. The boys have been very busy getting their cottages in shape for the summer months. Cottage Row is always a fascinating place for visitors to roam about, and the many ingenious methods used by the boys are always of interest. All of the boys are citizens of the government, and nearly all own property at one time or another.

A shipment of coal was delivered to the school on May 24. The annual supply was unloaded in less than three days, with the use of three large trucks. We formerly used our equipment in unloading the barge and two weeks would ordinarily be required.

Dorchester Bay, usually well tenanted with pleasure craft at this time of year, is almost deserted. This is the result of the tremendous hurricane damage of last fall, and the very tardy appearance of spring weather.

The Class of 1939 held its banquet on May 4. This is an annual event given by the graduating class, and a party which is always thoroughly enjoyed.

The Assembly programs this month have been very novel, and as usual, well prepared and presented. On May 1 the sixth graders used for their subject "The

Dominion of Canada" and the important features of our neighbor to the north were given. The Junior class gave a radio adaptation of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" which was very entertaining. The class presented the play in a highly commendable manner. The eighth graders exhibited and then read many of the letters they have received from young people in foreign lands. The sophomores, as their last program of the year, gave a summary of their achievements individually and as a class.

The Band has attended both the Massachusetts School Music Festival at Belmont and the New England School Music Festival at Worcester during the month. Both events were highly successful, and the boys enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The inspiration received meeting and participating with thousands of other school children in these great music festivals is tremendous. A detailed account of the festivals will be found on another page.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May, 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Geo. T. Penney left to live with S. Kellog, a farmer in Chicopee (Springfield). A new cooking Range was set in the kitchen to-day. Barnum Field, Esq., visited the School.

7. Francis John Adolphus and Geo. T. White were received into the School, brought by Messrs. Rhoades of Boston.

24. The Mayflower made another visit to the island with the boys friends and with Messrs. Grant, Kuhn, Gould and Brackett of the Board of Managers.

The boys received to-day were Charles Wm. McLellan, Gilbert W. Homan, William H. H. Homan, and Joseph H.

Turner, all free. Joseph L. Fuller left to live with Martin Peterson, a shoemaker in Duxbury.

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 90° on the twenty-eighth.

Minimum Temperature 39° on the sixteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 54°.

Ten clear days, ten partly cloudy and eleven cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, May 31 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	125.38
	<u>\$1342.05</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$547.40
Trading Co. Deposits	644.51
Cottage Row Deposits	2.99
Photo Company Deposits	50.02
Surplus	97.13
	<u>\$1342.05</u>

New Telephone Lines

New telephone wires are being laid underground from the south end to the Main Building. The new underground lines consist of two pairs of wires buried about eight inches. They join the submarine cable at the south end of the Island in the telephone booth south of the cemetery. The line then goes westward between the two rows of oaks to the road, crosses the road and then goes north in the pasture, along the west side of the road, by the front of the root cellar where a test post is located. The line continues along the west side of the road, then along the west side of the path to the front avenue, near the center of the avenue to the main building, entering the building at the southwest corner of the west wing.

This eliminates the pole line which has been in use for forty years and brings the line directly to the main building without going through other buildings as previously routed. This is a definite improvement.

The under ground electric line installed in 1929 follows the same general route but is at the other side of the road. The terminal ends are not at the same points.

Memorial Day Track Meet

Each year, on Memorial Day, the boys have a track meet. Four groups, each under the direction of a faculty member, compete for the Joyce Easter Meacham trophies. The events begin shortly after nine o'clock, when the cross country race takes place.

The four groups who participate are the Varsity, Seniors, Juniors and Cubs. The boys are placed in one of these groups according to age and ability. The cross country course, as well as all the other events, is modified for the younger boys.

The varsity meet, under the direction of Mr. Thomas, was won by Myron A. Pratt, and Weston O. Page was second. Pratt won the cross country race, also the pole vault, shot put, mile run, and placed well in the dashes.

The Senior meet, under the direction of Mr. Albee, was won by Richard A. Martin. Leonard I. Scott was second. Martin finished either first or second in five events and placed in two others.

In the Junior meet, which was supervised by Mr. Pickard, James H. Rolston finished in first place barely ahead of William H. Britton and Donald F. Griswold who were tied for second. A slim two points separated the three leaders. Donald Davis finished right behind these leaders. The keenest competition was evident in this meet.

The Cub meet, under the direction of Mr. Ronka, was won easily by Donald Lowery, although James McCarthy was not far behind in second place. Lowery was the only winner not to place first in at least one event. He finished second in five events and placed in all.

Fifty three of the boys won a place in at least one event. This large number shows somewhat conclusively how popular track and field events are with our boys.

The Joyce Easter Meacham medals are awarded the winner and runner-up in each group. Candy prizes are given to all who place.

The track meet ended late in the afternoon and was followed by a picnic on the beach. The holiday was concluded with a baseball game, the faculty team winning over the boys' nine.

The program was carefully planned and the events were of considerable interest to spectators and participants alike. Ideal weather contributed to the happiness of the day.

Notes

On Monday evening, May 22, it was our great privilege to have Carl W. Buchheister, Secretary-Treasurer of the Massachusetts Audubon Society visit us and present an illustrated lecture. We were treated to a showing of exceptional pictures of familiar New England birds. Many of the boys have been very "bird conscious" since the lecture, and the hobby of bird study has taken a definite root with many of our students.

The 1939 marble tournaments have provided real enjoyment and pleasure. Eugene S. Emerson won the Junior match and Wesley C. Gustafson the Senior tournament.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

HOWARD B. ELLIS, '98 President
Dorchester, Mass.

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

The Annual Spring Meeting

The annual spring meeting of the Association was held at 40 Court Street, on Wednesday evening, May 10. Howard B. Ellis, '98, the association President, called the meeting to order at 7:30. The reading of the Secretary's minutes was next in order and Merton P. Ellis, '97 gave an interesting account of the fall meeting and the annual dinner.

The recent fire at the school was an interesting topic and Secretary Ellis told of his visit to the school on the day following the fire, the fire damage and other interesting facts concerning the blaze. Great credit was given the school staff for holding the damage to an almost unbelievable minimum. Graduates visiting the school will be pleased to note the fine work which has been accomplished in rebuilding the damaged wing.

There was some talk also, in a general way, of the hurricane of last fall. The damage done our groves and orchards was commented upon. Some of the members present told of their experiences during the hurricane, and certainly Thompson's Island fared better than many other localities.

The Association expressed regret at the death of Manager George L. DeBlois on May 4. He had been a member of the Board for 33 years.

The entertainment committee was unable to present concrete plans for the annual field day at the school because of the lack of transportation facilities. Although every possible source had been checked it was found that no boat in the harbor suitable for the purpose could be secured for

the day. The association was in favor of holding the day during June at a time found most convenient for all concerned. The wish of the members present was that the committee do its utmost to solve the vexing problem of transportation and to complete plans for the day. Definite information should be received by members within a few days.

The financial condition of the treasury of the association has not been in too healthy a condition during these years of depression. There are no dues of any kind and each member is urged to contribute annually to the support of the association. It was decided to continue the present policy after discussion of various fund raising plans.

The recent concert given by the Band in Faneuil Hall was commented upon, and the splendid showing by the boys was gratifying to the graduates, many of whom were in attendance.

The meeting was interesting and helpful to all present. It is hoped that more and more graduates, particularly the younger ones, will avail themselves of the invitation to attend. There are two annual meetings, in November and May, an annual dinner in mid-winter and a field day in June. At all of these events there is always room for more, and the association does desire the presence, as well as the interest, of all its members.

It was voted to reserve publicity on another very important matter until the Field Day in June, when announcement will be made.

The meeting lasted about two hours, during which time minor happenings received comment.



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Graduation

On June 7, at two o'clock, the graduation exercises of the Class of 1939 took place. The weather, as it is on almost all of these occasions, was ideal. During the morning there was much excitement as last minute details were taken care of. The outdoor stage was prettily decorated with the school colors and everything was put in readiness.

Those who were taking part in the program, and several members of the Board of Managers, came on the Pilgrim III. The Charlesbank transported the parents and friends of the boys. Soon the processional began and another class was to be graduated. The Invocation was by Rev. Cecil Plumb.

For a century and a quarter the ideals of our school have been upheld by our boys as they complete their studies here and go into the world. The honor and glory of F.T.S. is represented in our school banner. This year Howard M. Colpitts, '39 delivered the banner to Charles A. Pecece, '40. This inspiring, traditional part of our program is an annual feature of the ceremonies.

Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, D. D., Pastor of Emmanuel Church, gave the address. He urged the graduates to reserve time and place for communion with God, and his

hope that each would develop his "inner self" so that he might, with the help of God, solve the vexing problems which will surely arise from time to time. Rev. Dr. Osgood was introduced by Robert H. Gardiner. Mr. Gardiner is a member of the Board of Managers and he and Rev. Dr. Osgood were classmates at Harvard.

President Arthur Adams presented diplomas to the sixteen members of the graduating class. Eight boys who completed the post graduate year were given certificates. Ten received sloyd diplomas, six forging, and three were given agriculture diplomas.

Headmaster William M. Meacham awarded commencement prizes. These included the Guy Lowell Cups, the Charles P. Curtis Mathematics Prizes and the Francis Shaw Conduct Prizes among others.

The speeches and other parts played by the members of the class were of high excellence. Wesley C. Gustafson, the Salutatorian, gave a fine address entitled, "I Am Glad that I Am an American". The Valedictory, by Murdock C. Moore was followed by his essay entitled, "The Power of Written and Spoken English". George F. Connors delivered the prophecy and William J. Bevans, Jr., the class will.

Music was furnished by the school band. A trombone solo, the "Wanderer"

by Myron A. Pratt was the feature.
The complete program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Class Processional Clifton E. Albee
Axel R. Hallberg, '40, Class Marshall
Overture-Glorianna Weidt
Invocation

Rev. Cecil Plumb

Salutatory

I Am Glad that I Am an American
Wesley C. Gustafson

Class Prophecy

George F. Connors

Trombone Solo-Wanderer Harlow
Myron A. Pratt

Class Will

William J. Bevans, Jr.

Presentation of School Banner

Howard M. Colpitts, Class '39
Charles A. Pecce, Class '40

Valedictory

The Power of Written and Spoken English
Murdock C. Moore

Introduction of Speaker

Manager Robert H. Gardiner

Address

Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, D.D.

Presentation of Diplomas

President Arthur Adams

Presentation of Prizes

Headmaster William M. Meacham

March-National Emblem E.E. Bagley

GRADUATING CLASS

William Joseph Bevans, Jr.
Maxwell Merton Clark
Howard Merrill Colpitts
George Francis Connors
George Robert Davis
John Dunn
Eugene Simmons Emerson
Wesley Carlton Gustafson

James Russell Langton
Harold Kenneth Malmgren
Richard Allen Martin
Murdock Clayton Moore
William Bradford Pratt
Donald Lester Rice
Leonard Irving Scott
Albert Edward Wilder

Sloyd diplomas were awarded to the following:

SLOYD
Howard Merrill Colpitts
John Dunn
Wesley Carlton Gustafson
Harold Kenneth Malmgren
Richard Allen Martin
Murdock Clayton Moore
William Bradford Pratt
Leonard Irving Scott
Percie Rutherford Berry
William Nutter Dodge

The six pupils who completed the Forging Course were:

FORGING
George Francis Connors
Richard Allen Martin
Murdock Clayton Moore
William Bradford Pratt
Leonard Irving Scott
Albert Edward Wilder

Three students completed the four year course in Agriculture. They were:

AGRICULTURE
Maxwell Merton Clark
Howard Merrill Colpitts
James Russell Langton

Howard M. Colpitts was class president; John Dunn vice-president; William J. Bevans, Jr., secretary and Wesley C. Gustafson treasurer. Murdock C. Moore headed the entertainment committee of seven members.

The Farewell Dance

A traditional part of the Graduation Week is the farewell dance. This year the Class of 1940 held this dance in honor of the Class of 1939, on the evening of June 6. The Assembly Hall was prettily decorated and the entertainment committee arranged a party that was enjoyed by all.

The music was furnished by an orchestra led by Myron A. Pratt. There were many special dances, such as the 400, Fox-trot, Waltz, Lambeth Walk, Corrigan Hop, and the Virginia Reel. The Grand March was led by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham.

Richard John Nelson

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June, 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Moses Grant, Esq., Rev. Mr. Bronson, a missionary in India, and two of Mr. Bronson's pupils from his school in Assam spent a few hours with us and made some good remarks about the school.

12. Mr. Charles Sears, a farmer at Yarmouth, came to the Island for a boy and took James Holland to live with him.

14. This and the three previous days of the week have been mostly spent in sending away our surplus hay, about 33 tons, sold to Messrs. Belser, Pope and Walker.

16. Charles H. Tigh was sent home to his mother in Boston.

21. The steamboat made her third visit to the island for this season, with the boys' friends. Present Moses Grant, Geo. H. Kuhn, and Francis Bacon, Esqrs. of the Board of Managers. Admitted Henry H. Howe, Chas. Flynn, Wm. Flynn and John W. Duncan.

The New Building

Just as this issue of the BEACON is being printed workmen are busy digging the foundation for a new building. The succeeding issues will keep our readers informed of the progress being made in this great and important work. There is a great and indescribable thrill being realized by everyone at the School over this great accomplishment, and we know that the graduates and friends of F. T. S. will share our joy.

The primary purpose of this Colonial type, two story brick building, will be to provide comfortable, adequate dining room and kitchen facilities, and the first floor of the 60x80 structure will be so used. The second floor will provide dormitory accommodations for 26 pupils. The basement will house the refrigeration plant and provide rooms for storage.

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 88° on the twenty-first.

Minimum Temperature 52° on the eighteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 67°.

Six clear days, fourteen partly cloudy, and ten cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 30, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	77.93
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	\$1,294.60

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$492.20
Trading Co. Deposits	646.52
Cottage Row Deposits	2.99
Photo Company Deposits	55.76
Surplus	97.13
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	\$1294.60

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The writer recently heard a business man who is successful in a big way vividly and forcefully explain his achievement. It seems all so simple. There are only three rules to follow.

The speaker said that every individual or organization to be really successful must have:

- (1) Excellent goods
- (2) Superior service
- (3) "It" or heart or love of the work

He said that this third element, which he chose to call "The Third Commodity", was practically always the decisive factor between success and failure.

It is always helpful to pause and consider the reasons for success, to think of individuals who are successful and to find why they are forging ahead. We can point to a long string of successes and in each case of real success the individual loves the work he is doing and devotes himself whole-heartedly to it.

The writer has always "hammered away" at the slogan "*Give Service* and you will get jobs, get promotions, get increased salary, get recognition, get happiness."

To youth, as well as older folks, I would say, "Use every available source to find things you love to do and devote yourself to developing those interests. There will be small failures and many disappointments but there can be no real failure in the good things we love to do.

Topics in Brief

Graduation Exercises for the class of 1939 took place on June 7, at two P.M.

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A large number of parents and friends of the boys were here. The program in detail is printed on another page. The exercises were excellent in every way, and we were especially fortunate in having Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, D.D. as graduation speaker.

The Graduating Class had its Baccalaureate Service at Philips Congregational Church on June 4. Rev. R. Ernest Bayes preached on the essential qualities of manhood, and his message was of great interest and value. Special music was furnished by our brass quartet.

President Arthur Adams invited the Graduating Class on an excursion on June 5. The boys started for Benson's Animal Farm at Nashua, but finding Canobie Lake so attractive the group remained there for the duration of the trip. It was the intention of the group to lunch at this favorite New Hampshire resort, but the many attractions caused their visit to become prolonged. A very happy time was had by everyone. President Adams has for years provided this annual tour for the graduating classes, and it is an event which the boys look forward to with keen anticipation.

The game of softball has taken a strong hold on the boys' interest. This game, remarkable because of the retention of the skill and strategy of baseball, is played with no equipment excepting bat and ball. It is an excellent game to develop baseball skill, especially for the younger boys. The rules are practically the same as regulation baseball. There have been three or four games played each day on our two diamonds.

On June 6 the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was

held at the School. The group left the South Boston Yacht Club on our boat, the Pilgrim III, at two P.M. An inspection of the various departments was followed by a business meeting. Those present included:

Arthur Adams, President
 Augustus P. Loring, Jr., Treasurer
 Philip H. Theopold, Ass. Secretary
 Alfred C. Malm, Ass. Treasurer
 Henry Jackson, M.D.
 Gorham Brooks
 Philip S. Sears
 Charles Wiggins, 2nd
 Moses Williams, Jr.
 William Alcott
 William M. Meacham
 Merton P. Ellis
 Frederic Winthrop

The annual dance and reception to the graduating class was given on June 6. This year the Class of 1940 was host. A happy evening was passed, including various forms of entertainment

Following the close of the academic year on June 7 the summer vacations for the boys began. The boys are home for a period of one week to a month, depending entirely upon each boys' effort, conduct and achievement.

Alfred C. Malm, '00, a member of the Board of Managers, was a visitor at the School on Sunday, June 25.

Our boat "Ilybius" has been purchased by William F. Anderson, '25. It will be fitted out at Goodhue's Boat Yard, Braintree. This yard is owned and operated by John Goodhue, '21.

Our gardens are supplying us with plenty of greens, radishes, peas and strawberries. Haying is proceeding steadily. We harvest about 100 tons of this product annually.

The Band Trip to Wolfeboro

For the third successive year our Band enjoyed an excursion to Wolfeboro, N. H. to assist the American Legion Post of that town stage the celebration of our national birthday. Twenty-one boys made the trip this year. This included seventeen boys who are pupils at the school and four boys who completed their school work here last month. Rehearsals for the group were held on July 1 and on the morning of July 2. On Sunday afternoon July 2, the boys left for Wolfeboro in a bus of the Rawding Line.

The ride to Wolfeboro, which is about 110 miles from Boston, was very pleasant, the day being especially fine for a tour to the lake and mountain area of New Hampshire. The boys went by way of Portsmouth, Dover and Rochester. Upon arriving at Wolfeboro it took but a few minutes to prepare for the first concert, at 5:30. This was a brief concert, about a half hour in length, and opened the three day celebration.

Later in the evening the Wolfeboro band gave a program and our boys were part of the audience. Some members of our band sat in with the Wolfeboro group and played part of the concert.

On the following day the boys were the guests of Captain Leander Lavallee of the Steamer Mt. Washington, and enjoyed the regular tour of Lake Winnepesaukee. The "Mt. Washington" is the fastest side wheel steamer in the country today, averaging about 16 land miles per hour. The seventy mile cruise was greatly enjoyed, and the high spots of this trip were pointed out to the boys. Lake Winnepesaukee is the largest inland lake lying within any one state. Situated in the mountain region, it possesses unlimited beauty and charm. Thousands of visitors from all over the world journey to

New Hampshire for the wonderful scenery provided in this Winnepesaukee area.

Upon returning from the lake cruise late in the afternoon the boys gave another concert. This was attended by a large audience and the boys played some of their special pieces, much to the pleasure of the audience. In addition to the longer selections, several shorter popular numbers were given, including such favorites of the day as "Little Sir Echo", "God Bless America", and the "Beer Barrel Polka". This program lasted an hour and a half.

Following this concert the boys were the guests of Ansel Sanborn, who in addition to operating several theatres in this area, is also Speaker of the House in the New Hampshire Legislature. He had a fine program of motion pictures for the holiday which the boys enjoyed.

On the next day, which was the holiday, the Band led the parade. This parade was notable because of its excellence. Four musical organizations provided martial airs. Wolfeboro is one town which starts a parade at the announced time and this was done, even though a few tardy entries had to hurry to get into place. The parade took one hour, and our boys were generously applauded all along the route.

Another band which came from out-of-town was the McClure Student Band from Groton. This very excellent organization had just completed a two weeks trip to the Worlds' Fair. Our boys were interested to hear the concert this band gave and were pleased to hear the Vermont group perform "The Farm and Trades School Band March" as the opening number.

The final appearance of our group was from seven until eight o'clock during the evening. Brewster Academy, which

is located in Wolfeboro, has had several F.T.S. boys as former pupils, and as tribute to Brewster our band played some of the popular songs of that New Hampshire school. Many Brewster students were in the audience, particularly the members of the girls' glee club, and they sang while the boys played.

Following this last concert the Band gave a ten minute marching exhibition. The audience could not be estimated, but the town square was jammed with spectators who were most generous with applause. The boys went through their drill in expert fashion, and their blue and gold uniforms made a pretty picture as they snappily executed the maneuvers called for by the drum major, Ralph E. Pratt.

After this drill the boys packed their equipment so as to get an early start for Boston and Thompson's Island on the following morning. Then they visited the bandstand again to hear the McClure Band in some excellent performances of marches and concert pieces.

When darkness fell the Brewster Academy campus was crowded with holiday sightseers who had come to town for the fireworks display. The fireworks were very good, and several very spectacular pieces were surely of superlative quality.

Following breakfast the boys had a few minutes in which to bid adieu to their many Wolfeboro friends. The excursion was about the finest that our boys had enjoyed, and it was with deep regret that the return trip had to come. The four days certainly were outstanding and long to be remembered.

The Wolfeboro townfolk were especially kind and gracious to our boys, and the American Legion Post, which sponsored the trip, made certain that our boys were

well taken care of. We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation.

This account would not be complete without noting the fact that our bus broke down near Salem, N. H. and it was nearly ten hours before another bus arrived so that we could continue our homeward way. However, the grand trip the boys had overshadowed this unpleasant circumstance.

Honor Roll—Spring Term

Junior Class: Weston O. Page, 91.8; Eugene Proctor, 89.

Sophomore Class: Wesley Gustafson, 91.8; Murdock C. Moore, 91.8; Eugene Emerson, 86.

Freshman Class: Arthur W. Chase, 91.7; William J. Lawson, 91.7; Winthrop Davidson, 90; Charles A. Pecece, 90.

Eighth Grade: William J. Klaila, 93.4; Ralph E. Pratt, 92.8.

Seventh Grade: Aurthur L. Thibodeau, 90.2; Walter H. Johansson, 87.3.

Sixth Grade: Milton W. McNamara, 90.8; Malcolm C. Huston, 84.7.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term.

Junior Class: Warren M. Linnell, Weston O. Page, Myron A. Pratt, Eugene Proctor.

Sophomore Class: William J. Bevans, Howard M. Colpitts, Eugene S. Emerson, Wesley C. Gustafson, Murdock C. Moore.

