



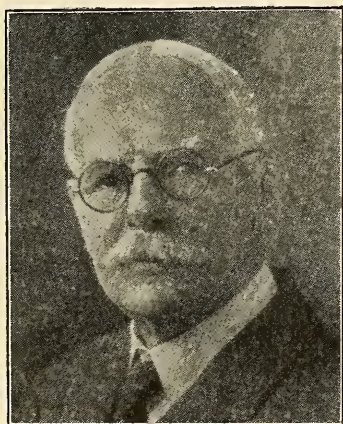
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Tucker Daland

Secretary Tucker Daland passed away March 29 at the home of his son in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, at the age of ninety. Funeral services were held at Trinity Church April 1 and interment in Keene, New Hampshire.



Tucker Daland

Mr. Daland graduated from Harvard in 1873 and from Harvard Law School in 1876. His wide knowledge of world affairs and great interest in people gave him a breadth of vision seldom surpassed.

The School suffers the loss of a devoted Manager. Mr. Daland was elected Secretary of the Board in 1890, which office he held to the time of his death. He served on the Board longer than any other member in the 128 years of the

School. He never missed an opportunity to promote the welfare of the School and inspire those connected with the School.

Mr. Daland is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Alice Lamson of Nashville, Tenn., and a son, Elliot Daland.

The Easter Concert

The annual Easter Concert was held at the Farm and Trades School, Sunday, April 5, 1942. The main subject of the Concert was an Easter play called "Simon the Cross Bearer." It was a one act play by Dorothy Marshall. Mr. George R. Ronka directed the Cast which included James Macdonald, Ralph G. Tremblay, Herbert P. Stearns, William J. Mara, Jr., and Frank R. Anderson.

There were also selections from the choir under the direction of Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom. The choir members were Fred P. DeLorie, Herbert Holmstedt, H. D. Lowery, Jr., John Patterson, Franklin Y. Mara, Henry J. Porter, Stephen J. Zevitas, Donald W. Lowery, Arthur B. Stilphen, Jr., and Ralph E. Pratt.

The brass quartet under the direction of Mr. C. E. Albee played a selection. The quartet members were James E. McCarthy, Wallace G. Hardy, Donald L. Davis, and Ernest Burns.

The invocation and the benediction were given by Rev. Richard Sweetser.

Ted Mara, Elmer Spraker, Stephen J. Zevitas, and Harold Lowery, Jr., gave recitations.

Other musical selections were also enjoyed. Ernest Burns and James Patterson played a trumpet duet.

A vocal duet by William H. Britton and Robert H. Stone was very enjoyable.

I am sure that all of us enjoyed the program and that the boys taking part did fine work.

Walter J. Ross

Spring Painting

Every spring brings many odd jobs, large and small, which must be done.

Every year around December the boat crew beaches the scow for spring painting. It is necessary to take it out early so that it can dry out and be scraped.

This spring all our boats are being painted gray instead of the usual white. The school's small boat, "Winslow," was the first to be painted. All her white paint had to be scraped off her hull so that the gray paint would go on well. Then a primary coat of gray was put on and later, the finishing coat over that. After that her bottom was painted with copper paint, and her inside painted gray and buff. A little varnishing was done, and she was finished although there was a lot more work to it than just that.

Next we painted the scow all gray, inside and out, except for her bottom which was painted with copper. One does not realize how large the scow is until he stands beside it on the beach and paints it. In painting the bottom, it is necessary for one to lie flat on his back and paint, because there is only about eighteen inches distance between the bottom of the scow and the ground. Before she was painted, it was necessary to scrape her sides and ends. This was a

very tedious job and tired one's arms very quickly at times.

A few days after we finished the scow, we put it back into the water again.

In this last week or so we have started painting the school's large boat, "Pilgrim III." Her housing already has had its primary coat, and her decks have had one also. Now we are waiting for a good day to put the finishing coat on. When she is finished, she will be all gray outside. The gray on the hull will be darker than that on the housing. Her trimmings will be either brown or red and black.

Most everyone on the Island thinks that the "Winslow" looks better painted gray than white, and I personally think it does. We are waiting to see how the "Pilgrim III" will look when she is finished.

It is surprising how well the gray blends in with a background. When the "Winslow" is going across the bay, all one sees from a distance is its wake.

Recently the school has been given a sixty-four foot motor launch. She is in good condition, and her twin engines were new in 1936. This boat will be a great asset to the school as it will give an opportunity for more to work and learn in the Marine Department. The school has not received the boat yet, but it is expected to be brought up from Woods Hole sometime in early June.

This boat was given to the school by Mr. Henry R. Dalton, and I am sure that everybody is going to appreciate this gift greatly.

Alan F. Stewart

The "Scholastic" Magazine

Here at F. T. S. we have one of the best magazines for high school boys of our age. This magazine is the "Scholastic"

magazine. In it there is everything we are interested in. There is an article on manners written in story-form called "Boy Dates Girl."

We may read about foreign affairs and world events in it. Governmental write-ups to let us know what is going on in our own capital appear frequently.

There is a poetry album for those who are so inclined.

Besides these there are articles on social studies, English grammar, and many fine editorials.

I think too few of us realize the value of this magazine and appreciate it on our library shelves.

James F. St.Coeur

Printing at the Farm and Trades School

The Farm and Trades School printing concern is not world-known, but it is one of a good reputation.

Our monthly paper, The Beacon, and a large amount of jobs from the city form the foundation of all of our printing activities.

First of all comes our school paper which is composed of our own material, most of which is written by the pupils and staff members here at the school. This material is all set up in composing sticks and made ready to print. After a proof has been taken, the material is printed on good paper. Then comes the step of folding the paper two ways, after which it is trimmed to its right size. The last step is folding the pages for a third time, after which it leaves the printing office.

The jobs from the city do not, as a rule go through this process. The majority of them only have to go through the first half of the process I previously mentioned. But some of them are painstaking and complicated.

There are a few minor activities which the work of printing jobs does not

include. Those are washing the shop windows, cleaning the floor, and cleaning up around the office.

Our printing instructor guides the students in their work as printers. In this way the printing office carries on its good work.

Almost every student who enters the printing office leaves it with a good understanding of printing, and he never regrets it.

Robert P. Donnelly

Spring Work on the Farm

Now that spring is here, the farm is preparing the hotbeds for planting, repairing the roads with a recently built road scraper, and building dikes.

In addition to this, we've been spreading fertilizer on most of the fields and gardens because this year we are going to raise more crops than ever before to carry us through the next winter.

On top of this we have our everyday jobs, such as cow barn chores, milk room work, bringing vegetables to the kitchen, feeding hogs, odd repairing and painting jobs, and many other things important on most farms.

William D. Bernard

Milking

Milking is a good thing to know how to do. At 5:30 in the morning I get up and go down to the barn while three quarters of the school sleeps. When I get there, I put my suit on, get my stool and pail ready for milking. One thing to remember is to always strip your cow. That is milk her so that no more milk comes. When the cows are milked I wash my pail and start the separator going, for the calves must have milk. Next the milk is given to the calves. Then you put the rest into the pasteurizer which purifies the milk so we can drink it.

James A. Blair

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This war has developed into a universal situation, an all-out war, a war to preserve the right to live, and it cannot be stopped until the free peoples of the earth capture and dismantle the war machines and subdue those who insist upon ruthless destruction.

We must cooperate 100% toward the duty which we have to the World. We have pledged ourselves to defend our people and assist to the end in the severe task of righting the vast wrong which has been committed by the Axis Nations.

In our own little corner we are building, and have for decades been developing man-power for defense and raising farm produce for consumption. Our school has for more than a century continuously worked in this defense program which to-day is so vital. Few educational institutions have had the foresight to persistently prepare for armed conflict. Military drill has been somewhat in vogue in various scattered areas but the basic mechanical and agricultural experience for youth has been sadly neglected.

We must carry on with even greater vigor than before, this great work which equips youth to help in the defense of our country.

Financially we will need more help from individuals in spite of the high rate of taxation. Taxation of commodities and income are inevitable. High real estate taxes present a debatable problem. Taxing of estates almost to the point of extinction is basically wrong. This procedure amounts to turning capital funds into current expenses and surely "kills the goose that lays the golden egg." The only method of alleviating this wrong is to transfer capital funds to well managed charitable organizations.

Topics in Brief

Our Band gave its annual spring concert in Faneuil Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 26. A large and enthusiastic audience was present to hear the boys, composed principally of the boys' parents and their guests, graduates, and friends of the school. We were particularly happy to have the President of our Board of Managers, Mr. Arthur Adams, with us.

In many ways the concert varied from those presented in other years. Transportation to the event was by private cars, arranged by our bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren. It was the first concert we have given in the afternoon, and this was made necessary because of war restrictions on night travel in the harbor. Then too for the first time in 85 years our band had a young lady member, Miss Joyce Easter Meacham, as a member of the drum section. Three of our graduates, George F. Connors, '39, Myron A. Pratt, '38, and Richard J. Nelson, '40, kindly offered to play with the boys, and were of inestimable assistance.

It was our great pleasure to have our former band director, Howard B. Ellis, '98, present, and Mr. Ellis was called to the podium and directed the boys in the march "Show Boy."

The drum section was featured in the playing of two military marches, one by the section's teacher, Mr. George Lawrence Stone. Mr. Stone then presented Mr. Warren with life membership in a National musical organization, a citation of which Mr. Warren is very proud. Mr. Stone then favored the audience with an exhibition of drumming as only he can. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Stone for taking time from a very busy schedule to be with us, and help make our concert such a grand success.

The program was of two hours

duration, and every selection was received with generous applause. The work of the soloists was particularly commendable. They were: George J. Zevitas, James J. Macdonald, David G. Haeger, James E. McCarthy, Ernest Burns, Donald Davis and Fred P. DeLorie.

A feature of the program was the performance of the "Princess of India" overture, long a favorite of F. T. S. Bands. This was directed by Ralph E. Pratt. His two brothers, Myron and William sat with the band as this number was played.

"The Passing of John Brown," a novelty written for the band by Bertrand B. Keyes, '81, was one of the highlights of the concert. Many popular songs, with vocal refrains, were also greatly enjoyed.

Among the longer selections which the audience enjoyed were: Alford's "Melody a La King," "Victor Herbert's Favorites," and "Sullivan's Opera Gems."

The boys appreciate very much the many fine words of praise they received. It was the happy conclusion to a winter of rehearsing, studying and practice, and to one and all the excellent results achieved at the concert surely proved that all the effort expended was decidedly worthwhile.

The boys have enjoyed an excellent series of sound moving pictures, held, weekly, during the winter. The films have been major productions, all very much worth-while.

Our scout troop has held many interesting meetings during the month. A number of the new boys are being initiated into scouting, and are very much interested in the program.

Our launch WINSLOW is in service for the summer. Since being rebuilt and

equipped with a modern engine, the boat has been a valuable addition to our floating equipment.

On April 10 half of the boys enjoyed a trip to town with their parents and friends, and on April 11 the remainder of the boys were accorded the same privilege.

A baseball diamond, and softball diamond, have been laid out on the field to the east of farmhouse path. We anticipate a healthy interest in these two grand games. Our new athletic field will be ready for football this fall, and until then we are using the alternate area.

The sixth graders gave a fine play based on activities during the life of King Alfred on April 20.

It was our pleasure to have Mr. Gilbert Dodds with us to assist in our religious services on April 26. Mr. Dodds is a theological student, attending Gordon College. His hobby is athletics, and he is nationally famous as a track man.

The story of Easter was beautifully told in our Easter Sunday concert. Music was furnished by the choir, Brass Quartet and special vocal numbers. Many of the boys gave recitations. The feature of the concert was the presentation of the play "Simon the Cross Bearer," by Dorothy L. Marshall, with a cast of six boys. Those in the play deserve special commendation for a superb performance.

Our farm crew has been hard at work for the past few weeks working on our new lawns, and doing other landscape gardening about our new buildings. Our friends are going to be pleased with the appearance of our group of new buildings, as their beauty has been considerably enhanced by the large amount of garden-

ing already accomplished.

We have eight pianos, all of which are in continual use, and during the month a piano tuner was here adjusting and tuning the instruments.

On Easter Sunday morning many of the boys and instructors attended a sunrise service conducted by our minister, Rev. Richard Sweetser.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 66° on the eighth.

Minimum Temperature 30° on the twenty-ninth.

Mean Temperature for the month 41°.

Four clear days, twelve partly cloudy, and fifteen cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 30, 1942

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$1224.92
Cash	55.04
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	\$1279.96
LIABILITIES	
Boys Deposits	\$760.69
Trading Co. Deposits	447.46
Cottage Row Deposits	6.90
Photo Company Deposits	19.03
Surplus	45.88
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	\$1279.96

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April, 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Went to Bradford with Annie and Augustus E. Morrison, who will remain there at school.

8. This being Fast-day several of the former pupils of the school were present.

11. Moses Grant and J. I. Bowditch, Esqrs., visited the school and Dea. Grant held the religious services.

22. The steamer Mayflower came with a few friends of the boys being her

first trip for the season. Present M. Grant, J. Bird, and S. E. Brackett of the Board of Managers. Chs. Henry Auty admitted.

The Coming of Spring

Now that spring is here and the days are getting warmer, it seems that the whole land is waking from a long winter's sleep. The boys are getting out their baseball equipment and marbles to enjoy the warm weather as long as possible. The ground is beginning to soften up, so the farm boys are repairing the dikes and continuing work on the new ballfield and lawns.

The days are not, however, all warm. Some days are still quite cold, and once in a while it might snow a little. There has been a lot of rain lately that has soaked into the ground and made it quite muddy; but, as a whole, the weather is quite fair and continuing to get warmer.

G. Wallace Hardy

Model Airplanes for the Government

Some of the boys who take the sloyd course and three or four of the instructors are making model airplanes for the government, after the school had received a letter asking if it would cooperate in the government's model airplane building program.

Mr. Meacham, our headmaster, told the government officials that we would make a certain amount of the models.

The Model Aircraft Project Committee then sent the plans for the planes and the templates to make them by.

The planes are made of any soft wood, such as whitewood, cypress, birch and ash. Some of the more delicate parts are made from a harder wood.

These model planes are used for recognition of aircraft, range estimation, and determination of cones of fire.

Donald L. Davis

The Opportunity for Piano Instruction

Music is a great intangible force, the language of all nations. To know how to play the piano properly is to be a master of a language that everyone can understand; also after this feat is accomplished, all other instruments of music become very easy to master.

Any boy at F.T.S. has at his disposal an expert teacher, a good piano, and his choice of many textbooks, free of charge.

Mr. Kihlstrom is an expert pianist having studied abroad, and played and taught all his life. A boy may practice as much as he wishes, but of course his advance must be accordingly.

There are many opportunities for good pianists to perform in the presence of a group.

Daniel C. Nyman

Changes on Thompson's Island

Things have changed a lot since last summer here on Thompson's Island.

Instead of old bath facilities, we have new, clean ones. The showers in the old building are as nothing compared to those installed in all of the new buildings.

A new athletic field now stands where the old sloping field we used to have once was.

Instead of all boys sleeping in three big rooms, two to four boys now have a room of their own with such articles as chairs, beds, bureaus, and even lockers in them.

In place of the old recreation room, we have pleasant sitting rooms with about everything we could want in them.

Line-ups to go to school and work are no more. We just go to an instructor and get his permission to go.

So you see all of these advantages help improve our school.

Wallace F. Dudley

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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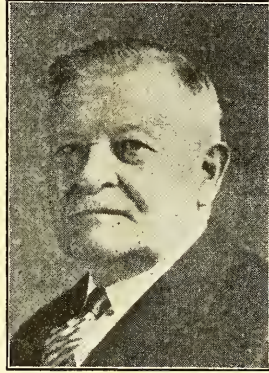
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James H. Graham, '79

JAMES H. GRAHAM, '79, one of the most popular of boys in his undergraduate days, and one of the most esteemed and beloved of alumni in subsequent years, passed away in his sleep at his apartment in the Fiske Building, Boston, on March 31. Born in Boston on Jan. 26, 1863, he was bereft of his mother at an early age, and with his younger brother, A. Lincoln Graham, entered the Farm and Trades School in 1873. James Graham ranked well in his studies, and he played in the band and was active in sports and dramatics. Early he evinced an interest in mechanics, and when the steamer "Jane McCrea" was bought for the school in 1875, he was the second boy to be assigned to duty aboard of her, under a trained engineer, and in course of time he became the regular engineer. Upon his graduation from the school in 1879 he remained in charge of the steamer as engineer for two years. He was a conductor on the South Boston Street Railway when the strike of 1886 occurred, and he remained loyal to his employers. In 1889 he became engineer of the Union Club in Boston, and for the rest of his life he had much to do with engineering. When the half-million dollar Fiske Building was erected at 89 State street, Boston, he became assistant engineer there, and was promoted to engineer and then to superintendent of the entire building. In 1915 the million-dollar



James H. Graham

Scollay Building was erected at 40 Court street, and that property was also placed in his charge, and he carried on with them until his death. On the day that he died, the executive representative of the properties paid this tribute to Mr. Graham: "James Graham was the most efficient man I have ever know in all my life."

Mr. Graham served as president of the alumni association in 1921-23, and was deeply interested in every thing connected with the school. Three years ago a friend of his gave \$1000, in honor of Mr. Graham, to pay for the tuition of one or more boys at the school.

Mr. Graham survived his wife by 16 years. Three children were born to them, but all died in early childhood. He is survived by a niece and a nephew.

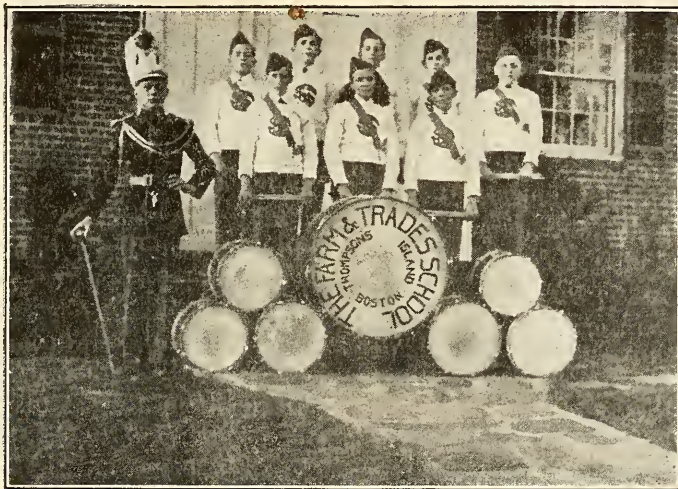
Funeral services were held on April 2, attended by many friends, including present and former tenants of the office buildings he so efficiently had managed, by members of the alumni association and representatives of the Board of Managers. Rev. Louis W. West of the South Baptist Church in South Boston, officiated. A male quartet sang three favorite hymns. There were many floral tributes. Interment was in the family lot at Mount Hope Cemetery.

William D. DeLorie '37, and Edwin W. Colby '40 have joined the Army.

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Drum Section of the Band. Front Row, left to right: Drum Major Ralph E. Pratt, Frank N. Babick, Joyce Easter Meacham, Stephen J. Zevitas; Back Row: Fred P. DeLorie, Louis A. Towne, William J. Robelen, James A. Learmonth, Elmer N. Spraker.

The Faneuil Hall Concert

On April 26, 1942, the Farm and Trades School Band gave its annual spring concert at Faneuil Hall in Boston. It has been the custom of the school in the past years to give the concert in the evening; but due to harbor regulations the concert was arranged to be played on a Sunday afternoon.

The program consisted of two long overtures, several selections, many solos, popular songs, and other entertaining pieces. It lasted for about two hours.

Solos were played by George J. Zevitas, James J. Macdonald, David G. Haeger, and James E. McCarthy. Vocal solos were sung by Fred P. DeLorie and James E. McCarthy. Another member, Ralph E. Pratt led the band in an overture—"Princess of India."

Several graduates offered to play in the band to replace boys who could not be present.

There was an audience of about 350 people present. Many friends and graduates of the school were called upon to

lead the band in a number, or to make a short speech. Mr. George Lawrence Stone, one of the best drummers in this country, played a solo on his own drum. Later he presented our bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren, with a membership card to a national organization.

The war regulations prevented our band from traveling in buses as it always has, so the members of the Railway Express Band had their cars at City Point and took us to Faneuil Hall. After the concert we returned in the same cars we had ridden in before. The band appreciates this assistance by the Railway Express Band, which is also directed by our bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren.

The concert concluded about 4:00 o'clock, leaving the boys plenty of time with their friends and parents. We left for City Point at about 4:30.

This concert was the celebration of our bands 85th year of existence. The band started in 1857 with about 15 members and has gradually worked its way to a high standard of playing. Being the first boys band in America, our band has had many directors. The present director is Mr. Frank L. Warren, whom I have previously mentioned. Mr. Warren is assisted by Mr. Clifton E. Albee. Mr. Albee spends much of his time helping the individuals in the band. This help and guidance is needed by the band members and it is greatly appreciated.

Music is part of our education, and we strive to have a good band.

Robert P. Donnelly

Coming of Graduation

As we all know, graduation for our F.T.S. boys is not very far off. Most of the members of the graduating class are wondering on just what day this memorable occasion in June will fall. This indeed is a very happy day for these

boys.

After a long tedious job, the graduation essays are passed in for their final mark, and many a fellow is happy when this is done.

The class's valedictorian and salutatorian have been selected by Mr. Meacham. These fellows are picked by their academic and general effort rating. This year James F. St. Coeur is our Valedictorian and Walter H. Johansson, our Salutatorian.

It has also been a custom of the school that the graduating class gives a banquet, and at present the class of 1942 is planning an excellent one.

Many of the fellows will soon be figuring out the class statistics. Many of the ambitions and characteristic traits are revealed in these statistics.

About the first week of June the class is taken on a trip, and the students are allowed to have an excellent time as long as their money lasts. Usually the classes have been taken to Canobie Lake.

But, all in all, there is a lot of work involved in the preparation for graduation aside from the trips.

The graduating class realizes that it will soon be leaving, and it is trying in all respects to leave an excellent record behind.

William H. Britton, Jr.

A Bitter Disappointment

Upon hearing that the "Pilgrim III" was going to be repaired at Fore River, my heart skipped a few beats. I began to imagine the thrill of going down the harbor in the "Pilgrim III." In my mind's eye I saw the large vessels lumbering to and fro, and I compared them with the small lobster boats that I see scooting from trap to trap. "Just think," I said to myself, "this will be the farthest I have ever ventured in the good ship "Pilgrim III."

The morning of the day the trip was scheduled for broke clear and fresh. I eagerly looked forward to the day's events. The mere thought of the trip left me tingling and flushed with excitement.

Then it struck with a death-dealing blow. In order to go to Fore River the boat had to have some papers of identification. The papers could not be obtained until late morning. Mr. Meacham told Mr. Jardine that the boat would go at 12:45 o'clock. What a terrible catastrophe in my young life this day had become! I couldn't go because I had to go to school in the afternoon, and the boy who was chosen was through school for the day.

Mr. Jardine tried to cheer the other boat boy and me by telling us we would probably be able to get the boat when it was fully repaired, but it was no use. The day had been ruined. I think I will always remember that day as a day of great and bitter disappointment in my life.

James F. St. Coeur

Thrown to the Fish

One hot summer day in July I decided to go swimming. When I was ready, I went down on the float and stuck my foot into the water. No sooner had I put it in the water when I jerked it out. Something told me that I wasn't going swimming in this cold icy water.

I then sat down on the edge of the float to watch the fish swim by. I wondered how the fish could live in such cold water. Then seeing some large fish further out, I decided to go and get my fishing line and do some fishing. I rose and started up the gangway, but coming down the gangway were two boys larger than I. When they got near enough to me, they grabbed me and took me to the edge of the float. Here they gave me a

heave into the midst of the fish.

I landed with a belly flop, and to make matters worse I got covered with fish scales. It took me about half an hour to wash them off. Washing the scales off was what I dreaded because I had to keep diving into the icy cold water.

Wellman E. Bonsey

Milking

There are two kinds of milkers, test milkers and two-time milkers. The test milkers milk three times a day. They milk at 4:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., and at 7:30 P.M.. The two-time milkers milk at 5:30 A.M. and at 4:45 P.M..

A small part of the milk is separated, and some of the skimmed milk is fed to the calves. The cream of the milk is sent to the kitchen for different uses.

Approximately one hundred and forty quarts are sent to the kitchen from the farm each day.

Milking is one of the opportunities which the Farm and Trades School offers us.

John Patterson

Repairing School Desks

The desks in the school rooms are pretty well marred, so two boys are repairing them. They have done six desks so far, and two more are being done.

The two boys, Arthur Stilphen and Fred Harrington, take the desks to the sloyd room where they are repaired. First they are planed, and the gouges filled. When that is done, they sandpaper the desk tops; oil and shellac them. Then they are rubbed down and put in their places. It sounds easy, but it takes a lot of work to do a good job.

The persons sitting at the desks go to vacant seats until their desk is finished. Soon we hope to have all the desks in excellent condition. Let us keep them that way!

Robert W. Duquet

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The war is the major problem of all of us at this time. Each one of us has very definite responsibilities and we must do our utmost to cooperate toward winning a solution to this gross attack on human freedom.

Our government is picking the men needed for military service through the selective service system. The men who are deferred or who are not of the proper age can all do as great service in the various fields of endeavor. There must always be other vital services rendered by training boys and young men toward the responsibility of military and civilian service. The civilian service is fully as vital as the military service.

Those of us who stay at home form a great reservoir of potential power immediately working on the home front, available for future military service should conditions warrant the call.

We must continue to solve our individual problems in such a manner as to use our abilities and our finances in such ways as to be most helpful in this all out war for freedom. We must be sure that the nucleus of school personnel is kept intact in order that young men may be prepared to take their places in the defense of our country, either in military service or civilian service.

Topics in Brief

The regular Spring meeting of the Alumni Association was held at the Hotel Bellevue, on May 13. The committee for the Annual Field Day reported that plans have been completed to have

this major Alumni event on June 6. Biographical sketches of our two graduates, James H. Graham, '79, and Harry A. English, '96, who have recently passed on, were given.

Ration Books No. 1, issued by the Federal Government for sugar, are being kept in the school office for the period during which the pupils and faculty members remain at the school. As with all war regulations, we are maintaining strict adherence to the law, both in letter and spirit.

