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### The Band Concert

The annual spring concert of the Band was held in Faneuil Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 29, for an audience of five hundred. Although most of those present were parents and relatives of the boys, there were many graduates, and others whose interest in school music prompted their attendance.

The boys as usual did their customary fine job, showing well the results of months of training. The work of the soloists was unusually good, and more of our young musicians had prominent parts than has been the case in other years.

Our band director, Mr Frank L. Warren, had brief comments to make from time to time, adding to the interest. One of the highlights was the introduction of Mr. Vincent Mottola, Boston attorney and music hobbyist. Mr. Mottola, directed the band in his patriotic composition, "Onward to Win."

Howard B. Ellis, '98, a former leader of our band was present, and led the boys in a military march. Mr. Ellis mentioned some of the historical associations of our band, including the musical activities of our boys in the Union army during the Civil War, and the participation of our group in the great Peace Jubilee, directed by Patrick S. Gilmore, after the war.

Myron A. Pratt, '38, a graduate of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, and

now music supervisor of the Coxackie, N. Y. schools was present with Mrs. Pratt. He directed the band in a spirited number and it was a pleasure to have this younger graduate take an active part in our concert. The band played admirably for him.

Eight of the boys played solos, with band accompaniment, and two brass quartets were featured. Although much of the concert was made up of formal compositions there was enough music of a lighter type to strike a nice balance, so that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon of band melodies.

All in all, the F. T. S. Band of 1951 may well be proud of its achievement at this concert, which was the fifteenth in succession to be played annually in the historic Faneuil Hall.

The program, and roster of the Band follows:

### PROGRAM

- MARCH—Royal Welcome Home  
OVERTURE—Gypsy Festival *Hayes*  
CORNET SOLO—My Buddy *Kleffman*  
Donald E. Richardson  
BASS SOLO—Tramp Tramp Tramp  
Thomas Angelos  
TROMBONE SOLO—Romance *Bennett*  
Bruce A. Graham  
CLARINET SOLO—Long Long Ago  
Robert Fabello

SELECTION—Something About a Soldier

BARITONE SOLO—Asleep in the Deep  
Richard A. Ostrander

TROMBONE SOLO—Wanderer *Harlow*  
William L. Glennon

BASS SOLO—Samsonion Polka *McQuaide*  
Joseph B. Mason

OVERTURE—Living Pictures *Dalbey*

OVERTURE—Determination *Hayes*

WALTZ—Ildica *Rollinson*

NOVELTY—Farm and Trades School Has  
a Band

MARCH—Colonel Miner *Rosekrans*  
Star Spangled Banner

### Roster of the Band

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

Clarinet	Trombones
Robert O. Cain	William H. Dillon
Robert W. Closson	William L. Glennon
Donald S. Duquet	Bruce A. Graham
Robert Fabello	William F. Sonier
Roger A. Hopkins	Altos
Joseph C. Turner	Frank H. Badger
Alan C. Waldron	Edward J. Darr
Cornets	S. Newcomb Graham
David B. Balfour	Robert A. Kidder
Loren E. Cain	Basses
Kenneth W. Clayton	Thomas Angelos
Robert B. Gorrill	J. Harold Darr, Jr.
Frederick E. Harding	Joseph B. Mason
David E. LeVeillee	Drums
Teyet Ramar, 2nd	David B. Britt
Donald E. Richardson	Walter E. Callaway
Baritones	Hans M. Christensen
Richard A. Ostrander	David W. Howard
Frank C. Wing	Joseph J. Magazu
	David W. Simmons, Jr.

### Model Airplane Building

I put in a request slip a month ago for a model airplane kit. As soon as I received it I began building. I soon finished the construction, and installed one of my small gasoline engines in the plane. Then I painted the plane green,

and put a protective coating on to keep the fuel from eating into the wood.

I prefer to fly my model planes, even though an unsuccessful flight may ruin the plane. By flying "U-Control" one can control the plane. By this method there is a control handle which is shaped like a "U". From this handle run two lines of strong thread, or fine wire, to the plane. These lines control the plane. In free flight one launches the plane and hopes for the best. There is no way to control the plane.

My plane became wrecked in a wind-storm, so now I am waiting for another model to build.

Samuel M. Griswold

### The Bible Club

We are having a contest in Bible Club. This is a trip around the world and Mr. Siemens has a large map on which our progress is shown. We can go as far as two thousand miles a week, so the contest won't take too long. We get mileage credit for daily Bible reading, memory work, club attendance, and keeping up our Bible work book. I like Bible Club, and I am sure that the other boys do also.

Frederick W. Davidson

### Woodworking

I have worked in the woodworking shop for seven months, and I like this work very much. I have learned to use many tools, and to repair chairs, tables, benches and other furniture. I am at present making a lamp. This involves work on the lathe. I hope that the lamp will be a beautiful piece of woodwork. I have a sloyd class each day also, and have completed twelve of the models in the course.

All of the boys in the upper four classes study sloyd, and it is safe to say that is a very popular study.

Edward A. Atton

### History

In our history class last term we studied the reform movement. Woman suffrage, better working conditions, and abolition of child labor were some of the topics studied.

We also studied the history of the Civil War between the North and the South. Some of the generals and battles were: Meade at Gettysburg, which the North won against Lee and Pickett of the South. Grant won three major battles. The war was just about ended when Sherman of the North took Atlanta and then marched to the sea. The North ended the war in better condition than the South. The South was divided in five military districts, with no power in Congress. Their cities were in ruins. After fourteen years new state governments were in power, but the negro problem was brought out and in the South it still is an issue. Most of the other problems have been solved.

Alan C. Waldron

### The Inside Story

An airplane is a craft, by means of which one may fly in the air. Here is an inside story of the airplane.

The most important part of any airplane are its wings. These surfaces, or planes, are the supporting elements of the ship. They are airfoiled. An airfoil is a streamlined section which, when moving, causes the air to flow over the top of the wing, making an area of low pressure; the air is also moving across the underside of the wing, forming a high pressure area; the resultant force is called lift.

The next most important part is the empennage, or tail assembly, consisting of a rudder and fin assembly, or technically a vertical stabilizer, and stabilizer and elevator assembly. These are streamlined, but not generally airfoiled.

Next in importance is the fuselage, or body. It consists of a tail section, to which is attached the tail assembly, a center section to which the wing or wings are attached, and it generally contains the cockpit or cabin, and a nose section which houses the power plant.

Fuel is stored almost anywhere in the plane, in tanks, and the most used place is in the nose section.

Another important part of every airplane is the undercarriage, or landing gear, of which there are several kinds, such as conventional wheel gear, tricycle wheel gear, ski gear, pontoon gear, amphibious gear, to name a few. The only time that the undercart is used is on the ground. Whenever possible it is retracted, or drawn into the fuselage or wings.

Robert A. Kidder

### School Room Monitors

Each month our class picks two boys to be school room monitors. Their job is to see that the school rooms are kept clean and neat. This month I am one of the monitors. We work after school afternoons, for about a half hour. We clean the blackboards, sweep and dustmop the floor, dust the desks and straighten the books. At the end of the month our teacher puts in a credit report for us, and we get extra points on the merit chart.

Teyet Ramar II

### My Favorite Subject

My favorite subject is English. To me this is a very fascinating study, and each day as the class progresses, more and more basic parts of the language are discussed and learned. I especially need to learn the language well, for I work in the school printing office where a knowledge of correct grammar is very essential. Today, I think everyone will agree that few school subjects are more worthwhile than the study of the English language.

John A. McKee

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The greatest real value in life is living with a purpose, the enthusiasm, determination and persistent drive toward a worthy goal. The family, organization or individual with the ability of inspiring such effort constitutes the type of asset which cannot be measured in dollars.

Our school has inherited material means and sound traditions which, combined with unusually high standards of personal guidance, makes possible a continuous stream of quality results in our American way of life.

One lad of ours came from a home torn with strife and deprived of a mother at an early age, a good boy, with none of the marks of inferior deportment but more like a ship which has lost its rudder in a severe storm at sea. He seemed to have lost his eagerness to excel at school. He appeared to have no useful purpose in view nor was he interested in the sports or other play of those about him.

The life story of this youngster is long and full of interesting phases. The essential point is that, surrounded by an abundance of facilities and opportunity to develop his many latent talents under skilled and sympathetic guidance, this lad has grown into almost mature manhood of outstanding promise. He will certainly be a leader in his community, quite likely "a pillar of the church" and he will in turn inspire many others along the pathway of life toward great eternal good.

This youngster is typical of the hundreds of boys who have been helped to live an active, wholesome, purposeful life and have gone out from our home-school equipped for leadership among their fellow men. Our alumni prove our product.

The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

### Topics in Brief

The play, "A Boy is King," was given by the combined sophomore and junior classes on April 9 as an assembly entertainment. The boys did a most excellent job, under the direction of our principal, Mr. Jakeman. He was assisted by Mrs. Jakeman. The stage settings, costumes and makeup, combined with the talent of the boys, gave us an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

Work on the farm has progressed satisfactorily. At this season of the year there is naturally much to be done and the farm crews are busy making every moment count. The garden vegetables have been planted, the hotbeds utilized as usual, and an electric fence is being installed about a double pasture. The boys in the poultry department are busy caring for more than nine hundred baby chicks, hatched in our incubator.

The annual foul shooting contests in basketball completed a season in which nearly every boy took part, playing in a league in which each team played at least one game weekly. Basketball has gradually given way to early spring baseball and softball matches, and, of course, the champion of all spring games to younger boys, marbles.

The spring week of vacation began on April 15. During the week all of the boys enjoyed a day in town, one half of the boys on April 19 and the others two days later. Most of the playtime activities of the boys centered around softball, and many games were played.

Many of us watched on television the impressive ceremonies as America's distinguished and beloved hero, General Douglas MacArthur addressed the national

Congress in Washington on April 19. His address was surely one of the greatest ever to be delivered before that historic body.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, was here with workmen recently to make roofing repairs. Mr. Ellis has spent a lifetime in the roofing business, and for many years has conducted his own business. He makes periodic inspections here, and makes all necessary repairs without delay.

Patriot's Day was observed as a holiday. Although many of the boys were in town for the day, or home on vacation, those at the school enjoyed ball games and other sports, and a movie in the evening.

Miss Helen M. Gresty was here on Friday evening, April 6, to conduct dancing classes. She brought with her, as dancing partners for the boys, girls from her church groups in Lynn. These fine dancing periods are very much enjoyed, and all of us appreciate the excellent work and interest of Miss Gresty.

The boys have been at work getting both the tennis court and outdoor basketball court ready for another season of summer play. Both courts are very important in our recreational plans, and both afford endless pleasure to the boys.

Dorothy Caroline Snow arrived at the Boston Lying-In Hospital on March 28, 1951. Congratulations to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rowe Snow.

The annual foul shooting contest was held during the month. In the varsity competition Wayne D. Sutor was the winner, with a score of 46 out of 50 tries. David E. LeVeillee won the Sears league tourney, while Frederick W. Davidson was the Nut League winner.

The following have won Varsity  
Football Certificates:

Roger J. Alley  
Thomas Angelos  
David B. Balfour  
Robert W. Closson  
J. Harold Darr, Jr.  
Richard Fuller  
William L. Glennon, Jr.  
John R. Mason  
Joseph B. Mason  
Karl Mills  
Walter Ostrander  
Teyet Ramar, 2nd  
David W. Simmons, Jr.  
Wayne D. Suitor

The following have won Varsity  
Basketball Certificates:

Roger J. Alley  
David B. Balfour  
Robert W. Closson  
J. Harold Darr, Jr.  
Wayne D. Suitor

At each of our religious services fine special music has been provided by both instructors and students. A string trio, as well as many other instrumental and vocal groups, have added much to our church work. Much solo work, both vocal and instrumental, has been done, and the fine efforts of our youthful musicians is much appreciated. Mr. Siemens, our minister, is a fine musician, and has given every encouragement to our boys.

Calendar, 90 Years Ago, April 1861  
As kept by the Superintendent

14. All passed a pleasant Sabbath, though saddened by the account Fort Sumter in Charleston, S. C. was surrendered to the wicked rebels.

16. The Polka sunk at her buoy.

17. Went to the city on business.

Saw Dea. Grant who is feeble. Saw many troops in the city about to start for Washington.

18. Self painted Lyman and Polka.

19. Mild. Mr. S. G. Deblois, with some gentlemen came in P. M. Moved the piano up in School room and had concert.

27. Mr. Sampson white washed in house. Washing machine came with operator. All of the masons left tonight.

### Sloyd Class

Each morning, at 10:45, the eighth grade has a sloyd class. Last September, when we began this study, we made drawings of the models we are now making. I am not one of the fastest boys in the class, but I am making steady progress. So far I have made five models.

The first articles we make are quite simple. They include a pencil sharpener, a plant stick, and a plant stand. Then the work begins to get a little harder as we make a paper knife and a hammer handle. Each model introduces the use of a tool new to us. Now I am using a rabbit plane to make a picture frame. The coat hanger teaches us how to make a mortise and joint. All of the boys enjoy this work in the sloyd class.

Bruce A. Graham

### The "Alabama"

The "Alabama" was a Confederate warship, and a terror to much northern commerce for two years. She captured over sixty vessels, with cargoes worth more than seven million dollars. Her commander is remembered as a man very considerate of captured seamen and passengers. The famous warship was sunk by a Federal ship, the "Kearsage."

The "Alabama" was built at Birkenhead, in England, under very suspicious circumstances. Our minister in England,

Charles Francis Adams, called Queen Victoria's attention to the warship, but she only further proclaimed neutrality. After its construction it sailed to the Azores where it was fitted with guns and other war stores. Captain Semmes took command, in 1862, and for two years raised havoc with Union shipping.

The northern warships searched all the seas for the "Alabama", and finally trapped her in Cherbourg, France. In a battle, which was watched by hundreds of spectators along the shore, the "Alabama" was sunk.

Frank J. Dow

### A Piece of String

Flops around like cooked spaghetti. It has the appearance of a white, smudgy, undersized caterpillar. When unwound, it seems like veins in a wrist converging on one lone overworked artery. Completely taken apart, like snakes unraveling themselves, it becomes four little straggling pieces of thread.

Composite from English Papers

### A Music Festival

On Saturday, May 5, our Band took part in the Northeastern Massachusetts School Music Festival. Orchestras, bands, and choral groups from every corner of this area attended the festival. Ideal weather prevailed.

Our boys arrived at Marblehead in time to prepare for their audition. They played three selections for the adjudicator. Although they did not learn until several days later, their work was of a superior grade, and so graded by the judge. In fact, our boys earned the highest rating possible.

After lunch the boys prepared for the parade and other outdoor activities. As planned, the parade began promptly at two o'clock and was extremely well organized and directed. At the athletic field,

where the parade terminated, recordings were made of each band as it passed in review. This music was used at a later hour for a radio broadcast which our boys heard.

The massed band concert of five selections was a great success. It did seem to most that the work of the massed bands was the outstanding part of the festival. The efforts of the young musicians was fully enjoyed by a vast crowd which was present. The massed band music was broadcast that evening.

As a fitting climax to a very successful day several of the bands executed drilling maneuvers, and our band took part. The boys did very well and were happy to receive a rating of "Excellent" for their marching ability.

When introducing our band the speaker stated that our boys had attended the school music events year after year, and that The Farm and Trades School Band was "Always present, and ever faithful." This is a real tribute, of which we are proud.

### Additional Alumni News

Myron A. Pratt, '38, graduated from Braintree High School and then was in the armed forces during World War II. After the war he enrolled at the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, receiving his collegiate degree four years later.

He then became music supervisor of the Cossackie, New York, public schools. On March 15, 1951 the high school band gave its first annual concert. The printed program shows that the band played many varied compositions. School music instructors from nearby communities acted as guest conductors.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Pratt. He has certainly done a fine job at Cossackie.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Brighton, Mass.

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Hyde Park, Mass.

SILAS SNOW, '94, and Mrs. Snow have returned to their home in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, having completed a 26-State trip, covering nearly 11,000 miles. Good weather favored them on their tour. They report that they were greatly impressed with such engineering wonders as the Boulder Dam. The visit to Grand Canyon was the most thrilling experience. They attended a session of the Senate in Washington, at which time Senators Saltonstall and Lodge spoke.

The stockyards of Kansas City, the vast ranches of Texas, the beautiful and world-famous bridges in California, and the Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks were particularly impressive. The immensity of our great nation was indelibly impressed by the experiences of this wonderful trip. Mr. and Mrs. Snow enjoyed every minute of the tour, as did their companions, General and Mrs. Lunford.

CHARLES F. SPEAR, '03, was one of a group recently honored by the Necco Company. Mr. Spear has the distinction of having been an employee of the company for 25 years, and in the entire industry Necco has the largest quarter century club. Mr. Spear lives at 72 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, Mass.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19, and his family are now at Sandown, New Hampshire. Mr. Cameron is busy, as he says "fixing" a large house and farm buildings which he has purchased.

FREDERICK N. FRASIER, '86, passed away February 27, 1951. He was in his 79th year. He had lived for many years in Marshfield, Mass.

The happy news concerning the arrival of Elizabeth Louise Pickard, (7 lbs. 8 oz.), on March 10, 1951, has been announced by the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pickard, (1934), whose home is at Alburgh, Vermont.

C. Robbins Emery, '15, has been a steady performer on radio and television for thirty years, and has the distinction of having made more broadcasts than anyone in the field. At one time he was manager of WGI and WEEL, but gave up this executive work.

His present daily program, the "Small Fry Club," is his most popular TV show and is on the Dumont Network. However, radio listeners of a quarter century ago will never forget his very fine "Big Brother Club" program, which had an extremely large local following. It was this WEEL hour-long daily show which earned for him his radio name of "Big Brother."

Another excellent series which he did was the "Rainbow House" weekly broadcasts, which were on the Mutual Network, and originated in New York City. He is married, and infrequent vacations find him at a little cottage in West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

NORMAN CABLE was one of the University of New Hampshire students studying Hotel Management, who was chosen to help operate the Hotel Kenmore on April 7, as part of the college course.

From Nashua, N. H. comes news of the birth of a son, Howard E., Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Jennison, on April 1, 1951. Congratulations to the proud parents.





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### The New England Festival

Our boys had the glorious experience of taking part in the New England School Music Festival, held in Boston on May 24, 25, and 26. Because of unfavorable weather on the first and second days, the original order of events was changed, but all scheduled parts of the festival were carried out, thanks to the complete cooperation of the participating units.

Our band was at the Boston Garden on the evening of May 25. The boys had the thrilling experience of hearing the All New England Orchestra, Chorus and Band under the direction of Arthur Fiedler, Francis Findlay, John D. Raymond and Edwin Franko Goldman. The selections which these units rendered were magnificent, and it was a great credit to the work being done musically in the New England schools. At this concert, which had an audience of many thousands, our boys had the distinct privilege of being one of the few units to give a playing and marching demonstration. With but an hour of notice the F. T. S. Band was introduced and gave a performance which was indeed creditable.

On the following day, Saturday, the band played in the English High School and once again was praised highly by the adjudicator. In the afternoon there was a parade which terminated at Copley Square. Bands from all the New England

states were in line, and the colorful uniforms made a striking picture. The streets were lined with onlookers enjoying a spectacle which Boston has never before seen to the extent of this 1951 school music festival.

### Memorial Sunday Services

Memorial Sunday services were held at our little south end cemetery on Sunday morning, May 27. The exercises were simple, yet in the full dignity of the sacred occasion. The outdoor setting, amidst the beauty of nature, added much to the quiet beauty of the service. Each of the graves was decorated with a flag and a beautiful wreath of flowers. Music was furnished by a brass sextette, composed of R. Barry Gorrill, Donald E. Richardson, Loren E. Cain, Teyet Ramar, 2nd, Frank C. Wing, and William L. Glennon.

### PROGRAM

Hymn—America  
School  
Flag Salute  
Robert W. Closson, William F. Sonier  
Prayer  
Mr. Siemens  
Poem—In Flanders Fields  
David V. B. Britt

Hymn—America the Beautiful  
School

Poem—Love of Country  
Seventh Grade

Reading—Crossing the Bar  
Joseph B. Mason

Hymn—God of our Fathers  
School

Poem—The Concord Hymn  
David E. LeVeillee

Remarks  
Mr. Meacham

History of the Graves  
John P. Richardson

In Memoriam  
David W. Simmons, Jr.  
Teyet Ramar, 2nd  
Donald E. Richardson  
R. Barry Gorrill

Decoration of Graves  
Loren E. Cain  
Bruce A. Graham  
William L. Glennon  
Frank C. Wing

Hymn—Nearer My God to Thee  
School

Benediction  
Mr. Siemens

### My Work

Every morning I work in the cow barn. I like to work with the cows. Sam Griswold and I begin the cow barn work after breakfast. First we put the cows out to pasture. Then we clean the gutters, sweep the walks, clean the outside room, and put down clean sawdust for bedding for the cows. Every so often we give the bull pens a thorough cleaning. When our barn work is finished we do other farm jobs.

Loren E. Cain

### Laundry Work

For the past two weeks I have been working in the laundry. I have learned to iron, and how to run some of the machines. Each day we do the clothing from one of the dormitories. We have two large washing machines, an extractor, a dryer, and a flatwork ironer. The laundry is a busy place.

Edward A. Atton

### Playing Clarinet

I am learning to play clarinet, and hope to be able to play in the band next year. I am taking lessons, and practicing regularly. There are three other boys in my room and they are all learning to play. One plays clarinet, another trumpet, and another trombone. On the clarinet I have learned most of the notes in the low register, but I can't play the high notes yet. They squeak.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

### Kitchen Work

Recently I had my work changed to the kitchen. I help the instructors there do many things. Some days I report to the instructors before breakfast, and on other days I report after breakfast. It is quite a job to have all the meals ready right on time, but we are never late.

I like working in the kitchen, and have learned a lot there.

Ralph H. Sherman, Jr.

### Playing Tennis

One of my favorite sports is tennis. I like it because it is a fast game, and I never tire of playing. Two can play, and time isn't lost making up teams. Almost every boy here plays tennis, and the court is busy all day long, up to when it is almost dark. Also, sometimes the boys get up early, before breakfast, to play. I hope to become a good player.

Kenneth W. Clayton

### Tournaments

We are all looking forward to the tournaments which we will have this summer. Nearly every boy gets in the tournaments. We have one every two weeks in basketball foul shooting, tennis, and horseshoe pitching. There is a division made so that the older boys compete against each other in the senior tournaments, while the younger boys are placed in the junior. The winner of each tournament gets a prize. All the boys enjoy the tournaments, and I hope we will have them all summer long.

Roger J. Alley

### Working on the Farm

Each afternoon I report to the farm. I find it pleasant work, and I like it. I think that of all the jobs at F. T. S. that the farm is my favorite. Working on the farm makes one strong and healthy. I think most of the boys would rather work on the farm than anywhere else.

Robert P. O'Leary

### Adams House Work

I work in the Adams House each morning helping Mrs. Meacham. First I empty the waste baskets, and then help clean the kitchen. After that I do different cleaning jobs around the house. Then Mrs. Meacham has me do some errands. When I am finished I report to the supervisor and help him.

David W. Howard

### My Work

Each day I go to the boat right after breakfast. First the other boys and I take the stringing out lines from the boat and bring the boat in close to the float. Then we shine the brass, wash the windows and see that the boat is clean and shipshape, ready for a trip. Oftentimes we scrub the decks. When the boat is all ready we do other jobs. Lately we have been working

at the boathouse. There is always work of one kind or another about the boats and wharf, and it is work which I like very much.

Robert Fabello

### Summer Sports

There are many summer pastimes at our school and the boys enjoy them all. Seldom does a minute pass without hearing the clang of a horseshoe, or the sound of tennis ball against racquet, or a baseball, softball or basketball in use.

Competition in outdoor sports is keen, and the boys are glad to get in these games, after a winter of mostly indoor activities.

I look forward to the summer sports, and I know we will have a very successful program.

David V. B. Britt

### Additional Alumni News

Congratulations to Merton P. Ellis, Class of 1897, upon his reappointment to the Board of Appeals of the City of Boston. Mr. Ellis has a lifetime of experience in the building trades, and Mayor John B. Hynes certainly chose the right man when he personally appointed Mr. Ellis to this important civic post.

WILLIAM G. BEADLE, '12, kindly sent a set of clarinet reeds for our boys to use during their spring band concerts and parades. Mr. Beadle is both an excellent clarinetist, as well as an expert repairman, having been employed for some time by the Cundy-Bettoney company. His home address is 219 Grove Street, Randolph, Massachusetts.

Our graduates with the Master Builders Association announce that the address of the Association after July 1 will be 69 Kingston St., Boston, in a building lately purchased by Master Builders.

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

Our school band has had nearly a century of continuous musical activity. It was in 1857 that a small group began the study of ensemble playing, and such was the progress made that two years later the boys paraded on the principal streets of Boston. This historic event has been recently commemorated by an issue of the famed calendar series of The First National Bank of Boston.

Year after year our band has taken part in educational school music festivals, organized and directed by the music educators of New England. It is the purpose of these festivals to provide opportunity to grade the work of each musical group, and prominent adjudicators listen critically to each musical unit. Over a period of twenty-five years these festivals have so influenced school music, especially instrumental, that a remarkable degree of excellence has gradually been attained.

The F. T. S. Band this year has every reason to be proud of its achievement at the Northeastern Massachusetts School Music Festival, which was held in Marblehead on May 5. A rating chart of seven headings was used to evaluate the musical worth of each group. An overall rating of five classifications was possible, with the highest being "Superior." Our boys may proudly boast that they earned the highest rating possible.

Our judge was kind enough to make many personal observations concerning our group. We were pleased with his remark that our boys really seemed to enjoy performing. This comes about through the fine spirit of the boys, and the realization they acquire in everyday living, that if a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

Three sections of the band were commended highly, namely the drum, bass and horn sections. The personal comment of our adjudicator was that the work of

these sections "was far superior to most groups of this age level."

The judge was critical of the articulation shown by our trumpet section. We have been aware of this deficiency, which is traced to the fact that seven of the eight boys in this section have played in the band for only a few months. We have a suspicion that, with the added training, the 1952 cornet section will be a feature of our band.

Our judge spoke highly of our practice of dividing the solo work among several performers. We like to do this, because it gives more of our boys opportunity to develop their musicianship.

The appearance of the band was most favorably commended upon. A personal note appended by the judge to his report was: "The band and director are to be congratulated on the fine display of musical discipline."