Freshman Class: Winthrop Davidson, William N. Dodge, Charles A. Pecece.

Eighth Grade: Charles Gilbert, Jr., Roland Hallberg, William J. Klaila, Donald W. Lowery, Ralph E. Pratt, William L. Schlegel, David A. Wilson.

Seventh Grade: Ernest Burns, David Haeger, Walter Johansson.

Sixth Grade: Milton McNamara.

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Alumni Field Day

Alumni Day was observed on June 3, when a large gathering of graduates and their friends "took over" the Island for the day. Nearly 200 were present. The "Charlesbank" made several trips from City Point, the first being at ten A.M.

President Howard B. Ellis, '98, of the Alumni Association, gave the address of welcome. The School Band had escorted the guests from the wharf and President Ellis invited the boys to entertain with a few of their feature selections, which they did under the direction of our Bandmaster, Frank L. Warren.

Headmaster William M. Meacham spoke regarding plans for the future, particularly the building program which is being studied. Several drawings were shown of buildings which may possibly be erected in the not too distant future. This suggested plan for the improvement of F.T.S. naturally was of utmost importance to the alumni. Mr. Meacham spoke on other current topics regarding everyday life at the school, and his short address was of much interest to everyone.

An announcement was made by Pres. Ellis that Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom, for 20 years instructor of Sloyd, Forging and Mechanical Drawing, had been voted an honorary membership in the Alumni Association. Mr. Kihlstrom was given hearty and prolonged applause upon his introduction to the audience.

Other officers of the Association and guests were presented to the gathering and some spoke briefly. Everyone then proceeded to the playground for a marching exhibition by the Band. Many were the

words of commendation as the boys executed their well drilled maneuvers. Neat and trim, in their new uniforms of gold and blue, the band made a pretty picture as it performed its drill in snappy fashion.

Time for lunch had approached and the picnic packages were brought forth. Our North Lawn was dotted with groups, large and small, enjoying lunch and talking over old times. This luncheon hour was perhaps the happiest for those who like reminiscences of boyhood days.

In the afternoon there was the usual program of sports and games. The baseball game held its usual quota of devotees. It appears that the single men always win this time-honored contest, and such was the case this year, although the married men gave a good account of themselves.

Meanwhile the undergraduates were staging a field and track meet of the time honored picnic games. There were the sack race, three-legged race, crab race, foot races of various distances and other events. Cash prizes were awarded the winners.

The grand contest was the pie-eating race. Twenty boys knelt before twenty luscious, juicy blueberry pies. Without the use of hands the boys ate the pies. Prizes were given to the first boy finished, the boy with the dirtiest face, and the boy with the cleanest face. Roars of applause greeted the efforts of the contestants as the race progressed.

Ideal weather held forth during the day, the program was excellently prepared and an extremely happy reunion and field day resulted. The entertainment committee certainly did a fine job in planning the event.

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Group Present at Turning of First Sod

Our New Building

Sod was turned Thursday, July 13, 1939 at 2:30 P. M. for the second building in the group being planned. The first unit, the Adams House, was completed in 1937. Other construction is planned whenever funds are made available, and our century-and-a-quarter old boys' school will be completely modernized. The photograph reproduced above includes those present when President Arthur Adams, of the

Board of Managers, turned the first sod. They are, left to right, Merton P. Ellis, Headmaster William M. Meacham, President Arthur Adams, George S. Mumford, Jr., Mrs. John L. Batchelder, Alfred C. Malm, John L. Batchelder, Philip S. Sears, Vice-President Edward Wigglesworth, William Alcott, William Bailey and Walter H. Kilham. All are members of the Board of Managers excepting Mrs. Batchelder, Mr. Bailey, the

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An F. T. S. Adaption of the Athenian Oath

We will never bring disgrace to this school by being dishonest or cowardly, nor will we abuse our comrades who are in trouble.

We will fight for the ideals of the school singly and together. We will respect and obey the school laws and do our best to arouse a like respect in those about us who have let this respect die.

We will strive constantly to awaken the public sense of civic duty among the personnel of the school. In this way we will transmit to our followers a finer and greater school than that transmitted to us.

George F. Connors
Social Problems

If every pupil lived up to the Athenian oath, the discipline problems of the school life would disappear. Each pupil would try to uphold the ideals and sacred trusts of the school and keep them always before him as a goal. The laws of the school would be obeyed, and those who did not obey them would be taught to hold a respect for them. All classrooms, corridors, grounds and shops would be kept clean through a sense of civic duty. Every individual would attempt to leave the school in a better state than when he found it. Thus when all are citizens of our great country the following things would be indelibly imprinted on their minds: pride, cleanliness, loyalty, respect, obedience, honesty and cooperation.

Murdock C. Moore
Social Problems

Sports

At the school here most all of the boys are very athletic. At this time we are having baseball games. There are three club teams; every week two of these teams

play. I am on a team which is called the Indians.

We may have a Horseshoe tournament this year; however, a few accidents have delayed this occurrence.

Last week there was a bulletin on the board to organize the boys for a tennis tournament. I signed up and I am in the Junior tournament. There are two tournaments, the Senior tournament for the older boys and the Junior tournament for the younger boys.

Swimming is a very popular sport here, and we go nearly every day. We are now having Life Saving.

Donald W. Lowery

School Days

When vacation was over, we started back to school. I was very glad to go back to school.

The subjects that were offered to the the freshman class this year were as follows: French, Latin, English, sloyd, agriculture, algebra and ancient history.

The subjects I chose were French, English, sloyd, algebra and ancient history. I like algebra very much because it shows different and easier methods of solving difficult problems.

This year we had an election for class officers. I was fortunate to be elected class treasurer.

Kenneth M. Walley

Softball

I am on a softball team where I play third base. It is fun to play because I like action. There are two groups on each team, the first group consists of the larger boys who play with a hard ball. The second group consists of the other boys who play softball. The hard ball groups play every Saturday afternoon, while the softball teams play every Monday and Wednesday after supper.

William C. Bassett

Vacation Days

Vacation days are pleasant to the boys at the School. I myself was very happy on my vacation. I had a chance to think about something else besides school.

On my vacation I was invited to the Worlds Fair. I think that every boy should visit the Fair. It has a lot of interesting things about it. In my opinion the General Motors Exhibit was the best. There I saw the model cities of 1960.

To me, the Ford Exhibit was the next best place. There I was given a free ride in a Ford car. Also I saw the making of Ford parts.

There were many other wonderful things which were of great interest.

I also went to Radio City Music Hall. There I saw a movie which was very good.

Raymond L. Perry

Scout Notes

After graduation many boys belonging to the Scout Troop left. Therefore Mr. Albee, our scoutmaster reorganized the troop. He did this by bringing in some new boys, and making a new group of five patrols which have approximately six boys in each.

All the scouts are looking forward to camping which will begin soon.

Stanley C. Morton

Band Interests

The Band has a very good start towards the coming year, even though many of the better players have graduated. Losing these fine players does not worry us so much, for there are younger boys happy to join the Band. After a few rehearsals the Band will be playing very acceptably. Just now we have thirty-five members.

Alan K. MacLean

A Giant Visitor to the School

While carrying materials down to the old barn I noticed a large lighter coming towards our wharf. Correctly I surmised that it was transporting materials for our new building. I watched intently its every move. It came slowly to the wharf with the help of a tug. To my amazement the derrick on our wharf which I had always thought so large looked like a dwarf alongside the derrick on the lighter. A few moments later the fast workers on it had a truck swinging in midair about to be laid upon our wharf. Within four hours the lighter was emptied and half the materials had been trucked to the site of the new building. In my opinion the laborers worked quite fast to get this done in such a short time.

William J. Klaila

About Vacation

Vacation Days come once a year and everybody looks forward to them. Some boys were even fortunate enough to go to the World's Fair. The boys have received cards sent by other boys at the Fair. Each card received was better than its predecessor.

The boys who went to the Fair were not the only ones to have a good time. The boys who didn't go went to other places such as camps, beaches, and so forth, always making new friends.

William L. Schlegel

Using the Ring Buoy

There are twenty-five boys taking life saving lessons. One lesson was the proper use of the ring buoy. Our instructor let me be the victim for the lesson. The members took turns throwing the ring buoy to me. The water was about seven feet deep and very cold. After we finished the lesson we took a hot shower. The entire course for Red Cross certificates takes about an hour a day for four weeks.

Charles Gilbert, Jr.

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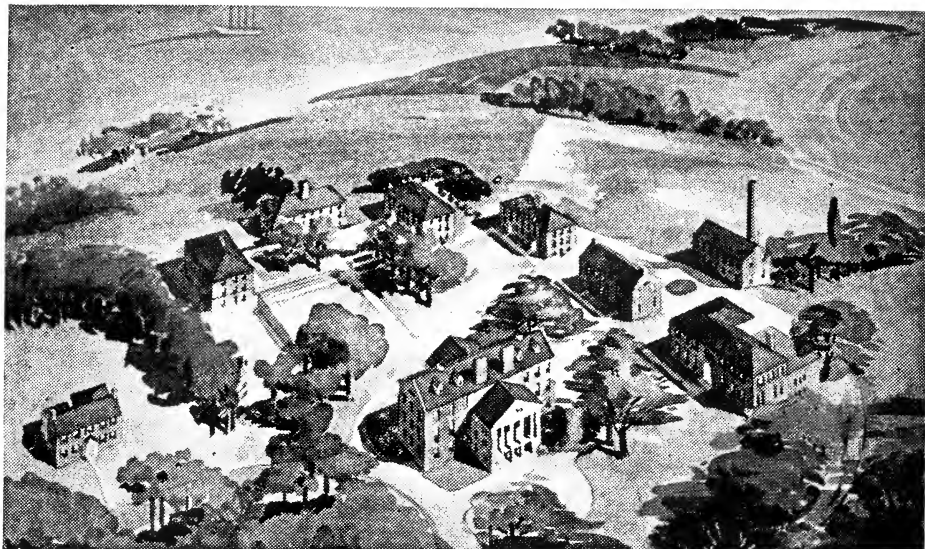
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One hundred twenty-five years devoted to the service of youth deserves recognition. We have a little notice in the Boston Transcript each week with that statement. Our large circle of friends know the work that is being accomplished here day after day and year after year. These thousands of people know that our boys are being developed to the age of manhood in such a way as to continue to be definite assets to their communities. There is little of the meaningless "fluff" that is so apt to "creep in" wherever there is praiseworthy effort. There is none of the expansive publicity which popularizes many well meaning institutions. True, the Boston papers are kindly toward our school---and rightly so---but there is none of the spectacular for publicity's sake.

Now we are starting the construction of a new building. This building plan has been carefully thought out step by step. We have worked over the plans several years. We are now confident that the two story, approximately 60 by 80-foot brick building is the type of building which most nearly accomplishes our purpose. This will provide a dining room and kitchen for our entire present enrollment and staff, and a dormitory for twenty-six boys. The rooms vacated in the main Bulfinch building will be utilized for the further necessary comforts of the boys.

We still need some financial help on this project. What better use could possibly be made of funds than to put the money to work where for a century and a quarter the youth of each generation have continued to be developed? There is no more positive, constructive, immortal work possible. Such work stands as a memorial to every individual who has given it a lifting hand.



Artist's Drawing of Present and Proposed New Buildings

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contractor, and Mr. Kilham, the architect.

The newest building is of colonial design in harmony with the architecture of the other buildings. It is to be a two story and basement brick, fireproof construction building approximately 60x80 feet in area. Its primary use will be to provide modern, comfortable dining room and kitchen facilities on the first floor. The second floor will be used for dormitory accommodations for 26 boys. This will remove the boys from the fourth floor dormitory of the main building and a few of the boys from the third floor. The basement will house the refrigeration plant and provide room for storage. The new building will be in line with Gardiner Hall and eighty feet from that building, just beyond the boys' flower gardens.

Building plans call for the making over of the present dining room into a

recreational room. The present kitchen, bakery and storage rooms are to be utilized for shower and locker rooms. Remodelling of these rooms, all located in the main building, will be undertaken as soon as the new building is ready for use.

The architect is Kilham, Hopkins and Greeley of Boston, and the contractor is William M. Bailey Co., also of Boston.

The photograph used on page 1 was taken by Clifton E. Albee; the one above by Leslie R. Jones. The Boston Evening Transcript used both pictures on July 14, and kindly loaned us the "cuts".

Topics in Brief

Our academic year commenced on July 11 and nearly all the boys were promoted. The teaching staff remains as it was, Principal and Mrs. George R. Ronka teaching the high school classes and Miss Kathleen Graham the upper grades. Mr. R. Carroll Jones continues as teacher of Agriculture.

The Crosby baseball series is well under way. Three teams are playing a championship series, and much interest is shown at the outcome of each game. The schedule ends on September 5, and the winning team will be awarded the Crosby silver shield as its championship emblem. The outstanding player in each position will be given a trophy.

The younger boys are playing a softball tournament. This popular sport is especially good for the younger players and the boys take much pleasure from the game. Three teams are playing a twelve game schedule.

Another very popular summer sport is tennis, and this game is played by nearly all the boys. Two tournaments, one for the older and one for the younger boys, are held each summer. The winner in each tournament has his name inscribed upon the Guy Lowell tennis cups.

The Band is being organized for the new school year. Our Bandmaster Mr. Frank L. Warren, has conducted weekly rehearsals since July 14. We lost some fine players at Graduation, but have the nucleus of a very good band. The Band now is composed of 35 members, and in September a beginners class will be organized so that the new boys may be given musical instruction and become prepared for a place in the band. The awards for the 1938-1939 band were won by Myron A. Pratt, outstanding musician, for which he won the Guy Lowell band cup; Myron A. Pratt for being the most successful teacher of a beginner, for which he won the Frank L. Warren prize and James J. Macdonald who won the Frank L. Warren prize as the outstanding pupil on a band instrument.

The Band has played for several events since the summer term began on July 11.

Part of the hedge which borders the north and east boundaries of the flower gardens has been removed to make way for the construction of the new building. The boys' gardens, however, have been disturbed but very little, and they are always of much interest to visitors at the school. Each pupil plans his garden as his interests dictates and the individual plots reflect the ability of the boys in this hobby. The Grew Garden prizes are awarded annually to those who achieve the best results.

Some of the boys have done fine work on Cottage Row Government, and the cottages show the result of the work. Some have been shingled, others have had repairs of a minor nature, but all the work has been done by the individual owners in each cottage. Many have been repainted. Cottage Row is decidedly the business of the boys, and faculty members do little but supervise. The individual results attained by the pupils most always are fine.

Graduation created several vacancies in our Scout Troop and eleven younger boys were selected to complete the roster. As a constructive, helpful hobby, Scouting has much to offer, and it is very popular with our boys. Bowditch Grove is utilized as a camping site and much time every summer is spent there. The troop numbers 32 members.

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 92° on the thirty-first.

Minimum Temperature 54° on the fourth.

Mean Temperature for the month 72°.

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

Calendar 90 Years Ago, July, 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. This being the national anniversary the boys were allowed a holiday and furnished with a good dinner and with oranges, figs, plumcake and lemonade.

19. Went to the city with the boys, eighty-three in number, in the Mayflower, visited the City Hall where they were addressed by his Honor the Mayor, J. L. Bigelow; thence to the Reading Room in Merchants Exchange, from there to Alderman Grant's, thence to the Common where they partook of some refreshment under a pavilion near the fountain. Here they were joined by their friends and remained some time, after which they sung, and one of the boys delivered an address "To the Fountain", a poem, written for the occasion by the Matron of the institution. We returned in the same steamer to Spectacle from which place we reached home in boats, the boys gratified and the Superintendent (who was unwell in the morning) exhausted.

20. The Superintendent was taken sick with typhoid fever which confined him to the house for about five weeks. Dr. Townsend visited Stephen L. Douglas, hired man, who was conveyed to the Hospital, having the same disease. Mary Ann McLaughlin left. Francis Wm. Potridge returned to his parents in Boston. Michael Saunders returned to his father in New York.

26. The mowers Morris & Newcomb left.

31. Mrs. Fader came as nurse for the Superintendent.

The Sunday Morning Quartet

Three other boys and myself after taking our refreshing bath Saturday night,

go to the band hall to practise for the awakening hymn which takes the place of reveille on Sunday morning.

We usually arrive at the band hall without our music. So one of us has to find Mr. Albee who is in charge of the music and get it from him.

When we finally get settled to the point of choosing a hymn everyone has his own opinion as to what should be played. After attempting to play each hymn, we make our decision and take the one that sounds best.

We awake at 6:45 the next morning and again go down and practise. No, the hymn we played last night doesn't sound right this morning. Many different selections come up for choice but only to end up with the one we started with.

Sometimes we are on time and start at the 7:00 gong of the clock, but many times we are a few minutes late.

James J. Macdonald

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 31, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	24.15
	<u>\$1,240.82</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$497.24
Trading Co. Deposits	610.36
Cottage Row Deposits	2.99
Photo Company Deposits	33.10
Surplus	97.13
	<u>\$1240.82</u>

As this issue goes to the press much has been accomplished on our new building. The foundation has been dug, trenches for the various drains dug, and work is well along on the cement forms. The building will be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

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We are printing in full the following interesting letter from FRANCIS D. MCAULIFFE '36.

Marine Band
Marine Barracks
Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Dear Mr. Meacham:

Just a few lines to let you know I am enjoying my life in the Marine Corps.

After finishing recruit training I entered band school and was stationed with the Post Band at Parris Is., S.C. I sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, last Feb. by order of transfer for duty here in Hawaii. The trip was most interesting; Cuba, Panama and several ports in Cal., including San Francisco, where I visited the World's Fair.

Hawaii is truly a very interesting place. The population is made up of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Hawaiian and Phillipino, such a variety gives anybody interested a real opportunity to learn something of these people.

Needless to say the scenery has an atmosphere all of its own. But just between you and I: give me New England.

We have a fine band here, and I have to work real hard to keep up the standard. The experience I got at the school was the deciding thing. And only now can I appreciate the time that was spent on me. The band broadcasts over station KGU every month, and greets the ships coming into Honolulu and of course guardmounts and parades all go to keeping us busy.

On the rifle range I made sharpshooter with the 45 calibre auto-pistol and expert with the 30 calibre rifle. My

reward for my work was a raise in pay of \$5.00, which I am very proud of.

I have no definite plans for the future; but if they should be out of the service, my experience in the Marine Corps will certainly follow me through life.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS MCAULIFFE '36

Pearl Harbor, T. H.

WILL FRANK DAVIS '79 has recently sent the School Library a copy of *Davis' Blue Book of Brookline, Wellesley, and Weston*. This is Mr. Davis' latest of many publications. The volume is well done and attractive. It is a valuable record and reference book. The School and Alumni can justly feel a sense of pride in the achievements of our fellow alumnus, WILL FRANK DAVIS.

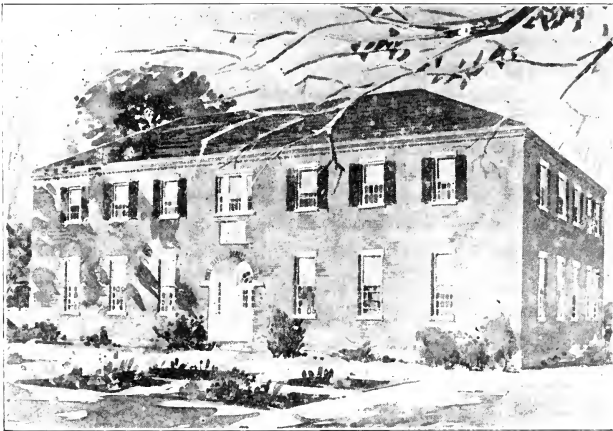
Our readers will be happy to know that Walter B. Foster, '78, is enjoying comparatively good health at his home in Hingham. Mr. Foster graduated from F.T.S. sixty-one years ago and during these years has been deeply concerned with everything at the School. In 1914 he was elected to the Board of Managers, which post he continues to hold.

He has been interested in the Masonic Lodge for years and last January 10 he was presented the Veteran's Medal of the Old Colony Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Several graduates were present at the ceremony. Norman F. Morse, '85, gave a program of F.T.S. pictures and Alfred Jacobs, '10, the Senior Deacon of the Lodge, assisted in the ceremony.

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Artist's Drawing of New Building

This picture is a copy of the artist's drawing of our new dining room and kitchen building, and is reproduced from a photograph taken by Leslie Jones, '06. A similar illustration appeared in many of the Boston papers on July 12. The first sod was turned on July 13. About five months will be needed for our construction purposes.

We have been some time studying our building problem and have reached the conclusion that this particular building is our most urgent need. The modernization of our 125 year old school calls for

three additional dormitory buildings, which we earnestly hope may be erected in the near future.

This dining room-kitchen building is 77 feet and 6 inches by 65 feet and 8 inches, exact dimensions. Thoroughly modern in every respect, it will provide dining room and kitchen facilities on the entire first floor, and this is the principal purpose of this building. The basement will be utilized for food storage, refrigeration plant and other kitchen storage needs. The second floor has dormitory accommodations for 26 boys.

The use of this colonial type structure will give us much needed room in the Bulfinch building. This building has been so crowded that the fourth floor loft has been used as a dormitory and in the future this particular dormitory will be used as a storeroom. The present dining room will be remodelled into a living room, and it is not difficult to realize the pleasant quarters this large room will provide for the boys' recreational interests.

The rooms now used by the kitchen departments will be utilized for locker space, shower facilities and other needs of the boys.

These changes will take time, and will necessitate the expenditure of a large sum. We may not be able immediately to accomplish all that we hope, but we shall progress as much as possible consistent with the funds which become available. With 125 years of a glorious past, our school looks forward to an even greater future.

Removing Hurricane Debris

During the past few days James E. McCarthy and I have been at work removing tree stumps left by the hurricane. These are located on the west side of the playground. Before we began work seven stumps had already been taken out. The hurricane badly damaged the row of trees, although some are left standing and we hope they will be all right.

Stumps which must be removed are dug out by picking, digging, chopping roots and then jacking the stump so that the tractor can hitch a chain and remove the stump.

All stumps are being put on the dumping grounds at South End.

William J. Klaita

Dairy Work

My work is taking care of four cows. They are milked three times every day, at 5:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M., and 7:30 P.M. Two of the cows I milk, Blossom and Blanche, are on Advanced Register Tests and the other two, Dianna and Beth are first class heifers. Blossom is the only cow I milk who has produced more than two calves. Animals on Advanced Register Tests are supervised by the American Guernsey Cattle Club, and must achieve certain minimum requirements as to milk and butter fat production.