Due to present conditions both the State Music Festival, and the New England Music Festival have been cancelled. This naturally was a tremendous disappointment to school children throughout New England, but the necessity is readily apparent, and the school pupils have followed the true American way in accepting the cancellation in good spirit. Transportation by bus is possible only for students going to a regularly scheduled school session. With all transportation facilities taxed to the limit with those prosecuting the war most of our excursions will be curtailed.

Ten of our younger boys became members of our Scout troop at an investiture ceremony held on May 6. The candle light exercises were an inspiration to the new scouts, and the ceremony was well performed, each of the members of the troop fulfilling his part excellently.

The instructors were happy and much pleased to find a May basket at their doors on May Day. Many thanks to the anonymous donor.

The annual marble tournaments for the boys are being conducted this month. The meets will provide much interest in this most popular pastime.

The Junior Class provided a novel entertainment on May 4. The Freshmen followed during the following week with an interesting program, combining the story of the Crusades with a French language sketch. The Seventh Graders presented a variety musical program during the month.

We have been very busy during the month, and our problem has been to accomplish essential work and proceed with new work which is necessary and desirable. The farm crews have done a fine job in landscaping the areas about the new group of buildings. The new lawns add considerably to the appearance of the new group of dormitories and begin to reveal the true beauty of the structures.

The boys are busy getting their flower gardens started. Nearly all the boys have individual flower gardens, and awards are given to those who show excellence in this worth-while activity.

Work and play happily mingled make an ideal combination for anyone. Although the boys have been busy with work about the farm and shops there have been many pleasant diversions. The most popular recreational activities at present include baseball, swimming, track, tennis, horseshoe pitching, and marble playing.

The System of Discipline at F. T. S.

We have an unique system of discipline here at F. T. S. We don't get spanked or stood in a corner when we break a rule.

We have a chart, which is really a graph showing how we rank in behavior. When a boy first comes to this school his name is entered on the chart at eleven plus. This means he is well behaved and in the first grade. Everyone tries to

stay in the first grade. When he breaks a rule, a slip of paper with the boy's name, what he did, and the instructor's name who reports him is passed into the Headmaster. He marks it anywhere from five to one hundred marks, depending upon the seriousness of the boy's offense. This number of marks is subtracted from his number of plus marks. For example, a boy is twenty plus and gets a fifteen marker. He is then five plus. When a boy gets a larger check than he has plus marks he is put into the minus marks. From minus one to minus ten marks is the second grade. Here some privileges are taken away. If he gets checked again and is between minus eleven and minus twenty-five marks, he is in the third grade and some more of his privileges are taken away. If he is checked again and is between minus twenty-six and minus forty-nine marks, he is in the fourth grade; and he has to work all of his spare time. If he is in the fourth grade on a Monday, he loses his desserts for a week.

The plan is one of credits and demerits. We receive one or more credit marks every day unless we are reported for lack of responsibility in our efforts and conduct. These merit marks and other special merit marks given from time to time for special effort are recorded and totaled up to twenty-five. This gives a boy a credit. From then on every fourteen credit marks add a credit to the total credits. Every credit after nine credits earns an extra day of vacation.

If the boy gets to minus fifty marks, he gets a demerit; to minus seventy-five marks, two demerits; one hundred marks, three demerits; etc. He needs one credit to cancel one demerit; and if he has only one credit and gets two demerits, he must get another credit or lose a day of his

vacation. He gets nine days home for a vacation during the summer; and if he has a demerit when vacation comes, he loses a day; two demerits, he loses two days. He does get a minimum of seven days anyway.

Every six months Shaw cash prizes, Temple book prizes and Honorable Mention are given to the highest ranking boys. Usually there are ties for some places, and in this case a prize of the same value is given. Many other privileges are given to those who have acquired the most credits. R. Gerard Tremblay

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 30, 1942

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1224.92
Cash	55.04
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	\$1279.96

LIABILITIES

Boys Deposits	\$760.69
Trading Co. Deposits . . .	447.46
Cottage Row Deposits . . .	6.90
Photo Company Deposits . .	19.03
Surplus	45.88
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	\$1279.96

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 86° on the thirtieth.

Minimum Temperature 32° on the eleventh.

Mean Temperature for the month 50°.

Seven clear days, thirteen partly cloudy, and ten cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May, 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. A discourse on "Happiness" from Abbott's School Boy was read to the boys by the Superintendent.

4. M. Grant, J. Bird, F. Bacon, W. Appleton, and Geo. DeBlois, Esqrs., with the boys' friends made a visit to the island in the steamer Mayflower.

28. Wm. F. Perry went to live with Mr. Asa Hopkins, a farmer in Orleans. Alvin W. Stockwell was received yesterday. Received a visit from Rev. Dr.

French of North Hampton, N. H. and Rev. Mr. Abbott of Seabrook, on Thursday, the 27th. The same day received the new row-boat Annie. Went to Bradford for the girls and returned the same evening. Finished the pink borders in the garden and set the jet.

Building a New Camp Site

Well, about a week ago my chum and I wanted to get a head start this year in making our camp site to sleep out in this summer.

My chum's name is Glendon Campbell, my best pal at the school.

Well, during last week we went to the scout camp and raked out a place for our site. We found a part to the floor that used to be over there, and we fixed it up for a platform for us to sleep on. We finally finished repairing it, and we moved it to our camp site by using a tow.

After that was done, we got four logs and placed them around the site, and now all we have to do is pitch our tent. Then we will be already to camp out. Furthermore we won't have to sleep on the ground this year.

Arthur B. Stilphen, Jr.

Taking Care of the Horses at F.T.S.

The school owns four horses and a pony. These animals are taken care of by two boys who have volunteered to do the job.

Taking care of the horses is not a regular task for the boys, because they are not compelled to do it; and it is usually the boys who want to increase their knowledge about horses that get the job.

The boys get up at 5:30 and go down to the horse barn. One boy gives the horses some hay while the other boy cleans out their stalls. When this is done, the boys bed the horses with straw and

sawdust and give them a good currying. The next and last job is to sweep the barn.

When all the necessary work is done, the boys are through until 5:00 in the afternoon; then the boys come back and repeat their work.

It takes the average pair of boys about thirty minutes to complete the work of caring for these very important farm animals.

Herbert Collins

The Body

One hot day I decided to go swimming. It was low tide. I jumped off the float, and while I was still under water I opened my eyes. On the bottom through the murky light I saw an object which looked to me like a man doubled up.

Terror stricken I rose to the top and climbed on the float as fast as I could. After several minutes rest I jumped into the water again. As I hit bottom, the water turned muddy. Before going to the top for air, I noticed that the body had a rope around it. When I rose on the float again, I spied a boathook. Slipping into the water, I pushed the boathook before me. I contacted the body, and keeping a respectful distance, I hooked it. The boathook was long and one end stuck above water. I then rose and started to pull the body up after me. It would not budge. So, deciding that the body was too heavy for me, I went up on the wharf; and lowering the rope from the derrick, I tied it to the boathook and began to crank.

The body rose slowly, and it broke the surface of the water. To my surprise I discovered the body was not a man but a barrel which had become detached from the float.

Robert S. Garland

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April 27, 1942

Headmaster William M. Meacham
The Farm and Trades School
Dear Mr. Meacham:

I was very glad to hear that our Band was going to give the regular spring concert, and also take part in the two music festivals. It would be a treat and pleasure for me to be there and enjoy hearing their music and watch them go through their drills, but due to the great distance from Chicago it is impossible for me to attend. Just the same my thoughts will be with you and I'm enclosing a check to help pay the expenses of the two trips.

I'll be very glad to hear how they make out in the contests, as I was student conductor of the 1910 Band, and naturally have a soft spot in my heart for our Band.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD Y. JACOBS
1910

HARRY A. ENGLISH, '96, died on March 16, 1942, after an illness of about one month, at his home, 23 DePeyster Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey. He is survived by Mrs. English and two daughters. At the time of his death Mr. English was a prominent patent attorney, and a member of the firm of English and Studwell, with offices at 233 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. English graduated from F.T.S. in 1896 and began work on a farm in Norwell, Mass. He remained at this work for nearly three years, during which time he studied bookkeeping during his spare time, and accumulated a bank

deposit of considerable size, for a youngster.

In 1899 he entered the office of the Sturtevant Blower Works in Boston, and began attending night school regularly. He prepared himself for a law career by work at the Boston English High School. His collegiate studies followed, and he graduated from Northeastern Law School in 1911. Following his graduation he began to take an active interest in public speaking. He was a member of the Y.M. C.A. debating teams, and other similar organizations, during these years when he was getting his beginnings in the law field.

When he lived in Boston he was a frequent visitor to our school, and he took pleasure in bringing friends with him to give them a glimpse of the work of F.T.S.

His interest in the School has never waned, and we are informed that, at the time of his death, there were found among his private papers much literature pertaining to Thompson's Island including a number of copies of the "Beacon."

More of our boys who are in the armed forces of our Country:

CORP. THEODORE L. VITTY, '29

ROGER K. SMITH, '23

EVERETT A. SMITH, '35

ROBERT W. MACWHA, '40

SAMUEL O. HALL, '30

We have recently received word from HARVEY H. DAVIS, '35 and ROY M. DOLE, '35 that they expect to be inducted into the Army within the next few weeks.



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Confidentially Speaking

This is the last article I shall write for the "Beacon". I don't wish to sound too melancholy, but my thoughts concern more with what I could have done rather than what I did. When you younger boys become Juniors, I hope you can think of a happier and more complete past than I can now.

Don't waste time, fellows, because later you'll regret it.

I wish I were starting back in the eighth grade. The first thing I would do would be to do my homework and schoolwork faithfully and not be as careless as I was. In that respect I wish all the luck and success that goes with consistent and dogmatic studying to Louis Towne, Jr.

My next resolution would be to stop playing the know-it-all character and be a little less conspicuous and much quieter. I was smart and didn't care who checked me, or for what. Now I regret it and hope that you younger fellows will do better than I.

By all means get into the band as soon as you are able. I'm sure those band boys who are graduating will never regret it. I used to want to belong (every-time I saw the band in uniform) but the idea never blossomed because I was too lazy. Finally McCarthy urged

me on and I got in. Don't be like me, show your ambition and do it yourself. When you do get into the band, I'd urge you to practice so you could be a good musician by the time you graduate. In simple words, do your share of the playing and then have your share of the fun.

All you fellows have a chance to get into athletics, so don't be a spectator—get into the game. If you make a varsity team, remember you all represent F. T. S. and all it stands for. Don't talk when your coaches give instructions to you. They are making a compact team out of a group of fellows and not heroes out of a few.

Another thing, fellows, if someone needs help, give him a hand; he will probably return the favor later.

One last thought and I shall go. You all know what manners are so use them. Remember the proverb, "Actions speak louder than words." By now you should know that your actions are your manners, and your mind controls your actions. Manners are closely linked with ambition too. If you haven't decided what your life occupation is yet, you need not answer "I don't know" to the question "What's your ambition?" Tell them your ambition is to be a gentleman.

Now I close. I hope that these words

may fall on some eager mind and help him while he is at F. T. S. and, maybe, even later. Farewell, my Alma Mater.

Frank R. Anderson

Honor Roll—Spring Term

Junior Class: Ralph E. Pratt, 89.0; James E. McCarthy, 86.0.

Sophomore Class: Francis H. Daniel, 87.3; G. Wallace Hardy, 86.5.

Freshman Class: Wallace F. Chouinard, 86.0; Robert P. Donnelly, 82.5.

Eighth Grade: Theodore J. Mara, 92.5; Herbert Collins, 90.0.

Seventh Grade: Frank N. Babick, 89.2; Darwin C. Baird, 85.2; George H. Bruce, 85.2.

Sixth Grade: Carl G. Irving, 87.8; Joyce E. Meacham, 86.3.

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

Junior Class: Ralph E. Pratt.

Freshman Class: Robert P. Donnelly.

Eighth Grade: Theodore J. Mara, Louis A. Towne, Jr.

Seventh Grade: Frank N. Babick, Chester A. Stevenson.

Sixth Grade: Carl G. Irving, Joyce E. Meacham.

The Bee Hive

At our school there is a hive of bees. It consists of a queen, many thousands of workers and some drones.

The queen lays the eggs, the workers do all the work gathering honey and pollen from the flowers, and waiting on the queen. They often work so hard during the summer that they drop from exhaustion and worn-out wings. Then they die.

The bees are very easy to take care of and won't sting you unless you annoy them. When looking in the hive at

the bees to see that all is well and that the queen is alive is a simple matter for one who knows something about it. First you take a special smoker and put several puffs of smoke at the entrance and at the top of the hive. This frightens the bees and calms them down so that they won't sting. Then the bees may be attended to.

As well as being very fascinating to watch, the bees are essential to plant life. They provide the pollination for the plants, orchards, and vegetable gardens.

We must not forget that we owe our honey to the bees.

Joseph F. Harrington

Baking Bread

In the bakery, bread is made two times a week in batches of forty-five to sixty loaves. Besides bread, the boys prepare rolls and muffins which take care and time to make.

First the flour is sifted and the salt, sugar, and yeast are added. Then after a half hour of mixing, the dough is put into a bread trough to rise. It is left over night, and early in the morning is placed into bread tins to bake.

Right after breakfast it is put into the ovens to bake for about one hour, and then it is put on cooling racks. When it is cooled, it is wrapped up in wax paper and put into a cupboard until it is needed.

Robert P. Dooling

The Laundry

I have worked in the laundry for about six months, and I have done almost every kind of work there is to do in that department. While I worked there, there was only one job that I disliked, and still dislike. That was washing windows, and I can live through that.

I can not see why some boys detest the laundry as a place to work. It is true

that it is often hot and the work is sometimes monotonous; but it's not unbearable; and, besides, there is not a great deal of work. It's not laborious, and sometimes we get off for good work, even if we didn't, we learn how to take care of our own clothes better.

Francis H. Daniel

Baseball Season at F. T. S.

Baseball season has finally come! Big boys and little boys are seen hurrying to the field for a few hours of practice.

The boys are divided into two leagues: the Big League and the Little League. The larger and better players are in the Big League, and the smaller and inexperienced players are in the Little League. Each league is divided into three teams which play a definite number of scheduled games during the season.

The winning team in each league is awarded a silver shield with the players' names engraved on it.

Besides this shield, a medal is awarded the nine boys that played their positions the best during the season.

This year we have to play baseball on one of the fields beyond the poultry houses, because our new athletic field will not be ready until this fall.

J. Stanton Tremblay

Learning How to Ski

One winter morning, after a snow-storm, I went to the nearest high hill with some friends to learn to ski.

My friends gave me some instructions and illustrations, and finally I was ready to go. I put on the skis, picked up the poles, gave myself a push and away I went. Down! down! down! As I neared the bottom, I decided to make a turn. That was the one thing that my friends had forgotten to show me. Undaunted I

started the turn, my feet became tangled and I fell into a soft snowbank unable to extract myself.

My friends came running down the hill, pulled me out, and helped me up the hill. They said I did very well for the first time and that I should try again. But I said, "No, I've had enough for one day."

R. Gerard Tremblay

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June, 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. The girls returned to Bradford.
 2; The steamer Mayflower made her third visit for the season with M. Grant, G. H. Kuhn, J. Bird, E. Cobb and B. A. Gould, Esqrs., of the Board of Managers and friends of the boys.

17. M. Grant, G. H. Kuhn, J. Bird, S. E. Brackett, and Geo. DeBlois, Esqrs., of the Board of Managers and about two-hundred invited guests made a visit to this institution.

20. Mr. Bradley of Boston conducted the services of the Sabbath. Present Jos. R. Grose, Domingos Rodrigues, John Finnegan, J. C. M'Clure, and Thomas H. Moore.

24. Children came home for a short visit.

28. The children returned to Bradford.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 30, 1942

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1224.92
Cash	19.89
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	\$1244.81

LIABILITIES

Boys Deposits	\$719.87
Trading Co. Deposits	447.46
Cottage Row Deposits	6.90
Photo Company Deposits	22.63
Surplus	47.95
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	\$1244.81

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This graduation just passed marks 128 years of service to youth by this school and 109 years on Thompson's Island.

The term "importance" is a relative term. Compared to the universe our spot is a mere pinpoint. Compared to the millions of years this earth has existed our time is only a few minutes. This century of service is only about five per cent of our present calendar time. Compared to the age of our nation our school is over seventy per cent as old.

And so, many comparisons could be made and volumes written on the importance of the work. The total quantity, the number of boys guided, developed and helped to find their part in life, is comparatively small. However, every life touched is important and the immortality of this life project comes in the great pyramiding of ideals inspired by the graduates who scatter into many communities throughout the land.

This school is in fact a missionary school of good living, democratic ideals and true perspective. Our nation is founded upon the ideals of belief in God, the democracy of man, the perfection of the family, and a respect for honest work. These ideals include many factors such as the cultivation and development of animals and plant life, the admiration of the beautiful, the wisdom of truth, the enjoyment of music, the participation in athletics and diverse good hobbies.

All these things this school continues to live every day. Many of the elements of this American program of life were inaugurated at this school. The recent modernization of our home life by the construction of three beautiful new homes for our boys and their adult leaders by the generous help of the Charles Hayden Foundation practically completes our

model plant for American Democracy.

We do not claim absolute perfection. This is an ideal never reached in practice. We do not say that our School, richly endowed as it is with hosts of friends and enjoying 157 acres of beautiful campus, has reached the maximum of development. There are still two or three fairly large items to be considered for future expansion and there is a never-ending string of lesser details which can and should be developed as time goes on.

We are happy in one of the greatest little schools in the world today but we do not rest on the glory of the past. We are ever striving for more perfect achievement. Our goal is always before us, the rich, happy, complete living and development of youth to carry on the banner of true American Democracy in this great land of ours.

Topics in Brief

On June 1 the graduating class gave an assembly program, which was quite a thorough history of the class members. Individual talents were exploited and the program was enjoyed by all.

Our spring and final term of school for this year concluded on June 5. The summer term will commence on July 14. During the vacation period the boys will be home for from one to three weeks. The length of vacation is dependent upon the initiative and effort shown by the boys during the school year just concluded.

Mr. Richard Sweetser, our minister for the past few years, left us on June 7. He will preach in New Hampshire during the summer, and this fall he will do further theological study in a Chicago college. We have enjoyed having him with us, and wish him continued rewards for faithful work.

The Class of 1942 was the guest of Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham on June 8 at supper held for the class and its teachers. This part of our commencement week program was inaugurated by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham some years ago, and is now permanently placed in our graduation calendar.

The Class of 1942 was graduated on June 9. His Excellency, Leverett Saltonstall, Governor of the Commonwealth, was speaker of the day. His address to the class was excellent, and the advice he gave the boys was of particular significance.

The Hayden group of three new dormitories was dedicated on June 9. Mr. J. Willard Hayden gave the dedicatory address. His speech was especially timed to meet present world conditions. Those fortunate enough to hear him will remember with vividness his call to youth to render full service to the nation.

A shipment of coal and fuel oil was delivered to us on June 10. Two days were required to unload the cargo.

Vacation has been greatly enjoyed by the boys. Ball games, tennis, swimming, scouting and other summer holiday activities held full sway from June 9 until July 14. Although our summer term of school gets underway in mid-July, there will be a continual recreational program for the boys, with considerable stress placed upon swimming, life saving, and water safety.

Work on the farm has progressed satisfactorily during the month. Our hay crop promises to be excellent, both in quality and quantity. The vegetable garden is keeping our table well supplied with fresh vegetables. The boys will not soon forget the strawberry yield of 1942, and the many excellent dishes made from

this berry.

Because of inclement weather, our Memorial Sunday annual service was held in the School Chapel. Ralph E. Pratt, Shaw Scholar for 1941-42, was in charge. Recitations and musical selections were given by many of the boys. Following the program the graves in our little cemetery, at the southern tip of the island, were decorated.

The annual Joyce Easter Meacham track meet was held on May 30. The student body was divided into six groups, according to age and ability. Trophies were awarded the first and second place winners in each group. Events for the day included most of those commonly included in school track meets.

We have had two beach suppers recently. These picnics on the beach are greatly enjoyed by the boys. Groups of two or three make their fire and cook their supper according to individual tastes. The menu includes tonic, hamburg steak, frankforts, cookies, ice cream, and other outdoor picnic foods.

George Larsson, Vice-President of the Alumni Association, was here with a group of Masonic friends for an outing, on June 21.

The yacht, Katherine II, was brought to her new mooring at our wharf on June 24. President Arthur Adams, Headmaster William M. Meacham, our boat instructor James H. Jardine, Linwood L. Meacham, '41, and two undergraduates, Robert P. Donnelly and Roger E. Hardy comprised the crew which brought her from Fair Haven, Massachusetts.

Edward Rowe Snow, Boston Harbor Historian, was here on June 25. Mr. Snow was attempting to locate the spot from which an old painting of Thompson's Island was made.

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 91° on the thirteenth.

Minimum Temperature 49° on the eighteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 68°.

Three clear days, fourteen partly cloudy, and thirteen cloudy.

An Adventurous Day

About six bells in the afternoon. Mr. Jardine, Campbell, and I prepared to take the "Pilgrim" through a rough sea to the Point. We were going to take some visitors over. On our way back we saw a good sized sailboat drifting toward the pier that extends out from the Head House at City Point.

Seeing that nobody was at the pilot wheel of the sailboat, Mr. Jardine piloted the "Pilgrim" right up next to her so that we could get a line on her. As both the "Pilgrim" and the sailboat had drifted right up next to the pier, we had to get in reverse and pull the sailboat away from it. After we had moved a considerable distance away from the pier, we shifted the line we had from the bow of the "Pilgrim" to the stern so that we could pull it to the island. Arriving safely at the island, we hitched the sailboat to the breakwater. All this time the wind had been blowing from the south. About one bell in the afternoon the wind had veered around to the northwest. This made it very rough in around the breakwater.

We saw a large coastguard boat and hailed it. We asked them if they would take the sailboat to their station. The water was so rough that they didn't want to bring their boat in around the breakwater for fear that they would smash their boat too. Mr. Jardine, said, "We saved that sailboat once, and we can do it again." We took the "Pilgrim" out in front of the

wharf where the "Philip" was tied. Tying the bow of the "Pilgrim" to the stern of the "Philip", we let the stern of the "Pilgrim" swing around until it came up against the breakwater. This enabled us to get at the sailboat which was tied to the breakwater. We took a line that was on the sailboat and hitched it to the stern of the "Pilgrim". We then untied the sailboat from the breakwater and started to pull it away when the line broke. The sailboat went right back beyond the breakwater and up on the beach. Mr. Jardine, feeling the load lighten when it parted, put about and went after the sailboat.

All this time Campbell was on the sailboat. When we went after the sailboat again, we ran aground and spent at least ten minutes getting off the ground. While we were trying to get off the ground, I threw Campbell another line from our boat to make sure it was a good line. When Campbell got the line I threw him, he took it right up the middle of the sailboat from the stern to the bow. The sailboat, having a big mast on it, had cables coming from the top of the mast to the bulwarks on the sides of the sailboat. This meant that the rope was right up the middle of these cables and was hitched to the bow of the sailboat, and we were trying to pull it forward but the cables made it go backward. The only thing we could do was to unhitch the sailboat and let it go up on the beach again.

This time Mr. Jardine was determined that he wasn't going to go aground again. We hitched a towing line and a deck line together, giving us about fifty yards of rope. We moved in close enough so that I could throw Campbell a line. This time Campbell put the line around the outside of the cables. Slowly we backed away; and as

we did so, I let out all the line that I could. After we had pulled the sailboat about three hundred yards off shore, Mr. Jardine swung around so as to pull the sailboat across to the Point.

As we swung around, I pulled in the slack so it wouldn't get caught in the propeller. As I did this, the line got tangled on the deck bench which was tied to the stern deck of the "Pilgrim." I knew what was going to happen so I got as far away from that bench as I could. Three seconds later I heard an awful crunching sound. When I looked at the bench again, all I saw was shapeless mass of wood and iron. Hearing this awful noise, Mr. Jardine came running out to see what had happened. He looked at the bench, then he looked at me and didn't say a word but just went back to the pilothouse. From then on everything went all right until we reached the Point.

The wind was so strong we couldn't get any slack in the line. After we had tried for a while to shorten the line without success, we decided we would try to get through all those boats to the yacht club. We were not very successful. The line got tangled under a fishing boat and later on, the yardarm of the sailboat plunged into the hull of a nice white yacht. After a half hour of tugging and pulling, we finally straightened the mess out.

For trying to do a favor, and having some of the "Pilgrim's" structure smashed, I think we got the worst end of the bargain.

Roger E. Hardy

ALBERT H. PETERSON, '21, is employed at the Scollay Building, Court Street, Boston. His home address is 21 Haynes St., East Boston.

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WILLIAM L. LITTLEJOHN, '36, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is stationed at Grenier Field, in Manchester, N. H., and is a member of the air corps band. An item in the Arlington news tells of his engagement to Miss Lorraine Lefebvre of that city.

CHARLES A. BLATCHFORD, '04, visited us on May 29. He is a signal operator for the River Terminal Railway Company of Cleveland. Mr. Blatchford has been doing this work since 1928. He is married and lives at 11508 Miles Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE D. RUSSELL, '25, writes an interesting letter from Pasadena, California, where he is stationed at the Headquarters III Army Corps. He is in particular impressed with the hospitality shown members of the armed forces by the people of Pasadena. He has been in the service for some years now and has been stationed in many camps in this country and Panama. He pays a glowing tribute to the spirit of the new army, and especially to the selectees who want nothing more than a good chance to blast Tokio. He would be happy to hear from his former classmates and instructors at F. T. S.

FRANKLIN M. PIERCE, '35, is employed by the General Electric Company, as a toolmaker. He is married and has one child. Music is still his particular hobby, and he is in demand as a teacher of trombone. He has a trombone quartet of his young pupils, who furnish

special music for churches in Melrose and Medford. His home address is Mt. Vernon Apts., Mt. Vernon St., Melrose, Mass.