Particularly outstanding traits also, as noted by our judge, were the correct interpretation and understanding of the music played. The attention to details of expression marks was also very commendable, and a strong factor influencing our high rating.

All of us at the School are naturally very proud of the 1951 Band, and each member may well feel mighty happy that his study of music has resulted in such high attainment. Congratulations are in order to each member of the group.

### Topics in Brief

The final assembly program of the school year was given by the graduating class on May 14, and the biographical sketches and accomplishments of each of the class members were of interest. A clarinet trio played "Send Out Thy Light," and a brass trio the theme from "Finlandia."

The freshman class gave a unique entertainment on the evening of April 30. The boys explained a large relief map of our island, which they had prepared as a class project. Musical selections had an important part. The feature of the evening though, was a fashion show, in which the boys had plenty of opportunity to treat with humor the actual counterparts.

The recreation interests of the boys have centered around baseball and softball as team games, and track and tennis for more individual play. The baseball league finds the Cardinals in the lead at this writing. In softball, the White Sox are ahead. The boys are playing two games weekly, and the schedule will be completed at Graduation, whereupon our summer schedule of games will commence in all sports.

The tennis court is busy at almost every available minute. We could well use another court, such is the popularity of the game. Tournaments are held in this sport annually, and it is without doubt the most popular of our individual sports.

The final link in the 11-section three million dollar bridge, connecting Long and Moon Islands was placed in position on May 23.

We have watched, with interest, the construction of this three-quarters of a mile bridge.

The bridge has a clearance of fifty feet at the high tides. It will provide for two lanes of traffic between the Boston owned Long Island hospital and the mainland. Boat service will be discontinued.

The work on the bridge will be completed in June. The highway approaches to the structure should be ready by mid-August, so at that time the bridge will be open for traffic.

Our minister, Mr. Robert Siemens, has concluded two years of work with us. He gave his farewell sermon on May 27. Mr. Siemens has worked steadily and conscientiously for the religious welfare of our boys. We wish for him continued success as he goes forward in the service of the Church.

Beautiful, though simple, memorial services were conducted at our cemetery on Sunday morning, May 27. Music was furnished by a brass sextette, and several of the boys gave recitations in keeping with the day.

Our annual track meet was cancelled this year. We did hold the cross country race, but rain forced the cancellation of the other events. The holiday, May 30, on which we annually hold the track meet was rather wet and dismal. Towards late afternoon the weather cleared and a picnic supper was held on the beach. In the evening the boys enjoyed movies.

The island presents a lovely picture in May and June. The flower beds have been very beautiful this spring, and color camera enthusiasts have had a good time photographing the tulip beds, which were a riot of color.

The Rev. Theodore B. Hadley, '21, represented The Farm and Trades School at the Inaugural Service for James Rolland Crompton as the fifteenth headmaster of Tilton School, Tilton, N. H. on May 5, 1951. Mr Hadley writes that it was a real privilege to represent our school, and that the inauguration service was most impressive. Several F. T. S. graduates have attended Tilton School in past years, while other of our alumni have been guests of that famous school. Thus the news of the inaugural is of much interest.

The Snetind, a four masted schooner, which for some years has aroused a touch of romantic interest amongst our boys has been removed from the Spectacle Island beach. It was deemed a menace to navigation.

Our playground apparatus has been given minor repairs, and two new swings installed. The younger boys especially enjoy using the apparatus and it gives much pleasure throughout the summer.

We have completed the construction of what is without doubt the finest swimming float which we have ever had. The float is larger than those we have had before, and will be of much help in our swimming and water safety program, to be held during the summer months.

The telephone booth at the end of the wharf has been repaired. It was damaged during a recent wind storm. Other damage resulted about the wharf, which now is in the process of repair.

A group of youngsters from the boys' clubs of the Trinity Church in Boston held a field and track day at the school on May 5. A softball game and beach picnic late in the afternoon were features of the outing, which was held under the supervision of Mr. Walter Braman.

### Calendar, 90 Years Ago, May 1861

As kept by the Superintendent

1. Wind fresh from west. Mrs. Morse went to the city. Self set trees. Launched the schooner Lyman. Sloop Belle came with 49 tons of stone.
3. Planted  $2\frac{2}{3}$  acres of potatoes and sowed one acre of barley.
4. Went to the city with the Lyman. Rec'd. of Comeras & Co. of Mt. Washington Glass Works, \$39.28 for straw.

8 The first visiting day of the season. A goodly number present.

26. Mr. Foote from the Cambridge Divinity School present today.

### Making Rugs

Many, many boys think that making rugs is an odd hobby. Well, perhaps it is. Yet it is a hobby which is followed by many people. Many retired fishermen become experts at rug making. I am not an old fisherman, but I like to make rugs. Right now I am making one from worn out neckties. The rug is getting larger and larger. I learned to make rugs at home, and my mother and I were beginning a large hooked rug when I left to come to F. T. S.

William F. Sonier

### The Cabbage Butterfly

At this season of the year, from time to time, we have noticed the many small white butterflies. The habits of these butterflies are very interesting.

This butterfly is known as the Cabbage Butterfly. It is a noted enemy of cabbage. The larva has also been found on cauliflower, turnip, radish, mustard, mignonette, nasturtium, and other vegetable and flower plants.

The cabbage butterfly has an large range that includes Europe, Asia, and North America. The species was introduced into the United States in 1860.

In the mature caterpillar the head and body are pea green. The body has a narrow, lemonyellow dorsal band, and a narrow lateral band of similar color.

In reality, these harmless looking butterflies are really dangerous enemies of many species of plants, notably cabbage.

John P. Richardson

### My Garden

I have the good fortune to have a flower garden of my own this summer.

After I got the soil ready I put a neat stone border around the plot. Then I was given seeds and told to plant them as soon as possible. Most of my plants are already up. Very soon I will transplant, and arrange the flowers in a neat design. I like the hobby of flower gardening very much.

William H. Dillon

### Office Work

For the past six months I have been office boy. When I began I was on duty in the afternoons. My first duty was to clean both offices, and the corridor. Then I emptied the wastebaskets. After everything was neat and tidy I delivered mail, and did other errands.

Now I am on duty mornings. There is much more to do in the morning than in the afternoon. I deliver all sorts of equipment to the instructors who make requisition. I post the merit charts. Every few minutes there is an errand to do somewhere. Most of the time I am very busy.

I like being office boy very much, and I hope I don't get changed too soon.

Alan C. Waldron

### My New Trumpet

On April 29 my father attended the band concert at Faneuil Hall. After the concert he spoke to our band leader and made arrangements for me to have a new Conn trumpet and case. It wasn't possible to get one right away, but after a few weeks I heard that my new trumpet had arrived at the school. I was so happy, I think I was the luckiest boy in the world. My new trumpet is silver plated and plays beautifully. It has a fine case so that the instrument will be protected. I am very proud of my new instrument, and will be sure to take good care of it.

David E. LeVeillee

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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SGT. WILLIAM L. LITTLEJOHN visited us during the winter. He has for many years been a member of an army band. At his visit here he attended band rehearsal and displayed some of his wizardry of the baritone horn, which he has certainly mastered in his years as an army musician.

WILLIAM M. HALL, '27, has been employed for some time as a salesman for a popular television receiver. He tells us that sales are on a continual increase. He has studied instrumental music, and for many years has been regarded as an excellent trombonist. He lives at 72 Webster Street, Medford, Mass.

DARWIN C. BAIRD, '45 has been fortunate in obtaining the managership of the Park College book store and will do this work during his next and final year at Park College, Parkville, Missouri. He is majoring in Business Administration. He prepared for college at Mount Hermon School.

The regular May meeting of the Association was held at the Hotel Manger on May 16. Plans for the annual field day were made, and the committees appointed to take care of the activities of that day.

It was a great pleasure to meet once again so many of our graduates and former students at the annual concert by the band in Faneuil Hall. The deep interest of our good alumni friends is much appreciated.

HENRY J. PORTER, '45, has been employed as a television repairman, and is now with the Raytheon Corporation. His music has been of much help to him, and he plays occasionally with bands in the Boston area. He lives at 7 Hancock Place, Cambridge, Mass.

ROBERT P. DONNELLY, '43, left recently for Milwaukee, where he is looking into the possibility of work on a newspaper there. If his plans materialize he will live there permanently. He was a recent visitor.

WALTER J. ROSS, '44, is living at the Huntington Avenue "Y", and is employed in a Boston restaurant. His hobby is photography, and he has done much good work in this field.

EDWARD H. STROM, '50 writes from Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He sends his good wishes to all his friends, and writes that he would be very happy to hear from anyone at the school. His address is Pvt. Edward H. Strom, 11222725, Co. D, 109th Infantry, 28 Division, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

FRANK N. BABICK, '45, sends along word that he is now a sergeant in the air corps, and is stationed at a tiny base far out in the Pacific. A small group comprise the entire personnel of the base, The work being done consists of charting the area. He expects that his work here will be finished in about six months.

He has been fortunate in his military career by being chosen as a student at the army specialized training schools. He has studied courses which will always be of value.





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### Graduation

Ideal June weather prevailed on Graduation Day, Thursday, June 7, and the exercises for the Class of 1951 were held amidst the beauty of the south lawn. We were indeed fortunate in having as the speaker for the occasion Dr. Richard M. Gummere, the Chairman of the Committee on Admissions of Harvard College.

The exercises began with the Class Processional, with John P. Richardson, President of the Class of 1952, as marshal. Our good friend from the South Baptist Church in South Boston, the Rev. Morris A. Inch, gave the Invocation, which was followed by an overture "Determination" by the school band, Mr. Frank L. Warren, conductor.

The class valedictorian was Donald S. Duquet, and the Salutatorian Frank C. Wing. Both spoke briefly.

It was with extreme regret that the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Augustus P. Loring, Jr., was unable to be with us. Mr. Loring is making steady, although slow, progress from a serious illness. In his place the Vice President, Mr. James H. Lowell, introduced the speaker. Mr. Lowell first paid a sincere tribute to Mr. Loring for a lifetime of devotion to our school. He then told of the interest of Dr. Gummere in young people, and led us to anticipate a very worthwhile address, in which we certainly

were not disappointed.

Dr. Gummere named the essential qualifications which all young people must achieve. These included having active church connections, happiness in one's work, and the willingness to strive for the comforts and privileges of everyday life.

These essential factors in successful living may be earned by adherence to definite principles, said Dr. Gummere. First of all one's education must never stop, and one should forever carry on, regardless of how far his formal education has taken him. Second, as Mr. Gummere pointed out, is the fact that one's work must never become boring, nor tiresome. Romance and adventure must be parts of everyday work and, above all, a worker must enjoy doing his job. Third, the very objectiveness of a job is of paramount importance, and Dr. Gummere stated that one should correlate in his work all possible factors of everyday living. The fourth point brought out by the speaker was a call to our young graduates to develop a sense of humor, for this can always break all tension, and go far to make life worth living.

Dr. Gummere summarized his address by a direct and fitting challenge to the class. It was for each boy to nourish and keep growing all his dreams and aspirations. As an example he pointed to the

visit of youthful Lincoln to the southern slave markets and the vision which resulted in the emancipation proclamation.

We felt richly rewarded by this stirring address, and are indeed deeply grateful to Dr. Gummere for coming to us with a vital, living message.

Headmaster William M. Meacham presented diplomas to the class of ten. It was a notable occasion, for it was the twenty-fifth class to be graduated under Mr. Meacham. Special diplomas for the completion of the sloyd course were given ten boys, and two juniors received certificates. Hans M. Christensen was named as the winner of the Shaw Scholarship for this year. The Shaw and Temple prizes for good citizenship were awarded, as also were the annual athletic awards.

The exercises were concluded by a selection by the band.

The program follows:

#### PROGRAM

Class Processional—Youth Victorious  
 John P. Richardson, '52, Marshall  
 Invocation  
 The Reverend Morris A. Inch  
 Overture—Determination  
 Salutatory  
 Frank C. Wing  
 Band Selection—Chief of Staff  
 Valedictory  
 Donald S. Duquet  
 Introduction of Speaker  
 Vice President James H. Lowell  
 Address  
 Dr. Richard M. Gummere  
 Chairman of Committee on Admissions  
 of Harvard College  
 Presentation of Diplomas and Prizes  
 Headmaster William M. Meacham  
 Finale—Gyral

#### DIPLOMAS AWARDED

##### GRADUATION

Hans Marius Christensen  
 Robert William Closson  
 Donald Stanley Duquet  
 Roger Allan Hopkins  
 Eldon Joseph Lundin  
 John Robert Mason  
 Karl Mills  
 Walter Ostrander  
 George Henry Tangen, Jr.  
 Frank Cushing Wing

##### SLOYD

Hans Marius Christensen  
 Robert William Closson  
 Donald Stanley Duquet  
 Roger Allan Hopkins  
 Eldon Joseph Lundin  
 John Robert Mason  
 Karl Mills  
 David Wolffe Simmons, Jr.  
 Wayne David Suitor  
 George Henry Tangen, Jr.

##### JUNIOR YEAR CERTIFICATE

David Wolffe Simmons, Jr.  
 Wayne David Suitor

##### CLASS OFFICERS

President  
 Hans Marius Christensen  
 Vice President  
 Robert William Closson  
 Secretary  
 John Robert Mason  
 Treasurer  
 Donald Stanley Duquet

##### Honor Roll — Spring Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

##### Junior Class

David Wolffe Simmons, Jr.  
 Wayne David Suitor

##### Sophomore Class

Donald Stanley Duquet  
 Frank Cushing Wing

## Freshman Class

Joseph John Magazu  
William Lester Glennon, Jr.

## Eighth Grade, Division A

David Van Buren Britt  
Robert Arthur Kidder

## Eighth Grade, Division B

Joseph Bernard Mason  
Donald Robert Dockham

## Seventh Grade

William Henry Dillon  
David Edmond LeVeille (Tie)  
Richard Anthony Ostrander (Tie)

## Sixth Grade

Loren Ellis Cain  
Daniel Wayne Dockham

## Best Citizenship

The best general conduct and effort  
in each class group

## Junior Class

David Wolffe Simmons, Jr.  
Wayne David Suitor

## Sophomore Class

Robert William Closson  
Karl Mills

## Freshman Class

Donald Earle Richardson  
William Francis Sonier

## Eighth Grade, Division A

Alan Coates Waldron  
Frank Jerry Dow, Jr.

## Eighth Grade, Division B

David Bruce Balfour  
Leonard Bova

## Seventh Grade

William Henry Dillon  
David Edmond LeVeillee

## Sixth Grade

Ralph Howard Sherman  
Philip Harold Churchill

### Miss Ann Holt Mudge Becomes Bride of Linwood Law Meacham

The congratulations and best wishes of friends here are extended Linwood L. Meacham, '41, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Ann Holt Mudge on June 23.

Miss Mudge is the daughter of Raymond C. Mudge, Commissioner of Finance of the State of Maine, and Mrs. Mudge, of 22 Manley Street, Augusta. She graduated from Middlebury College on June 18. Many times during the past year she has visited our school, and she has made many friends here.

Linwood Meacham graduated from Vermont Academy in 1944. After serving in the U. S. Navy during World War II he attended Middlebury College, graduating with the class of 1950. For the past year he has been associated with the William Eugene Hayes agency of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The Rev. Wesley U. Riedel, pastor of the South Parish Congregational Church, in Augusta, officiated in the double ring ceremony which took place in the church. Mrs. Corwin V. Mudge, sister-in-law of the bride was the matron of honor, while Joyce E. Meacham, sister of the groom, was in the bridesmaid group.

William M. Meacham, Jr., '37, was his brother's best man, and serving as one of the group of three ushers was Raymond Thomas, F. T. S. 1926.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Mudge residence on Manley Street. Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, the newlyweds, left after the reception on their wedding trip. They are now at home, at 21 Kemper Street, in Wollaston, Massachusetts.

All of us at Thompson's Island wish all good fortune to the happy couple.

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Without presenting any new or quoted definition of *Education* in this article we wish to call attention to some of the really important educational features represented and written about, in this publication, the BEACON.

Extra-curricular activities, those interests of participation other than the purely academic, the broad *extra* program which builds confidence, develops responsibility and engenders cooperative understanding and appreciation, are in fact, and should be more generally recognized as the very foundation of all true education.

In one recent issue of the BEACON we find eighteen articles written by our boys on a very wide variety of subjects. Every article indicates active participation, clear perception and real development in the lives of our lads at The Farm and Trades School. The following list of subjects from this one issue of the BEACON covers only a fractional part of our total broad program of extra activity in addition to our college preparatory program of high scholastic standings.

Beach Suppers  
Beautiful Thompson's Island  
The Printing Office  
Boiler Repairs  
Intramural Sports  
Our Barber College  
The Daily Schedule  
Laundry Training  
Hobbies  
Bible Club  
Our Movie Shows  
Varsity Football  
Landscaping  
Boston Harbor  
Boat Experience  
Christian Endeavor  
Being Office Boy  
Poultry Work

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### Topics in Brief

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The Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1951 took place on Sunday, June 3, at the South Baptist Church, South Boston. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Morris A. Inch, who had an inspiring message for the class. Special music was furnished by the school brass quartet, and the church choir. The class was much pleased that Mr. Inch gave the message, for three years ago he was in charge of our religious services, and is held in high personal esteem by our boys.

An annual graduation present from Mrs. Arthur Adams is the class excursion. For many years she has made it financially possible for each graduating class to enjoy an outing at a popular resort. This year the boys, together with Mr. and Mrs. Meacham and the teaching staff, went to Canobie Lake, where a happy time was enjoyed.

The freshman class tendered a farewell reception and dance to the Class of 1951 on the evening of June 1. As guests we were very happy to have Miss Helen M. Gresty with us, who brought a group of girls from her Lynn church groups, to act as dancing partners for the boys. The boys relied upon Miss Gresty to direct the dance which she did with her customary skill. At the close of the dance she was

tendered gifts from the class which showed, in a small way, the appreciation of our boys for the grand assistance she has given all through the years.

Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham invited the graduating class to supper on the evening of June 6. A buffet supper, served on the Adams House lawn, was very much enjoyed. This is an annual feature of graduation week, and very much enjoyed.

The Alumni of the school gathered here on June 2 for the annual field day. A large happy group was present to enjoy the festivities. Ideal weather helped to make the day a success, for all the events took place out-of-doors.

Our band took part in a program at the Centennial Hall of the Jordan Marsh Company on Saturday morning, June 9. It was the final event of a youth friendship week between the young people of our nation, and those of Latin America. The program was tape recorded, and broadcast the following evening. One of our boys, Richard A. Ostrander, introduced one of the band numbers, and dedicated it to the young people of South America. The broadcast was sent over the Voice of Freedom.

With the completion of graduation week activities our summer program began. No time was lost in making all of our summertime facilities available. Nearly all of the boys are enrolled in the swimming, life saving, and water safety courses. Likewise, nearly all are taking part in the various tournaments of summer sports. In team games softball takes the lead, it being by far the most popular of the warm weather sports.

It is certainly true that "the good old summertime" is eagerly anticipated by our boys—the season of many pleasures.

## Calendar, 90 Years Ago, June 1861

As kept by the Superintendent

7. Monthly visiting day. Present of Managers: Messrs. Bowditch, Kuhn, and S. G. DeBlois.

9. Services in A. M. by the Reverend Mr. Rau, a Swiss clergyman.

16. The Reverend Dr. Bowles came in the P. M. and performed the ordinance of baptism to the children of Mrs. Floyd, who has two sons here.

23. Present: Mr. Stewart of the Cambridge Divinity Hall.

30. Present: Rev. Charles Cleavland who is 89 years old.

### Alumni Day

My father graduated in 1930, and I came to F. T. S. last year. On June 2 Alumni Day was held. My father wasn't able to come, but I met some of his schoolmates. Among these were Raymond M. Bean and Samuel O. Hall. After the day's activities I walked to the boat with them. I was glad to make such good friends on Alumni Day.

Frank J. Dow, Jr.

### The New Float

All the boys are very thankful to Mr. Thomas for building the new swimming float, which is much larger than the other swimming floats we have had. The new float has all new lumber on the top and front, and has ladders so we can get out of the water easily. The diving board is at one end. We go swimming at least twice a day and we like the new float.

Philip H. Churchill

### Tournaments

We are getting the three tournaments started for the summer, and the first series is now over. The tournaments are held in tennis, horseshoe pitching and basketball foul shooting. The boys 14 and over are

in the senior groups, and the younger ones are juniors. It takes about two weeks to play each tournament, and then drawings are made for a new set of matches. The winners in each tournament get prizes.

Edward J. Darr

### Award of Prizes

Each six months the Shaw Prizes for excellence in conduct are given. They were given for the 125th successive period on graduation day. The ten highest boys received cash awards, while the next five received books. These book prizes are the Temple Consolation Prizes, and are given by our trustee, Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell, and are given in memory of Mr. Thomas F. Temple, who originated the idea of the consolation awards. Seven boys received honorable mention.

The names of the winners are:

#### Shaw Prizes

Donald E. Richardson  
Ralph H. Sherman  
Roger A. Hopkins  
Alan C. Waldron  
John P. Richardson  
Robert W. Closson  
Earl R. Lehnherr, Jr.  
David B. Balfour  
Robert B. Gorrill  
Karl Mills

#### Temple Consolation Prizes

William H. Dillon  
Ralph F. Hopkins  
Hans M. Christensen  
Edward A. Atton  
William L. Glennon, Jr.

#### Honorable Mention

Loren E. Cain  
David V. B. Britt  
J. Harold Darr, Jr.  
William F. Sonier  
Walter E. Callaway  
Robert O. Cain  
David W. Simmons, Jr.

### After Supper Entertainment

There are more than two hours of daylight after supper, and I think everyone will agree that they are the liveliest hours of the day. Usually we play softball, and very often some of the instructors are on the teams. We have a good time playing, and no matter how warm the day is, there is always a cool breeze on the ball field. Some of the games are very close, while others aren't. Everyone has fun though, and we are always able to play a full game. As soon as the last out is made the welcome swimming signal is heard, and we finish our after-supper period with a dip.

Teyet Ramar, 2nd

### Our Class Service

The graduating class had charge of the church service on Sunday evening, June 3. I was chosen to give the talk, and others had parts to help make the service all it should be. Mr. Siemens helped us so that we were well prepared. My talk was based on the life of Moses. Walter Ostrander announced the hymns for the congregation, and Hans Christensen read the scripture. An instrumental quartet of Frank C. Wing, R. Barry Gorrill, Donald E. Richardson, and William L. Glennon played two favorite hymns, and Robert W. Closson played a solo.

At the close of the service the class presented a gift to Mr. Siemens in appreciation of his leadership and friendship during the past two years.

Roger A. Hopkins

### Softball

Almost every night, after supper, we have a softball game. This is my favorite summer sport, and I like it better than any other sport except football, I have learned to play both of these games here, for when

I came I couldn't play any sports at all. We have a good field to play on, and we don't interfere with those who want to play baseball, because the diamonds for both games are on different fields. In April and May most of the boys prefer baseball, but as the weather gets warmer softball becomes the more popular.

Charles J. Laidlaw

### Summer Term

We had our final test of the spring term on June 1. Then the summer term began. This term is the most popular among the boys, for it is vacation time. There are many kinds of games and sports to enjoy, such as swimming, tennis, baseball and softball. Those who like farming may spend much time on the farm, and especially during haying season. Then sometime during the summer all the boys have a vacation at home. Of course there aren't any school classes during the summer term. Do you wonder that it is the most popular term?

Richard A. Ostrander

### Night Swimming

The last thing we do before we go to bed on each pleasant night is to go for a swim. Usually we have just finished a ball game. There aren't many who don't like the night swim, especially if the day has been warm. After the swim we get a shower, and are then ready for a good night of sleep.

Barry R. Fuller

### Alumni Field Day

June 2 was a gala day for the Alumni of the School, for that was the annual home-coming date for graduates representing classes as far back as 1882, and including a goodly representation of those from the very recent classes.

The group arrived in two chartered boats shortly after 10:30 A. M., and was met at the wharf by the school band.

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Accompanied by stirring martial music of the band, it did not take too long for the graduates and their friends to assemble at the north lawn. Here more music was enjoyed, and then a short welcoming period took place. Our headmaster, Mr. Meacham, urged all to use every facility of the School in having the best possible, happy reunion.

The group then dispersed, using the time before lunch to visit once again the familiar haunts of boyhood days. All of the shops were inspected, and it seemed that every nook and cranny brought forth memories of experiences, grown rich with the passing years.

There were some who brought with them guests who had not before visited our school. To these, the facilities of Bowditch House, and the excellent and comfortable living conditions provided for by the Hayden dormitories were of vast interest. As these visitors had an opportunity to further visit the departments of our school they were impressed with the tremendous service to youth being given at The Farm and Trades School. This attitude is by no means unusual, for every graduate gets a keen delight in showing his friends our school, for he fully enjoys the overall impression F. T. S. creates.

The Association had arranged with the school for the preparation and serving of a delicious lunch. The call to dinner was given at twelve noon, and an excellent meal was served on the lawn. The feature of the meal was, of course, the Golden Guernsey milk, fresh from our dairy. Baked beans, "best in the world," from

our own bakery, was a main dish.

After dinner the school boys were ready to engage the graduates in baseball and softball. The baseball game was a masterpiece during the early innings, for Ray Thomas had his boys in top form. The graduates recalled the skill of days not too long past and seemed destined to win. Gradually, though, the schoolboys wore down the alumni, and eventually won the match. The softball game was strictly informal, and a lot of fun.

Meanwhile a series of races was held on the track. There were races for all age groups. Later in the afternoon picnic-type games and races were held on the lawn. There were generous prizes of cash and candy bars. The races were very much enjoyed, not only by the boys, but by the onlookers as well. There were stunts for visiting children too, which added to the merriment.

Throughout most of the day old timers were reviewing memories of by-gone days. A few, who had not been back for some years, had a pleasant time renewing old friendships. It is always a thrill for old friends to get together once again, and indeed that is the big reason for calling F. T. S. men back to the campus.

Shortly after four o'clock word was passed that the boats had arrived and were ready to begin the homeward trips. And with a rousing cheer by the schoolboys for the alumni, the trek to the wharf began.

It was an admirable day, a happy annual event. Behind its success was the work of the committee for the day, as well as the efforts of others, who, in an informal way, helped keep things moving in an interesting manner.