Blossom is the largest cow in the herd. She is a very light, fawn colored cow and is friendly with all. As a result she is sometimes fed "between meals" by the boys, but not to an extent which causes trouble. She is just six years old.

Dora is going to have a calf very soon. She is one of the oldest cows in the barn, born in 1930 and has a very fine record.

The herd has been on pasture since May 30. The grass isn't very plentiful at present because of the drought. It will not be long before the herd is put in the barn permanently for the winter.

Now the cows are being fed silage, which is to them what ice cream is to most people. This is a fine milk-producing food. Grains and beet pulp make up the greater part of the cow's rations. The cows I milk are fed three times daily, before each milking period.

The milk production from my four cows averages about 60 quarts each day. I have been milking for one year now, the first six months animals that are milked twice a day and the last six months those that are milked three times daily.

Charles A. Pece

Printing Office Notes

Among the many activities of the printing office is the printing of various small jobs for the School. When work is needed the school office sends an order envelope to the printing office stating the printing job needed, quantity, paper and other details. If the job is a re-order a copy of the original order is sent. From this "copy" the job is set in type. Then it is proofed, imposed on the stone, and locked in a chase for the press.

When the job is placed in the press it is made ready. This makes every type character print firmly and evenly. A final proof is scrutinized and the work of printing follows.

It takes about an hour to print a thousand copies of an average job. We have some printing orders for a few copies, and some for large quantities. 10,000 copies is as many as we have had lately.

The jobs now being done include the current issue of the Beacon, wrappers for the Beacon, daily assignment charts for schoolroom use, and the preliminary work on the 1940 Bulletin. **Murdock C. Moore**

A Lathe Project

One of the most interesting models that is made as a part of our Sloyd course is the mallet. It is a project which requires the use of the lathe. The head is made of maple and the handle of hickory. The first tool used on this, as on most lathe projects, is the roughing gouge. This tool is used, as its name implies, to take off the rough corners and round the work. The next tool used is the skew chisel. It is shaped like a chip-carving tool, but it is larger in size. This implement smooths off the roughness left by the roughing gouge. Beads, and all sorts of knobs, are made on the lathe by skew chisels. Another tool used in wood turning is the cutting off tool. This is used to divide the

work into sections. After these tools have been used properly the mallet takes shape. While on the lathe the last operation is done. This is the sandpapering of the work, thus making it ready for the finish. Shellac and then varnish is applied, both to give the model a good appearance and to protect the wood. The model is lastly rubbed with pumice, to give the mallet the final smooth finish. **Axel R. Hallberg**

Poultry

On our poultry farm we have about 1300 hens. Some are left over from last year's flock, but many were hatched last spring. The old birds are not laying many eggs just now, and the pullets are just beginning to lay. We use the best quality grain. This summer the poultry house has supplied to date 425 broilers for use on our table, and there are more to be dressed off. The birds' average weight is four pounds. **Carleton D. Reardon**

The following boys came to the school on September 5.

Lewis F. Bearse, Belmont
 Francis H. Daniel, Saugus
 Robert P. Donnelly, Barre
 Clifton M. Dunn, Dorchester
 Robert W. Duquet, South Braintree
 Roland E. Fischer, Boston
 Gerard W. Harrington, Dorchester
 Joseph F. Harrington, Dorchester
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 William J. Mara, Jr., Melrose
 Alfred A. McFarland, Allston
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 James Patterson, Medford
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 Henry J. Porter, Hingham
 Mark C. Risser, Marlboro
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The new building is the big item of news and thought at the School. This is the second biggest unit constructed by this School in its one hundred twenty-five years of operation. The only bigger unit was the construction of the main building in 1832-33.

It is planned that this new building will provide rooms for 26 boys and two instructors, and dining room and kitchen accommodations for the school. The first sod was turned by President Arthur Adams July 13, 1939. The corner stone will be laid September 14th. The building should be ready for occupancy in December.

As a matter of record for future reference it might be noted that some City of Boston items of interest are: the high tax rate, the good work of the youthful Mayor Maurice J. Tobin, the sixty thousand Veterans of Foreign Wars convening in Boston, and the struggle of the Red Sox to win the pennant. The State items of wide interest are the political and financial situations with our Governor Leverett Saltonstall, the first Republican Governor since 1931, leading the first biennial session of legislature in Massachusetts to a rather satisfactory close. In National politics we are beginning to think about the 1940 election. Possible Presidential candidates include Governor Saltonstall, U. S. Senator Lodge, several New England Governors, and New York City's Dewey who comes from New England heritage. The World's Fair in New York attracts much attention and to a lesser extent in this section, the San Francisco World's Fair.

In World affairs Adolph Hitler, the Dictator of Germany, is causing a tense situation by his demands on Danzig and Poland. We are receiving radio communications almost every hour direct from London, Paris, Berlin, Warsaw,

Rome and other European centers describing the situation and progress of negotiations for peace. It is the most world-wide war menace since the World War of 1914-18.

Topics in Brief

The work on our new building has progressed rapidly. The brickwork has been started and the first floor is almost laid. The contractor states that the building will be ready in December. We observe the day to day building operations with keen interest.

The baseball season ended on September 2nd. The Eagles, captained by Robert MacWha, won the silver shield awarded each year by Manager S. V. R. Crosby to the championship nine. The series provided much interest during the nine weeks of its continuance. Baseball has been played all summer by nearly all of the boys, and many have developed into fine players.

Whereas the older boys have been busy with baseball, the younger lads have had a twelve game schedule of softball matches. James McCarthy's team won the championship in this sport. This is the first season we have played a schedule in this game. Softball is similar to baseball, and has grown in popularity by leaps and bounds, particularly in summer camp programs.

The tennis tournaments proved to be more popular than ever this season. The Guy Lowell cup for the juniors was won by Roger E. Hardy while Charles A. Pecce won the Senior cup. Our tennis court is in constant use, such is the popularity of this sport. Many faculty members enjoy the game.

Swimming and other water sports, recreational and instructional, have been given their share of attention. The comprehensive course by the American Red Cross in Life Saving and Water Safety was studied, and twenty boys successfully passed the rather strict examinations. These twenty boys are privileged to wear the regulation Life Saving emblem and their excellent training greatly assists in our efforts to provide complete safety to our boys while they are enjoying water sports.

Our boat has been very busy during the month transporting materials to be used in the construction of our new building. Most of the building supplies are being carried by our boat, two or three trips being made each day to Commercial Point, Dorchester, where the material is loaded. 180,000 bricks will be used in the building, all of which are being transported by the Pilgrim III.

Our Scout Troop had an impressive investiture ceremony on August 17, at which time nine new boys joined the troop as of Tenderfoot Rank. Two others were transferred from their home troop. The troop is now composed of thirty members. Summer activities include many nights of "camping out", an experience greatly enjoyed by the scouts. The boy leaders of the troop are George F. Connors, Albert E. Wilder, Wesley C. Gustafson, William B. Pratt, Richard J. Nelson, Axel R. Hallberg and Ernest Burns.

In addition to the boys' flower gardens several other beds about the buildings are especially attractive. Marigolds, balsams, zinnias, hollyhocks, Chinese pinks, petunias and many other flowers make up several garden plots. Flower gardening

is popular with the boys and instructors alike, and the beauty of the gardens is always noted by summer visitors.

A new ensilage cutter has been purchased and is now installed and in use on our farm.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, August, 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

5. Dr. Durkee came down with Dr. Townsend. The teacher officiated to-day.

15. Dr. Townsend made his last visit, having been to the island nearly every day since the 27th ultimo. Chas. H. Mann sent to the Hospital, having an abscess on his side.

26. Rev. Chas. Cleaveland officiated. Received a visit from J. C. M. Long, a former pupil.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, August 31, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	32.92
	<u>\$1,249.59</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$499.09
Trading Co. Deposits	610.36
Cottage Row Deposits	3.24
Photo Company Deposits	39.77
Surplus	97.13
	<u>\$1249.59</u>

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 90° on the thirteenth.

Minimum Temperature 58° on the sixth.

Mean Temperature for the month 71°.

Seven clear days, fifteen partly cloudy, and nine cloudy.

Teaching a Calf to Drink

Great patience is needed if one wishes to teach a calf to drink. First approach the calf quietly, and put its head between your legs. Then, from a pail of milk, cup your hands and give the calf some. Possibly the calf may have to be fed two or three times this way. Then the calf will begin to put its head in the bucket, and will begin getting the milk all over its face. However, in a few days the average calf will need no help, because three or four days are all that are required to teach a calf to drink.

Ralph E. Pratt

About This Year's Crop

The farm delivered 100 bushels of peas and 137 bushels of beans to the kitchen. Some of the beans were canned for winter use. What was not canned was used on our table. The sweet corn crop was not as large as we would have liked, only 20 bushels arriving at the kitchen. The dry weather slowed up the crops very much. Otherwise we had no great trouble.

The dry weather made good haying, and about 90 tons was stored in our barn. This will be just about enough to last the winter. The silage corn and potato crops are not expected to yield as well as in the past few seasons, because the long dry summer will have some effect.

The tomato crop is excellent, and we are using as many as possible on the table and canning a plentiful supply for winter.

John J. McGraw

The summer term ended on September 1. A week of vacation followed during which a number of boys went home for vacation. Football drills took place, and the school team, which has a full schedule this year, was organized.

Boiler Tubes

There are two kinds of boiler tubes named Water and Fire tubes. They do most of the work in producing the steam used in the many industries of today.

Fire tubes are used in the boiler in our school plant so it is of this kind that I am writing.

These fire tubes are hollow pipes which run through a body of water which extends the length of the boiler. Inside these tubes go the heat and smoke from the fire. Thus the water in the boiler is heated and steam results.

In the process of use a layer of soot forms on the inside of these tubes which is necessary to remove every few days. This is done with the help of steam blown through the tubes, and a good brush. If the tubes were not kept clean it would be necessary to use more and more fuel to keep up the steam pressure.

William J. Lawson

My Bug

On Graduation day, I was presented with an airplane model of a Taylor Cub. When I was building it I found it was incomplete. I managed to build it with what I had and a little that was given me. I now call it the "Bug" because it is so small and flies and lands so well.

David A. Wilson

Sunday Song Services

During the summer term Mr. Meacham conducts a Sunday evening song service each week. We usually begin about 7:30, and the service ends around 8:15. We are first asked for favorite hymns and from around thirty requests Mr. Meacham chooses several hymns which we sing. After singing some of the hymns we are read a passage from the Bible and we have a prayer. Then the service is closed by two or three more hymns.

Walter W. Smith

The Jester's Comments

—Undergraduates never change, and children remain children, according to a noted professor in a recently published article. The professor would be interested to observe our boys making the nicest tunnels, houses, forts, et cetera, from the sand piled up for use on our new building. Inasmuch as this novel practice is so much enjoyed, particularly by the high school boys, perchance the shop crews might build a few sand boxes for our ball field. Davie Wilson, Ralph "Bud" Pratt, Wes Gustafson, Gerry Connor and others too numerous to mention enjoy this pleasant pastime.

—It has been observed that the members of the Junior Class are not receiving the mail they believe they should. Every mail finds hopeful Juniors become greatly saddened. Cheer up, Juniors, absence makes the heart grow fonder for somebody else.

—The radio engineers, Al Wilder and Mal Huston have not given up trying to get WNAC for Dave Moseley. Dave's set is a little erratic.

—Bill Bevans and Johnny Dunn visited last Saturday and had choice news for all. Bill has decided on another school, after rejecting the dozen or so he talked about last year. Johnny is master-minding the local laundry in Hingham.

—Dave Haeger is the Chinese Checker champ. He plays Miami style.

—Seen about the school: "Jocko" Burns' diving; Bob MacWha's anxiety over his school marks; Axel Hallberg's chest comments; Dick Martin trying to argue with George Connors; Bob Ryerson's black eye, (the door is all right); Lin Meacham's swan boat; Thibodeau, the G-Man; Murdock Moore's appetite and Dick Martin's tales of the Sadie Kelly estate.

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Silas Snow, '94, of Williamsburg, not only prominent in the life of that town, but of all Hampshire County, is serving another term as selectman. Upon graduating from this school Mr. Snow went to work for Dwight Clary. Later he worked in New York as a private secretary. When Miss Francis Ward Clary graduated from Smith College she became Mrs. Silas Snow and the couple have made the Clary farm their permanent home since 1908. Mrs. Snow was recently chosen by a magazine to demonstrate the art of New England cookery with two hundred food experts as connoisseurs.

CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21 is fast becoming recognized as a leader in the field of music criticism. He has a column nearly every day in the Boston Globe, in which he reviews performances of outstanding orchestras and concerts given by individual artists. He gives very many lectures on music appreciation, and is also associated with the Massachusetts University Extension in this work.

Norman Ernest Keith and Charles Gilman Keith arrived Saturday evening August 19, at the Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro, N. H. Their mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Keith are receiving numerous congratulations. The twins have a brother and two sisters.

Mr. Keith, who graduated from F.T.S. in 1924 has been for some time in charge of the buildings and grounds of Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro. Both he and Mrs. Keith are Brewster graduates.

Charles F. Averill, '37 and Eugene Proctor, '38 have been employed this summer on the staff of Sandy Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. This camp is operated by the Y. M. C. A. Averill, through his knowledge of boats acquired here was able to secure a pilot's license for New Hampshire waters and did the camp's boating upon occasion. Proctor made himself generally useful in a variety of ways. The fine work of these two young graduates has prompted many excellent reports, all of which please us very much.

EDWIN E. ANDREW, '35 is employed at the Champion Lamp Company of Lynn. On a recent visit to the school he spoke of the interesting processes through which an electric light bulb passes in its manufacture. Mr. Andrew lives in Cliftondale.

CHESTER P. LINDGREN, '28, we are happy to report has fully recovered from an appendix operation. His address is 87 Richmond Street, Dorchester Lower Mills, Mass.

JOHN DUNN, '39 has been employed this summer at a laundry in Hingham. He helped in our laundry, and the change to a commercial establishment was not difficult, as he was acquainted with the care and operation of various machines used in the modern steam laundry.

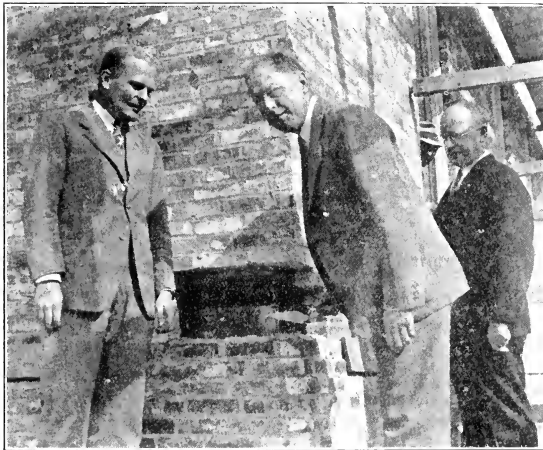
LEANDER E. DOREY, '23, is now at VMB-1, Quantico, Virginia, having been transferred from Bourne Field, V. I.



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Moses Williams, Jr., at left, and Merton P. Ellis, at right assisting our President, Arthur Adams, at corner stone ceremony.

Laying the Corner Stone

President Arthur Adams, assisted by two other members of the Board of Managers, Moses Williams, Jr. and Merton P. Ellis, laid the corner stone for our new dormitory on September 21.

It is fitting that this building is being erected during this year, for 1939 marks the 125th anniversary of our School. The corner stone ceremony was impressive without being strictly formal, and was attended by Board members, Alumni, other

guests, faculty, and student body.

The exercises were conducted by Headmaster William M. Meacham, assisted by his daughter, Joyce Easter. The latter was custodian of a copper box into which was placed signatures, personal messages, school papers, articles which it is hoped will be of interest a century or so hence, and newspapers.

When the box had been filled it was given to President Adams, who placed it in the opening and placed mortar about

it. Then Mr. Williams and Mr. Ellis, both building committee members, assisted Mr. Adams and placed the corner stone in position. It was then cemented into position where it is expected it will remain until 2039 or thereabouts. Other members of the Board, who observed the ceremonies with great interest included Alfred C. Malm, S. V. R. Crosby, John L. Batchelder, Phillip S. Sears, and William Alcott.

Several members of the Alumni Association proudly observed the corner stone laying. They were headed by their president, Howard B. Ellis.

The School Band greeted the visitors at the wharf and escorted the group to the building site. The boys played several compositions as a part of the program.

One of the extremely interested visitors was Mrs. Richard M. Saltonstall, mother of our Manager, Gov. Leverett Saltonstall. Executive duties kept Mr. Saltonstall from attending. Following the cornerstone program Mrs. Saltonstall inspected the school, being escorted about the buildings by President Arthur Adams. She greatly enjoyed her visit.

A Day's Work on the Boat

The boat crews have been busy with work connected with our new building. Every morning, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, the boat goes to the Public Landing to get the workmen. Usually there are from 35 to 40 men, and they arrive at our school at about 7:30. Our barge is then towed to Commercial Point in Dorchester. Five of the men employed on the building project load the barge. About fifteen tons can be towed on a calm day. The trip to Commercial Point takes about a half hour and the return trips somewhat longer. The workmen require an hour and a half to load the barge. We

usually make two trips each day to Commercial Point. The final daily trip is nearly always made at 4:45 P. M., when the workmen return to City Point.

Robert W. MacWha

A Sloyd Model

One of the last models in our Sloyd course, which consists of 22 projects, we make is a pair of book ends. Usually gumwood is used for the book ends. This is not a difficult model if care is taken in the work.

It formerly was necessary to make but a single book end for the purpose of the course, but the boys often made two, and now a pair is required. The base is made of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock while the upright piece is made of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wood. The two pieces are joined with a half blind dove-tail joint. This is done because it is not desirable to have the joints show on the front of the book ends. The upright usually has a design consisting of one or more initials or a picture of some sort carved into it.

The design is first traced onto the wood. The veining tool is then used to take out the background of the design to a depth of one-sixteenth of an inch. After the background has been leveled with a tool known as the flat gouge it is stamped with a carver's punch to make contrast with the design which is smooth.

At this point the model is thoroughly sandpapered and given an application of linseed oil. This oil darkens the wood somewhat, and brings out the beauty of the grain. Finally it is shellacked and rubbed with pumice to make it smooth and give it a good finish.

Axel R. Hallberg

The Headmaster's List

Nineteen students from high school classes have been chosen as members of the Headmaster's List. These boys have earned this honor by excellent conduct and effort over a period of many months. By being selected each of the boys realizes that his school life must be of a high caliber, and that the other pupils will expect an excellent example to be set by each of those on the Headmaster's List.

There is no time limit as to membership on the Headmaster's List. One or two will fall by the wayside, and the opportunity will be lost. The great majority, however, will remain on the list as long as they are students here.

The boys on the Headmaster's List are put on their own, so to speak, and they accept more and more responsibilities. They have little of the day by day detail.

For the most part they govern their own school life, doing pretty nearly as they please, and their training is such that they should, and do, please to do that which is right.

Those who have been selected for the Headmaster's List for this time are:

Juniors

George F. Connors
Wesley C. Gustafson
Harold K. Malmgren
Richard A. Martin
Murdock C. Moore
William B. Pratt
Albert E. Wilder

Sophomores

Douglas M. Bashaw
Donald G. Brown
John F. Close
William N. Dodge
Axel R. Hallberg
William J. Lawson

Charles A. Pece
Robert G. Ryerson

Freshmen

Roland Hallberg
William J. Klaila
Ralph E. Pratt
David A. Wilson

Printing Office Work

About a month ago I was assigned regular work in the Printing Office. This is very interesting, and I like it very much. We print the Beacon every month, and all the type is set by hand. The Beacon, and the other jobs which we do, gives the five printing office boys plenty of experience in setting type.

Besides setting type I have done some work on the presses. Today I finished a job of 10,000 memorandum slips for the office. The last jobs we have done were postcards about the football game, stickers for packages, envelope corners and notices for the Vermont Association of Boston.

We are ready to begin the presswork on the 1940 School Bulletin.

Roland Hallberg

Notes

Rev. Lloyd Perrigo, a graduate student at Gordon College, has returned to take charge of the religious work at the school. Mr. Perrigo speaks interestingly of his Maine pastorate this past summer, and of his hopes for a happy winter with us. His sincerity of purpose, splendid Christian training and ability as a Christian leader assures us of an inspiring, profitable leadership for our religious work this winter. Welcome back, Mr. Perrigo.

The football team plays two more home games. On October 21 the boys play Hanover, while on November 4 F. T. S. meets the Weymouth 2nds.

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Someone said, "You are getting old if you are satisfied." That person probably meant that if people had been satisfied with tallow candles or the kerosene lamp we would not have electric lights. If we had been satisfied with the horse and buggy we would not have railroads nor automobiles.

Obviously this does not mean that we should become so dissatisfied as to throw away nor abandon the best we have, whether it be a tallow candle, a kerosene lamp or a two wheel cart. The saying apparently does mean we should constantly try to improve upon present facilities and present methods.

Whatever unsatisfactory conditions prevail should be improved by careful thought and constructive action. Europe is passing through a period of extreme dissatisfaction. It is terribly unfortunate that this dissatisfaction and unrest is taking such a destructive turn. There is no good in war. It is too bad that men of ability, judgement and Christ-like principles cannot always be leaders of peoples.

The greatest stimulus to life seems to be in having work to do, objectives in life, unfinished business to do, an unattained goal, an achievement to make.

Our school is celebrating its fifth quarter century of service to youth this year and yet it is not an aged school. It has had a long and honorable history but its work has hardly begun. We are confident that this, our school, has a long beneficial life ahead to render for the community and its youth.

We have just laid the corner stone for

a new building, a dormitory-dining room-kitchen. This marks the beginning, we hope and expect, of an era of service to youth even greater than that of the first century and a quarter years of this great service.

Topics in Brief

Our new dormitory is fast nearing completion. Thirty to forty men are employed on the project each day, and rapid gains have been made in the construction work. Our readers are probably aware that this new dormitory is the largest building on the Island to be constructed since the Bulfinch building was erected in 1833. We have all been greatly interested to note the day by day work on the new building, and many of the boys spend considerable time at the site. As we go to press the walls have been completed, the roof nearly finished, the first floor laid and most of the second. The next two months will be devoted almost entirely to inside work, so that inclement weather will not retard the progress to any great extent.