CLARENCE P. HOBSON, '25, is employed at the Bethlehem Steel plant of the Fore River Shipyard. After leaving the school in 1925, he was employed by the Stone and Webster company of Boston, as a draftsman. He then became associated with the Technical and Engineering Department of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. In 1939 he married and went to Panama for his honeymoon. While returning from his honeymoon war was declared and the ship put in to Haiti. He saw several French ships chased to cover by submarines. Upon arriving home again he resigned his position at Fore River to accept work with the Newport News Ship and Drydock Company in Newport, Virginia. After a year with this concern he was called to Washington as a marine engineer. The tempo in shipbuilding began to accelerate and he returned to his former employer, Bethlehem Steel, where he is now located.

Mr. Hobson is married, and the latest arrival in the family is Clarence David. His home address is 67 Aster Circle, Weymouth, Mass., in a house which he has had built only last year. His hobbies are taking moving pictures and woodwork. The basement of his home is a miniature manufacturing plant, for he has a fine set of power tools. He is a Mason, and is a member of the Rural Lodge, Quincy.



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The Growth and Beauty of the Island

When I first arrived at the Island in 1938, I was taken to the lockerroom and outfitted with new clothes. I had to fit all my belongings into a small locker which seemed no bigger than a tool chest. I finally succeeded in packing and squeezing all my belongings into it.

Having finished with my clothes, I went outside to see what the Island was like. I walked up to the flag pole and in front of me was the ball field; on my left was a long row of small houses, overshadowed by large overhanging trees; on my right were the swings and other acrobatic apparatus, the tall bushy hedges forming a right angle, and many small flower gardens with a fountain in their midst.

After viewing many other sights, I walked to the Main Building and reached it just in time for supper. I went into the dining room, which was above the locker room, and ate supper. After supper I wandered around until 7:30 P.M. when we had a lineup. From there I went to the dormitories which held about fifty boys each. When everybody was in bed, windows were thrown open and the bitter cold wind chilled me to the bone. After having a restless night, I woke up and dressed in the cold room, which I thought was always cold, and went down-

stairs only to be hurried by another lineup.

Four and one half years have now passed, and I am in my junior year, almost ready to leave the school. I can no longer walk up to the flag pole and see cottages overshadowed by large trees, gardens surrounding a fountain, or tall shrubs at right angles. Now when I walk up to the flag pole, I see in front of me a large lawn with new grass coming up, and a new, long, level and beautiful ball field. On my left I see two new buildings built in 1941 with a large new lawn in front of them; on my right I see two more new buildings, one built in 1939 and the other in 1941. There is also a new lawn in front of these buildings.

To go to dinner now, we enter a large dining hall with a glistening floor and small tables seating six people, usually four boys and two instructors, instead of seven boys and one instructor.

The boys no longer have to run for lineups; they make it their business to be where they should without a lineup. There are no longer freezing dormitories; but there are warm rooms for six, four and two boys, which make it almost like home. There are no longer lockers that seem like tool chests; but bureaus and cupboards to put your clothes in.

In closing, I must say that the beauty

of the Island has increased very rapidly since 1938. I think I am very fortunate to have lived through these changes and enjoyed them myself.

James E. McCarthy

The First Day of School

The first thing the new freshman class did was to decide what subjects to take for the year.

Then we were given our books. We erased the old numbers and put in the new.

There are eleven freshman in this class, and last year there were twenty-one. I hope we make a good freshman class.

Charles A. Bariteau

Writing Beacon Articles

About once a month the boys are asked or volunteer to write articles for the "Beacon." The "Beacon," as you know, is the booklet you are reading. Only the best articles written are chosen to be put in the "Beacon" as there is not room for them all. The boys most often write about their experiences, such as camping, swimming, movies, and vacations. The articles are always interesting and help to develop an ability to write stories. Reading the events in the "Beacon" may give you ideas. Make a habit of reading this booklet every month.

Theodore J. Mara

Summer Activities

During the summer evenings when there isn't much doing, Mr. Albee will organize softball teams. After an average of seven innings, or even double that, we will go for a swim.

Something else has been added to the boys' pleasures. The swimming float has been put out, and there is a new diving board on it.

Besides going swimming after softball games, Mr. Thomas is starting swimming lessons again. I don't think there are many boys who don't take swimming lessons. It is one of my favorite sports.

Gerard W. Harrington

A Post Graduate's Viewpoint of Graduation

Well, here it is! Graduation is just around the corner again and with it is attached the usual excitement of the years before. It's interesting to watch the graduating class so busy planning its farewell banquet, church service, assembly program and graduation exercises. At this time last year, we were spending most of our time over our graduation essays as this year's graduating class is doing.

As I join the conversations of this year's graduates and listen to the suggestions and plans, it brings back happy memories of the preceding year when our class was doing the same thing for its graduation. But that seems like years ago, and a lot has happened since then. Last year's events have been overshadowed by the coming of this year's events.

The eagerness in the sophomores' faces and conversations and the chanting of the remaining number of days left at F. T. S., reveal their anxiety to get a change from the steady routine they have followed during their many years on the island.

Most of the boys have their futures already planned. Almost all of them are going to continue school this fall and work at odd jobs during the summer.

Whatever their future holds and no matter where they go from here, they are going to miss this school and will say that some of their happiest days of their lives were spent here.

James J. Macdonald

Counting the Days

Do you remember when you were in the graduating class and graduation was coming closer? To some of you, that thrill came many years ago; to others, only a short time ago; but to us juniors, that thrill is fast approaching. I'll bet that you were doing just as we are doing—counting the days. You have said to yourself, "Just think, in so many days I'll be free, free to do anything I want to when I want to. No more instructors to lead me. No more grade chart to look out for." You count the days, cross them off the calendar, make charts, and even figure it all out to the number of seconds. All these things happen every year. Nobody can wait until he gets away from the Island.

Now maybe the graduates or somebody can answer this question: Why is it that soon after graduation you come back to visit the campus? Is it some magnetic effect that this beautiful school has on you? You graduates are the only ones who know the answer. You may not realize it, but there is something deep down in your hearts that makes you come back to your Alma Mater.

Ralph E. Pratt

New Scouts Joining Our Troop

Last Wednesday night our Scout Troop held its weekly meeting. This time it was to register new scouts in our troop. The ceremony started at 7:30 with the announcement to the Troop Committee of the scouts who were coming into the troop. They were shown into Chapel.

Then the older scouts each read a part of the Scout Law to them. The new scouts were given their Tenderfoot pins and registration cards by the Troop Committee, Mr. Stiles and Mr. Kitching. Following this, our Scoutmaster, Mr.

Albee, spoke a few words to them about the Boy Scouts of America and how important they were. Then "Taps" was blown by Chester McLeod.

Our meeting came to a close after sandwiches and punch were distributed.

Glendon L. Campbell

A Worthwhile Activity

Lately our school teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Ronka, have generously given over one evening a week to the making of scrapbooks and to the enjoyment of our class. These scrapbooks will be given to several children's hospitals.

The boys in the eighth grade have brought in Easter, Christmas, and birthday cards. These together with the cards Mr. and Mrs. Ronka already have, are enough to fill several scrapbooks.

At first the boys were picked in groups of four and then in groups of two. We went to the teachers' apartment every Thursday night at seven-thirty. While cutting out pictures and pasting them in the scrapbooks, we listened to interesting radio programs.

After we had done this for a while, Mr. and Mrs. Ronka served us a little lunch. We have greatly appreciated and enjoyed these evenings, and I hope that many little children will also be happy because of them.

Theodore J. Mara

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 31, 1942

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$1224.92
Cash	15.39
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	\$1240.31

LIABILITIES

Boys Deposits	\$715.37
Trading Co. Deposits	447.46
Cottage Row Deposits	6.90
Photo Company Deposits	22.63
Surplus	47.95
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	\$1240.31

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False rumors, extremely inaccurate petty gossip, cause much sorrow and real grief to individuals and to organizations. Why do people persist in passing on this type of tragic words?

Several of these unjustified stories have recently come to our attention. From one source came the statement that a college fraternity had been forced to discontinue. This statement was inaccurate although made in good faith. From another source came a similar statement about another organization. This also proved to be untrue.

Another statement came from what seemed to be good authority that our good friend, Wentworth Institute, had been forced to cease operating because of reduced income from endowed funds. This too proved to be entirely false. Wentworth is still going strong and establishing an unusually fine record in war work. And so the stories go and people continue to believe the stories they hear and read about.

At times we are called to task for refuting false statements about our own beloved school, which has been devoted to the welfare of good boys these past 128 years. The most recent story came out in the Boston Teachers' News Letter. The good teacher who thus broadcast her message to thousands of readers said, "Following the inside channel, we passed Thompson's Island, which displayed the charred ruins of a once famous boys' school."

Now there was something tangible, a story out in the open and in print that could be traced to its source and denied. Imagine the gross exaggeration of demise thus posted for consumption of a vast public!

We immediately took pen in hand and emphatically denied our death. Miss

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Caroline J. Trommer, the able editor in chief of the publication, was most gracious in her response and offer to fully correct a misconceived idea of our finis. She complimented our sense of humor, offered to run a full story with pictures to back up our claim for aliveness, and soothed our hurt feelings no end.

Miss Trommer, in her letter, added, "And personally I'd say from bulletin and letter that you were all very much alive with only the fires of ambition burning."

Topics in Brief

An interesting account of life in the U. S. Navy has been received from ROBERT W. MACWHA, '40. He is a member of Company 804, and is stationed at the Naval Training Station, Newport, Rhode Island. He has applied for admission to the submarine school.

An unusual presentation was made the School on July 18. The Boston Council of Churches presented us with a copy of one of Robert Salmon's rare paintings. This work, done in 1835, shows our Island as it appeared in those days, from the Northeast point. The painting was presented in behalf of the Council by Rev. Richard Sweetser and accepted for the School by Clifton E. Albee, President of the Alumni Association.

Plans for this ceremony were made by Edward Rowe Snow, prominent Boston Harbor Historian.

The boys have completed a course of instruction in Swimming, Water Safety and Life Saving. Many awards will be made those who achieved certain grades. The course, outlined by the American Red Cross, was taught by Raymond Thomas, our supervisor and accredited Red Cross Instructor.

The popularity of softball has been proven here, where nearly every boy is a member of one of our teams. Interest in our four-team league is high and in our eighteen game schedule the Braves, captained by Donald Davis, are leading the league.

Tournaments in tennis and horseshoe pitching are being conducted for both the younger and older boys.

Our farm is producing quantities of fresh vegetables, the corn and tomato crops being particularly good.

Our wharf has been re-planked as necessary by our shop crew.

During the summer months we hold a Hymn Service each Sunday, conducted by our Headmaster, Mr. Meacham. Many of the lovely Gospel Hymns are sung at each service.

Memorial Day

What a day! Every boy awoke and rose with a happy feeling that goes with a holiday.

"From the rooms of every building,
To the now-cut fields of hay;
Every boy could see a victory,
For it was Memorial Day."

I'm not a poet, but that is how the boys felt.

A track meet was scheduled to begin at 9:00 A. M. This is always a day of fun in which every boy may participate. It gives every boy a chance to prove himself a successful all-round athlete.

This year there were six groups which were as follows: Varsity, Junior Varsity, Seniors, Juniors, Cubs, and Midgets. The boy with the most number of points in each group received a trophy. The winners were James E. McCarthy, Glendon L. Campbell, Alan K. MacLean, Wallace F. Dudley, James A. Blair, and

Richard M. Huston respectively.

During the afternoon the boys enjoyed themselves in various activities, such as ball, tennis, horseshoes, and marbles.

A beachsupper topped off the day of exercise. There was plenty of food for everyone. Candy was given to those ranking in first, second, and third places in the track meet.

In my opinion it was a day of much fun and happiness.

Robert P. Donnelly

Summer Activities at the School

In the summer we have many activities, such as softball, tennis, and swimming. When we start school in July, we have swimming lessons and Life Saving. The boys enjoy these very much. I think swimming is most liked by the boys.

The boys have been practicing softball for the past few weeks. We shall probably choose teams in this sport and have regular games in the near future.

In Life Saving we have partners on whom we practice carries and holds. Life Saving is extra, and we shall probably practice this at night.

Besides this there are swimming lessons for the boys. Some boys don't know how to swim. Then they have a chance to learn. There are boys who try to pass the swimmer's test, and they receive certificates for this. Every summer you will find the boys are very busy taking part in all the activities.

Chester C. McLeod

Vacations

Classes stopped for the boys here on Friday, June 5th. Graduation exercises were held on Tuesday, June 9th. The boys who were in the sophomore class and were promoted had a chance to

return for the P. G. year; that is, if they had a good conduct mark and a few other things that had to be taken into consideration.

Every boy had at least seven days' vacation. The boys do not take their vacations all at once as a group. Smaller groups have vacations between June 9th and July 13th.

July 14th school begins again.

When the boys are here on the island, they work in the morning and have the afternoon off because there are not any classes.

Henry J. Porter

The New Lawns

About four months ago we never thought of having a lawn until the farm got working on it, and then to our surprise we saw a nice green blanket coming over the earth where there once was no lawn at all. Once there were workmen, machines, cement mixers, sand piles, and people walking all over it, but now when I look out of the window I see lawnmowers going all over that lawn of ours.

William J. Robelen

Softball on Thompson's Island

Softball on Thompson's Island is played by some of the instructors and boys.

The softball field this year is behind the three new buildings on a newly seeded lawn.

A few minutes after supper the instructors and boys go to the softball diamond. Then some of the boys get at bat and hit grounders and flies into the field. After a minute of doing this, the captains are chosen and are ready to pick up teams for the evening game. When the teams are picked, we start to play ball. Most of the games break up after eight or eleven innings.

Louis A. Towne, Jr.

Vacation

On June 19th I left for my vacation. I had the opportunity of having three week's vacation.

It was one of the largest and most enjoyable vacations I have had since I have come here. The first two weeks seemed to go quite slowly, but the last one went too fast. I returned the 13th of July to start another year here at the school. Although I still wish I was on my vacation, I am glad to get back again with the boys of F. T. S.

Walter J. Ross

Calendar 90 Years Ago, July, 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. M. Grant, Esq., Rev. Dr. Sears, Sec'y of the Board of Education, and the boys friends visited the school in the Mayflower.

5. (Monday) Was observed as a holiday. The day was spent pleasantly by the boys and those who came to visit us.

17. J. R. Grose and D. Rodriques left, also White who had been engaged here as mower since 28th of June.

20. Chs. H. Hall broke the radius of the forearm and went to the hospital.

28. Resigned the Writing Lessons which I have attended to alone for ten, out of the eleven years which I have been connected with this institution into the hands of the Teachers.

31. Mrs. Morrison left on a visit to Manchester.

Summer Vacations at F. T. S.

From graduation up to the start of school, groups of boys have been going and returning from their vacations.

We worked in the morning from 7:30 to 11:30 and had the whole afternoon free. After supper most of the boys

engaged in a game of soft ball. During the afternoon, some boys would work on the farm for money, others would be in the sloyd room, some on beach walks and a few just sleeping.

For a week there were only seventeen boys on the Island, not even enough for a game of soft ball. When meal time came, we would all rush into the dining room. We had all the milk we could drink, seconds on ice cream and plenty of other foods.

When the end of a perfect day had come, and Taps had blown, we were all in bed listening to our radios.

David G. Haeger

School Days

Today, the fourteenth day of July, school started. Most everyone is glad for there hasn't been much doing during the afternoons of vacation.

This year there are seven boys in the junior class. These boys are back for their post-graduate year, having graduated last June.

Our class faces this new year with the intention of doing better than the preceding classes have done.

Although school days aren't filled with the leisure that vacation brings, we have many happy and memorable events in the classroom. We can not expect to enjoy the leisure of vacation now, for schooldays bring us hard work and study.

Walter H. Johansson

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 92° on the tenth.

Minimum Temperature 49° on the eighteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 68°.

Four clear days, fourteen partly cloudy, and thirteen cloudy.

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CLAIRE R. EMERY, '13, is achieving unusual success with his "Rainbow House" broadcast every Saturday from WOR and the Mutual Network. The program is now beamed by short wave from WRUL, Boston, and has a world coverage.

Mr. Emery has a long and notable radio career. One of the country's pioneer broadcasters, he has been known throughout the country as "Big Brother Bob Emery" for more than two decades.

His programs have always been designed for the youth of America, and as such have earned a tremendous following.

We at F. T. S. are indebted once again to our Secretary, MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, for his gift of many copies of the National Geographic and Readers Digest Magazines, plus other material of interest to our boys.

PAUL TURNER, '30, is radio engineer at station WCOP, Copley Square Hotel, Boston. Mr. Turner is often mentioned during the programs from that fine station.

We are happy to report the recovery of WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, from a prolonged illness. Mr. Alcott is now at his desk at the Boston Globe, where he is librarian.

Two of our younger graduates are working this summer at the Sandy Island Camp, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. This camp is operated by the Y.

M. C. A. LINWOOD L. MEACHAM, '41, is in charge of the dining room, and JAMES E. MCCARTHY, '41, is the chef's assistant.

WALTHER K. PRATT, '33, has been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. He recently completed a training course at Fort Knox. Lieut. Pratt will shortly be assigned duty to a tank or armored battalion.

LEANDER E. DOREY, '22, has been promoted to temporary warrant officer rank in the Marines. He is a marine gunner.

WINTHROP DAVIDSON, '40, is an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy, and is at the Naval Training Station, at Newport, Rhode Island.

WARREN M. LINNELL, '38, is stationed at the Jacksonville, Florida, U. S. Naval Air Station. He is enthused over his air training, and writes "Keep 'em Flying" over Berlin.

MURDOCK C. MOORE, '39, is a student at the U. S. Maritime School, Gallops Island, Boston Harbor. Upon the completion of an intensive course, of nearly a year's duration, he will be ready to help man our nation's rapidly growing Merchant Marine.

In Service

GEORGE I. LEIGHTON, '04.

Sgt. BERNARD R. MORRILL, '20.

HORACE TAYLOR, '30.

DOUGLAS M. BASHAW, '40.



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Life Saving

Every year a class of about twenty members participate in the course of Life Saving given by our instructor, Mr. Raymond Thomas.

I cannot say that Life Saving is a necessity in life, but it is good to know and is put into practical use very much in everyday life.

I shall not attempt to give the names of all the boys who took the course this year. There was, as usual, a class of about twenty members, with each member having a partner.

Mr. Thomas has effectively put into use a well-schemed plan. He calls the first half of the class by the number one. Their partners he calls by the number two. In this plan each boy demonstrates all the holds and carries with his partner.

Eighteen hours of practice are required before the course is completed. At the end of this period a two-hour test is given. The test is not complicated, but it is not passed with a pushover either. It is evident that there is no reason why every boy shouldn't pass the test.

There are always a few boys who renew the course every year. This is to review their knowledge of it before they leave the School.

If, when the boys leave the Island, they have a chance to use their knowledge

of Life Saving, they will remember where they learned it and will be thankful to Mr. Thomas.

Robert P. Donnelly

F. T. S. Band

The F. T. S. band under the direction of Mr. Thomas played on Friends' Day, Aug. 7, 1942. It played marches for the visitors who seemed to enjoy them very much. We started out from the Main Building front lawn where we had our band racks all set up and ready to play. We marched down to the boat, then counter-marched until we were facing the houses. Mr. Thomas gave the command "Parade rest"! We did so and waited for the boat. When the boat got near the wharf, the command was given to fall in. Shortly after that we marched toward the houses.

Even if I didn't have anybody come to visit me, I surely did enjoy playing in the band that day; and I know it will please My "Mom" to know I am in the band.

Ralph E. W. Pace

Softball

On Saturday afternoons the boys go out on the softball field and have a double-header. We have names for the teams, but most of the time we call them A, B, C, and D. The names of the

teams are the Braves, Red Sox, Yankees, and Dodgers. The same two teams do not play each other every Saturday. The teams play in order, such as A-B, C-D, A-C, B-D, or A-D, B-C. The captains of the four teams are Donald Davis, Walter Johansson, Wellman Bonsey, and James St. Coeur.

Softball games on the Island are a lot of fun, and most every boy indulges in this sport.

Chester A. Stevenson

"Katharine II"

The "Katharine II", formerly from Woods Hole, is now in Boston Harbor. The "Katharine II" is 64 feet long and draws from 3½ to 4 feet of water. It carries an inboard motor boat on the port side, the same as the "Winslow" but on a smaller scale. The "Katharine II" has two motors, two staterooms, a galley, a crew's quarter in the bow for four, a bridge with a large compass and a map case with maps under glass so they will not get spotted or torn. There is a searchlight that is controlled from the bridge. There is also a stern cockpit with chairs and a couch. The floors are sunk below the boat deck. Two fresh water tanks of copper, an ice box, and a gas stove are also part of the equipment. It has very valuable mahogany work on it, and valuable decks. Linoleum covers the stern cockpit and several other decks. The stern cockpit has big plate glass windows. There are canvas coverings for the bridge lattice-work and the cockpit. The "Katharine II" has a cruising speed of 14 knots and a maximum speed of 21 knots.

Lawrence R. Cannon

Camping in the Scout Camp

After graduation, the scout camp was

opened to the scouts for camping out. One day another boy and I went with Mr. Albee, the Scoutmaster, to the main building to get a tent, some blankets, and the rest of the equipment for our camp site.

We spent all afternoon setting up our tent, and we were all set for the night. That night we went to bed, and it seemed very strange and different from our room. But there was one thing we didn't count on, and that was mosquitoes. We would start to doze off and a mosquito would land on our face, and we would slap him and be wide awake again. That night the mosquitoes were so bad we couldn't go to sleep. We went up to our rooms and were glad to get back into our own beds again.

Frank N. Babick

Coming Back for the Junior Year

Before Mr. Meacham started his speech at the class farewell banquet, he requested the boys in the graduating class who wished to return for the Junior Year to write request slips stating that they would like to return.

The two or three weeks that followed were full of worrying for the boys who wanted to come back. They thought of all the things, no matter how small, that they had done that might stop them from returning.

Finally the day before graduation arrived and there was still no word as to what boys were coming back.

Directly after dinner the day before graduation Mr. Meacham asked to see the members of the graduating class in the sitting room of Bowditch House. Inside Mr. Meacham gave us some advice on what to wear and what not to wear on graduation day. When he had finished, he asked the boys who wished to return

for the extra year to stay for a few minutes.

At last the time had come. There were plenty of worried looks on our faces but they soon became looks of relief and joy when he told us that all who had asked to come back would be allowed to do so. He kept us a few more minutes and explained to us that we would be the oldest group of boys at the school and that we have a certain responsibility to the school and the younger boys.

During our vacations we thought very little about returning. When the day to return finally came, we felt that we did not want to go back because we had been having such a good time in the city. When we finally did get back to the Island, everything changed and once more we were glad to be back and able to get in our regular routine again.

Wallace O. Folkins

The First Day of School

On July 14th at 2:00 o'clock the eighth grade had its first lessons with Mr. and Mrs. Ronka. The first thing that was done was to have the books handed out and to look through them.

Our first real lesson was with Mrs. Ronka. This was United States History. We started with the subject of slavery, which is very interesting.

I am rather glad to be back in school because it not only gives me something to do but also it teaches me much more than I already know. So you see school is something worthwhile.

Frank W. Ellis

A Minnow as Strong as a Boy

Last night at six forty-five Frank Mara and I made a decision to go fishing from the wharf. We started down, thinking we were going to come back with a line full of fish. We got there

and caught some bait for fishing. We lost our bait in the water, and I thought I would get some minnows for bait. I went over to the boys' float and started to catch them. Well, I saw a single minnow at the top of the water, so I thought I would catch it for a piece of bait. I got my net ready and gave it a throw. I got the minnow, and it pulled me in with it. I had all my clothes on at that time. I didn't get the minnow that time, but the next time I will.

That is a time when the minnow proved it is as strong as a boy.

Fred P. DeLorie

Swimming at F. T. S.

Most of the fellows start swimming very early in the year. The water is usually quite cold, but after one gets numb it's all right. Many of the boys that don't know how to swim learn soon. This is because most of us have our fun at the wharf, and the water is quite deep.

During the summer school period, there are swimming classes where one has the opportunity for advancement. Junior and Senior Life Saving Classes are also held. Many boys are usually eligible for these classes.

I think that one feels a great deal safer at play in the water if he can swim at all.

Robert H. Stone

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The problems of life are diverse and multiple. One cannot lead a simple life in this vast program of present day civilization. The inventive mind of man has produced such power and speed of transportation and communication that the doings at every spot on this terrestrial globe affect the people at practically all other spots.

The immediate effect of that bid for world power initiated in the heart of Europe has become a world tragedy involving all of the peoples of the World. When this fierce fever burns out, as it sometime must, at least another generation will be required to reconstruct the institutions of mankind.

It is too bad that people cannot utilize the vast natural resources and the great powers bestowed upon human minds for a completely successful and happy sojourn on this earth.

Whether we admit it or not the basic cause of most of the tragedy is human selfishness. The same self, imbued with the fundamental quality of survival, views its narrow, shortsighted horizon for self and self alone.

There have been, and still are, many leaders, each with a nucleus of followers, unselfishly devoted to the common cause but every one of these true leaders must fight for the privilege of helping the people.

Jesus Christ could have helped all mankind, and we believe He still could, but His physical life was cut short purely for selfish reasons. We now acknowledge His power and unselfish devotion to our cause only when and as His plan of life does not seriously interfere with our own selfish worldly whims.

Whether it be God or Christ or Mohammed or some other unselfish inspirer of human conduct we will defeat

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the terrible intent of the axis power only as we devote ourselves to a real and unselfish purpose in righting this wrong.

We can each best help this just cause of defending our freedom by daily devoting ourselves to our efforts wherever we are. We must make every day count in the good works we are doing. We must be loyal to our associates and to the people about us. Our laws and our good customs and our good leaders must be followed. The times are too grave to shift our affiliations and we cannot expect to run away from our responsibilities. Our problems and our trials are many but our only hope is to solve and overcome these difficulties which here and now hinder our peace of mind.

Topics in Brief

Announcement has been made of those who successfully completed the Life Saving Course, as prescribed by the American Red Cross. Soon these boys, and many others who completed other courses in water safety, will be awarded certificates.

Our new athletic field will be used for the first time this season. A football gridiron is now being laid out. This addition to our facilities is of great value, as it gives us an excellent recreational area, adding immeasurable interest to the baseball and football leagues at the school, which for years have been the more popular of our athletic games.

Difficulties inherent in the war effort have caused us to cancel interscholastic football contests. Much as we regret this we feel that an intra-mural football schedule will be devised which will prove popular with all who have been interested in football at F. T. S.