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### Our New Float

Some may think that baseball, tennis, or even outdoor basketball are the best summer sports, but I choose swimming. This sport has been especially good this year because of the new float which was built just for swimming. It has a larger area than our other floats, and there are no ropes nor cleats in the way. The diving board is at one end, and there are two ladders so that we can get out of the water easily. All of us are very grateful to Mr. Thomas and the others who helped build the new float.

Ralph F. Hopkins

### Tournaments

Every two or three weeks we have a new set of tournaments, and the winners get candy bars for prizes. There are two separate tournaments in each of three sports. Horseshoes, tennis and basketball foul shooting are the sports included. Most of the boys get in the tournaments, and they all like the fun of competing in the games.

I am playing in the tennis tournament for the first time, and like it very much.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

### Swimming Classes

As soon as school is over in June Mr. Thomas gets the boys interested in making

improvement in their swimming skills. Classes are held for beginners, intermediates, swimmers and advanced swimmers, junior life saving and senior life saving. A class is held each day, and during the free swim periods we practice what we have learned. So far, everyone has made much progress. We look forward to the time when we will receive our certificates, pins, and badges. Mr. Thomas is a Red Cross trained instructor, and teaches the courses outlined by the American Red Cross.

David E. LeVeillee

### Special Work

After school closed in June I was appointed to be a special boy for the summer. That is, I help the supervisor on the many jobs he has to do. The first work I had was to be one of a group which launched the new swimming float and secured it in place on the south side of the wharf. Some of the other work I do is rake gravel, mow lawns, care for the flower gardens, and help keep the ball fields and horseshoe pits in good condition.

Because this work is so varied it is liked by the boys. I hope to stay on this job for a long time.

Thomas Angelos

### Boat Duties

Every other morning I go to the wharf after breakfast, and get the Pilgrim ready for the eight o'clock trip. The boat

is brought to the float from the night anchorage. Then the windows are washed, and the brass shined.

There are lots of interesting things to do on the boat. For instance we are now repairing a rowboat which became damaged in a recent storm. When we have finished, the rowboat will look as good, and be as good, as when it was new.

Recently we beached the Pilgrim, scraped the hull, and then painted the boat.

I like boat work, and hope to have the job for a long time.

Robert Fabello

### Beach Suppers

During the summer months we have several beach suppers, usually on holiday evenings. We had one on August 2, and everyone had a good time. We get together in groups of three or four and make small fireplaces. Then we light the fires, and after we have a good hot bed of coals we are ready to get our food. When cooking frankforts and bacon some of the boys wrap the bacon around the frankfort, while others cook each separately. Some fry the meat in pans, while others put the weenies on sticks and roast. Either way they taste good. The rest of the menu for our last beach supper was cookies, punch, sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, rolls and ice cream.

The beach suppers are always fun, and we are looking ahead to the next one on Labor Day.

Loren E. Cain

### Fishing

Fishing is enjoyed by many boys here at F. T. S. For bait most of us use sea worms, which we dig at low tide on the east side beach. Some have good rods and casting reels, but most of us use a fitted line which we buy for fifteen cents.

Most boys fish on the ocean bottom where they catch such fish as flounder, sea perch, eels and crabs. We are having an informal contest to see who can catch the most fish this summer. One of the boys has sixty. I have caught twenty-eight. The fish that we catch are cleaned at the wharf, and we take them to one of the dormitories where the instructor cooks them for us. I like to fish, and consider it one of the top sports here.

Robert P. O'Leary

### Sports Shot

Quite soon the summer sports will be giving way to football. Basketball used to be just a winter sport, but now that we have an outdoor court this game is played the year 'round. This summer softball has been the most popular game, with tennis a close second. Most of the boys have advanced in the water sports classes and we have many junior life savers.

Richard A. Ostrander

### Office Work

Every morning, after breakfast, I go to the office and help the instructors there. Later I clean the office, by sweeping the floor, dustmopping, and emptying the waste baskets. Then I file whatever is in my tray. After that, especially on Mondays, I fill requisitions for articles needed in the departments. In between times I do errands, and whatever tasks may be assigned me.

Alan C. Waldron

### Football

Although this is August, and there are plenty of hot days ahead, every time a cool day arrives one may see groups of the boys playing tag football, or just passing. I think most of the boys are rather anxious to have football season begin. I know I am.

Leonard Bova

### Recreation

My regular work this summer has been milking and helping on the farm. In between times I have liked playing sports, but swimming, most of all, has been my favorite recreation. I am sure that most of us have a desire to become excellent swimmers and divers, and we have plenty of chances to practice during the summer months. We have good coaching, and at least one of our swimming periods every day is for instruction.

S. Newcomb Graham

### Diving Lessons

We have been given diving lessons this summer and we practice at every swim period. Some of the boys have enough courage now to do dives which, not long ago, they thought impossible for them to do. The diving board is certainly busy every time we go swimming. When the tide is high we dive from the piles at the end of the wharf, and this is real sport.

Some of the boys have become very good divers this summer, and there are hardly none who can't do a straight dive.

Kenneth W. Clayton

### Softball

Today we had a softball game. Harold Darr was captain of one team and he chose me as catcher for his team. Roger Alley was the other captain. We had ten men on a side, the tenth player being a short-fielder, who backed up the infielders. The players on both teams hit the ball hard and many runs were scored. We won the game, which lasted seven innings.

Ralph F. Hopkins

### My Collection

I am making a hobby of collecting autographed photographs of personages chiefly famous in the musical world. I never realized how much satisfaction can be had by writing for, and receiving, fine

photographs of some of the world's great symphonic conductors, composers, and even very busy news men. My first photos I received were those of Arthur Fieldler, famed conductor of the Boston Pops orchestra, and Maestro Arturo Toscanini. From that beginning I have devised a system for acquiring more pictures. A penny postal card provided all the space I needed for a message.

To become statistical for a moment, I now have thirty-seven personally autographed photographs in my collection, and I have high hopes of getting many more. In case any readers want to start this hobby, my advice is to write a courteous note and be patient. A reply will come.

Some of the photos I have received are those of Leroy Anderson, the famous composer, Charles Munch, the lately appointed conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and John Cameron Swayze, the well known newsman.

If any of our readers follow this hobby I should enjoy corresponding and comparing notes.

Wayne W. Henry

### Hungry?

If you are hungry I suggest you get a fishline and go to the wharf. If you are lucky you will get a strike, and if you are careful you will land a good size fish. Let us suppose that it is a flounder, about a foot long. You will clean it and take it to the kitchen. It will be fried to a golden brown, and you will be hungrier still as you watch the sizzling pan. It doesn't take long to cook the fish, and soon you will be feasting on fish fit for a king.

William F. James

—The varsity football team will open its 1951 football season by playing the Milton Academy seconds at the Academy on October 6.

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

## Life Begins at Eighty

Frederic R. Hafley of the class of '88 typed the following letter recently, and signed it with an obviously steady hand. This letter, one of many I cherish from this great alumnus through the past 25 years, is in response to a little prayer book belonging to his brother Charles, also of the class of '88, I recently found in the school archives and mailed to him. Frederic, in his eighty-first year, and his brother Charles a year younger, are not only the grand young men of our loyal alumni but they are, as we would know from contact with them, and abundantly verified from other sources, highly respected and beloved leaders in their community. These two brothers continue to operate a large and prosperous poultry farm and retail egg business in New Brunswick, N. J.

The letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Meacham:

"Thank you for sending us the little book. Very recently Charles and I were speaking of it, and wondering what had become of it. At the same time, Father Osborne gave each of us a prayer book. Charles took it to sea with him all over the world. I took mine when I enlisted in the army.

"The BEACON arrived today, and it was simply wonderful. It takes us back to our boyhood days, when we were just like these boys that write the articles; except that we didn't have the advantages that they have.

"This little magazine ought to be circulated among wealthy men and women. Once read it will circulate itself. Every article warms the heart.

"I read with great pleasure of the coming of Miss Gresty, and bringing young ladies with her, to teach the boys to dance. It was the project of a fertile brain and properly managed—as I am sure it is—is as vital to the boys as food. To be at ease

in the company of the fairer sex is an acquisition that is necessary to a well-rounded life.

"I was sorry to read of the death of Fred Neptune Frasier. He was born at sea, and because of that fact he was given the name of Neptune. I can remember him tell that he was born one degree south of the equator.

"I will close with the opinion that you have set an example for the boys to emulate, and the BEACON shows that they have been successful.

"Our kind regards to Mrs. Meacham and yourself.

Sincerely yours,  
Frederic R. Hafley."

### Topics in Brief

Sunday, August 12 will be remembered for the fog which blanketed Boston Harbor. A party of four was marooned on our shores until rescued by the Coast Guard, and scores were fogbound in the outer harbor. One of the Nantasket steamers went aground in the fog and more than 800 were removed in small boats. The PILGRIM III made our trips without incident.

The boys have worked diligently on their flower beds with the result that their plot of flower gardens is a riot of color. Flower gardening is a hobby which maintains its interest for a lifetime period, and happy is he who learns, while young, the many pleasures which this hobby will bring. Our boys are encouraged to have their own gardens, and expert instruction is given in their care. The flower garden area is a busy place from early spring until fall. At this time of year, when the gardens are in full bloom, the results are manifest in the gorgeous coloring of the blossoms of a wide variety of plants.

The Long Island bridge was opened for general use on August 4. We watched the formal ceremonies which were highlighted by a display by the city fireboats. On television some of us saw Messrs. Tobin, Hynes, and other city dignitaries as they delivered the important dedicatory addresses.

A group from the Ruggles Street Baptist Church, of Roxbury, held an outing at the school recently. A softball game was played, with our boys providing the opposition. For many years we have had a friendly contact with the Ruggles Street church, and are happy to make our facilities available for this annual summer picnic.

A teacher, with three pupils, stopped at our wharf recently for the purpose of holding a class in water skiing. One of the pupils did rather well at the sport. We were amazed at the skill and dexterity of the teacher as he demonstrated the "hows" of this thrilling summer sport. We recommend it to the young and agile. Certainly we watched with considerable interest.

Variety and abundance has been the pattern set by our farm in supplying our table with vegetables this summer. Corn, summer squash, cucumbers and tomatoes have been especially plentiful, and blackberries have been picked in quantity.

The boat crew beached the PILGRIM recently. The boat was cleaned and painted, and now presents her usually neat and trim summertime appearance. Our launch, the WINSLOW, was painted earlier this summer. This craft is often used during the summer months. Just now the boat boys are busy laying new planks where necessary on the wharf.

The boys have enjoyed the usual summer sports, with tennis being a big favorite. Swimming and water sports have been especially popular, and most of the boys have studied the Red Cross water safety courses. Softball is a game of which the boys never tire, and several games are held each week. We have admirable facilities for these grand games and, needless to say, these summertime sports are a big feature of our vacation program.

Mr. Frank L. Warren, our bandmaster, has resumed his weekly rehearsals with our band. He has every expectation of developing another fine band during the coming school year, and is enthusiastic over the possibilities.

Fishing has been popular this month, and the boys have caught a large number of eels and flounders, along with smaller quantities of sea perch, mackerel and hake. During the best fishing periods the wharf is lined with our young disciples of Isaac Walton. A warm summer sky, an ocean breeze, an occasional swim, and good fishing luck, make for just about a perfect vacation period.

Calendar, 90 Years Ago, July 1861

As kept by the Superintendent

7. No preacher here. The Officers of the Home officiated.

17. George and Thomas Ford discharged to go to California with their mother.

28. Present: George A. McClennan, a former pupil here, and his friend, Mr. Haskell. Both spoke to boys.

### The Grand Coulee Dam

In school last year we had arithmetic problems dealing with the Grand Coulee Dam. We looked in our reference books and found that this dam is the the third largest in the world. The dam is 4306 feet

long, 550 feet high, and 550 feet thick at the base. It irrigates 1,200,000 acres. The total cost of the dam was \$168,000,000.

Later we became interested in areas. We measured some of the places on our campus. Then we estimated other areas, such as the roofs on the buildings.

William H. Dillon

### Some Early F. T. S. History

The Farm and Trades School was founded in 1814, in the town of Boston, for then Boston was not large enough to be called a city. A private mansion, formerly the home of an early governor, was the first home of the school. In 1833 the school moved to Thompson's Island. The island was named after David Thompson, who built the first house here in 1626. Myles Standish discovered and explored the island in 1621. Thompson's Island played an important part during the Revolutionary War. The island helped support the first free public school in America, for it was rented as pasture land.

When the boys came to our island in 1833 the first event was a prayer meeting, after which a few seeds were planted, thus setting the way for our Christian farm-home school, now in its 137th year.

R. Barry Gorrill

### Swimming

One of my favorite summer sports is swimming, and we have swim periods at least twice a day, and sometimes more, if the weather is warm. We really have fun on our new swimming float. Most of us like to surface dive, and nearly always we play some kind of water game, or have a diving contest. The temperature of the water has been very comfortable this summer, and all of us have had a grand time swimming.

Delnard L. Moody

### Swimming Awards

Classes in swimming, life saving, and water safety were held during the summer months, under the direction of our supervisor, Raymond Thomas. Mr. Thomas is an accredited Red Cross instructor.

Those who completed the courses, and received Red Cross certificates are:

#### Swimming Beginner

Barry R. Fuller

Ralph H. Sherman

Alan C. Waldron

Edward J. White

#### Intermediate Swimmer

David V. B. Britt

Kenneth W. Clayton

Philip Churchill

William H. Dillon

Frank J. Dow

Daniel W. Dockham

Robert B. Gorrill

Samuel M. Griswold

Frederick E. Harding

William F. James

Delnard Moody

Arnold M. Sutterlin

#### Swimmer

Thomas Angelos

Leonard Bova

Robert O. Cain

Loren E. Cain

Edward J. Darr

Thomas F. Darr

Robert Fabello

Ralph F. Hopkins

Robert A. Kidder

David E. LeVeille

Joseph B. Mason

William F. Sonier

#### Junior Life Saving

Thomas Angelos

Leonard Bova

Robert O. Cain

Edward J. Darr

Frank J. Dow

Robert Fabello

William F. James

Robert A. Kidder

Charles J. Laidlaw

David E. LeVeille

Joseph J. Magazu

Joseph B. Mason

Delnard Moody

Richard A. Ostrander

William F. Sonier

#### Senior Life Saving

Roger J. Alley

Roger A. Hopkins

Donald E. Richardson

Joseph C. Turner

### Additional Alumni News

LIEUT. LEANDER E. DOREY, '23, sent us two interesting gifts. One was a box of Japanese photographs, and the other an excellently printed volume entitled "Japan Today." The book, together with the photographs, gives us a comprehensive study of Japan and its peoples. In the light of current world conditions it is a fine thing to have such material available for our boys. We thank Lieut. Dorey for his kindness.

PERCY BUCHAN, one of our Liversidge alumni, was recently honored at a retirement ceremonial party. In the Greenfield office of the State Department of Public Works he was presented a purse of money to which not only his associates contributed but also workers from the public utility and private tree companies. Messages of commendation from Governor Dever and Public Works Commissioner Callahan were read. Mr. Buchan is very popular in Franklin County and we join his friends there in wishing him a pleasant retirement.

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ALAN P. STEWART, '42, and Mrs. Stewart, are employed for the summer months at the beautiful Y.M.C.A. Sandy Island Camp, in Lake Winnipaukee, N. H. Mr. Stewart will begin a teaching career in September, he having graduated last June from the Fitchburg Teacher's College.

WILLIAM F. KELLAWAY, '49, was a member of the graduating class at Newton High School, and we note his name in the list of those receiving diplomas.

CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21, is writing a series of articles on his trip through rural Vermont, and they are mighty interesting reading. He is music and drama editor for the Boston Globe.

ROBERT E. LUCIEN, '49, an army musician, had the honor of being graduated from Everett High School last June. Upon the activating of his National Guard unit he was compelled to leave school, and it was gratifying that it was seen fit to award the coveted diploma to him.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, visited us recently. He and Mrs. Morse were on a circular vacation trip from their home in Texas to Maine and return. Mr. Morse is in the oil business in Texas, and we were much interested in his accounts of his work, and everyday life, in the Lone Star State.

GEORGE SURRY, '93, we regret to say, passed on recently. He was active in attendance at Alumni gatherings, and enjoyed visiting the School on the Field Days in June. He was a faithful friend of

the Band, and attended the concerts of the boys regularly.

We regret to announce the death, in New York on August 5, of HERBERT A. PULSON, of the Class of 1896. Mr. Pulson kept in touch with the School and alumni throughout his life-time, and was a valued member of the Alumni Association.

A. WALLACE FITT, '47, has completed a tour of duty with his National Guard unit, and is now continuing his work in the radio-television sales field. His father, Arthur W. Fitt, has opened a new jewelry store at 14 South Street in Milford, N. H. His Boston store was a popular meeting place for many of our young graduates. Mr. Fitt cordially invites his F. T. S. friends to stop in and say "Hello" when they are in Milford.

We have received an attractive card from LESLIE L. GODDARD '46, announcing the joyous arrival of a nine pound son, Gregory Earl Goddard, on June 30, 1951. Congratulations to the happy parents.

HERBERT P. STEARNS, '43, has been in the army for nearly a year now. He recently wrote us a fine letter concerning his experiences in Korea. He spent three weeks in Japan, was ordered to a nearby island, and from there to Korea. On the island he learned the work of telephone installation and maintenance, in a school which was extremely well equipped. He landed in Korea on April 30, and through an error travelled throughout South Korea thus learning at first hand the geography of the land. His first work was helping install the Chunju and Wonju phone line.





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### Football Practice

About three weeks ago our coach, Mr. Thomas, called for a group to get football equipment. Some of us were surprised to be included and very excited. On the following day we went to the field for our first practice session. Mr. Thomas told us what he expected from us. After some exercises we were taught how to tackle and block, using the dummy. This is nearly five feet tall, filled with kopak, and weighs approximately 85 pounds. Everyone practiced tackling and blocking, using both the side body block and the shoulder block. A few could do very well, but most of us needed much coaching, because out of the squad of 23, only eight had any experience on last year's squad.

During the last part of the practice the squad was divided so that we had two teams. We learned a few plays, and we liked this part of the practice. Not all of us will keep the positions we had but we had a chance to show what we could do.

On the following day we had a short scrimmage session. In following practices the scrimmages were made longer. We have learned a few plays just about letter perfect now. We have blackboard drill at night and have the plays explained to

us. Then we copy them in a notebook so we can memorize our assignments.

We have a six game schedule, and we are confident that the 1951 team will make a good showing.

Robert Fabello

### Football Schedule 1951

October 6. Milton Academy 2nds at the Academy.

October 13. Hingham Frosh at F. T. S.

October 20. Milton Sophs at F. T. S.

October 27. Braintree Frosh at F. T. S.

November 3. Weymouth Frosh at F. T. S.

November 10. Randolph Frosh at F. T. S.

November 17. Game pending at F. T. S.

### The School Band

The boys in the band have been having rehearsals regularly, and the band has made a good start for the new school year. Last year the band was very successful in all its concerts, and this year the band hopes to do still better. The boys are learning many new pieces.

We played our first concert last Saturday, for the Rotary Club of Boston. The Rotarians held an outing at the school on that day, and they were very pleased with the way we played. We played several selections, and all of them sounded well. If all our concerts are as successful as this one I'm sure we will have another great year for the band.

Teyet Ramar

### Learning to Swim

Our swimming teacher, Mr. Thomas, taught me to swim early this summer. I passed all my beginner's tests and am ready to try for the intermediate tests. It seems good to be able to dive from the wharf, and swim in deep water with the other boys. All these things seemed impossible just a short two months ago. Next year I will try for the advanced swimmer tests, and perhaps I can learn to be a junior life saver.

Ralph H. Sherman

### Farm Work

I now work on the farm and like it very much. I report to the barn each morning after breakfast. First I feed the pigs which takes about a half hour. Then I do other farm work, and the jobs keep changing day after day. This morning Mr. Steinhoff, Thomas Angelos and I dug post holes for a new pasture for the cows. This will be south of the orchard. We dug 45 holes.

Leonard Bova

### My Hobby

My hobby is collecting pennants and banners. I now have 65. The one I cherish the most is of the 1949 Rose Bowl game. In my trips with my father I watch for pennants and banners and buy those I like.

I have such souvenirs from Maine, New York, Massachusetts, and many other places. I have many pennants of ball teams which I got at the games. Also in my collection are quite a few I obtained by trading with the other boys.

Once I tried to wash a banner. When I started it was red and white. When it dried it was all out of shape, the colors faded, and the banner just about useless. So I learned not to wash them.

Most of my banners are felt, with the insignia printed, and with a design at one

end. Some have the letters sewed on, and these are the best.

I play in the band, and so I have a chance to get banners when we go on the band trips. I have several of the music festival banners, and of the towns visited by the band.

David E. LeVeille

### Vacation

All of the boys were home from a few days to nearly a month during the summer. The vacations began as early as June 9, and continued until the latter part of August. I was the last one to have a vacation. I thought the day would never come, as I saw the other boys going and returning. Finally the big day came, and I left on the one o'clock trip. I had a good time and enjoyed my vacation. Now I am back at school feeling well satisfied.

Robert P. O'Leary

### Trumpet Lessons

I have begun to take trumpet lessons, and I hope to learn to play well enough to join the band. One of my roommates, Loren Cain, plays trumpet and he helps me. Of course I can't play much now, but I hope to play some songs in a few months.

Charles W. Henderson

### Laundry Work

This summer I have worked in the laundry. Most of the time I have been an ironer, although once in a while I help on the washing machines or flatwork ironer. There are two others, Samuel Griswold and Kenneth Clayton, who work with me. We help each other. The hardest days are Mondays and Tuesdays. Towards the end of the week the work gets lighter and we sometimes get through earlier.

Charles J. Laidlaw

### Dairy Barn Work

At five o'clock each morning I go to the dairy barn. I feed the cows beet pulp and grain. After this I feed the steers and heifers in the small pasture near the storage barn. I return to the cow barn and give the cows hay, after which I clean up. Next I milk my two cows, Jill and Cora.

At six o'clock I start the pasteurizer, and it takes a half hour to pasteurize the morning's milk. Then I operate the separator, and when this is done I go to eat breakfast.

After breakfast I wash the milk bottles and cans, and sterilize them. Later I fill them with milk. The pasteurizer is washed, and the parts sterilized by steam, and everything is left ready for use the next time. The last thing I do is deliver the milk.

Arnold E. Hall

### First Impressions

I have been here only one week now. When I first came I didn't think I'd like it very much, it seemed so strange. But now I like the boys and instructors because they are all very friendly. I have gone swimming many times, too.

I work on the farm and I like the boys and instructors there. But the best friends I have ever had are my roommates.

Philip H. Lane

### Football Practice

One day a list of names was read and those boys went to the clothing room to get football equipment. Soon we were on the field doing calisthenics. Then we passed and kicked footballs around. Next we worked on the tackling dummy and learned sidebody and shoulder blocks. Then a first second team was made up. I, being one of the smallest boys, was told to watch from the sidelines. On the next day we had about the same practice and

I got a chance to play for awhile. Although I'm too small to play on the varsity this year I'm learning all the time and next year I may be on the team.

William H. Dillon

### Beacon Article

Beacon articles are sometimes the hardest things to write. The first thing is to decide on a subject. Then you wonder if someone else isn't writing on that same subject. If so, he'll do better than you and your work won't get printed. I couldn't think of anything special to write so I wrote this paragraph. Next time it may not be so hard, and I can write a long article.

S. Newcomb Graham

### Additional Alumni News

Members of the Alumni Association are urged to save the evening of October 27. This will be a truly significant occasion, as well as our annual get-together. Your secretary will soon mail complete information regarding this outstanding event.

EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, has been with the armed forces for over a decade. He has just completed four years of service in Japan. He may possibly be returned to that troubled area, but rather hopes his future service lies in Europe. He visited us on August 23, and we very much enjoyed his account of life in Japan, and of the Japanese people, whom he has grown to respect. At this time mail may be addressed to him as follows: T. Sgt. Eugene Proctor, AF 20115596, 1921-4, AACS Det., Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He was married last June, and we look forward to meeting Mrs. Proctor, as we hope that the happy couple will include a visit here as time and circumstances will allow.

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## Editorial

This is the time of year when the new school year starts and we are all looking forward to the great program of developing every potential ability and talent of youth.

In this age of vast resources, superabundance of knowledge, work relationship and the threat of armed conflict beyond present confines, educational institutions are confronted with challenges far in excess of those of any previous generations.

Our job is to provide the tools and the carefully organized program, the personnel and the leadership which will be adequate for the maximum building of our young people into well balanced adult personalities to take over the huge job of stabilizing a world of conflicts.

Book studies are, of course, essential in this tremendous undertaking but this phase of education is only one of the many facets of an adequate educational program. Here at The Farm and Trades School it has long been recognized that the complete development of a boy must include all the elements of the talents, personality and the Christian spirit with which each youngster is by nature endowed.

We do not claim absolute perfection but our product, our graduates, show by their able, good works that we are actually touching most of the points so essential to the education, training and happy living of our fine boys.

### Topics in Brief

Labor Day was observed as a holiday, of course, and the boys enjoyed the usual fall sports, even though the weather was cloudy and cool. The football squad got in a practice session. Many went on a hike around the beach, stopping en route for a swim. Supper was in the form of a picnic on the beach, the boys cooking their own meals, at small individual fires.

The boys have had a grand time this last month before the new school year begins in September. Outdoor basketball, tennis, horseshoe pitching, and softball have been enjoyed, and the swimming and water sports have been very popular. Tournaments have been conducted in all these sports, and the boys have had few idle moments.

Our television set has given us excellent, care-free service, for the past two years, and the boys have watched with pleasure, many of the better programs. Especially during rainy weather has the set proved its worth. We have watched many history making events, and, of course, have seen many of the better known, purely entertaining programs. As may be expected, the big league baseball games also have their share of television devotees.

Our church services this summer have been conducted by the Rev. D. Ross Brittain. We have enjoyed having both Mr. and Mrs. Brittain here for the Sunday evening services, and wish them Godspeed as they continue their work in the Christian ministry.

Our farm has provided us with quantities of fresh vegetables and fruits. Tomatoes, summer squash, cucumbers, corn, radishes, and lettuce have been enjoyed,

and blackberries, strawberries and pears have been harvested. This food has been served at our table, and has been relished by our boys, who had a large part in the growing of the farm produce.

August has been a month of activity for the boys, the summer program being on in full swing. Although the stress has been on vacation fun and pleasures, most of the boys have devoted spare time to the work on the farm. As might be expected, farm work with some boys is akin to a hobby, and during the summer vacation these boys have considerable opportunity to learn, from practical experience, much standard agricultural procedure. The younger boys, too, like a chance to do farm work. While their net accomplishments are perhaps of minor practical value, to them as individuals the gain is great, and they are encouraged to the utmost.