The fall season and the game of football go hand in hand with boys, and this month saw the beginning of our football season. The school team has a six game schedule, three of the contests being played at the School. The Crosby series got under way on September 23. The School team squad numbers 22 and three other teams play for the Crosby championship. The other boys, who are the youngest, have a modified six-man game and three teams are in this league. Our enrollment is 95 students, and more than 80 are active members on a football team.

Labor day was observed by the boys in many various ways. Some chose to

play baseball or football. Many played tennis, and the tournament matches were concluded on this day. The boys in the band used part of the day for practise. Our sloyd room was busy from morn until evening, and a number of the boys were busily engaged in numerous Sloyd projects. Most of these articles will be used as Christmas gifts from the boys to their parents and friends.

There have been three Assembly programs held this month. At one of these programs the Juniors demonstrated some of the experiments which they undertake in the physics laboratory. The science of the material world was shown in several experiments, all of which were ably performed. The Sophomore class gave a question and answer period in English History. These weekly gatherings are presided over by the Headmaster, and announcements for the coming week are made. There is singing, instrumental music by the band, and a demonstration by one of the six classes at each Assembly.

We have had a quantity of farm products on our table during the summer. Our melon crop was quite good, and we had a plentiful supply. Nearly 2,000 pounds of chicken was served in our dining room. We have every reason to be satisfied with our farm crops this year, even though the weather was not ideal for plant growth.

The junior horseshoe tournament has been won by James F. St. Coeur. Thirty of the younger boys took part in this grand sport. The older boys have not completed their matches as yet. Horseshoe pitching is one of our most pleasant summer diversions.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, September, 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. The pleasure boat "Taglionia" of Charlestown was capsized and towed to this island, all hands, ten in number, saved.

4. Messrs. Grant, Kuhn, Bowditch and Bird with the friends of the boys visited the school in the steamboat.

20. Stephen P. Douglas having recovered his health returned to work and John Crowley who had been employed in his absence left.

21. The Superintendent and his children left on a visit to New Hampshire.

22. Moses Grant, Esq., and son visited the school and the former addressed the boys.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, September 30, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	73.31
	<u>\$1289.98</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$561.22
Trading Co. Deposits	611.69
Cottage Row Deposits	3.24
Photo Company Deposits	37.70
Surplus	76.13
	<u>\$1289.98</u>

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 96° on the sixteenth.

Minimum Temperature 45° on the twenty-seventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 65°.

Ten clear days, eight partly cloudy, and twelve cloudy.

Awarding Grew Garden Prizes

The Grew Garden prizes were awarded on Friends' Day, Sept. 28. This

is the 51st year the prizes have been given.

They were first given by Manager Henry S. Grew and following his death they have been continued by his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby.

Those who won the prizes, and the order in which they were won, the first name being that of the pupil who received first prize were:

James J. Macdonald
Harold K. Malmgren
William N. Dodge
George W. Harris
George J. Zevitas
William J. Klaila
James E. McCarthy
Wellman E. Bonsey
Douglas M. Bashaw
David G. Haeger

Honorable Mention

David A. Wilson
Donald G. Brown
John H. Bonsey
William L. Schlegel
Arthur B. Stilphen

School Chapel Service

On Wednesday of each week the classes hold an assembly in Chapel. Our Principal, Mr. Ronka, is in charge of the program. He speaks on some subject that usually has to do with the problems of youth. Then follows a reading from the Bible. A prayer follows this, in which everyone joins. Announcements as to schoolroom work are made and discussed as necessary.

The program, which takes a quarter of an hour, is concluded with the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

As the school year progresses many of the boys will take part in this Chapel service. This will give the boys good practice in speaking before a group.

Murdock C. Moore

Honor Roll—Summer Term

Junior Class: Wesley C. Gustafson, 91.2; Murdock C. Moore, 87.2.

Sophomore Class: Winthrop Davidson, 93.4; Arthur W. Chase, 92.8.

Freshman Class: William J. Klaila, 92.8; Donald W. Lowery, 88.2.

Eighth Grade: James F. St. Coeur, 92.5; G. Wallace Hardy, 91.8.

Seventh Grade: Malcolm C. Huston, 85.7; Walter W. Smith, 84.5.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term.

Junior Class: Wesley C. Gustafson.

Sophomore Class: Warren Danner, William N. Dodge.

Freshman Class: Charles Gilbert, Jr., William J. Klaila, Donald Lowery, James McCarthy, William Schlegel.

Eighth Grade: Wallace O. Folkins, G. Wallace Hardy, Walter H. Johansson, James F. St. Coeur, Arthur L. Thibodeau.

Seventh Grade: Walter W. Smith.

Camping Out

During the summer months the boys in the scout troop spent many nights camping. We use Bowditch Grove as our camping site and each patrol of six scouts has its own area. The hurricane blew down many trees, so that there was an abundance of wood for campfires.

Most of the scouts went to the wharf to fish sometime during the day and we had plenty of mackerel to cook at the camp. The fish tasted very good.

Usually we went swimming, as there is a good beach by the camp. Sometimes the patrols would have "sings" and all the favorite songs would be sung. Each patrol arranged a program of different songs.

Revielle sounded at 6:15, and we were at the Main Building in time for breakfast at 7:00.

Richard J. Nelson

The Jester's Comments

—One of the Managers who attended the recent corner stone laying ceremony at the School very carefully composed a letter to put into the copper box to be opened perhaps a hundred years hence. This Manager also had in his pocket when he arrived at Thompson's Island, his wife's tax bill in an envelope similar in size to his letter. When the copper box was passed our Manager completed his duty in this event by placing his epistle in the box—he thought. Upon arrival home he dutifully handed the Mrs. her tax bill, so he thought, but to his utter astonishment discovered that the letter he had brought home was his own message to posterity. Anyway our successor in some future generation upon opening the box will have a glimpse of American tax problems of 1939. In the meantime our kindly and jovial Board member is the cause of many chuckles by his friends.

—Our younger boys, led by Generals Darwin Baird and Clifton Dunn, have been waging a war for the past month. Since the arrival of the new boys on September 5 there has been a succession of battles held on any area which boasted a mound or a cave. It cannot be proven that the carpenters at work on the new building deliberately use their machine saws for manufacturing machine guns; nevertheless a dozen or more of the smaller boys have acquired personal models. Although a bit startling at first, we have become accustomed to having our walks interrupted by the sound of rapid machine gun fire. There is a trick to making this sound. First the tongue must be twisted out of shape and a coughing, guttural noise emitted with lips nearly closed. At any rate, we have all been mortally wounded a dozen or so times every day, but still the battle wages. Aggressor nations beware.

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CLARENCE COLBURN, '21, is managing a farm at Alton, N. H. He took his present position in 1925, following his training at the University of New Hampshire. He is married and has several children. On the band trips to Wolfeboro Mr. Colburn visits with the band and inquires about his friends here.

CLAIRE R. EMERY, '16, our graduate of radio fame, is a leading announcer and master of ceremonies with the Mutual Broadcasting System. He is heard often over the master station of that network, WOR, at Newark, N. J., and most of his programs are broadcast over a coast to coast network. Mr. Emery was an early pioneer in radio, having commenced his work with the old Medford Hillside station WGI, then with WEEL. From here he advanced to the Yankee Network and finally to his coast to coast work. He still retains that personality which led him to fame under his first and very popular program, the "Big Brother Club."

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, is doing private studying reviewing in preparation for taking college work very shortly. He plans to earn his collegiate honors by night work, which is entirely possible. We learned of this ambitious and very creditable effort through connection with his tutor, Mr. James P. Farnsworth of the Mechanics Arts High School faculty.

ARTHUR H. PICKARD '34, has entered the freshman class at Tufts College. He graduated from Montpelier Seminary in 1936 and has since that time assisted at the school as a supervisor and printing

instructor. We know he will lead an active and very profitable college life.

WILLIAM S. WILSON, '34, has been employed by a Boston Wool Co. for some time, where he is making good progress. He is making a thorough study of the business, and eventually will merit a fine position. He lives in Wellesley.

ELVIN C. BEAN, '36, has been employed for the past three years at a Melrose bakery. He is one of our most faithful followers of the football team, and seldom misses a game.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, JR., '37, has returned to Montpelier Seminary for an additional year of work before entering Middlebury College next year. He graduated from Montpelier Seminary last June, and spent much of his summer vacation at F. T. S.

EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, has commenced his studies at Thayer Academy, at Braintree. He is living at the home of John A. Bailey, '36. At a recent visit Proctor was very enthused over the possibilities his new school has opened, and undoubtedly he will make the most of his advantages.

MYRON A. PRATT, '38, who completed the post-graduate Junior high school work here last June, has begun his Senior work at Braintree High School. He leads a very busy life, and besides taking the prescribed course for college entrance, he is taking advantage of the music course at Braintree to study Harmony and other music subjects.



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Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is one of our major party occasions, and this year it seemed as though the entire program was more successful than ever before. Hallowe'en is a time for fun, frolic, and costumes, and everyone quickly caught the party spirit.

The party began at six o'clock with a Hallowe'en supper in the Gymnasium. The menu consisted of several kinds of sandwiches, cider, apples, pie, doughnuts, pickles and cheese. After supper the hall became a scene of gaiety as the Hallowe'en games and stunts began. Everyone had a strip of tickets entitling him to an admission to each feature. The time-honored "Ducking for Apples" was, as usual, one of the most popular stunts. Then there were other events, all designed to provide fun for all. The "Professor I. Q." laboratory was the place of continual surprises. This booth, presided over by three faculty members, had many odd, unusual and decidedly surprising Hallowe'en stunts. The "Games and Stunts" program in the Gym had to be stopped after an hour and a half duration, because the big part of the evening was yet to come.

An intermission followed so that fifty-four boys could be given time to change into costume for the gala parade and entertainment that was to follow. This began at 8:30, in the Assembly Hall. Page after page could be written in describing the various costumes and sketches which were given during this program. It was a costume parade, and each boy in costume, or group in costume, did a novelty stunt on the stage. We cannot describe all the costumes in detail, as that would take columns of type. The opening number was Joyce Meacham in a ballet, and she certainly made a pretty picture doing her dance. The final number was by William Mara, Jr., who gave a rube monologue, in a very creditable manner. Between these opening and closing numbers were a host of clever and splendidly presented costumed features. Who will ever forget "Professor Magic and his Wonderful Box?" Or the "Wizard of Oz," or "Little Boy Blue?" "The Tragedy of the Apple Orchard" was another novel presentation, as was "Hallowe'en Joys."

The party was surely a great success. The evening will long be remembered by every one for its grand Hallowe'en entertainment.

Shaw Scholarship Awarded

Miss Miriam Shaw established in 1936 a scholarship which would supply sufficient funds for the expense of one boy at the school for a year. The scholarship is in memory of her father, Mr. Francis Shaw, who was a member of the Board of Managers from 1889 until 1923.

Our school always was of deep interest to Mr. Shaw, and it is fitting that this scholarship has been awarded in his memory. He graduated from Harvard in 1875 and studied agricultural subjects extensively. He gave the Shaw Conduct Prizes, and provided for the permanence of these awards, so that they are to be given perhaps forever.

William C. Parsons received the scholarship in 1936, William D. DeLorie in 1937, and Eugene Proctor in 1938. Murdock C. Moore has been given the award for this year. The annual award is given to a member of the Junior Class and the selection of the student is based upon the pupil's school record over a term of years and the judgment of the Faculty and Junior Class.

Murdock C. Moore, who receives the scholarship this year is the youngest student to merit the honor. He is completing his fourth year at the school. Some of his achievements include: high ranking Boy Scout, member of the Band, student editor of the Beacon, varsity football player, and completing the prescribed courses of the American Red Cross in Life Saving and First Aid.

Needless to say, those who earn this scholarship have a high academic standing. Murdock Moore has had a high rank since he came to F. T. S. He was the Valedictorian of his class. He has received other class honors. At present he is Judge of Municipal Court, Cottage Row Government.

Armistice Day Morning

On the morning of the holiday the younger boys chose two of their members to be captains of football teams. Winthrop Davidson and I were chosen. I won first pick of the players and then we chose alternately until full squads were selected. At half past nine the Navy, which was Davidson's team and the Shamrocks, my team, awaited the opening whistle of the game.

The referee called the two captains together and a coin was tossed to decide choice of goal, or to kick or receive. Then the game began.

During the first half George Zevitas broke through guard for a 30 yard run and a touchdown, making the score 6-0. In the second half the Shamrocks had the much better of the argument and scored three touchdowns. This made the final score 24-0.

The game was hard-fought, and both teams tried hard to win. But the Shamrocks had the better backfield and could gain ground more easily than the opposition.

Richard J. Nelson

Guy Lowell Memorial Cup Winners

Mrs. Guy Lowell very kindly provided six silver cups for Agriculture, Band, Printing, Sloyd, Senior Tennis Tournament and Junior Tennis Tournament. Each year the name of the most able boy in these departments is engraved upon these perpetual cups.

These so honored this year were:

Agriculture: Howard M. Colpitts

Band: Myron A. Pratt

Printing: Murdock C. Moore

Sloyd: Myron A. Pratt

Senior Tennis: Weston O. Page

Junior Tennis: Charles A. Pecce

Hobbies

Most of the boys are kept busy during spare moments by working on a hobby of one kind or another.

Some hobbies are very different than others. For instance, some of the smaller boys who help in the dining room in the afternoon spend their play time kicking and passing a football, attempting to achieve greater distances day by day. Other boys, in this same group, take piano lessons and use the time for practice.

Studying a band instrument is a very popular hobby, and the band hall is always a busy place. Besides practicing individually the boys have quartets, trios and other groups which practice together.

Woodworking is a hobby in which most of the boys take an active interest. At this time of year thirty or more boys may be found in the woodworking shops making articles for use as Christmas gifts.

Reading is another popular hobby which many of the boys enjoy. There are all kinds of books, and new volumes are being added from time to time.

On Saturday there are some boys who would rather work on the farm than do most anything else. In addition to doing something they like, the boys receive a small sum for their efforts.

The new building being constructed is of special interest to some of the boys. Some watch the carpenters, others the tile layers, or the plumbers or electricians.

Radio is my favorite hobby. I like to work with other boys and build short wave receivers, then we see how many amateur and police calls can be tuned in. We have already tuned in nearly ninety amateur and many police calls. One of the smaller boys is just beginning on this hobby. Troubles do not discourage him and he will build a receiver which works before very much time has passed.

A full list of hobbies would be very long. Stamp collecting, drawing, sports, gardening and scouting are other very popular spare time activities. An interesting thing about hobbies is the fact that nearly every hobby proves successful.

Albert E. Wilder

Dark Room Work

During the past few months Axel Hallberg and I have been doing photographic work. The dark room is on the top floor of the Main Building.

Thus far we have learned how to develop films and make prints. We also do enlarging. We have learned how to use a camera. Many of the boys own cameras and we develop all the films, excepting the small 35mm size.

This work is very interesting and worthwhile. The small charge we make for our work pays the expenses of the dark room.

Murdock C. Moore

My Interest in the Piano

When I first came to the school I wanted to learn to play a musical instrument. I thought of trumpet, but decided that the piano would be the instrument for me. So far in my lessons I have learned quite a little. Now I am practicing lesson 14.

James Patterson

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, October 31, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	50.95
	<u>\$1267.62</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$533.06
Trading Co. Deposits	612.52
Cottage Row Deposits	3.24
Photo Company Deposits	42.67
Surplus	76.13
	<u>\$1267.62</u>

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The world has plenty of natural resources, plenty of man power, plenty of brain power, plenty of developed equipment and yet nations war, factions argue, individuals disagree, equipment and men are idle and thousands of human beings have not the ordinary comforts of life.

Individually we seem to be much like the two calves tied together with a short rope between two pails of milk, each pulling to get at its pail of milk and the rope too short to permit both calves to reach the two pails of milk at the same time, so neither could get its dinner. Finally after much struggling and pulling the calves came together and decided to permit one to approach its pail and get its fill of milk and then they would both go together to the other pail and permit the second calf to get its fill of milk.

The followers of various "isms" would say, "Yes, that is just what we want but the other fellow won't give." The other fellow knows from sad experience the frailties of human nature and is convinced that if given a chance the "isms" will, figuratively speaking, take both pails of milk. Thus the struggle for "rights" goes on.

What will the answer be? We can believe that a thoroughly Christian world or at least a definite following of the spirit of God would forever solve this intricate problem. Our real hope lies in the practice of such principles by adults and the teaching of these tenets to youth. Adults agree generally that youth should be taught in this direction but too many adults

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refuse to follow in that line. We are constantly demanding our "rights" in spite of all else.

School boy talk, indefinite, impractical, lacks vigor? Well maybe, but the idea is no less workable than present chaotic plans. Plenty of hard work and application of the Golden Rule could produce wonders beyond all conception.

Topics in Brief

The School team has played three games this month. On October 7 the boys were defeated by Marshfield High School 13-0 and on October 21 the Hanover High team won 7-6. Both games were played on our gridiron. Our team was not outclassed in either game, and might easily have won. On October 14 Scituate High had no trouble winning over our team, the final score being 32-2. In these games good sportsmanship has been evident at all times, and the boys have enjoyed playing the games.

Columbus Day was observed as a holiday. The usual fall sports were enjoyed, including two Crosby league football games. The last beach picnic of the season was held. Suppers on the beach are very popular with the boys, and are held quite often during the summer months.

There were four Assemblies held this month on Monday evenings. On October 2 the freshman presented a humorous play having to do with the conduct of class meetings. On the ninth the eighth grade gave a play in observance of Columbus Day. On October 16 the seventh grade gave a program which included descriptions of the outstanding national parks of the United States. The sixth grade followed on October 23 with readings and music.

"Hallowe'en is the one time, for simply fun time." We had a gala party which lasted for nearly four hours. More than half of the boys were in costumes of almost every conceivable type. Favorite Hallowe'en games and stunts were enjoyed. It certainly was a happy, pleasant evening of Hallowe'en diversion.

The Crosby football league has provided a great deal of interest for the boys. The Redskins have a lead just now, which is being challenged by the Crusaders. In the modified six man league, organized for the younger players, the Redskins appear to have the better team, but either of the other teams may easily win the championship.

As we go to press the work on our new building has reached the stage where we can see exactly how the building and its furnishings will look when the structure is completed. The plastering has practically been completed and the kitchen equipment is being installed. The work remaining is nearly all that of finishing the project. There is much painting, glazing and other operations which are the last to be done with any new building. In all probability the work will be completed in about another month.

The farm crew has been hard at work this month hauling topsoil for our new athletic field. Our five ton truck is being used for this hauling job. There have been many tons hauled from south end for the project. The job will continue while we have good weather. Substantial progress has been made on our new ball field, and we hope to have it ready for use in another year, or two at the most.

An interesting item appeared in the "Observant Citizen" column of the Boston

Post on Nov. 7, congratulating the printing office crew on the work done in printing our new Bulletin. We appreciate the kindness of the "Observant Citizen", very much.

Several new volumes have just been added to our library. They are biographies and autobiographies selected for us by a consultant of the Boston Public Library. This set of books is an excellent addition to our library.

The freshman class sponsored a motion picture program on November 2. A travel picture, cartoon and comedies made up the program.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, October, 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. A heavy gale of wind from the northeast.
7. A severe N. E. storm which commenced last night continued through the day. The schooners Donnegal of Halifax and Pharos of Sedgwick were driven ashore on the island.
8. The steamer Mayflower brought supplies to the institution.
10. Mrs. Morrison today went to Manchester.
12. The schooners Donegal and Pharos were floated and left the Island.
16. The steamer Mayflower made her last trip with the boys' friends for the season and Capt. Beal gave the boys a gratuitous excursion in the harbor. M. Grant, Esq., of the Board of Managers being present.
24. Finished digging carrots having harvested from about an acre of ground, 790 bushels.
28. Mr. J. Hawkins, temperance lecturer, addressed the boys.
31. Harvested a fine lot of squashes.

Awarding Baseball Trophies

Manager S. V. R. Crosby annually gives to the outstanding player in each position a trophy. Those who received this distinction for the 1939 baseball season were:

Warren A. Danner, Catcher
 Robert W. MacWha, Pitcher
 Richard A. Martin, First Base
 Winthrop Davidson, Second Base
 A. Robert Hallberg, Third Base
 Douglas M. Bashaw, Shortstop
 Harold C. Malmgren, Left Field
 Charles H. Grant, Center Field
 Murdock C. Moore, Right Field

The Eagles, captained by Robert W. MacWha, won the Crosby League championship, and the silver shield was inscribed with the names of the team members, as follows:

Warren A. Danner, Catcher
 Robert W. MacWha, Capt., Pitcher
 James F. St. Coeur, First Base
 Arthur W. Chase, Second Base
 George F. Connors, Third Base
 Arthur L. Thibodeau, Shortstop
 John F. Close, Left Field
 Murdock C. Moore, Center Field
 Wesley C. Gustafson, Right Field
 Substitutes
 William L. Schlegel
 Donald L. Davis

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 87° on the tenth
 Minimum Temperature 31° on the twenty-fourth.
 Mean Temperature for the month 53°.
 Nine clear days, eight partly cloudy, and fourteen cloudy.

Building a Crystal Set

It is not too hard to build a crystal set. First get a form for a coil about one half inch thick and wind ninety turns of size 28 wire on it. One end of the wire leads from the coil into the crystal cup. The antenna lead begins at the crystal cup also. The "cat's whisker" is a short wire which goes from one of the earphone jacks to the crystal, and there is moved about until a sensitive spot is located. The other earphone jack goes to the scratcher, which is slid up and down the coil. A .00025 fixed condenser is placed between the earphone jacks. The ground is attached to the scratcher. If the set is put together right nearby stations will be heard clearly.

Malcolm C. Huston

Dining Room Work

I wait on table for dinner and supper, and help clear the tables after meals. There are five other boys who work with me in the dining room. I can remember that when I first began working I had to be told everything that I should do, but now I go right ahead and do things without being told.

Robert P. Donnelly

A Beach Walk

Usually on Sundays we go for a hike around the beach. Last Sunday I thought I would be too late for it, but I was just in time. We went around south end. We did not go all the way around the beach, but came back on the road from south end. We went by the farmhouse. One of my friends, Mr. Norman Morse, was born in the farmhouse. When we arrived at the house some wanted to go to north end, so we hiked there. We always have a good time on beachwalks, and there is always something interesting to see.

Henry J. Porter, Jr.