Our School Assemblies for the new

school year have commenced. These take place each Monday evening. Each of the classes takes turns in providing a program, which is usually based upon current school work, and give an opportunity for every student to take part at one time or another. The Assemblies are opened by a salute to our Flag, after which the Star Spangled Banner is sung. The School Band then plays two or three compositions. The class program follows, after which our Headmaster, Mr. Meacham speaks upon topics of importance at the time, and makes announcements of coming events. The closing number is nearly always a rollicking song for assembly singing.

Tournaments for tennis and horse-shoe pitching are nearing completion. A perpetual silver cup, given by Mrs. Guy Lowell, has inscribed upon it the annual winner in each of the Junior and Senior champion in tennis.

Two big jobs are being accomplished on our farm. Our potato crop is being harvested, and our silage corn is being likewise stored for winter use.

All of our farm crops this summer have been noted for both quality and quantity. Our tables have been bountifully supplied with farm products.

Our three power boats have been beached during the month and the hulls cleansed of sea growth. The wharf has been re-planked where necessary. Continued effort is required to keep our wharf and boats in the excellent condition in which they must be maintained. This work is of great value to the boys privileged to have a part in it.

Our paint shop crew has been hard at work cleaning and refinishing some of the larger rooms in the Main Building.

Some work has been completed in the Adams House.

Music plays an important part in the lives of our boys. The band gives opportunity for every pupil to acquire a knowledge of a standard instrument. The band members often create organizations within the band, and our brass quartets have long been favorably received. At the present time an all-student orchestra is diligently rehearsing, and we may expect a public appearance soon.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, August, 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

9. Mr. S. E. French, teacher, being very ill went home to his friends in New Hampshire. Ann E. Morrison went to Dr. Durkee's in Boston.

14. M. Grant, Esq., with the boy's friends made a visit in the steamer Mayflower.

21. Jacob Kimball, mower, left.

24. Moses Grant, Esq., with a gentleman from Philadelphia and Mr. Rice and lady from Cleveland, Ohio, made a visit. Mr. Morse left on a visit to his friends.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 92° on the tenth.

Minimum Temperature 49° on the eighteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 68°.

Four clear days, fourteen partly cloudy, and thirteen cloudy.

Haying

The process of taking in hay has been in progress for the past month. Usually there are plenty of boys to help with the job, but during this vacation there was a shortage of boys. Instead of taking in the hay in the afternoon alone,

it is now loaded at night after supper.

Some of the instructors and the boys that want to, get the tractor hitched to the wagon before supper. Immediately after supper they go to the field to get the hay. It is first "tumbled;" that is, it is put into good-sized bunches: the right amount for a pitch fork full. The wagon goes up and down the rows while somebody rakes all the scatterings, the loose hay, together with a hay rake drawn by a horse. Most of the fellows prefer using the rake to routine pitching and tumbling.

The average weight of a load is 3000 pounds, but sometimes they get more. An example of this is the last three loads which weighed as follows: 4480, 4460, and 4408 pounds respectively.

Haying is a job that has to be done. I think everybody will agree that it is a superb way to get a sun burn and an innumerable amount of mosquito bites.

James F. St. Coeur

A Visit to Canada

A few years ago while I was in Maine with my Mother, Father and a few relatives, we all decided to spend a day in Quebec; so we started in my father's car to northwestern Maine. When we got to the boundary between Maine and Canada, the customs officials did not give us a lot of "red tape" but just asked a few questions, and we proceeded.

In every little village on the way to Quebec there was a big church.

Finally we reached Quebec, but first we had to cross the St. Lawrence River on an enormous bridge that has two railroad tracks on it also.

Our first stop in Quebec was at the Hotel-Frontinac, which overlooks lower Quebec.

We stayed in a cabin over night and went home the next day.

Darwin C. Baird

News of the Service Men of the Farm and Trades School

Each month news and addresses of graduates who are in the services will be printed on this page. The following ranks and addresses are the latest that we have at the School. Corrections will be gratefully received and new information printed. These addresses are for your information and to make it possible for you to keep in contact with your classmates and friends. The School will be glad to hear from you and learn of your doings. We will pass on any such news and your new addresses as we receive them.

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Academic Staff Changes

Several changes in the faculty became effective at the beginning of the fall term in September. War service has brought about more changes in the academic staff than at any time since the first World War.

Dr. John B. Cook has been appointed Principal, succeeding George R. Ronka. Dr. Cook was Headmaster of Vermont Academy from 1924 to 1934, previous to which time he had several years of education experience in New York State.

Mrs. Dorothy R. Pickard, a graduate of the University of Vermont, is the new English teacher. She will also assist with Music. The sixth and seventh grades are being taught at present by Mrs. Meacham. The academic agricultural courses are being conducted by Mr. Laurence P. Remington who holds the B. S. degree from Rhode Island State College. Mr. Remington has had about ten years of practical experience in horticulture.

Our religious director this year is Mr. Paul Klose of Gordon College.

The Laundry

In all of the time that I have been at F.T.S. the Laundry is the best department that I have worked in. This is because the work is interesting, and doesn't get monotonous.

By working in the laundry a pupil learns how to take care of his clothes, so he can keep himself well dressed. The experience in the laundry gives a boy the knowledge of how a commercial laundry is operated, so if he chooses to do that kind of business in later life he will have a general knowledge of what is done.

This is the progress of what is done in our laundry. When the laundry receives the soiled clothing, sorting is done. They are then washed in one of our two large washing machines. Next they are placed in the extractor, where most of the water is removed. Towels, facecloths, and coarse clothing like flannel shirts and pajamas are dried in the steam dryer. Nearly all of the other clothes are ironed by the boys. Large pieces, such as sheets, are done on a large machine called a "flatwork ironer" or "mangle".

James A. Learmonth

Autumn

The first signs of Autumn were the falling of the leaves, and the withering of the flowers in the gardens. Now the lawns are beginning to turn brown. Each day the boys rake all the leaves into huge piles and bag them, for they are used on our farm for compost.

The trees are slowly becoming bare, but next spring they will have new green leaves and the flowers will be in full bloom once more.

Charles A. Bariteau

Life Saving

I started Life Saving this summer and I learned quite a bit. I learned to surface dive for objects. My partner was Fred Delorie. During the first two weeks we learned to take a cramp out of our foot. Mr. Thomas showed us how to bring in a drowned person. Some of the carries are easy to learn and others aren't. It is quite hard to learn the carries that are important.

All the boys who are interested should take it next summer. If I have not passed Life Saving this summer, I will take it next summer. I want to know how to save lives in the water because once I saw a boy drowning and I couldn't save him because I didn't know what to do. A near by Life Guard saved him. All you boys who are good swimmers would benefit by studying Life Saving.

Nearly all those who took this course finished it successfully.

Lyman L. Richards

Softball Season

About five weeks ago, Mr. Thomas told all the boys to go up to chapel at 7:30 to choose softball teams. Well, at 7:30 the boys were at chapel. They chose four captains. The names of the captains and the names of the teams are as follows: D. Davis, captain of the Braves; W. Johansson, captain of the Dodgers; W. Bonsey, captain of the Red Sox. James St. Coeur was captain of the Yankees, but the team has no captain at present. They soon expect to select a captain.

D. Davis' team is in first place. The Yankees and W. Johansson's teams are in second place. W. Bonsey's team is in last place.

I am on W. Johansson's team and I think it is the best team. We play a good game of softball.

Franklyn Y. Mara

Swimming

Now that the water is warm, the boys go swimming every spare minute that they have. We learn different things, such as how to swim, intermediate swimming, advanced swimming, Junior Life Saving, and Senior Life Saving.

Some boys come to the school and can't swim at all. Under Mr. Thomas' teaching they are usually good swimmers when they graduate.

George H. Bruce

Fixing the Swimming Float for the Summer

The swimming float is an old boat float used by the boys to go swimming from. This float is put on the south side of the wharf opposite the boat float.

For a few days this summer it was my job to fix the float so it could be used without anyone getting hurt.

I had to nail all the boards down tight and pound all the loose nails in so no one would get hurt.

After I had the boards nailed, I had to fasten the blocks that hold the diving board to the float.

I then put the diving board in place, fastened it to the block, and it was ready for use. The swimming float was fixed.

Donald L. Davis

The tennis and horseshoe tournaments have been completed, and the winners' names will be engraved on the Guy Lowell Memorial Cups. The winner of the Senior 1942 tennis tournament was Donald L. Davis, and Richard Duquet is Junior tennis champion. Fred DeLorie won the Senior horseshoe tournament, and Stanley Davis won the Junior.

These tournaments are participated in by a majority of the boys and are held each year.

Experience with Cows

One morning as "Jackie" Patterson and I were taking the cows over to the South End pasture we had three cows in the group which had come off three-time-milking; that is they had been milked early in the morning, then at 11:15, then again at 7:15 in the evening. When we got there, "Pat" went ahead to open the gate and I stayed behind to keep the cows going. All the cows except six went into the pasture. These six started to run, but we caught two of them which left four cows still loose. We had to chase them around South End, and by the time we caught them we were soaked from the knees down. We arrived at our building about 7:15, and was I glad!

Robert L. Blanchard

Learning How to Swim

When I heard that Mr. Thomas was giving swimming lessons at five o'clock every night, I was at the wharf at five o'clock to get them. During the first few nights we learned to do the dead man's float. Secondly we learned to do the back float and the crawl. Then came sculling on our backs. Following that was the dog-paddle. Also he showed us how to dive.

To pass as beginners, we had to dive or jump off the float at high tide and swim a short distance and back. I passed my swimming lessons in four week's time.

Robert G. Stidstone

The Sloyd Shop

The sloyd shop is one of the most interesting places to work. I am just one of those boys who work in this well known shop.

I wish each boy had the opportunity to do the woodwork and learn to repair the things that have been broken. We have many chances to operate the lathes,

the jig-saw, circular saw, and the hand saw.

It is not monotonous to work in the shop because everything is so varied and lots of fun besides.

Lloyd G. Sberna

Calendar 90 Years Ago, September 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Mr. Morse returned from his visit.

10. Received a visit from Geo. G. Adams, a former pupil of this school,

14. Went to the city with all the boys (ninety-eight in number) in the Mayflower, visited the Merchants' Exchange Reading Room and then met the friends of the boys on the Common, called at the house of Amos Lawrence and Chas. Jackson, and returned to Spectacle Island from which we reached home in boats.

21. The carpenters finished the cemetery fence.

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The great body of American people definitely want our way of life. We believe in God and we desire freedom to worship in accordance with our belief. We want freedom of speech and the privilege of expressing our opinions. We want protection, security and happiness. We desire to express ourselves in the management of our individual affairs and our Country. We are determined to continue this freedom for which our pioneer ancestors battled and suffered.

Our school is one of the organizations which has continued to build and to serve. Nearly a hundred of our boys are now serving their country in the armed forces. Their training and their skills and devotion to the service of mankind places them in roles of leadership, many as officers of various rank.

Those who are not in the armed forces are devoting themselves to many pursuits essential to the maintenance of our forces. Our roll of honor contains the names of those in the armed forces but we should also have a roll of those who are devoting their talents to the home front.

In many other ways this school has developed a program of great value to this serious situation. Our farm is at a high state of crop production and has a large herd of excellent Guernseys which will fill a great need in the months to come. The extinction of dairy cattle is proceeding at an alarming rate. Nearly three thousand dairy farms supplying milk for New York City have ceased to exist during the past six months. This is typical of the trend throughout the Country.

Our fleet of boats is small and unnoticed but there is potential capacity seldom if ever equalled in a private school and our present staff and boys can man the fleet for service if need arises.

If there be need for a military band our school stands ready to furnish one at a moment's notice. Our school was the pioneer of boys' bands, having started America's first one in 1857.

The Government is now advocating four or five hours of productive work daily for school boys. Our school has trained men for industry for more than a century on this basis. Farm work for boys is now recognized as an essential. We have been practicing this principle and started it even before the publication of one of America's first texts on agriculture here in 1842. And now it is being said from authoritative sources that long summer school and college vacations are about to cease. In other words, education should continue throughout the year with only a few weeks of vacation instead of several months with nothing to do. Our school has found this practical for a longer period of years than living men can recall.

These are many more facts indicative of our place in this great democracy of freedom-loving people are not mere pratings of pride. We are calling to the attention of our friends some of the facts of our sound plan of service to boys and to mankind. We are especially proud of our boys and we want them to know we are striving to do our bit on the home front and to show that we are worth fighting for.

Topics in Brief

Twenty-two pupils were admitted to our school at a meeting of the Admission Committee on August 26, and came to the school during the following week. The new group had nearly a week of orientation and were ready to attend classes at the opening of the fall term of school on September 8.

Our new athletic field was used for the first time this month. It is ideal in every way for football, and without doubt will be equally satisfactory for softball and baseball. When viewing the playground for the first time those who have been acquainted with our school over a period of years marvel at the result accomplished.

Our farm crews have been very busy during the month attempting to keep up with the harvesting of crops, and doing necessary new work. The production on the farm for this year has been high, and there has been an abundance of fruits and and vegetables.

The boys in Bowditch dormitory are boasting of their new ping pong room. The game is very popular with the boys and the table is used constantly.

The assembly rooms, and other rooms formerly used for kitchen and dining purposes in the Main Building have been renovated by our paint shop crew. These rooms present a very attractive appearance and are a credit to our painters.

The Secretary of the Alumni Association, Merton P. Ellis, '97, has kindly sent the boys a gift of standard magazines and world maps for which we say "Thank you". The world maps are being used in our classrooms, and the magazines distributed in the living rooms of the dormitory buildings.

Labor Day was observed as a holiday, and the boys enjoyed water sports during the day, with two softball games also played. In the evening a supper was held on the beach, and each did his own cooking. It was a happy day for all, especially the new boys who were just beginning to feel at home on the Island.

Football is, and has been for years, our most popular sport. Because of the war it was necessary for us to cancel interscholastic contests, and a program was devised whereby the boys were grouped according to their ability to play football. An intra-mural schedule was planned so that three teams competed for a Silver Shield and individual athletic trophies for the best player in each position. These much valued athletic badges are given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby, and the teams competing for them are made up of the older boys. The younger boys were grouped in another league and played standard football. It is estimated that those who are on these teams, and this includes nearly every boy in school, will play at least ten regulation football games.

A steeplejack was here during the month to paint our flagpole. This is situated in the center of the dormitory group of buildings, and the boys literally study, work and play under the Stars and Stripes.

Three of the classes have given fine programs at our assemblies recently. The Juniors sponsored a "Quiz Party", with prizes for those who could give correct answers. The Sophomores followed one week later with a diversified entertainment featuring a play "You're in the Army Now", and musical selections by class members. The Freshmen interested all with a program of general information, dealing with historical facts pertaining to our School.

These Assembly Programs are held regularly each week, and each class has its turn in preparing and presenting them. Thus all of the boys are given excellent training, as they appear before the faculty and boys.

New Students

Following is the list of new students admitted to our school on August 26, and their home town.

Lester Collion Brown, Jr., Burlington, Vermont

Bruce Clifton Chaloux, Burlington, Vermont

Enoch Henry Curtis, Jr., Newton Lower Falls

Richard Louis Gregoire, East Bridgewater

Charles Tasker Jenkins, Barnstable

John Joseph McGee, Needham

Laurence Peter Cable, 2nd, Stoneham

Frederick Henry Carson, Somerville

Donald Jesse DeWolf, W. Roxbury

Bruce Edwin Haeger, Miami, Florida

Richard Paul Livingstone, Stoneham

Berton Eldrid Cadorath Jr., Brockton

Arnold Eugene Davis, Whitman

Robert Michael Deraney, Lynn

Kenneth Washburn Duquet, South Braintree

John Sheridan Higgins, Brockton

Dana Lincoln Hudgens, Newburyport

John Ernest Keller, S. Weymouth

William Henry Manson, Brockton

James Henry Morris, Roxbury

Warren Allen Reardon, Quincy

Robert Donald Strachan, Cambridge

Honor Roll—Summer Term

Junior Class: Francis H. Daniel, 87.7; David G. Haeger, 83.3.

Sophomore Class: Robert W. Duquet, 86.7; Daniel C. Nyman, 85.8.

Freshman Class: Theodore J. Mara, 93.0; James A. Learmonth, 87.0.

Eighth Grade: George H. Bruce, 84.8; Frank N. Babick, 84.0.

Seventh Grade: Robert W. Smith, 89.3; Carl G. Irving, 88.3.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

The following names and addresses are in addition to those printed last month.

Bandmaster Charles Hill, '02, U. S. Naval Air Base, Weymouth, Mass.

Lieut. Ernest V. Wyatt, '13, U. S. S. "Leonard Wood", care of Postmaster, New York City.

Norman R. Wyatt, '16, Marine Barracks, Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

Sgt. Bernard R. Morrill, '20, Hq. Det., 182nd Inf., A. P. O. 916, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Eugene Raymond Lurchin, '30, B1 Unas'g'd, A. P. O. No. 502, care of the Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Waldo L Waters, '30, Co. E, 1st Batt., S. C. R. T. C., Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, N. J.

Harvey H. Davis, '35, No. 31131073, HQ & HQ Squad., 16th Service Group, A. P. O. No. 832, care of Postmaster, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Raymond L. Beck, Jr., '36, A-s, 17th A. A. F., G. P. T. D., Anderson's Air Activities, Antigo, Wisconsin.

Sgt. Warren F. Morse, '36, 42nd Bomb. Squad. (H), A. P. O. 502, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Leonard Markley, '37, A-c, Alabama Institute of Aeronautics, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Arthur E. Mathieu, '37, 52nd Bomb. Squadron, Gowen Field, Idaho.

George A. Krebs, Jr., '38, U.S.M.C., Parris Island, South Carolina.

George F. Connors, '39, 94th A. A. F., Band, Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

George Robert Davis, '39, Co. D., 35th Inf., A. P. O. 25, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Donald L. Rice, '39, U. S. M. C., Parris Island, S. C.

Warren A. Danner, '40, U. S. C. G., C.O.T.P., Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland.

George W. Harris, '40, Platoon 731, 8th Sep. Recruit Battalion, N. R. T. C., New River, North Carolina.

Robert W. MacWha, '40, Co. 24-Section H, 239 Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.

Frank Anderson, '41, U. S. M. C., Parris Island, South Carolina.

Former Instructors

P. F. C. Thomas L. Abbott, Co. L, 385th Infantry, A. P. O. 76, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Lieut. Edmund L. Boyce, Home address: 162 Church St., Rutland, Vt.

Lieut. Warren W. Fabyan, Special Service Officer, Div. Hdqtrs, 37th Inf. Division, A. P. O. No. 37, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Corp. R. Carroll Jones, Vet. Det., Sta. Compl., Camp Carrabelle, Fla.

Lieut. Charles L. Park, 2 Bilodeau Court, Burlington, Vt. Stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont.

Lieut. George R. Ronka, A-C, O. T. S., Hotel Roney-Plaza, Miami, Fla.

Capt. E. Henry Seften, Army Base, Boston, Massachusetts.

Many of those on furlough call the School by telephone. Of course we would rather have a personal visit from you, but time doesn't always permit, and we do enjoy your telephone calls. When near Boston say "Hello!"

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

CLIFTON E. ALBEE, '21, President
Thompson's Island

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77 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON
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Hyde Park, Mass.

ROGER L. HOLTON, '30, sent us the words of the following song poem which he composed about three years ago. He says, "I think you will recognize that my inspiration was Thompson's Isle. It is written expressly for my school."

Possibly one of our graduates might give the poem, which follows, a fitting musical setting.

Day is done,
Ev'ning comes,
By the firelight's glow I'll fancy;
Fancy that I am young once more
And that I'm back on that Isle I adore.

Beautiful Isle of Yesterdays,
Isle of a million dreams,
Standing serene from worldly cares,
There in the harbor of life's affairs.
To some it's the Isle of tomorrow.
To a few chosen ones
It's the Isle of today;
Now tho' I'm growing old
To its mem'ry I'll hold,
Beautiful Isle of Yesterdays.

Holton writes that he still plays the trumpet and he hoped to become a Band Leader. At that time his address was Btry A, 430th C. A. (A. A.), Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Sergeant WARREN F. MORSE, '36, one of a group of three who comprise the crew of a bomber, was given special notice in a recent issue of the Boston Herald. Sergeant Morse has been in all the major battles of the Pacific, and the newspaper article described his part in these battles, as well as a brief biography preceding his joining the Air Corps. A photograph of the bomber crew was given a prominent position on page one of the Herald.

The following article pertaining to Paul F. Swasey, Superintendent of The Farm and Trades School from 1922 to 1926, appeared in the Norfolk Ledger Dispatch, September 26, 1942:

"Paul F. Swasey, industrial engineer with the Virginia Electric and Power Company, has been appointed to the faculty of the Norfolk Extension, University of Virginia, as an Instructor in engineering, C.O. Clark, faculty chairman announced today."

"Mr. Swasey was director of a boys' school in Boston following his graduation from Massachusetts Inst. of Technology. He has been active in engineering circles in Norfolk since becoming associated with the VEP, and is now secretary of the Hampton Roads Engineers Club.

"Also an amateur painter, Mr. Swasey has exhibited several canvasses during recent years in local shows. This past summer he spent his vacation in the artists' colony at Little Switzerland, N. Carolina."

CLYDE W. ALBEE, '33, happily announces the arrival of George Edward Albee, on October 30, 1942, at the Chelsea Memorial Hospital. Congratulations!!

Mr. Albee is employed as an electrician at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

JAMES E. MCCARTHY, '41, sent each of our trombone players a bottle of oil for their instruments. The thoughtfulness which prompted this gift is indeed greatly appreciated.

He completed the third year of high school work here last June and is now in his final year at Orleans High School.

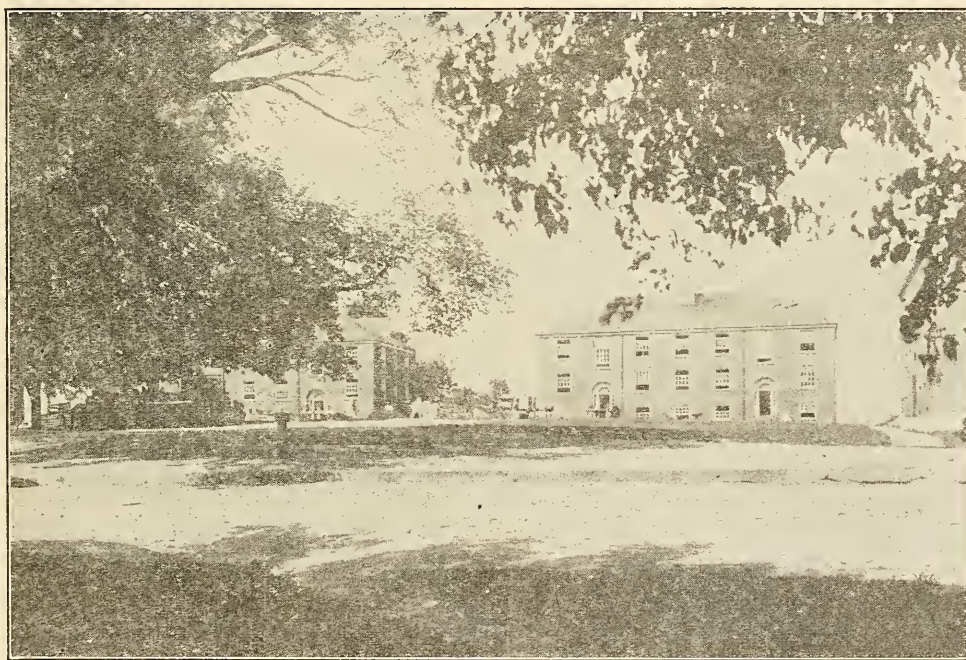


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The Farm and Trades School



New Buildings Constructed 1941

We hope you will reread Miss Gilmore's interesting Article—Ed.

Thompson's Island
Boston, Massachusetts
May 15, 1942

Boston Teachers News Letter
27 Beach Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The well written story of our demise in the May, 1942 issue of the News Letter

was gross exaggeration. We ask that the story of our death be given at least a line of contradiction, otherwise your thousands of readers might never again believe in our aliveness.

The article to which we refer was titled "And Longfellow Made It in a Chair" by Marion C. Gilman, Charlestown High

School. The statement reads, "Following the inside channel, we passed Thompson's Island, which displayed the charred ruins of a once famous boys' school." We appreciate the tribute but Miss Gilman does owe us a word of apology for thus proclaiming our death.

The fact is that since our School came to 157-acre Thompson's Island in 1832 no structure bigger than ten feet square has been destroyed by fire or otherwise. Here America's First Boys' Band was started in 1857 and this school has continuously had a band since that date. The annual spring concert was given in historic Faneuil Hall April 26, 1942. It was the same Farm and Trades School that first gave impetus to agriculture in American schools lower than college grade. The Boston Public Library has a copy of an agricultural text book published by this school in 1842. Now our huge program of diversified agriculture is being emulated by such other well known schools as Groton and St. Marks.

Our sloyd courses, brought to America from Sweden in 1891, were inaugurated at this school by the daddy of Sloyd in America, Gustav Larsson, whose son, George G. Larsson, an alumnus of our school, is carrying on the work of youth education in the Patrick T. Campbell School in Roxbury. The Farm and Trades School is showing its aliveness in trades by the training of its boys for war service in various branches and in its program of model airplane construction for the Government.

These are only samples of the great program of diversified departments and extra-curricular activities. As further proof of the present good health and vigor of this venerable seat of education newspaper items in recent years tell of the

construction of no less than five new brick buildings during the past half decade which completely modernize the buildings grouped around the stately old Bulfinch main building, erected in 1832-33.

The special features of The Farm and Trades School include agriculture, trades, academic, marine, band, athletics, unusual home living conditions, abundant modern diet, large staff, small classes limited to not more than twenty boys, and a campus unsurpassed in its unique setting. The substantial endowment of this private school for worthy boys permits liberal scholarships to every boy. The essential requirements for admission are physical and mental normalcy, age ten to fourteen at the time of admission, and character recommendations from school, pastor and others. The course extends from the sixth grade through the third year of high school.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM,
Headmaster

Note

A long, well written article appeared in an issue of the Boston Teachers News Letter describing a trip down the harbor. The article mistakenly but clearly stated that our school no longer existed. Naturally we objected and the above article with picture resulted from the very benevolent response of the editor.