Edward Rowe Snow came to the School on August 26 with a program of motion pictures, most of which he had taken himself. They dealt with interesting expeditions in and about Boston harbor, and along the New England coast. Mr. Snow was conducting a historical trip about the harbor, and many of his group were interested in learning of our school, while others have been here several times and are growing to be old friends. Both his group, and our boys, surely found Mr. Snow's moving pictures of much interest.

The boys who work on maintenance have done a fine job in refinishing the floors in our chapel, gymnasium and classrooms.

As the month of August came to a close the football squad began drilling. We will have five games at the School this season, and it is hoped that as many

as possible will attend these games. The schedule will be found on another page.

One of the highlights of the summer season has been the evening softball games. Several times each week such informal games have been played, and the pastime is thoroughly enjoyed. The games are always followed by the fun of an early evening swim.

The spacious lawns about our buildings always present a beautiful appearance, and the work of mowing these lawns has been lessened by the use of a gang mower, towed by a tractor. The softball field, baseball diamond and football gridiron areas extend from the flagpole to the north end bank, which would surely be a problem for hand mowers, but, with the power outfit this large area may always be kept in a truly beautiful condition. A small gasoline powered mower is a big help on other lawns, and, of course, the small lawn plots are mowed by hand machines. Frequent rainfall this summer has kept our lawns luxuriantly green, and they have had to be mowed at short intervals.

### Calendar, 90 Years Ago, August 1861

As kept by the Superintendent

6. Monthly visiting day. Present of Managers: Messrs. Kuhn, Brackett, Wells, and DeBlois.

25. Mr. Henry A. Brown, a former pupil, now picture dealer in Winter Street present today.

27. Mrs. Morse's birthday. Gave boys play. All had a fine time in South End Grove. Mr. and Mrs. DeBlois here.

### Dormitory Work

Every morning after breakfast I report to my instructor in Dormitory A. I have regular work to do. First I empty the bathroom waste baskets, and then the

basement rubbish barrel. Next I clean the bathrooms, sweep the halls and stairways and dust. When this is completed I do extra work. For instance, once a week or so I wax and polish the stairways.

David W. Howard

### A Washout

During August we had much rain, and after one particularly heavy downpour the rain had made many large ruts and gullies. The next morning we went to work to fill in these places. We trucked fill from the beach and worked on back road, front avenue and the area near the wharf. It was a hard job, but finally we had the job done.

Richard A. Ostrander

### First Impressions

The Pilgrim III slowly pulled away from the City Point landing, and made its way across Dorchester Bay to the wharf at Thompson's Island. The boat was filled with new boys who were coming to The Farm and Trades School. The boys were met at the school dock by friendly and courteous hospitality.

The next day classes commenced. The schoolrooms were found comfortable and the work not boring.

The meals at Thompson's Island are fine. There is always plenty of food. The dormitory rooms are in excellent shape. What work the new boys do does not get tiring.

I think all the new boys feel that this is a fine school, because everyone shows warmth and friendliness.

Robert B. Iannini

### Kitchen Work

I work in the kitchen now, and I like it very much. There are three departments of this work and the boys who work in the kitchen rotate each week. This

week I do bakery work, next week I will be in the vegetable room and the following week I will be in the kitchen.

The first job I do each morning is to clean the refrigerator. I sweep the floor, and then wash it. Next I wipe all the shelves. When this work is finished I wash whatever dishes there are to do. Then I go to the supply room and get whatever is needed for the day's work.

I have learned quite a little about cooking and baking so far, and, as I said before, I like this work very much.

Edward A. Atton

### My Arrival

I came to F. T. S. on September 3. I walked up the gangway to the wharf and then was soon on the way up the gravelled avenue to Dormitory A. A truck carried up my suitcase, along with all the new boys' luggage. I was soon on my way upstairs in B Building to room 7. I changed into some play clothes. Meanwhile I had met my roommates. It was then dinner time. After dinner all the new boys, and some of the others, went on a beach walk. We covered about one half of the Island shores, and went swimming at one of the beaches. After the beach walk we went to the wharf for another swim.

Kenneth E. Forster

### The Boiler Room

The boys who work in the power house are getting things ready for winter. We have closed down the large boiler which has an automatic stoker. This boiler is being cleaned and will be ready for the boiler inspector when he comes in a week or two. We are now using the hand-fired boiler. This was installed in 1909 by the Hodge Boiler Works.

Each of our three boilers must be inspected, inside and out. Tubes, pipes, all connections such as elbows and valves, and in fact everything must pass a rigid

examination. If everything is as it should be the inspector gives us an approval of inspection. If there is anything wrong he tells us what must be done, and when the repairs are made he will approve the boiler for use.

Joseph B. Mason

### Our Backfield

I think the school team will have a pretty fair backfield this year. For the past three weeks we have been drilling and soon we will be ready for our first game. The quarterback is Leonard Bova, Donald Richardson is fullback, Harold Darr left halfback, and I am right half. The second team backfield is first-rate with Joseph Turner, Edward Darr, Bruce Graham, and Joseph Magazu. The line is going to be strong, and, with this to help, the backfield should come up with a record to be proud of.

Roger J. Alley

### Spare Money

Some of the boys need to earn spending money, and one of the ways this can be done is by working on the farm in the summer. I have done this lately. Some of the work done was getting hay, weeding, and cutting ensilage corn. We get paid according to our ability. We don't need much money, but in case we want to buy such things as combs, toothbrushes, films, or other such things we can earn the funds and so keep ahead in our bank account.

Edward J. Darr

### Writing Beacon Articles

About once a month we are asked to contribute to the BEACON. We choose our own topics. Most of the boys write about their work, hobbies, school, sports, trips to town, band and sloyd. Some like to write, while others don't. As for myself, I enjoy writing for our school paper.

David E. LeVeille

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JOHN GOODHUE, '21, has established a prosperous boat livery and repair yard at Gilford, Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. Across the lake, at Wolfeboro, he has an interest in the Goodhue Navy Yard. His principal business is real estate, and he has promoted developments in the lake resort country of New Hampshire. His address is R. F. D. 4, Laconia, N. H.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, is a graduate of Mechanic Arts High School, in Boston. He is now owner of a company dealing with ship stores and other marine supplies, in addition to being New England distributor for Mercury outboard motors. Still interested in farming, he holds a part interest in a New Hampshire poultry farm. His address is 143 Park Ave., Squantum, Massachusetts.

CLYDE W. ALBEE, '33, has been very busy as chief carpenter for the Boston Museum of Science. A planetarium, equal in size and facilities to any in the world, is assured and work on this project is underway now. The museum is thronged with visitors, and new exhibits, set up by Mr. Albee and his crew, thrill the on-lookers.

Mr. Albee is a graduate of Franklin Union Technical Institute, was with the

Seabees in World War II, is married and has one child. His address is 100 Reservoir Ave., Revere, Mass.

DAVID H. MOORE, '61, we note, is listed among the former teachers at The New England Conservatory of Music. Mr. Moore, who passed on in 1926, was one of Boston's foremost musicians. He had the honor of being chosen as a charter member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and played with the orchestra for a five year period. A trombone virtuoso, he was active in musical circles throughout his lifetime.

EDWARD CAPAUL, '05, is the owner and manager of the very successful Swiss Family Laundry. On a recent visit to the school he told of some of the problems of his work, especially following conventions in Boston, when his business is taxed to the limit doing expensive pieces for in-town hotels. He has always had a keen interest in our school, and takes delight in his occasional visits here. His address is 4 Glenwood Place, Roxbury, Mass.

ROBERT E. DUDLEY, '16, has for some years now been associated with a local automobile concern, as a salesman. He may always be counted upon for any type of committee work with our Association, and is one of our live wire boosters. He lives in Quincy, at 158 Spring Street.

JOYCE E. MEACHAM is a graduate of Tenacre School, and Dana Hall School. She will begin her junior year at Middlebury College in September. This summer she has been employed as office worker for a Boston concern.





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### Augustus P. Loring, Jr.

Augustus P. Loring, Jr., President of our Board of Trustees, passed away Oct. first. The funeral was held October fourth at the First Church on Marlboro Street, Boston. Mr. Loring had been ill several months but more recently had shown much improvement.

Mr. Loring is survived by six children, Augustus P. Loring III, a member of our Board, William Caleb Loring, Mrs. Nathaniel D. Clapp, Mrs. Augustus H. Fiske, Jr., Mrs. Townsend Heard, Miss Jane Loring, and a brother, Caleb Loring. Mrs. Loring died about a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring's families have been actively interested in the School for generations. Many of their ancestors in the Loring, Gardner and Bowditch families have served as members of the Board of Trustees, or Board of Managers as formerly designated, since the inception of the School in 1814.

Mr. Loring became Treasurer of the School in 1932 and was elected President in 1944 following the death of Arthur Adams. He has continually been an active leader and a warm-hearted, generous benefactor in behalf of the school and its functions. Very often he made substantial contributions for items which would give pleasure to the boys or add effectively to the efficiency of the School. The new buildings and equipment added during

his years of service as an officer of the Board were always great sources of pride and satisfaction to him. He saw the need for these facilities and was never satisfied until they were constructed and put into use.

### Thompson's Island Scenery

Surrounding Thompson's Island are many interesting islands and landmarks. Although it would be much more interesting to actually see these places, perhaps I can describe them for you.

We will begin at the south end of the island. Squantum is the nearest point of land. Here is located a large and important air base, from which Naval planes land and take off. Squaw Rock is just off the southern tip of our island and this is a popular place for picnics.

Moving towards the east we note the causeway to Moon Island, and then the island itself. This property is owned by the City of Boston. From Moon Island may clearly be seen a steady stream of traffic passing over the new bridge to Long Island, where there is a city-owned hospital. A ship may sail eastward under the bridge, and this route is often called the harbor's "back door" to Europe.

Moving towards the North we see Spectacle Island. Once this island was shaped like a pair of spectacles but it has

been filled in, changing its shape somewhat. There are some large manufacturing buildings on the island, as well as two small dwelling houses.

Looking further towards the North the main ship channel is clearly visible. Here ships from almost all nations enter and leave the harbor. The last foreign ships I noted were from Great Britain and Italy.

Logan International Airport is in East Boston and we can see it easily. Commercial planes land and take off continually and these make a pretty sight at night, with their powerful searchlights picking up the landing runways.

To the West is located Fort Independence, on Castle Island. There have been many exciting stories of this fort, and among the former commanders is listed Paul Revere. The fort is not used now as such, but is a public park. South of this fort is City Point, the L Street baths and other well known bathing beaches. To the rear of the shoreline may be seen the important and larger buildings in Boston, including the John Hancock building with its tower and weather signals.

I have made a complete circuit of Thompson's Island and listed a few of the important places to be seen. I hope I have given a slight idea of the varied and interesting sights.

Alan C. Waldron

### Room Work

The boys take care of their rooms, and most of the everyday cleaning is done before breakfast. Most of the rooms have four boys, and the work is divided so that one sweeps, another dustmops, another dusts, while another cleans the rugs and empties the waste basket. It takes only a few minutes to get the rooms neat and clean.

David W. Howard

### The British Observance

The British Isles are trying to get American tourists interested in visiting their land and are giving many exhibitions in our country. Last week the boys in the seventh grade went to Exhibition Hall, in the Jordan Marsh store in Boston, to see some of the products of the British Isles. There were motor cars, motor bikes, art works, fashions, and many other interesting things to see. We also liked to see the Scotch Highlanders, London police, bagpipers and the Royal Guards. Our teacher, Miss Baird, took us and we are grateful to her.

Loren E. Cain

### Being Monitor

On September 4 I became a monitor on the first floor in Dormitory A. There are two of us, and we live in Room 1. My roommate is Charles Laidlaw. Our duty is to help the instructors in the dormitory by seeing that everything goes along well, and that the boys in the dormitory are on time for meals, school and work. There are four monitors in each dormitory, two on each floor. Although I have been monitor only a short time I am sure I will like it very much.

William H. Dillon

### Dining Room Work

The work we do here is like fun. I begin after breakfast to do my job in the dining room. Every morning the other boys and I hurry to see how fast we can get done. It doesn't take very long, and we have our job done long before the other boys do. One can really work if he puts his mind to it.

Paul V. O'Leary

—Our boys are enthusiastic flower gardeners, and the competition for the Grew Garden prizes has certainly been keen this year. Prize winners will be known soon.

### My Ambition

We believe our readers will be interested in the following compositions, which were written by some of our eighth grade pupils.

My ambition is to be a radio engineer. I've always liked to tinker with radio equipment. At home I have many kinds of radio sets, and many tubes and parts. I repair radios at home for friends in the neighborhood.

Radio is interesting because of its remarkable feature of bringing enjoyment to the people. Its value either in times of peace or war can hardly be overestimated.

I like radio work. It is fun to experiment and make new models. Working with radio can be a profitable career.

Robert E. Iannini

I would like to be in the poultry business. I have helped in our poultry house. I put the eggs in the incubator. Later I took care of the baby chicks. I was shown how to clean the pens in the laying house and I did this work. I've fed our hens and gathered the eggs. This is the kind of work I like and my ambition is to be in the poultry business.

William H. Dillon

About four years ago my father took me for an airplane ride. He showed me what the dials and buttons on the control panel were for. He named the advantages of plane travel and how good it is to know how to be a pilot. I watched the planes land and take off from the field near my house. Since then I have wanted to be a pilot. I know I have a lot of work to do, but by studying hard I will be able to learn. I like to build model planes and I find everything about aviation very interesting.

Robert Fabello

I would like to become a baker when I get older. I watch my mother bake and

I want to learn how to make fancy pastry, such as decorated cakes. Then I should want to show others how to do it. In this kind of work one must know exactly what he is doing, and why. My mother has shown me how some pastries are made. My ambition is to learn this business, and have my own bakery.

Edward A. Atton

When I finish school I am going to look for a good start on a dairy farm. By learning all I can, and saving my money, I will someday be able to buy a dairy farm. This is my ambition. I like this kind of work, especially because it is in the country away from the crowded cities.

I have worked on our farm, and have had a chance to work in the barns, in the gardens and, in fact, doing all kinds of farm work.

Leonard Bova

My ambition is to be an athlete, playing baseball, basketball as well as being a runner. An athlete has many advantages, especially from the standpoint of good health. Also, he meets many well-known people. If I can become a good athlete I'll be in action all the time instead of lying around while my bones wither. I have liked the sports at this school, notably basketball and running.

David E. Leveille

I have liked carpentry work all my life, and have had fun making things. A carpenter has to know his trade well so that his work will stand up. He has to know how to figure his labor so he can do a good job in a given time. This is not as easy as it sounds, because some days he cannot work. My ambition is to be a good carpenter.

David W. Howard

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Some friends of ours just returned from a two-months trip to England and The Continent. They found conditions in the Scandinavian countries very much in order. In Belgium and Western Germany they report notable progress.

England, they say, was very disappointing. The food was extremely scarce, the clothing shabby, public utilities excessively limited in care and operation and many war-torn areas devoid of any obvious clean-up attention.

Our friends were intent upon learning about conditions over there and they visited all types of areas, urban, suburban and rural. They talked with townspeople, factory workers and farmers. The greatest disappointment was the general attitude of the people in England. There seemed to be little interest in making things better. The Government would take care of their bare necessities of life. The workers could go to the free medical center and easily get a free prescription for free medicine plus a medical order for two days off from work. The medicine, not needed, could be thrown away and the two days vacation taken, which in fact was the intent and the practice.

What a contrast to our way of life! Here at our tiny (157-acre) verdant spot surrounded by the beauty of Boston Harbor our youngsters are happy, well fed and inspired with our great American way of life. The zest of accomplishment is clearly apparent in every lad. Each one strives to attain advancement in studies. He works to improve his vocational skills. Band achievement is the pride of practically every boy. Football and the other

seasonal sports add tremendously to the joys and development of all.

We should be everlastingly grateful for our America and our American way of life and constantly strive and pray for the incentives to individual initiative and tangible recognition of accomplishment.

### Topics in Brief

The Fall term of school began on September 4, with our academic teaching staff remaining unchanged. Our principal is Mr. Alan F. Jakeman, and he teaches the upper classes assisted by Mr. Albert G. Craz. Miss Jean F. Baird continues as teacher of the lower grades.

All of the boys' interests now are centered upon the coming football season. There are two school teams, a first and a second, and three teams playing an intramural schedule. Football will be king until December and each of our teams will play six or more games.

The observance of the British Fortnight in Boston, celebrated as a public service by the Jordan Marsh Company, was rich in interest, tradition and information. It seemed to us who had the opportunity to see the exhibit, that a part of England had been magically transported to Boston. Our seventh graders accompanied by their teacher, Miss Baird, spent an afternoon at Centennial Hall and were impressed with the wonders of the British culture. A first rate effort at building good will and friendship between our nation and England, as well as creating interest in British trade was the generally accepted verdict of the exhibit.

Our heating plant has been checked and made ready for winter service, and recently our main boiler was inspected and found to be in first class condition, as

was the small unit used for our laundry. Our other boiler has already passed inspection.

Our farm has continued to supply us with quantities of fresh vegetables and fruit. The melon patch has given a bumper crop, and this tasty fruit is served almost daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle P. Lowell, who have served our boys conscientiously for the past six years, left on October 1. Mr. Lowell will enter private business. Their home is at Indian Pond Road, Kingston, Mass., and they hope that their many Thompson's Island friends will stop and say "Hello" when in that vicinity.

A new moving picture screen, a gift of the Class of 1951, will soon be in use in our assembly hall. The screen, a glass beaded type, will help make our weekly movies more enjoyable, we are sure.

Through the courtesy of Donald S. MacPherson, Class of 1917, a member of our Board of Trustees, thirty of our boys had the thrill of watching the Red Sox defeat the St. Louis Browns on Sept. 14. It happened that Mr. MacPherson and his group from the Congregational Church of Wollaston, cooperated in making this outing possible for the boys, and of course it was a treat long to be remembered.

The Rotary Club of Boston held an outing here at the School on September 8. Popular games and sports were enjoyed by our guests, who arrived by both public and private boat transportation. There were activities for all age groups, and all details of the day were in charge of efficient committees. Delightful weather did its part by helping to make the day just about perfect. The holiday ended with a catered supper, award of prizes, and a concert by our school band.

We are just beginning the construction of a shuffleboard court, to be located near the playground apparatus. This is a project which our maintenance staff is doing this fall, and the court will, we are sure, be one of the really big features of our recreation facilities.

#### Remaining Football Games

October 13. Hingham Frosh at F. T. S.  
 October 20. Milton Sophs at F. T. S.  
 October 27. Braintree Frosh at F. T. S.  
 November 3. Weymouth Frosh at F. T. S.  
 November 10. Randolph Frosh at F. T. S.  
 November 17. Game pending at F. T. S.

#### Calendar, 90 Years Ago, September 1861

As kept by the Superintendent

18. Mr. S. G. DBelois and about 40 children and attendants from the Institution for the Blind at South Boston visited us this P. M. They first gave a very interesting exercise in the schoolroom after which they passed through the home apparently *seeing* and enjoying everything, and from thence rambled over the grounds until late in the P. M. when they returned home well pleased with their trip.

29. Rev. Mr. Barnes of the Seamen's Church and associate, Rev. Mr. Taylor, came and officiated to-day.

#### Transportation

Did you ever stop to think of the importance of transportation as we know it today? This country has grown as transportation improved from the days of horseback, wagon and foot. Our modern methods include such conveyances as bus, automobile, train, airplane and steamship.

As the railroad reached out from border to border the industrial and agricultural growth of our nation grew by leaps and bounds. Modern motor trucks have been of vital importance to industry also, but in no way as much as the railroads. Steamships have given us foreign

markets for our manufactured products and have made our import and export trade of world-wide importance. Air travel has made not only our Nation seem smaller, but travel by air to almost any place on the earth can be done with convenience.

Last summer I went to New Brunswick by bus. I compared the prices and found that the bus fare was twelve dollars, train fare twenty dollars and plane fare seventy-five dollars. Of course air travel saves time, and has many advantages, while the railroads give more comfortable and faster service than the bus lines. I think though, if time and expense aren't important, that one can see more of his country by bus, or by private car, than by any other way.

Transportation today wouldn't be complete without noting the fine local systems, by means of which one can easily and quickly get from place to place. Electric street cars, busses, subway systems, and elevated railroads give adequate service.

If we look ahead, who knows but what these present-day means of travel may give way, at least in part, to atomic powered vehicles for land and sea, and rocket ship for air travel. All these are dreams right now, but they may become realities in the future.

Robert B. Gorrill

#### After One Month

I have been at this School for one month now and like it very much. I am having a good time, and am on a football team and am learning to play in the band. I am in the seventh grade, and for work I help in the sewing room. I live in Dormitory A, and have three roommates. The monitors are John Richardson and Barry Gorrill. We have a good time in our dormitory, and the boys are very friendly.

Albert K. Ellis

### The New Boys

Seventeen new boys came to the school in September. Our 1951 - 1952 academic year began on September 4, and this new group quickly became adapted to school life. The names of the pupils, and their home towns follow:

Robert Otis Andrews, Woburn, Mass.  
 Albert Kingsley Ellis, Roslindale, Mass.  
 Kenneth Ernest Forster, Dedham, Mass.  
 John Chester Fouhy, Arlington, Mass.  
 Larry Everett Garside, Dorchester, Mass.  
 Kenneth Leroy Goodwin, Quincy, Mass.  
 Charles Wilson Henderson,

No. Bridgton, Maine

Robert Emanuele Iannini, Hingham, Mass.  
 Frederick Leon Krueger, Boston, Mass.  
 Philip Henry Lane, Bath, Maine  
 Ronald Albert Macdonald,

Arlington, Mass.

Paul Vincent O'Leary, East Boston, Mass.  
 Daniel Wesley Perkins, Kittery, Maine  
 David Alan Pulsifer, and  
 Richard Barton Pulsifer, Stoneham, Mass.  
 David Gossler Taggart, Marshfield, Mass.  
 Charles Thomas White, Woburn, Mass.

### Additional Alumni News

RALPH L. GALE is a musician in the Marine Corps, and is now completing training for duty in Korea, for which war torn land he will soon sail. He was married in August, 1950. He is a corporal, and has high hopes of receiving sergeant's stripes. He has had many interesting experiences while a Marine, including being on a nationwide "Truth or Consequence" radio broadcast. He anticipates being assigned to the First Division Band, in Korea.

Congratulations to WARREN M. LINNELL, '38, who graduated with the Class of 1951 from the University of Miami. He is a veteran of World War II, and although living at a distance has kept in touch with us. His address is

Box 2065, Hollywood, Florida.

WILEY L. BISHOP, '47, is now a corporal in the air force, and stationed at an Illinois base. Like servicemen everywhere, mail means much to him, and his schoolmates might well drop him a line at 3345 Air Police Sqn., Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois.

ERNEST W. AUSTIN, '00, sends us word that he contemplates a trip East during October and if possible will visit the School. Mr. Austin is an architect, with offices in the Huntington Bank Building in Columbus, Ohio. He left F. T. S. 51 years ago, and until moving to Ohio, was a frequent visitor here. However, it has been ten years since he last visited, and he looks forward with much pleasure to once again viewing the scenes of his boyhood days.

GEORGE G. LARSSON, '17, realized an ambition of long standing when he enjoyed a vacation trip to Sweden during this past summer. Mr. Larsson has for some years been a printing teacher in the Boston schools. He is very active in church work, and is past master of his Masonic Lodge. He lives at 3 Tacoma Street, Hyde Park, Mass.

WILLIAM G. BEADLE, '12, sends best wishes to the 1951 football team. He hopes to be with us for one game at least, and we know he will enjoy his visit here. He is thoroughly interested in all our work at F. T. S. His address is 219 Grove St., Randolph, Mass.

PAUL L. HAMILTON, '33, has written an interesting note telling of his work and family. He is both a master plumber and a master gas fitter. He hasn't visited us lately, explaining that he is tied up all hours, and with a family of four girls he doesn't have much spare time. He lives at 17 Lexington Ave., Somerville, Mass.

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GEORGE G. HAMILTON, '31, is a captain in the Air Corps and is continually travelling, literally all over the country. He is due for promotion to the rank of Major soon. He is a graduate of both the Somerville high school and the University of Miami. His present address is Hq. SAC, I G Section, Offut AFB, Omaha, Nebraska.

LOUIS A. TOWNE, '45, has completed five years in the printing business and is now a journeyman printer. He is as enthusiastic over this work as ever. Since leaving the Navy following World War II he has worked in Milwaukee, and his address is 601 N. 16th Street, that city.

EDWIN L. MARSHALL, '88, is associated with the Homeland Tailors of Boston. We hear from him occasionally and he is as deeply interested in the School as ever. His home address is 24 Thatcher Street, Hyde Park, Mass.

FRANK L. WASHBURN, '83, is one of our grand older graduates who is ever interested in all phases of life at F. T. S. We have received a note stating that soon he and Mrs. Washburn will be leaving for their annual winter sojourn in Florida. May they have a glorious stay during the winter months!

EDWARD J. COLLINS, '49, is in his senior year at Brighton High School. He is a valued member of the school band and orchestra, and to further his musical talent he is studying trumpet at Schillinger House. His address is 722 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 16, Mass.

WILLIAM J. KLAILA, '41, has bought a home in Malden, Mass., at 12 Kearney

Street. He is employed in the steam fitting trade. He has two daughters. As may be expected, his home is a popular place with his F. T. S. schoolmates, and he is happy to have visits from his classmates.

EUGENE S. EMERSON, '39, has resumed his studies at Northeastern University. It will be remembered that he suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident last year. He is married and lives at 811 Beacon Street, Boston.

KENNETH M. WALLEY, '41, is employed by the Dennison Manufacturing Company as a traveling mechanic. He keeps in contact with his classmates and is always interested in F. T. S. and its activities. His address is 5 Fairland St., Roxbury 19, Mass.

WARREN A. DANNER, '40, is manager of the popular Maple Arena in Brockton. This is one of the fine roller skating rinks in that area. Both Mr. Danner and his wife are roller skating professionals, and have won several regional championships. They have a son, Daniel, about six years of age.

RICHARD J. NELSON, '40, has left Boston to work as a chemical engineer with the General Aniline and Film Co. He will do research work at the Easton, Pennsylvania, plant of that concern. He is a graduate of Northeastern University, Class of 1951.