Poultry House Work

Every afternoon I work in the Poultry House. My first job is to trap nest. There are three pens, each having a row of trap-nests. Each hen has a band on her leg upon which is stamped a number. I look through the nests and if a hen has laid an egg I write down the hen's number. In this way we can tell which hens are good layers. In the middle of the afternoon I feed and water the hens. At four o'clock I lower the drop boards and roost and put up the screens.

Wellman E. Bonsey

Our Six Man Game

I play for the Navy six man team, and our team is leading the league. On last Saturday we played the Crusaders. They are in last place. We kept pushing the Crusaders back until Robelen made a 50 yard run. Porter, the Crusader's star player, did not do Navy any harm. For the Navy, Wilson and Huston made good runs. I caught a pass. The score ended 0-0, as neither team could score. We would have won excepting for Billy Robelen's fifty yard run.

Robert W. Duquet

New Playground Work

The boys on the farm have been helping get loam for the new playground. "Old Betsy," the big dump truck, is loaded at south end. Then the truck is driven to the new field at the northern part of the island. While the truck makes the trip the boys play football or some other game. We are going to haul loam and spread it evenly. Then it will be planted with seed so that a good firm sod will result.

Walter W. Smith, Jr.

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An 1852 Newspaper Article

Our readers will be interested in the following account, printed in the Boston Traveler, and reprinted in a Maine paper on September 30, 1852.

We have read, in the Superintendent's diary, of the annual visits to Boston by the boys in the early years of our school. This account gives some interesting sidelights on these excursions.

We are indebted to our minister, Rev. Lloyd Perrigo for the article. The clipping was found and given him by a fellow theologian.

It is noted that many graduates joined in the festivities on Boston Common. No doubt they were members of the "Farm School Club", an alumni association of that time.

The article follows:

The Farm School

On Thompson's Island, in Boston Harbor.

The boys of the Farm School, ninety-eight in number, made their annual visit to the city yesterday. The weather was perfect for the occasion. They formed in files of two, with their banners; that at the head with the motto, "Farm School Boys," with implements of husbandry, and "Speed the Plough." The second banner had a Bible beautifully painted on it, with the words, "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet." The third banner had, "Washington a name dear to all." The last banner, carried by the youngest boy, had on it, "Just as the twig is bent the tree will incline." They had on white pants and

dark jackets, and looked well; and, under their own marshals, marched orderly through the city. They called on the Hon. Charles Jackson, the projector and patron of the institution; also on Amos Lawrence, Esq., the friend of all good works. They were introduced to the Mayor, at the City Hall, who gave them excellent counsel; which was followed by remarks from J. B. Curtis, Esq. At the Merchant's Exchange, in the presence of many interested spectators, they sung, and two boys gave specimens of elocution, which caused much applause.

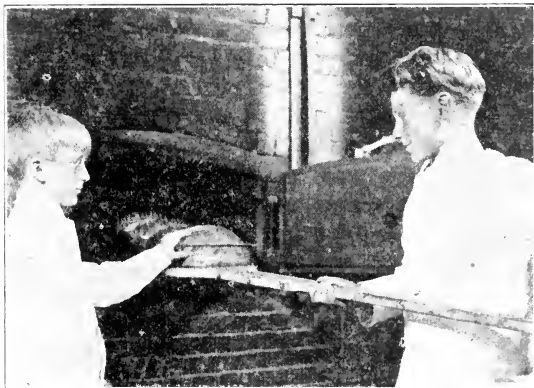
They visited the Charles street jail to receive a lesson of admonition, and to impress the truth of the Bible, "That the way of transgressor is hard." At 2 o'clock they partook of a collation at the "Eye and Ear Infirmary," Charles street, and then spent two hours in company with relatives and friends on the Common, and were joined by a number of young men, past graduates of the F. S. A more interesting scene is not often witnessed. At half past 5 they left in the Mayflower for their own healthy, happy home, where they are secure from city temptations; and we may add, happy would it be for themselves and the city if many more, morally exposed boys were as well off. They were accompanied by their beloved Superintendent, R. Morrison, Esq., and Mr. Lampee, a faithful Instructor of the School.—(Boston Traveler.



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Our old brick oven. James McCarthy, right, baker, with Henry Porter assisting.

Another Chapter is Written

Nearly all of the boys, at some time or other, become bakers while at F. T. S. Some help for just a few days, but many spend a much longer period and acquire much baking skill. There surely is a certain joy in taking from our brick oven some sixty to one hundred loaves of golden-brown bread, which has been mixed, kneaded and baked by the boys themselves.

Bread is the principal food for which this oven is used, but cookies, pies, and other pastries are baked from time to time. Chicken, turkey and all kinds of meat

may be so roasted as to please the most exacting chef.

For years the heat for the oven was supplied by logs and wood found on the beach. Recently the heating unit was modernized by the installation of a fuel oil burner.

Keeping in step with modern times is necessary and essential at F. T. S. Our new building is not equipped with a brick oven. Instead, there is a tier baker, in every way superior to the old oven. Yet, as in many other appurtenances of years gone by, this brick oven will remain a pleasant memory to countless F. T. S. boys.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is anticipated pleasantly by the boys for a long period of time. This year the celebration took place on November 30. The day dawned clear and bright, and we were happy that we were to have such fine weather for our holiday activities.

After breakfast we went to our various departments to do what cleaning there was to be done, and certain other tasks. This took about an hour.

At 9:30 a six-man football game was held. Following this contest the championship Crosby league game between the Redskins and Navy took place. The Redskins won and became the champs of 1939.

As the time for dinner drew near the boys began assembling near the dining room. All about were eager eyes viewing the clock, the hands of which very slowly moved towards the magic dinner hour, twelve o'clock.

After everyone gathered in the dining room Mayor Charles A. Pecece read his Thanksgiving Day proclamation. In his message the mayor made special mention of the hardships which our forefathers encountered, and even in spite of them, the deep gratitude the settlers felt in the early colonial days. After the Mayor had given his proclamation we recited our school Grace in unison.

The Thanksgiving feast was centered about a plump, well dressed turkey. With the turkey was served celery, onions, potatoes, lettuce, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, squash, nuts, candy and cider. There were two kinds of pie and plum pudding for desert. Everyone thought the Thanksgiving feast was the best ever.

Mr. Meacham made our holiday perfect by the grand announcement that

a friend of the school had provided funds to furnish our new building; to build our new athletic field; and to erect and equip a new milk room for the dairy.

In the afternoon there was another six-man football game between the smaller boys. This was followed by the annual Harvard-Yale game, the teams having been chosen a few days before. The Harvard-Yale game was quite a battle, Harvard winning 14-0, even though most of us expected Yale to win.

In the evening several of the Instructors furnished a moving picture show which was certainly very much enjoyed by all.

All in all Thanksgiving Day, 1939, will be remembered for a long time by all as a most happy holiday.

Murdock C. Moore

Thanksgiving Day Game

On the morning of November 30, the football game which decided the championship team and winner of the Crosby Shield was played. Douglas Bashaw, captain of the Redskins led his team against the Navy eleven, captained by Wesley Gustafson.

The Redskins fought hard in the first quarter and it seemed that they would score. The Navy defense held and there was no score. In the second quarter, just after the opening whistle, Bashaw went through tackle for 30 yards and the first score of the game.

There was no more scoring until the last quarter. Both teams were playing the best football possible and a strong defense was given when either team got in the scoring zone. In the fourth quarter John Borsey made the game safe for the Redskins by scoring a touchdown on a line buck.

The Navy team gave a good exhibition of forward passing, but not once in

the game could the team score. The final whistle gave the Redskins a grand chance to cheer, for they had won 12-0, and the win earned for the team the 1939 Crosby Shield.

Roland Hallberg

A Moving Picture Show

The program for Thanksgiving Day was finished by a moving picture show in the Assembly Hall. The pictures were provided by four of the Instructors who had birthdays during November.

The films were concerned with Navy life. The first two were from the publicity bureau of the U. S. Navy. They portrayed Navy life. Many types of Navy boats were shown.

The third picture was a feature named "We're in the Navy Now". This was a comedy and Wallace Beery was the leading actor. This film was very funny and every one enjoyed it very much.

We wish to thank the Instructors who made it possible for us to have this fine movie show.

Stanley C. Morton

Barn Work

I take care of four calves and do other chores every morning and night. First I feed them their grain ration. Then, while I am waiting for milk, I clean the pens. As soon as the milk is ready I give some to the calves. Sometimes I help get hay from the haybarn.

Earl W. Hooper

The Clarinet

We have a clarinet class of six pupils, and have a lesson every week. The clarinet is one of the most important instruments in the band, and very high and very low tones may be played. Our lesson book is the Klose Clarinet Method.

There are seven main parts to the clarinet. The bell is on the lower end. Then there are the lower and upper joints, barrel, mouthpiece, reed, and ligature.

Glendon L. Campbell

Prizes Awarded

Twenty-one of the boys were listed as award winners for the past six months. The names of those so honored are listed below. The Shaw prizes are substantial cash awards, given for the 102nd time. The expense of the awards is borne by a legacy left by Mr. Francis Shaw, a former member of the Board of Managers. The Temple Consolation prizes are books given by Manager N. Penrose Hollowell, in memory of Thomas F. Temple, who gave them for many years. Mr. Temple was for many years a member of our Board of Managers.

Shaw Prizes

- 1 David G. Haeger
- 2 Walter H. Johansson
- 3 William P. Dufault
- 4 Malcom C. Huston
- 5 William C. Bassett
- 6 Ernest Burns
- 7 Stanley C. Morton
- 8 Arthur W. Chase
- 9 A. Martin Duquet
- 10 Wallace A. Folkins

Temple Consolation Prizes

- 11 Walter W. Smith
- 12 James J. Macdonald
- 13 D. Carleton Reardon
- 14 Wallace Chouinard
- 15 Richard J. Nelson

Honorable Mention

- 16 Raymond L. Perry
- 17 William D. Bernard
- 18 Roland E. Fischer
- 19 Charles E. Thompson
- 20 Robert W. MacWha
- 21 John V. Johansson

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A bit of humor and yet a very real example of the persistence of our graduates came to light the other day.

The President of one of Boston's biggest and best known sporting goods stores was talking with our Headmaster and said, "One of your boys is working at our store. His name is Norman something-or-other. He has been pestering us for quite a while and the other day he came in again with his perpetual smile and consistent determination to work for us and said, 'Sir, may I start work now?'"

"Well, we were extraordinarily busy with Christmas business and loads of stock arriving daily and we did need more help, someone to pitch in and help move those goods and furthermore I figured the only way to get rid of this six-footer was to put him to work. So I said, 'Well, young man, if you are so anxious to work you just slip your coat right off and go to work.' He immediately took off his coat and went to work and he is still with us. What kind of a boy is he?"

Well, after listening to that thrilling and true story of how to get a job and hold it, our Headmaster smiled and said, "Typical of our boys—they don't hang around waiting for jobs to come to them. They find the place where work needs to be done and are instantly ready to do the job."

"Your new, almost self appointed helper is Norman Chausse. You can depend upon it he will work and he will smile. He is dependable, intelligent, cooperative and in spite of any obstacles he will not quit."

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Topics in Brief

By the time this issue reaches our readers we expect to be in the midst of a "moving process". Our dining room-dormitory-and kitchen building will have been finished. This fine, modern structure is a continued source of inspiration and pride to everyone at the School, and we can anticipate the tremendous satisfaction which all our friends are to receive when they view and inspect the building for the first time. The date for the dedication of the structure has not been definitely set, but will be very shortly.

The main holiday of the month was Thanksgiving, at which time we enjoyed our usual bountiful roast turkey feast. On the Sunday preceding the holiday our minister, Rev. Lloyd Perrigo, gave a fine Thanksgiving sermon, and the true meaning of the day was instilled into the minds of all. As the holiday approached plans were made for two football games and a motion picture program. These events were carried through to a happy conclusion. Charles A. Pece, Mayor of our Cottage Row Government, read his proclamation of Thanksgiving to begin our holiday feast, and the real spirit of Thanksgiving was not lost sight of, even in the midst of great revelry and sport.

The Crosby Football competition drew to a very satisfactory conclusion on Thanksgiving Day. The Redskins, with Douglas M. Bashaw as captain, won the Crosby Shield, by defeating the Navy, captained by Wesley C. Gustafson. The interest in this final contest was very great and both teams strived for the victory. The Redskins scored both in the 2nd and 4th periods, meanwhile holding their opponents from crossing the goal line.

The final score was 12-0, the win earning championship honors for the Redskins for this season. The 1939 season was most successful in every way, and very much worth-while in every respect.

The Pilgrim III was disabled for a few days early in the month because of difficulty with the engine's cooling system. It was repaired and it is now in first class condition.

Armistice Day, November 11, was celebrated by a full holiday. Many of the boys used the time for individual hobbies, while others played football or some other sport.

The farm crew has worked for several days repairing the roads about the Island. Tons of dirt and cinders were used to fill ruts and otherwise put the various roads into serviceable condition for the winter months.

On Monday evenings during the month three of the classes have given programs at our weekly assemblies. The Junior Class presented a play based on the essential requirements necessary to gain citizenship to our country; the Sophomore Class entertained with a varied program of songs and skits, and the Freshman Class devoted its period to a study of ancient Greece.

All the boys enjoyed a day in town on either December 1 or 2 in order that Christmas purchases could be made.

Cottage Row Government held its regular fall election on Nov. 17. Charles A. Pece heads the new staff of officers.

Many of our graduates have been following our football team, and thus we have had more than our usual quota of alumni visitors. We are always pleased to have our graduates visit us and appreciate the continued loyalty and deep interest shown by the alumni.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, November 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

27. Went to city for poultry. Hugh Mack who lives with Dea. Whitman of E. Bridgewater made us a visit.

28. Cornelius Sweeney, James W. Cooper & Domingos Rodrigues, former pupils of the School came to spend Thanksgiving with us.

29. Being the annual Thanksgiving, a good dinner was provided for the boys, suited to the occasion. James L. Raskel came and spent a short time. Mr. Warner with his father came to see his brother.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, December 1, 1939

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1216.67
Cash	43.57
	<u>\$1260.24</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$515.36
Trading Co. Deposits	616.56
Cottage Row Deposits	3.24
Photo Company Deposits	48.95
Surplus	76.13
	<u>\$1260.24</u>

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 68° on the eighteenth.

Minimum Temperature 28° on the twenty-fourth.

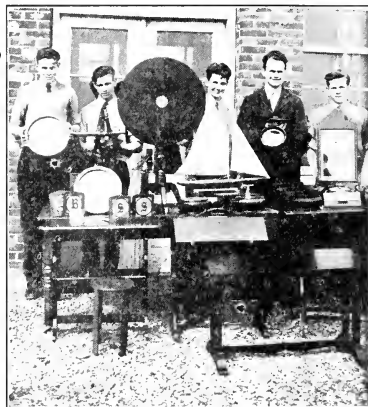
Mean Temperature for the month 47°.

Eleven clear days, ten partly cloudy, and nine cloudy.

The BEACON wishes all its readers a Happy New Year!

Our Sloyd Course

When a pupil commences our Sloyd Course he works with simple tools. As he studies the course the work gets more and more difficult. It is expected that the involved processes will be accomplished with excellent results, and this is always the case. Naturally the more adept students cover the work more quickly than the slower boys.



Boys with Sloyd Models

In beginning the course the average pupil is untrained for such work and he must learn the fundamentals by working and practicing on small models as are required in the course. Although some beginners consider these small models as almost a waste of time, they are essential, and must be worked out with great care if the more advanced work is to be pursued with any degree of success.

The first model is the pencil sharpener. This gives the student essential practice in using a knife. Then follows other models,

each a little more advanced, and each designed to give instruction in new wood-working principles.

As the pupil advances through the various stages of the course he begins to realize that with every new model there are problems to be solved. The work is graded, however, so that no new work is too difficult for the average pupil, but it certainly cannot be said that progress can be made without real attention to the smallest details.

With each model in the course comes instruction in the use of a tool which has not before been used. The average number of tools which the pupil should be able to master at one time is two to three. The use of new tools regularly, adds interest and gives incentive to better work. If the pupil did the same work, and used the same tools over and over, his interest soon would lax.

Our course of 22 models ranges from simple knife work to the tool chest. Included in the work done is the making of many handicraft projects, all of which have a permanent value, both as to educational and practical use.

Axel R. Hallberg

Note: Our Sloyd Course was begun in 1891, and its foundation was supervised by Gustaf Larsson, the "Father of Sloyd".

Mr. Larsson was born near Skara, Sweden, in 1861. His sloyd training was completed by study with the famed Sloyd Instructor, Otto Solomon.

Mr. Larsson came to America in 1888, and was soon engaged in introducing the Swedish Sloyd system to America. His early, fruitful years were spent in Boston. After instructing sufficient teachers in the art, and noting that they became firmly launched on teaching careers, Mr. Larsson travelled throughout our country lecturing,

teaching and establishing Sloyd classes everywhere.

In 1907 he was engaged by the British Government to introduce Sloyd into India, and he established ten schools in that country.

He died on July 23, 1919.

The Jester's Comments

—"Bobby" Duquet, be it known, scored the first touchdown of his gridiron career on Nov. 30. Bobby is the smallest, and one of the youngest boys in school, so he merits recognition of his athletic feat.

—Bill Lawson noticed the Pilgrim III being towed and inquired from an instructor if the idea was to tow the boat to get the disabled engine started. Bill is a sure enough landlubber.

—The dumb waiter in the new building has aroused much speculation among the boys. Curtis James Nelson has the distinction of being the first human passenger. His trip did not end with unrestrained joy, but he escaped unscathed after being stalled between floors. Such practice will be frowned upon decidedly as future offenders (if such there be) will regretfully discover.

—Bobby Ryerson and Billy Klaila were observed the other day sailing a small home-made vessel by the swimming beach. A spider was shanghaied and sent to sea. The little vessel, scarcely more than eight inches long, was watched for some time. Billy and Bobby waved it a fond adieu, as it sailed away on the ocean blue. What will the boys do next!

—Last Hallowe'en Henry Porter's unique personification of Little Boy Blue was so unusual that it is being planned to present him with a new horn very soon. Perhaps he will get one in his stocking at Christmas. Anyway, he has earned the name of "Little Boy Blue".

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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77 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON
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Hyde Park, Mass.

The Fall Meeting

The regular fall meeting of the association was held on Wednesday, November 8, at 40 Court St. President Howard B. Ellis, '98, presided. The attendance was good, and there were representations from both old and young classes. More than half a century separated the graduating year of one of the older members in attendance with the Class of 1939.

The finances of the Association have not been in a very healthy condition during the past few years, due to the general business depression. It was decided to begin at once to strengthen the bank account of the Association, and a notice to this effect will be received soon by each Alumnus.

The selection of a member of the Association, who will be recommended to a position on the Board of Managers for the ensuing year, was discussed. It was voted to pursue the course of last year, giving each graduate the privilege of voting by sealed ballot.

The report of the Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97, was of unusual interest. His comments on the building project, now in progress at the School, were appreciated. As a member of the Building Committee of the Board of Managers he was able to give a complete account of the new dining-room, kitchen, and dormitory building now nearly completed.

G. George Larsson, '17, Historian of the Association, gave a splendid summary of the year's events as they concerned the School and its graduates. Mr. Larsson, whose father introduced Sloyd into this country, gathers considerable information from various sources, edits and compiles it, making a valuable contribution to the Alumni records.

All graduates are urged to attend the meetings of the Association. The gatherings are full of interest, and very much worth-while. We want a larger attendance at every meeting, and above all, desire more and more graduates to participate actively in the affairs of the Association.

The following officers were elected for the 1939-1940 term:

Frank L. Washburn, '83, President
Clifton E. Albee, '21, Vice-President
Merton P. Ellis, '97, Secretary
Harold W. Edwards, '10, Treasurer
G. George Larsson, '17, Historian

JOHN A. BAILEY, '36, has been employed during the past year as an electrician's helper. He lives at 77 Evans Street, North Weymouth.

EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, is a student at Thayer Academy, Braintree. He is taking the final year of high school work. Proctor, it will be recalled, was the Shaw Scholarship pupil last year.

He is taking an active part in the musical life of his school, being a member of the orchestra, band, and glee club.



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Special Notice

Our friends should see the School's window display in the window of the S. S. Pierce store at Copley Square. This is our exhibit for the 1940 Community Fund.

New Building Completed

Our readers will be gratified to know that our new building has been completed. The contractors, William M. Bailey & Co., after approximately five months of work, have left the Island, leaving us a building which is ideal in every way for our use. Kilham, Hopkins and Greeley were the architects.

We know that many of our friends will want to inspect the building, and in anticipating the viewpoints which may be expressed, one finds difficulty in noting just which part of the building will arouse the greatest interest, or give the greatest satisfaction. The large, comfortable dining room, with its beautiful maple furniture, colorful draperies and other furnishings, will thoroughly please everyone. Those who are interested in the preparation of food will find the kitchen of much interest. Standard equipment is used, some of which is taken from our old kitchen. Most of the equipment, however, is new and has been installed by the contractor. The range and tier ovens have been purchased with special regards for our needs, and admirably suit our requirements. Pyrofax

gas is used for fuel, and this fuel is regarded as equal to or better than any other.

Between the kitchen and dining rooms there is a smaller room for storing dishes, serving food, washing dishes and other kindred uses. Some of the equipment in the room includes a plate warmer, water cooler and a dishwasher of the latest design. Labor saving devices, not only in this room, but throughout the building, will make the work required much more pleasant to accomplish than it would be under ordinary circumstances.

The main entrance leads to a hall where the faculty will gather. A private dining room, for the use of guests at special times, is located on the right of this reception hall. The main dining room is on the left.

The basement, which is very well lighted, ventilated and comfortable in every way, has six rooms, corridor, boys' waiting room, lavatory, and an unfinished area. There is a room for the use of the dairy; another for vegetable preparation; a third room contains the heating, water, and lighting inlets and the hot water tank; another room is used for egg storage, and a fifth room is a storeroom for general food products. A large room in the center of the basement contains the necessary motors and equipment needed for the two refrigerators, one of which is located in the basement and the other in

the kitchen. A dumb waiter will make it unnecessary to carry any heavy objects on the stairways. At the rear entrance there is a comfortable room for the boys to congregate at mealtimes, and it will be unnecessary for anyone to wait outside in inclement weather.