The KATHERINE II is berthed for the winter at the Gloucester Yacht Yard. The WINSLOW has also been taken from the water for the winter. The engine in the PILGRIM III has been given needed attention, and is ready for the winter season.

Our Scout Troop renewed its Charter for the sixth year during the month, and another interesting year is anticipated by its members.

The Grew Garden Prizes

The Grew Garden Prizes were awarded Sept. 8 to the boys having the ten best flower gardens this season. The prizes originally given by Manager Henry S. Grew, have been continued by his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby. The following boys had the ten best gardens and the prizes were awarded according to the judges' rating:

- 1st Richard E. Duquet
- 2nd Wellman E. Bonsey and Arthur B. Stilphen, Jr.
- 4th James A. Blair
- 5th James Patterson and John Patterson
- 7th Robert W. Smith, Jr.
- 8th Stephen J. Zevitas
- 9th Chester C. McLeod
- 10th Robert W. Duquet

An anonymous donor made it possible for the following boys also to receive prizes of fifty cents each:

- William J. Robelen
- Lloyd G. Sberna
- Louis A. Towne, Jr.
- Donald L. Davis
- Fred P. DeLorie

J. Frederick Harrington and Charles A. Bariteau were given an Honorable Mention for their gardens. This is not a prize in money, but it is marked down in the records of those boys which helps build them a good reputation.

All the boys who receive these prizes are grateful to their donors and realize how fortunate they are in receiving these donations.

Robert P. Donnelly

An Assembly Program Play

Last Monday night the Seventh Grade gave a play called "The Friendly Books." The story was about a boy who couldn't find anything to do, but when he became acquainted with some of the people in

books he always was busy in his spare time reading. The boy in the play was Laurence Cable. The book characters were: Fairy, Joyce Meacham; Alice in Wonderland, Robert Livingstone; Huck Finn, Fred Donovan; Tom Sawyer, Fred Carson; Hiawatha, Robert Smith; Dorothy, Gail Remington; Wizard of Oz, Howard Jeunison; Daniel Boone, Harold Lowery.

Everyone did his part well and the audience enjoyed the play.

Frederick H. Carson

A Game

One day a group of boys went on a beachwalk. It was decided to play a game. Half of the group went ahead and found a good place to hide. Then the other team sent out scouts to locate the enemy. The scouts were captured. Then, one by one, the scouts managed to escape. The game ended when one team was entirely captured. It was an exciting game.

Donald J. DeWolf

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, October 31, 1942

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$1224.92
Cash	145.71
	\$1370.63
LIABILITIES	
Boys Deposits	\$855.48
Trading Co. Deposits	447.46
Cottage Row Deposits	6.90
Photo Company Deposits	10.84
Surplus	49.95
	\$1370.63

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 82° on the ninth.

Minimum Temperature 36° on the twenty-eighth.

Mean Temperature for the month 56°.

Eight clear days, thirteen partly cloudy and ten cloudy.

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We wish it were possible to print all of the inspiring letters from our loyal alumni who are taking responsibility of duty in the armed forces.

Sgt. Reginald D. Randall, '32, expresses a message which is typical. He writes:

"Dear Mr. Meacham:

"Most likely you will probably have vague recollections of me. But the last time I saw you, you had remembered something that I had already forgotten ten years ago—the transaction between Eugene Lurchin and myself involving a radio. I can't quite recollect who received the best end of the deal. Those ten years that have passed since I graduated from The Farm and Trades School have flown rapidly. I can recall the autumn days spent playing football on the old playground. And at times I wonder where the rest of my schoolmates are.

"The Farm and Trades School certainly has been a benefit to me, it taught me to take orders and the discipline given has made my days in the Army much easier. Who would have thought that we would be playing a real game of war, those days spent drilling in the area around the main building sure have been helpful.

"I have now been in the Army eight months and think I have done the best of my ability as far as I have gone. I am in the Chemical Warfare Service and find it most interesting. I belong to an impregnating Company. We are called glorified laundry boys. Our job is to impregnate the clothing worn in combat against the different gases used in battle. We have 3 dryers and an impregnating machine.

"My experience in the laundry at the School has benefited me tremendously. I am also the only man in the Company that has had any experience in Rigging.

We have to move the machines from one place to another.

"I was one of the 23 men picked to go to Edgewood Arsenal to learn the operations and setting up of the plant. We spent two week there. We now have to instruct the rest of the company in the operations of the plant and the moving and setting up.

"On Sept. 23 I was made a Private First Class. On October 20 I was promoted to a technician 4th grade, the equivalent of a Sergeant. I am due for another promotion in the near future and expect to be made either a staff or technical sergeant. I can honestly say that all my success and my being able to obey orders lies in my training that both you and the instructors at The Farm and Trades School so patiently gave their knowledge and time to help each of us.

"I do hope you and your family are in the best of health. And if any of the Instructors that I once knew are still at the School I send them my best wishes. I am very sorry I can't see you at the Alumni Banquet this year as I have a job to be done so that we may all meet again when this is all over. I will close now and may I wish the school and faculty a happy Thanksgiving and may God watch over you all.

Your friend,

Reginald D. Randall, '32

"P. S. Would appreciate any news of my former classmates. Richard Bolingbroke is working in a defense plant in Compton, Calif. He has three lovely children—two boys and a girl."

(Richard Bolingbroke, '32 married Reginald Randall's sister.)

Topics in Brief

A large group of parents and friends of the boys were here on October 23, transportation being provided for in the

boat "Flo and Ruby". The school band met and escorted the group to the Front Lawn, and, following a concert by the band, the boys and their friends passed a happy afternoon visiting. Naturally every phase of our school life is of great importance to the boys' parents, and every department of the school has its full quota of visitors.

The boys were very busy during the middle of the month collecting scrap metal, and a barge load was gathered. It was taken to City Point, and sold, and by this time perhaps is being delivered to our enemies. The proceeds from the sale were devoted to our athletic fund.

The room in the Main Building, formerly used as a washroom for the boys, has been attractively painted and made ready for use as an additional classroom. The agricultural classes use this room, as do study groups.

Football was king during October and nearly all of the boys participated on one of our five intra-mural teams. The games have been hard fought and full of interest to everyone. The sport appeals to the boys to the extent that the season will be curtailed only by the weather. For more than eleven weeks our football field has been a busy place.

Mr. Paul Klose, a student at the Gordon College of Theology and Missions, is conducting our religious services this year. Mr. Klose is an excellent musician and is assisting our orchestra.

Several new books have been added to our library. Reading is a very popular hobby with many of our boys, and these new volumes will be appreciated. We have a good standard library, as well as a large recreational library of books which boys enjoy.

Hallowe'en was duly and properly observed in a true carnival spirit. This annual party has become one of the highlights of our fall season, and eagerly anticipated. As a matter of fact, one of our former pupils wrote from the Pacific area, mentioning that this season of the year reminded him of Hallowe'en at Thompson's Island.

The party opened with a fine buffet supper served in the Gymnasium. Sandwiches, cider, apples, pie, doughnuts and pickles made up a typical Hallowe'en menu. Supper was followed by a series of time-honored games, stunts and contests, including such favorites as Ducking for Apples and Fortune Telling.

The final part of the observance was a costume entertainment in the Assembly Hall. Skits, plays, pantomimes and music were pleasantly combined to provide an excellent program. More than half of the boys took part, and the costumes were especially noteworthy.

Columbus Day was observed as a holiday and the boys enjoyed a program of holiday activities. A football game featured the events of the day. Supper was in the form of a picnic on the beach, everyone doing his own cooking. In the evening a program of moving pictures was enjoyed.

The eighth graders have framed a picture as a part of the Sloyd work, and for the most part the pictures have been hung in the dormitories, where they are very attractive.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, October, 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

15. The steamer Mayflower made her last trip for the season for the friends of the boys. Present of the Board of Managers Messrs. M. Grant, G. H. Kuhn, B.

A. Gould and J. Bird.

24. Hon. Daniel Webster, Sec'y of State of the United States, died this morning at his residence in Marshfield between two and three o'clock. This event which was anticipated was first made known to us on the island by the discharge of minute guns and the tolling of bells in the city. A truly great man has fallen; but his fame can never die. History will do justice to his memory.

26. Moses Grant and J. I. Bowditch, Esqrs., came down in the Mayflower and took all the boys on an excursion to Deer Island visiting the apartments occupied by the inmates and the almshouse.

29. Went on board the Mayflower at an early hour and arrived at Cut River in Marshfield about eleven o'clock; visited the grounds and cemetery of the great orator, statesman, and patriot and after the funeral services of Mr. Webster were concluded, took a carriage to Kingston and thence by railroad to Boston, arrived home about nine o'clock.

Collecting Scrap Iron

About a week and a half ago Mr. Thomas, Chester McLeod, Bob Smith and I went on the old truck to South End to salvage iron from the dump. A few days later some other boys and I went down beside the Storage Barn and there we took our big truck, "Old Betsy" apart. Later that morning I saw a wagon go by with a group of boys in it. They were headed for a load of scrap metal. All morning we gathered scrap, and were late for dinner, but we got a motor from an old car, and all kinds of junk from the storage barn, beaches and other places. Yesterday it was loaded on the freight barge and taken to Boston. It was fun to collect the old junk because it will help our country in the war effort.

William J. Robelen

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

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Following are additional names and addresses to those printed in the last two issues.

Randolph St. C. English, '37, Casual Co. No. 1, F. S. C., Fort Devens, Mass.

P. F. C. Thomas C. Kenvin, '38, Band Americal Div. Artillery, A. P. O. No. 502, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

George W. Harris, '40, 1st Telephone Co., Signal School, School Battalion, N. R. T. C., F. M. F., Marine Barracks, Hadnot Point, New River, N. Carolina.

Charles A. Pece, '40, A—S, V-6, Co. 1582, 8th Reg. 2nd Batt., U. S. N. T. S., Great Lakes, Illinois.

Albert E. Wilder, '39, Army Air Forces Ground Crew, 449th School Sq., Hendricks Field, Sebring, Florida.

Sgt. Reginald D. Randall, '32, 52 Chemical Impreg. Co., care of 2nd Army, Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Arthur H. Pickard, '34, HQ Bty-98th Div. Art'y Band, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

Raymond L. Beck, Jr., '36, A—S G. R. C., Tent Area E-9, U. S. Army Air Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sgt. Lewis C. Goodwin, '36, Co. B., 176th Ordnance Bn (H. M.) A. P. O. No. 828, care of Postmaster, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FRANKLIN P. MILLER, '18, brings us up to date with the information that he is now a Lieutenant Colonel Commanding 913th F. A. B'n, 88th I. D. Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

Corp. Waldo L. Waters, '30, Co. R 15th Reg't, Sig. Ser. School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

William C. Morse, Jr., '40, Sea 2—c Plm. 2nd Histep Dtach., U. S. Naval Const. Batt., Davisville, Rhode Island. (Camp Endicot.)

James H. Jardine. Recruit Det. No. 1, Shaw Field., Sumter, S. Carolina. (Former Instructor)

William N. Dodge, '40, 579th Tech Schl Squadron F. S. 1324, Basic Training Center No. 4, Miami Beach, Florida.

EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, applied for O.C.S., and his application was approved. He hopes to be training in Florida within a few weeks. At present he is stationed at Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass., where he is a bandsman.

Having completed the three-month preliminary course at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C., Cadet WILLIAM C. BURNS, (F. T. S. '37) of 222 Arlington St., Quincy, Mass., has been transferred to the U. S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Squantum, Mass., for primary flight training. The course at the pre-flight school was devoted to physical "toughening," military drill, instruction in the essentials of the Naval Service and Ground School subjects. Burns is also a graduate of the Quincy Trades School.

WESTON O. PAGE, '38, is now a Corporal. His complete present address is Corp. Weston O. Page No. 31163473, Co. A-374th Port B'n, T. C., A. P. O. 5019, care of Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

A Quincy newspaper has printed biographical sketches of air cadets William C. Burns, '37, and Leonard Markley, '37.

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EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, is now a Corporal in the 94th A. A. F. Band, Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

WILLIAM F. REAGAN, '37, is now a Sergeant. He is an instructor at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School in Fort Myers, Fla. His complete address is 719th School Squadron, A. A. F. F. G. S., Fort Myers, Fla.

Sergt. WILLIAM L. LITTLEJOHN, '36 and Miss Lorraine Lefebvre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lefebvre of 57 Wyman Street, Arlington, Mass., were married October 3, at St. Agnes Church, Arlington. The bride attended Arlington High School. Sergt. Littlejohn has been in the service four years. He has been stationed at Fort Ethan Allan in Vermont, and at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He is at present attached to the Army Air Base in Manchester, N.H. The couple will make their home in Manchester.

THOMAS U. FOLLANSBEE, '74, was given a two-column write-up with his picture in a recent issue of the Chelsea Evening Record. This distinguished alumnus, now 83 years young, a former Chelsea Councilman and Welfare Head, served that city 38 years as visitor and agent.

Mr. Follansbee's life has been filled with activity in business, civic affairs and fraternal organizations. His deep interest continues although somewhat less active than formerly.

Under the heading "Entered Farm School For Five Years Training" the article indicates Mr. Follansbee's interest in his alma mater in the following words:

"In 1869 young Follansbee came to Boston to enter the Boston Asylum and Farm School on Thompson's Island off South Boston, where for five years he was trained in farming and other educational features. He was a member of a five-man crew that manned the 35-foot sailboat making trips to Boston for supplies. There were 100 students at the school. It was a most healthful spot, Mr. Follansbee said, as during the five years he spent there not a death occurred and there was very little sickness."

We wish for Mr. Follansbee many, many more years of excellent health and the full enjoyment of the zest of life.

WOODMAN C. HILL, '94, passed away on Nov. 6, 1942 at his home, 551 Washington St., Dedham, Mass. For the last eighteen years he had been manager of the undertaking firm of Smith and Higgins and for many years previous had been associated with that firm.

He was born August 5, 1876 in Arlington, Mass., son of the late Charles F. and Emma F. Hill. He was admitted to The Farm and Trades School May 15, 1886 and left March 12, 1894, to live with Mr. James Holmes, of Johnson, Vt.

He was a member of Constellation Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Apollo Temple, Mystic Shrine, the Square and Compass Club of Westwood and the Society in Dedham for the Apprehending of Horse Thieves. At the time of his death he was an agent of the Board of Health of the town of Dedham.

Following services at the First Church Unitarian Nov. 8, interment was made at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington.



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Thanksgiving

On Sunday, November 22, Mr. Klose, our minister, preached a sermon on the true meaning of Thanksgiving. This sermon opened our Thanksgiving season, and the boys all thought it very interesting.

During the following few days the boys were busy getting ready for the two big holiday football games. For the older boys, Wellman Bonsey and Russell Cole were chosen as captains. The younger boys chose Herbert Stearns and Stanley Davis as their captains.

The morning of the holiday dawned cold and rainy. By game time at 9:30 however the rain had almost ceased and the small boys began their game. The game was hard fought, the Navy team finally winning over Army 27-26.

Following the game the boys went to the dormitories and began getting ready for dinner. There was much excitement in thinking and talking about the dinner, which had been awaited for so long, and was now being prepared in the kitchen.

Just before twelve o'clock the boys and instructors gathered in the waiting rooms in Bowditch House and at twelve o'clock the doors to the dining room were opened. Each table was graced with a large, golden brown, roasted, stuffed turkey, with all the fixings to make up a perfect Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Walter Johansson, the Shaw scholar, read the excellent Proclamation issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth, Leverett Saltonstall. We then repeated our School Grace, and were seated.

The dinner was truly a bounteous feast, and was enjoyed by everyone.

The menu included, besides turkey, potatoes, onions, squash, cranberries, celery, cider, squash and mince pies, plum pudding, fruit, nuts and raisins.

After the dinner we rested until it was time for the big football game. This was between Harvard and Yale, and the teams had been practicing for about a week so as to be ready for the game.

The early part of the game gave signs of the contest being really close, but after awhile Harvard began to show a much stronger scoring power than Yale. Even though the final score wasn't even close, those watching the game stayed until the end of the game, for there was good football being shown by both teams.

For supper we had the traditional menu of oyster stew, crackers, fruit and pie.

In the evening the boys enjoyed free time to do as they pleased. Most of them got into a comfortable place with a book, and spent the time reading, and reflecting upon the full satisfaction of the day.

Chester C. McLeod, Jr.

Our Orchestra

About two months ago a group of boys decided to begin an orchestra. James Patterson did the work of organizing the orchestra and getting the music. Since then we have had rehearsals at least twice a week. We played for the Hallowe'en program. Soon we expect to play for assembly. Those in the orchestra are: James Patterson, Donald Davis, and John Patterson, trumpets; Walter Ross, trombone; Henry Porter, baritone horn; Daniel Nyman, and David Haeger, saxophones; George Bruce and Bruce Haeger clarinets; Frank Babick and Stephen Zevitas, horns; and L. Allen Towne, drums. One of the instructors helps us by playing the piano for us.

Stephen J. Zevitas

A Treasure Hunt

One Sunday afternoon our minister, Mr. Klose, announced that there would be a Treasure Hunt. He had hidden ten cards at different places around the Island and a little after two o'clock we met in front of one of the dormitories to learn the rules of the hunt. They were simple, and we were given the clue to the first card. Fred DeLorie found it. Then we were given the clue to the next card. After all of the cards were located we went to the Old Elm where Mr. Klose gave a prize to each one who found the cards.

J. Sheridan Higgins

Playing in the Band

I am now learning how to play the cymbals in our Band. Usually after supper we go to the band hall and practice for about half an hour. Every week our bandmaster comes for a rehearsal. The band plays on Friends' Days and for Chapel programs.

Dana L. Hudgens

Moving Pictures

Our talking picture machine had to be repaired, and while this was taking place we were having silent pictures. The last show began with a good picture called "Here Comes the Circus". Next was a short comedy. The third picture was about the British Commandos raid on Norway. Then there was a news reel showing battle areas all over the world. The last picture was a comedy with Charlie Chaplin.

Joyce E. Meacham

Off on the Chase

Often when there isn't anything really special to do another boy and I get a cloth in our dormitory basement, gather together some other boys and find our pal, "Mopsy", a large dog. Then we go to the ballfield, give "Mopsy" the cloth, and we are off on the chase.

Warren A. Reardon

A Good Run

Last Saturday the Leathernecks played the Bombardiers. These two teams are made up of the younger boys in the School. The Bombardiers scored first. On the kickoff after the touchdown our team tied the score. Stanley Davis, our captain, received the kickoff and ran first to the left and then to the right. He got by all the opponents and scored the touchdown which tied the score.

Richard P. Livingstone

Printing

The sixth and seventh grade boys have Printing every day. First we learned the case, then how to put type in the composing stick. It was hard to learn to tell some letters from others, because we see the letters upside down. Most of the type we set up is printed.

Robert D. Strachan

Boy Scout News

For the past six weeks the scouts who hadn't reached second class rank were given much help by the Scoutmaster. Signaling was the hardest test to pass, but finally everyone got the semaphore alphabet well learned. Most of the other tests we did noon hours, such as scout tracking. On December 1 the troop met with the Troop Committee and the following were awarded second class badges:

Frank N. Babick
 Darwin C. Baird
 George H. Bruce, Jr.
 Stanley E. Davis
 Fred P. DeLorie
 Howard E. Jennison
 Chester C. McLeod
 John Patterson
 Walter J. Ross
 Herbert P. Stearns
 Chester A. Stevenson
 Louis A. Towne, Jr.
 Stephen J. Zevitas

We had the pleasure of meeting our new committeeman for the first time at a scout meeting. Dr. John Cook was welcomed into the troop by Troop Chairman, Mr. Carleton W. Stiles and Committeeman Robert R. Kitching.

The meeting opened with the Flag, Salute and closed with the Scout Oath.

George H. Bruce, Jr.

The First Snowfall

Sunday morning, Dec. 13, was cloudy, and one could almost tell that snow was coming. After Sunday School the wind began blowing briskly and it became even more cloudy. When dinner was over many of the boys decided to go skating, and just as the group left snow began to fall.

The skating wasn't very good, because the snow soon covered the ice and made a bad surface. The snow kept falling and the boys found something besides skating to do. The orchestra rehearsed, and some

boys watched a movie show. Every little while the snowfall would be investigated, for we all wanted enough for winter sports.

At night, when it was time for evening Church service the snow stopped, but the wind kept blowing stronger and stronger. The snow was blown into drifts, and it got very cold.

On Monday we found that it hadn't snowed quite enough for sliding, so we are waiting for another good snowstorm.

Frank N. Babick

A Strange Experience

One afternoon Mr. Klose, our minister, took a group to the ballfield and we chose teams to play "Relievo." The game was a lot of fun, and after both teams had been out twice James Blair and I decided to employ some strategy. We both went to north end and Blair climbed a tall tree. I knew that if he were caught there I would be caught also, so I went down on the beach and found a good hiding place. The strange experience I had began there.

While I was hiding amongst the rocks where none could see me, a duck suddenly came up from below the water surface. Then two others appeared. All three were beauties, being blue and white in color. I never knew that ducks could swim under water, and it was a strange novel experience to see them breaking the water surface. They surface dived, and then came up in another place. They did this routine several times, and then flew away. I learned later that although most dive this way, not all ducks do.

Then I thought of the game, and Blair and myself began carefully getting back to the game area, our purpose being to free those on our team who had been captured. When we got to the playground we were discouraged to find that the game was over, and no one was around the playground.

Robert W. Smith

Thompson's Island Beacon

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In this day of rapid changes and new situations every one must strive more than ever to make right decisions. Fortunately we in America are unanimous in our desire for complete happiness, freedom and the principles upon which our Country was founded by our suffering and courageous ancestors.

We cannot all be in the armed forces. Less than five per cent of our population is now in service and it is likely that the total of men and women in uniform will never reach ten per cent. It is the unswerving duty of the other ninety-five per cent of us to bend every effort toward cooperative effort on the home front.

Our form of government permits everyone to complain about inequalities, unduly harsh restrictions and mismanagement of our affairs, real or fancied. We object to everything from the weather to our elected representatives. The former is wasted effort; the latter result from our apathetic neglect at the polls.

The rationing of oil, gasoline, tires, coffee, sugar and the scarcity of many other commodities give rise to various and sundry objectives. In New England the oil regulation is causing widespread criticism because the source of essential heat is restricted without adequate provision for a substitute. This method of heating is extensive and our geographical location receives very limited help from equatorial sun or Gulf Stream.

However, we are all in this scrap for a common cause. Our boys in Australia, the Pacific area, Africa, England, the Atlantic and Mediterranean and in various other areas are giving their all for us and our Country. Others are undergoing rigorous training in every section of the country. To every one of these men we pay tribute and assure them that our controversies on the home front will in no way interfere with their great task.

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Topics in Brief

Season's greetings to you!

The principal event of the month was Thanksgiving, and a series of holiday events was enjoyed by everyone. The dinner was superlative, the menu consisting of roast stuffed turkey, and the other dishes which go to make up the traditional New England Thanksgiving dinner. Athletic events included two football games, and the majority of the boys were on one of the four teams.

Truly, this year we have much to be thankful for, and even the youngest lad had the real spirit of the day in his heart. We at Thompson's Island have indeed been richly blessed, and the deep significance of the day was clearly evident.

The seventh graders gave a fine assembly program during the month. The theme of the play was the value derived from wholesome reading, and the characters included many of the best loved fiction folks. The lesson derived from the sketch would, if heeded, add countless pleasures to the everyday life of everyone.

Our Band Director, Mr. Frank L. Warren, has resumed his regular weekly rehearsals with our group, and the band is well started toward a successful year. Although trips to music festivals and contests are cancelled for the duration, and opportunities for the boys to play for the general public are not as frequent as they are in peace times, interest in the band has not decreased. In fact, it has apparently increased. At any rate, more than half of the boys in the School are enthusiastic members of the Band.

The recreation program for the boys centered chiefly around football during the month. The gridiron sport has been

more popular than ever this year, and even the cessation of interscholastic contests has failed to dampen the full admiration of the boys for this grand sport. Much new equipment has been added to the athletic department, and five teams enjoyed the season to the utmost. The "Raiders," captained by Wallace Folkins won the Crosby Shield, and as such are the champions of 1942.

Much important work has been accomplished around the buildings and grounds during the month. A ten-foot gravelled path has been made from the Old Elm to the flagpole. Besides being a great convenience, the path adds to the appearance of the landscape of our group of new buildings.

Six hundred native Darwin tulip bulbs have been set out in the tulip beds around the Bulfinch building.

Many of the areas about our many buildings are gravelled over, and during the fall days we have been carting gravel from the beaches. This will be screened and used next spring.

The area of boys' individual flower gardens has been given attention. Fertilizer has been applied as necessary, and the beds have been cleaned of growth and otherwise made ready for next spring.

Winter coverings for our hydrants and basement window pockets are now in place.

The School orchestra played a concert at Assembly during the month. The music played was of the standard orchestral type, and many favorable comments were received by the players upon the quality of music rendered.

Armistice Day was observed as a holiday, with a series of athletic games arranged for the boys. Moving pictures were enjoyed during the evening.

Walter Burr Foster, '78

We regret to announce the death of Walter B. Foster, '78, at his home, 45 Garrison Road, Hingham, on Nov. 28. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Anders S. Lundie, minister of the First Unitarian Parish, on December 1.

Mr. Foster retained a deep interest and affection for his Alma Mater since his boyhood days, and in 1914 was selected to represent the Alumni on the Board of Managers. He retained this position until his death. As a member of the Board he served with distinction on many committees, notably on the important Admission to the School Committee.

He was for many years engaged in business in Hingham and other South Shore towns, as a civil engineer. His was a long and useful life and until a recent illness he was active in community life. He loved his home town, Hingham, as he did no other place, excepting, perhaps, the Farm School. He served both with an unselfish devotion. A fine, upstanding citizen has gone, but his good works live on in countless Farm School boys.

In 1925 he had an artist design a School Banner. This banner was used as a part of many annual Graduations.

He was a past member of the Old Colony Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was holder of the fifty-year jewel for membership. He was also one of the principal founders of the Hingham Cooperative Bank, and a former treasurer of that institution.