Among our younger graduates, now in the armed forces, is JOHN R. MASON, Class of 1951. He is in the Navy, and is stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.





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### Alumni Honor Mr. Kihlstrom

On October 27 the graduates held a testimonial banquet in honor of Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom, who for 32 years has devoted his life to the interests of the boys at The Farm and Trades School. This tribute to Mr. Kihlstrom had been planned for a long time, and the committee, headed by our president, John E. Kervin, '20, had the great pleasure of noting their hopes for a grand result realized to the fullest.

George G. Larsson, '17, made the presentation speech, a sincere and well-prepared address, at the close of which Mr. Kihlstrom received a wrist watch, suitably engraved, and a check to be used as he saw fit. The theme of the evening was a total, yet happy, surprise to Mr. Kihlstrom. It was good for those present to see our honored guest receive the tribute he so richly deserves.

The setting for this gathering was the Boston Museum of Science and we thoroughly appreciate the kindness of Mr. Bradford Washburn, the director, for making possible to our group the entire resources of Science Park. Mr. Washburn delivered the address of the evening, explaining the work and ultimate purpose of the great new museum. A foremost

scientist of the times, Mr. Washburn gave all of us a touch of his infectious enthusiasm for Boston's newest museum, and certainly the members of our Alumni Association were won to the cause of the Boston Museum of Science.

Our Headmaster, Mr. William M. Meacham, spoke on current happenings at the school. The new school year, work of the band, the football season and other seasonal topics were discussed. Other speakers included the committee chairmen and officers of the Association with their annual reports.

Following the dinner members of the museum staff conducted our group on a tour of the building. The principal exhibits were explained and demonstrated. It was not at all difficult to understand the slogan of Science Park,—“Science is Fun.”

Silent homage to the memory of Augustus P. Loring, Jr., president of the Board of Trustees, was paid. This great man, who did so much for The Farm and Trades School, will sorely be missed.

Following is a list by classes of the names and addresses of those present.

#### Honorary Members

William M. Meacham  
Thompson's Island, Boston  
Bror Y. Kihlstrom  
Thompson's Island, Boston

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### Visiting Days

The boys are always glad when visiting days come. In the fall there are several such days, usually on Saturdays when the football team plays. The boys usually are at the wharf a little after 1:30. The Pilgrim III arrives first, and brings the visiting football team. Then the other boats come, and these bring our parents and friends. We go with our parents to the dormitories, and then are on our way to the athletic field to watch the game. Almost everyone goes to the game, and those who don't stay in the dormitory rooms, where it is warm and comfortable. After the game we visit some of the departments and just about everyone likes to go to the barns and see the cattle. All too soon the boat is ready to leave for the return trips to City Point, at about 4:30.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

### Ducks and Pheasants

Among the wild life which we see at the school every day are ducks and pheasants. The ducks are often seen in small flocks swimming near the island, or wandering on the beach. Pheasants are usually seen in the fields or groves. It is a common occurrence to walk through a field and have a pheasant fly up from the grass, sometimes right in your face. The pheasant is a handsome bird, and is generally regarded as an excellent game bird for those who like to hunt.

Frederick E. Harding

### Our Bank

Each of the boys has a bank account, and each time we deposit or spend money it is recorded in our bank book. Most of us don't have a large amount in the bank, and what we have we use for such things as postage, combs, tooth paste and brushes and other necessities. Some of us have hobbies, like airplane model building, and

if we have money in the bank we can write a request slip to Mr. Meacham for permission to buy the models, or whatever we want. The mail boy goes in town each day to get us what we have permission to buy. Then, to pay our bills, we write a check and the amount is noted in our bank book with the correct balance. Our school bank is run just like a big city bank, so we learn how business is done in our bank at home.

Albert K. Ellis

### Making a Shuffleboard

The sport of shuffleboard is so popular that we have decided to make a court here. Mr. Thomas and the maintenance crew are already in the process of getting the playing area ready. It is located nearby the dormitories, near Bowditch House. The approximate size is 52 feet long and six feet wide. The excavation for the project has been completed, and the gravel fill is almost finished. This foundation will settle during the winter months, and next spring a thick layer of cement will be laid. This cement, of course, is the playing surface. Those who know this sport say it will be the best-liked game at the school, and we all hope it will be.

William F. Sonier

### Christmas Joy

Christmas morn is nearing,  
With shoppers here and there.  
They are going to do some cheering,  
And sing carols in the square.

We hear the bells in the little church,  
Give out their friendly tune.  
We'll dance and sing, and laugh with joy,  
We know that Santa's coming soon.

Loren E. Cain

### The Grew Garden Prizes

Sixty-three years ago, Henry S. Grew, a trustee of our school, began giving cash awards for those who achieved excellence in flower gardening. After his death his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, continued this practice. This year ten boys received cash prizes and ten more were given honorable mention.

Those who received cash prizes were:

- 1 John P. Richardson
- 2 Joseph C. Turner
- 3 Edward A. Atton
- 4 William F. Sonier
- 5 Alan C. Waldron
- 6 Leonard Bova
- 7 Joseph J. Magazu
- 8 Thomas Angelos
- 9 Bruce A. Graham
- 10 Charles J. Laidlaw

Those who received honorable mention were:

- 11 Loren E. Cain and  
Ralph H. Sherman
- 12 David W. Howard and  
Edward J. White
- 13 Edward J. Darr and  
Thomas F. Darr
- 14 Robert B. Gorrill
- 15 Frank J. Dow
- 16 Arnold E. Hall
- 17 William F. Dillon

### An Interview with Mrs. Guiney

Mrs. Guiney is a member of our kitchen staff here. Previously she operated tourist cabins in the Maine woods. Here she had a thrilling experience.

One night while all were asleep a bear came from the woods and woke everyone when he smashed the kitchen window. His idea was to get the jar of cookies on the cupboard shelf, and after much commotion and damage he succeeded. He crushed the can, forcing the top off.

Meanwhile Mrs. Guiney and her son had arrived at the scene of the crime. The bear went into the woods, and Mrs. Guiney's son tracked him. He finally cornered the bear and shot him. The following morning he went to get the carcass and found that the bear had wandered quite a distance before he died.

I say that both Mrs. Guiney and her son were lucky that the bear didn't take a notion to attack them.

William L. Glennon

### An Interview with Mr. Thomas

Our supervisor and coach, Mr. Ray Thomas, graduated from a public high school, but says he received most of his education at The Farm and Trades School. He graduated in 1926.

When he first came to the school he was in the sixth grade and worked in the sewing room. Later he worked in the carpentry shop, which, he says, was the best training he received at F. T. S.

When he was a pupil here there were no ball games with other schools. Neither were there any Hayden dormitories. Mr. Thomas told of many changes for the betterment of the boys which have been made since his school days here.

As a boy Mr. Thomas was fond of reading, especially adventure stories and historical novels. His most exciting adventure here was when he met Babe Ruth.

For the past 18 years he has been our supervisor and coach. Before that he was a farm instructor and night watchman. He has been married for 15 years.

Roger J. Alley

### Christmas Night

Listen, boys, and you will hear,  
Santa and his fleet reindeer.

Up to bed like a streak of light,

A Happy Christmas and a Merry Good  
Night.

Arnold E. Sutterlin

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

*Maine Man Cites Profits in Trees* is the title of a two column article by Haydn Pearson in the Boston Herald July 5, 1951. The first paragraph says,

“‘Thousands of city men dream of a little home in the country with a cow, chickens, and garden,’ said Stephen L. Jacobs. ‘And if you’ll add to that anywhere from 100 to 300 or more acres of woodland or fields ready to be set with young trees, it can conceivably make an excellent combination for a man who retires with a modest income. It costs money to live in the country, just as it does in the city. But if a family raises much of its own food, it reduces the cost.’”

Being so closely allied to our own program of life development, the headline caught our eye. Reading on, we found the article packed with interest. The really important part is the portrayal of the life of Stephen Jacobs, a young man, who as a boy in Hingham dreamed of a life career in forestry. He graduated from Hingham High School, entered the forestry School of the University of Maine, spent three years in war service, returned to the University, receiving his degree in 1947, and started in his chosen life-work. He married a Maine girl - “Mrs. Jacobs is charming and friendly and has her hands full redecorating their new home and caring for Richard 6, Larry 4½, and Charlie 3.” Stephen is now head of a Forest Management Center for the non-profit New England Forestry Foundation in Buxton, the first Foundation Center in Maine. This young man is a pioneer in his field, “A live-wire, friendly go-getter who has already made a name for himself and created much good will for the Foundation.”

We can be especially proud of the fact that this great young American and his fine family belong to our School Family. Stephen is the son of our late

beloved Alfred W. Jacobs, '10. Mrs. Alfred Jacobs recently wrote speaking of her two sons, Stephen and Foster,

"They are both fine boys with fine families of whom I am proud. I would give a great deal of credit for their good character and success to the Farm and Trades School, for their father was always an example of all that is worthwhile and fine. And he, in turn, always gave the School great credit. He was, indeed, such a fine husband and father."

It is very apparent that the attributes of sterling character, able leadership, and civic achievement so well exemplified in their parents are continuing through the sons and being used to further the happiness and great good to others.

### Topics in Brief

The boys had their customary gala celebration of Hallowe'en. The party was held in our gymnasium, and began by a buffet supper at six o'clock. Later an entertainment was given, during which many of the boys took part in short skits, songs and playlets. Following the entertainment the gymnasium took on a carnival air as the boys took their turns at performing Hallowe'en stunts and games, old and new. The party lasted three hours, giving everybody ample opportunity to participate in all of the events.

Several members of the Lyndette Club, of Everett, visited the school recently. They were escorted about the school by Clyde W. Albee, '33, whose sister, Mrs. Bertha Spada, is secretary of this Womens' club. The visitors enjoyed a happy afternoon and for most of them it was their first visit here. The club made a welcome and much appreciated gift to our Chapel fund.

Through the courtesy of the American Petroleum Institute represented by Charles Foster, we had the privilege of seeing two outstanding motion pictures on October 6. One of these films, "24 Hours of Progress," graphically showed our Nation at work through each hour of each day. The other film, "Man on the Land," showed how man has obtained today's high standard of living from Nature and the land. Our boys found both films very much worth-while. We thank Mr. Foster for arranging the showing for our group.

Football is king during the fall season, as far as our boys are concerned. The school team has played four games. Two ended in tie scores while the other two were won decisively by our team. The younger boys have played much of their series of games, and of the three teams neither has shown to have a decided advantage over the others.

Alice Rowe Snow, mother of our good friend and noted historian and lecturer, Edward Rowe Snow, observed her 83rd birthday in a novel way on Oct. 21. She was an honored guest on a historical tour of Boston Harbor and the last stop on the tour was our school where an informal, yet lovely, birthday party was held in Chapel Hall. Mrs. Snow entertained with selections on the zither, and Mr. Snow showed more of his excellent movies. A beautiful birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Snow. She received a lovely card and check from her adventure-loving friends. Among the guests was Dorothy Caroline Snow, eight months old granddaughter making the first of what we hope will be many visits to our school.

Our best wishes are extended to "Mother" Snow, as she is affectionately known, and may she have many more happy anniversaries.

## Calendar, 90 Years Ago, October 1861

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10. Messrs. Bowditch, Weld, and S. G. DeBlois made a visit to the Island. Miss Julia Barker and Frank C. Marshall were married here this P. M. about 3 P. M. by the Rev. D. M. Barrows of Neponset. As soon as convenient after the ceremony all took their departure to Neponset in our yacht "Lyman."

17. News of a battle at Harper's Ferry.

18. Visiting day. Not many present. Rainy. Present of the Managers: Messrs. Bacon, Weld, Kuhn, Storer, and S. G. DeBlois.

Put up furnace in boys' dining room.

19. Left the Island at 8 A. M. and after attending to various matters in Boston took cars via Fitchburg for Troy, N. H. thence by carriage to Dublin.

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Robert R. Kitching  
Thompson's Island  
Frank L. Warren  
170 Allston St., West Medford

1896

John E. Bete  
11 Grant St., Greenfield

1897

Merton P. Ellis  
18 Elm St., Milton  
Elbert L. West  
8 Maine Ave., Somerville

1898

Howard B. Ellis  
42 Warren Ave., Milton

1904

Walter D. Norwood  
18 Angier Circle, Auburndale

1912

William G. Beadle  
21 Grove St., Randolph

1915

Byron E. Collins  
23 Dolloff Ave., Beverly  
Charles O. Rolfe  
36 Highland Park Ave., Roxbury

1917

Walter L. Cole  
24 Langsford St., Gloucester  
Carl H. Collins  
2 Mayflower Road, Arlington  
G. George Larsson  
3 Tacoma St., Hyde Park

1919

Russell A. Adams  
7 Andrews Road, Wollaston  
Warren F. Noyes  
Chester, N. H.

1920

Frederick E. Munich  
474 S. Maple Ave., Glen Rock, N. J.  
James A. Carson  
6 Thornton St., Derry Village, N. H.  
John E. Kervin  
56 Parsons St., Brighton  
Daniel E. Smith  
11 Park St., Arlington

1921

Clifton E. Albee  
Thompson's Island, Boston  
Harold B. Buchan  
51-01-39th Ave., Long Isl. City, N. Y.  
Luke W. Halfyard  
59 Morgan St., Melrose  
Richard H. Hanson  
7 Grenville Road, Watertown  
John H. Schippers  
24 Vale St., Roxbury

- 1922  
 Robert J. Buchanan  
 55 Montfern Ave., Brighton  
 David E. Long  
 202-07 104th Ave., Hollis, N. J.  
 Edward J. Robertson  
 331 Broadway, Cambridge
- 1923  
 William F. Anderson  
 3 St. John St., Jamaica Plain  
 Clarence P. Hobson  
 67 Aster Circle, Weymouth  
 S. Leo Whitehead  
 78 W. Chestnut St., Wakefield
- 1924  
 Russell Long  
 269 Pleasant St., E. Walpole
- 1925  
 Ivers E. Winmill  
 122 Florence St., Roslindale
- 1926  
 Alton B. Butler  
 73 Halcyon Rd. Newton Center  
 Henry Gilchrist  
 191 Cambridge St., Allston  
 Raymond Thomas  
 Thompson's Island, Boston  
 Arthur R. Turner  
 7 Elliot St., Norwood
- 1927  
 Howard S. Costello  
 33 Cedar St., Malden  
 Jack Hobson  
 72 Taunton Ave., Norton  
 James E. Hughes  
 24 Falkland St., Brighton  
 George O. Poole  
 73A Lawrence St., Medford
- 1928  
 John Belham  
 15 Duncan Road, Rumford, R. I.  
 A. Conrad Ericsson  
 90 Elm St., Cohasset
- 1929  
 Henry A. Schramm  
 21 Whitcomb Ter., So. Weymouth
- 1930  
 Horace A. Taylor  
 685 Worcester St., Wellesley
- 1931  
 Kenneth James  
 225 First St., Melrose  
 Wendell J. Combie  
 652 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale  
 Wendell Gilchrist  
 42 Harding Terrace, Dedham
- 1932  
 Richard L. Bolingbroke  
 36 Dalrymple St., Jamaica Plain  
 Benjamin F. Middleton  
 2 Cleveland St., Roxbury  
 Ernest D. Newton  
 32 Orchard St., Medford
- 1933  
 Clyde W. Albee  
 100 Reservoir Ave., Revere  
 John A. Fitzgerald  
 52 Berkeley St., Somerville  
 Frederick S. Very  
 R. F. D. 1, Belchertown
- 1934  
 Clayton E. Cheever  
 20 Lookout Ave., West Natick  
 Walter G. Fitzgerald  
 52 Berkeley St., Somerville  
 William S. Wilson  
 48 James Lane, Levittown, N. Y.
- 1935  
 Harold F. Bent  
 32 Main St., Gorham, Maine  
 Walter A. Bishop  
 166 Exchange St., Millis

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1936

John A. Bailey  
39 Birch St., North Abington  
Elvin C. Bean  
64 Willett St., Wollaston  
Francis D. McAuliffe  
128 Everett St., Arlington  
W. Chester Parsons  
186 Central Ave., Needham Heights

1937

Charles F. Averill  
25 Hood Ave., Rumford, R. I.  
William C. Burns  
197 Federal St., No. Wilmington  
Edwin L. Smith  
Arthur Woods Ave., Burlington  
Charles M. Mason  
9 Hunt Ave., Braintree

1938

Raymond M. Bean  
34 Lisle St., E. Braintree

1939

Howard M. Colpitts  
9 Paul Revere Road, Arlington  
Wesley C. Gustafson  
76 Cypress St., Brookline

1941

Donald W. Lowery  
42 Ripley St., Malden  
Linwood L. Meacham  
21 Kemper St., Wollaston

1943

James Patterson  
78 Seminole St., Mattapan  
John Patterson  
36 Warren St., West Medford

1944

Walter J. Ross  
316 Huntington Ave., Boston

1945

Gerard W. Harrington  
30 Medfield St., Boston

1947

Harold D. Lowery  
160 Clifton St., Malden  
Stephen J. Zevitas  
14 East Brookline St., Boston

1948

Paul W. Horton  
160 Clifton St., Malden

1949

Robert E. Lucien  
34 Pleasant View Ave., Everett

1950

David B. Furbish  
58 Roberts St., Malden  
Theodore L. Jones  
128 Hillside Road, Watertown  
Robert K. McCann  
362 Upham St., Melrose  
Wayne D. Suitor  
69 Orange St., Waltham

1951

Hans M. Christensen  
55½ Waverly St., Belmont  
Robert W. Closson  
78 E. Lenox St., Roxbury  
Roger A. Hopkins  
16 Ashland St., Malden  
Walter Ostrander  
1 Richfield St. Dorchester  
Frank C. Wing  
65 Grady Court, East Boston





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### Thanksgiving Day

Everyone had a fine time on the Thanksgiving Day holiday. There were two main events, and the boys looked forward to both with eager anticipation.

The Dinner was surely all that one could wish. Essentially a religious feast, all of us were both thankful and humble, grateful that we could once again share in the blessings of the season. Seventeen of our boys have brothers here, and the seating plan of the dining room tables was arranged so that they could be together. Our kitchen department outdid itself in preparing and serving the traditional roast turkey dinner, with all the other good food which accompanies this main dish.

The times are indeed difficult, and even our youngest boys are aware of the serious conditions which exist everywhere on the earth. Deep in the hearts of all our boys is the full realization that being free Americans—free to worship and live daily as our conscience dictates,—is indeed a cause for full Thanksgiving. With all of the fun and gaiety of the holiday, there was deep and heartfelt thanks for our rich blessings.

The annual Harvard-Yale football game was played in the morning. This was a real thriller all of the way, with fine play evident by both teams. The score at the half favored Harvard 12-0, but in the second half stellar play resulted in 13

points for Yale, and that team won by the margin of a single point. The weather was ideal for the game. Both teams had their share of supporters and enthusiasm ran high.

The opposing captains were Harold Darr, Harvard, and Roger Alley, Yale. Many thought Harvard would win because of its fast backfield. It seemed that this might be so for the scoring in the first half was on brilliant runs by Turner around left for a 70 yard touchdown dash, and by Harry Darr, who streaked 40 yards for another touchdown. In the second half Yale got a break when Ed Darr intercepted a pass for a touchdown, and Alley converted. Then, in the final period, Joe Magazu slipped around left end for a nine yard touchdown run that won the game. Final score, Yale 13, Harvard 12.

Ordinarily the younger boys also play a football game on this holiday, but this year this game was not played. Instead the boys played on the following day, and their parents and friends were here to watch the game.

The schedule of the holiday activities was completed in the evening when an entertainment of moving pictures was enjoyed.

All of the boys had a fine time, and Thanksgiving 1951, will be remembered as a thoroughly enjoyable holiday. It was a wonderful day.

**Honor Roll — Fall Term**

The highest academic averages in each class group

**Junior Class**

Roger A. Hopkins

**Sophomore Class**

Joseph J. Magazu  
William L. Glennon, Jr.  
Frederick E. Harding

**Freshmen, Division A**

Joseph B. Mason  
Bruce A. Graham

**Freshmen, Division B**

Robert A. Kidder  
Alan C. Waldron

**Eighth Grade**

William H. Dillon  
David E. LeVeille

**Seventh Grade**

Loren E. Cain  
Daniel W. Dockham

**Sixth Grade**

Philip H. Churchill  
Larry E. Garside

**Best Citizenship**

The best general conduct and effort  
in each class group

**Junior Class**

Roger A. Hopkins

**Sophomore Class**

William F. Sonier  
Robert B. Gorrill

**Freshmen, Division A**

Donald E. Richardson  
Robert O. Cain

**Freshmen, Division B**

Ralph F. Hopkins  
Alan C. Waldron

**Eighth Grade**

Edward A. Atton  
Leonard Bova

**Seventh Grade**

Albert K. Ellis  
Carroll E. Young

**Sixth Grade**

Philip H. Lane  
Philip H. Churchill

**Football**

I have been here for three months, and during this time we had the football season. I was on one of the club teams, Middlebury. Altogether, there were 13 players on the team, and William Dillon was captain. Joseph Turner, who played on the varsity, coached our team. There were three teams in our league, and each team played six games. Although our captain couldn't play the last games because he hurt his leg, we won the championship, losing only one game out of six.

Philip H. Lane

**Getting Ready for Christmas**

On Friday, December 7, I went in town to do my Christmas shopping. I bought nine gifts. I also received some for myself. These I brought back to the school.

While in the stores I saw some things I liked for myself and got them. I got a set of Christmas lights, some tinsel decorations and a star, for the top of the Christmas tree we have in our dormitory.

That night I decorated the tree, and wrapped some of the presents. At the same time carols were being played over our public address system which sounded very nice.

Frank H. Badger

**Improvements**

I think that most of the boys well remember the work we were doing a year ago, and the banquet we had. Fortunately we do not need to put in another water line this year, for which we are all thankful. This year there are many minor, although important, repairs being made.

Part of the main barn has been rewired so that the lighting will be improved. A new set of lights has been installed near the wharf, improving the lighting very much in that area. A new electric line has replaced the one on the wharf. New outdoor lights have replaced the worn-out ones at the corners of the Main Building and Gardner Hall.

William F. Sonier

### My Day Over

I went to town to do Christmas shopping recently. I left City Point about ten o'clock and went home. I had a real good dinner. Then I went in town and bought a few presents. I also looked at the beautiful Christmas scenes in the store windows. The displays at Filene's and Jordan Marsh's were very pretty.

Larry E. Garside

### Playing Football

I am in the sixth grade and early in September I was chosen on one of the club football teams. We practiced after dinner each day. Finally the day of our first game came, and we lost. Before the season ended we won some games, and had a good time in every game. I like to play very much and hope I can be left guard on the varsity when I get old enough.

Philip H. Churchill

### Christmas Carols

We have a public address system, which consists of an amplifier, microphone, and two large trumpet speakers. We use it several times a year. It is powerful enough so it can be heard in high winds or when planes are flying directly overhead. At this time of year Christmas carols are played each evening and we enjoy them very much. Before Christmas we hope to make recordings of our choir, and also our band playing Christmas music, and

play them each evening. I am sure that the boys will enjoy hearing them.

Loren E. Cain

### Christmas Firsts

The first window lighting took place on Beacon Hill, in Boston, in 1893. One candle was lighted. Now most people put lights in their windows and everyone enjoys the cheerful glows of the holiday lights.

The custom of singing carols on Christmas eve also began on Beacon Hill. It was in 1908 that small groups of singers strolled from place to place singing wherever windows were lighted.

The first Christmas card was printed in America. Louis Prang did this in 1893. It was done by multicolor lithography, a process which he perfected.

Frederick L. Kreuger

### Shopping Days

December 7 and 8 were shopping days. One half of the boys went in town on one day, and the other half on the day following. We left the island at 9:45. Most of us who live nearby went home and visited our relatives and friends. Then we went intown to buy presents and see the holiday sights in the big stores. We have a lot of fun, and enjoy the day very much. We come back loaded with gifts, candy and fruit.

Arnold E. Sutterlin

### Thoughts of Football

Although football is over for this year we remember the good times we had, both when we drilled and when we played. We began practice during the last week in August. Our first game was with the Milton Academy freshmen, and the score was 6-6. At the end of the season we had a record of two wins and two ties. Two of our games were cancelled.

Thomas Angelos

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

## Thoughts of a Football Player

One Saturday recently our team was playing a visiting team. The opponents were big, husky fellows, especially the line men. We were gaining ground but our drives into their line were almost always stopped. The wind was blowing too hard from the outer bay for accurate passing. End runs were making our best gains but the visitors were blocking some of our end plays. I was calling the plays and doing my share of ball carrying. On my last end run I was hit hard and made no gain so I decided to keep our backfield driving into our opponent's middle.

Suddenly our coach called me out of the game and while a substitute was playing my position coach "gave it to me" for running line plays instead of end runs. He said, "Can't you see they're blocking every one of our drives into their line? Their ends are playing in close and their backs are in the center. Those end spots are great wide open spaces. Drive your plays wide around both ends."

I tried to argue my point of insisting on line drives but Coach would have nothing of it. I was sent back in and we set up a campaign of end running. I was amazed at our own power when we adopted this strategy. Our gains were consistent and long. We won the game by a big score.

I guess that's what preachers, teachers, instructors, coaches and parents are for—to show us the way to take advantage of our greatest assets of life and develop our best power for the success of our team, our own service to man-kind and the advancement of the plan of our Creator.

### Topics in Brief

We had our customary very fine Thanksgiving Day observance. The feast of turkey was, of course, the highlight. All of us, from the youngest boy to the oldest adult, realize something of the seriousness of the times and it was with reverence and gratefulness that we held our Thanksgiving Dinner.

The traditional holiday football game, Harvard vs. Yale, was held in the late morning, and in the evening we enjoyed a fine movie.

The sophomore class gave a very fine entertainment at the weekly assembly on November 12. An adaptation of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Masque of the Red Death" was presented under the direction of our principal, Mr. Alan F. Jakeman. All agreed that the boys did a superlative piece of work in staging the play. The costumes, stage settings and lighting were particularly well done.

On the eve of November 15 Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham were presented with a beautiful vase of flowers by the boys and instructors. It was just 25 years ago that Mr. and Mrs. Meacham came to Thompson's Island to begin a lifework devoted to The Farm and Trades School and its boys.

The football season was concluded during the month. Two intra-mural games were attended by the boys' parents and friends, and all enjoyed watching the younger boys perform. It appears that there is much fine talent among the smaller boys, which foretells continued success for the varsity, which this year was undefeated although two of the games ended in tie scores.