The second floor of the building is given over to dormitory rooms for 26 boys and two instructors. Attractive furnishings give a homelike touch to the dormitory. Shower rooms and laboratories are located on this floor. Visitors will find this part of the building of great interest, and the homelike atmosphere will be readily apparent. The maple furniture is new, and was purchased from funds supplied by an anonymous friend.

A synchronized electric clock system, of Telechron design, is centrally controlled and dials are placed at convenient places in the building. A fire alarm system has boxes located at strategic points.

There is much that could be written about this 60 x 80 foot, Colonial type brick fire proof constructed, building. This description will, it is hoped, arouse interest in the building to the extent that our friends will want to see it. We are confident that visitors will rejoice with us in our good fortune in having such a grand structure, and that the inspiration and joy which we have received from the building project will become immediately apparent.

The Scouts Christmas Party

On December 22 Troop One held its annual Christmas party. The troop assembled in the gymnasium at 7:30. Ten of the youngest boys in school, who are not members of the troop, were guests. The first activity was a snake dance around the main building. By this time Santa

Claus (Richard A. Martin) had arrived at the scout room, and the boys ended the snake dance near the scout room entrance. The troop committee members and the scoutmaster entered, being jovially welcomed by Santa. The scouts followed, each one getting personal greetings from Santa. After all were seated members of the troop spent a short time guessing Santa's identity.

Each member of the troop had previously drawn a fellow scout's name, to whom he was to give a present. There were gifts for all. As each scout received his gift he opened it so that everyone could see it.

There were plenty of refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pop corn balls, fruit punch, apples and candy.

When the party ended everyone felt that the troop had had a fine time.

Murdock C. Moore

Winter Sports

With the help of plenty of good cold weather, and snow, winter life at F. T. S. is to many the happiest period of the year. The most popular sport is skating, and several areas are flooded, so that cold weather usually means skating. The snow sports, such as skiing, tobogganing, and coasting, are always greatly enjoyed.



This little picture shows three of the boys tobogganing. With the coming of the first snow a slide is built on the front lawn.

The Christmas Concert

Every year we have a Christmas Concert, which takes place the Sunday preceding Christmas. This year the concert was given on December 17.

The main part of the program was a play by Aileen Humphrey Yinger, entitled, "There is Room in the Inn." The play was rehearsed under the direction of our principal, Mr. Ronka. New costumes were made by Mrs. Ronka, and were fine.

The stage setting was that of an inn in Bethlehem. The innkeeper did not treat his wife too kindly, and he was cruel to his servant boy. He refused hospitality to those who appeared to be poor. He entertained wealthy people lavishly. Among those who had been turned away from the Inn were Mary and Joseph. The three wise men, who stopped at the Inn, told the innkeeper of his selfishness. This made a complete change in the innkeeper's mode of living, and he became devoted to his wife and he treated people less fortunate than himself, with kindness.

Those who took part in the play included: Warren A. Danner, Charles Gilbert, Jr., William J. Mara, Jr., William P. Dufault, James E. McCarthy, James J. Macdonald, Robert G. Ryerson, Arthur L. Thibodeau, Murdock C. Moore.

The Choir was especially good and sang a group of Christmas hymns. Two of the smaller boys sang a duet. The brass quartet played and there was a cornet solo. Miss Graham, one of the teachers, rehearsed several of the boys who gave recitations.

The Chapel was nicely decorated, the stage setting and beautiful costumes helping to create the proper Christmas spirit.

The complete program of the concert was as follows:

PROGRAM

Selection	"The Beautiful Star"
	Choir
Recitation	"Call to Worship"
	Curtis J. Nelson
Hymn	"O Come All Ye Faithful"
	Congregation
Recitation	Glendon L. Campbell
	"Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem"
Cornet Solo	"Cantique de Noel"
	William N. Dodge
Scripture Reading	
	Linwood L. Meacham
Selection	"Merry Christmas"
	Choir
Recitation	"The Blast of Nature"
	Clifton M. Dunn
Duet	"Away in a Manger"
	Robert P. Donnelly, Alan P. Stewart
Brass Quartet	"Christmas Hymn"
	William N. Dodge Ernest Burns
	Axel R. Hallberg George F. Connors
Prayer	
	Robert H. Stone
Christmas Play	
	"There is Room in the Inn"
Hymn	"Silent Night"
	Congregation
Benediction	Rev. Lloyd E. Perrigo

The members of the choir were: Donald W. Lowery, Robert H. Stone, Joseph F. Harrington, Gerard W. Harrington, William J. Robelen, James F. St. Coeur, George F. Connors, Wesley C. Gustafson, Walter H. Johansson, Charles H. Grant, Edwin W. Colby, Jr., William B. Pratt.

The concert was fine in every way, and those who took part deserve much credit for their outstanding work.

Richard J. Nelson

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We like to admit each new young citizen at the age of ten or eleven and then provide him with the opportunities of life for five or six years so that he may, in spite of family adversity, have a rich, full life and be prepared to encounter the problems of adult life.

Penn, The Florist, a kindly gentleman and a lovable man, gives us the following poem in his Penn-Trail Magazine. It expresses our idea of the real desire of most every human being and our school now more than ever before provides this home for every boy.

My Desire

By Thomas Cotton

I do not care for mansions grand,

Or castles by the sea.

Give me a little plot of land,

And a home built just for me.

A place that I can call my own,

Where wild flowers bloom in spring,

Where everything is nature grown,

And where the wild birds sing.

I do not care for wealth or fame,

Or crowns upon my head,

I only want an honest name,

To follow me, when I am dead.

Topics in Brief

"There Is Room in the Inn," a Christmas play by Aileen Yinger was given by a group of the boys on Sunday evening December 17. The Christmas spirit of unselfishness was portrayed, and the theme of the play will be long remembered. This was the feature of our Christmas Concert. Readings, vocal and instrumental selections and singing by the choir completed the program. More than thirty boys took part, and the Concert was very much enjoyed.

The month of December was given over to the jobs of the Christmas season. The boys take keen delight in making gifts for their friends, and the Sloyd room is indeed a busy place during the holiday season. The boys make those things they wish to, and the older pupils surprise their friends with such articles as sewing cabinets, chests, trays, piece bowls and other similar woodworking projects. The smaller boys produce simple things such as breadboards, pen trays, coat hangers, paper knives and other small Sloyd articles. Those who receive these as presents are greatly pleased, for they have something made by the giver, and such is the training received that all these gifts show superior workmanship.

The happy, traditional custom of carol singing on Christmas Eve was continued this year. A group of boys and instructors went about the school singing the familiar carols. After caroling the group was invited by Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham to have refreshments and all had a pleasant visit at the Adams House.

On Christmas morning Santa Claus (Frederick S. Very, '33) arrived at nine o'clock and shortly after was very busy

distributing gifts. There were presents for all. It took more than an hour for Santa and his corps of assistants to deliver the large number of gifts.

President Arthur Adams provided a program for the School on Christmas afternoon. Miss Pearl Young entertained with musical selections on the Theremin, an instrument which produces a lovely musical tone, the pitch of which is governed by the player's hands acting upon a metal rod which is connected to a set similar to a radio receiver. Miss Young invited many of the boys to try to play the instrument and several gave good accounts of themselves. Selections on the electric guitar and piano completed her part of the program. Magic and jokes were provided by Mr. Jesse Kelly. Mr. Kelly had several odd stories to relate and he performed some tricks which still mystify the younger boys. We appreciate deeply the kindness of Mr. Adams in generously providing this entertainment for us. It was thoroughly enjoyed.

By the time this reaches our readers we expect to be completely moved into our new building. A friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the present at least, has made it possible for us to have new furniture throughout the building. Most of the furniture has been installed in the building, but there has been some delay in the matter of tables for the dining room. The dedication of the building will take place very soon, and we are certain that our friends will rejoice at our good fortune in having such a fine building in furthering our work with boys.

Everyone at the School takes this opportunity to thank the Alumni Association for the pound box of chocolates he received on Christmas Day. This is provided for by the Richard Bell Candy Fund, and is an annual holiday treat.

On New Years Day we were privileged to hear an illustrated talk by Mr. Gordon K. Hurd, who took us on a trip from Medford to Yellowstone National Park and return.

Basketball season began following the Christmas holidays. The younger boys are organized in a five team league. Another group of older boys make up a four team league. The best players comprise the varsity squad. Another team, the junior varsity, is recruited from the younger lads. Each of these eleven teams plays at least one league game each week.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, December 1849

As Kept by the Superintendent

25. This being a holiday the boys were supplied with a good dinner, with pies, cakes, etc., and a handsome Christmas tree was loaded with presents for each person on the Island.

The produce of the past year has been estimated at 65 tons Hay, 9 bu. Barley, 4 bu. Beans, 175 bu. Turnips, 175 bu. Beets, 790 bu. Carrots, 1,000 bu. Potatoes, besides squashes, pumpkins, melons, green peas, beans and corn, cabbages, tomatoes, asparagus, etc.

The present number of boys is 89; of whom 28 have both parents living; 12 have a father; 33 have a mother; and 16 are orphans.

Honor Roll—Winter Term

Junior Class: Murdock C. Moore, 84.2; Wesley C. Gustafson 83.8.

Sophomore Class: Charles A. Pecce, 90.5; Winthrop Davidson 89.0.

Freshman Class: William P. Dufault, 89.3; William J. Klaila 89; Ralph E. Pratt, 89.

Eighth grade: Francis H. Daniel, 89; William J. Mara, 88.6.

Seventh grade: Robert P. Donnelly, 90.5; Malcolm C. Huston, 89.3.

Sixth grade: Clifton M. Dunn, 87.3; William J. Robelen, 86.3.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term.

Junior Class: Wesley C. Gustafson, Harold K. Malmgren.

Sophomore Class: Warren Danner, Charles A. Pecce.

Freshman Class: William J. Klaila, Donald W. Lowery, William L. Schlegel.

Eighth Grade: William J. Mara, Arthur L. Thibodeau.

Seventh Grade: Robert P. Donnelly, Earl W. Hooper, Walter W. Smith, Arthur B. Stilphen.

Sixth Grade: William J. Robelen.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, December 31, 1939

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$1277.47
Cash	127.34
	<u>\$1404.81</u>
LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits	\$626.47
Trading Co. Deposits	617.31
Cottage Row Deposits	3.24
Photo Company Deposits	43.43
Surplus	114.36
	<u>\$1404.81</u>

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 57° on the first.

Minimum Temperature 6° on the twenty-seventh.

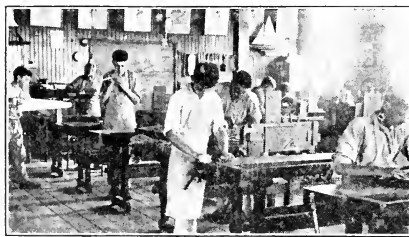
Mean Temperature for the month 34°.

Seven clear days, six partly cloudy, and eighteen cloudy.

An Accomplishment in Sloyd

There are few accomplishments which give the satisfaction that a pupil receives when he completes the Sloyd course at F. T. S. It takes two years of daily class and shop work to satisfactorily do the prescribed course. Every year, at Graduation, special diplomas are awarded those who have finished the Sloyd course.

The final model made in this course is the tool chest. This is the largest Sloyd project, measuring $30 \times 14 \frac{1}{2}$ inches, the standard size for a tool chest. It is a handsome and very useful chest, which the maker prizes.



At work in a Sloyd class

The tool chest is worthy of a detailed description. It is made from cypress, a soft yet durable wood. Oak trimmings add to the attractiveness of the model. The sides and ends are dove-tail jointed. The cover is made of five separate pieces, four of which are used for the outside edge. The panel in the cover is raised, adding to the attractiveness of the finished model.

An optional part of the chest is a till. Half blind dove-tail joints are used in making this part of the chest. Most of the boys like the till, as it can be utilized for the convenient keeping of small objects.

After the tool chest has been completed many pupils like to have their names painted on the center of the cover panel. There are always boys or faculty

members at F. T. S. who have considerable talent, so that this lettering is done with almost a professional touch.

The tool chest is a prized model, and is so well made that it lasts a lifetime.

Axel R. Hallberg

The Jester's Comments

—Late every evening Harold Malmgren needs to have his bed warmed. Thus it is that several have noticed Dick Martin proceeding through the hall with a hot water bottle. "Marty" may imagine he is practicing as a male nurse and that he is getting hot water to ease strain from hard labor; yet the general opinion is that Malmgren's bed is cold, hence the hot water bottle. Ugly rumors!

After the above was written it was learned that "Marty" decided to use the hot water bottle himself. Malmgren was out of luck! Yet, as it was proved, not so unlucky, for on that night, which was bitterly cold, the bottle broke, and the water froze. Unpleasant truth!

—Visitors who wonder at the size of Wesley Gustafson may rest assured that he is no fugitive from a circus side show. "Gussie" stands about 62 inches, and appears almost as broad. Yet, after removing numerous sweaters and jackets, he assumes quite a normal shape. "Gussie" makes most of the trips on the boat and believes in good anchorage.

—Donald Lowery has the distinction of being 1940's gift to "boner" basketball. Donald scored a field goal after the game had been underway for only a few seconds. But, alas, he shot the ball into the wrong basket, thus scoring for the opponents.

—Did you ever realize that yawns were contagious? The Juniors do. Murdock Moore, the "yawniest" boy ever, has his whole class yawning five minutes after school opens. Not even the teacher is exempted.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Entertainment

Robert E. Dudley, '16, Ch.
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Waldo L. Waters, '30

Auditing

Clarence W. Loud, '96, Ch.
Augustus N. Doe, '75
Charles E. Nichols, '06

Alumni Fund

Alfred C. Malm, '00, Ch.
Walter B. Foster, '78
Luke W. Halfyard, '21
Harold W. Edwards, '10
Alfred W. Jacobs, '10

Bell Fund

Will F. Davis, '79, Ch.
Henry A. Fox, '79
James H. Graham, '79

Nominating

Norman F. Morse, '85, Ch.
Howard B. Ellis, '98
Frederick W. Pearson, '78

JAMES SMITH '66, a loyal alumnus, Beacon subscriber and frequent correspondent, died in Plant City, Florida, in July. Mr. Smith was very active in community affairs and had been Mayor of his city. We were recently notified that a part of his real estate and personal property assessed at approximately \$2,000.00 was left by legacy to The Farm and Trades School.

RAYMOND H. MACQUESTEN, '25 designed our window display for the 1940 Community Fund. It is on display at the S. S. Pierce Copley Square store. It is a masterpiece of art.

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE, '16, is Sales Manager for the General Foods Company 250 Park Avenue, New York City.

JOHN GOODHUE, JR., '21, was a recent visitor. He is the owner and operator of the Goodhue Boat Yard in Braintree. He is also with other enterprises, all of which keeps him very busy. His mail address is Arborway Drive, East Braintree.

A. CONRAD ERICSSON, '28, works for a South Boston metal corporation. Recently he arranged for the School brass quartet to be in a Christmas program at his Church, in Cohasset. His home is in that town, and mail addressed to him at North Main St., Cohasset, will reach him.

CLYDE W. ALBEE '33 is listed in the December issue of "The New England Naturalist" as Assistant in the Installation and Preparation Department of the Boston Society of Natural History.

FREDERICK S. VERY, '33, has returned to his former position with the Buck Printing Company of Boston. His home address is 31 Gordon Steet, Allston.

DAVID R. HARRIS '36, has returned to Washington, D. C., and his address there is 317 Crittenden Street, N. W. He visited us during the past summer, and spoke interestingly of his contacts in the nation's capital.



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The First Dinner

Tuesday, January 23, will be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of our school, for at one o'clock on this day we served the first meal in our new building. We were privileged to have with us many members of the Board of Managers, and Alumni representatives. The transition from the old dining room to the new was made in the morning, with almost unbelievable smoothness, and the first dinner, with its main dish consisting of chicken, was very much enjoyed.

Following dinner three members of the student body spoke briefly, telling in their words, just what the new building meant to them. Those who spoke included Murdock C. Moore, representing the post-graduates; Charles A. Pecce, representing both Cottage Row Government, of which he is Mayor, and the Class of 1940, of which he is president; and William J. Mara, Jr., who represented the younger boys.

President Arthur Adams, of the Board of Managers, told of the old dining room as it was forty years ago, and the vast improvements made since then. He said that the development of the school demanded the new building, and he congratulated the building committee on its splendid work.

Vice-Pres. Edward Wigglesworth, the building committee chairman, was invited to speak concerning the work connected with the planning and actual construction of the building. He paid tribute to our Headmaster, William M. Meacham, who, Mr. Wigglesworth related, had accomplished much of the detail work in connection with the project.

The other members of the Board were introduced, as were the alumni representatives. The occasion, informal throughout, was concluded by the singing of "God Bless America".

The Managers and guests spent a pleasant hour inspecting the building, and were exceedingly pleased with the entire structure.

Guests present on this occasion were:
Arthur Adams

Edward Wigglesworth

Augustus P. Loring

Philip H. Theopold

Alfred C. Malm, '00

Gorham Brooks

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Foster, ('78)

Philip S. Sears

John L. Batchelder

Moses Williams, Jr.

William Alcott, '84

George S. Mumford, Jr.

Merton P. Ellis, '97

Howard B. Ellis, '98

Our Sunday School Contest

Each Sunday morning when we have Sunday School we have a contest in Bible knowledge. Our minister, Mr. Perrigo, gives two questions and those who can find the answers in the Bible before the time limit gain points for their team. The School is divided into two teams, called the Gold and the Blue. I belong to the Gold team and we are ahead, although the Blue team has a good chance to win.

Curtis J. Nelson

Skating

During the past few weeks there has been good ice and Henry Porter and I played a kind of hockey game every afternoon. He won a few times, and then I began to win. We enjoyed this game until yesterday, when Porter fell on the ice and hurt himself. He had to stop skating for a few days.

Arthur B. Stilphen, Jr.

Sixth Grade Plans

While we are eating, the boys in my class make plans for the day. Usually Clifton Dunn says, "Meet me at the gym". He always makes plans, but he never keeps them. The other boys, Curtis J. Nelson and Gerard Harrington, make a great many plans, and scheme all sorts of things. But when we leave the dining room they forgot all the schemes and do something else.

William J. Robelen

Visiting Hour

The boys who live in the new building have visitors each evening. Boys who do not have rooms in the new building enjoy visiting with their friends. Usually we listen to the radio, talk, or sometimes play games. Some of us go

visiting every time we have an opportunity, and the dormitory is certainly a busy place during visiting hours.

Robert P. Donnelly

The Point System

In our printing class we have been studying the point system. This is the system of measurement that all printers use for everything except paper. There are 72 points in an inch. Type is measured by points, so that 24 point type is $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inch from nick to back. Leads, furniture, brass rules, and other materials used in the printing office are measured in picas. A pica is 12 points thick.

Malcolm C. Huston

Our Assembly

Our class, the seventh grade, gave a play entitled, "Signing the Declaration of Independence", last Monday. Wellman Bonsey played Jefferson's part; Glendon Campbell, Franklin; Robert W. Duquet, Adams; Robert Donnelly, Sherman; and Henry J. Porter, Livingston. The play opened with a speech by Jefferson. The other characters then entered into a period of discussion and finally agreed to work unitedly for independence.

Glendon L. Campbell

Our Music Class

Every day, at five o'clock, we have a music class of beginners. Mr. Albee is our teacher. There are four boys learning to play the alto horn. They are: Clifton Dunn, William Robelen, Curtis Nelson and myself. We first learned about the treble clef and then we began to practice tones on our instrument. We are learning now to play simple pieces.

Gerard W. Harrington

The Nut League

This seems like a strange title, but it isn't. It is the name of our basketball league. There are five teams in the league, the Cocoanuts, Walnuts, Chestnuts, Peanuts and Beechnuts. We have good close games. Most of the boys in this league have never played before, and nearly all of them are small boys. The Cocoanuts have not lost a game this season. Ralph E. Pratt is the captain. The Beechnuts, captained by Donald W. Lowery, are in second place. I play for the Cocoanuts.

Walter W. Smith

Our Game

Last Saturday a group of beginners in basketball came from the Trinity Church and played a beginners team which we organized. Our team didn't have much practice. The visitors were much taller than we were. We lost, but everyone had a good time. One of the visitors shot a goal into the wrong basket and scored two points for us. The final score was Trinity 18, F.T.S. 4. Our lineup was: Henry Porter, lf; William Robelen, rg; Robert Duquet, rf; Robert Donnelly, c; Clifton Dunn, Captain, lg; Gerard W. Harrington, substitute. Robert W. Duquet

The Game of Spy

One of the games which has become popular with the boys lately is the game of "Spy". This can be played by either two or four players. A large board, made up of small squares, is used. Each player has twelve men, including two secret policemen and a spy. The object is to move your men through the route marked on the board; whoever gets his "spy" into one of the colored boxes at the end of the board wins. Each man has a certain value, and a man must be of a higher value in order to make a capture. Policemen may only capture spies. This game gives hours of fun.

Wellman E. Bonsey

The Dishwashing Machine

We have a new dishwashing machine in the new building. It is entirely different than the one we had in the old dining room, and is much better. The old machine was operated by a motor which rocked a basket, containing the dishes, back and forth. The new machine washes by water being forced onto the dishes with great pressure. By pushing a lever the dishes wash, and by changing the position of the lever the dishes rinse. The temperature of the water is controlled by a steam valve. The machine is entirely closed in, while the old one was not.

James Patterson

Winter Farm Work

The boys who work on the farm in the afternoon have many varied jobs to do. Some are helping to build a semi-permanent garage in back of the storage barn. Others bring freight from the wharf to the storerooms. Butchering takes time, and many of the boys help in this work. Manure is hauled from the barn and piled by fields where it will be used as needed. Some of the boys are helping repair machinery, while others work on the woodpile sawing wood into lengths for fireplace use.

Earl W. Hooper

Our Class Program

Last Monday night the sixth grade gave a program based on the Geography of the North Central States. William J. Robelen was the announcer. He first introduced Darwin Baird, who told some interesting things about Chicago. Gerard Harrington spoke about the agricultural products. Clifton Dunn told about mining in the North Central States. Curtis Nelson told about the manufacturing of many products. Darwin Baird concluded the program with a piano solo.

Clifton M. Dunn

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A Brief Story of The Farm and Trades School

Established 1814 Thompson's Island Boston, Mass.
By Headmaster William M. Meacham

This school has been operating 126 years, 107 of these on its 157 acre farm property, Thompson's Island in the city of Boston in Dorchester Bay near South Boston. It has continuously provided a year round home to 100 well recommended, worthy boys of Greater Boston, a wholesome farm environment, swimming and other summer camp facilities, trades and academic training, clothes, medical needs and other incidentals. We do not exclude boys from outside this area if there are vacancies not filled by Boston boys. Last year 89 of our boys came from Greater Boston.