Mr. Foster also served as a member of the State Guard Company during the World War I, and was Sergeant in the outfit during their service in Boston during the Police Strike in 1919.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace (Sprague) Foster. Burial was in Hingham Center Cemetery.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, November, 1852

As Kept by the Superintendent

5. Went to Manchester, N. H., with my children. (Sup't. Morrison)

8. Admitted James T. Fanning and Edw. J. Fanning. Present number of boys is one hundred.

25. This being the day appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth for the annual Thanksgiving, fifteen of the graduates of the school came and spent the day and evening, viz.: Domingues Rodrigues, Patrick Driscoll, John R. Hudson, Geo. A. McLellan, Jos. R. Grose, John Henery, Howard M. Trumbull, John J. Withers, James W. Cooper, Geo. G. Adams, James Donovan, Thos. E. Twigg, John Finnegan, Geo. M. Claffin, and Gilbert W. Homan, all of whom appeared well and had a happy visit.

28. The services of this and the last Sabbath were conducted by the Sup't.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, November 30, 1942

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$1224.92
Cash	160.91
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	\$1385.83
LIABILITIES	
Boys Deposits	\$867.18
Trading Co. Deposits	447.46
Cottage Row Deposits	6.90
Photo Company Deposits	14.34
Surplus	49.95
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	\$1385.83

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 71° on the first.

Minimum Temperature 20° on the fifteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 44°.

Nine clear days, seven partly cloudy and fourteen cloudy.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Following are addresses received since the last issue.

Douglas M. Bashaw, '40, S. 2-c, U. S. N. R., U. S. Naval Radio Station, Wahiawa, care of Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Harold B. DeLorie, '35, Service Bty., 490th F. A. B'n, 11th Armored Div., A. P. O. 261, Camp Polk, La.

Percie R. Berry, '38, 368th F. A. B'n, Hq. B'try, 98th Div., Camp Breckinridge, Morganfield, Kentucky.

William P. Dufault, '41, S. s-c, U. S. S. Swanson, care of the Postmaster, New York City.

Lieut. George R. Ronka, former instructor, Box 431, Harrisburg, Penn.

Corporal Thomas L. Abbott, former instructor, has been admitted to Officers Candidate School. His new address is 19th Co., 4th Battalion, S. T. R., Fort Benning, Georgia.

Harry D. Dow, Ex-'35, 379th Bomb. Sq., (4), A. P. O. 817, care of Postmaster, New York City.

B. Clayton Graffam, Ex-'38, U. S. M. C. Unit 255, care of the Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Robert W. MacWha, '40, A. M. M., 3-c, G-1, L-6, Aviation Free Gunnery School, Hollywood, Florida.

Private Everett A. Smith, '35, 336th Bomb. Group, 481st Bomb. Sqd., A. A. F., Fort Myers, Florida.

Sgt. Edwin B. Crouch, Ex-'38, No. 20105537, Cannon Co., 304th Inf., Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Corp. Allan S. Woodman, Ex-'39, 115th Observation Squadron, Ontario, California.

A. S. Roger Hardy, Ex-'43, Maritime Training Station, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y., Section 133, B4.

Elvin C. Bean, '36, M. S. 2c, N. T. S. 426, Newport, Rhode Island.

Pvt. Howard M. Colpitts, '39, U. S. M. C., Field Artillery Training Battery, Marine Corps Schools, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.

Sgt. William F. Reagan, '37, 5th Training Squad., A. A. F. F. G. S., Ft. Myers, Florida.

Word has been received at the School that Donald Wright, Ex-'33, is reported as "Missing in action", during or since the fall of Corregidor. We sympathize with his mother and brother, Chester F. Wright, '30, and hope that Donald may still be located in some part of the battle area.

Lieut. Carl G. Weeks, '29, was stationed at Fort Mills, on Corregidor in the Phillipines. Since the fall of that fort we have received no news of him.

Hudson D. Brenner, '37, is at the Officers Candidate School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His address is Candidate Hudson D. Brenner, 7th Company, O. C. S., Fort Knox, Kentucky.

We were happy to have three army bandsmen visit us recently. They were: William D. DeLorie, '37, Air Force Band, Shaw Field, N. C.; Samuel F. Very, '33, 360th A. A. F. Band, Hendricks Field, Sebring, Florida; Eugene Proctor, '38, Air Force Band, Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

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HOWARD M. COLPITTS, '39, writes a most interesting letter from the Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C., part of which follows: "I have now been out of boot-camp two weeks. I am now in the Post Band here at Parris Island. It is made up of musicians of various calibre and from states all up and down the eastern seaboard. They are a nice group of fellows and very helpful to those that are new around here. I had the very nice pleasure while I was at the rifle range to meet George Krebs '38 and Donald Rice '39. It certainly was a coincidence that three F. T. S. boys were firing the range at the same time. We renewed our acquaintance and had some very nice talks about our schooldays at F. T. S. I also met Frank Anderson, of the Class of '41, I believe, last Thursday and we had a nice talk of more recent happenings at the school. He left last Sunday for New River, N.C. His platoon is going to fire the range there instead of here. Another boy from Massachusetts is my bunkmate and we seem to enjoy the surroundings down here. We would certainly like to get a five-day leave and visit our homes." Colpitts' new address is Private Howard M. Colpitts, Post Band, Box 548, Marine Barracks, Paris Island, S. Carolina.

We at the School are happy to receive news from you men in the armed services. Letters are received daily from army posts, both in the United States and in foreign fields. News is passed on through this page, and the letters themselves are given a prompt reply. So, keep them coming.

Raymond L. Beck, Jr., '36, writes that he and the other members of his group are now staff sergeants. Upon satisfactory completion of their Glider Pilot training they will become flight officers. His address is S-Sgt. Raymond L. Beck, Jr., G.P.R.C., T-250, U. S. Army Air Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Letters from the army camps in the southern states mention the wonderful hospitality shown our fighting men. Folks do everything within their power to "make a home away from home" for the men in the service.

A "Roll of Honor" of our former pupils and staff members now in the armed services has been prepared and hung in the dining room in Bowditch House.

Notes

The boys are becoming more and more air minded, and new periodicals have been added to our reading list, so that the boys may have the latest information on subjects pertaining to aviation. Many have collections of the various types of war planes. A large number have built model aircraft, which are proudly displayed in the dormitories. The boys are able to identify planes just about as easily as the adults identified automobile makes two or three decades ago.

In loss of life, the world's third greatest fire disaster occurred in Boston on Nov. 28, when the Cocoanut Grove burned, causing the death of nearly 500 persons. Fortunately, no one connected with our School was involved in the tragedy.



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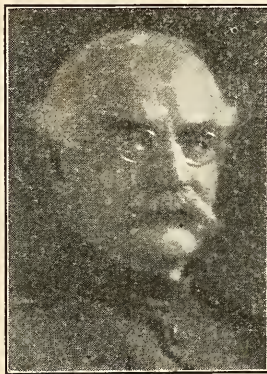
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"It is fitting that our memorial service for Walter B. Foster be held here in the home he loved. We are surrounded by evidences of his aspirations and energies. This is the home he built; here are the trees he planted; here are the things of beauty he enjoyed. From this high hill he could look down upon the town which contains so much of his work. These things, the creative things, are those that really matter in life."

With these words the Rev. Anders S. Lund, minister of the First Parish Church of Hingham, paid tribute to the work and memory of Walter Burr Foster, a native of the town, a graduate of The Farm and Trades School in 1879, and a member of its Board of Managers from 1920 until his death on Nov. 30, 1942, in his 80th year. The house was filled with relatives and friends, including members of the Board of Managers and of the alumni association of the School.

Mr. Foster was born June 7, 1863, and entered the Farm and Trades School in 1873. Upon graduation he went to work on a farm in Wilmington, but a year later was back in his native town to begin an apprenticeship in carpentering. Meanwhile he took up the study of surveying and civil engineering and engaged in that work in 1894, with an office of his own, which he followed for the remainder of

his active life. In 1889 he organized the Hingham Co-operative Bank and was its first secretary, and the next year became treasurer, and filled these positions for 22 years. In 1895 he organized the Hingham Street Railway Company, and served as clerk and director of the company until it was consolidated with other street railway companies on the South Shore.



Walter B. Foster

One of his hobbies was collie dogs, and for five years he was president of the Eastern Collie Breeders Association, and also was treasurer and member of the executive board of the Collie Club of America. He was a member of Old Colony Lodge of Masons, of Hingham, and was master for two years. He was a member of the First Parish Church (Unitarian) of Hingham, popularly known as the "Old Ship" Church. In 1914-15 he was president of the Alumni association, and in connection with the observance of the centennial observance of The Farm and Trades School, he led in the project of raising an alumni fund as a gift of appreciation to the School. In 1920 he was elected a member of the Board of Managers, and was especially valuable because of the practical knowledge acquired during a busy career, and

he served on the executive committee for a number of years.

He joined the Massachusetts State Guard in 1917, and was one of the original members of A company, 14th Regt. of Infantry, with the rank of senior duty sergeant, and saw active duty at Brockton during the flu epidemic of 1918, and again in Boston during the exciting police strike.

He was twice married, first to Adalaid Lincoln of Hingham, who died in 1931, and subsequently to Grace W. Sprague of Hingham, who survives. The home which he built on an eminence on Garrison Road was of unique and pleasant style, surrounded by many trees, and was commodious and convenient.

The Christmas Concert

The dramatic contrast between modern brutality and destruction and, on the other hand, the ageless beauty and faith of the Christian religion was vividly enacted at our Christmas Concert, on Dec. 20, 1942, when the pageant play "Christmas in Coventry" was presented. The story of the play was that of a typical family in Coventry, a few weeks after the systematic bombing of their city.

Those taking part surely deserve great credit for the excellent performance. It was a presentation which will long be remembered, as it told the Christmas story in an impressive manner.

Many musical selections were given during the program by special groups.

Those taking part were:

Christmas in Coventry

Cast of Characters

READER Walter H. Johansson
 GRANDFATHER James Patterson
 MOTHER Robert H. Stone
 JERRY Chester C. McLeod, Jr.
 JAMES Robert P. Donnelly

CONSTANCE, Joyce E. Meacham
 STRANGER David G. Haeger
 BISHOP OF COVENTRY Daniel C. Nyman

THE HOLY FAMILY

MARY Alice C. Cook
 JOSEPH , Walter J. Ross

THREE WISE MEN Wellman E. Bonsey
 Russell E. Cole Arthur B. Stilphen, Jr.

SHEPHERDS Donald L. Davis
 Wallace O. Folkins John Patterson

FIRST VOICE Herbert P. Stearns

SECOND VOICE Robert W. Duquet

THIRD VOICE Henry J. Porter

FOURTH VOICE Louis A. Towne, Jr.

Members of the Boys' Choir

Frank N. Babick George H. Bruce, Jr.
 John S. Higgins Harold D. Lowery, Jr.
 Franklyn Y. Mara Theodore J. Mara
 James H. Morris Henry J. Porter
 Robert W. Smith Herbert P. Stearns

Members of the Brass Quartette

Donald L. Davis, First Cornet
 Chester C. McLeod, Second Cornet
 Walter J. Ross, Trombone
 Henry J. Porter, Baritone Horn

The Orchestra Personnel

Frank N. Babick George H. Bruce, Jr.
 Russell E. Cole Donald L. Davis
 Frank W. Ellis Bruce E. Haeger
 David G. Haeger Daniel C. Nyman
 James Patterson John Patterson
 Henry J. Porter, Jr. Walter J. Ross
 Louis A. Towne, Jr. Stephen J. Zevitas

Special vocal selections not listed above, because they were an integral part of the program were given by James H. Morris, Wellman E. Bonsey, Russell E. Cole and Arthur B. Stilphen, Jr.

IF HE DISAGREES—

—With us on money he is a tightwad.
 —With us on price he is a grafter.
 —With us on philosophy he is a cynic.
 —With us on ethics he is a reformer.
 —With us on morals he is a hypocrite.
 —With us on policy he is a standpatter.
 —With us on baseball he is a dumbbell.

Additional News of Men in the Service

1st. Lieut. CARL G. WEEKS, '29, was stationed at Fort Mills, on Corregidor in the Phillipines. When the fort was in the Phillipine battle last winter Lt. Weeks was taken captive, and is now in a Japanese prison camp. His mother was notified very recently. We extend our sympathy to her.

New Addresses of Former Instructors

Lt. George R. Ronka, XXI Provisional Group, Hdqtrs. & Hdqtrs. Bldg., O. R. T. C., Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Candidate Robert C. Jones, Co. A, Army Adm. School, O.C.S. No. 3, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

The following letters, we believe, are extremely informative and interesting. It is a great pleasure to reprint them here.

"My dear Mr. Meacham:

"I have received your September issue of the Beacon, and wish to thank you for remembering me in forwarding this very interesting issue containing news of the boys in the service.

"I couldn't begin to tell you in words how interesting I found it; and how surprised I was to learn that some of my old acquaintances had taken up with the service in the branches indicated in the issue of the Beacon.

"As you might imagine we are kept very, very busy these days. But if my memory serves me right, I think you are well aware of the details and complications found in active service.

"Since being here on the west coast I have taken the time to visit Los Angeles, Hollywood, and many other interesting places located hereabouts. It certainly is wonderful country out here, and the weather is grand too. As you might imagine we are all making the most of our last months in the states, and me in

particular as I am well aware of conditions beyond these shores.

"Last week I received my recommendation for Staff Sergeant (Clerical), but it will be a few months before authorization comes through from Washington.

"You will be interested to know that I visited Richard Bolingbroke ('32) recently in Compton, California, which is considered a suburb of Los Angeles. He is the proud daddy of three grand children now; and you would be surprised at how domesticated he is. As a matter of fact, I have a fourteen day leave coming up at the end of this month, and expect to spend quite a bit of time with him. He is employed at the California Shipyards and as you might imagine is quite busy these days.

"Duty is calling again; so I will bring this letter to a close now. Hoping this finds you and your family, all of the boys, and the instructors enjoying good health; and a very happy holiday season to you all. Sincerely, F.D. McAuliffe, '36, Sgt., U.S. Marines."

"Dear Mr. Meacham:

"Thanks a million for those Beacons; I probably would never have been able to contact my old classmates without them.

"Things in this section of the country are just about the same, plenty of bad weather but we manage to get our flying time in.

"I expect to finish this basic course in about two weeks and go on to advance. I applied for single engine pursuit but I don't know what the army has decided for me.

"I have to go to the flight line in an hour and meet my new instructor. This field is brand new and things are rather unsettled; we are changing instructors and planes about every day.

Sincerely, Leonard Markley, '37."

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We are in the midst of the most devastating and most extensive war in the World's history. On the home front our problems increase almost daily.

We can not operate our boats without two sets of permits and extensive identification of personnel and not at all between sunset and sunrise. We go to school before daybreak but we have the privilege of viewing each glorious sunrise as well as the incomparable sunsets from our island home.

Our food supply is limited in many of our customary varieties. We are required to visit the ration board every two months for sugar permits and monthly for coffee. However, our farm supplies us with many extras in deficient items so we are most fortunate and we wonder whether we have any right to live so in these times. Oil is included in our rationing requirements, a restriction, but not to the point of suffering such as many families are undergoing.

Selective Service has cut heavily into our ranks, especially among our instructors but thus far adequate solutions have been found. Our contacts with the Selective Service Board have been satisfactory and we hope for further consideration to our needs. The problems of repair materials are involved with ODT, priorities of many kinds, symbol numbers of "end use" and material shortages. Any attempt at salary changes is regulated by WLB permission involving extensive reports and conferences. There are many other problems involved in our work.

Then we think of Eddie Rickenbacker, his suffering and his message. We think of our boys, our own boys who have been members of our big family. They are scattered to every theatre of war, in all the services and in training camps of every section of our country.

They are carrying our cause to its ultimate conclusion. We now have nearly a hundred and fifty of our Managers, former instructors and alumni in the armed forces. They are giving "all" so that we may enjoy the freedom to which we are accustomed. They are guaranteeing that we will never suffer the terrible death and destruction which is being inflicted upon the peoples of other continents.

We on the home front must make every possible effort to cooperate in behalf of our fighting forces. We must be reasonable in our consideration of the men and women of the various boards and civilian defense units. We must conserve essential commodities and we must buy generously of war savings bonds and stamps. We must be happy in our various home-front situations.

Topics in Brief

Christmas season was one of great joy and happiness to everyone on Thompson's Island. The significant and timely pageant "Christmas in Coventry" was given on the Sunday preceding the holiday, and in this Christmas Concert thirty of the boys participated.

Each of the dormitories held parties during the Christmas season, and these were all happy events. Christmas decorations were profuse everywhere, and the School presented its usual time-honored appearance. The agricultural classes made lovely weaths for each of the main entrances which added much to the seasonal attractiveness of the buildings.

On Christmas Eve a group of boys visited each of the buildings and sang lovely old Christmas carols. When their caroling was finished they were guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Meacham at Adams House, where games were played and refreshments served.

On the morning of the twenty-fifth Santa Claus, in the person of James E. McCarthy, '41, arrived and the gifts were distributed. Everyone was remembered generously, and most of the boys had difficulty in leaving the Assembly Hall, so great was the load of gifts they were carrying.

In the afternoon a professional entertainment, provided by President Arthur Adams was enjoyed. The program consisted of musical selections by a family trio, and magic.

New Years' Day was celebrated by a program of holiday events in the gymnasium, consisting of basketball games. In the evening moving pictures were shown.

The fall term of school closed on December 24, and vacation extended until January 4 when the Winter term commenced. Many of the boys, whose good conduct and effort warranted, spent part of this vacation visiting relatives and friends at home.

We appreciate very much the kindness of our hosts of friends who sent us greeting cards for Christmas and the New Year.

Our New Year was ushered in with what might easily have been a major conflagration. Spontaneous combustion started a fire in our largest classroom, the fire being observed by Mrs. Plummer, one of our instructors, shortly before nine o'clock on New Years' Eve. Prompt and efficient fire fighting by our faculty members resulted in confining the blaze to a small area. The damage was one thousand dollars, much of this being to books, maps

and classroom furnishings. Our staff made the repairs necessary and school classes were held as scheduled.

The Harbor fireboat was on hand promptly and the men ready for any eventuality. The firemen rejoiced with us over the fact that the resultant damage was slight, when it might have been a staggering loss.

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14. Moses Grant, Esq., and Mr. Bishop came down in the "Flirt" which brought over supplies of rice and meal for winter.

24. Mr. E. C. Deming cut the boys' hair.

My Hobby

One of my best hobbies is collecting stamps, and the best way to add to a collection is to trade stamps with others who have the same hobby. Nearly everyone takes care of duplicate stamps, so he can be ready at any time to make a deal.

In this kind of a hobby the collector learns much about geography, history, and the correct spelling of places all over the world. It is a very interesting hobby.

Donald J. DeWolf

Dormitory Work

Each afternoon I help clean in the dormitories. Most of the time I spend cleaning all the corridors, stairways and bathrooms. Once each week the stairways are waxed and polished. I also help sort laundry sometimes, and do many other necessary jobs around the dormitories.

Stanley E. Davis

A New Life

What I mean by a new life is that when I came to this School everything was very strange and entirely different from what I had been used to. For the first two or three weeks I didn't think I

would ever get straightened out. I was not at all happy. But after that time had passed I had made new friends and began to enjoy myself more. Now I am getting along fine.

Richard L. Gregoire

Being Office Boy

As office boy I take messages to the instructors in the different departments. Often this takes me to the farm where I like to see the farm animals. Many times I go to the wharf with messages for the boat captain. I help get the Beacons ready to mail.

Berton E. Cadorath, Jr.

Playing the Cornet

Last spring I began learning to play cornet. Then I stopped playing for a long time. This fall I decided to begin again and this time not give up. I am practicing simple songs now, and I hope before long to be able to play well enough to join the band.

Richard Phillips

Our Turtle

The boys in our room have a pet turtle, which we got from George Bruce. I got a bowl from the kitchen, and Bruce Haeger went to the beach and got some stones. A little water, and the turtle had a pleasant home. He has a nice place by one of the windows in our room. We take turns each day feeding and taking care of our pet.

Laurence P. Cable, 2nd

Interesting Work

I am one of two boys assigned to work as "Specials". We are called upon to substitute in any department if some one is absent. Our work is different every day, and never gets monotonous, and that is why all the boys like to work as "Specials".

Robert W. Smith

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Following are addresses received since the last issue.

Pvt. Frank R. Anderson, '41, U. S. M. C. R., Field Music School, Parris Island, South Carolina.

P. F. C. William F. Anderson, '25, Co. B, 704th M. P. Bn, Camp Andover, No. Reading, Massachusetts.

Elvin C. Bean, '36, M. S. 2c 8AA, U. S. S. "Baltimore" Detail, Receiving Sta., Boston, Mass.

S-Sgt. Raymond L. Beck, Jr., '36, 1 A. A. F., G. P. T. D., 43-5-A, Fort Morgan, Colorado.

John H. Bonsey, '40, Co. 1917, Bat. 41, U. S. N. T. S., Camp Green Bay, A. S., Great Lakes, Illinois.

William E. Brewer, '38, Aviation Cadet 705-87-80, 1238 Myrtle St., Kilgore, Texas.

Reginald A. Burlingame, '35, U. S. S. "San Juan", B Div., care of Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

P. F. C. Edwin W. Colby, Jr., '40, C. A. S. D., 4th Tr. Battery, C. A. School, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Winthrop Davidson, '40, U.S. Marine Air Corps Sta., Cherry Point, N. C. Dispensary.

P. F. C. William N. Dodge, '40, Section 122, Group 25, Oldsmobile Ordnance School, Lansing, Mich.

Ensign James E. Douglas, '32, U. S. C. G., Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts.

Pvt. Charles H. Grant, '40, A. S. N. 11027347, 33rd Inf. Band, A. P. O. 869, care of Postmaster, New York.

P. F. C. Samuel O. Hall, '30, Medical Officers Recruiting Board, 319 Longwood Ave., Boston, Massachusetts.

Pvt. Thomas Killeen, '34, Co. G, 10th Q. M. Tr. Reg., Q. M. R. T. C., 1st Platoon, Camp Lee, Virginia.

George I. Leighton, '04, Mus. 1-c. U. S. N., N. A. S. Band, Pensacola, Fla. Sgt. Chester P. Lindgren, '28, Box 339, R. F. D. No. 1, Lynnhaven, Va.

Warren M. Linnell, '38, U. S. N., N. A. S., Melbourne, Florida.

Sgt. William L. Littlejohn, '36, 78th A. A. F. Band, Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Pvt. Arthur E. Mathieu, '37, 6th Bomb. Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.

Leonard Markley, '37, A-C-43-C, Aviation Cadet Det., A. A. F. B. F. S., Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Sgt. Francis D. McAuliffe, '36, U. S. M. C., Hq. Co., A. C., P. F., Camp Elliott, San Diego, California.

William C. Morse, '40, Sea 2-c, Base Const. Depot, U. S. N. Adv. Base, Noumea, New Caledonia, care of Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

William B. Pratt, '39, Co. 1919-41st Bat., U. S. N. T. S., Great Lakes, Ill.

Pvt. Charles O. Rolfe, '15, Hdqtrs. Battery, 449th C. A. Bn, Sep., Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

Pvt. Everett A. Smith, '35, 481st Bomb. Sqd., Bombing Range, Avon Park, Florida.

P. F. C. Horace Taylor '30, 3429 Ord. Co., Fort Lewis, Washington.

Vincent D. Woodman, '33, C-5, 8185 Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

M-Sgt. Philip H. Young, '24, No. 6696787 care of Telegraph Office, Chico Army Flying School, Chico, California.

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HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10, Assistant Purchasing Agent of Lever Brothers Company, a member of our Board of Managers, and Treasurer and Past President of the Alumni Association, has recently been accorded another Masonic distinction. Russell Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Arlington publishes the following note pertaining to a Fraternal Visitation by Right Worshipful Harold W. Edwards, District Deputy Grand Master for the Somerville Sixth Masonic District:

"Russell Lodge has again been honored by having one of its Past Masters appointed to the high office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Somerville Sixth Masonic District. Let us show our appreciation of this distinction which has come to us and extend our personal congratulations to R. W. Bro. Edwards, who will make his first Fraternal Visitation to our Lodge, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1943."

G. GEORGE LARSSON, '17, has presented a copy of a beautiful and useful Memorandum Calendar to our Headmaster. This calendar was designed and printed by the Patrick T. Campbell School Printing Classes under the direction of this able alumnus of ours. Mr. Larsson is carrying on the family tradition of initiative and leadership in education as did his famous father, Mr. Gustaf Larsson, a generation ago. Mr. Gustaf Larsson gained national acclaim by bringing the Sloyd system of woodworking from Sweden to America in 1888. Our school was among the first to adapt this form of constructive skill to modern education through the direction and leadership of this great man. He rightfully holds an important place in

the American history of education, not only for bringing Sloyd to us, but especially because of his philosophy of education, of his firm belief in the necessity of all teachers having "first, a proper understanding of and sympathy with the pupils; second, a professional training in the art and methods of teaching; third, a mastery of the subject matter." Mr. and Mrs. G. George Larsson and their two beautiful children live at 3 Tacoma St., Hyde Park. Both parents are devoting their lives to their family, their community and to the leadership of young people.

Mr. Larsson has served the Alumni Association in many valuable capacities, especially as the Historian for the group.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, '29, is a civilian employee at Pearl Harbor. His address is Central Y. M. C. A., Oahu Island, T. H.

FRANKLIN M. PIERCE, '35, is employed at the General Electric Plant, in Lynn, Mass. Mr. Pierce is married and has one child, Randolph Rogers Pierce, age 2½.

His hobby is music, and he is actively engaged in several music projects.

His home is at 3 Mt. Vernon Street, Melrose, Mass.

EDWARD L. VERY, '36, writes an interesting account of his work. He is employed by the Northeast Airlines as a Propeller Specialist 1st class. He would be pleased to hear from his schoolmates at F. T. S. His address is: Edward L. Very Northeast Airlines, Army Airbase, Presque Isle, Maine, Hangar No.1.



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This Year's Band

After Graduation last June our Band had only nineteen members, and during the summer months many other good players left us. Today the band roster is forty members. Many of the original nineteen have learned to play a different instrument, so that the band instrumentation would not be overbalanced.

During the summer and fall months we studied a new set of easier pieces and finished the book. There were sixteen selections, and each was played at assembly concerts, or on Friends' Days. During the winter months we completed learning another group of sixteen compositions, and some of these will be played at our annual spring concert.