A major sea disaster resulted at 5:30 P. M. November 28 when an oil tanker

and fishing trawler collided in the main ship channel, resulting in the death of 15 of the 17-man crew of the trawler. The sea was quiet and visibility good. The harbor was lighted by brilliant flares dropped by planes, and we watched, with sorrow, as coast guard, police and private boats attempted rescue work.

Fall term examinations were held for all of the classes during the week beginning November 26, and the work of the winter term began on December 3.

Our Band has been having regular rehearsal periods, and most of our new students, who came in September, are studying an instrument, and making good progress. Few of our boys fail to take advantage of musical instruction, and those with ambition and talent become very competent performers. Although the band as a unit often plays for school events, the individual members provide music for our church services, assemblies, entertainments and, in fact, almost all of our school functions.

Usual holiday events of the season were enjoyed on Armistice Day. A football game, movies and television shows all contributed to the pleasures of the holiday.

Nineteen boys attended the Shrine Circus, held in Mechanics Building, on November 19. The boys were thrilled by every act staged by this circus, which grows in popularity with each succeeding year.

The freshman class gave an entertainment consisting of short humorous sketches and musical selections at the weekly assembly on November 19. The sketches were written by the boys and were much enjoyed.

This fall, for the first time, our athletic association sponsored a refreshment booth which operated on the days when visitors were here for the football games. Many have requested such a booth, and it was very successful, the proceeds being used to purchase a set of new jackets for our basketball team.

### Calendar, 90 Years Ago, November 1861

As kept by the Superintendent

3. During all last night and up to 8 o'clock this morning the wind has blown with great violence from the southeast. The ship "Maryanna" was wrecked near Boston Light and several persons lost. Sad indeed to be wrecked in sight of home and the friends they love so well—after a long voyage.

Great anxiety is felt for the expedition under Com. Dupont which sailed a few days since from Hampton Roads.

11. The 23rd Regt. Mass. Volunteers, left for the seat of war. Rufus King, a former pupil here, is drummer for the Right Flank Co.

13. Good news from Com. Dupont and General Sherman's expedition arrived at Port Royal and captured the place.

14. Good news from Kentucky. Union troops under General Nelson were victorious over rebels under Humphrey Marshall.

15. James Henry Partridge and Thomas Burroughs, two former pupils here, visited us to-day. The latter is on his way to join the 17th Regt. Mass. Volunteers.

16. Went to city. Got turkeys, etc., for Thanksgiving.

21. Thanksgiving day. Present of the Graduates: William Albert Jackson, Bernhard Doherty, William H. Cremins, Theodore Underwood, Alfred Dietrich.

Last year twenty were present, many of whom are now in the armies of the Union.

25. Lowering, approaching rain. Men wrought in old and new barns.

### An Interview with Mrs. Bagnell

Mrs. Bagnell was born in Ellimont, Pennsylvania. At the age of five she went to Europe and returned after two and a half years. When she was nine she again went to Europe, this time staying for three years. She made a third trip later. She graduated from high school at the age of 15. She studied nursing for three years and for the next 22 years did part-time nursing.

Mrs. Bagnell came here April 3, 1947 to take charge of our laundry. She is the next oldest of twelve children, and her father was a missionary. She has travelled in every state except seven, and she very much likes to meet people in distant states. She has also been in much of the eastern Canadian provinces.

During her years in Europe she learned four of the languages spoken there. The schools there were only for the well-to-do children. At the age of nine the boys began serious training for eventual military service.

Mrs. Bagnell has always enjoyed crocheting, knitting and gardening. She is a widow, and her four sons were all in the armed forces during World War II.

Kenneth C. Clayton

### An Interview with Mr. Frizzle

Mr. Frizzle is the engineer at our school, and has been here since April, 1949. He is a third class engineer and his last work was engineer at the New England Conservatory of Music.

He has had much experience as a steam fitter, as well as doing all kinds of repair

work in the engineering and electrical trades. For some time he was chief engineer of the Brandon Hotel in Brookline, and much of his experience has been gained in hotel work. For several years he was engineer of a hotel in Washington, and during some of this time he owned a houseboat where he and Mrs. Frizzle lived.

He owns a farm in Maine and eventually expects to take over the operation of the farm himself. He has always liked agriculture, and has done some farming.

He had an exciting experience once when he was in Canada. In 1917, when the city of Halifax was blown apart he was fifty miles away. He was standing in a doorway, leaning against a post, when the explosion occurred giving him a terrific shock. His first thought was that something had gone amiss in the boiler room.

His work has taken him into many states and Canadian provinces. He rather likes Florida, and expects to make that state his vacation home.

Roger A. Hopkins

### Winter and Spring Terms Calendar

#### December

Friday December 7: Half of boys in town.

Saturday, December 8: Half of boys in town.

Sunday, December 16: Christmas Pageant.

Saturday, December 22—Tuesday, January 1: Christmas Vacation.

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas.

#### January

Tuesday, January 1: New Years' Day.

Wednesday January 2: Winter term begins.

#### February

Monday, February 18: Basketball Tournament Week.

Friday, February 22: Washington's

Birthday. King Phillips' War.

Tuesday, February 26—Friday February 29: Term Examinations

#### April

Saturday, April 12—Sunday April 20: Vacation.

Sunday, April 13: Easter Sunday. Easter Pageant.

Friday, April 18: Half the boys in town.

Saturday, April 19: Patriots Day. Half the boys in town.

Sunday, April 27: Faneuil Hall Band Concert.

#### May

Saturday, May 3: State Music Festival.

Saturday May 17: New England Music Festival.

Saturday, May 25: Pre-Memorial Sunday.

Friday, May 30: Memorial Day.

#### June

Monday, June 2—Friday, June 6: Term Examinations.

Tuesday, June 3: Trustees Meeting and lunch at the School.

Saturday, June 7: Alumni Day.

Sunday, June 8: Baccalaureate Service.

Monday, June 9: Class Ride.

Tuesday, June 10: Graduation.

### Dining Room Work

I begin work right after breakfast. Five of the boys clear the tables, wash the dishes, set the tables for dinner, and sweep the floor. When this is done we do extra work as is needed. When the dining room and serving rooms are both clean, and everything ready for dinner, we are dismissed. It usually takes two hours to finish this work, and then we can do as we please.

Daniel W. Dockham

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FRANK N. BABICK, '45, was one of a group which received commendation from President Truman for participation in the recent Atomic Energy Commission's Project Greenhouse, according to a news item in a local paper. Our graduate has completed courses in U. S. Army technical schools, and is a sergeant in the Air Force. His home address is 65 Summer Street, Newton Centre, Mass.

JAMES A. CARSON, '20, we are glad to report, was present at our annual dinner in October. He has made slow, but sure, recovery from very serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident some time ago. He lives in Derry Village, N. H., at 29 Thornton Street.

WILLIAM N. DODGE, '40, has gone to California where he hopes to secure work in the machinist trade. He visited us just before he began his drive West, and sent us souvenir post cards from points en route to the coast.

HENRY A. FOX, '79, our grand old graduate, retains a deep interest in all phases of our school life on Thompson's Island. A retired Chief of the Boston Fire Department, he now has time to accomplish many things he has looked forward to doing, notably renewing old friendships. He doesn't get about as much as he would like, and seldom takes in evening social events. For many years he has lived at 14 Alaric Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

GEORGE O. POOLE, '27, is doing a valued work in contacting his F. T. S.

schoolmates, and personally keeping them in touch with Alumni happenings. He may always be depended upon to arouse interest in our Association, and the success of our meetings can, in no small way, be attributed to him. He lives at 73A Lawrence St., Medford, Mass.

WAYNE D. SUITOR, '50, attends Waltham high school. He has been a frequent visitor here during the fall season, along with many other younger graduates. His address is 69 Orange Street, Waltham, Massachusetts.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, corresponds frequently with his friends at the School. He is a worker for a Texas oil concern. His address is 411 E. DeFee Ave., Baytown, Texas.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN, '21, has for the past 25 years been in the marble business. He was with us at our annual dinner and meeting on October 27, making the trip from New York especially for the event. It was the first alumni event he has been able to attend in many years. His address is 51-01-39th Ave., Long Island City, N. Y.

FREDERICK E. MUNICH, '20, is another of our graduates who made a special effort to be present at our annual dinner, he making the trip from New Jersey. He has corresponded regularly with us through the years, and it was good that he could again be with us. He is employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co., and lives at 474 South Maple Avenue, Glen Rock, New Jersey.





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### News in Boston Papers

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Farm and Trades School held in the Directors' Room of The New England Trust Company today Mr. Calvin Page Bartlett was elected President of the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President Augustus P. Loring, Jr.

This famed home-school on Thompson's Island dedicated to the education and development of boys of excellent character has been extremely fortunate since its inauguration in 1814 in having men comprising its Board of Trustees who are devoted to the welfare of youngsters and each one a leader in the community.

Mr. Bartlett is the third President of the Board of this school during the past fifty years. He has been a member of the Board since 1944 and a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Bartlett is the son of Ex-Governor John Henry Bartlett of New Hampshire, a graduate of Yale and Yale Law School. He is a member of the law firm of Hill, Barlow, Goodale and Wiswall at 53 State Street. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and their two children live in Lincoln. He is the President of the Portsmouth (N. H.)

### Trust Company.

At this meeting Mr. Howland S. Warren reported for the Executive Committee recent legislation enacted in the State Legislature enabling State aided children to be enrolled in such home-schools as The Farm and Trades School.

Mr. T. Temple Pond reported for the Construction Committee the recent signing of a contract to lay a new water pipe line across from Squantum to Thompson's Island at a cost of approximately \$54,000.00.

Many items of current activity were reported by Headmaster William M. Meacham, including another highly successful football season. The varsity team was undefeated but was held to a tie by two teams, Milton Academy JV's 6-6, and Milton High School Sophomores 20-20.

Note: This article appeared in Boston newspapers Tuesday, December 4, 1951.

### The Saints' Return

"The Saints' Return," a Christmas Fantasy in one act was given as the feature of our Christmas concert on December 16. Nine of the boys made up the cast, and

each did an outstanding piece of work. The play itself was a delightful fantasy. Saints, who were distressed at the sin on the earth, decided to return to a beautiful haven, located half way to Heaven. Here they pondered whether they should continue to Heaven or return to their earthly duties. They are influenced by two earthly refugees who also arrive at the half way house. All decide to return to earth where they once more resume their work of striving for peace on earth and good will towards all men.

A choir of fourteen voices sang the Christmas anthem, "Sing We Noel," as well as several familiar carols. The work of the group was excellent and worthy of much praise.

The cast of the play, and the members of the choir were as follows:

#### PROGRAM

HYMN 407—O Come All Ye Faithful  
Congregation

#### INVOCATION

CAROL 214—O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Congregation

#### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

ANTHEM—Sing We Noel  
Choir

#### CHRISTMAS PLAY "The Saints' Return"

CAROL MEDLEY  
Choir

HYMN 406—Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Congregation

#### CHOIR ROSTER

Roger J. Alley	Donald R. Dockham
Thomas Angelos	Arnold E. Hall, Jr.
Leonard Bova	Roger A. Hopkins
Robert O. Cain	William F. James
J. Harold Darr, Jr.	Charles J. Laidlaw
Frederick W. Davidson	Joseph C. Turner
Daniel W. Dockham	Edward J. White

#### THE SAINTS' RETURN

A Christmas Fantasy by Esther W. Bates  
THE CAST

Saint George	Joseph B. Mason
Saint Bridget	Bruce A. Graham
Saint Theresa	Robert A. Kidder
Saint Martin	David E. LeVeillee
Saint Elizabeth	Joseph J. Magazu
Saint Francis	Edward J. Darr
Saint Nicholas	William F. Sonier
Old Man	John P. Richardson
Young Woman	Robert Fabello

#### An Interview with Mr. Steinhoff

Mr. Steinhoff was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on the banks of Lake Michigan, about sixty-five miles north of Chicago and twenty-five miles south of Milwaukee.

He lived on a large dairy farm and walked a mile to school each day. When he advanced to high school he rode six miles each day to get to school. His favorite sport at that time was roller skating. He also liked swimming.

While he was in his teens he joined the Navy and served four years. He started as an apprentice seaman and advanced to first class radioman. His service took him across much of the Pacific and to South and Central America. Much of his duty was on small boats.

Mr. Steinhoff came to Thompson's Island in 1949 with his wife and son Jerry. He has been an instructor here for three years, teaching the boys about general farm work. He has just recently been transferred to another department and is now captain of the PILGRIM III.

Frederick E. Harding

#### My Work

I work in the serving room every morning. This is an important job because everything used for breakfast comes

though the serving room, and the dishes and food must be checked to see that every table in the dining room is taken care of right. After breakfast I help clean the serving room and when this is done my work is finished.

David G. Taggart

### Movies

Every Saturday night we have a movie show. The pictures are all kinds, westerns, historical, comedies, and some dramas. The show usually lasts about two hours. The first picture is a cartoon, or short travel story, and we all like these very much. Sometimes we have had sport pictures, too. I am sure all of the boys look forward to Saturday night and movies.

Edward J. White

### Farm Work

When I first came here my job was on the farm. I like this kind of work very much. Every afternoon I cleaned the cow barn and fed the cows. Sometimes I helped get freight, and did other jobs.

I have begun to take trumpet lessons and hope to learn to play in the band.

Joseph S. Lombardo

### Clarinet Lessons

Every week our Bandmaster, Mr. Warren comes and I go to band rehearsal to get a lesson on the clarinet. I am making good progress, although I must say it isn't easy. Robert Fabello is my teacher. Now I can play the third part of quite a few of the easy band pieces. I also take violin lessons.

Barry R. Fuller

### Beachwalks

Almost every Saturday or Sunday we go for a beach walk with our minister.

We always have a good time. On the south end beach there are several big boat floats and we play all kinds of tag games on them. Usually we tell stories too. We usually spend about two hours on a beach walk, because we stop quite often. Most of the time planes are taking off or landing at Squantum and it is exciting to watch them. At this time of year there aren't many small pleasure boats in the bay, but we see Naval and other small craft. All of us like beach walks.

Carroll E. Young

### Middlebury Team

There were three teams in the intramural football league this year, and of the three Middlebury was the best, and won the championship. About the best player in the league was our captain, William Dillon. We were sorry when he got hurt and couldn't play. But even without him we did all right by winning the big game which made us the 1951 champs.

Now we are interested in the basketball season and soon the Sears and Nut League series will begin.

Robert O. Andrews

### Television Shows

One of the popular things to do when we have time is to watch television. At Christmas time there were some wonderful shows, and we enjoyed them very much. On Saturdays and Sundays the boys like the movies and football games. Yesterday we saw the championship football game between Los Angeles and Cleveland. There are many good shows on TV and we are glad to have the chance to see them.

Edward J. White

—To achieve success a man must attend strictly to business and keep a little in advance of the times.

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## Editorial

Our school was founded 138 years ago for the purpose of giving good, normal boys an opportunity to live happily and well, and develop their many potential talents in the broadest possible manner. No other school in America has continued to fulfill the same fundamental objectives over so long a period of years.

We believe every youngster ought to have a good home, good food, good fun, ample opportunity to develop every phase of his mind, body, and soul for the good of himself, his community, and his God. We believe he should have the sympathetic guidance of men and women devoted to those ideals commonly called "The American Way of Life." We stress the home-life atmosphere and all that the American home stands for.

Many nice things have been said about our home-school. Not only are the compliments appreciated but also we feel a deep responsibility in striving to live up to the words of praise.

Recently we considered many applicants for a vacancy on our staff. One of those rejected wrote as follows: "I was very enthusiastic about your school in all its aspects; it seemed to have an aura of charm and dignity and individualism all of its own."

We must let nothing diminish this great idealism of service to youth.

### Topics in Brief

December brings the glorious Christmas season, and this year as in all years, the observance was wonderful and beautiful. Our church services during the month were based on the Christmas theme, with the singing of the lovely traditional carols. On December 16 a religious fantasy, "The Saints' Return," was most competently enacted, and the boys deserve much praise for a fine piece of work. At this Christmas concert the boys' choir held an important part, and the rendition of "Sing We Noel," was especially praiseworthy.

Each of the dormitories held a Christmas party during the month, as did the instructors and Boy Scout troop. Each of these was much enjoyed. At the boys' parties much of the planning and preparation was done by the boys themselves, which added to the fun and festivity.

The traditional carol sing was held on the evening of December 23, when 24 of the boys visited the dormitories singing the beloved songs of Christmas. The group ended their tour at the Adams House and were entertained by Mr. Meacham and his family. A pleasant social hour of games, singing and refreshments was enjoyed.

Santa Claus arrived on schedule on Christmas morning and was met at the boat by a royal escort, including a picked band. Much fun was had as the procession paraded to the main building. In a very few moments our Assembly Hall was ready for Santa's grand entry. His identity remained a secret until he unmasked. We were much surprised to find Santa none other than Bill Meacham, Jr., assisted by his sister Joyce. Soon Santa, with several assistants, was busy distributing huge

piles of gifts. It took about an hour, and it is safe to say that no more wonderful, nor happy, time takes place during the entire year. For the boys, it is one of those rare, wonderful experiences, never to be forgotten.

Our Sloyd room was a busy place during the month, as the boys worked eagerly to finish gifts for the holiday. Very fine articles of woodwork are made, and those who receive these as Christmas gifts are high in their praise of the excellent workmanship. The younger boys make small items, perhaps napkin holders, while the older, more experienced boys turn their hands to making trays, lamps, jewelry chests and other models, all ideal as Christmas gifts.

The boys went to town for a day during December, so that they could make Christmas purchases. They were very much impressed with the holiday sights, and it seemed as though even the very smallest stores and shops outdid themselves in decorating for the season. The big department stores were a thrilling sight to the boys, some of the settings being truly magnificent.

Christmas vacation began on Dec. 22 and continued until January 2, when the winter term began. Those who remained at the school enjoyed winter sports of skating, coasting, skiing and basketball.

Our hearts were warmed by the numerous greetings we received at Christmas from our graduates. It is true that this season of the year arouses happy, grand memories of the Christmas seasons spent at the School and the graduates never forget those wonderful times. Some send remembrances of fruit and candy to the boys, and these kindnesses are certainly warmly appreciated.

Our winter vacation ended on New Years 'Day, and the boys devoted much of the day playing basketball. This game is extremely popular and is played daily through the winter months. In the evening moving pictures were enjoyed.

Our paint shop department has been busy during the month redecorating the front stairways and halls of the Main Building. Other important interior work has also been completed.

The boys have had a good share of winter outdoor sports, coasting, skating, skiing and other popular sports being enjoyed. A moonlight skating party was a highlight.

### Calendar, 90 Years Ago, December 1861

As kept by the Superintendent

6. Very mild. Calm. Went to city. Ellen and Sarah went. Saw Dr. Clarke. Got cough mixture, lining to stove, and lot of bundles for boys.

7. Robert Parrott, graduate, and now member of 6th New Hampshire Regiment visited us this day.

19. Morning beautiful. Rowed self over in small boat. Reg't of Cavalry came in from Readville, passed through several streets and collated on the Common, returned to camp in P. M.

Joseph Stockbridge and James Finnigan came to the Island.

25. Christmas. Made but little parade this year. Boys skated, slid, etc. but had no tree.

31. Moderate. Self went to city in morning. In attempting to come at night got aground and had to wait three hours.

### My Work

Every morning I report to the dining room before breakfast when it is my turn. I eat with the waiters and then start working

in the serving room. After breakfast I go to dormitory inspection and then report back to the dining room. I am one of the dining room crew and our job is to wash the dishes, set the tables for dinner, and see that everything is clean and neat. It takes about two hours for us to do our work.

Kenneth L. Goodwin

### Sewing Room

Once every week the boys' clothes are sent to the sewing room from the laundry. Here they are looked over and mended as needed. Then they are folded neatly and returned to the dormitories. I help by folding the laundry, packing the baskets, and finally doing the delivering.

Albert K. Ellis

### An Interview with Mr. Albee

I began the interview by asking Mr. Albee if Gutenberg invented printing from movable type. The answer I received was that the Chinese printed in this way as early as the eleventh century. Because their alphabet had thousands of characters printing was difficult and little progress was made. Then I was told that Johann Gutenberg, in Germany, thought up the plan of assembling type to form a page and making many impressions from the form. Then the type form was broken up and used to form succeeding pages of the job being printed.

The first book printed by Gutenberg was probably a religious work, the Indulgence of November 12, 1454, issued by Pope Nicholas. He soon gave his attention to the printing of the Bible, the most famous of which is the 42-line Mazarin Bible.

In the very short space of fifty years printing grew throughout Germany so that there were more than fifty printing

companies, and numerous presses in Italy, France and England. In 1536 printing was done in Mexico, and in 1638, at Harvard College, was done the very first printing in what is now our country.

Mr. Albee went on to say that the birth of printing occurred just when the world was coming out of a long period of stagnation, called the Dark Ages. Printing led to the education of the masses, and great world progress was made. Consider how important printing is today, in any field, and some idea of its importance will be realized. Education, business, and everyday life too, could not be conducted without the art of printing.

R. Barry Gorrill

### My Ambition

I hope to be an athlete when I grow up. I haven't much choice between track, baseball or football, for I like them all. In fact, I like all sports. Not only the really popular ones but sports such as mountain climbing and cross country hiking.

David G. Taggart

### Our Shoe Repair Shop

Last summer I learned how to repair shoes, and for several weeks I was the cobbler. All of the equipment is kept in a cupboard in a corner of the woodworking shop. The tools used the most are cobbler hammers, nail clippers, knives, files, awls, and screwdrivers. There is a set of shoe lasts, from size 4½ to size 9, which fit most of the boys' shoes. One part of the cupboard is for stock, and we always have a supply of soles, heels, rubber cement, shoe nails and other stock.

Thomas Angelos

### Prize Awards

Each six-month period cash prizes are given to those ten who stand highest in excellence of conduct. These prizes were first awarded sixty-three years ago,

and they were given for the 126th time recently. They were originally given by Francis Shaw, and are now made possible by a legacy left by Mr. Shaw.

Books were presented the next five in rank. Mr. Thomas F. Temple originated this prize, and they are given now by our trustee, N. Penrose Hallowell, in memory of Mr. Temple.

The next eight in standing received honorable mention. The prize winners were as follows:

#### Shaw Prizes

William F. Sonier  
Donald E. Richardson  
Edward A. Atton  
Roger A. Hopkins  
Joseph B. Mason  
Philip H. Churchill  
Alan C. Waldron  
Leonard Bova  
Ralph F. Hopkins  
David W. Howard

#### Temple Consolation Prizes

Robert B. Gorrill  
J. Harold Darr, Jr.  
John P. Richardson  
William H. Dillon  
Roger J. Alley

#### Honorable Mention

Robert O. Cain  
Richard A. Ostrander  
William L. Glennon  
Loren E. Cain  
Donald R. Dockham  
Joseph J. Magazu  
Edward J. Darr  
S. Newcomb Graham

—The major winter sport is basketball. The varsity squad will again participate in the small school tournament, to be held in February. The intra-mural leagues play at least one game weekly. Nine teams give each boy opportunity to play, according to his age and ability.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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RICHARD E. MCPHEE, '48, has been for some time in Germany, where he is an army musician. He has had many notable experiences in Europe, and his musical life is a happy one. He would be glad to hear from his friends at F. T. S., and mail should be addressed as follows: Corporal Richard E. McPhee, R. A. 21291619, 2nd Con. Band, A. P. O. 46, care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

THOMAS F. KILLEEN, '34, after graduating from high school, commenced work with the Standard Duplicating Machine Company, in Everett. He was three years in the armed forces. After returning to his former position he was transferred to Texas for two years. Recently he has been made branch manager of the Pittsburgh, Pa., office of the concern. Mr. and Mrs. Killeen have a son, Lyndon Bruce, 3½ years of age. Their address is 494 Serpentine Drive, Pittsburgh.

WILL FRANK DAVIS, '79, is located at 16 Club Way, Hartsdale, N. Y. Although advanced in years, he still enjoys taking part in journalistic work, and retains his life-long interest in the publishing field. Although no longer able to attend Alumni events, he remains much interested, and would be happy to hear from his many F. T. S. friends. His address is 16 Club Way, Hartsdale, N. Y.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER, '24, has for many years been located on the West coast. He writes that he hopes to visit New England before too long, and will most certainly stop and visit his alma mater. He may be reached at 9202 Linden Ave., Seattle, 3, Washington.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '24, is working at a defense plant at Hartford, Conn. His eldest son, Howard, Jr. is working with him. Mrs. Keith is keeping the home fires burning at Wolfeboro, N. H., caring for the two daughters, Priscilla and Cynthia, both Brewster Academy students and the two young sons, twins, Charles and Norman.

ERNEST BURNS, '42, is the proud dad of a bouncing baby son, Alan Joseph, born last September 4. Our belated congratulations to the happy parents! Their home is at 81 Brook Street, Wollaston, Massachusetts.

RALPH L. GALE, trombonist with a Marine band in Korea, sent via his mother a gift of candy for the boys at the school for the Christmas season. This kind and thoughtful gift is much appreciated.

Gale at Christmas time was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Congratulations!

PAUL F. SWASEY, our headmaster from 1922-26 sends greetings to his friends at Thompson's Island. As an honorary member of the Alumni Association he keeps in contact with important school happenings. The Swaseys live at Spring Green, Tunstall, West Virginia. He holds a college teaching post and operates his own farm.

LESLIE L. GODDARD, '46, attends the New Hampshire Technical Institute, studying automobile theory and mechanics. He works nights at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. He is married, and they live at 171 Austin Street, Portsmouth, N. H.





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### A Visitor from Greece

Mr. Theodore D. Litsas, Assistant Director of the American Farm School in Thessalonica, Greece, visited our school on February fifth. There is great similarity in the farm program of the two schools. It is our understanding that the founders of the school in Greece based the plan on our school when they started that one on the banks of the Aegean Sea.

In the war they lost the major part of their farm machinery, cattle and household goods in raids by the Germans. Then one night the guerrillas came down from the mountains and took 40 of their boys. About two weeks later the lads returned unharmed.

While here Mr. Litsas visited with one of our boys, Alexander Marinakis, talking in the language of their native land and in English.

Mr. Litsas was introduced to us by a letter from Mr. E. Henry Seften of the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Student Section, Extension Service, in Washington. Mr. Seften was a member of our staff in 1932-33.