Our boys are selected with a view to providing for boys of good character from homes broken by death or other causes and who would not otherwise have the normal opportunities of life. We do not accept delinquent boys. Our complete course of study extends six years, from the sixth grade in school through the third year of high school. We prefer to have boys enter at the age of ten or eleven for the entire six years through the adolescent period because we find that real development can be and is made during that continuous period. The Island location is especially good because of the many facilities here and because it keeps the boys from the harmful influences of congested areas. Yet we are so near the mainland that ten minutes takes us to Boston and provides opportunity for rather frequent visits to relatives, athletic contests, band festivals and many other worthwhile events.

The complete cost per boy for his living, clothes, medical, education, music, sports, entertainment and other incidentals for the entire year is reasonably low. The

average expenditure is approximately \$700 per boy for the entire twelve months. This is less than half the cost of tuition and board at many schools for nine months. This comparatively low figure is made possible by careful, economical management and by the fact that every boy learns to do many things by working in the various departments. Part time every day is devoted to work under competent men and women in cooking, sewing, and household duties for the younger boys, and their rotating in the various departments of woodworking, printing, engineering, power boat operation, care of registered herd of Guernsey cattle, poultry, vegetable production and fruit raising.

Our entire program is so organized that each boy has four hours of study, four hours of practical work and four hours of play. The play time includes all athletics with school teams and intra-mural teams for every boy, a school band of 40 boys (America's first boys' band and three Boston Symphony Orchestra members started here), a Boy Scout troop, Cottage Row Government with its Mayor, Aldermen and other city officials, swimming, skating, snow sports, photography and many other hobbies and individual interests. We are proud of this program of complete development and happy experience for our boys because it gives every boy a rich opportunity for normal development, a happy life and a preparation for adult citizenship unequalled in any other organization.

Parents, relatives and local organizations are encouraged to help with the expenses of each boy. Not more than half the expenses of a boy is ever paid. The boys are really worthy, needy boys, boys who given normal opportunity develop into fine, useful citizens but who if permitted to continue in their home community situations with little or no

guidance would in many instances be likely to develop into undesirable citizens and even expensive menaces to society.

Our current expense budget for 1939 was \$69,900. The actual expenditures were \$68,884.40. The income was from the following sources:

Permanent funds and trusts	\$32,744.39
Printing and Woodwork	328.03
Board and Tuition	11,317.64
Community Federation	11,532.00
Donations	1,751.00
Deficit	11,211.34
Total	\$68,884.40

Our four-story Bulfinch main building built in 1832-33 provides the major part of our housing accommodations. Additions and other buildings have been constructed from time to time. The most recent building, Bowditch House, was completed in 1939. This is a two-story fire-proof brick building, houses 26 boys and provides dining room and kitchen for the entire school. The Charles Hayden Foundation helped financially with this building but it was necessary to draw heavily upon our permanent funds. This reduces our annual income but it seemed the only thing to do in order to properly provide for these fine, worthy boys. We need funds to complete our building program and to make up our annual deficit.

This school has done a grand job in providing for boys these 126 years. It has taken good boys from improper environment, given them a chance in life and turned out hundreds of valuable citizens. More than 95 percent of our graduates are excellent citizens and seldom does one become a problem to society.

We are proud of our work and the results attained with the resources available. Words cannot adequately describe the work. It must be seen to be appreciated.

It is little less than amazing, this work which goes on quietly right at Boston's front door. It has been called by some *Boston's Boys' Town* and that is not far wrong.

Topics in Brief

On January 9 we had the pleasure of enjoying a fine program arranged by Malcom E. Cameron, '19. Mr. Cameron gave his annual performance of mystifying tricks of magic. For more than an hour he kept the boys interested as well as amused with a show that was second to none. The boys had anticipated his visit with enthusiasm and they were not disappointed, for Mr. Cameron, assisted by Mrs. Cameron, provided an entertainment that will long be remembered.

The musical part of the program consisted of trumpet duets and trios by Howard B. Ellis, '99, Benjamin White and Elmer Webster, all members of the Omar Grotto Masonic Band of Boston, of which Mr. Ellis is conductor. Howard B. Ellis, Jr., assisted at the piano. Everyone enjoyed the trumpeters very much.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and Mr. Ellis and his friends for providing this splendid entertainment.

On Saturday, January 6, Mr. Walter C. Fannon, a South Boston scoutmaster, and our Band Director, Mr. Frank L. Warren, arranged the program for the Music Festival to be given by Mr. Fannon's scout troop. Our Band will play several selections which we know will be received very favorably by an anticipated large audience. This event will take place in the South Boston High School auditorium on February 20, and a varied and interesting program is assured.

On Tuesday, January 23, the day that we had our first dinner in the new building, the boys began using the old dining room as a place for general recreation. Of course it will be some time before this room is remodelled completely but for the present we shall use it as often as possible. Its use as a recreation room fills a need which has long been apparent, and the room will be a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to the boys.

The boys have enjoyed a vacation from classes extending from December 22 until January 2. Many of the boys spent part of this time at home. All of the boys were here to observe Christmas Day. During this period basketball season got underway, and conditions were favorable for outdoor winter sports.

On New Years Day basketball and hockey games took place. For the first time in many years an organized hockey game was played between the Faculty and Boys. The Faculty team won. Ice hockey has been played steadily, and this game as well as other ice games, has been popular this winter. There are several skating areas, and this sport is participated in by nearly all of the boys.

The annual Sears Basketball series got underway during the month. A schedule of 38 games will be played. Four teams in the Sears league are competing for the silver shield awarded each year by Manager Philip S. Sears. Mr. Sears also provides individual trophies for the best player in the five positions. The smaller boys are grouped in another league of five teams and have an interesting program of games. The varsity is playing weekly and giving a good account of itself in competition with Y. M. C. A. and church teams.

Ten of our boys took part in the pageant and parade held by the Community Federation at the Mechanics Building on January 22. This was an impressive ceremony, held to launch the 1940 campaign for funds. We are a participating agency in the Community Federation.

Our boat trips have been run regularly every day, though without some difficulty due to ice conditions. We have not been icebound, mainly because of government and city boats keeping the ice broken so that it could float out to sea. From the southern end of the island to Squantum, where there is no boat travel, the ice has formed so that it has been possible to cross to Squantum during the latter part of the month.

The farm crew has been busy this month making repairs on farm equipment. The sprayer has been overhauled, and is now in first class condition. Work has also been accomplished on the tractor and trucks.

There were three assemblies held during the month. On January 8 the eighth graders gave a variety program of readings and musical selections. A week later, on January 15, the seventh graders presented a play based upon the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The sixth grade gave a geographical sketch based on the North Central States. At each Assembly, which are usually held weekly, the Band gives a short concert. Headmaster Meacham speaks briefly, and makes various announcements. The assembly period is opened and terminated by singing.

A number of the boys have formed a Bible study group and meet weekly with our minister, Rev. Lloyd Perrigo. These weekly discussion periods have proved very helpful to the boys.

Moving pictures are always popular with the boys, and we are having a regular weekly program. The films are varied and are supplied by the Y. M. C. A. motion picture bureau.

During the month the School basketball team played four teams, and won decisively over each. On January 6 the Quincy Baptist quintet was defeated 45-42; on the thirteenth the Trinity Church lost to F.T.S. 10-13; on January 20 the Ruggles Baptist group lost 50-44, and on January 27 the Y. M. C. A. team lost 13-32. The Junior varsity and the varsity second team have both played contests with Church and Y.M.C.A. teams.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, January, 1850

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Total boys, 89. Two of these are between six and eight years old; nine, between eight and ten; forty, between ten and twelve; thirty, between twelve and fourteen; six, between fourteen and fifteen; and two fifteen years of age.

12. A warm rain which carried off the snow.

13. The Superintendent read a discourse from Abbott's School-boy—subject "Other Worlds". The girls returned to their school.

24. M. Grant, J. I. Bowditch and S. E. Brackett, Esqrs., of the Board of Managers made a visit to this institution. The teacher, Mr. Marden, left the Island for a week's vacation.

January Meteorology

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Clarence W. Loud, '96 Elected Manager



Clarence W. Loud '96

On the occasion of the annual meeting of the corporation of The Farm and Trades School on January 30, Clarence W. Loud, '96, was elected to the Board of Managers. The Alumni

Association was requested last year to nominate annually one of its members, who would be an alumni representative on the Board of Managers. The nomination was reached by secret ballot, all the graduates having an opportunity to vote.

Mr. Loud was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, March 14, 1879. He came to Boston in 1887, and entered the School during that year. He graduated in 1896, and soon after entered the employ of Alfred Bowditch, a managing trustee, who, at that time, was Treasurer of the School. For 42 years he remained at work in this office, serving under Alfred Bowditch, and later his nephew, Ingersoll Bowditch until the death of both employers.

He then engaged in real estate management on his own account, having an office at 104 Hanover Street, Boston.

Mr. Loud has been both President and Treasurer of the Alumni Association. He has served on many committees, and has been a valuable member of the Association

in many respects. Other organizations of which he is a member include the Boston Real Estate Exchange and the Building Owners' and Managers' Association.

He is married and has three children, Mrs. Francis D. Fane, Miss Edith Loud and Clarence W. Loud, Jr. He is a member of the Central Congregational Church, Newtonville, and lives at 23 Eddy Street, West Newton.

RUSSELL ADAMS, '19, visited us during the month. Mr. Adams is employed by the Eastern Massachusetts Railway Co. He was impressed by the strides forward which the School has made.

THOMAS C. KENVIN, '38, has earned distinct success as the drum major of the Malden High School Band. His showmanship has been particularly evident at the athletic meets staged by the school teams during the fall and winter. He also acts as drum major for other bands.

JOHN R. MACDONALD, '35, is living at Weston, Mass., and is employed in the Wellesley Dairy. He spends much time on his drawing, at which art he is especially adept.

HOWARD M. COLPITTS, '39, is attending Wakefield High School. He was a recent visitor and told of his activities in school. He is working part-time in a store in his town. He has continued his membership in the Boy Scouts, and has transferred to the troop in his town.

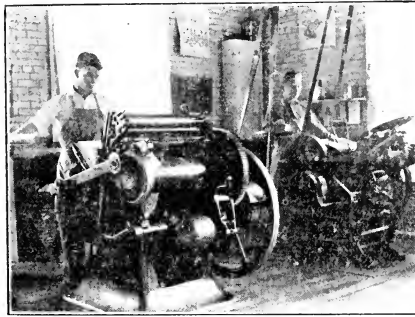
WESTON O. PAGE, '38, has been a visitor here several times this fall. He speaks interestingly of his school work at Lexington High School, where he is a Senior. He takes an active interest in all phases of school life.



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A Printing Office Scene

Five Hundred Years of Printing

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of printing. This great invention, as we know it today, is generally credited to John Gutenberg, a German, in 1440, although there were methods of printing by impression as early as 4000 B.C.

Our School was the first in America to include printing in its course of study. It was in 1881 that this subject was added to the curriculum, and this pioneer course is nearing its sixtieth birthday. The study of printing has grown by leaps and bounds and most school systems in our larger towns and cities include this course.

Innumerable articles will be published

during the year in honor of the 500th anniversary of this most cosmopolitan and international invention. Although the Germans perfected the invention every nation had a part in its development. The observance this year is world-wide.

John Gutenberg is most famous for his 42 line Bible, a work which is greatly prized. A copy today would cost the purchaser about a third of a million dollars. Gutenberg's printing shop must have been a type foundry, ink manufactory, machine shop, and printing office combined, for all authorities agree that he made, or supervised the making of, all equipment he used.

Living in Bowditch House

When I was told that I was to be one of the fortunate boys to live in Bowditch House, I was very much pleased. I cannot describe the great change in living there and in the Main Building.

The dormitory rooms in Bowditch accommodate six boys, excepting two which have room for four. All the furniture is new. The beds are especially good. The dressers are of a unique pattern, as one of the drawers opens into a desk. Chairs and rugs complete the furnishings, excepting for personal things, such as radios. The furniture is made from maple, and is very attractive. The bedspreads and curtains have a nautical design very pleasing to the eye.

There are two instructors who have rooms in the building. They settle all problems and are in charge of the boys who live there.

The boys in each room are responsible for the cleanliness of the room. We take turns each day sweeping and cleaning. Each boy makes his own bed.

The essential difference in living in Bowditch and in living in the Main Building is that each Bowditch pupil lives individually and depends on no one but himself for his everyday needs, while in the Main Building the boys are given more supervision and have little of the freedom which the Bowditch boys enjoy.

Naturally everyone in Bowditch House is pleased with the many advantages it offers.

Axel R. Hallberg

A Seventh Grader's Day

Reveille awakens me every week day at 6:15. I get ready for breakfast, and have a half hour or so to spend in the recreation room. When it is almost 7 o'clock, I go to the Bowditch House for breakfast.

After breakfast, at 7:35, I go to school. I finish at 11:30. Dinner is at 12:00, and after dinner I help in the dining room for an hour. From 1:30 until 5:00 is free time, and I can do whatever I wish. At 5:00 I return to the dining room and help set the tables for supper. Supper is at 6:00 and after supper it is my duty to clear some of the tables. At 7:30 I can go to bed, or if I wish, I can play basketball or play games in the recreation room until 9:00. At 9:00 everyone must be in bed.

Henry J. Porter

Horse Barn Experience

For several weeks one of my part time jobs each day was working in the horse barn. Two other boys also worked with me. We had three horses and a pony to feed and water. Each day we gave the horses a good cleaning with a curry comb, and then brushed the horses until their coats shone. We cleaned each stall every day.

Glendon L. Campbell

A Birthday Party

On March 1 we had a birthday party in honor of Mr. Meacham's birthday. It was begun in the Gymnasium, where we had a picnic supper of sandwiches, fruit punch, ice cream and cake. The next part of the program was held in the Assembly Hall. Moving pictures were shown, followed by a number of stunts and sketches. I thought the best part of the show was the German Band, although all the acts were good. Mr. Meacham received some books as a gift from the Instructors and Henry Porter, one of the small boys, was chosen to be messenger and deliver the books to Mr. Meacham.

The party was very good, and we enjoyed it very much.

James Patterson

The Snow Fight

On February 22, for the first time in three years, there was enough snow for an old-fashioned snowball battle. This battle is to commemorate the birthday of George Washington. Heavy snowfalls left great quantities of material from which were built two magnificent forts. General "Bob" MacWha's army constructed a huge rectangular fort on the north lawn. General Warren Danner's army built a circular one near the flagpole. Both were within snowball range of each other.

Gen. MacWha's fort was considered by many as the best because it was well-packed and larger. General Danner's fort was higher and smaller and it was believed that it would fall under the first hard attack.

The day of the battle dawned, and each side spent the forenoon putting the finishing touches on the forts. Last minute instructions were given the staffs by the commander of each army. The rules of the fight were talked over and preparations completed before the zero hour.

The armies met with the officials shortly before two o'clock. At this hour the signal "Charge" was given. General MacWha, whose army was to make the first charge, rushed towards the area of the opponents. The defenders fought valiantly, and their fort resisted all attacks, although it seemed the enemy would break through the snow barricade. The period ended with both sides inactive excepting for a few skirmishes here and there.

The small sacks, which represented points to be captured, were then placed in General MacWha's fort. General Danner and his army prepared for their charge while the opponents got in position to defend their fort. Many thrills made this period the most exciting of the battle. The attackers knew that a successful charge

would mean much towards a final victory, while the defenders were determined to repulse the attackers. The older boys attacked the fort under cover of an incessant barrage of snow balls fired by the younger boys. Thrill followed thrill, and just as it seemed that the attackers might break through the fortress, valiant fighting kept the defenders in possession of their fort. The period ended with neither side gaining an advantage.

The third and final phase of the conflict followed. Both armies were determined to make the most of the "free-for-all". The small sacks, representing points, were placed on "No man's land" and both armies charged for them. Skirmish followed skirmish, and as the sacks were captured they were taken to the forts. Finally all the sacks were in the possession of one side or the other and General MacWha found he needed a very few points for a victory. General Danner, realizing that victory was his if his side could protect the sacks, called his men to defend the hard-earned points. Although the opposition fought valiantly the winning points were too well protected and as the signal to cease war was given General Danner and his men gave a cheer which rocked the battlefield.

A victory party followed the fight. General Danner and his men went to the gymnasium where the trophies of war were served. Cocoa, candy, fruit, and doughnuts were relished. "To the victors belong the spoils" was true, but the losers were also invited to the Gym and joined in the fun and the "eats".

Those who have seen the annual snow battle here over a period of the past several years agreed unanimously that the 1940 fight was the best they had seen. Certainly those who participated knew they had been in a battle.

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Let's Give the Boy the Help He Needs.

(Contents of a letter recently written
by the Headmaster.)

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the Herald clipping of Wednesday, March 6, 1940 of Angelo Patri's article "Boys Need Constant Help—Boarding School if Parents Cannot." This is exactly the service The Farm and Trades School has rendered these 126 years.

Patri says, "When the child who is left alone all day begins to go wrong, it is time to place him where he can be attended to and helped to go right. The boarding school offers the best solution for his difficulty." He goes on to advise the working mother to find an inexpensive boarding school, and if she cannot find one, "then a boarding home can be certainly found." There are some who would take issue with Mr. Patri but I am confident that this child expert is right on this point. (I would suggest getting him *before* he begins to go wrong.)

You will be interested to know that I received in the same mail a letter from a former Melrose boy, Weston Page. He completed the post graduate year at our School *last June* and is now a senior at Lexington High School. The letter indicates that he is not finding it too difficult to adjust himself in new surroundings *after seven years with us*. Lexington is entirely new to him. He says in his letter.

"I find that what you told me in different Sunday School lessons is very true, that life is a hard road and many hardships are

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found on it, and also many opportunities. I am going to Church three times each Sunday and try not to miss a time. I would like to know if it would be possible for me to bring down my Young People's group some Sunday afternoon to give a service.

"I received four B's and one A in my last report card thus placing me on the honor roll for the term. Out of 185 Seniors about 30 are on.

"A great accomplishment to my satisfaction, however, was being voted to a member of the Student Council, a body that runs most of the affairs of the school. There are 15 Seniors and 5 Juniors on the Council, and I think I was very lucky to get on. They usually pick someone who has been at Lexington High two or three years."

Topics in Brief

A group of the boys are studying the prescribed Red Cross course in First Aid. This is a valuable course, and our teacher, Raymond Thomas, always has more applicants for the course than he can properly teach. The younger lads must wait their turn. Most of the boys who graduate are proud possessors of the certificate issued by the American Red Cross to those who complete the course.

The annual snow battle, for nearly four decades a famed part of our Washington's Birthday celebration, took place this year under ideal conditions. Two old-fashioned blizzards provided plenty of snow and the boys made snow forts which withstood all attacks. A free-for-all rush gave General Warren A. Danner's army, a victory by seven points over General Robert W. MacWha and his army. A visitor on the day, and one who watched the battle with much interest

was Alfred C. Malm, '00, assistant treasurer of the school, and a member of the Board of Managers.

Our Scout troop invited the School to a program of entertainment during Boy Scout Anniversary Week. During this program the Chairman of our troop committee, Carleton W. Stiles, presented Star Scout Certificates to four of our scouts. George F. Connors, William N. Dodge, Murdock C. Moore and Albert E. Wilder were so honored. These boys have earned the highest rank yet achieved in our troop. Our Boy Scout Troop is young, and we hope that greater honors may be earned as the years go by.

The Annual Alumni Dinner was held on Feb. 28, at the Hotel Lenox, with an attendance of 42. Frank L. Washburn, '83, newly-elected president, was introduced. A full account of the gathering may be found on the Alumni Page.

The National Youth Association is sponsoring an American youth Symphony Orchestra to be trained by Leopold Stokowski. Candidates are being selected country-wide. One of our young cornetists, William N. Dodge, was invited to an audition before Arthur Fiedler, director of the Boston Pops Orchestra. Although our young musician was of the youngest age permitted an audition, Mr. Fiedler congratulated him on his high musical knowledge.

A group of our boys had the privilege of broadcasting from Station WCOP on February 24. This was the program of the International Friendship League, of which league several of our boys are members. The boys spoke of letters they had received from young people of high school age in foreign lands. The program, of

one half hour in duration, was given over to the boys and a round table discussion was held. Murdock C. Moore was chairman. Musical numbers were given by William N. Dodge and Robert G. Ryerson. Mrs. Marjorie Ronka, a member of our staff, arranged for the program and worked with the boys in preparing a fine broadcast which resulted in high praise for all concerned. Others who took part included Frank Anderson, Arthur W. Chase, William Dodge, Linwood L. Meacham, Robert G. Ryerson, David A. Wilson, William Schlegel, and Albert E. Wilder.

Nearly all the members of our Boy Scout Troop attended a special service in the Old South Church on February 11, Scout Sunday. Music for accompaniment to the singing and special numbers was furnished by our troop brass quartet. The twelfth scout law, "A Scout is Reverent", was emphasized. The service was fine in every way. In the evening, in our Chapel, our scout troop assisted with our Sunday evening service.

The Sears League basketball schedule has been completed, and on the final day of play the Antelopes, led by Richard John Nelson, won the coveted Sears Shield. The season has been one of great interest. The smaller boys, grouped in the Nut League, still have some games remaining on their schedule, while the Varsity will finish their games with the return contest with Gordon College.

A group from the Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston, was here on February 3, to play our boys in basketball. Boys from three age groups were organized into as many teams. Our senior varsity won, also our junior varsity. The cub team from Trinity won over our

smallest boys. The school team played three other games during the month losing to the Ruggles Street Baptist Church team and to the Braintree five; but winning over the Village team from the Boston Y. M. C. A.

There were three assemblies held during the month. On Feb. 5 the Juniors gave a pantomime based on Whittier's "Snowbound". A week later the Sophomores gave a fine play on Lincoln, while on Feb. 26 the Freshmen presented a splendid program of familiar words and their derivations.

A considerable part of the main building has been re-wired during the past year, and this very important work is being continued at this time.