We are half through our third collection, which is made up of standard band music of medium difficulty. By playing one of the pieces we learned last summer, and following it with one of these advanced compositions it is easy to note that much progress has been made.

We have been studying the "Gloriana" Overture for the past week, and can play it quite well now. This is a band contest piece, and has enough difficulty to it so that everyone enjoys the work necessary to master it.

We usually have a short rehearsal each day, and once a week our bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren comes to

the school to conduct a long rehearsal. Usually he has the band work on one "half-learned" selection, so that it is perfected and ready for performance.

Quite often graduates visit the school, and during band rehearsals they play with the band. Usually they have interesting stories to tell the band boys about other F. T. S. bands, and the experiences enjoyed. Many are playing in bands in their present schools, and they compare these bands with our F. T. S. Bands, past and present. Nearly always we have the better band.

We expect to be able to give our annual Spring concert in Faneuil Hall, as we have done for the past several years. To this end we are working hard so that we may have a good program for our usual large audience.

There are many younger boys who are practicing every day so that they may later play in the Band. These beginners are given encouragement and help, for the Band is only as good as the replacements it has to fill vacancies and to make full and complete instrument sections.

The band is the most popular activity in the school, and there are not many of the graduates who have not been members of the band. We realize that F. T. S. has had many fine bands and we want the 1943 Band to be the best yet.

Robert P. Donnelly

Daily Schedule

Every morning at 6:15 the bugle sounds reveille, just like in the Army. From that time until 7:00 we use to get dressed, washed, and tidy up our rooms, then we go to breakfast. After this meal we have fifteen minutes before classes begin. At 11:45 classes are over and we get ready for dinner which comes at noon. After dinner we have a recreation period until 1:15 when we have more classes, or department work. This continues until 5:00 P. M. For an hour we do whatever we wish until supper, which is at six o'clock. After supper there is usually a rehearsal of the band until 7:30. From this hour until nearly nine o'clock there is most always some kind of organized program, according to the night, such as church, assembly, athletics, scouts, house parties, and so forth. At nine o'clock taps sounds and everyone must be in bed and quiet.

In spare time many enjoy listening to the radio. Others build model planes, or play games like "Dig", or practice on their band instruments or a lot of other pleasant pastimes such as reading comic books, and so forth.

We have a very busy daily schedule.

Bruce E. Haeger

Pets at Our School

We have an addition to our pets at the School. She is "Frieda", a German Shepherd dog. She is full of fun and likes to chase the boys all over the place, especially when there is snow on the ground. Besides her there are five other dogs. Some are with the boys all the time, and others are more quiet and stay by themselves. On the farm the boys have all kinds of pets, from goats to young calves. The horses are very popular, especially both "Chubby" and "Dick."

Harold D. Lowery, Jr.

Honor Roll—Fall Term

Junior Class

Francis H. Daniel, 87.7

David G. Haeger, 79.0

Sophomore Class

Robert P. Donnelly, 85.8

Daniel C. Nyman, 85.0

Freshman Class

Theodore J. Mara, 85.7

James A. Learmonth, 77.2

Henry J. Porter, 77.2

Eighth Grade

Chester A. Stevenson, 77.8

Darwin C. Baird, 77.2

Seventh Grade

Laurence P. Cable, 2nd, 93.0

Bruce E. Haeger, 88.0

Sixth Grade

Warren A. Reardon, 93.4

James H. Morris, 87.3

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

Junior Class

Francis H. Daniel

Seventh Grade

Laurence P. Cable, 2nd

Bruce E. Haeger

Joyce E. Meacham

Richard Philips

Sixth Grade

Berton F. Cadorath, Jr.

James H. Morris

Warren A. Reardon

A Hike

One afternoon I went with Bob Smith on a hike. We had the dog Judy, with us. When we got by the beach Judy didn't want to do anything but hunt for rats. So we spent most of the time helping her, and we got some results.

We got back to the dormitories in time for supper.

Howard E. Jennison

Dining Room Work

Seven boys and I work in the dining room every morning. Our job is to put the breakfast on the tables, and see that everything is ready for the meal at seven o'clock. After breakfast we clear the tables, wash the dishes, then give the dining room a good cleaning. The tables are then set up for dinner. We have playtime for the rest of the morning, until it is time to put on the food for the noon meal.

Kenneth W. Duquet

Our Room

Our room is very homelike, because we have it well decorated with pictures and pennants. The best pictures are of army leaders, such as MacArthur and Doolittle. Most of the pennants are of colleges.

The furniture in the room is made of maple, and we keep it cleaned and polished so that it looks good all the time. The draperies on the windows match the rest of the room, and help make the room attractive.

Frederick H. Donovan

Calendar 90 Years Ago, January, 1853

As Kept by the Superintendent

Excerpt from Annual Report

In the manly appearance and decorous conduct of the graduates of the school who have visited us the past year, we have beheld with much satisfaction the fruits of labors bestowed in former years.

The question naturally arises—what would have been the condition of these happy and promising youths, had not a spirit of philanthropy moved the hearts of benevolent persons to found and foster this institution.

Diary

28. Married this day, at this institution, by the Rev. Samuel H. Winkley

of Boston, Mr. Thomas M. Thompson to Miss Annie E. Morrison, eldest daughter of the Superintendent.

30. Received a visit from J. I. Bowditch, M. Grant, and B. A. Gould, Esqrs., who brought with them Rev. Mr. Otheman of Boston who addressed the boys. Received Alexander E. Hewes, Francis Hewes, Eustis R. Wagstaff and Franklin F. Pullen as pupils.

Norman F. Morse Elected to Board

Norman F. Morse was elected to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting held on Jan. 26, as a representative of the Alumni Association.

Mr. Morse was born on our Island on Feb. 6, 1877, while his father, John Ripley Morse was principal of the school. After his father joined the Boston public school system Norman graduated from Roxbury High School, in 1895.

For three years he was a member of the 1st Corps of Cadets, and won the expert marksman rating. In 1911 he moved to Minneapolis where he represented a manufacturing concern. He traveled extensively throughout the Northwest.

For the past sixteen years he has been field representative for a manufacturer of a building specialty, and he is a member of the Master Builders' Association of Boston.

His home is at 10 Sanborn Road, Hingham. He is active in Church, Community and Fraternal organizations.

In 1902 he married Bessie Wilder Horton, of Dorchester, and they have one daughter.

Mr. Morse is an enthusiastic and active member of the Alumni Association, and few events are conducted in which he does not participate fully. His hobby is photography, and he has entertained alumni gatherings on many occasions with showings of his excellent work.

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We are all interested in doing everything possible to further the war program because the peoples of the allied nations know that only by winning this war can we expect to be free peoples.

Three of the human basic needs in waging successful warfare are intelligent leadership, ample, vigorous manpower, and abundant quantities of materials.

Our real product is vigorous manpower with foundation training for various responsibilities in the war effort. An important by-product consists of agricultural produce which is also important. In 1942 we produced 8 tons of meat, 67 tons of vegetables and fruit, 230 tons of forage crops, 6,991 doz. eggs and 79,997 quarts of milk. If these quantities were divided by the average enrollment of 80 boys for the year 1942 the approximate quantities per boy would be: 202 lbs. meat, 28 bushels vegetables and fruit, 3 tons forage crops, 1,048 eggs, and 1,000 quarts milk.

We must not lose sight of the fact that these vital farm products are being raised in quantity and that this is an important contribution to the war effort.

The farm training and experience of every boy is an asset seldom enjoyed by city or town boys. This natural way of learning about animal and plant life is an essential factor in the development of a boy.

Even on the best farms a boy seldom has such a complete opportunity to take part in so many phases of farm life on such a thorough scale. Most farms specialize in one product, milk, or eggs, or beef, potatoes or some other product. Here quality products are raised in abundance in practically every major line except cotton, grain and sheep. In the herd registered Guernseys are bred for high production of rich, yellow milk processed in a modern dairy. The by-product is beef

which is butchered, cut up, cured and consumed as a part of a well planned modern diet. The poultry department has its complete cycle, from egg to chick to selected breeding stock. Eggs and poultry meat completely processed are added to the varied diet rich in all of the elements of food, including abundant vitamins. The vegetable and fruit program has its crop rotation and place in the plan of the growing boy.

Topics in Brief

A revised system of earning merit marks has been adopted. Under this plan a pupil receives five merit marks every day that he is not reported for a misdemeanor. Should he be so reported, he not only fails to earn these five merit marks, but also loses some of those he has previously earned. A good feature of the plan is that a boy may always tell exactly how he stands in relation to his classmates.

Under this system the boys are graded in four ranks. Rank A includes all those with one hundred or more merit marks, Rank B those with seventy-five to one hundred, Rank C those from thirty-five to seventy-five and Rank D, those with less than thirty-five merit marks.

On January 9 an entertainment was very much enjoyed, although it was prepared and presented in an informal way.

Mr. Paul Klose, our minister, interested the boys in the program and with the help of some faculty members the entertainment got under way. The orchestra played several numbers; there were instrumental and vocal solos and few will forget the comedy skits given. All in all, it was a pleasant Saturday afternoon fun fest.

Impromptu programs and shows such as this are held from time to time, and are participated in with great enthusiasm. Everyone likes to try his hand at amateur dramatics.

Our library has been enriched by the addition of several splendid books, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Johnson, of Squantum. The books are particularly desirable inasmuch as they are boys' books of recent publication. They will provide popular reading for our boys for years to come.

The weather has provided us with some winter sports during the month. The skating has been particularly good at times, and we have three large areas flooded for this purpose. Hockey games have been enjoyed. Snowfalls have given the boys a chance to try out their new Christmas sleds, and this favorite pastime is enjoyed by practically all the boys.

The recent weekly meetings of our Boy Scout troop have been of much interest, as they have dealt with the study of code signalling and first aid study. Boy Scout week, which occurs early in February, will be observed by appropriate exercises. It is expected that shortly some twelve year old boys admitted to the School during the past few months will be recruited into our scout troop.

There have been some good programs given during this month at our assemblies. Each class has its turn in giving them. On January 11 the Juniors debated the current old age pension question. A week later the Sophomore Class gave a French program which was very much enjoyed. A feature was the male quartet in a rendition of the fine French folk song, "Alouette". On January 25 the Freshman class gave an amateur program, with music, jokes and skits.

Troop One Thompson's Island, B. S. A.

This being the month during which the anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America is to be observed nationally, it is fitting that a brief story of our school troop be told.

Our troop had its birth during the summer of 1936, and it was formally organized in early November. The charter date is October 31. Annually since then the charter has been renewed.

It is interesting to note that of the sixteen charter members of the troop twelve are now members of the armed forces, and each branch of the service is represented. A complete total of thirty former members of the troop are now serving their country, as well as four former members of the Troop Committee.

Many words of praise for the work of the troop have been received from the office of the Boston Council. The boys have maintained a high standard, and the rate of reregistration of individuals, and the advancement record, is good.

Notes

The basketball season is proving again to be one our most popular series. We have two leagues, with four teams in each league. One of the leagues is known as the Sears League, and the winning team is given a silver shield by Manager Philip S. Sears. Also, the outstanding player in each position is awarded an athletic trophy. The other league, known as the "Nut League", is composed of the younger boys and competes for a silver cup. Every team plays at least one game each week and nearly all of the boys participate.

Additional News of Men in the Service

"Dear Mr. Meacham:

..... Didn't get a chance to locate Billy Reagan at the gunnery school at Ft. Myers.

"Am sending many thanks for the Beacons that were sent to me. It is quite interesting to know how other classmates and other fellows at F. T. S. are doing and how the school is coming along. It really brought back old memories to me. It is nice to know that the school has advanced so rapidly in the past few years.

"I am instrument specialist on B-26 airplanes in our squadron. Have been working on the line almost four months now and like the work very well. Have been to three different schools since I have been in the Army.

Pvt. Everett Smith, '35"

CHARLES O. ROLFE, '15, served in the first world war, and last September again took the oath as a soldier. His experience in the first war has been valuable to him, and he is now at the anti-aircraft artillery section of the 449th coast artillery at Camp Edwards, Mass. Mr. Rolfe has three children. His oldest son is married, and is employed at the Boston Navy Yard. His daughter is about to marry a Wisconsin young man, also a member of the armed forces. His youngest son is a bombardier, a member of a crew of a flying fortress, patrolling the Atlantic coast line off Florida. His address: PFC Charles O. Rolfe, HQ Btry, 449th C. A., BN, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

CHARLES H. GRANT, '40, enlisted in the army on April 22, 1941 and saw service for nine months in the Canal Zone, Panama. At his present location, where he has been for more than a year, he is a member of the 33rd Infantry Band. He enjoys his work very much, is happy, and that is what counts. His address: Pvt. Charles Grant, A. S. N. 11027347, 33rd Infantry Band, A. P. O. 869, c-o Postmaster, New York.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Following are addresses received since the last issue.

Warren O. Filz, '38, N. C. T. C., B. O. Q. O-5 Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island.

Pvt. Harold W. Howley, '34, A. A. F. F. G. S.-712th Sq. Fort Myers, Fla.

Sgt. Chester P. Lindgren, '28, Ward A-1, Station Hospital, Fort Story, Va.

Pvt. Eugene R. Lurchin, '30, No. 31134177 39th M. P. Co., A. P. O. 709, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. Arthur H. Pickard, '34, A. S. N. 31205500 Hq. & Hq. Btry., 98th Div. Art'y, A. P. O. 98, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

Pvt. Donald L. Rice, '39, U. S. N. A. D. Marine Barracks, Hingham, Mass.

Pvt. William L. Schlegel, '41, 278th Ord. Co. (MM) OUTC, MOP Jackson, Mississippi.

Pvt. Kenneth M. Walley, '41, 988th P. S. F. (Sp.), Flight C. Atlantic City,

Roger E. Hardy, Ex-'43, U. S. M. S., Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y., 54-D B1.

We hear that Thomas W. Eastty, '31, is a Coast Guardsman.

New Addresses of Former Instructors

Pvt. James H. Jardine, Ba. Fl. Sch., 457th Sqdn., Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C.

Lt. Warren W. Fabyan, Force HQ, A. P. O. 913, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Lt George R. Ronka 0917707 A. C. A. P. O. 4015 K. G. D., New York, N. Y.

RUSSELL GARFIELD (Bartholomew) F. T. S. '36, has had many unusual experiences. He enlisted as an aviation cadet, hoping to be fortunate enough to become a pilot. While waiting to be called to service he was working in a paper mill and had the misfortune to crush his hand in a roller. The injury was such that he he was grounded as far as aviation was concerned. He had his basic training at Shephard Field, Texas, and then attended Aerial Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nevada. He was fortunate to be selected to go to Bombardier-Navigator School at Carlsbad, New Mexico. His hand, so badly injured had responded to treatment, and he graduated from this school. The work there he described as very difficult.

Indirectly, he offers valuable advice to all high school lads who want to become associated with aviation. "Work hard on mathematics." From all reports this subject is by far the most important in this field, and it will pay dividends to those who understand it.

His address: Staff Sergeant Russell F. Garfield, 5th Prov. Squadron, Daniel Field, Augusta, Georgia.

EDWIN B. CROUCH, Ex-'38, writes interestingly of his work in the service. After some time at Fort Meade he was sent to Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he expected to remain for only a short period. Mail will reach him if addressed: Sergeant Edwin B. Crouch, Co. A., 5th Btn., 1st Replacement Depots, Camp Pickett, Va.

We have received from Private Frank R. Anderson, '41, a highly-welcomed gift of a trombone for our band. We thank this young graduate for his kindness. He is in the Marine Corps and his address is: Private Frank R. Anderson, Field Music School, Parris Island, South Carolina.

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Your secretary announces the alumni association committees for the new year, together with a list of reelected officers. Kindly save this page for reference.

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Mrs. Elta M. Magee, on Jan. 23, at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. To JOHN E. MAGEE, '34, we express profound sympathy. The couple had been married for two years and were popular members of their community in Winthrop. The funeral service for Mrs. Magee was conducted by Rev. A. Ray Meserve at her home, 90 Atlantic St., Winthrop. Burial was in Winthrop Cemetery.

CHARLES F. AVERILL, '37, is employed in vital war aeronautical work at the General Electric Plant, in Everett, Massachusetts. He is giving practically all of his time to this work, the nature of which is impossible to divulge. His home is at 430 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19, is very busy these days at the Fore River Plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. Known far and wide as an entertainer of the highest rank, Mr. Cameron is now devoting his attention to the more important job of helping towards victory. He has been a licensed electrician for some years, and has followed this trade as opportunity offered, for a long period. His hobby is photography, and occasionally he produces a novel piece of work that is certainly clever. His home address is 12 Ophir St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

RICHARD W. CROWLEY, '33, is employed by the B. F. Sturtevant Co., Hyde Park, Mass., as a machinist. He has a daughter, age four. His home address is 1089 N. Main St., Brockton, Mass.



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Testing Milk

In our dairy we use the Babcock method of testing milk to find the percentage of butter fat. This method has been generally known since 1890, and has varied but little since that time. The sample to be tested is placed in a measuring cup. We use the centrifugal hand tester. Besides this the only equipment necessary is the acid measure, acid, pipette and dividers for measuring the column of butter fat.

The most important part of testing milk is cleanliness, and we check this very carefully. Then the prescribed amount of milk is put in the test bottle and acid added. The mixture turns to a dark color. The samples are put in the testing machine and whirled for five minutes at eighty turns per minute. The bottles are then taken from the machine and hot water is added to each bottle. After whirling for five more minutes the butter fat rises. More water is added so that the butter fat will rise into the neck of the bottle upon which a graduated measuring scale is marked.

The final whirling then takes place, and this is for a two minute period. The bottles are then placed in hot water, 135°, for five minutes. Dividers are then

placed upon the scale on the bottle and the butterfat content is accurately observed. The amount of butterfat at F. T. S. ranges from four to slightly over six percent, varying with the individual cows.

Milk testing is absolutely necessary to the progressive farmer, for without it he would have no idea of how his herd of milk cows was producing.

James A. Blair

A Basketball Game

Last Saturday the Cocomanuts, of which team I am captain, played the Beechnuts, Frank Babick, captain. This was to decide the championship of the Nut League, and both teams wanted to win. During the first quarter my team went ahead. Then a visitor, who had just come over from the city, came into the gymnasium. He was Harold DeLorie who graduated in 1935, and afterwards became our night supervisor. He was invited to referee the rest of the championship game, which he did. The second period opened with our opponents scoring repeatedly and almost wiping out our lead. Then we settled down and went ahead, and we led during the rest of the game. Our best players were: Richard Gregoire, Dana Hudgens and Richard Phillips. The best players for the Beechnuts were: Frank Babick, Richard Livingstone and Ralph Pace.

Stanley E. Davis

A Church Service

Last Sunday evening we had a Church Service conducted entirely by the boys. Walter Johansson led the service, and announced the hymns and other parts of the service. Darwin Baird led the prayer. Robert Donnelly led the responsive reading, from the book of Psalms. The scripture text was given by Theodore Mara. Daniel C. Nyman gave the sermon which was very good. The benediction was pronounced by our minister, Mr. Klose.

Donald J. DeWolf

My Experience in the Band

When I started playing in the band I played second cornet. After awhile the cornet players were changed around, and I became third cornetist. The music was hard at first, but now I get along much better. Last Saturday our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, spent nearly the whole rehearsal teaching the Glorianna Overture, which we are going to play at our spring concert.

Richard Phillips

Making Puzzles

My favorite hobby is putting together jig-saw puzzles. I have been doing these puzzles for as long as I can remember.

One of my friends, Mr. Schaeffer, made me a puzzle of about five hundred pieces. It is well built, solid, and made of wood. It shows an old English country scene, with a stagecoach stopped before an inn.

It took me about two weeks of my spare time to put this puzzle together. Kenneth Duquet helped me at times, and we had a lot of fun together.

Richard P. Livingstone

A New Basketball Series

After the regular season was finished the members of the junior league decided

to have another series. We voted that Richard Gregoire, Harold Lowery, Charles Bariteau and Richard Livingstone be captains. They chose their teams and the series began the next day. Games will be played every Saturday for six weeks. By that time baseball season will be here.

Paul Calloe

Dormitory Work

Our dormitories are all new buildings, and in each of them some boys have the duty of housecleaning. Although the boys take care of their own rooms there is quite a little other cleaning to do. We keep the sitting room and corridors neat and clean. The bathrooms all have to be cleaned thoroughly every day. The stairways are waxed and polished every week. There are many other bits of cleaning to be done, so that the buildings will always look well.

William H. Manson

Sorting Clothing

Every week all the soiled clothing is collected and sent to the laundry. It then goes to the sewing room, where it is inspected and mended where needed. On Monday three large baskets filled with the clean clothes, nicely folded, come to our dormitory. Another boy and I help to sort them and see that each boy gets his own clothes. There is a large rack, with a box for everyone in the building. We put the large things in first, such as pants and overalls. Then the other clothing is put in the boxes. Sometimes things are not marked, and we try to find out who owns them, which we usually do. It takes about an hour to do this weekly job.

Besides this we have the job of keeping track of the household linen, seeing that it gets to the laundry on time.

Harold D. Lowery, Jr.

Sewing Room Duties

All the clothing which the boys wear, all the dormitory linen, and the dining room and kitchen linen is inspected and mended in the sewing room. My job is usually darning stockings on the darning machine. I also hunt all clothes over carefully, looking for places which need mending. We have to be careful and see that the clothes get in the right basket, because everything must arrive in the dormitory where the owner lives. Once in a while we make mistakes, but not very often.

Kenneth W. Duquet

A Part in a Program

We had an amateur program recently, and the monitors in each of the buildings were asked to have their boys do a stunt of some kind. Fred DeLorie and I rehearsed some songs and decided to sing two of them. They were "Red River Valley" and "Jesse Jail". I don't know how well we sung them, but everyone seemed to enjoy our part in the show.

Frederick H. Donovan

An Incident

I thought that it would be interesting to have a collection of old coins, and began with an Indian head penny, a Chinese coin which was about the size of a dime, and a Japanese penny. I lost the Indian penny and Chinese coin and decided to halt my collection, as I had only the Japanese coin left. I found a nearby ash barrel and gladly threw the Jap penny away. Looking back, I don't believe I wanted a coin collection anyway.

Frederick H. Carson

Drums

Playing drums is great fun I think. The first thing to learn in drum playing is how to hold the sticks. Then you learn how to play the open and closed roll. I think that the open and closed roll are the

hardest things to learn. In learning how to play snare drum you don't have to know the names of the lines and spaces. It takes a long time to learn how to play drum, but it is a lot of fun.

Joyce E. Meacham

Dining Room Work

Having dining room duty is fun. Just now I am known as a row boy, because I have a row of five tables to take care of. After breakfast I collect all the glasses first, then the silverware, and finally the dishes. I take them to the serving room, where there is a dishwashing machine. After this I wash the tables and wipe dry, and set them for the next meal. Then I am finished. Others do the same work after the other two meals.

Robert D. Strachan

Brothers in the U. S. Army

I am one of the proudest boys at F. T. S., and I'm sure I've good reason to be. The reason that I am so proud is that I have three brothers in the service. One is in North Africa, another is in Washington, D. C., and I am not sure where my other brother is stationed. Wherever he is, I'm certain he's doing his best to help America.

I don't get many letters from them, because they are too busy to write. But I write often, for I know they want to hear from me. Sometimes they have sent me souvenirs from the army posts where they have been stationed.

I have a service flag hanging in my room with three stars on it. Soon another brother will be old enough to join, so I shall have to have another star on my flag.

Stephen J. Zevitas

—It has been said, and with much truth, that when two people argue, the one with the most intelligence is at fault.

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Perhaps a brief message aimed directly at each of our boys in service would be a worthy objective at this time. The letters which come pouring in from you men in service indicate clearly that the Beacon is like a letter from home and the School is mailing copies to 115 alumni, former instructors and Managers in service in every theater of operations and scattered through the training camps of the United States. Your letters to us folks at home are prized beyond words.

We are, of course, anxious to know what each of you is doing in line of duty but we realize that military information must not be given. However, your many descriptive statements pertaining to conditions where you are located interest us immensely.

Our atlases, encyclopedias, National Geographics and other sources of information are fast becoming dog-eared with use. (And that doesn't mean like Ace, Freda, Trixie nor any other Farm School dog still lingering fondly in the memory of any boy now beneath the moon and stars of a jungle night.)

Here we are going along much in the same manner as always. At the moment the boys are wondering whether our few inches of snow will stay for February 22nd. The harbor is calm and free from ice. We are getting the scow ready to launch a little early because we have just sold six cows, not the best Guernseys in the barn, Dora and Bee and Anne are still in the herd and too good to sell. Of course, the total quantity of milk will be cut somewhat but there'll still be enough for a glass apiece every meal for every boy, of that rich, Golden Guernsey Farm School milk—taste it?

The Band is the best band the School ever had in spite of the fact that we have lost by graduation through the years some of the best musicians ever to toot a horn,

beat a drum, or finger a clarinet. Of course we must confess one spot where there is something different and maybe it won't meet with 100% approval among the old timers—the drum section has a girl in it—this is the first time a girl ever been a member of America's First Boys' Band established in 1857—but the Headmaster's daughter, Joyce Easter, sure wields a noisy pair of sticks.

Well, fellows, carry on and uphold the traditions of your Alma Mater—whatever you're doing and wherever you are—be the best in the outfit and when it's all over come back and let's have one big reunion on Thompson's Island.

Topics in Brief

Boy Scout Sunday was observed on February 7. All of the troop members took part in the church service which was given that evening. The religious program was based on the twelfth Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent". This religious observance was excellently done, and the boys received much commendation for the fine work they did.

Washington's Birthday was observed by a treasure hunt, this being a suitable substitute for a snow battle, which is customarily held. The school was divided into two armies, the Settlers led by Wellman Bonsey, and the Indians, led by Wallace Folkins. Promptly at two o'clock these groups began a search of the island hunting cards of definite point value, which had been placed on a definite trail. After two hours the treasure hunt was concluded, with the Settlers as winners. Refreshments were served everyone in the gym following the hunt.

Moving pictures in the evening were enjoyed. There were some excellent travel films on South America, followed by the spectacular "Target for Tonight," RAF film.