### Our Headmaster Honored

Our Headmaster was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Fisher School February 2. This is a professional school for secretaries established in 1903 located at 118 Beacon Street. The School offers

a broad educational program for men and women. Their Glee Club has attained real recognition in recent years.

### The First Steam Locomotives

In 1826 Colonel John Stevens, a distinguished inventor of Hoboken, New Jersey made the first experimental steam engine to run on rails in America. It was run on a circular track on his estate, but was never put to practical use.

The Stourbridge Lion is the only one of four English built locomotives brought to America in the 1820's about which much is known. On May 13th, 1829 the Lion arrived at New York by boat. The locomotive made a trial run at Honesdale, Pennsylvania on August 8, 1829, driven by Horatio Allen, a civil engineer of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., but was found too heavy for the track and was converted to stationery use.

In 1829, Peter Cooper, a New York ironmaster built the Tom Thumb which was the first American built locomotive to run on a common carrier railroad. It was given a trial run on the Baltimore and Ohio in September of that year. August 25, 1830 added a colorful chapter to the American Railway history when the Tom Thumb had a race with a horse-drawn car in which the latter won.

The Best Friend of Charleston was the first locomotive to haul a train of cars

in regular service. It was built at the West Point Foundry, in New York City. On December 25, 1830, it was placed in service on the South Carolina Railroad, now the Southern Railway System.

The West Point, a sister locomotive, was placed in service on the South Carolina Railroad on July 15, 1831.

A locomotive built by Phineas Davis, named the York, on July 12, 1831 made its first run on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and was placed in regular service at Baltimore shortly afterwards.

On August 9, 1831, the DeWitt Clinton, the first locomotive to be operated in New York state, built at the West Point Foundry, made its very first run on the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad from the town of Albany to Schenectady, N. Y.

The John Bull, built in England, was delivered to the Camden and Amboy Railroad on August 31, 1831, and was put in regular service at Bordentown, New Jersey on November 12, 1831. This was the first locomotive to run on what is now the Pennsylvania Railroad System.

Robert B. Gorrill

### Our Band

Our band is the oldest boys' band in America and was started in 1857. We are very proud of the band. I am in the sixth grade and play third clarinet. My favorite piece is the Footlifter March. Another favorite is the Energy Overture.

Barry R. Fuller

### Making Boat Trips

Each afternoon when there is varsity basketball practice I substitute for Joseph Magazu on the boat, a job which I like very much. We leave the wharf at 4:45 for the public landing. There we get the mail boy and other passengers. There is sometimes freight to be transported. In about twenty minutes we are ready for the

return trip. A form called a Boat Report is filled out listing passengers, members of the crew, freight and time of trip.

The last job we do is to string out the boat, that is make it secure for the night between the wharf and breakwater.

Kenneth W. Clayton

### Our Assembly Program

The sixth grade recently gave an assembly program with stars as the theme. Star charts were made of blue transparent paper, illuminated by a lamp. Some of the stars we talked about were Taurus the Bull, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, and others. We then sang "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star." Our clarinet quartet played the "Star Lullaby", and the trumpet duet played "Stars of the Summer Night."

Joseph S. Lombardo

### Learning to Play the Guitar

I have a guitar which I am learning to play. The first things I learned were how to string, tune and hold the instrument. Then I learned the names of the parts of the instrument, and how to use the pick. I practice scales, the names of the notes and their time values. So far I am making slow progress, but hope I can learn to play eventually.

Frank J. Dow, Jr.

### My Work

I have a very important job, which is the dining room. I wash the dishes after dinner every day, clean the tables, and help get everything ready for supper. There are three other boys who work with me, and it takes us about an hour and a half to do our work.

Robert O. Andrews

### My Record Collection

My record collection is not a large one, but of course to me it is very valuable. Most of my records were made by the

Victor company, but I have many by Columbia and other companies. My recordings are interesting to listen to, and are both interesting and enlightening. Most of my music is classical, although I have a few popular songs. I have many selections by the Boston "Pops" Orchestra which are simply fascinating to hear. Symphonies, suites, overtures—they are all part of a collection of which I am proud.

Wayne W. Henry

### Tying Up a Job

Yesterday in printing I tied up a type form. This was the first time I have done this. The job was in a chase and first I put the quoins and furniture in their cases. Then I took a ball of twine and with the right hand drew the string around the form, starting at the left hand corner. To make it secure each layer had to overlap the preceding one. After the job was tight the end of the string was tucked between the layers of string, leaving one end loose. No knots were tied. The type was put in a galley awaiting distribution to the type cases.

Frederick L. Krueger

### Band Rehearsals

Every Saturday morning Mr. Warren comes to rehearse the Band. Some of the pieces we have learned are "Victory" by Paul Yoder, "Magic Garden" by Karl King, and the "Syncopated Clock" by Leroy Anderson. Most of the pieces we learn are played at Assemblies, and some will be played at our Faneuil Hall concert, and at the school music festivals. I play third clarinet and like it very much.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

### Basketball

I never used to like to play basketball, but I like the game very much now. I play on the "Peanut" team of the Nut League, and Loren Cain is the captain.

He is a good captain, too. We won seven games, and lost three, and are the 1952 Nut League champions.

Philip H. Churchill

### Making a Tie Rack

Recently I made a necktie rack in Sloyd. The wood used was mahogany, ten by five inches in surface size, and five-sixteenths of an inch thick. Two small blocks, one at each end, support a bar for holding the ties. Above the bar is engraved an initial or simple design.

The first step in making the tie rack is to plane the surfaces of the wood and get the stock square. A pattern of the design, or initial wanted is made, and the extra wood removed with a backsaw. The design is made with a sharp knife or other tool, and finished by filing and sandpapering.

Next a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch chamfer is made on the front surface with a plane and knife. A veining gouge is used to vein a line an eighth of an inch inside the chamfer. The blocks are then made ready. They are rounded more on the top than on the bottom and fastened with screws. The tie bar is made, and screwed to the blocks.

The tie rack is then completed, except for the finish. To do this the model is first oiled, then the the wood pores are filled with wood filler. Two coats of shellac and pumice polish give the tie rack a beautiful finish. After putting in two screw eyes the model is ready for use.

Alan C. Waldron

### About Our School

I haven't been here very long, and already I like F.T.S. very much. There is always so much to do. The boys are all very friendly, and the instructors always are willing to help us over the very rough places. I am getting along good in my schoolwork and like sports and the band. I am a seventh grader. Carroll E. Young

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The Alumni Page is the place for news about our graduates but when some outstanding event or honor appears in the life of a leading citizen of the community we notice that the big city papers often give editorial space and congratulations.

Now, two of our leading alumni citizens have recently participated in an event in Brooklyn, N. Y. which is so unusual as to warrant special notice and many of our readers will rejoice with them.

Harold W. Edwards '10, Purchasing Agent of Lever Brothers Co., and a member of our Board of Trustees until his recent transfer to New York, had attained the Masonic position of District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Massachusetts District.

David E. Long '22 was a teacher on Long Island many years and more recently has been in business there and very successful. "Dave" has been very active in Masonry through the years, working up "from chair to chair" and was then elected Master of his Lodge, Long Island Lodge, No. 382 F. & A. M. at the Brooklyn Masonic Temple.

There being a high Masonic Officer in the area in the person of R. W. Harold W. Edwards he was brought in for the induction ceremony and to bring greetings to the new head of the Lodge from his old Boston friends.

Both of these outstanding alumni immediately wrote to their Alma Mater telling of this joyful event. "Dave" in his usual modesty did not let us in on the forthcoming news when he recently came to Boston to attend the Alumni Dinner.

In his letter to us the New Master of the Lodge says, "Harold was received in my Lodge with all the honors given to a Past District Deputy Grand Master. It was unusual to have one at an Installation from another Grand Jurisdiction". (Note: In Masonry a Grand Jurisdiction is State,

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a Grand Officer is a State Officer.)

Congratulations to both of you men in achieving such high position in the Masonic Fraternity and for your great success in the business world. All of us who are members of the great family of your Alma Mater rejoice with you.

### Topics in Brief

The farm crews have done a good job in rebuilding the west side dike. Timbers, planks and rocks were used to support the framework of the dike, which had become weakened because of the recent severe storms. Other work on the farm has included the repairing of some of the roads.

The paint shop crew is doing a fine job in redecorating our kitchen. The refrigerators have been cleaned and painted and work progresses well in the main kitchen.

The boys have enjoyed a fine series of weekly entertainment movies during the winter months. The shows are held each Saturday evening, and are anticipated with much pleasure. We have had several films of historical significance, which have been most worthwhile.

The boys devoted a considerable part of their recreation time to basketball during January. Nine teams have played at least one game weekly, and every boy is given full opportunity to participate in the sport.

The varsity first team, and the junior varsity, are well started on the 1952 season. We have good teams this year, and their overall record may prove superior to the average achievement of our teams of other years.

The Sears League is playing an interesting series and it is too early yet to name the winner in this league. Most of the

games have been won by very close scores. There are four teams in this league.

The Nut League is composed of the younger boys, and its schedule has been watched with enthusiasm. The smaller boys take their basketball seriously and to them the Nut League games are just as important as the big games which the varsity plays. The teams are named Peanuts, Walnuts and Butternuts, and to date the Peanuts are leading the league.

Hobbies play an important part in the life of every boy, and here there are almost unlimited opportunities for the development of worth-while hobbies. One of our boys only recently demonstrated some scientific deductions he had reached through tests with a colony of white mice. Another has been hard at work making a handsome cedar chest. Another devotes much time to the building of radio receiving sets. Music, photography, wood-working and making collections of all kinds have their devotees.

The Boston press and radio have through the years been very kind to our School and the excellent publicity is always very much appreciated. Recently Mr. Buffum of the "Yankee Almanac" radio program described in detail the work of our school and closed his remarks with a list of some of the achievements made by the school during the past 138 years.

An entertainment of music and comedy was given by our freshman class on January 28. This assembly program included two novel skits as well as vocal and harmonica music. As in the case with all of our assembly programs, the boys did a first-rate job and their good work much enjoyed.

The boys in the seventh grade entertained us with a performance of the play "The Spooky Cabin" on January 14.

This play was written especially for boys, and our youngsters really enjoyed the rehearsing and preparing of the play. An added feature was a clarinet quartet made up of class members.

Mr. Albert G. Craz, one of our academic teachers, was pleasantly surprised on January 21, when one of his classes gave the weekly assembly program. A mock trial, a classroom sketch and musical selections were enjoyed. The highlight of the program, however, was the announcement of the birth of Lynda Constance Craz, all of six pounds and nine ounces, at the Carney Hospital on January 3, 1952. The class pleasantly honored Mr. and Mrs. Craz, as well as approved the name selected for the new arrival. The BEACON adds its congratulations.

### Winter Sports

This winter we have had good weather for outdoor sports. There has been much skating, coasting and snowball throwing. Coasting is the most popular sport I guess, although tobogganning, skating and skiing are well liked. We had a good time one night when we had a moonlight skating party. Hockey is a well-liked game, especially with the older boys. The front avenue is used for coasting and the sleds are always in use. Most of the boys like our winter outdoor sports.

Loren E. Cain

### The Main Ship Channel

The main ship channel leading to the Boston docks is about a mile from our island. In this channel boats from all over the world may be seen. From my room I can see right now a large oil tanker, a smaller fishing trawler, and a powerful tug towing a barge. At one side of the channel is a siren fog signal which we can

hear easily. During the night we can easily see the red and white lights on the bell buoys.

Albert K. Ellis

### The Sears League

Each year the boys who are not on the school team are chosen for either the Sears or Nut leagues. The Sears league this year has four teams, quite evenly matched. We play one game each week, and each team plays nine games. We are now at the half way point, and it is a very close race. The teams practice hard and try to win every game. But someone has to lose, and the loser ought to take the loss with a smile and be a good sport about it.

Teyet Ramar II

### Repairing a Dike

The farm boys have lately been repairing the west side dike. We used logs and rocks to support the framework, and give the dike strength. We used the drag to move some of the bigger rocks.

Just after we finished this dike job we had a severe storm, with high winds and heavy seas. The dike held very well. Mr. Baird said that the dike would probably have been a complete wreck, except for the work which we did on it,

Roger J. Alley

### Outdoor Fun

Very often I go coasting in my spare time. I enjoy this very much. I like to go racing down the front avenue and watch the scenery go before me. Most of the time I coast right to the wharf.

Some of the other boys and I recently built a snow tunnel and we had fun crawling through it. We would have made it longer, except that we stopped work to begin building the forts for the Feb. 22 snow battle.

Richard B. Pulsifer

### Basketball

In the Sears League there are four teams. The team I am on is in first place right now, and I hope we win the series. I enjoy playing each opposing team. We have a game every Tuesday. The four captains are Joseph Turner, Teyet Ramar, Robert Fabello and Arnold Hall. Each game is played to the best of each player's ability. Here is hoping that the best team wins the championship.

Robert O. Andrews

### Kitchen Work

You might think that kitchen work would be a dull job, but it isn't. The work is divided in four parts. There is the bakery, the kitchen, the vegetable room and the fourth week we help the dietitian. The first one to report is the kitchen boy, who goes to work at 6:30. He helps with breakfast. The bakery boy reports at 7:30 and helps with desserts. The vegetable room boy helps prepare the vegetables for the noon meal. The one who helps the dietitian gets the supplies from the store-room and brings them to the kitchen instructors.

David W. Howard

### D Grade

Our conduct system rewards those who do well, and punishes those who don't. For example, every three months everyone starts with 100 merit marks. Five are added every day for good conduct. But if a boy is reported for inattention, tardiness, or some other fault, he loses some of his merit marks. When he loses so many that he goes below 35 marks he is in D Grade. All his privileges are taken from him, and he is called upon to do all sorts of extra jobs. It is not a comfortable grade to be in, and he begins to behave himself so he can get back to 35 marks. I myself have been in D Grade and know

what it is. It is a good grade to get out of quickly.

Robert E. Ianinni

### Sliding

This morning some other boys and I went sliding on front avenue. We had a good time for awhile, and then decided to play guinea pig on sleds. This was all right, except that the snow got soft and slushy. We packed snow on the barest places. We had good sliding then but the melting snow finally halted our fun.

Kenneth L. Goodwin

### Sloyd

The term "Sloyd" comes from the Swedish word *slojd*, which means "to strike a blow." It is a Swedish method of woodworking. I like Sloyd and at the present time I work in the sloyd room. Here many pieces of furniture are repaired. As a ninth grader I have a sloyd period each day, and am now making a swinging picture frame. Most of the boys like sloyd work, and many are expert at the work.

Robert A. Kidder

### A Good Lesson

I learned a good lesson last Christmas. Many of the instructors told me, as well as the other boys, to be sure and say "Thank You" for the gifts received. Our minister, Mr. Bareiss, told us especially about this and gave some examples. It is a good thing to be courteous and thank people, at Christmas and at every other time, for gifts. If we can't thank our friends personally then we ought to write short letters and mail them promptly. Our teacher also kept after us and I think that we all wrote thank you letters, although maybe not as quickly as we should have.

Alexander D. Marinakis

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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"It's a boy," announced Mr. Meacham at the noon meal on February 3. Three little words which brought the joyful news that James Ryan Thomas, 8 lbs. 11 oz., had arrived at the Carney Hospital. We at the school were thrilled by the news, and we know that the hosts of F. T. S. friends of Ray and Mrs. Thomas want to share in the congratulations. The little redhead is doing fine, as are the parents!

### The Class of 1951

The members of the Class of 1951, their addresses and school or work are listed below.

Hans M. Christensen, Bristol County Agricultural School, Segregansett, Mass. Attending Bristol County Agricultural School preparing for life vocation. Participated in the Small School Basketball Tournament with the "Aggie" team and sings in the Glee Club.

Robert W. Closson, 78 East Lenox Street, Roxbury, Mass. Is engaged in his vocation of woodworking.

Roger A. Hopkins, Thompson's Island, Boston 4, Mass. A post graduate at F. T. S. A member of the Band and the varsity basket ball team.

Eldon J. Lundin, 19 Digby Avenue, Brockton, Mass. A student at Brockton High School.

John R. Mason, 276 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass. Is in the Navy aboard a Destroyer Tender.

Karl Mills, 43 Conwell Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Attending Somerville High School and singing in the Glee Club.

Walter Ostrander, 1 Richfield Street, Dorchester, Mass. Is working in a shipping department.

We have not recently heard from the other three class members, Donald Duquet Henry Tangen and Frank Wing.

WILLIAM E. BREWER, '38, a reserve officer in the Naval Air Corps, was involved in a plane accident on February 2. Fortunately none of the crew of four was injured. In a routine training flight the twin engine plane, piloted by Lieutenant Brewer, crashed into the Neponset river, shortly after leaving the runway at the Squantum base. Rescue was effected promptly.

Lieut. Brewer had a notable record during World War II. He served on the carriers Yorktown and Lexington, and, as a pilot, shot down three Jap planes and took part in strikes at both Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He lives at 52 Salem Street, Woburn, Massachusetts.

ROBERT W. SANBORN, '50, is in his final year at Malden High School, where he has been very busy achieving good grades and taking an active part in many school activities. The annual play staged by the senior class was a great success, and Bob was quite convincing as the romantic young lover. He is publicity manager for the high school dramatic club, and works part-time for the local paper in which he has a weekly column of high school notes. He plans to begin college work in the fall, studying journalism.

ALBERT E. WILDER, '39, is building a house for himself and family in Billerica, Mass. He is employed by the Gamewell Co. in Newton Upper Falls.





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### Notice of Faneuil Hall Concert

Our friends are most cordially invited to attend a concert by our Band in Faneuil Hall, on Sunday afternoon April 27, at two P. M. This will be the sixteenth consecutive Spring concert to be given at Faneuil Hall and we hope that we will have a record attendance.

Each of the annual concerts has been worth while and this year will be no exception. The boys are preparing a varied, interesting program of music to fit every taste. No further invitation than this is necessary for admission to the hall.

The one purpose of the concert is to give the Band the opportunity of showing what has been accomplished this winter. The boys have been preparing the music for this concert for many months. We all hope that you will be present and note the results of conscientious music study.

In May the Band will participate in the great school music festivals. The expenses of these festivals, as well as the Faneuil Hall concert, are met by contributions, and should you care to send a small gift to the School for the use of the Band it will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Please do not make any contributions at Faneuil Hall.

We appreciate very much the always faithful interest of the hosts of friends of our Band. We certainly do hope that you, and a group of your friends, will be with

us at Faneuil Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27.

### The Snowball Battle

The snowball battle, or King Philip's War, was held on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22. The armies were chosen a week earlier and were captained by John P. Richardson for the Settlers, and Joseph C. Turner for the Indians. Each army had five officers besides its leader.

A heavy snowstorm came just in time to make strong forts. These were twelve feet square, and six feet high. Each army built its fort as strongly as possible, and at night sprayed them with water so that they froze.

On the afternoon of the battle final instructions were given and promptly at two o'clock the first period began. One army attacked and fought to get small sacks which the other army was defending. The attack was in the main unsuccessful, as the fort withstood every assault.

In the second period the other fort was attacked. More progress was made in the assault and greater damage was done to the fort, yet not enough points were scored to make too much difference.

After an intermission came the big period. This was the free for all when the sacks were placed midway between the two forts. The object was to capture the sacks, and keep them in possession in the

fort until the end of the period. This final period was vigorously fought, with the Settlers having the edge. Yet the Indians might have won if they had been in possession of just one sack, which decided the victor.

Each army watched eagerly as the points were counted and then the losing army, the Indians, cheered the winners. The Settlers cheered the Indians also. Then both sides went to the gymnasium where cocoa, doughnuts and fruit were ready for all the boys.

It was a great battle, and all of the boys who took part will never forget King Philip's War of 1952.

David A. Pulsifer

### Dairy Barn Work

My work is in the dairy barn. I think it is the best work at the school, at least for me. I report to the dairy at six o'clock. At this time the milkers are at work and my business is to take care of the milk as they bring it to the dairy room. I pasteurize the milk and when this is done I go to breakfast. My work usually makes me late, and I eat just after the other boys have left the dining room.

Leonard M. Bova

### A Railroad Accomplishment

In the depression years of the 1930's the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad was one of the most run-down rail systems in America. Trains ran behind schedule and the morale and spirit of the train crews was very low. The railroad owed a sum of \$330 million. You could have bought a thousand dollar bond for only \$40. The shares had very little value.

The railroad appointed a new board of directors. John D. Farrington was appointed to head the roads' rehabilitation. He started working for the railroad in the

early part of 1936. By 1951 he had lowered the debt from \$330 million to about \$84 million. He is now president of this immense railroad which serves fourteen western states.

Today the Rock Island operates new high speed trains which shows that determination and hard work get results.

Robert B. Gorrill

### Nut League

The basketball season for the Nut League has come to a close. There were three teams. I was on the Peanuts, and the captain of the team was Loren Cain. Our team got off to a good start winning our first four games. Then the other teams began getting better and better and we lost. Yet we won the championship by winning seven out of ten games. After the schedule was finished we chose up again for another series. Loren Cain and Philip Lane are captains of the Eagles and Globetrotters, and each team has won two games. The deciding game will be played next week.

Frederick L. Krueger

### Farm Work

Each morning after breakfast I go to the barn and report for farm work. Usually the first thing to do is to go to the kitchen with the truck and get the garbage for the pigs. On the way to the pig pens we stop and get several cans of water. We have five big pigs and six smaller ones. The big ones get grain and the small ones get garbage.

After the pigs are fed we go to the root cellar where we keep our winter supply of vegetables. There we get whatever vegetables are ordered by the kitchen.

The next job is to clean the dropoff. We load the truck and drive to the manure pile. After the dropoff is cleaned we get a hose and wash the truck.

After these essential daily jobs are done we do other work. The past few mornings have been spent building a trailer. We are using the wheels and body of the old truck. There were some repairs to be made before the body was finally bolted in place.

Robert Fabello

### A Band Trip

On March 8 our Band left the Island on the five o'clock trip to play a concert for the Blue Room Club, which is made up of engineers who belong to the Masonic Lodge. The concert was held in the Dorothy Quincy Suite of the John Hancock Building. We made the trip in a chartered bus.

Soon after arriving we sat down to a fine dinner. Our good friend, Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98, who belongs to the Club, was our host and saw to it that we had plenty to eat.

After dinner we set up the stage and played for a half hour. Then we were excused while the Club held a business meeting. After this we returned to the stage and completed our concert. Mr. Ellis was invited to be a guest conductor. Before leading us in the "Our Director" March he gave a short speech telling about our school, which he himself attended over fifty years ago. He is also a former leader of our band, and is at present a member of the Board of Trustees.

After the band concert there was a vaudeville show. There were five acts and all were so good that it would be hard to pick out the one we thought the best. I think, though, that the "Good Humor Man" from the television "Big Show" was the most entertaining. He was funny!

It was a fine trip, and I am sure that all of the band boys had a good time.

Thomas Angelos

### Honor Roll — Winter Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

#### Junior Class

Roger A. Hopkins

#### Sophomore Class

William L. Glennon, Jr.

Joseph J. Magazu

Freshmen, Division A

Robert A. Kidder

Ralph F. Hopkins

Freshmen, Division B

Edward J. Darr

Teyet Ramar, 2nd

#### Eighth Grade

Richard A. Ostrander

William H. Dillon

David E. LeVeillee

#### Seventh Grade

Frank H. Badger

Frederick L. Krueger

Loren E. Cain

#### Sixth Grade

Philip H. Churchill

Richard B. Pulsifer

### Best Citizenship

The best general conduct and effort in each class group

#### Junior Class

Roger A. Hopkins

#### Sophomore Class

Kenneth W. Clayton

William F. Sonier

Freshmen, Division A

Donald E. Richardson

Ralph F. Hopkins

Freshmen, Division B

Edward J. Darr

Wayne W. Henry

#### Eighth Grade

Leonard Bova

Kenneth E. Forster

#### Seventh Grade

Albert K. Ellis

Frank H. Badger

#### Sixth Grade

Richard B. Pulsifer

Robert O. Andrews

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

A page from the Boston Sunday Herald, August 22, 1897, was recently sent to us by an appreciative parent of two of our young graduates. This page was headed, "Farm School Boys' City Government." By six full columns of printed materials and pictures the "Herald" clearly portrayed some of the basic interests of this pioneer program.

Several items of basic interest are noted. The lads, aided and abetted by understanding adults at the School, constructed neat cottages like tiny homes. The boys had all of the officers of a city government. During the course of time some of the leading officials, including the Mayor, developed unsavory control verging on corruption. So-o-o, the voters (the student body) decided to elect an honest "slate," which they proceeded to do.

Another please of this little boys' town pictured in the article was the Audubon Hall and their many pet animals and birds.

This all brings to mind, not only the interests of boys of yesteryear, but the fundamental ideals and aspirations of boys of to-day, yes, even the goals of all peoples of all times. From earliest childhood we gaze at the heavenly bodies and wonder about things beyond our reach. Our religious beliefs and faith naturally follow. Is there any one at any age who does not yearn to build, to construct, yes, even to invent? And as for our four-footed friends, colorful, singing bird life, and the thousands of plants and flowers all about us, there is no end to our desire of knowledge about all of these vital, living things.

And then we want to live together, happily, peacefully, usefully. This item is the one which should bring about sublime and supreme happiness but, alas, there are always a few in the body politic

who develop extreme parasitical tendencies and constantly harass the good people. Sometimes a degree of relief can be attained by a change of political leaders. However, there is always the necessity of laws and judicial restraints. Thorough indoctrination of the Good Life, is the most important process of developing ideal citizens of the world in which we live.

### Topics in Brief

One of the pleasant annual events to which we all look forward is the birthday party and entertainment. For many years this has been observed on Mr. Meacham's birthday. This year a tasty buffet supper was served in the gymnasium. Later in the evening the instructors and boys combined to give an entertainment in our assembly hall. Skits, songs and instrumental music made up a varied program which was enjoyed. Mr. Meacham received a brief case from the instructors in honor of his birthday, while Mrs. Meacham was presented a corsage.

The month of February was a happy one for those who enjoy winter sports, and certainly our boys fall in that category. Plenty of ice and snow gave all ample opportunity for coasting and skating. Tobogganing and skiing also had their followers.

Everyone at the School is indeed very grateful to the Alumni Association for the Washington's Birthday remembrance of a pound box of delicious chocolates. This annual gift is made possible by the Bell Fund, of the Alumni Association.