Our Band was to have taken part at a music festival at the South Boston High School auditorium, but the program was deferred because of the weather. The South Boston Boy Scouts, who are staging the festival, have set March 20 as the new date, and our Band will be present to assist in what is always a fine evening of music.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, February 29, 1940

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1277.47
Cash	83.40
	<u>\$1360.87</u>

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$598.34
Trading Co. Deposits	649.38
Cottage Row Deposits	3.31
Photo Company Deposits	42.39
Surplus	67.45
	<u>\$1360.87</u>

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Annual Alumni Dinner

The Annual Alumni Dinner took place on February 28, at the Hotel Lenox, Copley Square in Boston. There were 42 members present, including three undergraduates.

The Association was fortunate in having a fine room off the main lobby of the hotel. For the first hour of the program the graduates enjoyed an informal get-together in the hotel lobby. Experiences of the past were retold with great zest, and surely the older "boys", who have been graduated for a half century or so, retain deep, happy memories of their boyhood days on Thompson's Island.

After a fine steak dinner Robert H. Dudley, '16, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee introduced William Alcott, '84, a member of the Board of Managers. Mr. Alcott, representing the Board, paid special tribute to the Bowditch family for over a century of service to the School. Mr. Alcott emphasized the fact that no school could have a finer group of distinguished gentlemen serve as its Board.

Frank L. Washburn, '83, who is the President of the Association, spoke and had interesting thoughts for the members.

Clarence W. Loud, '96, Alumni nominee to the Board of Managers this year, and who was duly elected to the Board last January, was next introduced. He expressed his deep appreciation to the association members for selecting him for this high honor.

Lieutenant E. W. D. LeBlanc, '97, of the Boston Police Department was asked to address the group. Lieut. LeBlanc spoke on the value of the training given

boys at The Farm and Trades School for these past 126 years. He pointed out that Farm School boys perhaps forget the privileges they have enjoyed in their boyhood, and that continual appreciation is due the Board of Managers.

Raymond Thomas, '26, gave a half hour program of motion pictures taken at the School during the past year. These fine films held complete attention. There were scenes of the boys at work and play; of the buildings, farm and general activities. The construction of Bowditch House was shown from the turning of the first sod until the completion of the building.

Music was furnished by a brass quartet from the School composed of William N. Dodge, '40, Robert G. Ryerson, '40, James J. Macdonald, '41 and George F. Connors, '39. Several selections were played and many comments were received praising the boys on their fine appearance and good musicianship.

Our Bandmaster, Frank L. Warren, who was a guest of the Association, was next called upon. Mr. Warren told of his early contacts with Thompson's Island, and then spoke of the band at the present time. The interest of the graduates in the welfare and progress of our school band is intense and Mr. Warren's remarks were followed with much interest.

Headmaster William M. Meacham was the next speaker. He confined his remarks to the school at the present, and spoke of contacts which may ultimately result in great benefits to the school, in the not too distant future. Mr. Meacham stated that progress, development and growth were essential and that our School was endeavoring to improve always in its

efforts to serve worthy, needy boys—the identical type of lads for whom the School was founded in 1814. Mr. Meacham had many interesting comments and sidelights which he related much to the satisfaction of the gathering.

It was deeply regretted that President Arthur Adams, of the Board of Managers, was unable to be present. Pres. Adams sent a telegram of regret from Washington.

The attendance of 42 was smaller than we like to have it. During this winter the weather has been unfavorable for such gatherings, and those who live out-of-town find it extremely inconvenient to travel, especially in the evening. Conditions being as they were, the committee felt that the attendance was good.

Robert E. Dudley, '16, Chester W. Buchan, '21 and Waldo L. Waters, '30 comprised the committee which planned the dinner, and to these gentlemen goes the credit for a pleasant, happy evening for the Alumni.

View from the Schoolroom Window

Looking out towards the North from our schoolroom window one can see many things. The most prominent are the snow forts, both quite large even though they were built three weeks ago. Then there is the flagpole, which was broken at the first joint by the blizzard on February 19. Cottage Row is easily seen. The flower gardens, hedge and playground are quite near. The view is completed by Boston Harbor's main ship channel in the distance.

Arthur B. Stilphen, Jr.

Moving Pictures

During the past few months we have had a showing of moving pictures every week. Many of these come from the Motion Picture Bureau of the Y. M. C. A. The films from this bureau are very good,

and are chosen from lists of films for high school students. Scientific, industrial, and films of general instructive nature are shown.

We have pictures of purely recreational interest, most of which come from film libraries in Boston.

We have had some motion pictures showing national parks of the country. These are issued by the Department of the Interior in Washington. Other government pictures show life in the Army, Navy and C. C. C. camps.

Stanley C. Morton

Calendar 90 Years Ago, February, 1850

As Kept by the Superintendent

10. Religious exercises conducted by the Superintendent.

Mr. Dickinson went to the city and returned on Monday, 11th, bringing with him James Love, who is admitted into the School. The present number of boys is ninety-seven.

15. William H. Furman, a colored boy, from New Bedford was received into the school, making the number one hundred.

24. Received a visit from Alderman Grant who addressed the boys.

Our Bulletin Board

In the seventh grade schoolroom there is a bulletin board, and our teacher, Miss Graham, sees that many interesting things are posted there. There are pictures and articles on the war being fought in Finland, and another set about the war in China. There is a newspaper clipping about the rich natural background of the state of New Mexico. Two maps of the United States, one by Arthur B. Stilphen and the other by Earl Hooper are also posted.

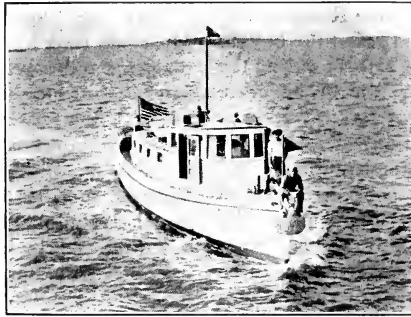
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Our boat, Pilgrim III, a familiar sight in Dorchester Bay, as it makes several daily trips from the School to the mainland.

Band Notes

Our boys are eagerly anticipating the school music festivals to be held during May in Lawrence and Wellesley. During these festivals thousands of pupils from the public and private schools of New England meet, and it is an inspiration to all to take part in these great festivals. Our readers know that communities finance their school music groups. Our boys are dependent entirely upon contributions from friends, such as our Beacon readers, trusting to their generosity.

On April 26, at eight o'clock, the boys will give a full evening concert at Faneuil Hall in Boston. This will be the fourth annual concert that the boys have given in

this historic hall. A capacity audience will greatly please the boys. No contributions will be accepted at the door.

We hope that our many friends will give our boys their whole-hearted support.

Our readers are cordially urged to attend both the Massachusetts and New England Music Festivals. On May 11, at Wellesley, the school orchestras, bands and choral groups of this state will have a festival, and two weeks later the outstanding groups of New England will hold a festival at Lawrence. This New England festival will be of two days duration, although the final day, Saturday, will be the most interesting, for on that day there will be held the outstanding events.

A Rotary Club Luncheon

On April 3 the members of the Band attended a luncheon of the Boston Rotary Club, and took part in the program. The invitation extended the Band by the club was secured through the efforts of our Headmaster, William M. Meacham, who is a Rotarian.

We left the island at eleven o'clock and went to the Hotel Statler by bus. Upon arrival there we went to the main ball room of the hotel and formed on the stage. We made everything ready so that we could play a concert for the Rotarians.

Mr. Meacham then asked the boys to choose a table at which to sit during the luncheon. There were thirty or more tables, each table seating eight. Two boys sat at some tables, and one at the others. This was done so that the Rotarians could ask questions about the School. Each of those present received a pamphlet describing the School, and as these were read many comments were made and the boys were asked to explain some points more thoroughly.

Those who had birthdays during the month were seated in the center of the room at a special birthday table. Three of our boys, David Haeger, Winthrop Davidson and Robert Pece sat at this larger table.

After the dessert was served, the Club president, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, gave a fine talk on birthday remembrances. He then introduced the guests at the head table. Among these guests were: Charles A. Pece, Mayor of Cottage Row, who typified the average F. T. S. boy; Mr. Frank L. Warren, director of the Band and Mr. Clifton E. Albee, the assistant director.

Mr. Meacham also sat at the head table and was introduced as a member of the team which had charge of the program for that meeting.

The secretary of the club, Paul W. Kieser, then gave his report. The visiting Rotarians were introduced, and a book written by the club president was given to Reuben A. Mark, member of the Brookings, South Dakota, Rotary Club. It is the custom of the Boston Club to give a book each week to the visitor whose home club is located furthest from Boston.

The Northland College choir was introduced and sang several selections. This music was very fine, and enthusiastically received.

As the choir left the stage Mr. Meacham took his place at the speaker's platform and asked the members of the band to go to the stage. He then talked briefly about the School, stating some of the more important facts about F. T. S.

Our band director, Mr. Frank L. Warren, then led the boys in the ever-popular "National Emblem" March. This was followed by a selection of favorite melodies from the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. A trumpet duet, "Ida and Dottie" was played by William Dodge and Robert Ryerson. The fourth and concluding number was the "Barrel Polka", presented with novelty effects.

The boys were very happy over the response of the club members who heartily applauded each selection played.

President Marsh thanked the committee for the fine program and made one or two other very brief announcements. The meeting was closed by the club singing "The Star Spangled Banner", to the accompaniment of the Band.

The members of the Band enjoyed the luncheon immensely. We were very well treated and in our opinion Rotary is a club in which friendship and good fellowship are outstanding. Their joviality and friendliness made us feel at complete ease. We had a happy time.

Murdock C. Moore

The Easter Concert

The Easter concert this year took place on March 24. The outstanding part of the program was the Bible play "Even Unto Death", which was superbly presented by a cast of nine. Musical selections were given by the Choir, together with instrumental and vocal pieces by individuals. There were recitations by the younger boys.

The play, "Even Unto Death", by Marjorie G. Stephens, had the following cast: Timna, a little maid of Caiaphas, William Mara, Jr.; Akan, a servant of Caiaphas, Linwood Meacham; Justus, a Roman soldier, James J. Macdonald; a Priest, Winthrop Davidson; Peter, a disciple of Jesus, Frank L. Anderson; a Scribe, Murdock C. Moore; Zibeon, a lame beggar, Russell L. Letson; another Roman soldier, Arthur L. Thibodeau; and the ministering angel, William H. Britton. It was staged and directed by Mr. Ronka.

The setting of the play is in Caiaphas' reception room. The time for the trial of Jesus draws near, and His followers are denying that they know Him. They have been bribed and blackmailed so that they testify against Jesus, but Timna and Justus remain loyal followers.

The play told a beautiful story simply and was very impressive. Those who took part deserve much credit for their fine work.

The entire program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Selection	Face to Face
	Choir
Invocation	Rev. Lloyd Perrigo
Hymn	Crown Him With Many Crowns
	Congregation
Recitation	He is Risen
	Robert P. Donnelly

Baritone Solo Come Unto Me
George F. Connors

Scripture Reading
Robert H. Stone

Selection Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Choir

Vocal Duet The Man of Gallilee
Joseph F. Harrington, Charles Gilbert

Recitation Miserere, Alleluia
Glendon L. Campbell

Brass Quartet Calvary
William N. Dodge Robert G. Ryerson
Axel R. Hallberg George F. Connors

Recitation Easter Sacraments
Alan P. Stewart

An Easter Drama Even Unto Death

Remarks
Mr. W. M. Meacham

Hymn Christ Arose
Congregation

Benediction
Rev. Lloyd Perrigo

The members of the choir were: Donald W. Lowery, Robert H. Stone, Joseph F. Harrington, Gerard W. Harrington, Charles Gilbert, Jr., William J. Robelen, George F. Connors, Wesley C. Gustafson, Walter H. Johansson, Charles H. Grant, Edwin W. Colby, Jr., William B. Pratt.

Richard J. Nelson

New Building Work

Every day I have duties to do in Bowditch House. I sweep the halls, empty the waste basket and do other cleaning. My job is also to keep the stock room neat and clean. Later in the afternoon I pour the milk into 10 quart cans from the large 40 quart cans which come to the refrigerator room from the dairy.

Earl W. Hooper

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The end of our school year is approached at this season and marked by intensified preparation for the music festivals. It is difficult to say which feature of our program is most important but The Farm and Trades School without an excellent band would be about as different as springtime without robins.

Since America's first boys' band was started here in 1857 almost every boy at the School has learned to play a musical instrument. The total number has been comparatively small because in these 83 years the enrollment of the School has been limited to about 100 but in the aggregate many have learned to appreciate good music. Several excellent musicians, including band leaders and three Boston Symphony Orchestra members started their musical careers here.

Human life and music are practically inseparable therefore music should have a vital part in education. Our school was a pioneer in this thought and took the lead on that memorable day 83 years ago.

When we claim pioneer honors in music we must pause to give credit to the Greek schools of more than two thousand years ago. The school curriculum then consisted of reading, writing, music and gymnastics for the boys. The girls were given gymnastic training only. The music teacher was known as a *citharist*, and the instrument used was a seven-stringed lyre. The important function of musical education was "to sooth, purge, and harmonize man within and make him fit for moral instruction."

In the stress and turmoil of present-day conditions is it strange that we claim for music a place at the top in our educational program?

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Topics in Brief

Our Band had the opportunity to take part in a world-wide broadcast, via short wave radio station WRUL, on Saturday March 16. This was the program of the International Friendship League, and was heard in 86 countries. Our boys furnished the accompaniment for the singing, and William Dodge, our cornetist, played the Danish National Song, "King Christian". The members of the League for the most part are high school students, and correspond with other young people in foreign lands. On this broadcast greetings were sent by about fifty young people to their foreign friends. Following the radio program cablegrams were received from Europe, and it was a thrill to hear them read to the audience. The program has since been rebroadcast by transcription on two different occasions. The Boston press stated that the hookup was the most extensive ever taken in short wave radio.

Many of the boys not in the Band attended the broadcast, the arrangements being made by Mrs. George R. Ronka, who is the sponsor of our International Friendship League group.

A group of our boys had the fine privilege recently of attending the grand flower show held in the Mechanics Building; another group enjoyed the motion picture "Pinochio", at an intown theatre.

The basketball season has been completed. It provided a schedule of games in which 74 boys took part. The Varsity played ten games with Church and Y.M.C.A. teams and won eight. The second team also played, as did a team composed of the younger boys in school. These games with outside teams were very well played.

Manager Philip S. Sears annually gives a silver shield to the team winning

the championship in the Sears League. This league is composed of four teams, the boys for the most part being a little younger than the members of the Varsity. In this league the Antelopes, captained by Richard J. Nelson won the championship.

The "Nut" league, made up of five teams with the younger boys as players, had a fine season. A twenty game schedule was played, at the conclusion of which the Walnuts, captained by Wellman Bonsey and the Beechnuts, captained by Donald Lowery, were tied for the championship. A playoff game was won by the Beechnuts.

The leading scorers for the season were: Varsity, Richard A. Martin; Sears League, Gerald Connor; Nut League, Donald Davis.

The Agriculture classes gave a fine program on March 4. The boys illustrated the method of judging cattle, and used a Guernsey chart for this purpose. Ralph Pratt gave an excellent talk giving his reasons for deciding to specialize in agriculture. Some of the boys gave musical selections.

A group of about forty students from Gordon College were here on March 7 for the annual Gordon—F. T. S. basketball game, which our boys won 31-16. We enjoyed having this fine group as our guests.

The week of March 25 was vacation week, and the Spring term began on April 1. During vacation week the boys had ample time to work on various hobbies. Our old dining room, transformed into a permanent recreation room, was a busy place during this week, especially with the stamp collectors, whose numbers have suddenly become greatly multiplied.

Scout News

Our Scout troop comprises twenty-one members at the present time. As soon as those now second class work into first class rank, so there will be enough leaders, a group of 12 and 13 year old boys will be invited to join as tenderfoots. The maximum number in a scout troop is thirty-two. Our troop is now in the fourth year. The roster of the troop at present is:

Star Scouts

George F. Connors
William N. Dodge
Murdock C. Moore
Albert E. Wilder

First Class

Stanley C. Morton

Second Class

Ernest Burns
Glendon L. Campbell
Donald L. Davis
David G. Haeger
Roland Hallberg
Franklyn S. Harris
George W. Harris
Malcolm C. Huston
Walter H. Johansson
James J. Macdonald
David A. Wilson

Tenderfoot

Asa M. Duquet
G. Wallace Hardy
William J. Klaila
Linwood L. Meacham
James F. St. Coeur

The Jester's Comments

—Pugno, the Latin word for fight, attracts Bill Dodge's attention, for that worthy lad has been practising the manly art of self defence. Since the days of the old Romans good fighters have been in demand and Bill intends to make a place

for himself. Let's hope it isn't a quiet place.

—Bob MacWha, the Thompson's Island Romeo, is always on the lookout for new companions. The following conversation took place at the supper table:

MacWha (to new student), "How's your sister?"

New boy, "I have no sister."

MacWha, "What good are you!"

—Never seen:

Francis Daniel hurrying.

Cliff Dunn in a quiet atmosphere.

Bill Dufault neglecting his lady friends.

Bob MacWha working.

Shoe stores to accommodate Ray Perry.

Alan MacLean in an industrious mood.

Bill Schlegel forgetting to play cribbage.

David Wilson with a grouch.

—Every so often we get to thinking about names. Did you ever realize that a corner, or even corners, may get burns? A fisherman might catch a stone, but he would have done a dodge in mooring too close. In a chase a boy named brown might grant the prize to a porter, a hardy lad, but the law might change it.

Maybe you can't figure this out. If you have trouble ask George Harris. 'Tis said Bucky once won a race by a nose.

What I Like Best at F. T. S.

I came to the School on April 6, and have been asked to write about those things which I like best here.

So far what I like best is playing the game of marbles. This is marble season and I have a good time playing, "poison" and "ringer". I also like going in the recreation room to read a good book or play a game. I also enjoy going on beach walks with the other boys. We find all sorts of interesting things on the beach.

Howard B. Snell

Calendar 90 Years Ago, March, 1850
 As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Edward McManners went to live with Mr. Edw. Thatcher, a farmer in Yarmouth.

16. Received a visit from Geo. F. Lawrence, a former pupil of the school.

17. A sermon was read by the Superintendent.

24. Deacon Grant addressed the boys.

26. The carpenters commenced work in the clothesroom.

The Farm and Trades School Bank
 Statement, April 1, 1940

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$1277.47
Cash	<u>77.69</u>
	\$1355.16
LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits	\$590.00
Trading Co. Deposits	650.51
Cottage Row Deposits	3.31
Photo Company Deposits	43.89
Surplus	<u>67.45</u>
	\$1355.16

Printing Office Machinery

The machinery in our printing office consists of two printing presses, a stitcher, a paper cutter, a proof press and a puncher. The presses and stitcher are powered by an electric motor. The other machines are hand-driven.

The smaller press is an 8x12 Chandler and Price. This is one of the most widely used presses and is patterned after the famous Franklin Gordon press. This machinery is busy much of the time, as it can handle nearly all the work done in our printing office. The large press is a Colts Armory 14x22. This is one of the best presses made. It is used for larger jobs such as the Beacon and school bulletin. Visitors often ask how much work each press can do. This depends almost

entirely upon the operator. A beginner has to work very slowly and be extremely careful. The size of paper being fed to the press also determines the proper press speed. I think that an average of beginners and advanced boys feeding the presses would show that about 1000 pieces of paper are printed for every hour that each press runs.

The stitching machine is a Boston Wire Stitcher, No. 4. It is very useful and is utilized in the production of much of our printed material. It can stitch both "saddle" and "flat"; that is, material which opens in the center such as this Beacon, and calender pads which are stitched flat. It will stitch approximately one-half inch of paper.

The proof press is used principally for proofing long columns of type before the type is made into pages. It has a flat bed and a roller which makes the impression.

The paper cutter is a Brown and Carver cutter with a 26 inch blade. The blade is operated by a hand lever. Practically all our paper is cut in our shop so that this machine is used consistently.

The punching machine is utilized for loose-leaf book paper, and for programs which are to be bound together with a cord.

The machinery in our printing office enables us to print most anything that a small printing office handles. All School printing is done in our shop, as well as some work for friends in town.

Stanley C. Morton

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 60° on the thirty-first.

Minimum Temperature 14° on the twenty-fourth.

Mean Temperature for the month 33°.

Eleven clear days, nine partly cloudy, and eleven cloudy.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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CARL G. WEEKS, '29, writes from Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he is an enlisted electrical student. His letter is well written and very interesting. Part of it follows:

"On February 1st I received orders which sent me here as an enlisted electrical student. Fort Monroe is the "hub" of the Coast Artillery, and the Coast Artillery school located here is one of the best in the Service. If I complete this course I will be eligible for a staff sergeant's rating as soon as there is a vacancy corresponding to the place I make on the eligibility list. The course will be over about September 1st.

"Since I could not finish college I am naturally delighted at my present opportunity. And, as I have said before, delighted also with those things I learned at F. T. S. Whether a soldier or civilian, I have found the experiences at the School to have been almost invaluable. At present, in our machine shop work, I find my F. T. S. training of great value."

We feel certain that he would appreciate a letter from his classmates. Address him at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

WILLIAM F. REAGAN, '37, is a student at the Bentley School of Accounting. He visited us recently and spoke of the great interest he is finding in his advanced schoolwork.

IVERS E. WINMILL, '23, is a member of the Boston Police Department. He is attached to the traffic division, and is on duty at a busy intersection in downtown Boston.

FREDERICK W. PEARSON, '78, was ill during part of the winter. He was unable to attend the Alumni Dinner in February, much to his regret, for he is very much interested in the Association, and may always be counted upon to be among "those present" at every alumni gathering. We wish for him a very speedy, complete recovery.

ROBERT E. DUDLEY, '16, is a very active member of the Alumni Association. He has served on many committees and is now chairman of the Entertainment Committee. He visits the school frequently and is very much interested in everything pertaining to F. T. S.

For years he has been employed as a confectionery salesman. His home is in Belmont.

RANDOLPH S. ENGLISH, '37, is a student at the Leland Powers school, where he is specializing in languages and public speaking in preparation for a career as a radio announcer. He has been heard on the radio, and has been fortunate in having some original scripts performed. His address is 6 Copeland Terrace, Malden, Mass.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS '10, former President of the Alumni Association and present Treasurer, is Master of Russell Lodge of Masons in Arlington. The second officer of the Lodge, Senior Warden, is Rev. John Nicol Mark.

Mr. Edwards lives in Arlington, at 54 Temple Street.