The basketball season is again proving very popular with the boys, as it has during recent years. Nearly everyone plays the game, and many fine matches have been held. The Sears league is having difficulty deciding a champion, three teams being tied for this honor at the close of the regular season. These three teams are playing an extra series to determine the 1943 champion. For this team Manager Philip Sears is awarding a silver shield. The best player in each position is awarded a trophy. The smaller boys are also enjoying a good basketball season. The winner was determined on the last day of the regular series, when the Cocomanuts, captained by Stanley Davis, defeated the Beechnuts, captained by Frank Babick.

Post season games will be played, and the sport will have been played continuously for four months, with interest and enjoyment keen.

There have been some programs of interest given by the classes during the month. A "Farm and Home Hour" was presented by the agriculture classes on Feb. 1, during which a rather complete report of our farm work was given. The sixth graders gave a patriotic entertainment on Feb. 15, during which many ways of helping the war effort were shown. A play based upon incidents in the life of Abraham Lincoln was excellently given by the seventh graders on Feb. 8, the performance of which was given high praise. The juniors used their physics course as a basis for a program on March 1, and many experiments and explanations of this subject were included.

It has been our great pleasure to have a weekly program of motion pictures that has been eagerly anticipated throughout each week by the boys. These movie shows

begin with the singing of the national anthem. Then a film selected and approved by the Office of War Information is shown. Many of these films have been superlative, from both an educational and entertainment view. Then there is a comedy short, usually a cartoon, followed by a feature picture. These features are made by Paramount or Universal, and include only those films proved worth remaking for non-theatrical use. Frankly, we are pleased with our movie entertainment, and doubt that any finer program could be shown anywhere week after week. In general, the boys consider "movie night" as the big night of the week.

Winter at F. T. S. is thoroughly enjoyed, the boys taking part in all of the favorite snow and ice sports. During the month there was much opportunity for sliding, skating and some hockey matches. There are plenty of areas available for these sports, and the recreation time of the boys was profitably employed in the out-of-doors.

Mr. Paul Klose, our religious director, gave an illustrated lecture on missionary work in Africa on a recent Sunday evening. The value of missions was clearly shown through the series of fine pictures and spoken text which accompanied them. Mr. Klose, who is an undergraduate at Gordon College, has several Bible study groups and discussion meetings with the boys each weekend.

Metropolitan papers in New York City and Reading, Pa., recently carried items referring to America's First Boys' Band established at our school in 1857.

The annual spring concert by the band will be given on Sunday afternoon, May second, in Faneuil Hall, Boston.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, February, 1853 As Kept by the Superintendent

11. Henry Winship, a former pupil, visited us to-day who appears to have retained his good principles and habits. He appeared well and had a happy visit.

20. The Teachers officiated today and on the last Sabbath.

23. Mr. Thompson and Annie returned from their visit to New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia.

A discourse was read to the boys today by Mr. T. M. Thompson.

Writing a Beacon Article

In our last printing class our instructor had each of the boys write a composition for the Beacon. After the boys chose their titles they went to work. After finishing the articles they were put on the instructor's desk. At our next printing lesson we will set them in type for the next printing of the Beacon.

Richard G. Morrill

My Favorite Studies

I am in the sixth grade, and my favorite studies are arithmetic and spelling. I like arithmetic best, because it isn't hard and I get good marks. We are now learning how to add, multiply, subtract and divide fractions. In spelling we have about ten new words to learn every day, and usually I get them right.

Robert B. Morrill

Wild Life

There are many varieties of birds which make their home on Thompson's Island. We see many different kinds of ducks, and they usually are found around the north end bar. In the spring we see many crows, especially in the north end groves. Right now there is a large white owl which we like to watch.

Robert W. Smith, Jr.

News of the Service Men of The Farm and Trades School

We like to have you graduates in the armed forces consider the BEACON as a letter from home. We are glad to send it, for we know it is appreciated. This page is reserved especially for you. Please advise us of changes in rank, address, and news of yourselves.

Following are addresses received since the last issue.

Edward M. Bickford, '10, C. M. 3-c, Section D 8, Platoon 710, U. S. N. C. T. C. Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Bandmaster William B. Cross, '17, Naval Construction Center, Davisville, Rhode Island.

M. GUN. Leander E. Dorey, '23, U. S. M. C. Unit 1050, care of Postmaster San Francisco, California.

Lt. John D. MacGregor, '31, U. S. S. "President Jackson", care of Fleet Postmaster San Francisco, California.

Ralph Talbot, '36, S. 2-c, Platoon 277, Detention, U. S. N. C. T. C. Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Eliot Bernard, '38, F. 2-c, U. S. N. A. S., Box 20 San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Corp. Weston O. Page, '38, No. 31163473, Co. A, 374th Port Bn, T. C. APO 980, care of Postmaster Seattle, Washington.

Pvt. Calvin L. Wilder, '38, Co. D, 325 Med. Bn, 100th Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

PFC Howard M. Colpitts, '39, U. S. M. C. R., Pack Howitzer Battery (Reinforced) 1st Sep. Bn, F. M. F. T. C. Camp LeJeune, New River, N. Carolina.

Sgt. George Robert Davis, 6,163,579 Class of '39, Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California.

Pvt. Albert E. Wilder, '39, 1002 T. S. S. (S. P.), Room 1063A, 720 Mich. Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

Pvt. Henry S. Dixon, '40, 1st Cav. Div., M. P. Platoon, Fort Bliss, Texas.

PFC George W. Harris, '40, U. S. M. C., 2nd Sep. Bn, H & S Co. Camp LeJeune, New River, North Carolina.

William J. Mara, Jr., '42, A. S. Co. 462—Bat. 4, U. S. N. T. S., Newport, Rhode Island.

PFC Benjamin C. Graffam, ex-'38, U. S. M. C. Unit No. 1075, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Thomas L. Abbott has graduated from Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and is now a second lieutenant. Lieut. Abbott visited us on Feb. 27, and was much interested in the progress made by the school. He is a former instructor.

Pvt. James H. Jardine has been transferred to Illinois. His address now is 93rd T. S. S., B. 824, Scott Field, Belleville, Ill. He was our boat captain previous to enlisting in the army.

E. Henry Seften, former instructor, has been promoted to the rank of Major. He is stationed at the Army Base in South Boston.

We are glad to have the privilege of keeping contact with the boys in service. You fellows out there are doing great work and your efforts continually receive high praise from the folks at home. Your Alma Mater prizes your letters. They are most interesting and they are historical. We recently had a very interesting letter from one of the boys thanking us for putting him in touch with his brother through the BEACON. Curiously enough he hadn't heard from his brother for over five years. Certainly neither had any intent to break contacts but their interests and places of residence were very different and personal correspondence had been neglected.

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ARTHUR H. PICKARD, '34, became a member of the armed forces four months ago. After being processed at Fort Devens, Mass., he was sent to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, where he was assigned to duty with the Artillery Band of that camp. He has been with us on furlough during the week of March 14, and spoke well of his military life. His address is Pvt. Arthur H. Pickard, A. S. N. 31205500, Hq. & Hq. Btry., 98th Div. Art'y, A. P. O. 98, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

SAMUEL O. HALL, '30, has an interesting job with the armed forces. For the past seven months he has been in the recruiting office where doctors and dentists are enlisted in the army. Filing, fingerprinting, driving and clerical work occupy his time, and he is pretty busy. The army provides living expenses for him in a private home, so that his daily routine is entirely different from those in regular army posts. He would be very happy to hear from any of FTS friends and classmates. His address: PFC Samuel O. Hall, Medical Officers' Recruiting Board, 319 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass.

ARTHUR E. MATHIEU, '37, is stationed in Idaho. He became a member of the armed forces last June, and just previous to this he married. From Fort Devens he went to the Bomb Sight Maintenance School at Denver, and here he had a thorough schooling that he appreciated and enjoyed. His preparation for combat service took place at Boise, Idaho, where he is now stationed. His full address is: Pvt. Arther E. Mathieu, 6th Bombardment Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.

Lieut. JOHN D. MACGREGOR, '31, has written from somewhere in the Pacific. He is chief engineer on the U. S. S. "President Jackson", a position he has held for the past year and a half. The ship is built for special work and is equipped with considerable Diesel equipment. The heat makes him long for a bit of Boston harbor weather.

He enclosed a copy of the "Wardroom Mess", in which the Christmas dinner menu was printed. Certainly the men on Uncle Sam's ships are given the best of food. We don't believe any Boston hotel could serve a better meal.

Thomas S. D'Intinosanto, '38, is in the Army Air corps, and John J. McGraw, '40, is a member of the Naval Reserves. Their complete addresses will be printed as soon as they are ascertained.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, JR., '37, completed a year's course in Aviation engine mechanics at New England Aircraft School last November. He went immediately to the N. Y. A. school at Quoddy, Maine to teach in the aviation engine branch. This school is operated jointly by the U. S. Government and the State of Maine. There are about 800 young men enrolled and there is to be a contingent of young women at once. He expects soon to be inducted into the armed forces and assigned to a naval aviation field.

John C. Simens, '37, was a recent visitor, being on furlough from one of the Navy's new cruisers. He is a member of the ship's band. A shipmate, in the engineering department, is Elvin C. Bean '36.



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Notice to Our Friends

On May 2 the School band will give its annual spring concert in Faneuil Hall, Boston, at 2:15 P. M. Our friends are cordially invited to attend, and admission tickets may be secured by writing to the School.

At this time of year many of our friends like to make donations to the work of the band, and such gifts will be very much appreciated.

We hope that you will come to the concert. Faneuil Hall is easily reached by street car or bus, Haymarket Square being a convenient point of destination.

The Basketball Season

Due to transportation difficulties, it was necessary to cancel all varsity basketball games this year. This was a big disappointment to the boys, but our supervisor made up an intramural basketball program which proved a great success.

There were two leagues, and the older boys were grouped into four teams. Each team played weekly, for nine weeks, and the champion team won the silver shield awarded annually by Manager Philip S. Sears. The teams adopted names of animals, and the league was known as the "Animal League".

The younger boys were organized in another league, and the four teams played a schedule of the same length as the older boys. These teams took the names of favorite nuts, and the league was known as the "Nut League".

As I played with the older boys I will tell the happenings of our league. The four teams were: Wolverines, Beavers, Lions, and Bears. During most of the season the Lions and Wolverines were exchanging first place honors. The Beavers fought hard, and as a result of winning the last scheduled game, caused the season to end in a three-way tie. The Bears were hopelessly in last place continually, and this team was not at full strength at any time during the season.

Because the regular season ended with three teams tied for the Sears Shield honors a playoff series was arranged. This series resulted in victory and the championship for the Beavers, captained by Walter H. Johansson.

Of the twenty-one games played, many were won and lost in the final few seconds of play, or in a sudden death period. Consequently the season has been very successful. There were many really exciting games, especially in the post-season series which finally decided the championship.

Wallace O. Folkins

The F. T. S. Orchestra

Last summer a few boys organized what is now the school orchestra. Since our beginning we have about tripled the membership. We have played for several programs, such as Hallowe'en, Christmas and other events. One Sunday night the orchestra gave a program of religious music, consisting of solo, duet and ensemble numbers. Those who have been in the orchestra have had a good time, and have furthered their musical knowledge.

David G. Haeger

Bible Discussion Group

Our minister, Mr. Klose, thought that it would be well to have a Bible discussion group. He found that many of the boys were interested, and a time every Sunday afternoon was set for the meeting. The boys are asked to suggest something which the Bible says which they don't understand. Mr. Klose explains the problem until everyone understands it. There are seven who go to this meeting every week, and there are others who come every so often.

James H. Morris

An Entertainment

Recently we had an entertainment in Chapel. Some of the boys sang songs, others played solos on their instruments, while others gave plays.

Some of the boys in our dormitory gave a musical comedy called "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." Richard Livingstone was the leader and told the story, while the others were in a band and imitated on their horns the characters of the play. Those in the band were: clarinets, George Bruce and Bruce Haeger; Cornets, Harold Lowery, Laurence Cable, Donald DeWolf, and Sheridan Higgins; Alto horns, Stephen Zevitas, Arnold Davis,

Berton Cadorath and Warren Reardon; Drums, Frank Babick, Robert Deraney and Dana Hudgens. Everyone liked our show, and we had lots of fun learning it, which didn't take a long time.

Berton E. Cadorath, Jr.

Freezing Ice Cream

We have ice cream three times each week and often I have the job of helping to freeze it. The first thing to do is to break the cakes of ice into small pieces. We start packing the freezer by putting in a layer of rock salt, then a layer of ice. This is repeated until the freezing bucket is filled and the ice covers the ice cream container. Then we begin turning the handle and after a half hour or so the ice cream is ready to eat. After having a good sample, we put it into the refrigerator until the time comes to serve it in the dining room.

Arnold E. Davis

A Worthwhile Hobby

For the past four years I have been deeply interested in radio. I first made many small sets. Some of these worked well, and some wouldn't emit even a little squeal.

While I have been at the Farm and Trades School I have repaired many radios for the instructors and boys. I like to do this work because it gives me much practical experience.

When the war broke out it became difficult to buy parts, but this did not force me to give up my hobby. I bought several books which I study in my spare time.

Every day I grow impatient for the time to come when I will be actively engaged in radio work, not only as a hobby, but as a lifetime career.

Robert H. Stone

Cutting Butter

My job this morning was to cut butter for the tables. We have a machine which cuts the large cakes into small patties, so that everyone has a helping. After getting the butter from the refrigerator we first let it soften a little, then put it into a machine. By running the machine the butter is cut. We place the butter on plates and it is put back into the icebox. This morning I cut twenty-five pounds.

Warren A. Reardon

Farm Work

One afternoon the sixth grade didn't have school classes and all the boys went to the farm. We helped Mr. Baird take care of the horsebarn and the cowbarn. During the afternoon Mr. Baird sent us to the haymow for fifteen minutes and we had a lot of fun playing there. Then we did some more work cleaning up outside the barns.

J. Sheridan Higgins

My Trumpet

When I came to this school last September my big interest was the band. I asked the band leader if I could learn to play trombone, and in a day or so he surprised me by lending me a trumpet. I have practiced nearly every day during the winter, and I hope to be in the band soon. Jack Patterson, who plays first cornet in the band, helps me twice every week.

John E. Keller

An Account of a Friends' Day

About once each month there is a visiting day at the school, and for this day the boys do an extra fine job of cleaning their rooms, and getting everything spic and span. Also around the grounds and in the shops everything is looking neat for the same purpose. Usually things are neat anyway.

When the day arrives the boys are all

anxious for the morning to pass, because the friends come in the early afternoon.

The boys gather at the wharf to greet their friends, and with the band in the lead, everyone goes to the front lawn. Here the band plays a short concert, and perhaps Mr. Meacham may speak briefly. The formalities are then ended.

The friends are all anxious to visit the classrooms, shops and departments and speak to the instructors. In the summer time the flower gardens around the buildings interest our visitors. This season the Victory vegetable gardens will no doubt be studied by our relatives, and progress noted from time to time.

Late in the afternoon the visiting day comes to an end when the boys say adieu until the next visiting day. The boat usually leaves so that by five o'clock the boys are following their regular procedure.

Joseph F. Harrington

Building a Model Plane

One of the boys made me the gift of a model plane, the "Hawker Hurricane". I started to build the model and in about a week of spare time the frame of the tail, wings and body were finished. A hard job was to get the side struts in accurately. The parts were then covered with paper and then came the work of assembling the plane. The last things I did were to set up the pilot, and put on the insignia. The model looked well when finished.

Bruce E. Haeger

The Composing Stick

An important piece of equipment in every printing shop is the composing stick. This is made of metal with an adjustable end, so that type may be set at different widths. There is a scale on the stick in picas. The composing sticks used to be made of wood, and that is why they are called sticks.

Howard E. Jennison

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The following article was printed, wholly or in part, in Boston and suburban town newspapers, during the week beginning April 5.

Fifty selected boys of junior high school age from the schools of Greater Boston are to be given a four weeks course of practical farming training this summer at The Farm and Trades School, according to the announcement of the Headmaster William M. Meacham. The fundamental purpose is to aid in the war effort.

This private school for well recommended boys was established in 1814, and has been located on Thompson's Island, in Boston Harbor, since its purchase in 1832, and with an area of 157 acres, is well equipped to make this step as another of its pioneer movements in practical education.

A pioneer in woodworking and printing, and in the establishment of the first boys band, it was also the first school in America to adopt farm training as a basis of practical education for boys, and it had a well organized program of culture many years before such work was recognized as fundamental in the lives of youth.

Here a text book on agriculture was published in 1841 and the Boston Public Library has the only known copy in existence, as an example of America's first textbook of lower than college grade agriculture.

The Farm and Trades School produces all its milk from its herd of 50 prize Guernseys and all its eggs from a laying flock of 600, as well as most of its vegetables, fruit, beef, pork and poultry. The boys work with a staff of trained farm instructors in this great production and in the butchering and cutting of meat and processing milk in the modern dairy at this farm school.

This new summer program will give more boys the opportunity of having basic farm training. The boys will live at the

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school in the new dormitories provided largely by funds from the Charles Hayden Foundation. Several hours each day will be devoted to swimming, athletics, scouting, and band music.

Richard Allen Martin

Sadly we announce the death of Richard A. Martin, '39 who was killed in action in the Pacific theatre of war. He enlisted in the armed forces late in 1940, and was an aerial gunner of one of the first bomber crews to be sent to Australia. He was twenty years old.

His relatives were notified of his death on March 3, by the War Department.

Topics in Brief

The month of March has been a busy one for us. Everywhere there is much activity, and the regular work of the spring season has progressed favorably. The farm crews have, of course, been especially busy getting ready for spring planting. The hotbeds have been made ready, and seeds are now in the ground.

Around the buildings much spring cleaning has been accomplished. Our spacious lawns have been given attention, fertilizer having been applied, new seed where necessary, and other work done. The boys have been busy too, in screening and hauling gravel for our walks. Our athletic field has also been given much attention and the baseball and softball diamonds, and track, are being conditioned for the summer.

It has been the happy custom for the boys to stage an entertainment on March 2, this being the birthday of our headmaster. It is always a great surprise to Mr.

Meacham, and this fact is the greatest surprise of all. The program this year was very enjoyable, there being stunts, plays and skits given by groups of boys from each of the four dormitories. The boys take especial delight in preparing and taking part in amateur entertainments, and the results at this program were very creditable.

Our bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren has been conducting regular weekly rehearsals of our group during the winter months in preparation for the annual spring concert of the band, which will be given in Faneuil Hall on May 2. This annual concert is always much enjoyed, and an enthusiastic audience is always on hand to hear the boys.

The basketball season has been completed, and such has been the interest shown in the game, that an additional series has been arranged for both the younger, as well as the older boys. In the Sears League the Beavers, captained by Walter H. Johannson, won the championship, in the closest and most interesting series in years. A post season series is now underway, and will continue well into the month of April.

Our paint shop crews this month have done a most thorough job in cleaning and painting the office. Several pieces of new furniture have been purchased, and the office surely presents a very attractive appearance.

We appreciate very much the gift of a fine piano from Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Washburn. Mr. Washburn graduated from our school in 1883. He is a past president of the alumni association, and has always maintained a deep and personal interest in his alma mater and its work.

We have received from Miss Leah Crandall an appreciated gift of a piano. This has already been placed in use in one of the Hayden dormitories. Miss Crandall made the gift through the efforts of our secretary of the alumni association, Mr. Merton P. Ellis, '97. We thank Miss Crandall for her kindness.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, March 1853 As Kept by the Superintendent

3. Richard Green left to live with Jesse Loring, a farmer in Philliston. Geo. W. Campbell of Chelsea was admitted.

6. Religious services conducted by the Superintendent.

12. Mr. Morse went to Saco.

15. Mr. Morse returned.

31. Augusta Morrison went to Bradford to school.

Additional Alumni News

Following is a letter in part from Leander E. Dorey, '22, dated Feb. 12.

"Many thanks to you and Mrs. Meacham for your Christmas card. Thanks also for the recent issues of the Beacon. The November issue reached me today.

"This letter will necessarily be brief, as time for writing here is limited. Our days are long and full and lights at night serve as bomb targets. Letter writing must be done in the few minutes between sunset and time for work, and between supper and dark.

"During the past few weeks daytime air raids and night bombings have kept us busy. At this time I can correct my rank. I am now a Marine Gunner. This rank is our Warrant Officer grade,—at least one of them.

"The aviation radio business is really 'big business' here on Guadalcanal I assure you. I am glad to be doing a job that needs to be done.

"Now that the island is ours I expect

we'll be soon moving on. You will be able to guess where I am by the news reports. I must say that the news reports have been accurate and honestly reported for the most part. I listen every night to Sydney Roger and he seems to have the straight dope on things here."

M GUN Leander E. Dorey

WILLIAM H. WARING, '22, was in Boston for a few hours recently and made several visits to his Boston friends by telephone. He is engaged in vital war work, being dispatched to any place where trouble develops with planes being used by the armed forces. He is employed by the Wright Aeronautical plant. His most interesting work was on the B-25 ships, those famous planes which riddled Tokio.

He has one child, William Marshall Waring, one year old. His home address is 90 Glenwood Terrace, Clifton, New Jersey.

ERNEST S. ARMSTRONG, '32, is at Officers Candidate School, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and will complete the course there in June.

Airplane Crash

One morning I was walking towards the Main Building and heard airplanes overhead. I could see three of them going around in a vertical bank. One of the planes headed straight for the ocean and I watched it go headlong into the water. A crash boat soon sped to the accident, and before long many boats were there. The plane belonged to the armed forces of our country. I never found out much about the accident because the newspapers only said that a plane and its pilot was lost.

Robert M. Deraney

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W. O. GEORGE D. RUSSELL, '25, has written an interesting letter from Fort McPherson, Georgia. Most important is his series of promotions, and now he is a Chief Warrant Officer. His work is with the Inspector General's Section, the best position he has held, because there is nothing in line with the military that this branch isn't directly concerned with.

As usual with all our graduates in the armed forces, he gives appreciation for receiving the Beacon. His unit has moved four times, but the Beacon follows.

His address at the present time: CWO George D. Russell, Inspector General's Section, Headquarters III Corps, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

SGT. ROY M. DOLE, '35, has written a most interesting letter regarding his military service. Paragraphs from his letter are printed below.

My dear Mr Meacham:

"So many times I have started to write you, then postponed it for the time being and realize all this time has elapsed since you have heard or seen me.

"I was drafted into the United States Army on September 5, 1942. I was one of fifty men from Melrose, Mass., who went to Camp Devens on that day. One of the graduates from F. T. S., Weston Page, '38, also was in that contingent who went with me, and is at present in my Battalion, but not in my Company.

"I am the company clerk for my Company of 229 enlisted men, and I like this type of work very much indeed. I do all types of clerical work here in the

office and one of the big jobs is to prepare the monthly roll so the men will get paid each month. With allotments, and Insurance and War Bonds I am kept pretty busy as I have charge of the Service Records of each man in the company, and have to keep them up to date.

"Before joining the Army I worked in the First National Bank of Boston as you no doubt knew. At the time I left I was a teller's assistant and was learning to become a teller. I worked in the bank since my graduation from High School in 1937 and had five years banking experience. So when I came into this organization I asked if I might do some sort of clerical work. This was a new outfit at the time, so I was given the job as company clerk, the job which I now hold.

"I often wonder about the School, how many boys are now enrolled, the various changes that undergo from time to time and also how many of the various instructors are there now that were there when I attended. I will always feel that The Farm and Trades School was the foundation for my success both in enabling myself to get a position in the Bank, as well as to better myself in the Army. As I look back on the years of 1928-32, I can well remember the doubt that many had in my ability. However, you helped me in many ways sir, and I will never forget it. I hope that some day I will be able to show in some small way how much I appreciated the privilege and opportunity of attending the Farm and Trades School. I spent seven years at the school and as I look back on those seven years I fully realize the significance of them and all they meant to me."

Sgt. Roy M. Dole 31163470, Co. C, 374th Port Bn, T. C. APO 939 c-o Pos master, Seattle, Wash.

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The Annual Dinner

Forty-eight members and guests of the Alumni Association gathered at the Hotel Vendome on the evening of March 17 to enjoy a regular Vendome meal and the fellowship which is always prevalent at a meeting of the association.

It was a privilege for the members to have as a guest our new member of the Board of Managers of the School, Dr. Edwin H. Place. Dr. Place spoke to the group, recounting experiences he has had in the medical world. He is head of the South Department of the Boston City Hospital, a member of the Harvard College faculty and nationally known as an expert on contagious diseases.

Edward Wigglesworth, Vice-President of the Board of Managers, gave an account of the Guernsey herd at the School. This pure bred herd, with the modern cattle barn and new dairy, gives our school a modern plant which is a source of gratification to all. Dr. Wigglesworth has served on the active and important building committee, and has had a large part in the almost unbelievable progress made in the physical plant of the School during the past few years.

It was with deep regret that the group learned of the illness of President of the Board of Managers, Mr. Arthur Adams. We wish for him a complete and speedy recovery.

William Alcott '84, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Managers, told the story of the "Five Browns". These were lads at the school during its early years on Thompson's Island, all unrelated, who achieved distinction in different fields of effort. It was in 1859 that Moses Grant, of the

Board of Managers, told the inspirational story of the "Five Browns" to a group who were interested in beginning a new work dedicated to the service of young people.

Headmaster William M. Meacham gave a compact review of the past year at the School, and told of plans for the immediate future which will open the advantages of the school to a substantially larger group of boys of junior high school age.

Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom, Sloyd instructor at the School for the past 24 years was present, and the graduates enjoyed again greeting their old friend.

Entertainment was furnished by a duo, Franklin M. Pierce, '35, trombone and Myron A. Pratt, '38, piano, in a group of popular favorites. Then followed a program of fun with magic, given as only Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, can. War work is too important just now for this graduate to do much in the entertainment field, and he maintained that he was "out of practice", yet he proceeded to give a well-balanced program, which kept the interest of all at a high pitch.

Graduates were present who are members of the armed forces, and they were given a round of applause. George J. Alcott, '80, was from the oldest class, while several members of the class of '42 were on hand. The difference in years of classes represented was thus 62 years.

Waldo L. Waters, '30, acted as master of ceremonies, and generally assisted the committee in many ways. The success of the dinner was due to the hard work of the entertainment committee, Howard B. Ellis, '98, Chairman.