The traditional snowball battle, or King Philip's War, was held on February 22. The game this year was one of the best ever held, and plenty of snow and

perfect weather were very helpful factors. The Settlers, captained by John Richardson won over the Indians, led by Joseph C. Turner.

The sixth graders did a fine job in giving a resume of the principal stars and constellations on February 11. In addition to telling of the stars the boys entertained with musical selections, both vocal and instrumental.

Basketball continued to hold the interest of the boys during the month. The Nut League finished its season, with the Peanuts, captained by Loren Cain, winning the championship. This league is made up of the younger boys, and they immediately chose teams for another series of games. The Sears league is heading for its final games, as is the school team.

The sophomore class entertained at the regular weekly assembly with a pleasant program of orchestral music. The boys played three selections, a waltz, march and characteristic novelty. A vocal quartet was also featured. Of special interest was a demonstration of studies made of white mice by one of the boys, who has developed a rather fascinating hobby with the mice.

On February 18 the Freshman class had its turn in presenting the weekly assembly entertainment. The boys presented two skits, and did a fine job on both. Musical selections rounded out the assembly program.

Our religious services are being directed this winter by Mr. Richard Bareiss, a student at Gordon Seminary. Mr. Bareiss has kept a sustained, high interest in our church and Sunday school program by much hard work and effort on his part,

aided by our staff members and many of the boys.

### A New Pet

Frieda is a German Shepherd puppy who belongs to Mr. Thomas. When she first came three months ago she was quite small, but she has grown to be a big dog. She likes the boys and will come when called, and likes to play. She likes to chase almost anything that moves, and will push a basketball all over the gym. I think that she will grow up to be the Queen of the Island.

Carroll E. Young

### A Master Naturalist

J. J. Audubon, who later became known as an outstanding naturalist and artist, was born on the island of Haiti. Captain Audubon, his father, took the boy to Nantes, France, so he could attend school. But life in a classroom was not to his liking, for he would much rather wander through the woods with a pad of drawing paper, upon which he would sketch birds and other wild life.

Later his father took him to America where he soon became very happy. He lived with friends in the town of Mill Grove, Pennsylvania.

No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't seem to paint well scenes of birds in flight, although his general painting of nature subjects gradually drew much praise. However, his eye couldn't catch the exact movement of the flying birds. One night he had a dream in which a way came to him. Early next morning he bought lengths of different gauge wire. Then he took his gun and shot a kingfisher. By putting the wire through the joints of the bird he could pose his subject in just the

right way. He used this method to make the world famous Audubon paintings of birds in flight.

Alexander D. Marinakis

### Recordings

Each Monday night we have an assembly program and we make a tape recording. All of the boys in the band like to hear themselves on the recorder. It is good and clear, and we hear how well we play some pieces, as well as tell the parts which need more rehearsing.

Albert K. Ellis

### Room Work

We have three dormitories, and most of the rooms are for four boys while others are for two. Every morning before breakfast is the time we clean our rooms. I live in Dormitory A with three other boys in room 8. We divide the work so that it doesn't take us long to get our room clean. One cleans the rugs, another sweeps, another dusts while the fourth boy dustmops. In a very short time our room is neat and clean.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

### Explorers

In the sixth grade we are studying the early explorers, navigators, and adventurers. Now we are learning about Marco Polo. He and his father had a wonderful and profitable journey to visit the Great Khan of China. They lived seventeen years in China, where they learned much of the culture and everyday life of the Chinese people. They returned to their home city, Venice, in 1295, and soon a war broke out. Marco was put in prison for a year. During this time he wrote the book telling of his adventures in China. The book was read by Christopher Columbus, and is still very popular.

Our next study will be the life of

Columbus, and I am sure that we in the sixth grade will like knowing more of this great explorer.

Robert O. Andrews

### Our Seventh Grade Band

We have ten boys in the seventh grade, and they all play in the seventh grade band. We have four clarinets, two trumpets, two alto horns, a trombone and tuba. When it became our turn to have the assembly program we decided to have a band concert. We played a march, chorale, waltz, and a novelty piece. The announcer was Carroll Young. Loren Cain played a trumpet solo, and each of us gave a brief history of either an instrument or famous orchestra. Everyone liked our seventh grade band concert.

On the next day we had a good time as we listened to a tape recording of the music we played.

Daniel W. Dockham

### Washington's Birthday Gift

On Washington's Birthday, February 22, we had our snowball battle. After the fight we were all given a pound box of chocolates, a gift of the Alumni Association. All of us were very glad to receive this present, and wish to thank the graduates.

Edward J. White

### Starling of the White House

We in the seventh grade are reading about Colonel Edmund W. Starling who joined the White House Secret Service Detail during Woodrow Wilson's first term and remained through Franklin Delano Roosevelt's third term.

His record as personal bodyguard to Wilson won him the position as head of the secret service in the White House, protecting five successive presidents, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt.

His boyhood home was in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. His father was a colonel.

From babyhood the people called him the "Little Colonel." In his boyhood he had some very exciting adventures, and after he took up his White House duties he had many more.

"Starling of the White House" is a very good book and we seventh graders like it very much.

David G. Taggart

### Basketball

I have been playing basketball this winter, and like the sport very much. When the season started I was on the Kangaroos in the Sears League. My captain was Teyet Ramar. I was a sub, and scored only seven points. Then the Nut League had a post season series and I was elected a captain. So far I have a total of 24 points. Like most of the other boys, I never tire of basketball. It is a very exciting sport.

Philip H. Lane

### The Jester's Comments

Every winter we look forward to the big King Philip's War. Imagine how good it would be if the Indians dressed in colorful blankets, had their faces painted more brilliantly, and wore plenty of feathers. Then after the battle the losers should be much less independent than they are now, and show more respect to the winners. The settlers' war outfit of dungarees, heavy shirts and boots need not be changed.

In case these improvements are made I wish to be on the Settlers' army, which should conveniently win.

William F. James

—The above will cause some argument. We asked the advice of Captain Iannini, who declined comment, as he was busy playing trombone serenades for Willy Dillon. Sergeant Marinakis likewise had nothing to say, as he practiced Indian war rhythms on his drum so as to confuse the enemy next Washington's Birthday.

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MAURICE E. MCALLISTER graduated in 1950 from Chester high school, Chester, Vermont. He joined the armed forces, and became a qualified parachutist. On December 7, 1951 he left the West Coast for Japan, as a replacement for the war in Korea. His address is: Corporal Maurice E. McAllister, 22874735, Co. F, 187th Airborne R. C. T., A. P. O. 51, care of the Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM G. BEADLE, '12, in renewing his subscription to the BEACON writes: "The articles are so vividly portrayed, all I do is relax, read the BEACON and it seems as though I am a boy at the School again. The editorials are of intrinsic value and ring with sincerity. In short, the BEACON has no compeer in its field."

Mr. Beadle, who lives at 219 Grove Street, Randolph, Mass., has always been vitally interested in his Alma Mater. We thank him for his comments on our school paper for they are much appreciated.

We have received a fine letter from Chester W. Magee, a recent student here. He is in the Navy, and writes from aboard ship in the Mediterranean, where his ship is on a cruising mission. He has visited ports in Italy, Spain, France and Gibraltar. He writes that he has seen cities which were hit hard during the war and the havoc is unbelievable, even five years later.

His letter is chiefly a tribute to his training here and he says in part, "Thanks to the wonderful training, teaching and instruction I received at F. T. S. I have never felt out of place in the Navy, and in two years I have a perfect record. At school I learned to take orders and to

carry them out, to accept responsibility, and to stand on my own two feet."

DONALD S. DUQUET, '51, is a student at Braintree high school in his junior year. One of five brothers, all graduates of F. T. S., he lives at 26 Central Street, South Braintree, Mass.

RICHARD P. ALLEN, '50, will graduate from Melrose high school in June, and plans to begin college work at Northeastern University next fall. He has taken an active part in many school activities, including the Melrose band, in which he plays clarinet. His address is 76 Meridian St., Melrose, Mass.

THEODORE L. JONES, '50, is photographer for the Watertown high school yearbook and writes that he has the use of the school's Speed Graphic camera, with the Strobe flash unit, and that it is certainly a pleasure to use such an outfit. He graduates in June, and has applied for admission to Northeastern University next September. He lives at 128 Hillside Road, Watertown, Mass.

FREDERICK E. MUNICH '20, in renewing his BEACON subscription, writes that he and his mother have recently returned from an automobile tour south to Florida and return. A camera enthusiast, he took over 200 colored slides to add to his already extensive collection.

FRANK C. WING, '51, is a junior at English high school, in Boston. He was a recent visitor. He plays baritone horn in the school band, and enjoys other school activities. He lives in East Boston, at 65 Grady Court.





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### The Easter Concert

An inspiring religious play, "Simon the Cross Bearer," formed the basis of our Easter Concert. The simple and lovely story of the re-birth of Christian love in the hearts of Simon and his family made an admirable text for the Easter season. All of the action of the play took place in the carpenter shop of Simon in Jerusalem. The theme of the drama is summarized in the closing line, "We must help all others all along our way to believe in a living Christ and a glorious cross!" The play was written by Dorothy L. Marshall.

The cast did an exceptionally fine piece of work, each member showing the result of painstaking and careful coaching. The stage setting and costumes were ideally suited for the play. Those who took part certainly deserve high praise.

Two selections were given by our choir and this music gave the added touch to make the religious service one certainly ideal for the Easter season.

Our minister, Mr. Bareiss, gave the invocation and prayer, and Joseph C. Turner read the scripture passages. Congregational singing of Easter hymns completed the service.

### PROGRAM

Invocation

Mr. Bareiss

Hymn 201

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20

Joseph C. Turner, Reader

Easter Prayer

Anthem—Lift Your Glad Voice  
Choir

Easter Play, "Simon the Cross Bearer"

Hymn—Now the Day is Over  
Choir

Hymn 199

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Benediction

### THE PLAY CAST

Simon, the Cyrenian

John P. Richardson

Zara, his wife

Bruce A. Graham

Rufus, their son

Philip H. Lane

Polinus, a Roman Soldier

Donald R. Dockham

The Stranger

Robert Fabello

### Members of the Choir

Roger J. Alley

William F. James

Thomas Angelos

David E. LeVeille

Robert O. Cain

Joseph J. Magazu

Edward J. Darr

Joseph B. Mason

J. Harold Darr, Jr.

Charles B. Tinker, Jr.

Arnold E. Hall, Jr.

Charles T. White

Roger A. Hopkins

Edward J. White

### A Band Trip

On March 8, which was a Saturday, the Band went to the John Hancock Building to play for the Blue Room Engineers Club, a Masonic organization. As soon as we got to the building we were taken to the hall where we were to play. In a short time we sat down to a fine dinner. After the meal we went to the stage and got ready to play.

Our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, introduced each piece. After awhile he asked Mr. Ellis, one of our graduates who formerly led the band, to be our leader. Mr. Ellis told of his days at the School over fifty years ago, and then we played a march with him as leader.

After the band concert there was an entertainment. We took our chairs from the stage and sat right in the front row. There was a wonderful banjo player, a comedian, a hypnotist and other entertainers. We had a fine time watching the show.

The members of the club enjoyed having us with them and asked us to come again. We sure hope we can go.

Edward J. White

### Dining Room Work

About the first job the smaller boys get is being a dining room boy. This is my work after dinner every day, and after supper. Sometimes I help clear tables, sometimes I wash or wipe them and most of the time I help set the tables for the next meal. The reason I like this job is because it is easy for me, and I get a lot of time to play ball, because it doesn't take long to do dining room work.

Richard B. Pulsifer

### The Clarinet

I am learning to play the clarinet and practice every day. Whenever I can, I go to band rehearsals and am learning how

to read music. We have eleven players in the clarinet section and I hope I can be the twelfth. The older players are always willing to help me. I like to hear the boys play clarinet solos as they do in Assemblies and at church services. Someday I may be able to play solos.

Philip H. Churchill

### Laundry Work

Every morning after breakfast I help take the clothes to the laundry. We do a different building each day. At the laundry the clothes are sorted three ways, white, light colored and dark. After the sorting is done the clothes are put in the washing machines. The white clothes are washed for twenty minutes and given four rinses. Then they are extracted, that is put in a machine and wrung almost dry. After extracting, the clothes are sorted, for some must be rough dried while others are ironed. The dark clothes are given the same treatment, except that they are not washed quite as long as the whites. Woolen sweaters are not put in the dryer, but are hung up on racks to dry, for this treatment keeps shrinkage at a minimum.

William H. Dillon

### Four Commonly Known Planets

A most fascinating study is the science of Astronomy. To become familiar with this subject one must acquire a general idea of our solar system, which consists of the planets which revolve around the sun and make up our solar system.

The planet Mercury is nearest to the sun and is far too hot for man to survive if he were suddenly transported there. This planet is 36 million miles from the sun. Venus is often called "Earth's sister" because it is approximately the same size as the earth, 8000 miles in diameter. It is believed that Venus has an atmosphere circulating about it.

Our planet, the Earth, is about 93 million miles from the sun. The moon is a satellite and completes a circuit around the earth every 27 and a third days. Mercury, Pluto and Venus have no moons but the other six planets in our solar system do. Some have many moons.

The fourth planet we will discuss is Mars. This is called the red planet because of its reddish color. This planet has two moons and is 141 million miles from the sun. Mars is believed to have an atmosphere and abundant water, which runs from north towards south in canals.

I believe that most of the nine planets in our solar system support some form of life and that soon contact between planets will be a reality.

Robert E. Iannini

### An Orchid

About three weeks ago I sent a request for a Hawaiian Beauty Orchid. When my plant came the directions told me to plant it in a four inch pot and not to water it too much until it began to grow, and to avoid excessive heat or cold. It will take two months to sprout and a year to bloom. It will have from ten to fifteen blossoms at all times. One of the instructors has interested me in flowers and I have about fifty. Every summer we have a flower garden contest and I won third award last year. This year I hope to win first award.

Edward A. Atton

### Farm Work

During the past month the farm boys have been busy getting the fields ready for planting. The boys like this because it gives them a chance to use the horses. Most of our work can be done by the tractors and trucks, but some jobs are just right for the horses, such as plowing certain areas. Before we went on the fields

we checked the equipment and oiled it. Some worn parts were replaced. The fields have now been plowed and harrowed and are ready for planting, although as yet we have done no seeding.

Another important job was to get the hot beds ready. We filled them three fourths full of good soil, and then placed a layer of manure over this. The hotbeds have already been seeded and soon will come the job of taking care of the plants.

Robert Fabello

### A Contest

Mr. Bareiss has arranged a contest for us. He first divided the boys in two groups with grades 6, 7, and 8 in one group and the older boys in the other. Then he told us that we would be given credit for accomplishing the following: attend weekly Christian Endeavor meetings, do daily Bible Reading, memorize Bible verses, and learn the weekly Sunday School lessons.

Miss Baird made very attractive charts in the form of thermometers and each week Mr. Bareiss marks each boy's work on these charts. Some of the boys have already got their thermometer well up with contest credit.

The winner of each group will go to summer camp for one week, and there will be a beach party for all those who do reasonably well in the contest.

Barry R. Fuller

### Dormitory Work

This winter I have been regular dormitory boy in both B and C Buildings. I sweep the stairways and corridors, clean the sitting rooms, bathrooms and do other everyday cleaning. When the weather is good I help wash windows and do other such work. Every so often I wax the corridors and stairs. I think the dormitory is a good place to work.

Charles T. White

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

We had an unusually outstanding religious service at the School Sunday afternoon March 9. Wesley C. Gustafson '39, brought the church choir of which he is a member and their minister, Reverend William L. MacDuffie.

We all assembled at 3:30 in Chapel and our guests were escorted in by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. In introducing our alumnus Mr. Meacham spoke of the achievements of Wesley, his attaining a degree at M. I. T., his present work as an engineer, and his good work in the Church and Choir. Wesley conducted the program of singing and other religious parts of the service with precision and in a most interesting manner. He made reference to the many opportunities he found here as a boy and left no doubt in the minds of all that he feels strongly the many benefits of his first Alma Mater.

We were deeply inspired by the singing of the choir and impressive testimonies of the young people.

Rev. MacDuffie, when a student at Gordon College 26 years ago, was the pastor here for a year. His sermon on the "AEF" of life gave us much food for thought. It was, in fact, a powerful message. The "A" stands for ambition, the "E" for effort and the "F" for faith. With these three, Mr. MacDuffie explained, we can go far in attaining a happy, useful life.

At the close of the service the group of 22 visitors was taken on a tour of the buildings and our campus. Mr. MacDuffie noted the many changes since he was last here 26 years ago. They commented that they would like to come again, to which a hearty invitation was promptly extended. They decided that the next visit to this gem spot must be in apple blossom time.

### Topics in Brief

The Easter Concert on April 13 was indeed inspiring as our boys enacted the religious Easter play, "Simon the Cross Bearer," by Dorothy L. Marshall. Five boys made up the cast and each did superlative work. Our fourteen voice boys' choir sang two sacred selections and earned much praise for the fine work.

On Saturday evening, March 8, our band was invited to play for the Engineers' Blue Room Club, a Masonic organization. The concert was given in the John Hancock Building in Boston, and several hundred club members were present. Our boys appreciate very much the many compliments which they received for their musicianship. The boys enjoyed an excellent catered dinner and an entertainment of professional talent. Several of our graduates are members of the club and it was good to meet them at the concert.

As may be imagined, the spring season is an active one for our farm crews. The hotbeds, gardens, preparing the fields for field crops and other seasonal work has kept everyone busy, and the work has been kept on schedule. Farm work has a special appeal to nearly all boys, and even our youngest lads are eager to be on the farm when they can.

Linwood L. Meacham and Mrs. Meacham went on a memorable trip to the West coast last fall, and made a series of colored slides. During the month these pictures were shown to us in our assembly hall. It was a very pleasant, entertaining evening, and we enjoyed the fine pictures and the word descriptions given by Mr. Meacham.

The eighth grade entertained with an assembly program during the month. Included were a cornet solo, comedy sketch,

vocal duet, trombone duet, and a clarinet solo.

Saturday night is movie night here, and our boys look forward with much pleasure to the weekly shows. Our programs are carefully selected with a view of presenting top entertainment films of the major producers, edited for school use. The films occasionally have a strong educational value also, particularly in the field of history. We often have an opportunity of showing travel and industrial films, and these are often noteworthy. Typical of these films was "Golden Journey," shown recently.

One of the early spring hobbies enjoyed by boys everywhere is marble playing, and our younger boys have been busy with this recreation this month. Many types of games are played and some of the boys become quite skilled in this pastime. The boys may be interested in knowing that national championships are decided in this sport annually at Wildwood, N. J., with the youngest champion on record, aged 12 and the oldest age 14.

Twenty-five of the boys had a noteworthy experience on April 5 when they attended a baseball school at Fenway Park. Star players of both the Boston big league teams demonstrated the right way to play the game. In the afternoon the boys saw the inter-city series game played between the Braves and Red Sox.

We joined with countless thousands across the Nation on Easter Sunday morning, by holding a sunrise service. The weather was not ideal, being on the verge of rain, but there was no doubt that the stirring Easter message was even more firmly inculcated in our memories as we all worshipped, led by our minister,

Mr. Bareiss. Our brass quartet assisted with accompaniment for the singing of five Easter hymns, and one of the boys played a trumpet solo.

### My Work

Every morning I have the job of clearing eight tables after breakfast. I scrape the dishes, stack them, and carry them to the serving room. Then I wash the tables, sweep the floor, and as soon as the dishes are washed I set the tables for dinner. If the other boys aren't finished I help them. Then we are all dismissed.

Right now things are a little different because the paint shop boys are painting the walls and have their ladders and equipment in the room. The tables are arranged a little differently so as to leave room for the painters.

Kenneth L. Goodwin

### The Nut League

There were three teams in the Nut League this winter and every week each of the teams played a game. The captain of the Walnuts was Daniel Dockham, and the captain of the Butternuts was Edward White. I was the captain of the Peanuts.

The Peanuts won the first few games they played, and this was a good thing because it got harder and harder to win. The other two teams finished tied for second place, and the Peanuts were the league winners.

After the schedule was finished we chose up again for another series. The teams were called the Globetrotters and Eagles. The Globetrotters won the first two games, and the Eagles won the next two. The fifth game was won by the Globetrotters. Philip Lane was the captain of the Eagles and I was the other captain.

Loren E. Cain

### Basketball

This year, as in the past several years, we had four teams in the Sears League. They were the Wildcats, Joseph Turner, captain; Kangaroos, Teyet Ramar, captain; Bears, Robert Fabello, captain; and the Wolverines, Arnold Hall, captain.

Each team played nine games, and it didn't seem that either team had the advantage, excepting maybe the Wolverines, who had the tallest players. This team won the first two games, but were stopped by a one point score. If we could have looked ahead then we could have seen how the season would end.

At the end of the regular season the Wildcats and Wolverines were tied, with the Kangaroos next and the Bears in last place. A week was given the two top teams to get ready for the one playoff game for the championship.

The playoff game was very exciting. The Wildcats jumped away to a 9-2 lead in the first quarter and led 19-7 at the half. It seemed as though the Wildcats would win easily. During the third period the Wolverines led in the scoring, and in the final period this team outscored the opponents 14-8. The Wildcats, though, were fighting all the way, and with the early lead they built up, held off the Wolverines. The final score of this championship game was 31-26.

It was a good season, and every player did his best. We give the Wildcats credit for playing good basketball. They deserve the honor of being the Sears League champs.

Frank H. Badger

### Butchering

Ever so often the farm boys help to butcher a pig or cow. We first fill the water tank in the basement of the storage barn. Then a fire is built and the water heated. While the water is being heated

the animal, in this case a pig, is butchered. When the water is boiling we fill a wooden tub. The water is cooled to 148 degrees. After rubbed with rosin, the pig is placed in this water until the hair starts to slip. Then the animal is removed, placed on a table, and the hair scraped clean. The carcass is hoisted through a trap door to an upper floor, where it is dressed and left to hang for two days. It is then brought to the meat cutting room, where it is cut up and packed for storage in our deep freezer. This butchering job teaches us many things, such as the names of the various cuts of beef and pork, and this knowledge we can use for a lifetime, even though we never do butchering as a trade.

Robert Fabello

### Band Practice

Every Friday night our bandmaster gives us a good drill. We first practice new music and then we review the pieces we have learned. There are forty boys in the band and we have already played one concert this spring. Our next big concert is at Faneuil Hall on April 27. After that we hope to go to the school music festivals.

David W. Howard

### School Work

Our sixth grade teacher, Miss Baird, does many things to make our lessons interesting. Whenever we study foreign places in geography she has pictures of those countries, and of the leading men and women. In history we are learning about the Near East. We are also learning about some of the famous early explorers.

Larry E. Garside

### Rossini's "William Tell"

The great composer Rossini composed the opera "William Tell," and the overture is often played, although the complete

opera is seldom performed. The overture is quite wonderful, and because the last section is used as a radio "theme" on popular programs many people think it is the whole piece. This last section is fast and brilliant, but a look at the score of the complete overture shows that it is almost as Berloiz called it, "A symphony in four dramatic movements." The four parts are called Morning, Storm, Calm, and Finale. Someday, if you want to hear music with a punch, listen to the complete overture. Don't concentrate on just the last movement.

Wayne W. Henry

### Additional Alumni Notes

Philip Howard Averill, all of 7 lbs., 2 ozs., arrived on March 13, 1952, and the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Averill, '37, are proclaiming that he is "just what we wanted, a son." We offer our congratulations to the parents, whose home is at 25 Hood Avenue, Rumford, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Averill have another son, Charles F., Jr.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, has for some years operated a ship fitting business, at 12 Commercial Wharf, in Boston. At the recent Sportsmens Show his booth was a major attraction as he featured the latest in outboard motors from one of the leading makers in the country, of which he is the New England distributor.

THEODORE FULLER MILLER, ex '09, is the proprietor of the Millers Forge and Cabinet Shop, of Mendham, N. J. He has in mind a visit to the School in the spring. He writes that he owes all of his training to the School, where he acquired the knowledge he continues to use in his life work.

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JOHN BELHAM, '28, is employed by the General Fitting Company and recently was instructed to give a series of lectures at the Massachusetts Trades School, arranged for by the school's representative, Mr. Costello. Mr. Costello was none other than his F. T. S. schoolmate, HOWARD S. COSTELLO, '27. Needless to say, this series of lectures was a huge success, as two alumni from a quarter century back, combined to do a fine job.

CLARENCE H. COLBURN, '21, has a new mailing address, Box 1412, Rochester, N. H. He has been a farmer since completing the agricultural course at the University of New Hampshire and during the past 25 years has worked in the Lake Winnepesaukee region of New Hampshire.

FRANK J. DOW, '32, has moved to Danbury, Conn. His address there is 24 Hölley Street. For some years he has been a chef, and continues to be employed in this work.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Priscilla Alden Sherman to Mr. Stephen Virgil Bogue, son of our alumnus, DR. ROBERT H. BOGUE, '04.

We hear often from Staff Sergeant FRANK N. BABICK, '42, who is now at a Texas post. He has recently been assigned to motion picture work, and was the lead player in an army instructional film.

The Master Builders Association is mighty proud of its new home on Kingston Street in Boston, and it has every right to be, for the building is ideally suited for the work required. Our alumni

who belong to this association are Norman F. Morse, '85, Merton P. Ellis, '97, Howard B. Ellis, '98 and Joseph L. Pendergast, '16.

JAMES A. CARSON, '20, was happy to be present at our Alumni Dinner at Science Park. His many friends were glad to see him in such good physical shape, for he suffered a most serious automobile accident not too long ago. He lives in Derry Village, N. H., at 6 Thornton Street.

CLARENCE H. DEMAR, '03, the illustrious runner known as "Mr. Marathon" will not compete in this year's running of the B. A. A. marathon. He is simply sitting this one out, and expects to be back in future races, even though his age of 65 might belie this hope. Knowing Mr. DeMar as we do, his further participation is very likely. Mr. DeMar is a printer, employed by the Boston Herald, and his home address is 249 Forest St., Reading, Mass.

WILLIAM G. BEADLE, '12, spent an afternoon at the school recently inspecting and repairing our clarinets so that the instruments would be in top shape for the Faneuil Hall concert. Mr. Beadle has been for many years in the employ of a Boston musical instrument manufacturer and is a first class workman. We are grateful to him for assisting us.

WILLARD H. PERRY, '10, has for many years been chief engineer of the Huntington Ave. Y. M. C. A. building in Boston. A member of the Blue Room Club, he was on hand to greet our Band when our boys gave their annual concert for that group on March 8.